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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.)

26 – 27 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 4 contacts. Today's statistics: 2 US KIA, 4 US WIA (3 medevac). Enemy assessment: 7 VC KIA (BC), 1 M-2 Carbine, 3500 lbs. rice, (1500 lbs. unpolished rice destroyed), 3 250 lbs. bombs, 3 60mm mortar rounds, 2 B-40 rounds, 4 CHICOM grenades.

1-501 IN BN

A/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD838207 with ambushes vicinity YD838210 and YD842208. One (1) squad with 1 PF platoon secured bridge vicinity YD838176. At 2215H moved to a PZ vicinity YD840207. Conducted a combat assault to LZ vicinity YD874245. OPCON to 2-17 CAV effective 2311H.

B/1-501 IN continued to provide security for COCO Beach installation while one (1) platoon provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and secured minesweep N and S from FSB MONGOOSE.

C/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD824225. Conducted platoon size RIF operation to vicinity YD816240, YD833237 and YD830237. C/1-501 IN elements returned to vicinity YD805227. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD8420. At 1130H vicinity YD832237 found and destroyed 1500 lbs. of unpolished rice. At 1800H sighted approximately 150 VC with weapons vicinity YD805227. Artillery was fired and a LFT supported. At 1850H vicinity YD805227 LFT engaged and killed 3 VC (BC). At 2000H C/1-501 IN was located in a blocking position vicinity YD804224.

D/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD803209 with ambushes vicinity YD802213 and YD806208. Conducted RIF operation NW to vicinity YD797227 and then to a blocking position vicinity YD803231.

Recon platoon departed FSB MONGOOSE with 1 PF platoon. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD781270 and YD781274. At 2000H was preparing to make a combat assault to support the cordon operation by occupying a blocking position vicinity YD816227 to YD807224.

2-501 IN BN

A/2-501 IN provided security for HUE Bridges. At 1604H when relieved of bridge security mission by B/2-501 IN moved by vehicle to vicinity YD670269. Established a night position vicinity YD638260 with local ambushes.

B/2-501 IN (Operated with 1 PF platoon until 1600H). Occupied night position vicinity YD646256 with ambushes vicinity YD647252, YD657242, YD662269 and YD668257. Conducted RIF operation to day position vicinity YD627261. B/2-501 IN, 2nd platoon continued RIF operation to YD614248, YD609255 and returned to B/2-501 IN company CP. B/2-501 IN moved to vicinity YD668270 and moved by truck to HUE Bridges and assumed security mission of HUE Bridges from A/2-501 IN.

C/2-501 IN (-) provided security for FSB PINKY and established LP's vicinity YD683259 and YD691258. Reinforced C/2-501 IN, 2nd platoon secured OP/FSB T-Bone and improved defensive positions.

D/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD600270 with ambushes. At 2138H 12-15 60mm mortar rounds impacted vicinity YD597267. Counter mortar fire was fired by artillery vicinity YD600260. C/2-501 IN moved to a day position vicinity YD601268. C/2-501 IN, 2nd platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD599265, YD590267 and returned to D/2-501 IN company CP. At 1220H sustained 1 US WIA (medevac) from BBT grenade. Established a night position vicinity YD593268.

Recon platoon OPCON to C/2-501 IN for security of FSB PINKY until 0600H. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD698252 and joined 1 PF platoon. Continued RIF operation to vicinity YD688237. Established a night position vicinity YD669232 with local ambush.

1-502 IN BN

A/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO Bridge. Secured minesweep N to vicinity YD599310. One platoon with 2 PF squads conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD640320 and returned. At 0910H vicinity YD642317 received 5 60mm mortar rounds and fire from 2 AW's from vicinity YD642317. SA fire was returned, and artillery supported. Contact broken at 0915H with negative casualties and negative enemy assessment. At 1120H vicinity YD633325 received AW fire. Artillery was fired. At 1240H vicinity YD637319 sustained 1 US KIA from a BBT grenade.



B/1-502 IN (Working with 1 PF platoon) occupied night position vicinity YD723309. Provided security for bulldozer vicinity YD723313. One (1) platoon and 1 PF platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD694304 and returned. Established night position vicinity YD707297 received 1 60mm mortar from vicinity YD700302. Artillery was fired. Negative casualties; Negative enemy assessment.

C/1-502 IN (Working with 1 PF platoon) occupied night position vicinity YD652302 with ambushes vicinity YD647297 and YD663312. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD643298 and YD670295. Established night position vicinity YD677301 with local ambushes. At 1151H vicinity YD650289 sustained 1 US WIA (medevac) from BBT 105 round.

D/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD723337 with ambushes vicinity YD728355, YD725333 and YD720328. Two (2) PF platoons joined D/1-502 IN approximately 1000H. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD746305 and YD757320. Established night position vicinity YD741308 with local ambushes.

Recon platoon OPCON to A/2-501 IN ambushed vicinity YD600311, YD605309 and YD610312. While moving to ambush positions received sporadic SA fire and 1 60mm mortar round. At 2036H vicinity YD606304 engaged 1 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 M2 carbine.

2-17 CAV

Bravo Troop and A/1-501 IN occupied blocking positions to the NW and SW in a cordon operation vicinity YD880232. Three (3) companies of the 2-7 and 3-3 ARVN Regiments occupied a blocking position to the SE. At 2315H, A/1-501 IN made a combat assault to vicinity YD873245 and occupied a blocking position to the NE. The cordoned area was illuminated throughout the night and artillery fired into the area. At 0730H, Bravo Troop moved through the cordoned area from NW to SE with negative contact. In addition to the 2 US KIA and 2 US WIA (6 medevac) reported, sustained by Bravo Troop on 26 May 1968, the OPCON units to Bravo Troop sustained 4 marines WIA (3 medevac), 1 ARVN WIA (medevac) and 1 PF WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment was 3 VC KIA (BC). Bravo Troop then conducted a sweep NE to vicinity YD905229, then NW to FSB FORWARD. At 0820H vicinity YD822223 found and destroyed 3 60mm mortar rounds, 2 RPG rounds, 3 250 lb. bombs, and 4 CHICOM grenades. At 1520H vicinity YD893239 sustained 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA (medevac) from a BBT anti-personnel mine. At 1619H vicinity YD890244 sustained 1 US WIA from BBT 105 round.

A/1-501 IN from cordon blocking position conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD880250 and occupied a blocking position for Bravo Troop. Returned to FSB FORWARD.

2BDE

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

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

26 May 1968

1-502 IN BN continued operations in the AO, C/1-502 IN suffered 6 WIA from a BBT, 105mm round and D/1-502 IN made heavy contact vicinity 691312. They returned fire and called in artillery and estimated the enemy element as an NVA company (-). Results: Friendly: 20 WIA.

26 May 1969

Operation LAMAR PLAIN: Sporadic contact continued as a series of small clashes against small bands of the determined enemy force. Operations LAMAR PLAIN was supported by two B-52 raids during the daylight hours against the suspected location of the 2d NVA Division Headquarters. At 0800H, A/1-501 IN vicinity BT165098, received an enemy hand grenade within the perimeter leaving 2 US WIA; the element returned fire, but the enemy fled the area. At 0808H, B/1-501 IN vicinity BT131078, received heavy small arms, automatic weapons and RPG fire from a hidden enemy force, suffering 5 US WIA; the unit returned fire with negative assessment. At 0925H, B/1-501 IN vicinity BT155117, received heavy and accurate small arms and automatic weapons fire from a well concealed enemy force, resulting in 2 US KIA; the unit returned fire, but the enemy broke contact fleeing in an unknown direction. At 1725H, B/1-501 IN vicinity BT153114 received sniper fire resulting in 1 UA KIA. (HQ, 1BDE, 101st ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)

26 May – 07 June 1969

Operation APACHE SNOW: The mission of the three infantry battalions continued without change on 26 May with preparation being made for redirection of reconnaissance in force search and destroy operations. The 1-506 IN BN was to be prepared to conduct reconnaissance in force operations to the east to locate and destroy enemy forces, bases and caches in the vicinity of PA DU (2) YC361973, and PA DU (1) YC394966. The 2-501 IN BN was also alerted to redirect their reconnaissance in force operations to the north and east in the vicinity of Ale Ninh (2) YD 323013 and Ale Ninh (1) YD344003. The 2-3 ARVN BN was similarly alerted and was to be prepared to conduct reconnaissance in force operations southwest to Hill 996 (YC 314940) and conduct a detailed search of the area.

