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

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



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



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



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

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30 June 1967

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

30 June 1967

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

30 June – 12 July 1968

**Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** Operations Summary: 2BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV continued to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation NEVADA EAGLE to limit and disrupt attempts made by the enemy to extort the VN rice production throughout the coastal plains area and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installations in the 2BDE AO. Contact was light with a total of 5 contacts. Today's statistics: 1 US KHA, 2 UA WHA (medevac). Enemy assessment: 9 VC KIA (BC), 2 returnees, 1 SKS, 1 LMG, 1 AK-47, 1 M16, 1 sampan sunk, 6 tons rice.

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

A/1-502 IN provided security for COCO Beach installation and ambush vicinity YD868300, YD803331 and YD819307.

B/1-502 IN (Working with 1 PF platoon). Occupied night position vicinity YD833229 and ambushed vicinity YD839228, YD836234 and YD829228. At 2150H ambush moving into position, vicinity YD836234 received SA fire from approximately 4 enemy, resulting in 1 US WHA (medevac). Ambush returned SA fire and withdrew to the Co (-) night position. Artillery was fired with unknown results. During the day 12000 lbs of rice were bagged and extracted by 3 CH-47 sorties.

C/1-502 IN provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupied strong points at POL pumping station vicinity YD775250 and bridges along highway 551 and POL pipeline from vicinity YD787273 to YD795285. Ambushed vicinity YD797283.

D/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD880228 and ambush vicinity YD884227 and YD879231. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD885227 and YD863239.

Recon platoon occupied night position vicinity YD800268 and conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD803272, YD805276, and YD794280.

C/2-501 IN, Co (-) occupied strong points vicinity YD808186, bridge site vicinity YD838176 with 1 PF platoon at bridge site and ambushed vicinity YD787202, YD782204, YD799193, YD81218, YD819182, YD823182, YD825179. C/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon maintained liaison with 741<sup>st</sup> RF Company with 1 squad at bridge vicinity YD750210, 1 squad at bridge vicinity YD781209 and a platoon (-) at ICU Ramp vicinity YD772223, approximately 1200hrs. B/2-501 IN relieved C/2-501 IN in place and at 1300hr C/2-501 IN reverted to OPCON 2-501 IN BN, and B/2-501 IN became OPCON to 1-501 IN.

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

A/2-501 IN conducted joint operations with 1<sup>st</sup> Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Company and Headquarter elements of 1-54<sup>th</sup> (AVN) IN. Occupied joint night position vicinity YD639166. A/2-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon ambushed vicinity YD638169, 1-54<sup>th</sup> (ARVN) elements established platoon ambushes vicinity YD640168, YD637163 and YD637161. 1-54<sup>th</sup> (ARVN) conducted RIF operation returning to their AO, closing YD637161 at 1600H. A/2-501 IN conducted IF operation to vicinity YD634160 and conducted local patrolling.

B/2-501 IN provided security for FSB T-Bone and ambushed vicinity YD639204, YD655209, YD628229 and YD605237. At 2110H ambush vicinity YD605237 engaged 3 sampans moving N in SONG BO RIVER. Engaged with 90mm R, MG and SA. 1 sampan was sunk resulting in 9 VC KIA (BC). The other two sampans went ashore on west side of river and returned SA fire. The ambush withdrew and engaged the enemy with artillery. Negative further assessment. At 1034H, conducted heliborne movement from PZ's vicinity YD633239 and FSB T-Bone to LZ's vicinity YD765215 and YD794195. Closed LZ's at 1120H and relieved C/2-501 IN in place. OPCON 1-501 IN effective 1300H.



C/2-501 IN at 1200H returned OPCON 2-501 IN BN. At 1253H conducted heliborne movement from PZ's vicinity YD765215 and YD794195 to LZ's at FSB T-BONE and C/2-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon to an LZ at YD633269. Closed LZ's at 1340H. C/2-501 IN (-) assumed mission of providing security for FSB T-BONE and establishing local ambushes, C/2-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD605237.

D/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD611174 and ambushed vicinity YD614175 and YD608173. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD606167 and searched area vicinity YD6016. At YD604166 found 1 SKS and 1 LMG.

Recon platoon OPCON to D/2-501 IN. Ambushed vicinity YD612168. Conducted RIF operation to YD620164, then to D/2-501 IN position vicinity YD606167.

Locations of 2-501 IN BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB T-BONE, A/2-501 IN YD631162, B/2-501 IN OPCON 1-501 IN BN, C/2-501 IN FSB T-BONE, D/2-501 IN YD602171 and Recon platoon YD602171.

### 1-502 IN BN

A/1-502 IN and Recon platoon conducted joint operation with PF platoons from QUANG DIEN. A/1-502 IN with 2 PF platoons made a night movement and established blocking positions oriented NE from YD630374 and YD652360. Recon platoon with 10 PF's conducted a night movement to a blocking position oriented N from vicinity YD655358 to YD670356. 2 reinforced PF platoons moved by sampan during the night to YD638390 and established an attack position vicinity YD638388. At 0600H the 2 reinforced PF platoons along with 2 PF platoons with A/1-502 IN conducted a sweep of the village area from vicinity YD637377 SE towards a PF platoon blocking to the W vicinity YD670360. A PF platoon was airlifted in at 090H to YD660367, to reinforce the elements searching the area. Results of operation: PF platoons had 9 VC KIA (BC), 5 VC POW, 1 returnee, 1 CHICOM carbine, 1 M6 and 1 M1 Carbine. A/1-502 IN had 2 returnees, 1 M16 and 1 AK-47. In addition, a returnee led a PF platoon to 2 caches vicinity YD723329 (moved by UH-1) containing 33 60mm mortar rounds, 600 rounds SA and 1 additional returnee. The operation terminated at 1430H and A/1-502 IN moved to YD668357 the Recon platoon returned to FSB OMAHA.

B/1-502 IN occupied night position on both sides of river vicinity YD695301 securing bulldozers and floating raft.

C/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD765344 and ambushed vicinity YD757337 and YD758326. Conducted RIF operation with 10 PF's to YD700327, to village vicinity YD686306. At 1240H vicinity YD685305 received sniper fire from one enemy. Returned SA fire and began to maneuver. At 1250H vicinity YD685305 sustained 1 US KHA and 1 US WHA (medevac – serious), from 105mm round BBT. C/1-502 IN moved out of village to YD693320 and fired artillery in the area of BBT.

D/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO BRIDGE and occupied strong points vicinity YD600310, YD605311 and YD611312. Secured minesweep from AN LO BRIDGE NW to vicinity YD592307 and NE to YD669324. During the day D/1-502 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon, 4 tanks and PF platoon secured engineer road repair operation from AN LO BRIDGE NE to vicinity YD653313. (206<sup>th</sup> RF Company provided security for road repair from YD653313 to YD699324).

Remarks: The bulldozer clearing operation resulted in 500 meters by 150 meters in village area being razed, and 83 bunkers destroyed.

Locations of 1-502 IN BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB OMAHA, A/1-502 IN YD668346, B/1-502 IN YD69530, C/1-502 IN YD695315, D/1-502 IN AN LO BRIDGE, and Recon platoon YD670325.

### 2BDE

Brigade Security Platoon provided security for minesweep N and S from LZ Sally.

(Commanders Situation Report; 302001H June 1968 – 012000H July 1968; MAJ James M. Higgins, Kayo 3)

30 June 1968

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

30 June 1968

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

30 June 1969

**Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** All units continued RIF operations in the AO as activity continued a minor scale; the enemy was apparently avoiding decisive contact. At 1415H, D/1-502 IN observed two NVA swimming in the river; the element engaged the swimmers, killing 1 NVA. At 1705H, C/1-502 IN, vicinity AS961960, received enemy small arms fire that resulted in 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA; the element returned fire with negative assessment.

30 June 1969

**Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** A/1-502 IN was extracted to CHU LAI BEACH for stand-down. B/1-502 IN continued security of ARTY at old HAU DUC and secured PZ for A/1-502 IN. C/1-502 IN RIF to east along stream bed and vicinity AS981160 received small arms fire resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA. D/1-502 IN engaged 2 NVA in stream vicinity AS931966 resulting in 1 NVA KIA. At 1930H, Recon platoon discovered a but on a main trail vicinity AS934953 containing 37 122mm rockets and heard voices further down the trail indicating a large enemy force. Because of the time, Recon set up an ambush 200 meters east to await first light for detailed search.



30 June 1970

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

July 1971

**Operation LAM SON 720:** July saw STRIKE Force Battalion still in Operation LAM SON 720. The mission of the battalion was to fix the position of the K-2 NVA Battalion, believed to be operating near FSB TENNESSEE and to interdict enemy traffic. At all times, the basic mission of the battalion was to deny the enemy food, freedom of movement and flexibility of operations. This was accomplished by conducting preplanned air strikes and artillery fires. (2-502d Unit History, 1971)

01 July 1967

**Operation MALHEUR:** 2-502 IN BN had five light contacts resulting in 7 VC KIA (C). (HQ, 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; Operations After Action Report, Operation MALHEUR; 2 September 1967)

01 July 1968

Today marked the first day of air mobility for the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. In light action in the south, troopers from the 3BDE continued Operations TOAN THANG II while in the north Operations NEVADA EAGLE was continuing its rice denial program with the 1BDE and 2BDE. B/1-501 IN continued to gather enemy rice by capturing six tons 6km east of Hue. (Rendezvous with Destiny; Volume 1, Number 3; Fall 1968)

01 – 02 July 1967

**Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** 2BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV continued to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation NEVADA EAGLE to limit and disrupt attempts made by the enemy to extort the VN rice prediction throughout the coastal plains area and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installations in the 2BDE AO. Contact was light with a total of 6 contacts. Today's statistics: 1 US WHA (medevac); Enemy assessment: 10 VC KIA (BC), (4 of which were killed by Army Aviation), 3 VC POW, 2 AK-50's, 1 AK-47, 1 LMG, 1 HMG, 1 M1, 1 SKS.

