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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	"
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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
102001H July 68 - 112000H 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: 4 US WHA (4 medevac), 3 VC KIA (BC), 4950 lbs rice.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD836225 and established 3 local LP's. At 2100 hrs LP vic YD839226 engaged 2 VC with SA, neg enemy assessment. At 2125 hrs LP vic YD839228 adjusted arty on 4 enemy, neg enemy assessment. Conducted RIF 11 2000
opn to vic YD815243, remaining on SE side of river. At 1350 July 1968
hrs 6 detainees were evacuated for further classification. At 1 7
1935 hrs vic YD806243 received SA fire from 1 enemy, neg cas.

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Engaged with SA and M79 fire, neg enemy assessment.

(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 YD813292.

(3) Co C. Occupied night psn vic YD837215 and ambushed vic YD839209. At 2150 hrs the night psn received SA fire from 2 locations, approx 4 enemy. Neg cas. Returned SA fire and arty supported with neg enemy assessment. Conducted RIF opn to YD821242, remaining on N side of river. During the day 18 detainees were evacuated for further questioning. At 1830 hrs vic YD812242 engaged 2 enemy with SA, neg enemy assessment. At 1920 hrs vic YD811246 the lead elements received a grenade from the S side of the canal resulting in 1 US WHA (medevac). Engaged with SA and M79 fire with unk results.

(4) Co D. Provided security for COL CO Beach and ambushed vic YD868304 and YD802331.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night psn vic YD803273. Conducted RIF opn with 10 PF's to vic YD820263, and conducted patrols vic YD8225 and YD8125. At 1213 hrs vic YD838248 received SA fire and then observed 3 personnel evading vic YD831249. Fired warning shots and then engaged resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 2 detainees. At 1945 hrs vic YD821262 received SA/AW fire and 2 RPG rds resulting in 2 PF WIA (medevac). Engaged with SA, AW, and arty supported with neg enemy assessment at close of reporting period.

(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 YD789201, YD794197, YD804192, YD809194, YD807188, YD815185 and YD823179. During the day conducted sqd patrols vic YD8314, YD8214, YD8118 and YD8018.

(7) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB MONGOOSE; Co A YD816242; Co B FSB MONGOOSE; Co C YD821242; Co D YD845320; Recon Plat YD821262; D/2-501 YD808186.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD583195 and ambushed vic YD573198,

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YD581183 and YD581188. 1 plat patrolled the SONG BO River from vic YD584185 to YD587202, searching along the river banks. Co (-) provided security along the W side of the river and searched the trails leading down to the river. At 1010 hrs received 3 rds sniper fire vic YD587187, neg cas. Engaged with SA, neg enemy assessment.

(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD587198 and ambushed vic YD587201. Conducted plat RIF opns to vic YD584190 N to vic YD593202. Co (-) remained vic of night psn. At 1015 hrs vic YD590202 found a bunker complex containing 1200 rds SA and 750 lbs rice.

(3) Co C. Provided security for FSB T-BONE and 2d plat ambushed vic YD600218. At 0945 hrs the 2d plat moved by UH-1 from PZ vic YD607212 and returned to FSB T-BONE. 3d plat conducted RIF opn to vic YD658192 and established night ambush. At 1700 hrs the 1st plat closed FSB T-BONE from COL CO Beach R&R stand down, returned by CH-47.

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

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co A. Occupied day OP vic YD582188.

(6) Remarks:

(a) At 0645 hrs 12 82mm mortar rds vic FSB T-BONE, impacting approx 50 meters outside perimeter with neg cas. 4.2" mortar fire was returned at suspected enemy psn vic YD6619.

(b) At 1715 hrs a CS-drum drop (60 drums) was employed vic YD624144. Drop was complete at 1829 hrs.

(7) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB T-BONE; Co A YD590203; Co B YD593201; Co C FSB T-BONE; Co D OPCON 1-501 Inf; Recon Plat YD590203.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD609284 and ambushed vic YD612277, YD601286 and YD600277. Conducted patrols of area vic YD6028 and N to vic YD610294. At 0915 hrs vic YD608287 found 500 lbs rice. At 1040 hrs vic YD610297 found and destroyed BET grenade.

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(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD725309 and ambushed vic YD724318, YD717310 and YD707316. Conducted RIF opn to vic YD714324 with blocking psns vic YD720326 and YD715320. At 0945 hrs vic YD716318 found 1000 lbs rice. At 1025 hrs vic YD715320 found 700 lbs rice. At 1140 hrs vic YD715321 sustained 1 US WHA (medevac) from BBT grenade.

(3) Co C. Occupied night psn vic YD656299 and ambushed vic YD664296, YD666287, YD658286, YD648292 and YD658297. At 2144 hrs vic YD656299 received 1 M79 rd, neg cas. Arty was fired with neg enemy assessment. At 2202 hrs vic YD666287 engaged 1 VC, neg enemy assessment. Conducted RIF opn to vic YD658295 and YD667287. At 0905 hrs vic YD666287 found 2000 lbs rice.