Operations continued until 7 June, but the NVA forces were no longer interested in maintaining contact. Sporadic engagements with small groups was the normal situation. On 7 June, the forces were reoriented toward the east and Operation APACHE SNOW was terminated. The combined ARVN and US statistics were 898 enemy killed, four prisoners of war, 560 individual weapons and 142 crew-served weapons captured.

Operation APACHE SNOW was directed toward defeating the North Vietnamese Army in the Northern A SHAU VALLEY. Through intense close-in fighting the 101st AIRBORNE troopers contributed another gallant victory to the Vietnamese War effort by almost completely eliminating one North Vietnamese Regiment and putting the Valley under Free World control for the first time since 1965. Though APACHE SNOW is over the 101st ABN DIV continues their aggressive hard-hitting



attack to return control of THUA THIEN Province to the Republic of Vietnam. (Narrative Operation APACHE SNOW; MG John M. Wright Jr. Commanding; 10 May – 7 June 1969)

- 26 May 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** The RF/PF from HAU DUC moved by foot to vicinity BY069066 and secured an LZ of the insertion of the 81mm mortar platoon. The mortar platoon was moved by UH-1H from the 1BDE FSSE to the LZ. B/1-502 IN and D/1-502 IN conducted an attack on a known enemy location vicinity BY1408. During the operation B/1-502 IN accounted for 43 detainees and 3 NVA KIA. The detainees were evacuated to TAM KY. At 0617H, D/1-502 IN sustained 2 US WIA as a result of friendly artillery. At 0808H, D/1-502 IN vicinity BR140080 engaged an estimated 50 enemy concealed positions. The enemy employed S/A, A/W, 60mm mortar and RPG fire; D/1-502 IN engaged with organic weapons, ARA, ARTY and airstrikes. Sporadic contact continued until 1220H when enemy withdrew. Results: 10 US WIA, 5 NVA KIA, 2 IWC and 27 VN detained.
- 26 May 1971 A/1-501 IN, 2nd platoon at vicinity YC887950 found one hootch with bunker. Both were 14x18x9' and had 6-8" overhead coverage. Contained medical supplies.
- 27 May 1967 **Operation MALHEUR:** Two light contacts 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)
- 27 – 28 May 1968 1-501 IN BN cordons Thon Xuan Hoa resulting in 4 NVA/ VC KIA, 3 NVA/ VC POWs, and 750 lbs. of rice captured.
- 27 May 1968 1-502 IN BN made light contact during the day's operations. Result: Friendly: 1 WIA BBT, 1KIA BBT; Enemy: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC POW.
- 27 May 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** Activity was relatively light in the AO as a bomb damage assessment (BDA) was conducted in the area of the B-52 strikes and all units continued RIF operations in the area. At 1005H, D/1-502 IN, vicinity BT130081 found the remains of 4 NVA KIA. (HQ, 1BDE, 101st ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)
- 27 May 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** The 1-502 IN BN continued to operate to the northwest of FSB PROFESSIONAL. B/1-502 IN sustained 3 US WIA as a result of friendly fires. D/1-502 IN apprehended 26 VN detainees and sustained 1 US WIA from a stray S/A round. The Recon platoon accounted for 27 VN detainees. All detainees were evacuated to TAM KY. The 81mm mortar platoon was extracted from PZ vicinity BT069066 at 1120 hours and returned to the battalion rear at FSSE.
- 27 May 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** Activity was relatively light in the AO as a bomb damage assessment (BDA) was conducted in the area of the B-52 strikes and all units continued RIF operations in the area. At 0615H, B/2-17 CAV flew into the B-52 area and began to assess the results. At 0735H, B/2-17 CAV, vicinity BT270735, engaged a two-man enemy force, recording 2 NVA KIA. At 1005H, D/1-502 IN, vicinity BT130081, found the remains of 4 NVA KIA. At 1225H, the Aero-Rifle Platoon, B/2-17 CAV, was inserted vicinity BT185005 to further check out a portion of the B-52 strike area. Almost immediately the unit received sniper fire; the Aero-Rifle Platoon returned fire, surrounded the enemy sniper and captured him and two individual weapons. However, the PW died before evacuation and the platoon was extracted without incident. The BDA had revealed significant bunker and structure damage as well as numerous trails interdicted but limited in enemy casualties. At 1430H, B/3-17 CAV, vicinity BT172995, engaged and killed 1 NVA in the open. At 11725H, A/1-46 IN, vicinity BT213075, observed an estimated enemy platoon in the open at a range of 600 meters; the element employed artillery which accounted for 5 NVA KIA. (HQ, 1BDE, 101st ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)
- 27 May 1970 A/1-501 IN and D/1-502 IN were released from OPCON of the 1-506 IN BN and returned by air to FSB BIRMINGHAM and control of the parent unit. The 1-501 IN BN terminated battalion refresher training and assumed control of area Whisky from the 1-502 IN BN. The 1-502 IN BN moved to PHU BAI Combat Base to prepare for battalion refresher training to begin on 28 May.
- 2BDE continued operations in the piedmont in the northern fringes of the canopy of THUA THIEN Province and conducted extensive patrol and night ambush operations in coordination with territorial forces to deny the enemy access to the population in the coastal lowlands. (Operation Report – HQ, 101st ABN DIV (AM), Period Ending 31 July 1970; 15 August 1970)
- 27 May 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** All units of the 1-502 IN BN are in PHU BAI for refresher training and stand-down. A Soldier from B/1-502 IN was Division Soldier of the Month.
- 28 – 29 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 plains area, and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installations in the 2BDE AO. Contact was light with a total of 2 contacts. Today's statistics: 1 US WIA (medevac); Enemy assessment: 1 AK-47, 2 SKS, 2 BAR, 1 M-1, 1 bolt action carbine and 1100 rounds SA ammo.

1-501 IN BN

A/1-501 IN returned to OPCON 1-501 IN BN effective 0920H. Conducted an airlift from vicinity YD915214 with 2 platoons to COCO Beach. One (1) platoon to FSB MONGOOSE. Closed at 1045H. Elements assumed security mission of COCO Beach installation and FSB MONGOOSE from B/1-501 IN.

B/1-501 IN provided security of COCO Beach installation vicinity YD845320 and established an LP vicinity YD847317. B/1-501 IN, 1st platoon provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and secured minesweep N and S from FSB MONGOOSE.



At 0940H, B/1-501 IN, 2nd platoon and 3rd platoon conducted airlift from vicinity YD844321 to an LZ vicinity YD795254. Closed LZ at 1030H. At 1000H, B/1-501 IN, 1st platoon departed FSB MONGOOSE and moved to link up with B/1-501 IN (-) at YD795254, closed at 1100H. Conducted RIF operation SE to vicinity YD815249. Occupied night position vicinity YD814251.

C/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD813239. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD805243 and YD807231. Established night position vicinity YD806231.

D/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD808231 and ambushed vicinity YD810227 and YD803228. At 2045H vicinity YD808231 engaged and killed 1 VC. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD825219. AT 1120H vicinity YD825219 received SA fire from 2 VC/NVA. Fire was returned. Negative casualties; Negative enemy assessment. At 1405H the PF platoon with D/1-501 IN was airlifted from vicinity YD829224 and returned to HUONG THUY. Established night position vicinity YD830218.

Recon platoon occupied night position vicinity YD806252 and ambushed vicinity YD796251. Returned to FSB MONGOOSE. Closed 0945H. At 1122H airlifted to vicinity YD808188. Platoon (-) remained for security mission and one squad moved to vicinity to provide security for bridge.

2-501 IN BN

A/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD641260 and ambushed vicinity YD628242, YD615241, YD614258 and YD636253. A/2-501 IN, 1st platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD630242, YD605242, YD608263 and returned to A/2-501 IN company CP vicinity YD641260. At 0840H vicinity YD635248 destroyed 2 BBT (1 grenade and 1 60mm mortar). At 1040H vicinity YD605240 destroyed 1 BBT grenade. A/2-501 IN, 3rd platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD616268, YD616252 and returned to A/2-501 IN company CP. Established night position vicinity YD634259.

B/2-501 IN provided security for HUE Bridges and improved defensive positions.

