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CO, 2-17 Cav	"
CO, 188th AHC	"
2d FASCP, 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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3d Bde, 82d Abn Div, Camp EAGLE, RVN	"
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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
012001H July 68 - 022000H 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 6 contacts. Today's statistics: 1 US WHA (medevac), Enemy assessment: 10 VC KLA (BC), (4 of which were killed by Army Aviation), 3 VC POW, 2 AK-50's, 1 AK-47, 1 LMG, 1 HMG, 1 ML, 1 SKS.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security for COLCO Beach and ambushed vic YD872302, YD803331, and YD818307.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD828225 and 2 2000
ambushed vic YD829228 and YD827222. Established a blocking po- July 1968
sition oriented NE from vic YD836222 to YD844214 in support of 1 7

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Co D and Recon Plat. While enroute to blocking position, at 0845 hrs vic YD842220 picked up 2 detainees, at 0907 hrs vic YD835225 picked up 1 detainee. Operation terminated at 1020 hrs and Co B conducted RIF operation to vic YD828225. At 1913 hrs vic YD833237 engaged 1 VC with SA. Received 2 rds SA fire. Negative casualties, negative enemy assessment.

(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 YD803288.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD866236 and ambushed vic YD868239, and YD861239. At 2000 hrs vic YD869240 engaged 4-5 enemy with SA fire, received SA fire in return. Negative casualties, negative enemy assessment. At 1345 hrs received 3 60mm mortar rds and SA fire vic of night position. Arty was fired at suspected enemy position. Negative casualties. At 0637 hrs vic YD838233 found 1 VC KIA (BC). Conducted RIF operation to vic YD850220, with Co B and Recon Plat occupying blocking position in support of Co D. At 0943 hrs PF plat was lifted by UH-1 to Co D's location vic YD865235 and conducted operation with Co D. At 1130 hrs vic YD862227 wounded and captured 1 VC POW trying to escape.

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

(6) B/2-501: Co (-) occupied strong points vic YD808186, bridge site vic YD838176 with 1 PF plat at bridge site and ambushed vic YD788201, YD793197, YD799194, YD809187, YD815185, YD823180, YD828178 and YD833177. 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.

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

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(8) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB MONGOOSE, Co A YD845320, Co B YD836235, Co C FSB MONGOOSE, Co D YD853219, Recon Plat YD800268, B/2-501 YD738186.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD631162 and ambushed vic YD631157, and YD631164. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD627158, YD621159 and YD620164.

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

(3) Co C. Co (-) provided security for FSB T-Bone with 2d and 3d Plats ambushing vic YD610235, YD609231, YD655215, and YD647221. 1st Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD642188, YD643187, and returned. The 2d Plat searched the area vic YD604238 (site where ambush was initiated on 30 June) finding 2 VC KIA (previously counted) and 1 AK-47, then conducted RIF operation to vic YD636239, and returned to FSB T-Bone by UH-1.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD602171 and ambushed vic YD604169 and YD605165. CP move to company base vic YD603167, and Co (-) conducted patrols vic YD6016. At 1144 hrs vic YD598163 found grave containing 1 VC KIA (BC), approx 2 days prior.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co D.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB T-Bone, Co A YD620164, Co B OPCON 1-501 Inf, Co C FSB T-Bone, Co D YD600162, Recon Plat YD605155.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD662347. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD663319 and provided security for the engineer road repair from vic YD652212 to YD669324. 2 sqds provided security for engineer equipment and operators at PHO LAI Bridge (YD669324).

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD695302 providing security for bulldozers and floating raft. Secured bulldozer clearing operation vic YD705307. At 1055 hrs vic YD704308 a bulldozer uncovered a bunker containing 2 AK-50, 1 ML, 1 LMG and 1 HMG.

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(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD695315 and ambushed vic YD685311 and YD690305. Co (-) conducted RIF operation with 20 PF's to village YD686306 and 2d Plat blocked vic YD685309 and YD686315. At 0718 hrs vic YD685310 received sniper fire. Negative casualties. Arty was fired with unknown results. At 1524 hrs vic YD682308 received sniper fire. Negative casualties. Arty was fired with unknown results.