### 1-501 IN BN

A/1-501 IN Provided security for COCO Beach and ambushed vicinity YD872302, YD8Q3331, and YD818307.

B/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD828225 and ambushed vicinity YD829228 and YD827222, established a blocking position oriented NE from vie ID836222 to YD844214 in support of D/1-501 IN and Recon platoon. While enroute to blocking position, at 0845H vicinity YD842220 picked up 2 detainees, at 0907H vicinity YD835225 picked up 1 detainee. Operation terminated at 1020H and B/1-501 IN conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD828225. At 1913H vicinity YD833237 engaged 1 VC with SA. Received 2 rounds SA fire. Negative casualties, negative enemy assessment.

C/1-501 IN provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupied strong points at POL pumping station vicinity YD775250 and bridges along highway 551 and POL pipeline from vicinity YD787273 to YD795285. Ambushed vicinity YD803288.

D/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD866236 and ambushed vicinity YD868239 and YD861239 at 2000H vicinity YD869240 engaged 4-5 enemy with SA fire, received SA fire in return. Negative casualties, negative enemy assessment. At 1345H received 3 60mm mortar rounds and SA fire vicinity of night position. Artillery was fired at suspected enemy position. Negative casualties. At 0637H vicinity YD838233 found 1 VC KIA (BC). Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD850220, with B/1-501 IN and Recon platoon occupying blocking position in support of D/1-501 IN. At 0943H PF platoon was lifted by UH-1 to D/1-501 IN location vicinity YD865235 and conducted operation with D/1-501 IN. At 1130H vicinity YD862227 wounded and captured 1 VC POW trying to escape.

Recon platoon occupied night position vicinity YD796276. At 0706H conducted an Eagle Flights to LZ's vicinity YD854215, YD850215, YD847215, YD858212 and established blocking position oriented N in support of D/1-501 IN. While in a blocking position Recon platoon engaged and killed 4 VC, captured 1 SKS, and detained 6 personnel (2 VC POW (WIA), 3 CD, 1 IC). From 0815H to 0935H a PF platoon occupied blocking positions with Recon platoon. At 0950H the Recon platoon moved by UH-1 from PZ vicinity YD859212 and returned to FSB MONGOOSE.

B/2-501 IN (-) occupied strong points vicinity YD808186, bridge site vicinity YD838176 with 1 PF platoon at bridge site and ambushed vicinity YD788201, YD793197, YD799194, YD809187, YD815185, YD823180, YD828178 and YD833177. B/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon maintained liaison with 741<sup>st</sup> RF Company with 1 squad at bridge YD750210, 1 squad at bridge vicinity YD781209 and platoon (-) at LCU Ramp vicinity YD772223.

Remarks: LFT in support of Recon platoon's Eagle Flights resulted in 4 VC KBAA (BC).

Location of BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB MONGOOSE, A/1-501 IN YD845320, B/1-501 IN YD836235, C/1-501 IN FSB MONGOOSE, D/1-501 IN YD853219, Recon platoon YD800268 and B/2-501 IN YD738186.

### 2-501 IN BN

A/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD631162 and ambushed vicinity YD631157 and YD631164. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD627158, YD621159 and YD620164.

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

C/2-501 IN (-) provided security for FSB T-BONE with C/2-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon and C/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon ambushing vicinity YD610235, YD609231, YD655215 and YD647221. C/2-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD642188, YD643187 and returned. C/2-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon searched the area vicinity YD604238 (site where ambushed was initiated on 30 June) finding 2 VC KIA (previously counted) and 1 AK-47, then conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD636239 and returned to FSB T-BONE by UH-1.



D/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD602171 and ambushed vicinity YD604169 and YD605165. CP move to company base vicinity YD603167 and D/2-501 IN (-) conducted patrols vicinity YD6016. At 1144H vicinity YD598163 found grave containing 1 VC KIA (BC) approximately 2 days prior.

Recon platoon OPCON D/2-501 IN

Location of BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB T-BONE, A/2-501 IN YD620164, B/2-501 IN OPCON 1-501 IN BN, C/2-501 IN FSB T-BONE, D/2-501 IN YD600162 and Recon platoon YD605155.

### 1-502 IN BN

A/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD663247. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD663319 and provided security for the engineer road repair from vicinity YD652212 to D669324. 2<sup>nd</sup> squad provided security for engineer equipment and operators at PHO LAI Bridge (YD669324).

B/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD695302 provided security for bulldozer and floating raft. Secured bulldozer clearing operation vicinity YD805307. At 1055H vicinity YD704308 a bulldozer uncovered a bunker containing 2 AK-50, 1 M1, 1 LMG and 1 HMG.

C/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD695315 and ambushed vicinity YD685311 and YD690305. C/1-502 IN (-) conducted RIF operation with 20 PF's to village YD686306 and C/1-502 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon blocked vicinity YD685309 and YD686315. At 0718H vicinity YD685310 received sniper fire. Negative casualties. Artillery was fired with unknown results. At 1524H vicinity YD682308 received sniper fire. Negative casualties. Artillery was fired with unknown results.

D/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO BRIDGE and occupied strong points vicinity YD600310, YD605311 and YD611312. Secured minesweep from AN LO BRIDGE NW to vicinity YD592307 and NE to YD669234. During the day, D/1-502 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon 4 tanks and 1 PF platoon secured engineer road repair operation from AN LO BRIDGE NE to vicinity YD653313. D/1-502 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon with 1 PF platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD619299. At 1055H vicinity YD607300, received 4 M79 rounds. Negative results. At 1145H vicinity YD619299 received 6 60mm mortar resulting in 1 US WHA (medevac) and 1 PF WHA (medevac). At 1255H vicinity YD619299 found and destroyed 1 105mm BBT.

Recon platoon occupied night position vicinity YD669325 providing security for engineer equipment and operators. Conducted RIF operation with 206<sup>th</sup> RF Company to vicinity YD675307 and YD680310. At 1409H moved by UH-1 to YD696290 from YD669324. At 0925H vicinity YD667309 received SA fire. Negative casualties. Artillery was fired with unknown results.

Locations of BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB OMAHA, A/1-502 IN YD613304, B/1-502 IN YD695302, C/1-502 IN YD692295, D/1-502 IN AN LO BRIDGE and Recon platoon YD695290.

### 2BDE

2BDE Security platoon provided security for minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

(Commanders Situation Report; 012001H June 1968 – 022000H July 1968; MAJ James M. Higgins, Kayo 3)

01 July 1968

1-502 IN BN continued search and clear operations. Elements form "Pistol Pete" (Sweet Banner 65), PF, Recon, and A/1-502 IN combined in joint operations vicinity YD6338. Results: 2 VC KIA. Later 1NVA and 1 VC HOI CHANH to A/1-502 IN, PF's with Alpha killed 3 VC, 3 VC POW.

01 July 1969

**Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** 1BDE and the 1-502 IN BN observed the new fiscal year with the largest cache discovery of Operation LAMAR PLAIN as all units continued extensive RIF operations with light enemy contact. At 1034H, D/1-502 IN, vicinity AS944955, had their point man engage and wound 1 NVA at a range of 75 meters, the NVA and two weapons were captured and evacuated. At 1204H, C/1-502 IN, vicinity AS997963, observed and engaged an NVA, and in the ensuing fire fight suffered 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA. At 1445H, Recon/1-502 IN, vicinity AS932955, found 5 huts measuring 15 by 12 feet and containing approximately 10 tons of weapons and munitions to include 29 SKS, 72 AK47, one M-1, three 60mm mortars, thirty-seven 122mm rockets, 13 cases AK47 ammunition, thirteen 75mm RR rounds, 284 RPG rounds, 8 assorted artillery rounds, 10 cases SKS ammunition, 19 cases of blasting caps and numerous mortar fuses. At 1810H, C/1-502 IN, vicinity AS975971 found a small lean-to containing two hundred 82mm mortar rounds and 78 RPG rounds.

01 July 1969

**Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** While on a RIF to the west, C/1-502 IN engaged 1 NVA resulting in 1 NVA officer POW, 2 IWC. POW indicated that he desired to surrender because, "American Forces are everywhere." At 1810H vicinity BS975971 C/1-502 IN discovered an ammunition cache containing 200 82mm mortar rounds and 78 B40 rockets. Vicinity AS934955 Recon platoon found a cache containing 111 IW, 33 CSW and 3 tons of ammunition.

1 – 11 July 1970

For the first 11 days of July D/2-501 IN operated in the vicinity of FSB O'REILLEY without any contact or notable incidents.

