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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 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	"
	1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, Camp EAGLE, RVN	"
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	1st Air Cav Div, Camp EVANS, RVN	"

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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
052001H July 68 - 062000H 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: 7 US WHA (7 medevac). Enemy assessment. 7 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK-50, 1 SKS, 1 sub MG, 2.5 tons rice, and 1 sampan.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD863238. At 2045 hrs vic night position received 8 RPG rounds and SA fire. Negative casualties. Arty was fired with unknown results. At 0115 hrs engaged 2 enemy with arty, negative enemy assessment. At 0835 hrs vic YD868342 sustained 1 US WHA (medevac) from a BBT

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grenade. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD853240, YD853250. During the morning vic YD8524, YD8624, and YD8623 a total of 9 BBT grenades were found and 7 destroyed (2 were disarmed for training aids).

(2) Co B. Provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupied strong points at bridge sites along highway 551, POL pumping station vic YD750210, and ambushed vic YD806294.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD795245 and ambushed vic YD787239, YD808246 and YD798246. At 2030 hrs ambush moving to position vic YD806243 received 3 rds RPG fire and SA fire. Negative casualties. SA, AW and arty fire was returned with negative enemy assessment. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD814245. At 0845 hrs received sniper fire, negative casualties. At 1115 hrs vic YD808247 found and evacuated 5000 lbs rice. At 1614 hrs vic YD808247 received AW and M79 fire from 4-5 enemy. Negative casualties. Arty was fired with unknown results. At 1815 hrs received sniper fire from vic YD808244. Negative casualties. Returned SA fire with negative enemy assessment. At 1830 hrs vic YD810247 received SA fire. Negative casualties. Arty was fired. At 1910 hrs a sweep of the area was made resulting in 2 VC killed by arty. At 1910 hrs vic YD810248 destroyed an explosive BBT.

(4) Co D. Provided security for COL CO Beach and ambushed vic YD860310, YD803331, and YD818308.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co C.

(6) B/2-501 Inf. Co (-) occupied strong points vic YD808186, bridge site vic YD838176 with 1 PF plat at bridge site and ambushed vic YD790202, YD793198, YD796195, YD803190, YD813186, YD822178, YD826178, and YD832177. 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. At 1400 hrs Co B was relieved in place by D/2-501. At 1430 hrs D/2-501 reverted to OPCON 1-501 Inf and at 1445 hrs Co B returned to OPCON 2-501 Inf.

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB MONGOOSE, Co A YD867270, Co B FSB MONGOOSE, Co C YD807239, Co D YD845320, Recon Plat YD807239, D/2-501 YD808186.

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c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Co (-) provided security for FSB T-Bone with 1st and 3d Plat ambushing vic YD638207, YD636223, YD628225, and YD610230. 3d Plat returned to FSB T-Bone; 1st plat established plat base vic YD628224. 2d Plat conducted RIF from FSB T-Bone to YD633192, YD637187, and returned.

(2) Co B. OPCON 1-501 Inf until 1445 hrs. Conducted heliborne movement at 1317 hrs from PZ vic YD793196 to LZ vic YD577174. Closed LZ at 1444 hrs. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD574184.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD568175 and ambushed vic YD561173, YD569181, and YD570184. At 2050 hrs the ambush vic YD569181 engaged 1 sampan with SA and AW fire, resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC). At 2150 hrs the sampan floated to the shore containing 1 SKS, 1 sub MG. Co (-) searched area vic YD569181, then moved to LZ vic YD572176 to receive log resupply by UH-1.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD577171. At 1306 hrs conducted a heliborne movement from PZ vic YD577174 to LZ vic YD793191. Closed LZ at 1430 hrs and reverted to OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON to Co D. Ambushed vic YD574182 and YD573181. At 0800 hrs reverted to OPCON of Co C. Conducted patrol to vic YD572170 and returned to CP vic YD573181.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB T-Bone, Co A FSB T-Bone, Co B YD575182, Co C YD569168, Co D YD808186, Recon Plat YD573181.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD607279 and ambushed vic YD603281 and YD601286. 3d Plat and 2 PF sqds conducted RIF operation to vic YD605285. Co (-) joined 3d Plat at 1640 hrs vic YD608285. At 1100 hrs vic YD605286 PF's sighted and pursued 3 VC, sustained 1 PF KHA from BBT grenade. At 1620 hrs vic YD607286 engaged with SA and killed 1 VC.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD694306 providing security for bulldozers and floating raft. Provided security for bulldozer clearing operation to vic YD686306. At 1355 hrs vic YD686305 track of bulldozer detonated a BBT

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(unknown type), resulting in 1 man providing security being WHA (medevac). Negative damage to bulldozer.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD693315 and ambushed vic YD678321, YD680315, and YD684310. At 0612 hrs vic YD685310 sustained 5 US WHA (5 medevac, 1 critical) from an explosive BBT. Conducted RIF operation with 1 PF plat to village vic YD680310. At 1025 hrs vic YD680312 engaged 3 VC with SA and arty supported. Negative enemy assessment. During the operation vic YD6831, found and destroyed 3 BBT (1 RPG round, 2 CBU). At 1255 hrs vic YD676310 found 1 VC KIA and 1 AK-50, believed to be from contact at 1025 hrs.

