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CG, 101st Abn Div
Camp EAGLE, RVN

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	34th PI	"
	1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, Camp EAGLE, RVN	"
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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
072001H July 68 - 082000H 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 4 contacts. Today's statistics: No friendly casualties; Enemy assessment - 4 VC KIA (BC) 1 Returnee, 1 ton rice.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD873263 and ambushed YD868267 and YD878258. Conducted RIF opn to vic YD867257 and YD835244. At 1106 hrs vic YD850252 received SA fire and 6 rds 60mm mortar fire. Neg cas. Arty was fired with unk results.

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(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 YD812293.

(3) Co C. Occupied night psn vic YD839232 and ambushed vic YD847228, YD833236, YD841241 and YD832230. Conducted RIF opn along both sides of the canal to vic YD825222 and YD828222.

(4) Co D. Provided security for COL CO Beach and ambushed vic YD802331 and YD868304. At 2140 hrs the ambush vic YD868304 engaged the point element of an estimated enemy plat. SA fire was returned and contact broke at 2215 hrs. Neg cas. Enemy assessment - 4 VC KIA (BC). At 0711 hrs vic YD868304 found and destroyed a 105mm round BBT rigged for command detention.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co C until 1720 hrs. At 1720 hrs conducted move by UH-1 from PZ vic YD828222 to FSB MONGOOSE. Closed at 1817 hrs.

(6) D/2-501. Co (-) occupied strong points vic YD808186, bridge site vic YD838176 with 1 PF plat at bridge site and ambushed vic YD785204, YD790200, YD793197, YD808189, YD814186, YD816285 and YD824179. 3d plat conducted RIF opn from vic YD810185, YD826171, YD838177, YD817188 and returned. 1st plat conducted RIF opn from vic YD810185, YD815200 and returned.

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB MONGOOSE; Co A YD835244; Co B FSB MONGOOSE; Co C YD828222; Co D YD845320; Recon Plat FSB MONGOOSE; D/2-501 YD808186.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Co (-) provided security for FSB T-BONE. 1st plat ambushed vic YD601219 and YD600216. 2d plat ambushed vic YD628224 and YD633223. 1st plat conducted RIF opn to vic YD605215 and YD601219. At YD601219 3 bunkers were found containing miscellaneous equipment and 2000 lbs rice.

(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD583175 and ambushed vic YD582179. Conducted RIF opn from vic YD583179, along the SONG BO River to vic YD578186. At 1045 hrs vic YD578187 had 1 Chieu Hoi surrendered to Co B.

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(3) Co C. Occupied night psn vic YD561173 and ambushed vic YD558171 and YD563174. Conducted RIF opn along SONG BO River to vic YD560183 and YD 560169.

(4) Co D. OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co C. Ambushed vic YD565185 and YD564187. Conducted RIF opn along SONG BO River vic YD561187 and YD569185.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB T-BONE; Co A FSB T-BONE; Co B YD590183; Co C YD561169; Co D OPCON 1-501 Inf; Recon Plat. YD567185.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A, Co C and 3d plat Co D. Co A (with 1st plat (-)/2-34 Armor) occupied night blocking psn from vic YD606294 to YD600290 to YD603284. Co C (with 2/B/2-17 Cav) occupied night blocking psn vic YD606293 to YD612298. During the day 2 PF plats from PHONG DIEN conducted a sweep of the village area from vic YD622304 S to YD609284 with the 3d plat Co D following the PF's. At 1815 hrs vic YD808297 found and destroyed a BBT 105 round. At 1815 hrs 2/B/2-17 Cav, started moving to FSB PINKY, closing at 1930 hrs, reverting back to OPCON 2-17.

(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD695306 providing security for bulldozers and floating bridge. Provided security for bulldozer clearing opn vic YD686306. 1st plat established blocking psn vic YD683307 in support of PF opn.

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

(4) Recon Plat. Ambushed vic YD666289, YD664286 and YD666285. At 2330 hrs vic YD664286 received 8 82mm mortar rounds. Neg cas. Arty was fired with unk results. Conducted RIF opn with 1 PF sqd to vic YD680310, YD673310.

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(5) 1/C/2-34 Armor. Flat (-) OPCON Co A. 2 tanks OPCON Co D.

(6) Remarks. The bulldozer razing opn resulted in 750 meters X 100 meters of village area being destroyed.

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB OMAHA; Co A YD607284; Co B YD694306; Co C YD664292; Co D AN LO Bridge; Recon Plat YD656307.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Occupied night psn at LZ SALLY and ambushed vic YD622254. 2 PF plats working with Trp A ambushed vic YD613288. 1st plat conducted RIF opn to establish OP CHIEF vic YD611234. At 0718 hrs 3d plat moved by UH-1 to FSB PINKY to provide security during the day. Closed at 0735 hrs. 2d plat established day OP's vic YD620265 and YD625275.