01 July 1970

1BDE passed operational control of the 2-501 IN BN to the 2BDE and responsibility for FSB BRICK and area XRAY to the 4-54 Regiment (ARVN). The 2-501 IN BN moved by air from vicinity FSB BRICK to PHU BAI COMBAT BASE to prepare for movement to Camp EVANS and redeployment.



01 July 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** At YD852059 an old campfire site was located showing signs of use two to three months ago. D/1-502 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon found two one-man foxholes at YD803089. They appeared to have been used the last three days.

01 – 31 July 1971 During this period the 1-501 IN BN conducted search and attack operations in its assigned area of operation. During the period of 01 July to 04 July the battalion secured CAMP BOOKS and ASP 107 in DA NANG. On 04 July, the 1-501 IN BN (-) occupied FSB RIFLE vicinity 863987 on 04 July and assumed responsibilities for FSB RIFLE AO. B/1-501 IN and D/1-501 IN OPCON to 1-501 IN from 04 July to 11 July. A/1-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon and C/1-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon provided security for FSB BOISE from 23 -21 31 July. B/1-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon secured FSB BRICK for 326<sup>th</sup> Engineer element from 28 July to 31 July. E/1-501 IN, mortars provided 81mm support for the battalion form FSB RIFLE.

01 July 1971 1-501 IN BN received report of sniper fire at bunker 43 at CAMP BOOKS, hit 15 yards in from of their position. Checked-negative results.

02 July 1967 **Operation MALHEUR:** Five light contacts by the 2-502 IN BN resulted in 7 VC KIA (C) and capture of 1 detainee and 1 individual weapon. (HQ, 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV: Operations After Action Report; Operation MALHEUR; 2 September 1967)

02 – 03 July 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** 2BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV continued to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation NEVADA EAGLE to limit and disrupt attempts made by the enemy to export the VN rice production throughout the coastal plains area and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installation in the 2BDE AO. Contact was light with a total of 6 contacts. Today's statistics: 4 US WHA (medevac). Enemy assessment: 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 sampan destroyed.

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

A/1-501 IN provided security for COCO Beach installation and ambushed vicinity YD865305, YD817307 and YD803331. At 2215H vicinity YD871300 ambush while moving to night position engaged 4 enemy, SA fire was returned, artillery was fired in support. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

B/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD836235 and ambushed YD833237 and YD839223. At 0742H vicinity YD835237 found and destroyed 2 BBT grenades. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD842242 and YD839248. At 0932H vicinity YD837238 received SA and AW fire from approximately 4 enemy. Engaged with artillery. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment,

C/1-501 IN provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupied strong points at POL pumping station vicinity YD775250 and bridges along highway 551 and POL pipeline from vicinity YD787273 to YD795285. Ambushed vicinity YD809889.

D/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD853219 am ambushed vicinity YD856227 and YD847225. Conducted RIF operation to YD867213 and YD851198. At 0855H vicinity YD863215 found am destroyed 2 punji pits (2' by 2').

Recon platoon occupied night ambush vicinity YD800268. Returned to FSB MONGOOSE and continued to vicinity YD781273, then at 1715H returned to FSB MONGOOSE.

B/2-501 IN (-) occupied strong points vicinity YD808186, bridge site vicinity YD838176 with 1 PF platoon at bridge site and ambushed vicinity YD792198, YD795196, YD804190, YD811186, YD816184, YD825180, YD828179 and YD832179. B/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon maintained liaison with 741<sup>st</sup> RF Company with 1 squad at bridge vicinity YD750210, 1 squad at bridge vicinity YD781209 and platoon (-) at LCU Ramp vicinity YD772223.

Locations of BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB MONGOOSE, A/1-501 IN YD845320, B/1-501 IN YD821248, C/1-501 IN FSB MONGOOSE, D/1-501 IN YD843212 and Recon platoon FSB MONGOOSE.

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

A/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD620164 and ambushed vicinity YD623156. Moved to PZ vicinity YD619163 and at 1320H conducted heliborne movement to FSB T-BONE and assumed security mission.

B/2-501 IN OPCON 1-501 IN

C/2-501 IN (-) provided security for FSB T-BONE with C/2-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon and C/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon ambushing vicinity YD650215, YD655200 and YD667226. C/2-501 IN moved to a LZ vicinity YD653227 and conducted a combat assault at 0740H to an LZ vicinity YD588156. Closed LZ at 0822H. CP moved to YD581159 that platoons conducted patrolling vicinity YD5815.

D/2-501 IN occupied position vicinity YD600162 and ambushed vicinity YD606163. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD593163.

Recon platoon OPCON D/2-501 IN. Ambushed vicinity YD612152, YD605155 and YD612162.

Locations of BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB T-BONE, A/2-501 IN FSB T-BONE, B/2-501 IN YD808186, C/2-501 IN YD577162, D/2-501 IN YD595164 and Recon platoon YD588156.



## 1-502 IN BN

A/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD605300. Conducted RIF operation with 1 PF platoon to vicinity YD606290. At 1215H vicinity YD610280 engaged 3 VC with negative assessment. At 1935H vicinity YD605302 received SA fire from 1 enemy. Negative casualties. Artillery fired with unknown results.

B/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD695302 providing security for bulldozers and floating raft. B/1-502 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD685305. At 1400H vicinity YD684304 received SA fire from 4 VC. Negative casualties. Artillery fired with unknown results.

C/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD692294 and ambushed vicinity YD701290 and YD684309. At 0900H, C/1-502 IN (-) secured an LZ for 80 PF's vicinity YD709289, Conducted RIF operation with 1 PF platoon YD683309. At 1418H vicinity YD683309 received sniper fire. Negative casualties. At 1455H vicinity YD682309 engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1517H vicinity YD682309 engaged 1 VC with negative enemy assessment. At 1550H vicinity YD681309 sustained 1 US WHA (medevac) from sniper fire.

D/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO BRIDGE and occupied strong points vicinity YD600310, YD605311 and YD611312. Secured minesweep from AN LO BRIDGE NW to vicinity YD592307 and NE to YD669324. During the day D/1-502 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon, 4 tanks and 1 PF platoon secured engineer road repair operation from AN LO BRIDGE NE to vicinity YD653313. At 0940H outpost vicinity YD643310 sustained 3 US WHA (medevac) from 2 grenades. Tanks in support fired beehive with negative assessment.

Recon platoon occupied night position vicinity YD695290. Secured LZ vicinity YD700289 for 80 PF's from 0800H to 0920H. Conducted RIF operation with PF's to vicinity YD688280. From 1830H to 1900H the PF's were shuttled by UH-1 back to QUANG DIEN.

1/C/2-34 Armor OPCON to D/1-502 IN.

Remarks: No progress was made on village razing by bulldozers, as all bulldozers were non-operable or required maintenance. From 1130H to 1230H the heavily vegetated area vicinity YD60290 and YD602288 were sprayed with herbicides by UH-1.

Locations of BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB OMAHA, A/1-502 IN YD602292, B/1-502 IN YD695302, C/1-502 IN YD681314, D/1-502 IN AN LO BRIDGE, Redon platoon YD684285.

(Commanders Situation Report; 022001H June 1968 – 032000H July 1968; MAJ James M. Higgins, Kayo 3)

- 02 July 1968 1-502 IN BN continued operations with 5 tanks attached to Delta Company, 4 dozers (RP) to Bravo. Light contact with 1 VC KIA (stay behind ambush), 1 US and 1 PF WIA by BBT.
- 02 July 1968 Actions continued to be sporadic in all brigade area of operation. The lull in fighting was broken with the capture of six tons of rice by paratroopers of B1-501 IN. Increased contact with mines and booby traps prevailed in the coastal plains area of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade. (Rendezvous with Destiny; Volume 1, Number 3; Fall 1968)
- 02 July 1969 2-502 IN BN conducts a four-company assault into the high ground south of PHU LOC to search out and destroy enemy units and installations. (Rendezvous with Destiny (Volume 2, Number 3); Fall 1969)
- 02 July 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** /1-502 IN continued with FSSE security mission and B/1-502 IN continued with ARTY security at old HAU DUC. While searching vicinity AS976971 C/1-502 IN found an ammunition cache with indications that water buffalo were the means of transportation. D/1-502 IN RIF to the west and assisted Recon platoon in maintaining security and evacuation of all weapons and samples from the ammunition cache.
- 02 July 1970 2-501 IN BN passed to the operational control of the 3BDE and assaulted into landing zones south and southwest of FS/OB RIPCORDER. The battalion CP collocated on the firebase with the CP, 2-506 IN BN. (HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; Operational Report, Period ending 31 July 1970; 15 August 1970)
- 02 – 31 July 1971 **Operation LAM SON 720:** The point element of A/2-502 IN detonated a booby trap resulting in one STRIKE Force Trooper KIA and three others WIA. Personnel operating in the FSB TENNESSEE area became wary when approaching suspected enemy locations. On one occasion, elements of D/2-502 IN received two rounds of incoming mortar near their location without suffering any casualties. Sweep operations continued in the AO and members of the battalion found numerous trails, huts, and bunkers. The operation on and around FSB TENNESSEE revealed there was substantial enemy activity in that area. Increased air strikes, flame drops, and artillery fires were placed on the suspected enemy locations. In mid-month, the Battalion moved off FSB TENNESSEE and established FSB SPEAR. This move provided support for operations in the area and to provide screening elements for the southern area of operations. During this period, the Battalion TOC was located at FSB NORMANDY, with this unit continuing its operations in the AO without any significant contact with the enemy. The STRIKE Force Battalion continued its successful interdiction of enemy infiltration routes and denied the enemy its basic needs. The end of July brought to a close of Operation LAM SON 720 and ushered in the renewal of Operation JEFFERSON GLEN.



