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CO, 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div  
LZ SALLY, RVN

CG, 101st Abn Div  
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INTERNAL: CO,  
XO, S1, S2, S3,  
S4, S5, Avn O,  
Sig O, Hq Comdt,  
Surg, Chap,  
Arty LNO, TACP

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, 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	"
	1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, Camp EAGLE, RVN	"
	3d Bde, 82d Abn Div, Camp EAGLE, RVN	"
	1st Air Cav Div, Camp EVANS, RVN	"

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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report  
082001H July 68 - 092000H 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: No friendly casualties; Enemy assessment - 2 VC KIA (BG), 11 VC POW, 6 SKS, 2 M16's, 1 RPG-2 launcher, 1 sub MG, 1 M79, 1 AK-50, 1 .45 cal pistol, 1500 rds SA, 6 RPG-2 rounds, and 9 mines/grenades.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD836247 and ambushed vic YD839239 and YD827246. At 2228 hrs the ambush vic YD827246 adjusted arty on suspected enemy psn. The ambush then received

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SA fire from an estimated sqd. M79 fire was returned, contact broken at 2240 hrs. Neg cas, neg enemy assessment. At 0653 hrs vic YD827244 ambush returning received SA fire from approx 3 enemy. Returned fire with SA and arty supported. Neg cas, neg enemy assessment. At 0733 hrs conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD838247 to LZ's vic YD875225, YD840220 and YD857212, closed LZ's at 0825 hrs. Elements conducted RIF opns from LZ's to vic YD870225 and YD846226. At 0758 hrs vic YD875225 received AW fire, LFT supported. Neg cas, neg enemy assessment. During the opn 13 detainees were picked up. At 1723 hrs vic YD846226 received 2 60mm mortar rounds and SA fire. Neg cas. Arty was fired with unk results. At 1855 hrs vic YD851230 received SA fire and 2 60mm mortar rounds. Neg cas. Arty was fired with unk results.

(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 YD836208 and ambushed vic YD846213, YD837205, and YD835212. Conducted RIF opn vic YD8420.

(4) Co D. Provided security for COL CO Beach and ambushed vic YD864303 and YD802331.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night psn at FSB MONGOOSE and ambushed vic YD797276. At 0853 hrs moved to COL CO Beach for stand down. OPCON to Co D at 0947 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 YD789201, YD793197, YD797195, YD808189, YD817185, YD822186 and YD825177. Reinf sqd conducted patrol from vic YD808187 to YD830178.

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB MONGOOSE; Co A YD846226; Co B FSB MONGOOSE; Co C YD845204; Co D YD845230; Recon Plat YD845320; D/2-501 YD808186.

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c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security for FSB T-BONE and ambushed vic YD604210, YD607211, YD628223 and YD637224. At 1010 hrs Co A moved by UH-1 from PZ's vic YD607213, YD635239 and YD645216 to LZ vic YD573178. Closed LZ at 1116 hrs.

(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD590183 and ambushed vic YD587189 and YD586183. Co (-) conducted RIF opn to vic YD589185 and 2 plats patrolled along the SONG BO River vic YD5818. At 1644 hrs vic YD585186 engaged 1 sampan, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC) and 1 sampan sunk.

(3) Co C. Occupied night psn vic YD561169 and ambushed vic YD558172, YD557166. Moved to a PZ vic YD558178 and at 1020 hrs moved by UH-1 to FSB T-BONE, closed at 1126 hrs. At 1610 hrs the 2d plat was moved by UH-1 to YD628224, closed at 1633 hrs.

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

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co C. Ambushed vic YD567185. Moved to vic YD573186 and YD567183 and YD572175. At 1120 hrs reverted to OPCON Co A.

(6) Remarks. At 1910 hrs approx 8 122mm rockets were received vic FSB T-BONE. Neg damage, neg casualties. Arty was fired at suspected launch site vic YD624144.

(7) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB T-BONE; Co A YD573187; Co B YD586188; Co C FSB T-BONE; Co D OPCON 1-501; Recon Plat YD573187.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. (Working with 3 tanks, 30 NPFF, and 2 PF'Plats). Occupied night psn vic YD607284 and ambushed vic YD610283, YD604282, YD602286 and YD611292. Conducted search and provided population control vic YD6028 and YD6029.

(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD694306 providing security for bulldozers and floating raft. During the morning provided security for bulldozers which completed razing of village area vic YD686306. During the after-

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noon the bulldozers were moved by the floating raft to the S bank of the river to a night security psn vic YD695300. 2d plat conducted opn with Recon Plat from 1400 hrs to 1730 hrs.

(3) Co C. Occupied night psn vic YD664292 and ambushed vic YD665296. Established blocking psns vic YD667298, YD664287 and YD654287. At 0616 hrs vic YD664286 received SA fire with neg cas. Arty was fired with unk results. At 1215 hrs vic YD669291 captured 4 VC POW hiding in a bunker, 3 SKS, 1 ML6, 1 RPG-2 launcher, 9 mines/grenades. At 1945 hrs vic YD661285 captured 2 detainees, and 1 .45 cal pistol.

(4) Co D. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and occupied strong points vic YD600310, YD605311 and YD611312. Secured minesweep NW to AO boundary. 1st plat and 1 PF plat conducted RIF opn to YD600310 and returned. 2d plat conducted RIF opn to vic YD635314. At 1630 hrs vic YD641317 captured 3 VC POW, 2 SKS's and 1 ML6.