(4) Co C. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and occupied strong points vic YD600310, YD605311, and YD611312. Secured minesweep NW to AO boundary.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD670304. At 2018 hrs vic night position received SA and AW fire from an estimated plat. Negative casualties. Arty was fired with unknown results. Conducted RIF operation with 10 PF's to vic YD661308 and YD657308. At 1550 hrs vic YD656308 engaged 2 VC with SA, negative enemy assessment. At 1610 hrs vic YD662307 engaged 5 VC with SA and arty. Negative enemy assessment.

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

(7) Locations of En elements at close of reporting period. En CP FSB OMAHA, Co A YD607285, Co B YD694306, Co C YD670304, Co D AN LO Bridge, Recon Plat YD661306.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Trp (-) occupied night position vic LZ SALLY (YD640275) with 1st Plat and 2 PF plats ambushing vic YD615268, YD615262, and YD616261. 2d and 3d Plats moved to vic YD623262, linked up with the 2 PF plats and conducted RIF operation to vic YD615245, YD630248, and YD620250. 3d Plat continued to YD609242; 2d Plat and 2 PF plats continued to vic YD615237 and YD619250.

(2) Trp B. Trp (-) secured FSB PINKY. 1st Plat and 1st ARVN Div Recon Plat ambushed vic YD671247, YD684247, and YD663235. 1 sqd of Trp B secured minesweep from FSB PINKY S to HUE (YD734234). At 0735 hrs vic YD707250 found and

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destroyed a 105mm BBT. At 0735 hrs the 3d Plat and Aero Rifle Plat moved by UH-1 to LZ vic YD664234 secured by ARVN Recon Plat, which returned to FSB PINKY on the return trip. 3d Plat and Aero Rifle Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD645247, YD653255, YD655244, and to PZ vic YD655256. At 1525 hrs the 3d Plat (-) and Aero Rifle Plat (-) returned by UH-1 to FSB PINKY, each leaving a reinforced sqd behind to establish night ambush. 2d Plat conducted RIF operation from night ambush vic YD684247 to FSB PINKY, closing at 1235 hrs.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp B.

(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 YD867270, conduct RIF operation NE & SE thru the villages to vic YD872255.

(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 YD807239 conduct RIF operation E along both sides of the canal to vic YD836233.

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

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co C.

(6) D/2-501. 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.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Co (-) provide security for FSB T-Bone and establish local ambush. 3d Plat conduct RIF operation from night ambush vic YD619224 to YD600220 and to a PZ vic YD609212. Approx 1400 hrs 3d Plat returns by UH-1 to FSB T-Bone,

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and 1st Plat move by UH-1 to YD609212, then conduct RIF operation vic YD6021 and establish ambush vic YD600220.

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD575182 conduct RIF operation N to river vic YD574180, then along S side of river to vic YD587184.

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD569168 conduct RIF operation N to river vic YD772176 then along S side of river to vic YD560170.

(4) Co D. OPCON 2-501 Inf.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co C.

c. 1-502 Inf. From night position vic YD607285 continue to search and clear the village area within approx 500 meters of YD608284. 2 tanks work with Co A, 1 with sheeps head roller to assist in clearing area of mines and booby traps.

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD694306 Co (-) secures bulldozer clearing operations vic YD686306. 1 Plat established blocking position oriented SW from vic YD682308 to YD684304 in support of Co C.

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD670304 conduct RIF operation of villages vic YD670290 and YD677297, moving from SW to NE towards blocking positions occupied by 1 plat of Co B and Recon Plat.

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

(5) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD661306 conduct RIF operation thru village vic YD673308, then establish blocking positions oriented S vic YD 677297 in support of Co C.

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

(7) Remarks: From 0730 - 1030 hrs and 1400 - 1900 hrs using 2 UH-1's, conduct Eagle Flights with 1 PF plat to areas vic YD709318, YD709297, YD700313, and YD708304.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. 2d and 3d Plats return to LZ SALLY from night ambushes, conduct training and maintenance. 1st Plat establishes OP's from vic YD605265 to YD645265, then establish night ambush on E bank of SONG BO River. PF plat work-kig with Trp A will conduct RIF operation from vic YD605245 to YD615275.

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(2) Trp B. Trp (-) secure FSB PINKY. 2d and 3d Plat conduct local patrols vic of night ambushes vic YD664257 and YD654250 respectively. 1st ARVN Div Recon Plat (OPCON Trp B) conduct RIF operation to vic YD662241.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp B for security of FSB PINKY until approx 0700 hrs. Move by UH-1 to an LZ vic YD6124, and conduct RIF operation vic YD6224, YD6225, and YD6125. Revert to OPCON Trp A on order.

(4) Remarks: From 0700 hrs to 1600 hrs a RF plat will conduct RIF operation vic YD690218, YD670234, YD650240, YD640250, YD635254, YD630248, and YD690218.

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, 327 US WHA (255 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 293 NVA KIA (BC), 364 VC KIA (BC), 32 NVA POW, 172 VC POW, 19 returnees.

(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 306, crew served weapons 58, 78 SKS's, 20 M16's, 13 carbines, 7 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, 13 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 IAW'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: 268.4 tons rice, 1 ton salt, 40 50 lb bags cement and 1 PRC-10

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