C/2-501 IN (-) provided security for FSB PINKY. C/2-501 IN, 3rd platoon with 1 PF platoon provided security for a MEDCAP vicinity YD703274. Reinforced C/2-501 IN, 2nd platoon provided security for OP/SB T-Bone and established OP's vicinity YD661202 and YD650204. One (1) squad conducted patrol to vicinity YD646196, YD639199 and returned.

D/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD597270 with ambushes vicinity YD601268 and YD596264. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD595291. At 0915H vicinity YD595285 sustained 1 US WIA (medevac) from BBT 105 round. D/2-501 IN continued RIF operation to YD591281 and YD600280. At 1823H conducted a combat assault from PZ vicinity YD600280 to LZ vicinity YD642257. Closed LZ at 1902H and established night position vicinity YD638257.

Recon platoon (working with 1 PF platoon and 1 RF platoon) occupied night position vicinity YD652244 with ambushes vicinity YD656224 and YD646237. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD661258, YD648253 and returned to YD652244.

1-502 IN BN

A/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO Bridge, and ambushed vicinity YD600310, YD606312 and secured minesweep team from AN LO Bridge to vicinity YD611213. Conducted a mounted patrol along QL 1 from AN LO Bridge to vicinity YD595308.

B/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD719303. Provided security for bulldozers operating vicinity YD718302. At 1120H vicinity YD717301 bulldozer operations uncovered 2 BAR's, 1 M-1, 1 bolt action carbine, 1 SKS, 700 rounds SA ammo. Returned to night position vicinity YD719303.

C/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD700293 with ambushes vicinity YD694290, YD696295 and YD706295. One (1) PF platoon joined C/1-502 IN approximately 0800H. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD687280. Established night position vicinity YD700293.

D/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD741308 and ambushes vicinity YD753316, YD751308 and YD742299. At approximately 0830H a PF platoon joined D/1-502 IN. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD754337, YD769311 and YD783315. At 0945H vicinity YD756314 found 1 AK-47, 1 SKS and 3 detainees. At 1917H vicinity YD751307 PF's working with D/1-502 IN engaged 3 VC, resulting in 2 VC KIA. Established night position vicinity YD745318.

Recon platoon OPCON to A/1-502 IN.

2-17 CAV

Bravo Troop completed moving NW at 2205 vicinity YD925212 when it linked up with A/1-501 IN. Bravo Troop returned to FSB FORWARD closing at 2335H.

A/1-501 IN linked up with Bravo Troop at 2205H vicinity YD925212. Established a night position vicinity YD915214. At 0725H received 2 60mm mortar rounds with negative casualties. OPCON 1-501 IN effective 0920H.

2BDE

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



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

- 28 May 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** In response to the intelligence reported indicating increased enemy activity 20km east of HUE (YD923208); A/1-501 IN conducted a combat assault to engage a suspected enemy company area. A/1-501 IN engaged an estimated enemy platoon immediately upon landing. The Aero Rifle platoon (ARP) 2-17 CAV and B/2-17 CAV maneuvered to A/1-501 IN area and, while A/1-501 IN established a blocking position vicinity YD923215, they attacked southeast over the enemy's position. Enemy losses for the battle were: 34 KIA, 1 VC POW, and 5 IWC. Friendly losses were: 1 US KIA, 8 US WIA (8 Evac) and 1 APC damaged. (Operation Report, Lessons Learned, HQ 101st ABN DIV (AM); 26 December 1968)
- 28 – 31 May 1968 1-502 IN BN continued RIF operations in the AO and security mission of An Lo Bridge and QL #1. During this period contact was very light and resulted in 7 VC Captured with weapons.
- 28 May 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE** ends for 2BDE. Enemy assessment was 183 NVA/ VC KIA, 14 NVA/ VC POWs, and 82 weapons captured.
- 28 May 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** At 1135H, D/1-501 IN vicinity BT164117, found 2 NVA KBAS. At 1700H, A/1-501 IN vicinity BT183113, found 1 NVA KIA by napalm. (HQ, 1BDE, 101st ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)
- 28 May 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** A/1-502 IN vicinity BT127090 observed 25 enemy with rucksacks moving from north to south, proximity 900 meters. The company employed artillery with negative assessment. The Recon platoon apprehended 6 VN; the detainees were evacuated to TAM KY. At 1300H approximately 100 meters to the north of vicinity BT119087, Recon platoon observed one NVA crossing a river. Element engaged with S/A, resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 IWC.
- 28 May 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** All units continued RIF operations and activity was minimal throughout the AO. At 1235H, B/2-17 CAV, vicinity BT181003, observed and engaged 2 NVA in the open, resulting in 2 NVA KIA. At 1250H, 1-502 IN BN, Recon platoon, vicinity BT119067, engaged an enemy soldier attempting to cross a river, resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 IWC. (HQ, 1BDE, 101st ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)
- 28 May 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** 1-502 IN BN conducted classes on sapper techniques as they continued stand-down.
- 28 May 1971 C/1-501 IN, 2nd platoon in the vicinity of YC872979 received five rounds of small arms fire and one RPG round. Employed 81mm and artillery. Results: 1 Truck slightly damaged.
- 29 May 1967 **Operation MALHUE:** Four light contacts by the 2-502 IN BN resulted in 1 US WHA, 12 VC KIA (C), and 3 individual weapons captured. (HQ, 1st Brigade, 101st ABN DIV; Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation MALHUE; 02 September 1967)
- 29 – 30 May 1968 **Operation NEVADA EALGE:** 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 4 contacts. Today's statistics: 7 US WIA (2 medevac), 1 PF KIA, 2 PF WIA (medevac); Enemy assessment: 46 NVA KIA (BC), (16 KBFT, 6 KBA, 24 KBAA), 1 VC KIA, 1 RPG-2 launcher, 1 AK-47 (Dest), 2 claymore mines, 15 lbs. C4 and 1 B-40 rds.

1-501 IN BN

A/1-501 IN (-) provided security for COCO Beach installations and ambushed vicinity YD858308. A/1-501 IN, 1st platoon provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and secured minesweep N and S from FSB MONGOOSE.

B/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD814251 and ambushed vicinity YD809248 and established OP's vicinity YD811253 and YD815249. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD831242. Effective 1415H OPCON 2-17 CAV.

C/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD806231 and ambushed vicinity YD805243, YD814243 and YD800228. At 2025H ambush vicinity YD800228 engaged 4 enemy with SA and M-79. Negative enemy assessment. At 2107H ambush vicinity YD800228 engaged 12 enemy moving toward their location. Engaged with SA and M-79 then returned to night position. Negative enemy assessment. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD792241 and YD788230. At 1633H the 10 PRU personnel were extracted from C/1-501 IN to THUA THIEN. C/1-501 IN continued to vicinity YD792247. At 1952H, C/1-501 IN, 3rd platoon was located at a PZ vicinity YD792247 and reverted to OPCON of 2-17 CAV. C/1-501 IN (-) provided security for PZ and then began moving SE to night position vicinity YD805243.

D/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD825221. At 0215H night position received 15-20 60mm mortar rounds from vicinity YD828227. Artillery was fired at suspected position. Results 5 US WIA (slight); Negative enemy assessment. D/1-501 IN, 2nd platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD828227 then SE to vicinity YD837214. D/1-501 IN, 1st platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD837212. D/1-501 IN, 3rd platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD830210, YD837212 and linked up with D/1-501 IN (-). At 0935H vicinity YD830210, D/1-501 IN, 3rd platoon found 1 VC KIA (BC). D/1-501 IN continued RIF operation to vicinity YD846212. Established night position vicinity YD846218.

Recon platoon (-) provided security for hill masses vicinity YD808188. One (1) squad with 1 PF platoon provided security for bridge vicinity YD838176. Platoon (-) improved defensive positions throughout the day.



2-501 IN BN

A/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD634249, with ambushes vicinity YD606255, YD610264, YD612240 and YD633242/ A/2-501 IN, 2nd platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD634249, YD625261, YD607261, YD618269 and returned to A/2-501 IN company CP. Established night position vicinity YD634249.

B/2-501 IN provided security for HUE Bridges and improved defensive positions.

