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INFO:	CO, 1-501 Inf	(Message Center)
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	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	"
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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
092001H July 68 - 102000H 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: 7 US WHA (7 medevac); Enemy assessment - 4 NVA KIA (BC), 4 VC KIA (BC), 1 ML6, 1 SKS, 1 ton rice.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD842232 and ambushed vic YD844228 and YD840240. At 2050 hrs ambush vic YD844228 fired arty at suspected enemy psn. At 2150 hrs the night psn received SA fire from approx 3 enemy. Neg cas. M79 fire was returned with neg enemy assessment. Co (-) established blocking psn vic YD828229 to YD825223 in support of 1-54th (ARVN) Inf

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operation vic YD7822, YD7922 and YD8022. At 0631 hrs vic YD840230 sustained 7 US WHA (7 medevac - 1 serious) from AP mine. The 3d plat at 0750 hrs from a PZ vic YD836226 conducted a combat assault to an LZ vic YD882253, closing at 0812 hrs. 11 PF's were then lifted in with the 3d plat from PHU TU. 3d plat established blocking psn vic YD880253 to YD886249, while the PF's searched the village area from vic YD887246 to YD883250. At 1652 hrs the PF's were lifted back to PHU TU and 3d plat of Co A was lifted to Co (-) vic YD830230, closed at 1730 hrs. At 1005 hrs vic YD885250 found 1 VC killed by arty. At 1430 hrs vic YD884247 the PF's engaged and killed 2 VC. At 1615 hrs vic YD883252 received AW fire resulting in 1 PF WIA (medevac). 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 YD807280.

(3) Co C. Occupied night psn vic YD844211 and ambushed vic YD846213, YD845207, and YD838214. Established blocking psn from vic YD824222 to YD821210 in support of 1-54th (ARVN) Inf opn.

(4) Co D. Provided security for COL CO Beach and ambushed vic YD865307 and YD802331.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON to Co D for stand down at COL CO Beach until 1405 hrs. Returned to FSB MONGOOSE.

(6) D/2-501 Inf. Co (-) occupied strong points vic YD808186, bridge site vic YD838176 with 1 PF plat at bridge site and ambushed vic YD787203, YD797194, YD808189, YD809193, YD815184, YD818173 and YD823183. During the day local patrols were conducted along QL 1.

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB MONGOOSE. Co A YD836225; Co B FSB MONGOOSE; Co C YD837215; Co D YD845320; Recon Plat YD803273; D/2-501 YD808186.

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(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD573182 and ambushed vic YD573177,

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YD572180 and YD576178. Co (-) conducted RIF opn along the W bank of the SONG BO River to vic YD583196, 1 plat moved in assault boats up the river, with a LFT supporting the river movement.

(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD589185 and ambushed vic YD586184 and YD587181. Conducted RIF opn along the E bank of the SONG BO River to vic YD588193 and YD585199. At 1315 hrs vic YD585191 found an H-13 (burned-out hull).

(3) Co C. Co (-) provided security for FSB T-BONE and ambushed vic YD652214 and YD647217. 2d plat occupied plat base at YD628224 and ambushed vic YD626229. 2d plat conducted RIF opn to vic YD618217 and YD614208. At 0824 hrs the 1st plat moved by CH-47 to COL CO Beach. for 2 day R&R stand down. Closed at 0850 hrs and reverted to OPCON 1-501 Inf.

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

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD674187. Conducted RIF opn to vic YD583199.

(6) Remarks. At 0850 hrs vic YD582200 the C&C ship sighted 10 sampans and 8 large bags of rice (2000 lbs) sunken in shallow water; 200 meters S 3 more sampans were sighted. A LFT was called in and destroyed the sampans and rice. At 1000 hrs vic YD602175 received SA fire from several enemy. Neg hits. LFT supported with neg enemy assessment. At 1005 hrs vic YD582201 an airstrike was expended on trail where movement was observed. Neg enemy assessment.

(7) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB T-BONE; Co A YD583195; Co B YD587198; Co C FSB T-BONE; Co D OPCON 1-501 Inf; Recon Plat YD581188.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD606284 and ambushed vic YD612277 and YD603280. Conducted RIF opn at 0400 hrs from vic YD600268 to YD610277, with blocking psns vic YD613277, YD604280 and YD603270. At 0600 hrs vic YD602268 engaged 4 NVA, resulting in 4 NVA KIA (BC), 1 SKS, 1 ML6.

(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD695300. Secured the bulldozers

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as they moved to ferry site vic YD726294, where they were extracted by M-8 boats to HUE. 1st plat provided security for floating raft vic YD695300 until it was lifted out at 1015 hrs. At 1300 hrs vic YD726294 1st plat linked up with Co (-).

(3) Co C. Occupied night psn vic YD661285 and ambushed vic YD661285 and YD667284 to YD667291. Conducted RIF opn with 1 PF plat from vic YD648288 to YD658286.

