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Camp EAGLE, RVN

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Sig O, Hq Comdt,  
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- INFO: CO, 1-501 Inf (Message Center)
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  - CO, 1-502 Inf "
  - CO, 1-321 Arty "
  - CO, C/326 Engr "
  - CO, B/326 Med "
  - CO, 188th AHC "
  - CO, 2-17 Cav "
  - 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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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report  
022001H July 68 - 032000H 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: 4 US WHA (medevac). Enemy assessment: 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 sampan destroyed.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security for COLGO Beach installation and ambushed vic YD865305, YD817307 and YD803331. At 2215 hrs vic YD871300 ambush while moving to night position engaged 3 '2000  
4 enemy. SA fire was returned. Arty was fired in support. July 1968  
Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. 1 7

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(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD836235 and ambushed YD833237 and YD839223. At 0742 hrs vic YD835237 found and destroyed 2 BBT grenades. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD842242 and YD839248. At 0932 hrs vic YD837238 received SA and AW fire from approx 4 enemy. Engaged with arty. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(3) Co C. Provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupied strong points at FOL pumping station vic YD775250 and bridges along highway 551 and FOL pipeline from vic YD787273 to YD795285. Ambushed vic YD809889.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD853219 and ambushed vic YD856227 and YD847225. Conducted RIF operation to YD867213, and YD851198. At 0855 hrs vic YD863215 found and destroyed 2 punji pits (2' by 2').

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night ambush vic YD800268. Returned to FSB MONGOOSE and continued to vic YD781273, then at 1715 hrs returned to FSB MONGOOSE.

(6) B/2-501. Co (-) occupied strong points vic YD808186, bridge site vic YD838176 with 1 FF plat at bridge site and ambushed vic YD792198, YD793196, YD804190, YD811186, YD816184, YD825180, YD828179, and YD832179. 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) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CF FSB MONGOOSE, Co A YD845320, Co B YD821248, Co C FSB MONGOOSE, Co D YD843212, Recon Plat FSB MONGOOSE.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD620164 and ambushed vic YD623156. Moved to PZ vic YD619163 and at 1320 hrs conducted heliborne movement to FSB T-Bone and assumed security mission.

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

(3) Co C. Co (-) provided security for FSB T-Bone with 1st and 3d Plats ambushing vic YD650215, YD649219, YD655200, and YD667226. Co moved to a LZ vic YD653227 and conducted a combat assault at 0740 hrs to an LZ vic YD588156. Closed LZ at 0822 hrs. CP moved to YD581159, the plats conducted patrolling vic YD5815.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD600162 and ambushed vic YD606163.

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Conducted RIF operation to vic YD593163.

(5) Recon Plat. OFCON Co D. Ambushed vic YD612152, YD605155, and YD 612162.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP F&B T-Bone, Co A FSB T-Bone, Co B YD808186, Co C YD577162, Co D YD595164, Recon Plat YD588156.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD605300. Conducted RIF operation with 1 FF plat to vic YD606290. At 1215 hrs vic YD610280 engaged 3 VC with negative assessment. At 1935 hrs vic YD605302 received SA fire from 1 enemy. Negative casualties. Arty fired with unknown results.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD695302 providing security for bulldozers and floating raft. 2d Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD685305. At 1400 hrs vic YD684304 received SA fire from 4 VC. Negative casualties. Arty fired with unknown results.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD692294 and ambushed vic YD701 290 and YD684309. At 0900 hrs Co (-) secured an LZ for 80 PF's vic YD709289. Conducted RIF operation with 1 FF plat to YD683309. At 1415 hrs vic YD683309 received sniper fire. Negative casualties. At 1455 hrs vic YD682309 engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1517 hrs vic YD682309 engaged 1 VC with negative enemy assessment. At 1550 hrs vic YD681309 sustained 1 US WHA (medevac) from sniper fire.

(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. At 0940 hrs outpost vic YD643310 sustained 3 US WHA (medevac) from 2 grenades. Tanks in support fired beehive with negative enemy assessment.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD695290. Secured LZ vic YD700289 for 80 PF's from 0900 hrs to 0920 hrs. Conducted RIF operation with FF's to vic YD688280. From 1830 - 1900 hrs the PF's were shuttled by UH-1 back

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(6) 1/C/2-34 Armor. OFCON Co D.

(7) Remarks:

(a) No progress was made on village razing by bulldozers, as all bulldozers were non-operable or required maintenance.

(b) From 1130 hrs to 1230 hrs the heavily vegetated area vic YD606290 and YD602288 were sprayed with herbicides by UH-1.