C/2-501 IN (-) provided security for FSB PINKY. C/2-501 IN, 3rd platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD682280. At 1230H vicinity YD686274 linked up with 1 PF platoon. Continued RIF operation to vicinity YD679290, YD676280 and returned to FSB PINKY. At 1300H vicinity YD682280 received sniper fire from 2 enemy. Returned SA fire. Negative casualties; Negative enemy assessment. Reinforced 2nd platoon secured OP/FSB T-Bone and established OP's vicinity YD661202 and YD650204. One (1) squad patrolled to vicinity YD645200, YD644194, YD647198, YD646203 and returned.

D/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD638257 and ambushed vicinity YD631260, YD642264, YD643250 and YD648257. D/2-501 IN, 2nd platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD649246, YD662246 and returned to D/2-501 IN company CP vicinity YD638259. Established night position vicinity YD651254.

Recon platoon (working with 1 PF platoon and 1 RF platoon). Occupied night position vicinity YD673237 and ambushed vicinity YD666232, YD677234. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD686224, YD694221 and YD691225. Established night position vicinity YD682231.

1-502 IN BN

A/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO Bridge and ambushed vicinity YD600310, YD606312 and YD611312. Secured minesweep N to vicinity YD602310. During the day conducted mounted patrol from AN LO Bridge NW to AO boundary. A/1-502 IN (-) improved defensive positions.

B/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD719303. Provided security for bulldozer operating vicinity YD719301. At 0858H vicinity YD719301 found 2 claymore mines, 15 bls. C4, 1 RPG-2 round, and some documents. At 1145H with 1 PF platoon conducted RIF operations to vicinity YD716318. Established night position vicinity YD713338.

C/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD700293. With 1 PF platoon conducted RIF operations vicinity YD719301 and relieved D/1-502 IN of security mission for bulldozer operation at 1050H.

D/1-502 IN (working with 2 PF platoons) occupied night position vicinity YD745318 and ambushed vicinity YD753337, YD756326 and YD754313. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD755316, YD756325 and YD753337. During this day approximately 36,000 lbs. of rice were captured and extracted vicinity YD755316 and YD756325. Approximately 36,000 lbs. of rice remained to be extracted. Established night position vicinity YD754337.

Recon platoon OPCON A/1-502.

2-17 CAV

B/1-501 IN became OPCON to 2-17 CAV at 1415H. At 1442H B/1-501 IN conducted a combat assault from PZ vicinity YD831241 to LZ vicinity YD885235. B/1-501 IN established blocking position, oriented to the SW.

C/1-501 IN had 1 platoon OPCON to Alpha Troop 2-17 CAV at 1950H and was being airlifted to vicinity of Alpha Troop. T

The cordon was established by B/1-501 IN to the NE, One (1) company of 3-3 ARVN regiment to the SE, and Alpha Troop with OPCON units (C/1-501 IN, one platoon) to the NW and SW. Results of the operation to 2000H: Friendly casualties – 2 US WIA (medevac), 1 PF KIA, 2 PF WIA (medevac); Enemy assessment – 46 NVA KIA (BC), (16 KBGF, 4 KBA, 24 KBAA), 1 RPG-2 launcher, 1 AK-47 (Dest).

2BDE

HHC Security platoon secured minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY. Beginning at 1945H 18 personnel from Security platoon were shuttled by UH-1 to FSB FORWARD to reinforce security.

(Commanders Situation Report; 292001H May – 302000H May 1968; James J Waldeck, MAJ, IN., Kayo 3)

29 May 1969

Operation LAMAR PLAIN: 2BDE continued to press the search in the AO as the enemy apparently chose to avoid contact. At 1135H, D/1-501 IN, vicinity BT164117, found 2 NVA KBAS. At 1700H, A/1-501 IN vicinity BT183113, found 1 NVA KIA by napalm. (HQ, 1BDE, 101st ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)

29 May 1969

Operation LAMAR PLAIN: 1-502 IN, Recon platoon accounted for 10 VN detainees. The 1-502 IN BN had no enemy contact.

29 May 1970

Operation TEXAS STAR: 1-502 IN BN continued refresher training and stand-down to PHU BAI.



- 29 May 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** 2-502 IN BN continued to operate in the new AO with negative contact unit the morning of this day. D/2-502 IN, 2nd platoon while still in their NDP, YD599102, was engaged by enemy RPG's and small arms. D/2-502 IN took one US KIA, four WIA, and one scout dog killed. A Sniper team was left behind and later in the day killed one NVA Soldier.
- 30 May 1967 **Operation MALHUER:** 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)
- 30 May 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** As part of Operation NEVADA EAGLE, the 2-17 CAV, two companies from the 1-501 IN BN, plus the 3/3 ARVN Regiment working for the 2BDE, 101st ABN DIV made contact during a cordon and search of LE XA DONG, seven miles east of HUE. Casualties: US 6 WIA; enemy 142 KIA and 46 POW.
- 30 May 1968 Because of intelligence reports indicating that rice was being stored in the area north of the village of PHUONG QUAN CUA, 8km north of HUE (YD6532), D/1-502 IN conducted RIF operations into the area and captured 36.5 tons of rice. The rice was evacuated and delivered to the district chief of QUANG DIEN. (Operation Report, Lessons Learned, HQ 101st ABN DIV (AM); 26 December 1968)
- 30 – 31 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 plains areas, and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installations in the 2BDE AO. Contact was light as the 2-17 CAV completed a highly successful cordon operation. Today's statistics: 1 US WIA (Medevac). Enemy Assessment: 45 NVA (BC), 7 VC KIA (BC), 23 VC POW, 13 AK-47, 12 SKS, 2 AK-50, 3 RPG-2 launchers, 1 60mm mortar, 3 9mm pistols, 1 LMG, 1 sub MG, 1 M16, 250rds SA and 21,850lbs or rice.

1-501 IN BN

A/1-501 IN (-) provided security for COCO Beach installation and ambushed vicinity YD853315. A/1-501 IN, 1st platoon provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and secured minesweep North and South from FSB MONGOOSE. At 1400H, A/1-501 IN 1st platoon and 2nd platoon exchanged security missions at 1st platoon moved to COCO Beach and 2nd platoon moved to FSB MONGOOSE.

B/1-501 IN OPCON 2-17 CAV.

C/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD805243 and ambushed vicinity YD788241. C/1-501 IN, 3rd platoon conducted a combat assault to LZ vicinity YD877234, closing at 2054H, OPCON 2-17 CAV. C/1-501 IN (-) conducted RIF operation to YD825227, YD848226, YD848244. At 1400H vicinity YD848244, C/1-501 IN went OPCON to 2-17 CAV.

D/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD846213 and ambushed vicinity YD841211. At 2015H, ambush engaged an estimated 30 enemy with organic weapons. Heavy SA, AW and RPG fire was received. Contact was broken at 2108H. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment – 7 VC KIA. At 2140H ambushed returned to CO CP. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD841210, YD848204, YD851204 and established night position vicinity YD600235.

1-501 IN Recon platoon (-) secured OP vicinity YD807186. 1 squad with 1 PF platoon secured bridge vicinity YD838176. 1 squad moved to YD847171 and provided security for minesweep team to vicinity YD866176.

Locations of BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB MONGOOSE, A/1-501 IN YD845320, B/1-501 IN OPCON 2-17 CAV, C/1-501 IN OPCON 2-17 CAV, D/1-501 IN YD846200 and Recon platoon YD807187.

2-501 IN BN

A/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD634249 and ambushed vicinity YD606261 and YD617251. A/2-501 IN (-) conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD611234 and secured hilltop. At 0910H vicinity YD628249 platoon conducted a combat assault to LZ vicinity YD600235. Closed 0918H and provided security.

B/2-501 IN provided security for HUE Bridges and improved defensive positions.

C/2-501 IN (-) provided security for FSB PINKY. C/2-501 IN, 1st platoon and 1 PF platoon provided security for MEDCAP vicinity YD671243. The reinforced C/2-501 IN, 2nd platoon provided security for OP T-BONE and established LP's vicinity YD650204 and YD658202. Conducted squad patrol to vicinity YD656210, YD654213 and returned to OP T-BONE.

D/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD651254 and ambushed vicinity YD645251 and YD658251. At 0920H, conducted a combat assault from PZ vicinity YD644258 to an LZ vicinity YD596230. Conducted RIF operations to vicinity YD600230. At YD601231 found 150lbs of rice, 250 rounds SA and 100lbs of potatoes.