03 July – 02 August 1967

**Operation MALHEUR I:** 1-327 IN BN was removed from the search to conduct Operation LAKE. This operation, directed by Task Force OREGON, consisted of providing road security for engineer units working on Route 1 from DIEN TROUNG to SA HUYNH. This assignment lasted until 12 July. Meanwhile, the 2-327 IN BN and 2-502 IN BN aggressively sought to fix and destroy the 2<sup>nd</sup> VC Regiment. The 1-327 IN BN rejoined the effort on 14 July. The operation continued until 2 August, as significant enemy contacts declined.

03 July 1967

**Operation MALHEUR:** 2-502 IN had four light contacts resulting in 2 VC KIA (C) and capture of 3 detainees. (HQ, 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV: Operations After Action Report; Operation MALHEUR; 2 September 1967)

03 – 04 July 1968

**Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** 2BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV continued to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation NEVADA EAGLE to limit and disrupt attempts made by the enemy to extort the VN rice production throughout the coastal plains area and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installations in the 2BDE AO. Contact was light with a total of 7 contacts. Today's statistics: 5 NVA KIA (BC), 17 VC POW, 3 M1 Carbines, 1 K-44, 14,200lbs rice.

### 1-501 IN BN

A/1-501 IN provided security for COCO Beach and ambushed vicinity YD870304, YD830331 and YD818308.

B/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD821248 and ambushed vicinity YD822245. Established blocking position in support of operation with elements of C/1-501 IN and the Recon Platoon. B/1-501 IN blocked from YD810255 to YD823246 oriented N. Approximately 1200H, B/1-501 IN moved B/1-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon to blocking positions vicinity YD809260 to YD818260, B/1-501 IN (-) moved NE to YD825273 and C/1-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon converted to OPCON of B/1-501 IN then conducted RIF operation thru village vicinity YD820268. Vicinity YD812264 found 1 M1 Carbine. At 1607H 1 squad moved by UH-1 from vicinity YD815256 to LZ YD823288 and found 1 VC WIA POW and 1 M1 Carbine. At 1620H the B/1-501 IN began moving towards FSB MONGOOSE, logging at YD822213,

C/1-501 IN provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and secured the bridges and POL pipeline along highway 551 and ambushed vicinity YD807286. 1 squad moved overland to vicinity YD811285 in support of Recon platoon and B/1-501 IN. C/1-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon conducted combat assault at 0646H from FSB MONGOOSE to LZ vicinity YD825273, and established blocking position from vicinity YD823273 to YD833270. At 1159H, C/1-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon became OPCON to B/1-501 IN. At 1620H returned to OPCON of C/1-501 IN and returned to FSB MONGOOSE.

D1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD843212 and ambushed vicinity YD847205 and YD840212. At 0611H ambush received SA fire vicinity YD847205. Artillery was fired with unknown results. Conducted RIF along river to vicinity YD829219, the SW to YD829213. At 1158H vicinity YD821213 and YD821216, found and extracted 14, 200lbs rice. At 1705H, D/1-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon was airlifted to COCO Beach.

Recon platoon at 0656H conducted EAGLE FLIGHTS from FSB MONGOOSE to 5 LZ's vicinity YD8025 and blocked from YD805263 to YD802268. At 1115H captured 1 VC. At 1625H returned to FSB MONGOOSE.

B/2-501 IN (-) occupied strong points vicinity YD808186, bridge site vicinity YD838176 with 1 PF platoon at bridge site and ambushed vicinity YD788199, YD793197, YD804191, YD813186, YD815184, YD821179, YD826178 and YD832176. B/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon maintained liaison with 741<sup>st</sup> RF Company with 1 squad at bridge vicinity YD750210, 1 squad at bridge vicinity YD781209 and platoon (-) at LCU Ramp vicinity YD772223.

**Remarks:** The operation conducted by B/1-501 IN, Recon platoon and elements of C/1-501 IN resulted in 4 VC (BC) by Army Aviation and 5 VC (BC) by ground forces. The ground troops also detained 91 personnel which were classified as 17 VC POW, 62 CD, 2 IC and 10 unclassified. The total weapons captured during the operation 3 M1 Carbine and 1 K-44.

Locations of BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB MONGOOSE, A/1-501 IN YD845320, B/1-501 IN YD800267, C/1-501 IN FSB MONGOOSE, D/1-501 IN YD824214, Recon platoon FSB MONGOOSE and B/2-501 IN YD808186.

### 2-501 IN BN

A/2-501 IN provided security for FSB T-BONE and ambushed vicinity YD650225, YD647218, YD658217 and YD663214. A/2-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon moved by UH-1 to YD628224 at 0808H. Conducted IRF operation to vicinity YD614235 and conducted local patrol.

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

C/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD577162 and ambushed vicinity YD581164. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD577161, YD576160 and YD568167.

D/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD595164 and ambushed vicinity YD590161. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD590163 and YD589169.

Recon platoon OPCON to D/2-501 IN. Ambushed vicinity YD588156. Conducted patrols vicinity YD5716 and YD5717.

**Remarks:** At 1400H a 60 drum CS drop was conducted vicinity YD624144.

Location of BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB T-BONE, A/2-501 IN FSB T-BONE, B/2-501 IN OPCON 1-501 IN BN, C/2-501 IN YD567166, D/2-501 IN YD568171 and Recon platoon YD577172.





## 1-502 IN BN

A/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD602292 and ambushed vicinity YD603299 and YD604282. At 2250H night position received 3 60mm mortar rounds. Negative casualties. Artillery was fired with unknown results. At 0600H vicinity YD604287 ambush returning detonated a 105mm BBT resulting in 3 US WIA (medevac – 1 serious). At 0655H vicinity YD604287 found and destroyed 105mm BBT. During the day occupied OP's vicinity YD616306 to YD606286. At 0747H vicinity YD608297 observed and engaged approximately 10 enemy. Negative enemy assessment.

B/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD695302 securing bulldozer and floating raft. B/1-502 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon established blocking position vicinity YD687304 in support of C/1-502 IN. At 1223H vicinity YD687304 sustained 1 US WHA (medevac) from 60mm mortar BBT.

C/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD681314 and ambushed vicinity YD677319, YD685319 and YD678302. Conducted search of village vicinity YD660285 and YD668288, moving from SW to NE. Enroute to village vicinity YD670290 and YD675297 found and destroyed 3 105mm round BBT. At 1535H vicinity YD672299 received sniper fire resulting in 1 US WHA (medevac). Artillery was fired with unknown results.

D/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO BRIDGE and occupied strong points vicinity YD600310, YD605311 and YD611312. Secured minesweep from AN LO BRIDGE NW to vicinity YD592307 and NE to YD669324. During the day D/1-502 IN, 2nd platoon, 4 tanks and 1 PF platoon secured engineer and repair operation from AN LO BRIDGE NE to vicinity YD653313.

Recon platoon occupied night position vicinity YD684285 and ambushed vicinity YD684282. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD689300. At 1800H reverted to OPCON of B/1-502 IN.

1/C/2-34 Armor platoon (-) OPCON D/1-502 IN. 2 tanks OPCON A/1-502 IN.

**Remarks:** EAGLE FLIGHTS of PF's at 0855H vicinity YD728332 landed and engaged approximately 5 VC. LFT in support engaged and killed 3 VC (BC). Bulldozer razing operation resulted in 300 meters of hedgerow destroyed and 50 meters by 50 meters of village destroyed. At 1340H vicinity YD627384 elements of the 1<sup>st</sup> ACD found graves containing 2 VC KIA (BC) and 1 NVA KIA (BC) killed by A/1-502 IN operation in this area on 1 July 1968.

Locations of BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB OMAHA, A/1-502 IN YD603299, B/1-502 IN YD695301, C/1-502 IN YD668303, D/1-502 IN AN LO BRIDGE and Recon platoon YD695301.

## 2BDE

2BDE HHC Security platoon provided security for minesweep N and S from LZ Sally.

(Commanders Situation Report; 032001H June 1968 – 042000H July 1968; MAJ James M. Higgins, Kayo 3)

03 July 1968 Because of heavy BBT in vicinity YD6129 artillery preps followed by air strikes were used prior to troops entering the area. C/1-502 IN had 1 VC KIA and 1 US WIA from sniper fire. A/1-502 IN had 3 WIA by Chi Com grenades. A/1-502 IN captured 3 VC.

03 July 1968 2BDE had extremely light action reported as the paratroopers killed eight enemy in four scattered contacts. (Rendezvous with Destiny (Volume 1, Number 3); Fall 1968)

03 July 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** The enemy continued to avoid major contact as all units continued to search for the enemy; the 1-501 IN BN conducted multiple CA into LZ to the east of LZ PROFESSIONAL with negative enemy contact. At 0920H, B/1-46 IN, vicinity BT155099, engaged one NVA moving down a trail, resulting in 1 NVA KIA. At 1045H, D/1-502 IN, vicinity AS947954, received sporadic sniper fire resulting in 1 US WIA. At 1047H, C/1-502 IN, vicinity AS979968, recorded a second sniper incident resulting in 1 US WIA. At 1520H, C/1-502 IN, vicinity AS993961, engaged 2-3 enemy, recording 1 NVA KIA and 2 IWC. (HQ, 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)

03 July 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** C/1-502 IN was engaged by one enemy sniper vicinity AS979968 resulting in 1 US WIA. C/1-502 IN engaged 2 NVA vicinity AS993961 resulting in 1 NVA KIA, 2 IWC. D/1-502 IN engaged 2 sniper's vicinity AS947954 resulting in 1 US WIA.