(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 with 1 PF plat and 2 tanks conducted RIF opn to vic YD6432. At 1105 hrs vic YD643322 engaged and killed 1 VC. At 1245 hrs vic YD643322 destroyed 105mm rd BBT.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co A. At 1240 hrs vic YD598278 sustained 2 US WHA (medevac) from BBT grenade.

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

(7) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB OMAHA; Co A YD612277; Co B YD710317; Co C YD651287; Co D AN LO Bridge; Recon Plat YD612277.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Occupied night psn vic LZ SALLY (YD640276) and ambushed vic YD604235, YD615277 and YD626284. At 2040 hrs ambush vic YD604235 engaged 1 sampan moving S along river with SA, M79 and arty supported. Ambush then re-located to vic YD604239. 3d plat established OP's from YD668270 to YD632242. 1st plat conducted RIF opn from OP CHIEF vic YD611234 to YD613246. 2d plat moved to YD632242 and conducted MG tng. At 1520 hrs 2d and 3d plat's returned to LZ SALLY.

(2) Trp B. Provided security for FSB PINKY and ambushed vic YD685233

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and YD675243, 1 sqd secured minesweep S to HUE. 2d plat established a blocking psn vic YD695223 to YD698223. 3d plat moved by UH-1 at 0732 hrs to an LZ vic YD692203 and linked up with 1 PF plat, then conducted RIF opn to vic YD694230. 2d plat established successive blocking psns in support of the 3d plat as elements continued RIF opn to FSB PINKY. 1st plat conducted RIF opn to SW and at 1535 hrs vic YD672245 received SA fire. Returned SA fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1700 hrs 1st ARVN Div Recon Plat arrived FSB PINKY and became OPCON to 2-17 Cav, moved to W of FSB PINKY to establish ambush.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A. Occupied OP CHIEF (YD611234).

(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 HHC Security Plat. Secured minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night psn vic YD804238, conduct RIF opn to vic YD786238, cross to N side of canal and return to FSB MONGOOSE, assume mission from Co B of providing security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupying strong points vic of bridges along highway 551.

(2) Co B. When relieved by Co A of security mission for FSB MONGOOSE and strong points along highway 551, conduct RIF opn to S side of canal vic YD787229, then to a night psn vic YD800235.

(3) Co C. From night psn vic YD811247 conduct RIF opn to vic YD824241. At 1500 hrs 1 plat move by CH-47 sortie to COL CO Beach in preparation for Co C assuming security mission of COL CO Beach on 13 July.

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

(5) Recon Plat. From night psn vic YD806257 conduct RIF opn to vic YD796275.

(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.

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b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night psn vic YD590203 continue to conduct search along W river bank and trails leading to river vic YD5819, YD5820 and YD5821.

(2) Co B. From night psn vic YD593201 continue to conduct search along E river bank and trails leading to river vic YD5819 and YD5920.

(3) Co C. Provide security for FSB T-BONE and establish local ambushes. 1 plat conduct RIF opn to vic YD6619, 1 platoon returns to FSB T-BONE.

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

(5) Recon Plat; OPCON Co A.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A and Recon Plat. 2 plats establish plat blocking psns prior to 0600 hrs vic YD597268 oriented SE and YD597263 oriented N. Co (-) with NFFF element conduct RIF opn from vic YD609278 to YD598265. Co then moves to search area vic YD600257. Approx 1700 hrs Recon Plat move by UH-1 to FSB OMAHA.

(2) Co B. From night psn vic YD710317 conduct RIF opns vic YD7131 and YD7132, then return to FSB OMAHA.

(3) Co C. Continue to conduct RIF opns in area N of river vic YD6429, YD6528, YD6628, YD6729, 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. 1 plat with 1 PF plat provide security for bulldozers clearing a section of village from tree-line to river bank (vic YD613293). On order, 1 plat with 2 tanks 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 and Aero Rifle Plat close out OP CHIEF. 1st plat then return to LZ SALLY, Aero Rifle Plat moves by UH-1 to Camp EAGLE for 2 day stand down. 2d and 3d plats conduct mounted MG tng vic YD632242.

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(2) Trp B. Trp (-) provide security for FSB PINKY and secure mine-sweep S to HUE. 1 plat conduct RIF opn to vic YD672232, YD666234 and return to FSB PINKY. 1st ARVN Div Recon Plat conduct RIF opns vic YD6625 and YD6725.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A.

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, 342 US WHA (269 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 297 NVA KIA (BC), 379 VC KIA (BC), 32 NVA POW, 184 VC POW, 20 returnees.

(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 321, crew served weapons 59, 85 SKS's, 23 M16's, 13 carbines, 9 sub MG's, 36 M1 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 MMG'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 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: 277.9 tons rice, 1 ton salt, 40 50 lb bags cement and 1 PRC-10. Group 4

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