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CO, 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div
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CG, 101st Abn Div
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S4, S5, Avn O,
Sig O, Hq Comdt,
Surg, Chap,
Arty LNO, TACP

INFO:	CO, 1-501 Inf	(Message Center)
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	CO, 188th AHC	"
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	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
112001H July 68 - 122000H 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 5 contacts. Today's statistics: 1 US KHA, 6 US WHA (4 medevac); Enemy assessment - 4 VC KIA (BC), 2500 lbs rice, 2 SKS's, 1 LMG.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD804238 and ambushed vic YD804244, YD806243, and YD813236. At 2115 hrs ambush vic YD813236 adjusted arty on sighting of 18 enemy. Results 3 VC KIA (BC). Moved from night psn to FSB MONGOOSE, assuming mission of providing security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupying strong points along highway 551 at 0922 hrs.

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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 YD807288. Relieved of mission at 0922 hrs and conducted RIF opn to vic YD793229 and YD807231.

(3) Co C. Occupied night psn vic YD811247 and ambushed vic YD815246, YD811250, YD803253. Conducted RIF opn E along both sides of canal from vic YD810247 to YD838233. At 1115 hrs vic YD825240 received SA fire resulting in 1 US WHA and sustained 1 US KHA and 2 US WHA (medevac) from unk type BBT. SA fire was returned with neg enemy assessment. Naval gunfire was fired into vic YD825240 with 10 secondary explosions. At 1515 hrs 1 plat moved by CH-47 from PZ vic YD840223 to COLCO Beach.

(4) Co D. Provided security for COL CO Beach and ambushed vic YD853314, YD802331 and YD814331. At 2005 hrs ambush vic YD853314 engaged and killed 1 VC (BC).

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night psn vic YD806257. Conducted RIF opn to vic YD795280.

(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 YD784203, YD793198, YD807187, YD811188, YD817183, YD823181 and YD825178. During the day elements conducted local patrols along QL 1.

(7) Locations of Bnelements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB MONGOOSE; Co A FSB MONGOOSE; Co B YD807231; Co C YD824245; Co D YD845320; Recon Plat YD796276; D/2-501 YD808186.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD590203 and ambushed vic YD591206 and YD583195. 2d plat move in boats to vic YD599218 and returned to vic YD590203. Recon Plat then conducted RIF opn from vic YD597214 to vic YD595215.

(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD593201 and ambushed vic YD594207. Co (-) conducted RIF opn to vic YD601215. 1st plat conducted RIF opn to vic YD594208.

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(3) Co C. Provided security for FSB T-BONE and ambushed vic YD661194, YD656192, YD652214 and YD647217. 3d plat conducted RIF opn from vic YD661194 to vic YD669190, YD668188.

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

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co A.

(6) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB T-BONE; Co A YD597215; Co B YD607211; Co C FSB T-BONE; Co D OPCON 1-501 Inf; Recon Plat YD595215.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD612277 and ambushed vic YD603279 and YD610283. Conducted RIF opn beginning at 0300 hrs to village vic YD600260 and swept S to YD600250. At 0555 hrs vic YD595268 sustained 2 US WHA (medevac) from BBT WP grenade. Also received SA fire from two enemy psns. Arty was fired with neg enemy assessment. Vic YD602267 found and destroyed 2 105mm BBT.

(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD710317 and ambushed vic YD712311 and YD716303. At 2104 hrs vic YD715303 received SA fire from NE, neg cas. Returned SA fire with neg enemy assessment. Conducted RIF opn to vic YD714325. At 1009 hrs vic YD714321 captured 1 VC POW and 1 SKS. At 1140 hrs POW led Co B to a LMG and a SKS in a bunker. At 1800 hrs moed to night psn vic QUANG DIEN.

(3) Co C. Occupied night psn vic YD651287 and ambushed vic YD647293 and YD660285. At 0816 hrs 2 plat moved by CH-47 to COL CO Beach for 32 hr R&R stand down. Co (-) conducted RIF opn to vic YD646295 and YD662286. Vic YD6528 found 2 rice caches of 500 lbs and 2000 lbs.

(4) Co D. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and occupied strong points vic YD600310, YD605311 and YD611312. Secured minesweep NW to AO boundary. 2d plat provided security for a bulldozer working vic YD614297 (cutting an area of 100 meters X 75 meters). 1st plat with 1 PF plat conducted RIF opn to vic YD615316. At 1119 hrs vic YD624324 received M79 and SA fire from an estimated reinf sqd, resulting in 1 US WHA. Returned SA fire and arty supported with neg enemy assessment.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co A until 1720 hrs. Moved by UH-1 to QUANG DIEN closing at 1830 hrs.