03 July 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** Three rounds of unknown origin or direction landed near FSB BIRMINGHAM with negative casualties.

04 July 1967 **Operation MALHEUR:** 2-502 IN BN had one light contact resulting in 1 VC KIA (C). (HQ, 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV: Operations After Action Report; Operation MALHEUR; 2 September 1967)

04 – 05 July 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** 2BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV continued to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation NEVADA EAGLE to limit and disrupt attempts made by the enemy to extort the VN rice production throughout the coastal plains area and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installation in the 2BDE AO. Contact was light with a total of 8 contacts. Today's statistics: 1 US KHA, 5 US WHA (medevac). Enemy assessment: 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC POW, 2 AK-47, 1 K-44, 1 LMG, 6.1 tons rice and 9 82mm mortar rounds.



## **1-501 IN BN**

A/1-501 IN provided security for COCO Beach and ambushed vicinity YD864308 and YD802331. At 1118H conducted a combat assault from COCO Beach to LZ vicinity YD884227. Closed LZ at 1234H. At 1228H 12 PF's from PHU TU were lifted to the vicinity of the LZ and conducted operations with A/1-501 IN. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD875235. At 1240H vicinity YD884227 found and destroyed 9 82mm mortar rounds. At 1428H vicinity YD875235 sustained 1 US WHA (medevac) from AP mine.

B/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD800267. At 0826H returned to FSB MONGOOSE and assumed mission from C/1-501 IN of providing security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupying strong points at bridge site along highway 551 and at POL pumping station vicinity YD750210.

C/1-501 IN provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupied strong points at bridge sites along highway 551, POL pumping station vicinity YD750210 and ambushed vicinity YD802285. When relieved of security mission by B/1-501 IN, conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD786239 and along both sides of river to vicinity YD798246, then company closed on north side of canal. At 1828H, vicinity YD798246, 1 platoon engaged a VC squad on the S side of the canal, with SA and AW. SA fire was returned. Artillery was fired with unknown results. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

D/1-501 IN (-) occupied night position vicinity YD824214 and ambushed vicinity YD821216 and YD821212. During the morning elements bagged and provided security for extraction of 10,150lbs rice vicinity YD822213. At 1533H conducted a heliborne movement from PZ vicinity YD822213 to COCO Beach, joining D/1-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon. Closing LZ at 1613H and assumed mission of providing security for COCO Beach.

Recon platoon OPCON C/1-501 IN.

B/2-501 IN (-) occupied strong points vicinity YD808186, bridge site vicinity YD838176 with 1 PF platoon at bridge site and ambushed vicinity YD790198, YD793197, YD804192, YD810188, YD814185, YD823181, YD827179 and YD832176. B/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon maintained liaison with 741<sup>st</sup> RF Company with 1 squad at bridge vicinity YD750210, 1 squad at bridge vicinity YD781209 and platoon (-) at LCU Ramp vicinity YD772223.

**Remarks:** The C&C Ship engaged and killed 2 VC at 1529H vicinity YD830205, also captured 2 AK-47's.

Locations of BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB MONGOOSE, A/1-501 IN YD877237, B/1-501 IN FSB MONGOOSE, C/1-501 IN YD798246, D/1-501 IN YD845320, Recon platoon YD798246 and B/2-501 IN YD808186.

## **2-501 IN BN**

A/2-501 IN provided security for FSB T-BONE and ambushed vicinity YD611224, YD611225 and YD643230. At 2130H the ambush vicinity YD611224 observed 5 sampans, 3 of which banked vicinity YD607224. At 0305H received 2 rounds sniper fire resulting in 1 US WHA (medevac). A/2-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon conducted RIF from vicinity YD611224 to YD614224, YD628210, YD635194 and closed FSB T-Bone.

B/2-501 IN OPCON 1-501 IN

C/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD567166 and ambushed vicinity YD573164 and YD572167. C/2-501 IN displaced to vicinity YD572170 conducted RIF operations vicinity YD5616 and YD5617.

D/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD586171 and ambushed vicinity YD584179. Conducted platoon RIF operations vicinity YD5817 and YD5717.

Recon platoon OPCON D/2-501 IN. Ambushed vicinity YD577172. Conducted RIF operation vicinity YD5717.

Locations of BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB T-BONE, A/2-501 IN FSB T-BONE, B/2-501 IN OPCON 1-501 IN, C/2-501 IN YD568175, D/2-501 IN YD577171 and Recon platoon YD573181.

## **1-502 IN BN**

A/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD603299 and ambushed vicinity YD610298 and YD600293. Working with 2 tanks (1 with sheep head roller). A/1-502 IN conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD610280. At 1543H vicinity YD639196 found 1 LMG, buried and very rusty. At 1605H vicinity YD610280 sustained 1 US KHA and 1 US WHA (medevac) from BBT 250lb bomb. At 1725H vicinity YD610290 received sniper fire. Negative casualties. SA fire was returned with negative enemy assessment.

B/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD695301 and ambushed vicinity YD697299. Two (2) platoon and 1 PF platoon began moving at 0020H to positions around objective vicinity YD712312. At 0620H received SA fire from objective area, SA fire was returned. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC POW. At 1134H vicinity YD709294 found 1 K-44. One (1) platoon with OPCON Recon platoon secured the bulldozer clearing operation vicinity YD686304.

C/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD668303 and ambushed vicinity YD676305, YD673293 and YD683303. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD667317, YD675322. Search of village areas resulted in 3 detainees and destroyed 1 BBT RPG round vicinity YD675320.



D/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO BRIDGE and occupied strong points vicinity YD600310, YD605311 and YD611312. Secured minesweep from AN LO BRIDGE NW to vicinity YD592307 and HE to YD669324. During the day D/1-502 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon, 4 tanks and 1 PF platoon secured engineer road repair operation from AN LO BRIDGE NE to vicinity YD653313. At 2200H vicinity AN LO BRIDGE received 5 60mm mortar rounds. Negative casualties. ARVN artillery was fired with unknown results. At 2330H, 1 platoon provided security for helicopter that crashed vicinity YD619306.

Recon platoon OPCON B/1-502 IN until 1700H. At 1700H vicinity YD686304 found and destroyed 2 105mm rounds BBT. At 1940H vicinity YD670304 received sniper fire resulting in 1 US WHA (medevac). Artillery was fired with unknown results.

1/C/2-34 Armor platoon (-) OPCON D/1-502 IN. 2 Tanks OPCON A/1-502 IN.

**Remarks:** A PSYOPS mission was flown over village vicinity YD732327. The village razing operation resulted in 100 meters x 100 meters of the village area destroyed by the bulldozers.

Location of the BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB OMAHA, A/1-502 IN YD607279, B/1-502 IN YD694306, C/1-502 IN YD693315, D/1-502 IN AN LO BRIDGE, Recon platoon YD670304.

(Commanders Situation Report; 042001H June 1968 – 052000H July 1968; MAJ James M. Higgins, Kayo 3)

- 04 July 1968 1-502 IN BN continued operations with security for AN LO, mine sweep and search and clear operations. One eagle flight was flown. An Air Strike was called in on vicinity YD6029. Contact was light with Gunships killing 3 VC, 3 Bodies (2 VC and 1 NVA) KIA by artillery was discovered buried. The Battalion encountered many BBT's suffering 4 WIA and 15 tons of rice was recovered from cache.
- 04 July 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** 2-502 IN BN TAC CP relocated to FSB NORMANDY. Units operated to the southwest encountering light isolated contact.
- 04 July 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** Activity was light in the AO as the lull in the ground fighting continued. At 1450H, a Brigade LOH reconnaissance team, vicinity BT986942, received heavy ground fire and crashed the aircraft then exploded and burned, resulting in 3 US KIA. At 1650H, 1-501 IN BN, Recon platoon, vicinity BT227090, tripped a pressure-type mine resulting in 4 US WIA. At 1910, D/1-46 IN, vicinity BT149087, found the remains of 1 NVA KIA by small arms fire. (HQ, 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)
- 04 July 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** A/1-502 IN extracted from FSSE to LZ secured by C/1-502 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon and then RIF to the south along river. B/1-502 IN and Recon platoon extracted by CH-47 to CHU LAI BEACH for stand-down. C/1-502 IN relieved B/1-502 IN of ARTY security at old HAU DUC.
- 04 July 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** One soldier from B/1-502 IN was injured when burning trash exploded. He was taken to PHU BAI by ambulance. C/1-502 IN sighted and fired upon four NVA at 684124 during a period of extremely limited visibility. A sweep produced no results. D/1-502 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon found a Ho Chi Minh sandal at 745079.
- 04 July 1970 At 0950H, vicinity YD372170, an individual from C/2-501 IN while the company was conducting a search and attack operation southeast of FS/OB RIPCORD, detonated a booby trap consisting of five 82mm mortar rounds, placed along the trail and daisy chained. Three rounds were placed on the right side of the trail and two on the left. Five US were killed and five wounded. (HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; Operational Report, Period ending 31 July 1970; 15 August 1970)
- 04 July 1970 FS/OB RIPCORD was attacked by fire for the fourth day in a row. A total of nine attacks were directed at the firebase, three consisting of 82mm and 60mm mortar CS rounds. Three US were wounded. (HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; Operational Report, Period ending 31 July 1970; 15 August 1970)
- 04 July – 30 August 1971 1-501 IN BN moved to FSB RIFLE. B/1-502 IN and D/1-502 IN were OPCON to the 1-501 IN BN until after 11 July 1971. FSB BOISE was secured 23 – 31 July by A/1-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon and C/1-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon. Heavy use of flame drops, Tac air, heavy artillery and daisy cutters was employed in the AO, resulting in major NVA KIA's that were reported by 2-501 IN BN when they assumed responsibility for the RIFLE AO on 20 August 1971.
- 05 July 1967 **Operation MALHEUR:** 2-502 IN BN had 6 US WHA as a result of three light contacts. (HQ, 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; Operations After Action Report; Operation MALHEUR; 2 September 1967)
- 05 – 06 July 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** 2BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> BN 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: 7 US WHA (7 medevac). Enemy assessment: 7 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK-50, 1 SKS, 1 sub MG, 2.5 tons rice and 1 sampan.

