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INFO:	CO, 1-501 Inf	(Message Center)
	CO, 2-501 Inf	"
	CO, 1-502 Inf	"
	CO, 1-321 Arty	"
	CO, C/326 Engr	"
	CO, B/326 Med	"
	CO, 188th AHC	"
	CO, 2-17 Cav	"
	2d FASCF, 501st Sig	"
	2d Fwd Spt Plat, 801st Maint	"
	2d Plat, 101st MP Co	"
	2d Plat, 265th RRC	"
	Tm 2, 101st MI Det	"
	34th PI	"
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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
302001H June 68 - 012000H July 68

1. (C) Operations Summary:

a. General: 2d Bde, 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 2d Bde AO. Contact was light with a total of 5 contacts. Today's statistics: 1 US KHA, 2 US WHA (medevac). Enemy assessment. 9 VC KIA (BC), 2 returnees, 1 SKS, 1 LMG, 1 AK-47, 1 ML6, 1 sampan sunk, 6 tons rice.

b. 1-501 Inf:

- (1) Co A. Provided security for COLCO Beach installation and ambush vic YD868300, YD803331, and YD819307. 1 2000
- (2) Co B (Working with 1 PF Plat). Occupied night position vic YD833229 and ambushed vic YD839228, YD836234 and 1 July 1968 7

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YD829228. At 2150 hrs ambush moving into position, vic YD836234 received SA fire from approx 4 enemy, resulting in 1 US WFA (medevac). Ambush returned SA fire and withdrew to the Co (-) night position. Arty was fired with unknown results. During the day 12000 lbs of rice were bagged and extracted by 3 CH-47 sorties.

(3) Co C. Provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupied strong points at POL pumping station vic YD775250 and bridges along highway 551 and POL pipeline from vic YD787273 to YD795285. Ambushed vic YD797283.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD880228 and ambushed vic YD884227 and YD879231. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD885227 and YD863239.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD800268 and conducted RIF operation to vic YD803272, YD805276, and YD794280.

(6) C/2-501: Co (-) occupied strong points vic YD808186, bridge site vic YD838176 with 1 PF plat at bridge site and ambushed vic YD787202, YD782204, YD799193, YD812188, YD819182, YD823182, YD825179. 3d Plat maintained liaison with 741st RF Co with 1 sqd at bridge vic YD750210, 1 sqd at bridge vic YD781209, and plat (-) at LCU Ramp vic YD772223, approx 1200 hrs. B/2-501 relieved C/2-501 in place and at 1300 hrs C/2-501 reverted to OPCON 2-501 Inf, and B/2-501 became OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB MONGOOSE, Co A YD845320, Co B YD828225, Co C FSB MONGOOSE, Co D YD866236, Recon Plat YD796276, B/2-501 YD808186.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Conducting joint operation with 1st Co, 2d Co and Hqs element at 1-54th (ARVN) Inf. Occupied joint night position vic YD639166. 1 Plat Co A ambushed vic YD638169, 1-54th (ARVN) Inf elements established plat ambushes vic YD640168, YD637163, and YD637161. 1-54th (ARVN) Inf conducted RIF operation returning to their AO, closing YD684211 at 1600 hrs. Co A conducted RIF operation to vic YD634160 and conducted local patrolling.

(2) Co B. Provided security for FSB T-Bone and ambushed vic YD639204, YD655209, YD628229, and YD605237. At 2110 hrs ambush vic YD605237 engaged 3

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sampans moving N in SONG BO River. Engaged with 90mm RR, MG, and SA. 1 sampan was sunk resulting 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 arty. Negative further assessment. At 1034 hrs conducted heliborne movement from PZ's vic YD633239 and FSB T-Bone to LZ's vic YD765215 and YD794195. closed LZ's at 1120 hrs and relieved Co C in place. OPCON 1-501 Inf effective 1300 hrs.