(5) Recon Plat. Ambushed vic YD656307, YD654304 and YD663307. Established blocking psn vic YD673307, until 1400 hrs. Conducted RIF opn with 2/B and 1 PF plat to vic YD674306. At 1241 hrs vic YD673307 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC WIA POW. At 1420 hrs vic YD674306 captured 3 VC POW, 1 SKS and 1 AK-50, 1 M79 and 1 sub MG. 2/B found small cache vic YD675307 containing 1500 rds SA and 6 RPG-2 rds.

(6) Remarks. At 0915 hrs 4 PF plats conducted combat assault to LZ's vic YD663293 and YD664305. Opn resulted in 4 VC POW, 1 ML, 1 M79, 1 sub MG and 2 tons rice.

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB OMAHA; Co A YD606284; Co B YD695300; Co C YD661285; Co D AN LO Bridge; Recon Plat YD606284.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. (Working with 2 PF plats) Occupied night psn at LZ SALLY. 2d plat ambushed vic YD626261, 2 PF plats ambushed vic YD614278. 1st plat oc-

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cupied OP CHIEF (YD611234). 2d plat occupied day OP's vic YD618273 and YD623276. At 1800 hrs 3d plat departed LZ SALLY for night ambushes.

(2) Trp B. Provided security for FSB PINKY. 1st ARVN Div Recon plat ambushed vic YD673235. 1 sqd Trp B secured minesweep S to HUE (YD734234). ARVN Recon plat conducted RIF opn to vic YD655240, YD645250, YD656247. 3d plat with 1 PF plat conducted RIF opn from FSB PINKY to YD680259, YD677253, YD684246, YD682256 and returned. 1st plat conducted RIF opn to vic YD680260, YD663258 and returned to FSB PINKY.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A. Occupied night psn vic OF CHIEF, (YD611234). 2 sqds conducted patrol to YD615228, YD610228 and YD605234.

(4) Locations o. Sqdn elements at close of reporting period: Sqdn CP FSB PINKY; Trp A LZ SALLY; Trp B FSB PINKY; Aero Rifle Plat YD611234.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A and Co C. Co A (-) and Co C conduct joint opn with 1-54th (ARVN) Inf. By 0600 hrs, Co A (-) establish blocking psn vic YD820224 to YD828233, Co C establish blocking psn vic YD822212 and YD825220. At 0600 hrs 2 Co's 1-54th Inf conduct attack to the W thru village area vic YD7822, YD7922, YD8022, then S to YD8021. 1-54th Inf (-) in reserve vic YD788215. 1 plat Co A with 12 PF's conduct combat assault at 0730 hrs from PZ vic YD8322 to LZ vic YD882255. Upon completion of the plat of Co A combat assault, a PF plat from PHU TU (vic YD900187) will be lifted in to YD882255. PF's will conduct a sweep of village vic YD884247 searching for a weapon's cache, plat of Co A provide security. At 1700 hrs elements will be extracted, PF's to PHU TU, plat A Co to Co (-).

(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.

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

(4) Recon Plat. Stand down at COL CO Beach, OPCON to Co D.

(5) 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. From night psn vic YD573182 conduct RIF opn N along the W bank of the SONG BO River to vic YD583197. 1 plat use assault boats to move along river.

(2) Co B. From night psn vic YD586188 conduct RIF opn N along the E bank of the SONG BO River to vic YD588201.

(3) Co C. Co (-) provide security for FSB T-BONE. 1 plat conduct RIF opn from plat base vic YD628224 to vic YD607212, then establish ambush along SONG BO River. 1 plat move by CH-47 to COL CO Beach for 2 day R&R stand down, OPCON to 1-501 Inf.

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

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co A.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. (Working with 2 PF plats and 30 NFFF) From night psn vic YD606284 establish a blocking psn from YD613278 to YD608278 to YD602270. 1 plat Co A sweep the village from vic YD602270 NE to vic YD613278.

(2) Co B. Co (-) provide security for movement of bulldozers to vic YD737291, where bulldozers will be loaded on M-8 boats. 2 sqds remain vic YD695300 for extraction of floating raft. Co then link up and establish night psn vic YD7230.

(3) Co C. From night psn vic YD661285 conduct RIF opns vic YD6429, YD6529, and YD6629.

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(4) Co D. Provide security for AN LO Bridge. Occupy strong points and secure minesweep along QL 1 from bridge NW to AO Boundary. 1 reinf plat and 1 PF plat conduct RIF opn to vic YD640320.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co A.

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

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. 1st plat occupy OP CHIEF (YD611234), 2d plat remain at LZ SALLY. 3d plat establish day OP's vic YD611272, and YD629274.

(2) Trp B. Trp (-) secure FSB PINKY and minesweep S to HUE. 1st plat recon for night ambush site vic YD6823 and YD6824. 2d plat recon for night ambush site vic YD6724. 1st ARVN Div Recon plat conduct RIF opn vic YD6525, YD6625 and YD6725.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A. 1 sqd patrol from vic YD611234 to YD619241, YD615237 and return.

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), 372 VC KIA (BC), 32 NVA POW, 184 VC POW, 20 returnees.

(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 319, crew served weapons 59, 84 SKS's, 22 M16's, 13 carbines, 9 sub MG's, 36 M1 carbines, 10 M2 carbines, 77 AK-47's, 13 RPG-2 launchers, 8 RFG-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, 14 AK-50's, 14 LMG's, 3 HMG's, 16 K-44's, 7 M1's, 7 .45 cal pistols, 1 81mm mortar tube, 3 LAW's (dest), 1 M79.

(3) Munitions: 11 CHICOM grenades (dest), 18670 rds SA, 107 60mm mortar rounds (dest), 66 B-45 (dest), 33 82mm mortar rds (dest), 3 250 lb bombs (dest), 101 lbs CHICOM C-4 (dest), 5 105mm rds (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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