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CG, 101st Abn Div
Camp EAGLE, RVN

INFO:	CO, 1-501 Inf	(Message Center)
	CO, 2-501 Inf	"
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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	"
	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
122001H July 68 - 132000H 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 statistic's: 5 US WHA (3 medevac); Enemy assessment - 14 VC KIA (BC), 3 VC POW, 1 AK-47, 1 M16, 2 carbines, 1000 lbs rice.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A, Provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and strong points along highway 551 and ambushed vic YD808287.

(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD807231 and ambushed 13 2000
vic YD810227 and YD804227. Conducted RIF opn to vic YD824227 July 1968
and then along both sides of canal to vic YD829218. At 1709 1 7
hrs vic YD828218 received sniper fire resulting in 1 US WHA;

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(medevac). Returned SA fire and arty fired with neg enemy assessment.

(3) Co C. Co (-) occupied night psn vic YD824245 with 1st plat at COL CO Beach. At 2021 hrs Co (-) received SA fire with neg cas. Co (-) conducted RIF of area vic YD8224. At 0910 hrs vic YD825240 received SA fire with neg cas. Returned SA fire and arty supported with unk results. At 0944 hrs vic YD825245 engaged and killed 1 VC. At 1045 hrs vic YD826240 received SA fire from 2 enemy. Returned SA fire resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1325 hrs vic YD827246 received sniper fire from 2 enemy. Returned SA fire resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1347 hrs conducted 1st lift of heliborne movement from PZ vic YD825247 to COL CO Beach. At 1355 hrs vic of PZ received sniper fire. Returned SA fire with SA resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). Closed LZ at 1407 hrs and assumed mission of providing security for COL CO Beach.

(4) Co D. Provided security for COL CO Beach until 1300 hrs and ambushed vic YD867301, YD802331, and YD813331. At 1301 hrs conducted a combat assault from COL CO Beach to an LZ vic YD828273. Closed LZ at 1340 hrs and conducted RIF opn to vic YD809263. At 1350 hrs vic YD822270 found 1000 lbs rice. At 1945 hrs vic YD806251 engaged 5 VC with SA. VC returned fire and fled. Neg cas. Arty was fired with unk results.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night psn vic YD796276. Conducted RIF opn to vic YD808275 and YD807272. At 1418 hrs vic YD808275 detained 3 personnel who were classified VC POW's.

(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 YD783204, YD790199, YD795195, YD804193, YD807182, YD813186 and YD823179. Conducted sqd size patrols along QL 1.

(7) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB MONGOOSE; Co A FSB MONGOOSE; Co B YD829228; Co C YD845320; Co D YD804256; Recon Plat YD804272; D/2-501 YD808186.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD597215 and ambushed vic YD596216.

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Conducted plat RIF opns from night psn to vic YD592208 and YD598210.

(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD607211 and ambushed vic YD607221 and YD593207. Conducted plat RIF opns from night psn to vic YD601212, YD615207 and YD614207.

(3) Co C. Provided security for FSB T-BONE and ambushed vic YD641200, YD644205, YD652217 and YD647214. 1st plat conducted RIF vic YD6521, 2d plat to vic YD637196 and YD640194.

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

(5) Recon Flat. OPCON Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD595215. Patrolled to vic YD596218.

(6) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB T-BONE; Co A YD597215; Co B YD608214; Co C FSB T-BONE; Co D OPCON 1-501 Inf; Recon Plat YD590215.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD608283. Conducted RIF opn to vic YD602267.

(2) Co B, Recon Plat and 7 PF plats. Departed vic of QUANG DIEN approx 0200 hrs on a RIF opn from vic YD640377 SE to vic YD676364. Blocking psns were established by B (-) and 2 PF plats vic YD640377, 2/B and 1 PF sqd vic YD645367, 3/B and 1 PF sqd vic YD655358, Recon Plat and 1 PF sqd vic YD665356, 1 reinf PF plat vic YD678362. MAT element and 2 PF plats entered village at 0600 hrs vic YD647373 and swept SE, followed by B (-) and 2 PF plats. Opn complete at 1445 hrs. During the opn there was sporadic contact by the elements conducting the sweep. Results by Co B - 4 VC KIA (BC), 1 M16, 1 AK-47, 2 M2 carbines. At 0920 hrs vic YD645365 2d plat sustained 2 US WHA (medevac) from an M79 rnd. At 1245 hrs vic YD652366 1 US WHA from BBT RFG rnd which was blown in place. PF results - 19 VC KIA (BC), 4 VC POW, 14 indiv weapons, and 2 crew served weapons. PF's sustained 1 PF KHA and 9 PF WHA.

(3) Co C. Occupied night psn vic YD651286 and ambushed vic YD647289 and YD658286. Continued to conduct sqd size patrols E and W along the N bank

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of SONG BO River. At 1640 hrs the 2d plat returned by CH-47 from COL CO Beach R&R stand down.

