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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
042001H July 68 - 052000H 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 8 contacts. Today's statistics: 1 US KHA, 4 US WHA (medevac). En assessment: 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC POW, 2 AK-47, 1 K-44, 1 LMG, 6.1 tons rice, 9 82mm mortar rds.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security for COLCO Beach and ambushed vic YD864308 and YD802331. At 1118 hrs conducted a combat assault from COL CO Beach to LZ vic YD884227. Closed LZ at 5 2000 1234 hrs. At 1228 hrs 12 PF's from PHU TU were lifted to the July 1968 vic of the LZ and conducted operations with Co A. Conducted 1 7

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RIF operation to vic YD875235. At 1240 hrs vic YD884227 found and destroyed 9 82mm mortar rds. at 1428 hrs vic YD875235 sustained 1 US WHA (medevac) from AP mine.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD800267. At 0826 hrs returned to FSB MONGOOSE and assumed mission from Co C of providing security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupying strong points at bridge sites along highway 551 and at POL pumping station vic YD750210.

(3) Co C. Provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupied strong points at bridge sites along highway 551, POL pumping station vic YD750210 and ambushed vic YD802285. When relieved of security mission by Co B, conducted RIF operation to vic YD786239, and along both sides of river to vic YD798246, then company closed on north side of canal. At 1828 hrs vic YD798246, 1 plat engaged a VC sqd on the S side of the canal, with SA and AW. SA fire was returned. Arty was fired with unknown results. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(4) Co D. Co (-) occupied night position vic YD824214 and ambushed vic YD821216 and YD821212. During the morning elements bagged and provided security for extraction of 10,150 lbs rice vic YD822213. At 1533 hrs conducted a heli-borne movement from PZ vic YD822213 to COL CO Beach, joining the 1st Flat. Closed LZ at 1613 hrs and assumed mission of providing security for COL CO Beach.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co C.

(6) B/2-501. Co (-) occupied strong points vic YD808186, bridge site vic YD838176 with 1 PF plat at bridge site and ambushed vic YD790198, YD793197, YD804192, YD810188, YD814185, YD823181, YD827179, YD832176. 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. The C&C ship engaged and killed 2 VC at 1529 hrs vic YD830205, also captured 2 AK-47's.

(8) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB MONGOOSE, Co A YD877237, Co B FSB MONGOOSE, Co C YD798246, Co D YD845320, Recon Plat YD798246, B/2-501 YD808186.

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(1) Co A. Provided security for FSB T-Bone and ambushed vic YD611224, YD611225, and YD643230. At 2130 hrs the ambush vic YD611224, observed 5 sampans, 3 of which banked vic YD607224. At 0305 hrs received 2 rds sniper fire resulting in 1 US WHA (medevac). 2d Plat conducted RIF from vic YD611224 to YD614224, YD628210, YD635194, and closed FSB T-Bone.

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

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD567166 and ambushed vic YD573164 and YD572167. Co displaced to vic YD572170, conducted RIF operations vic YD5616 and YD5617.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD586171 and ambushed vic YD584179. Conducted plat RIF operations vic YD5817 and YD5717.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co D. Ambushed vic YD577172. Conducted RIF operation vic YD5717.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB T-Bone, Co A FSB T-Bone, Co B OPCON 1-501 Inf, Co C YD568175, Co D YD577171, Recon Plat YD573181.

d. 1-502 Inf.

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

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD695301 and ambushed vic YD697299. 2 plats and 1 PF plat began moving at 0020 hrs to positions around objective vic YD712312. At 0620 hrs received SA fire from objective area, SA fire was returned. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC POW. At 1134 hrs vic YD709294 found 1 K-44. 1 plat with OPCON Recon Plat secured the bulldozer clearing operations vic YD686304.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD668303 and ambushed vic YD676305, YD673293, and YD683303. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD667317, YD675322.

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Search of village areas resulted in 3 detainees, and destroyed 1 BBT RPG round, vic YD675320.

(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. At 2200 hrs vic AN LO Bridge received 5 60mm mortar rds. Negative casualties. ARVN arty was fired with unknown results. At 2330 hrs 1 plat provided security for helicopter that crashed vic YD619306.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co B until 1700 hrs. At 1700 hrs vic YD686304 found and destroyed 2 105mm rd BBT. At 1940 hrs vic YD670304 received sniper fire resulting in 1 US WHA (medevac). Arty was fired with unknown results.

(6) 1/C/2-34 Armor. Plat (-) OPCON Co D. 2 tanks OPCON Co A.

(7) Remarks:

(a) A PSYOPS mission was flown over village vic YD732327.

(b) The village razing operations resulted in 100 meters x 100 meters of village area destroyed by the bulldozers.

(8) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB OMAHA, Co A YD607279, Co B YD694306, Co C YD693315, Co D AN LO Bridge, Recon Plat YD670304.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Occupied night position vic LZ SALLY (YD640276) with 2d and 3d plats ambushing vic YD615277, YD614276, YD632242, and YD634247. 1st Plat established OP's and blocking positions vic YD619272, YD623270, YD624273, and YD626270 and 2 PF'plat's conducted a sweep of the village vic YD620270 from SW to NE.