2-501 IN Recon platoon occupied night position vicinity YD682231. At 0857H, conducted a combat assault form PZ vicinity YD685234 to LZ vicinity YD604224. Closed LZ at 0904H and secured hilltop.

Location of BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB PINKY, A/2-501 IN YD611234, B/2-501 IN YD750210, C/2-501 IN FSB PINKY, D/2-501 IN YD600235 and Recon platoon YD603224.



1-502 IN BN

A/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO BRIDGE and ambushed vicinity YD600310, YD606312 and YD611312. Secured minesweep NW to vicinity YD605311. Conducted mounted patrol along QL-1 from AN LO BRIDGE to AO boundary. A/1-502 IN, 1st platoon with 2 PF squads conducted RIF operations to vicinity YD640325. At 1124H, vicinity YD637315 received 8 M-79 rounds and sniper fire. SA fire was returned, and artillery supported. Results – 1 US WIA (MEDEVAC). Negative enemy assessment. At 1143H, vicinity YD637315 received 15 60mm mortar rounds. Artillery fired counter mortar fires. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. At 1330H, vicinity YD636323 received 6 60mm mortar rounds from vicinity YD632328. Artillery fired counter mortar fires. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

B/1-502 IN occupied a night position vicinity YD713338 and ambushed vicinity YD714336. At 0525H established a blocking position oriented NE from vicinity YD728337 to YD735327 and a PF platoon conducted search operations from West to East. At 1040H with 1 PF platoon, B/1-502 IN conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD735326. At 1241H vicinity YD735328 found 1500 rounds SA, 2 satchel charges and documents. At 1320H vicinity YD735328 captured 3 VC WIA and 1 woman detainee from a bunker. Results 4 VC POW, 1 AK-47, 1 sub-MG and 1 M-16. Established night position vicinity YD703293.

C/1-502 IN occupied night position YD700293. Provided security for bulldozer operating vicinity YD719300. Established night position vicinity YD718302.

D/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD754337 and ambushed vicinity YD757342 and YD753316. At 0538H established a blocking position oriented NW from vicinity YD740325 to YD753337. A PF platoon conducted search operation from East to West resulting in 4 PF deserters and 2 VC suspects being detained vicinity YD745335. At 1035H, D/1-502 IN conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD754337 and continued to bag and extract rice cache found 29 May. Results – 21,700lbs of rice (evacuated to QUANG District). Established night position vicinity YD754337.

Recon platoon OPCON A/1-502 IN.

Remarks: At 1212H, 3 PF platoons from HUONG TRA District conducting RIF operating of village vicinity YD757317. Light contact was made resulting in no PF casualties and enemy assessment 3 VC KIA (BC), 4 VC POW, 1 PRG-2 launcher, 1 LMG, 2 AK-47's, 4 carbines and 6 CHICOM carbines.

Locations of BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB OMAHA, A/1-502 IN AN LO BRIDGE, B/1-502 IN YD703293, C/1-502 IN YD718302, D/1-502 IN YD754337 and Recon platoon OPCON A/1-502 IN.

2-17 CAV

Troop A, B/1-501 IN, Aero Rifle platoon, platoon from C/1-501 IN and 3-3 ARVN Regt. At the beginning of the reporting period a cordon was being established around an enemy force vicinity YD885228. Troop A continued to conduct a sweep SE thru the NW section of the village and established a blocking position from vicinity YD886234 to YD883234. At 0530H, approximately 10-15 enemy made a vain attempt to escape the cordon to the SE and then to the North. Both attempts were unsuccessful as elements of 3-3 IN (ARVN) and Troop A prevented the enemy's escape. A PSYOPS team broadcasted to the enemy to surrender (12 enemy immediately surrendered). A sweep was made of the area by Troop A from NW to SE and by the 3-3 IN as they moved NW from their blocking position to the SE. At 1150H, the sweep completed with the following enemy assessment. 2-17 CAV – 45 NVA KIA (BC), 19 VC POW, 12 AK-47, 12 SKS, 2 AK-50, 3 RPG-2 launchers, 1 60mm mortar, 3 9mm pistol and 1 LMG. 3-3 ARVN – 50 VC/NVA KIA (BC), 18 VC/NVA POW, 27 individual weapons, 8 crew served weapons. The total results of the operation on 30 and 31 May were 6 US WIA (2 MEDEVAC), 2 PF KIA, 2 PF WIA. Enemy assessment: 156 VC/NVA KIA (BC), 41 VC/NVA POW, 60 individual weapons and 15 crew served weapons. Troop A and Aero Rifle platoon returned to FSB FORWARD, closing at 1310H. B/1-501 IN moved to night position vicinity YD880244, at 1750H received AW fire from vicinity YD890243. Fire was returned. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. At 1400H, C/1-501 IN (-) became OPCON 1-501 IN BN, company linked up and moved to vicinity FSB FORWARD.

2BDE

HHC Security platoon OPCON 2-17 CAV for security of PHU TU.

(Commanders Situation Report; 302001H May – 312000H May 1968; James J Waldeck, MAJ, IN., Kayo 3)

30 – 31 May 1968

In response to intelligence reports, a combined operation at 1430H, B/1-501 IN was alerted to conduct a combat assault into the eastern side of the hamlet, and at 1523 B/1-501 IN established a blocking position vicinity YD880230. The 2-17 CAV attacked again, as LFT gunships flew over and covered likely avenues of escape to the west. As nightfall came, 2-17 CAV was not able to attack through the hamlet, so C/1-502 IN was lifted into the western side of the hamlet and a tight cordon was formed around the enemy's positions. Throughout the night continuous illumination and artillery was provided to prevent the enemy's escape. At daybreak, 2-17 CAV elements and C/1-501 IN, 1st Platoon swept through the village and destroyed the remnants of the enemy forces and resistance. The enemy losses during the combined operation were as follows: 142 NVA KIA, 46 PW, 69 weapons captured. Of these enemy losses, ARVN forces were responsible for 51 NVA KIA, 27 PW, and 35 IWO. Friendly losses were: 6 US WIA, 2 PF KIA, 2 PF WIA. (Operation Report, Lessons Learned, HQ 101st ABN DIV (AM); 26 December 1968)



30 May 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** C/1-502 IN moved y UH-1H from FSSE to an LZ secured by D/1-502 IN vicinity BT134101. D/1-502 IN moved from the LZ to FSSE to assume the security mission of the 1BDE FSSE. C/1-502 IN conducted RIF to the northeast. Recon platoon detained and evacuated 3 VN. At 0913H, vicinity BT134092 Recon platoon engaged 1 enemy with S/A at a range of 250 meters, resulting in 1 captured rucksack. At 0917H, the 81mm mortar platoon move by UH-1H from FSSE to an LZ secured by B/1-502 IN vicinity BT141095. The mortar platoon provided indirect fire support for the ground unit.

30 May 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** 1-502 IN BN continued stand-down in PHU BAI.

30 May 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** C/2-502, 2nd Platoon combat assaulted into a hot LZ at YD643060. Although a heavy volume of fire was received there were no casualties.

30 May 1971 C/1-501 IN, 1st platoon spotted one enemy vicinity YC858015, initiated contact with small arms fire. Results: 1 NVA KIA.

30 May 1971 1-501 IN, Recon platoon, 2nd squad vicinity YD841038 spotted one enemy and initiated contact the enemy returned fire and fled. Results: 1US WIA.

30 May 1971 C/1-501 IN, 1st platoon received small arms fire from estimated squad of NVA vicinity YC860015. Platoon fired back and enemy fled. Results negative.

31 May – 01 June 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 plains area, and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installations in the 2BDE AO. Contact was light with the exception of an operation initiated by the 2-17 CAV and TF-7 (ARVN) in the SE section of PHU VANG District. Today's statistics: 9 US WIA (MEDEVAC). Enemy assessment: 37 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC POW, 4 SKS, 1 HMG, 2 LMG, 1 BAR, 1 M-16, 3 AK-47, 1 CHICOM sub MG and 2200lbs of rice.

1-501 IN BN

A/1-501 IN (-) provided security for COCO Beach installation and ambushed vicinity YD865304. A/1-501 IN, 2nd platoon provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and secured minesweep North and South from FSB MONGOOSE.