(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 FF plat secured engineer road repair operation from AN LO Bridge NE to vic YD653313. 1st Plat with 1 FF plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD619299. At 1055 hrs vic YD607300, received 4 M79 rds. Negative results. At 1145 hrs vic YD619299 received 6 60mm mortar rds resulting in 1 US WHA (medevac) and 1 PF WHA (medevac). At 1255 hrs vic YD619299 found and destroyed 1 105mm BBT.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD669324 providing security for engineer equipment and operators. Conducted RIF operation with 206th RF Co to vic YD675307 and YD680310. At 1409 hrs moved by UH-1 to YD696290 from YD669324. At 0925 hrs vic YD667309 received SA fire. Negative casualties. Arty was fired with unknown results.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB OMAHA, Co A YD613304, Co B YD695302, Co C YD692295, Co D AN LO Bridge, Recon Plat YD695290.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. 2d Plat occupied night position LZ SALLY. Trp (-) occupied night position vic YD610260 and ambushed vic YD606249, YD605246, and YD609255. 2d Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD615268 and established OP's along the SONG BO River. 3d Plat established OP's vic YD610250 along the SONG BO River. 1200 hrs the 1st Plat returned to LZ SALLY. 3d Plat moved to night position vic YD626259 and 2d Plat established ambushes along the SONG BO River.

(2) Trp B. Provided security for FSB PINKY and ambushed vic YD662242

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and YD660260. 1 sqd secured minesweep S to HUE (YD734234). 2d and 3d Plats conducted RIF operation to vic YD673265 where 2d Plat returned to PINKY, 3d Plat continued to vic YD660250, YD665243, and YD671249.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp B. Provided security for FSB PINKY. At 1410 hrs 2 sqds conducted RIF operations to vic YD687237 and YD680255, then returned to FSB PINKY.

(4) Locations of Sqdn elements at close of reporting period. Sqdn (-) FSB PINKY, Trp A YD626259.

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 installations.

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD845320 conduct search of area vic YD8423, then RIF along N side of canal to vic YD8124.

(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 MONGOOSE, Ambush along POL pipeline.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD853219 conduct RIF operation to vic YD864215, then SW to vic YD852196.

(5) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD800268 conduct RIF operation to vic YD780275 and conduct search of graveyard area.

(6) B/2-501 Inf. Co (-) occupy strong points vic YD808186 and YD838176, ambush along POL pipeline paralleling J. 1. 1 Plat maintain liaison wity 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 YD620164 move to FZ vic YD609167 and at 1100 hrs conduct heliborne movement to FSB T-Bone. Assume mission of securing FSB T-Bone, and establishing local ambushes.

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

(3) Co C. Provide security for FSB T-Bone and establish night ambushes. At 0750 hrs conduct a combat assault to LZ vic YD586154, then conduct RIF operation towards objective vic YD560160.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD600162 conduct search of area and continue RIF operation SW to vic YD587161.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co D.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD613304 conduct RIF operation to vic YD610306, then establish night ambushes vic village to S,

(2) Co B. Provide security for bulldozer clearing operation vic YD685305.

(3) Co C and Recon Plat. From night positions vic YD692295 and YD695290 respectively, secure an LZ vic YD687286 for 80 PF's from QUANG DIEN conducting heliborne movement at 0900 hrs by 2 CH-47 sorties. Co C, Recon Plat, and PF's then conduct search of village vic YD688280.

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

(5) Remarks: A defoliation mission flown by UH-1 is planned for 1300 hrs; circular target area of approx 500 meters diameter, center of mass vic YD606302.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. 1st Plat conduct RIF operation from LZ SALLY to YD625245, YD615263 (link up with Trp CP) and then recon for night ambush sites vic YD635245. 2d and 3d Plats return to LZ SALLY from night ambushes.

(2) Trp B. Trp (-) with an RF plat conduct RIF operation from FSB PINKY mounted to vic YD663267, and dismount. 2d Plat returns to FSB PINKY, Trp (-) continues RIF to YD654242, YD670250, and establish ambushes vic YD6625 and YD6724.

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3d Plat return to FSB FINKY from night ambushes and improve defensive positions.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. Return to FSB PINKY from ambush sites and improve defensive positions.

e. 2d Bde Security Plat. Provide security for minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses: 42 US KHA, 307 US WHA, (235 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel 292 NVA KIA (BC), 336 VC KIA (BC), 32 NV. FOW, 144 VC POW, 19 returnees.

(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 296, crew served weapons 57, 77 SKS's, 20 M16's, 13 carbines, 6 sub MG's, 33 M1 carbines, 10 M2 carbines, 75 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, 12 AK-50's, 13 LMG's, 3 HMG's, 14 K-44's, 7 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.

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