(3) Co C. At ~~1200~~ hrs returned to OPCON 2-501 Inf. At 1253 hrs conducted heliborne movement from PZ's vic YD765215 and YD794195 to LZ's at FSB T-Bone and the 2d Plat to an LZ at YD633269. Closed LZ's at 1340 hrs. Co (-) assumed mission of providing security for FSB T-Bone and establishing local ambushes, 2d Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD605237.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD611174 and ambushed vic YD614175 and YD608173. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD606167 and searched area vic YD6016. At YD604166 found 1 SKS, 1 LMG,.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co D. Ambushed vic YD612168. Conducted RIF operation to YD620164, then to Co D's position vic YD606167.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB T-Bone, Co A YD631162, Co B OPCON 1-501 Inf, Co C FSB T-Bone, Co D YD602171, Recon YD602171.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A and Recon Plat. Conducted joint operation with PF plats from QUANG DIEN. Co A with 2 PF plats made a night movement and established blocking positions oriented NE from YD630374 to YD652360. Recon Plat with 10 PF's conducted a night movement to a blocking position oriented N from vic YD655358 to YD670356. 2 reinforced PF plats moved by sampan during the night to YD638390 and established an attack position vic YD638388. 2 US Navy river boats patrolled the water area from vic YD642391 to YD680368. At 0600 hrs the 2 reinforced PF plats along with the 2 PF plats with Co A conducted a sweep of the village area from vic YD637377 SE towards a PF plat blocking to the W vic YD670360. A PF plat was airlifted in at 0900 hrs to YD660367, to reinforce the elements search-

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ing the area. Results of operation: PF plats had 9 VC KIA (BC), 5 VC POW, 1 returnee, 1 CHICOM carbine, 1 M16, 1 M1 carbine. Co A had 2 returnees, 1 M16 and 1 AK-47. In addition a returnee led a PF plat to 2 caches vic YD723329 (moved by UH-1) containing 33 60mm mortars rds, 600 rds SA, and 1 additional returnee. The operation terminated at 1430 hrs and Co A moved to YD668357 the Recon Plat returned to FSB OMAHA.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position on both sides of river vic YD695301 securing bulldozers and floating raft.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD765344 and ambushed vic YD757337 and YD758326. Conducted RIF operation with 10 PF's to YD700327, to village vic YD686306. At 1240 hrs vic YD685305 received sniper fire from one enemy. Returned SA fire and began to maneuver. At 1250 hrs vic YD685305 sustained 1 US KHA and 1 US WHA (medevac - serious), from 105mm rd BBT. Co moved out of village to YD693320 and fired arty in the area of BBT.

(4) Co D. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and occupied strong points vic YD600310, YD605311, and YD611312. Secured minesweeps from AN LO Bridge NW to vic YD592307 and NE to YD669324. During the day 3d Plat, 4 tanks and 1 PF plat secured engineer road repair operation from AN LO Bridge NE to vic YD653313. (206th RF Co provided security for road repair from vic YD653313 to YD669324).

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

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB OMAHA, Co A YD668346, Co B YD695302, Co C YD695315, Co D AN LO Bridge, Recon YD 670325.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Trp (-) occupied night position at LZ SALLY with 1st Plat and 2d Plat ambushing vic YD621247, YD623247, YD616277, and YD620276. 1st Plat moved to vic YD631275 and linked up with Trp (-), moved to vic YD615278 and linked up with 1 PF plat. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD608242, then established a day operating base vic YD620252, from which night ambushes would go out. 2d Plat conducted RIF from night ambush to LZ SALLY, closing 1005 hrs. At 1530 hrs

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the 2d Plat conducted 106mm RR training vic YD635244, then conducted RIF to LZ SALLY.

(2) Trp B. Trp (-) provided security for FSB PINKY and established re-inforced sqd ambushes vic YD678250 and YD681245. At 0018 hrs the 1st Plat ambush while moving to position, observed 40-50 personnel moving E vic YD682252. From 0030 hrs to 0050 hrs enemy were observed around the perimeter (W and N) of FSB PINKY. Illumination was fired and enemy were engaged with SA, AW, M79, and M72 LAWs. Light sporadic SA fire was received from the enemy. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. Contact was broken at 0100 hrs. At 0120 hrs the 3d Plat ambush while moving to position vic YD681245 received 10-12 rds SA fire. Ambush withdrew to new position approx 100 meters north. At 0153 hrs vic YD687251, vic perimeter at FSB PINKY engaged 3-4 enemy with M79 rds, negative enemy assessment. Ambush closed FSB PINKY 0615 hrs. 1 sqd, 3d Plat secured mine-sweep S to HUE. At 0710 hrs vic YD690260 found ad destroyed 1 105mm rd BBT. 1st and 2d Plat conducted RIF operation to YD675257, YD670250, YD655244, and YD676243. 2d Plat returned to FSB PINKY at 1630 hrs.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp B. Ambushed vic YD681236 and YD671247. At 2150 hrs the ambush vic YD671247 engaged approx 15 personnel with arty and M79 fire. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. Conducted afternoon patrols from FSB PINKY to vic YD682254 and YD675257.