B/1-501 IN OPCON 2-17 CAV

C/1-501 IN OPCON 2-17 CAV

D/1-501 IN occupied high position vicinity YD846200 and ambushed vicinity YD843204. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD836236 with elements on both sides of the river. At 0845H, vicinity YD838211 found eight graves containing 8 VC killed by artillery. At 1720H vicinity YD835233 engaged one individual attempting to flee. Results 1 detainee WIA. Established night position vicinity YD836236.

Recon platoon (-) secured OP vicinity YD808188. 1 squad with 1 PF platoon provided security for bridge vicinity YD838176. 1 squad provided security for minesweep from vicinity YD847172 to YD875172.

Troop A, 2-17 CAV OPCON effective 0700H, Troop A (-) was located YD50256, 2nd platoon was providing security for FSB FORWARD. Troop A (-) continued RIF operation to vicinity YD850240 the E to vicinity YD890240. At 0900H, vicinity YD850240 found and destroyed 4 BBT. (2 60mm mortar rounds and 2 2.75" rockets). At 1157H, Troop A (-) located vicinity YD890240 reverted to OPCON 2-17 CAV.

2-501 IN BN

A/2-501 IN (-) occupied night position vicinity YD611234 and ambushed vicinity YD613231. At 1020H established a blocking position from vicinity YD605250 to vicinity YD605244 for PF/RF elements conducting RIF operation from North toward blocking position. At 1333H moved to vicinity YD642275 and moved by truck to HUE bridges. Assumed bridge security mission at 1835H from B/2-501 IN. A/2-501 IN, 2nd platoon occupied night position vicinity YD600235. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD598228. At 1652H log ship shuttled A/2-501 IN, 2nd platoon across SONG BO River to A/2-501 IN (-) located at YD642275. Completed movement at 1718H.

B/2-501 IN provided security for HUE Bridges. At 1840H, OPCON 2-17 CAV and conducted a combat assault to LZ vicinity YD940193. Closed LZ at 1930H.

C/2-501 IN (-) provided security for FSB PINKY. C/2-501 IN, 1st platoon with 1 PF platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD685274, YD680290, YD675288 and returned to FSB PINKY. At 1215H, vicinity YD675288 found 1 M-16 rifle. Reinforced C/2-501 IN, 2nd platoon secured OP T-BONE and established LP's vicinity YD650204 and YD658202. Conducted squad size patrol to vicinity YD647251, YD653215 and returned. At 1020H OP observed approximately 40-50 personnel moving vicinity YD656196. Artillery was fired and TAC air supported. A squad size patrol checked the area out with negative assessment.

D/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD600235 and ambushed vicinity YD598228 and YD608226. D/2-501 IN, 2nd platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD603227. D/2-501 IN, 1st platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD602233. At 1718H conducted a combat assault from PZ vicinity YD599235 to LZ vicinity YD656256 (PZ for 2nd platoon was vicinity YD603230). Closed LZ at 1745H. Established night position vicinity YD659256.



Recon platoon occupied night position vicinity YD605224. At 1800H conducted a combat assault from PZ vicinity YD605224 to LZ vicinity YD683228. Closed LZ at 1815H.

1-502 IN BN

A/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO BRIDGE and ambushed vicinity YD600310, YD606312 and YD611312. Secured minesweep NW to vicinity YD605315. Conducted mounted patrol along QL-1 during the day from AN LO BRIDGE NW to AO boundary.

B/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD703293 and ambushed vicinity YD694295 and YD707293. With 1 PF platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD688280. Late report (at 311940H vicinity YD703295 received 16 60mm mortar rounds. Artillery was fired. Results – 8 US WIA). At 1400H vicinity YD6882852 found 1 LMG. At 1615H engaged 2 VC with SA resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1730H vicinity YD690284 engaged 3 VC. Results – 2 VC KIA. Established night position vicinity YD722310.

C/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD718302. C/1-502 IN (-) provided security for movement of Rome plow vicinity YD736290, where Rome plow was evacuated by M-8 boat. C/1-502 IN returned to vicinity YD718298 and joined 1 platoon providing security for bulldozer operation. Established night position vicinity YD718298.

D/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD754337 and ambushed vicinity YD757342 and YD740316. At 2138H vicinity YD740316 ambushed approximately 4 enemy resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS and 1 CHICOM sub MG. Conducted RIF operation with 1 PF platoon to vicinity YD765323 and YD768328. At 1150H vicinity YD762321 PF platoon engaged and killed 2 VC. 2200lbs of rice from cache found 29 May vicinity YD784337 was evacuated to District HQ's. Established night position vicinity YD761303.

Recon platoon with 2 squads of PF's conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD612295 and returned to AN LO BRIDGE.

2-17 CAV

Troop A, OPCON 1-501 IN BN effective 0700H. At 1513H Troop (-) reverted back to OPCON 2-17 CAV.

B/1-501 IN from night position vicinity YD880244 began moving by amtracks at 1143H to SE to join Troop B. At 1508H vicinity YD942197 received SA and RPG fire resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK-47. Friendly casualties – 7 US WIA (MEDEVAC). B/1-501 IN established a blocking position from vicinity YD947202 and YD938200.

C/1-501 IN at 0645H conducted a combat assault from PZ vicinity YD864273 to LZ vicinity YD989138. Closed LZ at 0720H. At 0750H received SA fire from West of LZ. Fire was returned with organic weapons and artillery supported. Results 1 US WIA (MEDEVAC). C/1-501 IN established a blocking position from vicinity YD988147 to YD990154.

B/2-501 IN OPCON effective 1840H. Conducted a combat assault from PZ vicinity HUE BRIDGE to LZ vicinity YD940193, closing LZ at 1930H. Established a blocking position from vicinity YD938200 to YD942191.

2BDE

HHC Security platoon provided security for FSB SABRE and secure minesweep from YD875180 to YD847171.

(Commanders Situation Report; 312001H May – 012000H June 1968; James J Waldeck, MAJ, IN., Kayo 3)

- 31 May 1968 A two-day cordon operation seven miles east of HUE near LE XA DONG hamlet was conducted by A/2-17 CAV; B1-501 IN and elements of the 1st ARVN DIV, resulting in 91 NVA killed, 19 prisoners taken, and 34 weapons captured. (Rendezvous with Destiny (Volume 1, Number 2); July 1968)
- 31 May 1968 1-502 IN BN results from 19 December 1967 to 1 June 1968: Friendly: 59 KIA, 393 WIA; Enemy 852 KIA (BC), 250 KIA (EST), 129 WIA/POW
- 31 May 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** Action flared briefly in the AO as the units continued to search for the enemy and 1-502 IN BN staged in the field for the combat assaults on the following day. At 1025H, D/1-501 IN, vicinity BT163115 received small arms fire from an unknown size of enemy force. The element returned fire and maneuvered against the determined enemy force. The enemy resistance was overcome and 6 NVA KIA were found with D/1-501 IN suffering 2 US KIA and 3 US WIA (E). (HQ, 1BDE, 101st ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)
- 31 May 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** No enemy contact was encountered and at 1323H, the 1-502 IN, 81mm mortar platoon and 1-502 IN, Recon platoon were extracted by UH-1H to the FSSE.
- 31 May 1970 **Operation TEXA STAR:** 1-502 IN BN continued stand-down in PHU BAI while conducting refresher training.
- 01 June 1967 **Operation MALHEUR:** Four light contacts by the 2-502 IN BN resulted in 5 VC KIA (C) and 1 individual weapon captured. A booby-trapped grenade activated by 2-502 IN BN resulted in 1 US WHA. (HQ, 1st Brigade, 101st ABN DIV; Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation MALHEUR; 02 September 1967)
- 01 June 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** As part of Operation NEVADA EAGLE, B/1-501 IN BN, B/2-501 IN BN, plus A/2-17 CAV and B/2-17 CAV, working for the 2BDE, 101st ABN DIV conduct a cordon and search 10 miles east of HUE. Casualties: US 5 KIA, 36 WIA; enemy 104 KIA and 56 POW.



01 June 1968 1-502 IN BN had light contact. B/1-502 IN caught 2 VC coming out of a bunker (2 VC KIA (BC)). D/1-502 IN ambushed 6 VC, 1 VC KIA. Later found 2 more trying to run away. Results: 2 VC KIA.