### 1-501 IN BN

A/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD863238. At 2045H vicinity night position received 8 RPG rounds and SA fire. Negative casualties. Artillery was fired with unknown results. At 0115H engaged 2 enemy with artillery, negative enemy assessment. At 0835H vicinity YD868342 sustained 1 US WHA (medevac) from BBT grenade. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD853240 and YD853250. During the morning vicinity YD8524, YD8624 and YD8623 a total of 9 BBT grenades were found and 7 destroyed (2 were disarmed for training aids).



B/1-501 IN provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupied strong points at bridge sites along highway 551, POL pumping station vicinity YD750210 and ambushed vicinity YD806294.

C/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD795245 and ambushed vicinity YD787239, YD808246 and YD798246. At 2030H ambush moving to position vicinity YD806243 received 3 rounds RPG fire and SA fire. Negative casualties. SA, AW and Artillery fire was returned with negative enemy assessment. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD81425. At 0845H received sniper fire, negative casualties. At 1115H vicinity YD808247 found and evacuated 5000lbs rice. At 1614H vicinity YD808247 received AW and M-79 fire from 4-5 enemy. Negative casualties. Artillery was fired with unknown results. At 1815H received sniper fire from vicinity YD808244. Negative casualties Returned SA fire with negative enemy assessment. At 1830H vicinity YD810247 received SA fire. Negative casualties. Artillery was fired. At 1910H a sweep of the area was made resulting in 2 VC killed by artillery. At 1910H vicinity YD810248 destroyed an explosive BBT.

D/1-501 IN provided security for COCO Beach and ambushed vicinity YD860310, YD803331 and YD818308.

Recon platoon OPCON C/1-501 IN.

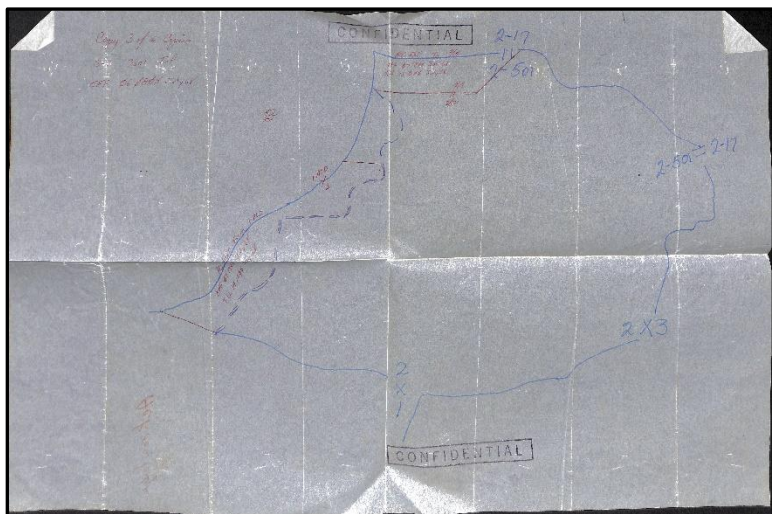
B/2-501 IN (-) occupied strong points vicinity YD808186, bridge site vicinity YD838176 with 1 PF platoon at bridge site and ambushed vicinity YD7900202, YD793198, YD796195, YD803190, YD813186, YD822178, YD826178 and YD832177. B/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon maintained liaison with 741<sup>st</sup> RF Company with 1 squad at bridge vicinity YD750210, 1 squad at bridge vicinity YD781209, and platoon (-) at LCU Ramp vicinity YD772223. At 1400H, B/2-501 IN was relieved in place by D/2-501 IN. At 1430H D/2-501 IN reverted OPCON 1-501 IN BN and at 1455H B/2-501 IN returned to OPCON 2-501 IN BN.

Locations of BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB MONGOOSE, A/1-501 IN YD867270, B/1-501 IN FSB MONGOOSE, C/1-501 IN YD807239, D/1-501 IN YD845320, Recon platoon YD807239 and D/2-501 IN YD808186.

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

A/2-501 IN (-) provided security for FSB T-BONE with A/2-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon and A/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon ambushing vicinity YD638207, YD636223, YD628225 and YD610230. A/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon returned to FSB T-BONE; A/2-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon established platoon base vicinity YD628224. A/2-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon conducted RIF from FSB T-BONE to YD633192, YD637187 and returned.

B/2-501 IN OPCON 1-501 IN until 1445H. Conducted heliborne movement at 1317H from PZ vicinity YD793196 to LZ vicinity YD577174. Closed LZ at 1444H. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD574184.



C/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD568175 and ambushed vicinity YD561173, YD569181 and YD570184. At 2050H the ambush vicinity YD569181 engaged 1 sampan with SA and AW fire, resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC). At 2150H the sampan floated to the shore containing 1 SKS and 1 sub MG. C/2-501 IN (-) searched area vicinity YD569181 then moved to LZ vicinity YD872176 to receive log resupply by UH-1.

D/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD577171. At 1306H conducted a heliborne movement from PZ vicinity YD577174 to LZ vicinity YD793191. Closed LZ at 1430H and reverted to OPCON 1-501 IN BN.

Recon platoon OPCON to D/2-501 IN. Ambushed vicinity YD574182 and YD573181. At 0800H reverted to OPCON C/2-501 IN. Conducted patrol to vicinity YD572170 and returned to CP vicinity YD573181.

Location of BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB T-BONE, A/2-501 IN FSB T-BONE, B/2-501 IN YD575182, C/2-501 IN YD569168, D/2-501 IN YD808186 and Recon platoon YD573181.

### **1-502 IN BN**

A/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD607279 and ambushed vicinity YD603281 and YD601286. A/1-502 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon and 2 PF squads conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD605285. A/1-502 IN (-) joined A/1-502 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon at 1640H vicinity YD608285. At 1100H vicinity YD605286 PF's sighted and pursued 3 VC, sustained 1 PF KHA from BBT grenade. At 1620H vicinity YD607286 engaged with SA and killed 1 VC.

B/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD694306 providing security for bulldozers and floating raft. Provided security for bulldozer clearing operation to vicinity YD686306. At 1355H vicinity YD686305 track of bulldozer detonated a BBT (unknown type), resulting in 1 man providing security being WHA (medevac). Negative damage to bulldozer.



C/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD693315 and ambushed vicinity YD678321, YD680315 and YD684310. At 0612H vicinity YD685310 sustained 5 US WHA (5 medevac, 1 critical) from explosive BBT. Conducted RIF operation with 1 PF platoon to village vicinity YD680310. At 1025H vicinity YD680312 engaged 3 VC with SA and artillery supported. Negative enemy assessment. During the operation vicinity YD6831 found and destroyed 3 BBT (1 RPG round, 2 CBU). At 1255H vicinity YD676310 found 1 VC KIA and 1 AK-50, believed to be from contact at 1025H.

D/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO BRIDGE and occupied strong points vicinity YD600310, YD605311 and YD611312. Secured minesweep NW to AO boundary.

Recon platoon occupied night position vicinity YD670304. At 2018H vicinity night position received SA and AW fire from an estimated platoon. Negative casualties. Artillery was fired with unknown results. Conducted RIF operation with 10 PF's to vicinity YD661308 and YD657308. At 1550H vicinity YD656308 engaged 2 VC with SA, negative enemy assessment. At 1610H vicinity YD662307 engaged 5 VC with SA and artillery. Negative enemy assessment.

1/C/2-34 Armor platoon (-) OPCON to D/1-502 IN. 2 tanks OPCON to A/1-502 IN.

Locations of BN elements at close of reporting period. BN CP FSB OMAHA, A/1-502 IN YD607285, B/1-502 IN YD694306, C/1-502 IN YD670304, D/1-502 IN AN LO BRIDGE and Recon platoon YD661306.