(4) Locations of Sqdn elements at close of reporting period. Trp (-) FSB Pinky, Trp A YD607260.

f. 2d Bde Security Plat. Provided security for minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provide security for COLCO Beach installation.

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD828225 conduct RIF operation N along W side of river to vic YD833238.

(3) Co C. Provide security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupy strong points at POL pumping station vic YD775250 and at bridges along Highway 551 and POL pipeline from vic YD787273 to YD795285. Secure minesweep N and S from FSB

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MONGOOSE, Ambush along POL pipeline.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD866236 conduct RIF operation to vic YD8423 and conduct search of graveyard.

(5) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD796276 conduct eagle flight approx 0700 hrs to block and detain the personnel moving from villages vic YD855235 and YD860228. Arty smoke rounds will be fired into the village to move the people out of the village.

(6) B/2-501 Inf. Co (w) occupy strong points vic YD808186 and YD838176, ambush along POL pipeline paralleling QL 1. 1 plat maintain liaison with 741st RF Co with sqds at bridges vic YD750210, YD781209, and plat (-) at LCU Ramp vic YD772223.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD631162 conduct search of ridgeline from vic YD620164 to YD623156.

(2) Co B. OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(3) Co C. Provide security for FSB T-Bone and establish local ambushes. 1 plat conduct RIF from FSB T-Bone to vic YD669228 and return.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD602171 conduct RIF operation SW to vic YD592163.

(5) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD602171 conduct RIF operation to vic ~~YD630155~~.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD668346 move to and provide security for engineer road repair from vic YD651314 to YD669324.

(2) Co B. Provide security for bulldozer clearing operation vic YD705307, upon completion secure bulldozers move to new area for clearing vic YD690303.

(3) Co C. Provide security of village area vic YD690303 until Co B and bulldozers arrive, then establish a blocking position from vic YD683309 to YD675305 in support of Recon Plat and RF Co.

(4) Co D. (Augmented with 1 plat from HHC). Provide security for AN LO Bridge and occupy strong points along QL 1 from AN LO Bridge NW to AO boundary

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Provide security for minesweep NW and NE from AN LO Bridge. 1 Plat with elements of OPCON tank plat and 1 PF plat provide security for engineer road repair from AN LO Bridge NE to YD651314.

(5) Recon Plat. Secure engineer equipment vic YD669324 during the night. Conduct search of villages vic YD673307 and YD680310, in conjunction with an RF Co.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. 3d Plat from night positions establish OP's from vic YD614276 to YD605240. 2d Plat conduct RIF operation to vic YD610245, and relieve 1st Plat in place, 1st Plat returns to LZ SALLY.

(2) Trp B. Provide security for FSB PINKY and Trp (-) conduct RIF operation to vic YD670265, YD663263 (where 3d Plat and PF's dismount and continue), YD655240, YD676247, (link up with 2d Plat - resupply, then 2d Plat returns to FSB PINKY). Trp (-) continues to vic YD660245 and establish ambushes.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp B. From night ambushes return to FSB PINKY. Conduct afternoon local security patrols.

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses: 42 US KHA, 306 US WHA (234 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 292 NVA KIA (BC), 326 VC KIA (BC), 32 NVA POW, 141 VC POW, 19 returnees.

(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 290, crew served weapons 56, 76 SKS's, 20 M16's, 13 carbines, 6 sub MG's, 33 M1 carbines, 10 M2 carbines, 74 AK-47's, 12 RPG-2 launchers, 8 RPG-7 launchers, 2 P-38 pistols, 1 flare pistol (dest), 1 Russian rifle, 1 Springfield rifle, 7 BAR's, 3 bolt action rifles, 3 AK-47's (dest), 8 9mm pistols, 10 AK-50's, 12 LMG's, 2 H.G's, 14 K-44's, 6 M1's, 6 .45 cal pistols, 1 81mm mortar tube, 3 LAW's (dest).

(3) Munitions: 11 CHICOM grenades (dest), 17,170 rds SA, 107 60mm mortar rds (dest), 60 B-40 (dest), 24 82mm mortar rds (dest), 3 250 lb bombs (dest), 101 lbs CHICOM C-4 (dest), 5 105mm rds (dest).

(4) Miscellaneous: 259.8 tons rice, 1 ton salt, 40 50 lb bags cement and 1 PRC-10. Group 4

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