(4) Co D. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and occupied strong points vic YD600310, YD605311 and YD611312. Secured minesweep NW to AO boundary. Ambushed vic YD650310. At 2240 hrs ambush vic YD650310 engaged approx 6 enemy with SA, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 0105 hrs ambush adjusted arty on suspected enemy sqd with neg assessment. 3d plat conducted RIF opn with 1 PF plat to vic YD6432. At 1103 hrs vic YD637321 engaged approx 4 enemy resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co A.

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

(7) Remarks. At 0905 hrs 2 PF plats conducted combat assaults to LZ's vic YD698297 and YD712295, closed LZ at 0917 hrs. Opn resulting in 1 VC KIA, 2 VC POW, 1 AK-50, 1 M79, 1 M16, 4 CKC, 1 60mm mortar, 1 case TNT, 1 case grenades.

(8) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB OMAHA; Co A YD609284; Co B YD725309; Co C YD658286; Co D AN LO Bridge; Recon Plat YD600277.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Occupied night psn at LZ SALLY and ambushed vic YD633243 and YD616243. 1st plat occupied OP CHIEF (YD611234). At 0340 hrs vic YD609223 engaged 1 sampan with 106mm RR and arty supported. Neg enemy assessment. 3d plat established day OP's vic YD623274 and YD623265. 1st plat conducted RIF opn from OP CHIEF to vic YD620239, YD622236 and returned.

(2) Trp B. Occupied night psn providing security for FSB PINKY and

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ambushed vic YD665241, YD685246 and YD663247. 1 sqd secured minesweep S to HUE. ARVN Recon Plat conducted RIF opn from ambush site vic YD663247 to YD650247, YD662260, YD663247, YD675257 and returned to FSB PINKY. 1st plat conducted RIF opn from FSB PINKY to YD683222 and returned. 2d plat conducted RIF opn to vic YD678239, YD678248 and returned. At 1525 hrs the 1st ARVN Div Recon Plat returned to HUE.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. Occupied night psn vic OP CHIEF (YD611234) and ambushed vic YD605239.

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

f. 2d Bde Security Plat. Secured minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A and Co C. From night psns vic YD836225 and YD837215 respectively, conduct RIF opns N and W along both sides of the canal (Co A on S side, Co C on N side) to vic YD8024. CAP Team #3 will establish blocking psn oriented E vic YD7924 in support of Co A and Co C.

(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 D. Provide security for COL CO Beach installation.

(4) Recon Plat. From night psn vic YD807273 conduct RIF opn to vic YD810260, YD825267, YD825257 and return to vic YD8027.

(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. Remain vic of night psn (YD583195) and conduct thorough search of trails and river banks vic YD5819.

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(2) Co B. Remain vic of night psn (YD587198) and conduct thorough search of trails and E river bank vic YD5819.

(3) Co C. Co (-) provide security for FSB T-BONE and conduct plat RIF opn to vic YD645190. Plat ambushing vic YD600218 move to a PZ vic YD608212 to be lifted to FSB T-BONE by UH-1 approx 1400 hrs. 1st plat return to FSB T-BONE by CH-47 from COL CO Beach approx 1530 hrs.

(4) Co D OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co A.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. (Working with 1 PF plat) From night psn vic YD609284, conduct patrols of area vic YD6026, YD6027 and YD6028.

(2) Co B. (Working with 1 PF plat) From night psn vic YD725309 conduct RIF opn to vic YD6931, crossing the river vic YD705314.

(3) Co C. (Working with 1 PF plat) From night psn vic YD658286 conduct patrols of area N of river vic YD6429, YD6528, YD6628, YD6629 and YD6529.

(4) Co D. Provide security for AN LO Bridge. Occupy strong points and secure minesweep along QL 1 from bridge NW to AO boundary. On order, 1 plat conduct RIF opn to vic YD6432.

(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 establish day OP's vic YD605250 and YD605245. 2d plat conduct RIF opn from LZ SALLY to vic YD612270, YD632243, YD620269 and return. Trp (-) conduct tng and maint.

(2) Trp B. 1st plat conduct RIF opn to vic YD661240, YD670245 to recon for night ambush site. 3d plat with 1 PF plat conducts RIF opn vic YD693212 and returns to FSB PINKY. Trp (-) provides security for FSB PINKY and secures minesweep S to HUE.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A. Conduct local sqd patrol from OP CHIEF (vic YD611234).

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

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses: 44 US KHA, 338 US WHA (265 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 297 NVA KIA (BC), 376 VC KIA (BC), 32 NVA POW, 184 VC POW, 20 returnees.

(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 321, crew served weapons 59, 85 SKS's, 23 ML6's, 13 carbines, 9 sub MG's, 36 ML carbines, 10 M2 carbines, 77 AK-47's, 13 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, 14 AK-50's, 14 LMG's, 3 HMG's, 16 K-44's, 7 ML'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 rds (dest), 66 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: 275.4 tons rice, 1 ton salt, 40 50 lb bags cement and 1 PRC-10. Group 4

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