(2) Trp B. Trp (-) provided security for FSB PINKY. 1st ARVN Div Recon Plat ambushed vic YD663241. At 2144 hrs the ARVN ambush adjusted arty on suspected enemy movement with unk results. 1 sqd secured minesweep S to HUE. 1st plat moved to link up point with 2 PF plats vic YD695235. Conducted RIF opn of village of LA CHU (YD693240) from SE to NW. 3d plat established a blocking psn vic YD684240 to the S and E in support of the ARVN Recon plat conducting RIF opn from vic YD675275 toward the blocking psn. During the sweep of LA CHU a number of dud bombs and arty rounds were destroyed. The 2d plat remained OPCON to the 1-502 Inf during the reporting period until 1930 hrs when it returned to FSB PINKY.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp B until 0917 hrs for the defense of FSB PINKY. At 0917 hrs reverted to OPCON Trp A and moved by UH-1 to vic YD609236, closing at 1030 hrs. Moved to OP CHIEF vic YD611234.

(4) Locations of Sqdn ele : at close of reporting period: Sqdn (-) FSB PINKY; Trp A LZ SALLY; Aero Rifle Plat YD611234.

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

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2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. At 0730 hrs conduct a combat assault from PZ vic YD835245 to LZ's vic YD8521 or YD8722. LZ will depend on which direction personnel are fleeing from village areas vic YD855235 and YD861229, following arty smoke rounds being fired vic the villages. Co A will cut off the escape of the personnel and detain them for further classification.

(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 psn vic YD836208 continue to search area and on order establish blocking psn oriented NE vic YD8321 in support of Co A.

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

(5) Recon Plat. Remain a RRF for Co A vic FSB MONGOOSE. Later in the day move by truck to COL CO Beach for stand down.

(6) D/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.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A and Co C. Beginning at 1000 hrs Co A will conduct heliborne movements from PZ's vic FSB T-BONE, YD628224 and YD608212 to an LZ vic YD559171. Co C will be lifted out (vic YD559171) and returned to FSB T-BONE to assume mission of providing security for FSB T-BONE. Co A will receive 6 assault boats and conduct tng in preparation for river opns commencing 10 July.

(2) Co B. From night psn vic YD694306 move to an LZ vic YD585182 to receive log, then continue RIF opn along SONG BO River to vic YD585187.

(4) Co D. OPCON 1-501 Inf.

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(5) Recon Plat. From night psn vic YD567185 conduct RIF opn to vic YD559171 and secure LZ to be used by Co A and Co C. On order, revert to OPCON of Co A.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night psn vic YD607284 conduct search of village vic YD609285. 2 PF plats search village area vic YD607289 and 30 NPFF elements conduct search of village area from YD614296 SW to vic YD610290.

(2) Co B. Provide security for bulldozer clearing opn vic YD684304. During the day the bulldozers will be moved to S side of river vic YD695300 so Marines can begin dismantling floating raft.

(3) Co C. Conduct joint opn with PF elements of QUANG DIEN District. Co C establishes blocking psn vic YD648288 to YD668292. A PF plat blocks vic YD640300 to YD648288. At 0900 hrs 120 PF's conduct combat assault from QUANG DIEN to LZ's vic YD663292 and YD666307, then conduct RIF opn to objective areas vic YD655294 and YD658306 respectively.

(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 psn vic YD656307 occupy psns vic YD671310 to YD674305 to support combat assault of PF's. Following combat assault move by UH-1 to Co A's location. and conduct RIF opn vic YD610275.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. 1st plat occupy OP CHIEF vic YD611234. 2d plat establish day OP's vic YD622277, YD621265, YD616275 and return to LZ SALLY for night security. 3d plat establish night ambushes vic YD616250 and YD623252.

(2) Trp B. Trp (-) provide security for FSB PINKY and 1 sqd secure minesweep S to HUE. 3d plat with a PF plat conduct RIF opn from FSB PINKY to YD661260, YD669253 and return. 1st ARVN Div Recon Plat (OPCON Trp B) conducts RIF opn to vic YD695215.

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(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A. Occupied OP CHIEF vic YD611234 and conduct plat (-) RIF opn to vic YD619235.

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

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses: 44 US KHA, 331 US WHA (258 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 293 NVA KIA (BC), 370 VC KIA (BC), 32 NVA POW, 173 VC POW, 20 returnees.

(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 307, crew served weapons 58, 78 SKS's, 20 ML6's, 13 carbines, 8 sub MG's, 36 ML 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 ML's, 6 .45 cal pistols, 1 81mm mortar tube, 3 LAW's (dest).

(3) Munitions: 11 CHICOM grenades (dest), 17170 rounds SA, 107 60mm mortar rounds (dest), 60 B-40 (dest), 33 82mm mortar rounds (dest), 3 250 lb bombs (dest), 101 lbs CHICOM C-4 (dest), 5 105mm rounds (dest).

(4) Miscellaneous: 274.4 tons rice, 1 ton salt, 40 50 lb bags cement and 1 PRC-10. Group 4

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