(8) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB OMAHA, Co A YD602292, Co B YD695302, Co C YD681314, Co D AN LO Bridge, Recon Flat, YD684285.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Trp (-) occupied night position vic YD626259 and 2d Plat ambushed vic YD610268, YD621243, and YD615277. At 2120 hrs ambush vic YD615277 engaged 1 sampan on SONG BO River. Sampan was beached on west side of river and destroyed by arty. Results - 2 VC KIA (BC). 1st Plat conducted RIF operation from LZ SALLY to YD633250, YD620250, YD620267, established OP's until 1450 hrs then returned to LZ SALLY. Trp (-) returned to LZ SALLY at 0810 hrs. 2d Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD615277 and YD615289, and then continued with 1 PF plat to YD629302, and to LZ SALLY.

(2) Trp B. Provided security for FSB PINKY and ambushed vic YD665261 and YD669256. 1 sqd secured minesweep S to HUE. 2d Plat and 1 RF plat established a blocking position vic YD679278 to YD693267 on east side of river in support of 1-502 Inf operation on west side of river. 1st Plat with 1 plat of 1st ARVN Div Recon Co (plat OFCON effective 1030 hrs) conducted RIF operation to vic YD675243, YD661244, YD665246. At 1216 hrs vic YD673247 found and destroyed 1 CHICOM AT mine. At 1550 hrs the 2d Plat returned to FSB PINKY and the PF plat established ambushes vic YD685204.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OFCON Trp B. Ambushed vic YD687234 and YD686241. At 1413 hrs conducted patrol from FSB PINKY to YD678258, and YD677254. 3d sqd patrolled to vic YD686242 and YD684246.

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

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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. elements of Co C and Recon Plat. Co B from night position vic YD821248 establish blocking position oriented N from vic YL809250 and YD824245. Reinforced sqd of Co C occupy OP vic YD812284. 1 plat Co C conduct combat assault at 0615 hrs from FSB MONGOOSE to LZ vic YD827275, and on order conduct search of village vic YD815265. Arty smoke will be employed to cause the people to flee the village vic YD815265. Recon Plat will conduct Eagle Flights from 0630 hrs - 1000 hrs to search and detain personnel fleeing the village area.

(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 YD843212 conduct RIF operation N along both sides of canal to vic YD828227.

(5) Remarks. Approx 1600 hrs 1 plat of Co B moves to FSB MONGOOSE to effect coordination of assuming Co C's mission on 5 July. Approx 1600 hrs 1 Plat of Co D will be shuttled by UH-1 to effect coordination of assuming Co A's mission on 5 July.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provide security for FSB T-Bone and establish local ambushes. 1 plat conduct RIF operation NW to vic YD615225.

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

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD577162 conduct RIF operation to vic YD567167.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD595164 conduct RIF operation to YD584175 and YD576167.

(5) Recon Plat. OFCON Co D.

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(6) Remarks. Beginning approx 1300 hrs a CS drum drop (90 drums, 3 CH-47 sorties) will be employed in area bounded by YD614141, YD617137, YD628141 and YD625146.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD602292 conduct cloverleaf patrolling vic YD6029 and YD6028 (within own AO).

(2) Co B. Provide security for bulldozer clearing operations vic YD 689303. 1 plat establish blocking position vic YD680297 oriented SW in support of Co C.

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD681314 conduct RIF operation to YD 675309, then thru villages vic YD668290 and YD678297 moving from SW to NE.

(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 OICON tank plat and 1 FF plat provides security for engineer road repair from AN LO Bridge NE to YD651314.

(5) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD684285 conduct RIF operation to vic YD675309.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Trp (-) remain at LZ SALLY after closing from night ambushes. 3d Plat establishes a day OP vic YD637255, then ambushes vic YD633245. 2d Plat establishes day OP vic YD620275, then ambushes vic YD615275.

(2) Trp B. Trp (-) with plat conduct RIF operation from FSB PINKY to vic YD663267 and dismount. 2d Plat returns to FSB PINKY, Trp (-) continues RIF operation to vic YD654242, YD670250 and establishes ambushes vic YD6625 and YD 6724. 3d Plat conduct training at FSB PINKY and secure minesweep S to HUE.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp B. Conduct local patrolling vic FSB PINKY and establish local ambushes.

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

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

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a. Friendly losses: 42 US KHA, 311 US WHA, (239 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 292 NVA KIA (BC), 339 VC KIA (BC), 32 NVA POW, 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 IRC-10.                      Group 4

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