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

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(7) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB OMAHA; Co A YD608283; Co B YD683336; Co C YD651286; Co D AN LO Bridge; Recon Plat YD683333.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Occupied night psn at LZ SALLY; 1st and 3d plats ambushed vic YD605235, YD653257 and YD652258. 1st plat moved to OP CHIEF and closed it out before returning to LZ SALLY. 2d plat conducted minesweep from vic YD668270 to YD632242. 3d plat conducted mounted opns to vic YD632242, to conduct M60 tng. At 1146 hrs 2d and 3d plats returned to LZ SALLY. 3d plat established day OP vic YD614277. 2d plat departed LZ SALLY at 1815 hrs to establish night ambush.

(2) Trp B. Provided security for FSB PINKY; 1st plat ambushed vic YD664249. 1 sqd secured minesweep S to HUE. 3d plat conducted RIF opn to YD668228 and returned. 2d plat conducted RIF opn to vic YD678232.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. Occupied night psn at OP CHIEF (YD611234). Moved by UH-1 at 1530 hrs to Camp EAGLE for stand down.

(4) 1st ARVN Div Recon Plat. OPCON Trp B until 0900 hrs, then reverted to OPCON of Trp A. Ambushed vic YD658258. Conducted RIF opn W to the SONG BO River and established ambushes vic YD605238.

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

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. Provide security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupy strong points at POL pumping station vic YD750210 and at bridge sites along highway 551.

(2) Co B. From night psn vic YD807231 conduct RIF opn and search vil- lage area vic YD823217, then continue NE along both sides of the canal to vic YD832229.

(3) Co C. Co (-) conduct search of vic YD8224 to access contact made on 12 July. Approx 1540 hrs conduct heliborne movement from PZ vic YD835245 to

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COL CO Beach and link up with 1st plat. Assume mission of COL CO Beach security.

(4) Co D. Provide security for COL CO Beach until 1500 hrs. At 1500 hrs conduct a combat assault to an LZ vic YD835275, then RIF SW thru village vic YD815265 to a night psn vic YD8025.

(5) Recon Plat. From night psn vic YD796276 conduct RIF opn E to vic YD809275, then S to vic YD805264.

(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. Continue to conduct plat RIF opns vic YD5820, YD5821, YD5921, YD5822, and YD5922.

(2) Co B. From night psn vic YD607211 conduct RIF opn to vic YD602204, in search of a VC base camp.

(3) Co C. Co (-) provide security for FSB T-BONE. 1 plat from night ambush psns vic YD6420 conduct RIF opn to vic YD630190.

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

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co A.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night psn vic YD608283 continue to patrol and search the area vic YD5925, YD6025, YD5926 and YD6026.

(2) Co B and Recon Plat. Conduct joint opn with PF's of QUANG DIEN. Approx 0230 hrs 2 plats Co B, Recon Plat and 2 PF plats begin moving from vic of QUANG DIEN to establish by 0500 hrs a blocking psn from YD648364 to YD660350 and from YD670357 to YD671362. B (-) and 2 PF plats depart QUANG DIEN approx 0200 hrs to vic YD670340, link up with 2 more PF plats, then continue to an attack psn vic YD644370. Approx 0530 hrs sweep village to SE.

(3) Co C. Co (-) from night psn vic YD651286 continue to search the area vic YD6429, YD6528, YD6628, YD6729, YD6629 and YD6529. At 1600 hrs 2d

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plat returns by CH-47 from R&R stand down at COL CO Beach.

(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 secure bulldozer clearing opns vic YD613293. On order, 1 plat with 1 PF plat conduct RIF opn to vic YD636313.

(5) 1/C/2-34 Armor. Plat regroup vic AN LO Bridge in the morning, then return to Camp EAGLE for stand down.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. (Working with 1 PF plat and OPCON 1st ARVN Div Recon Plat). 1st plat conduct mounted move from LZ SALLY to vic YD668270, then SW to tng site vic YD632243 to conduct M60 tng. During the afternoon, the 3d plat (-) joins 1st plat and conduct 106RR tng. 1 sqd 3d plat and 1 PF plat establish day OP vic YD613275. ARVN Recon Plat conduct search of area vic YD615245.

(2) Trp B. Provide security for FSB PINKY and secure minesweep S to HUE. 1st plat RIF for night ambush sites from FSB PINKY to vic YD675233, YD667252, YD660245 and return. 3d plat establish 2 day OP's vic YD6725.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. Stand down at Camp EAGLE.

(4) Remarks. An RF plat conduct RIF opn from vic YD688212 to YD694200, YD702203, YD675225, and YD684229.

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

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses: 47 US KHA, 348 US WHA (273 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 297 NVA KIA (BC), 383 VC KIA (BC), 32 NVA POW, 184 VC POW, 20 returnees.

(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 323, crew served weapons 60, 87 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

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(dest), 8 9mm pistols, 14 AK-50's, 15 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 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: 279.2 tons rice, 1 ton salt, 40 50 lb bags cement and 1 PRC-10. Group 4

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