(2) Trp B. Provided security for FSB PINKY (YD688252) and ambushed vic YD680234. 1st ARVN Div Recon Plat (OPCON Trp B) ambushed vic YD675242. 1 RF plat (working with Trp B) ambushed vic YD691243. At 2157 hrs the RF ambush initiated ambush on 20 VC moving E to W. RF's engaged with claymore mines, SA, and grenades; received SA and AW fire from the enemy. Ambush withdrew to vic

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YD704250, breaking contact at 2202 hrs. Negative casualties, First light sweep was made with negative enemy assessment. 1st plat conducted RIF operation from FSB PINKY to vic YD673233, YD684334, and returned. 1 sqd secured minesweep from FSB PINKY S to HUE (YD734234). 1 sqd provided security for medcap vic YD708249, 2d Plat conducted RIF operation from FSB PINKY to vic YD679247, YD686243, and returned. Approx 1830 hrs the 1st Plat and 2d Plat (-) departed FSB PINKY for night ambushes.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp B. Ambushed vic YD686244. Conducted maintenance at FSB PINKY.

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

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

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD863238 conduct RIF operation to vic YD852241 then N to village area vic YD8525.

(2) Co B. Provide security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupy strong points at pumping station vic YD775250 and at bridges along highway 551 and POL pipeline from vic YD787273 to YD795285.

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD795245 conduct RIF operation E along both sides of canal to vic YD838235.

(4) Co D. Provide security for COL CO Beach installation.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co C.

(6) B/2-501 Inf. Co (-) occupy strong points vic YD808186, YD838176, and 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. Approx 1320 hrs Co B will be relieved in place by D/2-501. Co B then conducts heliborne movement from PZ vic YD793196 to LZ vic YD577173, and return to OPCON 2-501 Inf.

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(1) Co A. Provide security for FSB T-Bone. 3d Plat from night ambushes conducts RIF to vic YD628224 and establishes plat base. 1st plat conducts RIF operation from plat base vic YD628224 to FSB T-Bone.

(2) Co B. OPCON 1-501 Inf until approx 1320 hrs, when Co B makes heliborne movement from YD793196 to YD577173, then establishes night position N of LZ.

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD568175 conduct RIF operation to LZ vic YD570170 to receive log.

(4) Co D. At 1300 hrs conduct heliborne movement from PZ vic YD577173 to LZ vic YD793196. Co D relieves B/2-501 in place and reverts to OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(5) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD573181 conduct RIF operation to vic YD570170 to receive log and revert to OPCON Co C.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD607279 continue to clear the area vic YD6029 and YD6028 of mines and BBT's by using tank with sheep head roller.

(2) Co B. Provide security for bulldozer clearing operations vic YD 687304.

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD693315 conduct RIF operation vic YD707296 and YD716295.

(4) Co D. Provide security for AN LO Bridge and occupy strong points along QL 1 from AN LO Bridge NW to AO boundary. Secure minesweep from bridge NW to AO boundary.

(5) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD670304 conduct RIF operation vic YD6529 and YD6530.

(6) 1/C/2-34 armor. Plat (-) OPCON Co D. 2 tanks OPCON Co A.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Trp (-) conduct RIF operation with 1 PF plat to village area vic YD607255, where PF's search village from N to S. Trp A (-) blocks to S and E of village. Continue RIF operation to YD606240 and recon for ambush

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positions. 1st Plat returns to LZ SALLY from night ambush and conducts training.

(2) Trp B. Approx 0700 hrs the CP, 3d Plat, and Aero Rifle Plat begin moving by UH-1 to LZ vic YD665234. 1st ARVN Div Recon Plat secures LZ and returns to FSB PINKY on return trips of UH-1. Conduct RIF operation from LZ to YD645245, YD655254, YD662252, and YD661242. CP and Aero Rifle Plat return to FSB PINKY by UH-1, 3d Plat remains and ambushes vic YD6625. 1st and 2d Plats conduct maintenance at FSB PINKY, 1 sqd secures minesweep S to HUE.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp B.

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

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses: 43 US KHA, 320 US WHA (248 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 293 NVA KIA (BC), 357 VC KIA (BC), 32 NVA POW, 172 VC POW, 19 returnees.

(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 303, crew served weapons 58, 77 SKS's, 20 M16's, 13 carbines, 6 sub MG's, 36 M1 carbines, 10 M2 carbines, 77 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, 14 LMG's, 3 HMG's, 16 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), 33 82mm mortar rds (dest), 3 250 lb bombs (dest), 101 lbs CHICOM C-4 (dest), 5 105mm rds (dest).

(4) Miscellaneous: 265.9 tons rice, 1 ton salt, 40 50 lb bags cement and 1 PRC-10. Group 4

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