

OPERATION BEAUREGARD

After a brief rest, the 1st Brigade sent the 1-327th and the 2-502d back into the area recently occupied by the 24th NVA Regiment to locate and destroy any of its elements which might be regrouping and moving away from the battlefield. The battalions rotated companies into the area of operations at five-day intervals. Many of these companies entered the area on foot at night carrying five days' rations to preclude the need for helicopter resupply which might alert the enemy to the presence of an American unit. Although several small caches of rice were discovered, extensive patrolling of the area between Dak To and the Laotian border produced only light enemy contact. While companies were not in the field, they manned defensive posts around Dak To or conducted refresher training in the base camp at the Dak To airstrip. On 6 July, a possible contact with the enemy was developed eighteen miles north of Dak To by a Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol. The 2-502d air assaulted into the area using two companies to make a sweep toward a blocking position established by a third company. No contact with the enemy was made, but five men were killed when one company entered an abandoned Special Forces camp defensive mine field. All units returned to their base camp on 15 July, and the operation was concluded. The 1-327th and the 2-502d prepared to rejoin the 2-327th at Tuy Hoa.