01 – 04 June 1968 On 1 June a combined operation involving US and ARVN troops commence an attack on the village of THUNG PHUONG. 1.6 km east of HUE (YD9419). A/2-17 CAV and B/2-17 CAV, B/2-501 IN, B/1-501 IN and TF 7, 1st ARVN ID attacked on Parallel axis to engage enemy forces which were reported in the area by intelligence reports. Contact was maintained throughout the afternoon of 1 June and a cordon was established around the village during early evening. The results of the battle were 8 US WHA, 38 VC KIA, 3 PU and 20 weapons captured. AT daybreak the companies swept through the village and continued to attack to the south toward the village of VINH PHU (YD9716). Near VINH PHU the combined forces engaged an enemy company and after heavy contact established a cordon around the village on the night of 2 June. During the night continuous illumination was maintained, and in the morning TAC Air and artillery continued to hit the enemy. PSYOP teams appealed to the enemy for surrender. On 3 June 50 VC surrendered and on 4 June a sweep through the village resulted in the capture of 3 PWs. The results of the cordon operation of VINH PHU were: 5 US KIA, 28 US WHA, 66 VC KIA, 53 PWs and 57 weapons captured. (Operation Report, Lessons Learned, HQ 101st ABN DIV (AM); 26 December 1968)

01 – 04 June 1968 2-17 CAV cordons THUNG PHUONG, THON MOC TRU, and THON TRUNG HA resulting in 235 NVA/VC KIA, 77 NVA/VC POWs, 114 individual and crew served weapons, and 15,000 lbs. of rice captured. This was the last cordon operation for 2BDE, 101st ABN DIV.

01 June 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** The enemy still avoided contact as evidenced by minimum activity throughout the AO. At 1015H, B/1-501 IN, vicinity BT162111, found two graves containing the remains of 2 NVA KIA by artillery or air. At 1200H, 1BDE initiated the operation with the 1-502 IN BN conducting combat assaults into SONG TRAM Valley LZ vicinity BT165005, closing Companies A/1-502 IN, B/1-502 IN, and C/1-502 IN at 1247H. There was negative enemy contact and all elements began RIF operations northeast along separate axes. At 1215H, B/1-501 IN vicinity BT164109 observed one enemy hiding in a bunker; the element engaged the bunker with hand grenades killing one VC. (HQ, 1BDE, 101st ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)

01 June 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** 1-502 IN BN security platoon moved by CH-47 from the FSSE to HAU DUC headquarters to assist in providing security. A/1-502 IN, B/1-502 IN, and C/1-502 IN conducted at C/A vicinity BT165005, and then conducted a reconnaissance in force operation along 3 axes to the east. D/1-502 IN and Recon platoon remained at the FSSE. The 1-502 IN BN (-) discovered and destroyed several huts and bunkers complexes but no enemy activity was encountered.

01 June 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** 1-502 IN BN continued training and stand-down operations in PHU BAI.

01 June 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** 2-502 IN BN continued to secure FSB BASTOGNE and conducted saturation and ambush patrols in the AO. D/2-502 IN remained OPCON to 2-327 IN BN.

01 – 30 June 1971 During this period the 1-501 IN BN conducted search and attach operations in its assigned area of operation. The battalion occupied FB BRICK vicinity YC935885. A/1-501 IN had responsibilities of securing FB BRICK from 01 June to 06 June. C/1-501 IN secured the FB 06 June to 11 June. The 1-501 IN BN moved by air and truck to DA NANG to secure CAMP BOOKS, ASP 107 and conduct combined ambush operations with RF's from 09 June to 30 June. The 1-501 IN BN provided a combined roving patrol with 504th MP's that conducted patrols of the bunker line, ASP 107 and CAMP BOOKS area by day and night. D/1-501 IN was OPCON to 1-502 IN BN on 09 June to 30 June conducting operations in FB RIFLE area of operation. A/1-501 IN, B/1-501 IN and C/1-501 IN light mortar platoons supported the 1-501 IN BN combined ambushes and area of operation. The 1-501 IN BN conducted training at CAMP BOOKS consisting of Rules of Engagement, Drug Abuse, Character Guidance, Safety/Contraband, Maintenance of Individual Weapons and Physical Training. (1-501 IN BN; Annual Supplement to the History; 1 January 1971 – 31 December 1971)

01 June 1971 1-501 IN BN, Recon team 2 found a trail 1 ½' wide oriented north to south vicinity YD839028. Recent activity 1-3 days by one individual moving North. (1-501 IN BN; Annual Supplement to the History; 1 January 1971 – 31 December 1971)

01 June 1971 "Drive On" troops of C/2-501 IN discovered eight newly constructed enemy bunkers near FB TOMAHAWK containing over 100lbs of rice and 14 60mm mortar rounds. (Rendezvous with Destiny (Volume 4, Number 1); Summer/Fall 1971)



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.

6 x Silver Star Medal (2 x Posthumously)
 2 x Bronze Star Medal with Valor (1 x Posthumously)
 10 x Bronze Star Medal (10 x Posthumously)
 23 x Purple Heart Medal (23 x Posthumously)
 32 x Air Medal

26 May 1969



SP4 Eric D. Nadeau (B/1-501 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from small arms gun fire wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered 4km E-SE of TIEN PHUOC in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

26 May 1969



PFC Euan J. E. Parker (B/1-501 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from multiple fragment wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered 4km E-SE of TIEN PHUOC in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

27 May 1968

The Following Solders from D/1-502 IN:

SSG Albert Forster
 SGT George W. Blyman
 SGT Arturo Diaz
 SGT Paul F. Faris
 SGT Paul R. Hickman
 SGT Richard N. Laplant
 SGT Arthur R. Leyvas
 SGT Charles R. Murray
 SGT Joseph M. Peterson
 SGT John W. Richards
 SGT Juan Terlaje

SSG Bruce E. Hitt
 SGT Henry C. Bechler
 SGT Gilbert M. Dohogn
 SGT Leandrew Gary Jr.
 SGT Patrick L. Jozwiak
 SP5 John Lee Jr.
 SGT Michael J. Jargons
 SGT Peter W. Smith
 SGT John W. Ringold
 SGT Boyd L. Smith

SSG Paul J. Brown
 SGT Carlos B. Cepeda
 SGT William M. Eagleson
 SGT Larry L. Grice
 SGT Fred T. Jordan
 SGT Ronald E. Long
 SGT Eugene C. Mellem
 SGT Miguel Negrete
 SGT Gilbert Rosa
 SGT Timothy F. Sandberg

Were awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in Aerial Flight. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 10541, 30 November 1968)

27 May 1968



PFC Kenneth R. Hellman (A/1-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from wounds received while on combat operation when hostile booby-trap detonated in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

27 May 1968



PFC Vernell H. Miller Jr. (C/1-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from wounds received while on combat operation when hit by fragments from hostile booby-trap in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam. PFC Miller was admitted to a military hospital in Vietnam, placed on the VSI list, transferred to the USS Repose still on the VSI list and later expired.



27 May 1968



SP4 Francis J. Hefner (B/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 on combat operation when engaged hostile force in firefight in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam

28 May 1968



SGT Alan G. Carter (B/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 when engaged hostile force in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam

29 May 1968



PFC Obbie Johnson (B/2-501 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from pneumonia contracted as a result of wounds while he was on guard duty when he tripped causing the rifle, he was holding to accidentally discharge in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

29 May 1970



SSG Lawrence A. Bierbaum (D/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 in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

29 May 1971



CPT Thomas G. Blair (A/1-501 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal with Valor, Air 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 TA TRANG River Valley 10 KM North of RUONG RUONG, in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam. CPT Blair was admitted to a military medical facility and later expired.

30 May 1969



SGT Edwin E. Dotter (B/2-501 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 7km west of A LUOI Village in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

30 May 1969



SP4 Louis Johnson (B/2-501 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 7km west of A LUOI Village in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

30 May 1969



PFC Craig M. Simeone (B/2-501 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 fire wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered 7km west of A LUOI Village in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.