## **2BDE**

2BDE HHC Security platoon provided security for minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

(Commanders Situation Report; 052001H June 1968 – 062000H July 1968; MAJ James M. Higgins, Kayo 3)

- 05 July 1968 1-502 IN BN continued search and clear, and Rome plow operations. Resulting in 3 VC KIA and 4 VC captured. A HOI CHANH was taken up in a chopper for PSYOPS purposes. 1 US KIA by BBT and 1 WIA
- 05 July 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** The 1BDE continued RIF and search in the area with light enemy contact reported. At 0654H, A/1-502 IN, vicinity BS031953, found a recently abandoned PW compound containing US and NVA clothing, 2 SKS rifles and 1 US 1903 Springfield rifle. At 0925H, D/1-502 IN, vicinity BT265093, triggered an unknown type boobytrap resulting in 2 US WIA. At 0830H, B/1-46 IN, vicinity BT164086 found a hut containing 1 US Garand and 1 Russian SMG (NF1). At 1130H, A/1-502 IN, vicinity BT029950, engaged a three-man enemy force at 50 meters, capturing 1 VC and his weapon. At 1220H, D/1-46 IN, vicinity BT150079, observed movement in a hut; the element engaged the hut and captured 4 detainees and one US M-79 grenade launcher, suffering 1 US lightly wounded. (HQ, 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)
- 05 July 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** A/1-502 IN located and enemy POW camp vicinity BS029954 reported by a CHIEU HOI on 4 July. The camp had been abandoned for twelve hours. A/1-502 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon engaged 3 VC vicinity BS029950 resulting in 1 VC POW, 1 IWC. C/1-502 IN engaged 5 NVA vicinity BS035980 at 1017H with negative assessment.
- 05 July 1970 Three battalions were repositioned in support of the battalion refresher training. The 1-501 IN BN terminated operations in PHU LOC district and moved to vicinity FS/OB Veghel and passed OPCON to 1BDE. (HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; Operational Report, Period ending 31 July 1970; 15 August 1970)
- 05 July 1970 At 0010H, vicinity YD377159, C/2-501 IN while in their NDP southeast of FS/OB RIPCORN, engaged three enemy with small arms fire 20 meters to the west of their position. The enemy returned small arms fire and satchel charges and appeared to flee. At 0050H, the company was attacked with satchel charges and returned organic weapons fire. The enemy again withdrew and ARA and a flareship were employed. A sweep under illumination revealed no enemy casualties. Three US were wounded.
- At 0605H, the company received 8-10 RPG rounds and small arms fire again from the west. This time a sweep revealed five NVA KIA, five AK-47's, twenty-eight 1lb satchel charges and two NVA gas masks. One US was killed and 14 were evacuated for wounds. (HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; Operational Report, Period ending 31 July 1970; 15 August 1970)
- 05 July 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** C/2-502. 1<sup>st</sup> platoon received small arms fire with no casualties and unknown enemy casualties.
- 05 July 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** MTT #21 engaged two VC at 788026 and swept the area with negative results. 1-502 IN, Recon platoon heard movement north of their position at 738058. They blew a claymore with negative results.
- 05 July 1971 D/1-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon found trail vicinity YC895985, 2-3' wide, cannot be seen from air, going North-South with sandal prints going South approximately 2-4 days old. (1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Airmobile), 501<sup>st</sup> Infantry; Annual Supplement to the History; 1 January 1971 – 31 December 1971)
- 05 July 1971 D/1-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon initiated contact with 10 VC who were in the open, at vicinity YD894004. VC returned fire, 5 fled North and 5 fled South. Negative friendly casualties. Enemy casualties' unknown. (1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Airmobile), 501<sup>st</sup> Infantry; Annual Supplement to the History; 1 January 1971 – 31 December 1971)



- 06 July 1966 **Operation BEAUREGARD:** On the evening of 06 July, the 2-502 IN BN was notified that the LRRP team made and enemy contact in the QUAN DAK SUT area. The LRRP team was extracted immediately after contact was made. Because of the extraction, contact with the enemy was not maintained. As a result of the LRRP contact, the 2-502 IN BN was ordered to conduct an airmobile assault on the QUAN DAK SUT area at dawn on 07 July. (HQ, 2-502 IN BN; After Action Report, Operation BEAUREGARD; 19 July 1966)
- 06 July 1967 **Operation MALHEUR:** Eight light contacts by the 2-502 IN BN resulted in 1 CIDG WHA, 14 VC KIA (C) and capture of 3 individual weapons. At CARENTAN Base, 13 US personnel were injured and a dump truck damaged as a result of a VC mine on the MSR. (HQ, 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV: Operations After Action Report; Operation MALHEUR; 2 September 1967)
- 06 July 1968 1-502 IN BN had light contact, B/1-502 IN had 1 WIA from BBT and PF's had 1 KIA from BBT. Several Weapons and small caches were found and 1 VC KIA.
- 06 July 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** The temp of activity was escalated in Operation LAMAR PLAIN with two B-52 strikes in the area, followed by a major BDA effort conducted by the 1-501. At 0440H and 0649H, B-52 strikes were put in vicinity BS2399 and BS2698. B/2-17 CAV conducted extensive aerial BDA in the area at first light and received ground fire from several locations. At 0820H, 1-501 IN BN began the BDA by conducting a CA into an LZ vicinity BT299028 and establishing FSB HUSTLER. At 1301H, two more companies combat assaulted into the B-52 strike area for an extensive ground BDA. Elsewhere in the AO, 2-17 CAV continued its aerial BDA. At 0930H, A/1-502 IN, vicinity BS019946, engaged an unknown sized enemy force resulting in 1 US KIA. At 1010H, A/1-502 IN, vicinity BS038948, engaged and killed 1 VC and captured his weapon. At 1335H, B/2-17 CAV, vicinity BS255966, observed 2 VC KIA by the air strike, again at 1550H, vicinity BS255966 observed 2 VC KIA by the air strike, again at 1550H, vicinity BS255967, a fifth VC KIA was observed. At 1520H, A/1-502 IN, vicinity BS041963, engaged two VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA and the other fleeing to the east. B/101<sup>st</sup> HHB was placed OPCON to 1BDE replacing A/101<sup>st</sup> HHB.
- 06 July 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** A/1-502 IN encountered 1 VC moving on a trail vicinity BS038948 resulting in 1 VC KIA, 1 IWC. Documents indicated he was an officer with 430<sup>th</sup> Regiment. A/1-502 IN accounted for 1 VC KIA vicinity BS041963. Recon platoon and B/1-502 IN extracted from CHU LAI BEACH to FSSE for security mission.
- 06 July 1970 AT 1730H, three kilometers southwest of FS/OB RIPCORD, 15 US were wounded from A/2-501 IN by small arms fire and fragment grenades from an estimated enemy company on all sides of the friendly position. (HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; Operational Report, Period ending 31 July 1970; 15 August 1970)
- 06 July 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** 1-502 IN BN continued Operation TEXAS STAR employing extensive S/P and N/A's with negative results.



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

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3 x Silver Star Medal  
4 x Bronze Star Medal with Valor (1 x Posthumously)  
7 x Bronze Star Medal (7 x Posthumously)  
1 x Army Commendation Medal with Valor  
1 x Army Commendation Medal  
29 x Purple Heart Medal (15 x Posthumously)

30 June 1969



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

30 June 1970



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

30 June 1971



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

01 July 1968



SGT Miles R. Gregoire (C/1-502 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 hit by fragments from a hostile booby trap in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

01 July 1969



CPL David J. Collins (D/1-502 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death while on combat operation by supporting artillery fire direct at a hostile force in the Tranh River Valley, 7km W-SW HAU DUC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

02 July 1971



SP4 Jimmy R. Murrell (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 gunfire while on a military mission when a hostile force was encountered 13km S-SW of PHU BAI Airfield in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.



02 July 1971



SSG Frederick W. Murphy (A/2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from fragments from a grenade while on combat operation when the area came under attack by a hostile force in the A SHAU VALLEY, 9km N-NE of A SAP VILLAGE, in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

03 July 1968



PFC Ronald K. Weister (D/1-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from an explosive device, in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

03 July 1969



PFC Robert E. King (C/1-502 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from small arms gun fire by a sniper, 3km W-SW of HAU DUC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

03 July 1970

SP4 Terry W. Triplett (C/2-501 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received during action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 8742; 05 August 1970)

04 July 1968



SP4 Morris Powell (C/2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death while on night perimeter defense when mistaken for hostile force in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

04 July 1969



PFC Thomas S. Bonventre (C/2-501 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and wounds received which resulted in his death while on combat operations when booby trap detonated in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

04 July 1970

PFC Mark R. Closen (C/2-501 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received during action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 8742; 05 August 1970)

04 July 1970



CPL Carl L. Mickens (C/2-501 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death while on combat operations when a booby trap detonated on a Ridge SE from Hill 902, vicinity FSB RIPCORN, in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

04 July 1970



SGT Jimmie L. Robinson (C/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 operations when a booby trap detonated on a Ridge SE from Hill 902, vicinity FSB RIPCORN, in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.





04 July 1970



1LT William L. Sullivan (C/2-501 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death while on combat operations when a booby trap detonated on a Ridge SE from Hill 902, vicinity FSB RIPCORD, in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

04 July 1970



SGT Gary D. Thaden (C/2-501 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death while on combat operations when a booby trap detonated on a Ridge SE from Hill 902, vicinity FSB RIPCORD, in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

05 July 1967



SGT Andrew P. Stein Jr. (A/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 while on combat operation when hit by hostile small arms fire in the QUANG NGAI Province, Republic of Vietnam.