30 May 1969



PFC Robert L. Watt (B/2-501 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 7km west of A LUOI Village in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

31 May 1968



CPL Donald R. Miller (B/2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from wounds received while on combat operation when hit by a hostile small arms fire in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

31 May 1968



CPL Jeff Mulkey (B/2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in their deaths from small arms fire wounds received while on combat operation when engaged hostile force in a firefight in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

31 May 1969



CPL Johnny M. Pilsner (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 5km E-SE of TIEN PHUOC in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

31 May 1969



SP4 Philip A. Pratt (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 5km E-SE of TIEN PHUOC in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

01 June 1968



SGT Thomas G. Hughes (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 received while on combat operation when engaged by a hostile force in a firefight in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam. SGT Hughes was admitted to a military hospital, placed on the VSI list and transferred to a Naval Hospital Ship, where he expired shortly thereafter.

01 June 1968



PFC Jackie D. Chambers (A/2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from wounds received while on combat operation when hit by hostile small arms fire in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

01 June 1971



CPL Don M. Ramsey (B/2-501 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 7km W of PHU LOC in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.



01 June 1971



1LT James R. Saxon (B/2-501 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 7km W of PHU LOC in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

01 June 1971



1LT Ralph L. Church (D/2-501 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received while on combat operation when a booby trap detonated 15km S-SE of PHU BAI Airfield in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam. 1LT Church was admitted to a military medical facility and later expired on 12 June 1971.

01 June 1971



SP4 Robert D. McKinney (D/2-501 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death while on combat operation when a booby trap detonated 15km S-SE of PHU BAI Airfield in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.



STRIKE HISTORY (Citation's and Awards):

29 May 1967

PFC Donald C. Pryor (A/2-502 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action. Private First Class Pryor distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 29 May 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. On this date, Private Pryor was serving as a rifleman with Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry. While on a patrol, Private Pryor and his squad were taken under a tremendous volume of hostile fire from an enemy force of undetermined size. Private Pryor was hit and knocked to the ground in the initial burst of fire, sustaining a painful wound. As the intensity of the hostile fire increased, Private Pryor realized that the tactical situation of his squad was deteriorating. Though dazed and bleeding, he quickly bandaged himself and stopped the bleeding. Then, with complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Pryor singlehandedly assaulted the enemy position, unmindful of the increased hostile fire being directed at his movements. He successfully overran the enemy position, killing two soldiers, wounding several others and capturing two enemy weapons. By his exceptionally valorous actions, outstanding display of aggressiveness and profound dedication, Private First Class Pryor has distinguished himself and has reflected great credit upon himself, his unit, Task Force Oregon, and the United States Army. (HQ, TFO; General Order 323; 22 August 1967)

29 May 1967

SSG James H. Carpenter (A/2-502 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action against a hostile force on 29 May 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. Staff Sergeant Carpenter distinguished himself while leading his squad down a trail in dense jungle foliage. An estimated enemy squad pinned down his squad with intense fire. Realizing his need for decisive action, Sergeant Carpenter, with complete disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to the murderous fire and assaulted the enemy positions. In the ensuing assault, Sergeant Carpenter killed one enemy soldier and, while still exposed to the hostile fire, pursued and captured another. His squad, inspired by his courage and daring, followed suit and assaulted the remaining positions routing the enemy who left behind three dead, three weapons, and one prisoner. Staff Sergeant Carpenter's unquestionable valor, resoluteness, and dauntless determination in close combat are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, Task Force Oregon, and the United States Army. (HQ, TFO; General Order 285; 21 August 1967)

29 May 1967

SSG Robert P. Sherman (A/2-502 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force. Sergeant Sherman distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous action on 29 May 1967, in the Republic of Vietnam. While leading a patrol, Sergeant Sherman's platoon was moving through dense jungle foliage when they were suddenly brought under heavy volume of enemy fire. On the initial burst of fire, one member of the patrol was wounded and lay in a exposed area. As the intensity of the enemy fire increased, Sergeant Sherman realized that the wounded man was in great danger of being hit again. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Sherman left his covered position and rushed through the withering enemy fire to the aid of his wounded comrade, pulling the man to a covered area and quickly administered the needed medical aid. Sergeant Sherman quickly reorganized his patrol and personally led them in an assault upon the enemy positions. All during the assault, Sergeant Sherman continually exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire while giving his men encouragement and directing their fire by pointing out enemy targets. Sergeant Sherman's devotion to duty and personal courage 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, 1st BDE, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 1356; 8 July 1967)

30 May 1968



Colonel Cushman (2nd BDE CDR) was awarded the Silver Star Medal while distinguishing himself on 30 May 1968 while serving as Brigade Commander, Second Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, on a combat operation with 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry in the village of Thon LE XA DONG, THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam. The Second Squadron, 17th Cavalry, which was under the operational control of the Second Brigade, made contact with an enemy force in the western end of the village. By noon it was evident that a strong enemy force was occupying the village. Colonel Cushman was over the battle area in a light observation helicopter and sensing an opportunity to encircle and destroy the enemy force, he ordered a rifle company from a nearby battalion to be combat assaulted into a position north of the village. He then persuaded Army of the Republic of Vietnam authorities to order an infantry battalion to a cordon and blocking position west and northwest of the village. Despite hostile fire throughout the battle area, he remained aloft personally directing devastating air strikes and artillery fire, and on many occasions joined United States and Army of the Republic of Vietnam commanders on the ground to determine the situation, give them counsel, and arrange for their support. Disregarding the hazards of night flight in the light observation helicopter, Colonel Cushman stayed aloft for several hours after darkness, counseling his commanders, adjusting cordon positions, and insuring flare ship and artillery support. During the night, the trapped enemy attempted in vain to break out of the ring of troops. The following morning the systematic destruction of the enemy force was completed. Included among the enemy losses were the command groups of a battalion and regiment. These losses coupled with the large number of enemy casualties and prisoners rendered the enemy battalion and its regimental headquarters ineffective as remnants of the force fled to the mountains. This action, which was the tenth in a series of successful cordon operations conducted by the brigade under Colonel Cushman, brought the total enemy losses in these ten operations to eight hundred and twenty killed and two hundred captured, with remarkably light casualties. Colonel Cushman's 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.



30 May 1969



SP4 Louis Johnson (B/2-501 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal (Posthumously) for gallantry in actions while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 30 May 1969. Specialist Johnson distinguished himself while serving as an automatic rifleman for Company B, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry. On the night of the cited date, Company B was conducting ambush patrols near DONG AP BIA Mountain on the western border of the A SHAU Valley, Republic of Vietnam. Specialist Johnson's Platoon moved into an ambush site along a trail and began its wait. At approximately 2215 hours, several North Vietnamese troops were spotted moving toward their position. When the enemy troops were within range, the element's claymore mines were detonated, killing four of the North Vietnamese. Several troopers were sent out to check the results of the ambush and were immediately taken under fire by other enemy troops. Under automatic weapons and rocket propelled grenade fire, the ambush platoon was pulled back to the main company night defensive position. Upon arriving at the night defensive positions, it was determined that several troopers had been left behind during the ambush withdrawal. Without regard for his own safety, Specialist Johnson volunteered to lead a relief force back in an attempt to locate the missing men. The relief element quickly moved out with Specialist Johnson in the lead. Several minutes later they made heavy contact with the enemy force which was attempting to prevent the rescue of the missing men. Specialist Johnson immediately began to lead the maneuver elements in an effort to knock out the enemy machine gun fire which was severely endangering the members of his fire team. While moving to an advantageous position, he was struck in the chest by shrapnel from an enemy rocket propelled grenade and mortally wounded. Specialist Johnson'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 9231; 21 July 1969)

01 June 1968

CPT William D. Huges (B/1-502 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal (1-OLC) for heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 1 June 1968. During the early evening hours as Company B was preparing a night defensive position near the village of Thon Duong Son, QUANG DIEN District, Republic of Vietnam, an unknown size Viet Cong force launched a mortar attack, resulting in eight friendly casualties. Captain Hughes with complete disregard for his own safety, directed his men into safe fighting positions and directed his artillery forward observer as to where the enemy fire was coming from so that effective artillery fire could be placed upon the enemy. When the enemy withdrew Company, B pursued, and the following afternoon made contact. Captain Hughes was with the point platoon. He moved around from position to position directing his troops in the fire fight which followed. Three hours later contact was made with the remaining Viet Cong squad. Again, Captain Hughes was with the point platoon and directed the fire and movement of the squads which quickly overcame the enemy. Captain Hughes' 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 Order Number 8632; Amended 27 May 1969, General Orders Number 5832)



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