05 July 1968



PFC Gary D. Templeton (A/1-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action which resulted in his death from explosive device while on combat operations when encountered by hostile force in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

05 July 1970



PFC Richard R. Timmons (A/2-501 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received during action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; General Orders Number 8742; 05 August 1970)

05 July 1970

SGT Delbert D. Cormeny (A/2-501 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received during action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; General Orders Number 8742; 05 August 1970)

05 July 1970

SGT Jimmy W. Parker (C/2-501 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received during action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; General Orders Number 8742; 05 August 1970)

05 July 1970

SGT Cleo R. Lovell (C/2-501 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received during action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; General Orders Number 8742; 05 August 1970)

05 July 1970



SGT Michael K. Waymire (HHC/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 gunfire wounds while at a night defensive position when the area came under attack by hostile force at FSB RIPCORD in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.



06 July 1969



PFC David E. Buttry (A/1-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from multiple fragmentations while on combat operations when a hostile force was encountered in the QUANG NAM Province, Republic of Vietnam

06 July 1970

SP4 Edwin G. Garvin (HHC/2-501 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received during action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; General Orders Number 8742; 05 August 1970)

06 July 1970

SGT Dharles A. Boise (A/2-501 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received during action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; General Orders Number 8742; 05 August 1970)

06 July 1970

SP4 Alan L. Wentworth (A/2-501 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received during action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; General Orders Number 8742; 05 August 1970)



# STRIKE HISTORY (Citation's and Awards):

01 July 1968 –  
30 November 1968



SGT William P. Hudek (D/2-502 IN) was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious achievement in ground operations in the Republic of Vietnam. His outstanding performance during the cited period was a significant contribution in support of the United States counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. He performed in a highly professional and efficient manner, accomplishing his assigned mission with exceptional results. He set an example that inspired his associates to strive for maximum achievement. His initiative, sound judgment, loyalty and will to succeed have been in the best tradition of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United State Army. (Citation and Certificate; 18 January 1969)

02 July 1967

SSG Jerry S. Maki (B/2-502 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action against a hostile force on 2 July 1967 near DUC PHO, Republic of Vietnam. Staff Sergeant Maki distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions while serving as a Platoon Sergeant. Observing two enemy soldiers approaching his ambush site beyond the killing zone and realizing that he had no time to warn his men, Sergeant Maki, with complete disregard for his own safety, left his covered position and assaulted the two. He killed on insurgent as he attempted to throw a grenade. Then, moving toward the second enemy soldier's position, he was met with a hail of machinegun fire. Undaunted by the fire, he continued forward until knocked on the ground, dazed by an enemy grenade. Recovering and regaining his footing, Sergeant Maki killed two enemy soldiers, captured a machinegun, two grenades, and various miscellaneous documents. Staff Sergeant Maki's outstanding display of gallantry and his devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Task Force Oregon, and the United States Army. (HQ, TFO; General Orders Number 710; 21 September 1967)

02 July 1967

1LT Jerry R. Barnhill (A/2-502 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force. Lieutenant Barnhill distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous action son 2 July 1967 in the Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant Barnhill's platoon was participating in a raiding mission when the whole company became pinned down. Lieutenant Barnhill immediately started to maneuver his platoon and call in supporting fire. Seeing that the pinned down platoon leader nor the company commander were able to properly adjust the supporting fire because of limited visibility, he immediately took a vantage point from which he could adjust the fire. The only position available was dangerously exposed to heavy enemy fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant Barnhill took up this position and for approximately one hour, carrying his own radio, he exposed himself to intense enemy fire, to adjust artillery, gunships, and air strikes with deadly accuracy on the enemy positions. Lieutenant Barnhill was wounded once in the chest but continued for another twenty minutes to adjust the deadly supporting fire with complete accuracy. Due to Lieutenant Barnhill's bravery under heavy enemy automatic and small arms fire, he allowed the pinned down platoon to maneuver, chase the enemy from their positions, and capture vital enemy mortar equipment. Lieutenant Barnhill'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, 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; General Orders Number 1646; 12 August 1967)

05 July 1967



SP4 Andrew P. Stein Jr. (A/2-502 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor (Posthumously) for heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force. Specialist Stein distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous action on 5 July 1967 in the Republic of Vietnam. While serving as point man for his platoon, Specialist Stein was moving along a river when the platoon was suddenly brought under a heavy volume of enemy fire by an estimated enemy squad hidden in a deserted village. As the enemy fire increased the platoon became pinned down and one man was wounded. With complete disregard for his own safety, Specialist Stein moved from his covered position and personally assaulted the enemy positions. As he moved forward placing effective fire into the enemy positions, he succeeded in killing one enemy soldier and forcing the remaining enemy to withdraw. As Specialist Stein moved to retrieve the dead enemy soldiers' weapon, he was struck by an enemy sniper fire and mortally wounded. Specialist Stein'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, 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; General Orders Number 1481; 18 July 1967)

06 July 1967

SSG James H. Temple Jr. (B/2-502 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action against a hostile force on 6 July 1967 near DUC PHO, Republic of Vietnam. Staff Sergeant Temple, operating from an observation post in the Song Ve River Valley, volunteered to take two men to knock out a two-man enemy security position just prior to his patrol's attack on the Viet Cong position. Under the cover of darkness, Sergeant Temple and his men moved to within 15 meters of the hostile security position. Then, moving forward, Sergeant Temple displayed complete disregard for his own safety as he exposed himself to the enemy soldiers and killed one and wounded the other with grenades. Immediately, he was brought under automatic weapons fire. Ensuring that his men were under cover, he fired a flare to signal the neutralization of the hostile position. Although dangerously exposed by the flare light, he nevertheless directed a steady and accurate volume of fire from his two men. With the assault on the main group of Viet Cong by the supporting patrol, Sergeant Temple again demonstrated his fearless aggression and determination as he exposed himself twice more to the intense hostile fire as he directed his men to keep a heavy volume of fire on the objective and as he moved to a more advantageous position from which to bring more effective firepower against the enemy. Through Sergeant Temple's outstanding display of courage, the assault element was able to overrun the enemy position and force the Viet Cong to flee. Staff Sergeant Temple's unquestionable valor and determination were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Task Force Oregon, and the United States Army. (HQ, AD; General Orders Number 1358; 23 November 1967)



06 July 1967

1LT David H. Campbell (B/2-502 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force. Lieutenant Campbell distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 6 July 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. While on a search and destroy mission, Lieutenant Campbell placed his platoon into a position to observe an enemy village. Shortly thereafter, he received word that several enemy soldiers were observed entering the village. Quickly organizing a raiding party, he began to personally lead his element toward the village. As they neared the village, an enemy machine gun position was detected. With complete disregard for his own safety, he personally led an assault against the enemy machine-gun position, knocking it out and killing two enemy soldiers. He then quickly directed the remainder of his platoon to open fire on the village, but was unable to effectively direct his platoon's fire from the position he was in. Again, with complete disregard for his own safety, he rushed across an open rice paddy through a heavy volume of enemy fire to a position where he could better direct the fire and maneuver of his platoon. As a result of Lieutenant Campbell's immediate action, his platoon was able to completely overrun the enemy positions causing the enemy to flee. Lieutenant Campbell'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, 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; General Orders Number 1795; 03 September 1967)

06 July 1967

SP4 Harvey L. Mundy (B/2-502 IN) was awarded Army Commendation Medal with Valor for heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force. Specialist Mundy distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 6 July 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. Specialist Mundy volunteered to go on a night combat raid directed against an enemy position believed to contain three enemy soldiers. One of the enemy was seen carrying an automatic weapon to a security position one hundred meters from the main objective. Specialist Mundy further volunteered to accompany the platoon sergeant and one other man to the security post and destroy it. When darkness fell, they moved to the security post and killed the enemy soldier with hand grenades. Enemy automatic weapons fire immediately raked the area the three were occupying and, with complete disregard for his own safety, Specialist Mundy remained in his exposed position and supported the assaulting element with timely and accurate fire. He remained in his precarious position even though an illumination flare was fired, further exposing his position. While receiving intense enemy fire on his position, Specialist Mundy would fire several rounds at his target, roll to a new position and continue to fire. The remainder of Specialist Mundy's element reached the objective and completely routed the enemy. Through his heroic actions and aggressive effort to maintain supporting fire while under the enemy's intense fire, Specialist Mundy contributed immeasurably to the success of the mission. Specialist Mundy'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, 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; General Orders Number 2502; 05 November 1967)

06 May 1970

PFC Allen W. Pope (A/2-501 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 6 May 1970. Private Pope distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman in Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (Airmobile), 501<sup>st</sup> Infantry, defending Fire Support Base Henderson, Republic of Vietnam. During an intense mortar and sapper attack, a fire started at the ammunition's storage point and blocked access to a friendly beleaguered reconnaissance element. Subjecting himself to the exploding munitions, Private Pope maneuvered through the burning area to aid wounded comrades in the besieged sector. Despite the constant danger, Private Pope maneuvered from position to position, rendering medical aid and carrying the wounded personnel to an evacuation zone. Private Pope'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, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; General Orders Number 10469; 03 September 1970)



# 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