(4) Co D. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and occupied strong points vic YD600310, YD605311 and YD611312. Secured minesweep NW to AO boundary. 3d plat conducted RIF opn to vic YD637314. Bulldozers were down for maintenance.

(5) 1/C/2-34 Armor. Released OFCON at 0630 hrs and plat moved to Camp EAGLE for stand down.

(6) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CF FSB OMAHA; Co A YD607269; Co B YD680366; Co C YD651286; Co D AN LO Bridge; Recon Plat YD680366.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. (Working with 1 PF plat) Occupied night psn at LZ SALLY with 2d plat and PF's ambushing vic YD661268, YD663260 and YD667253. 1st ARVN Div Recon Plat ambushed vic YD605238 and YD604241. At 2305 hrs ambush vic YD667253 initiated with claymore mines and SA against approx 4-5 enemy. Received approx 2 grenades resulting in 1 US WHA. At 2315 hrs PF's conducted sweep of ambush site finding 4 VC KIA (BC). ARVN Recon Plat conducted RIF opn along SONG BO River to vic YD606259. 1st plat secured minesweep from vic YD668270 to YD632243. 1st plat and 1 sqd 3d plat conducted 106 RR tng vic YD632243. 3d plat (-) with PF plat established OF vic YD615284.

(2) Trp B/ Provided security for FSB PINKY and 3d plat ambushed vic YD663235. 1 sqd secured minesweep to HUE. 1st plat conducted RIF opn to vic YD680230, YD668231, YD665260 and returned to FSB PINKY. 3d plat established day OF's vic YD671255 and YD672251.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. Conducted stand down at Camp EAGLE.

(4) 1st ARVN Div Recon Plat. OFCON Trp A.

(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 Flat. Secured minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf

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- (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 YD829228 conduct RIF opn along both sides of canal to vic YD825245.
- (3) Co C. Provide security for COL CO Beach.
- (4) Co D. From night psn vic YD805256 conduct RIF opn. S to canal, then along both sides of canal to vic YD825240.
- (5) Recon Plat. From night psn vic YD804272 conduct RIF opn N to vic YD8129, then SW to vic YD7927.
- (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. Approx 0845 hrs return to 2-501 OPCON. B/2-501 assumes D/2-501 mission approx 0830 hrs.

b. 2-501 Inf.

- (1) Co A. Remain vic of night psn (YD596214) until 3 of the 6 assault boats are extracted by CH-47 approx 0900 hrs. Conduct RIF opn along both sides of SONG BO River to vic YD592205. (Remaining 3 boats will be used to shuttle personnel across river).
- (2) Co B. At 0700 hrs conduct a heliborne movement from FZ vic YD607212 to an LZ vic YD794196. Relieve D/2-501 in place and revert to OPCON of 1-501.
- (3) Co C. Provide security for FSB T-BONE. 2 plats conduct RIF opn from night ambush psns to FSB T-BONE.
- (4) Co D. OPCON to 1-501 Inf until approx 0845 hrs. At 0845 hrs conduct a combat assault from FZ vic YD794196 to an LZ vic YD640170, LZ time 0900 hrs. Conduct RIF opn SE to vic YD653157.

- (5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co A.

c. 1-502 Inf.

- (1) Co A. From night psn vic YD607269 continue to patrol and search the area within 1-502 AO vic YD6027, YD5927, YD5926, YD6026 and YD6025.

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(2) Co B. From night psn vic YD680366 move overland to QUANG DIEN. At 1030 hrs (with 1 FF plat and 1 Scout dog team) conduct a combat assault to LZ vic YD693276, then conduct RIF opn NW through the village area.

(3) Co C. From night psn vic YD651286 continue to search the area vic YD6429, YD6528, YD6628, YD6729, YD6629 and YD6529. 1 plat conduct RIF opn to vic YD659305.

(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 opn vic YD613293. On order, 1 plat with 1 FF plat conduct RIF opn to vic YD640320.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON to Co B until approx 1030 hrs. Following Co B's combat assault, Recon plat conducts combat assault to an LZ vic YD707272. Conduct RIF opn N.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Trp (-) conduct tng and maintenance at LZ SALLY. 2d plat establish day OP's vic YD615277. 3d plat conduct RIF opn SW of LZ SALLY and ambush vic YD660260. 1st ARVN Div Recon Plat conduct patrols vic YD618260.

(2) Trp B. Trp (-) provide security for FSB PINKY and secure mine-sweep S to HUE. 2d plat conducts RIF opn to vic YD652240, YD636249, and return. 3d plat conduct RIF opn to vic YD660240, YD675238, YD679231 and YD685240.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. Continue stand down at Camp EAGLE.

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, 353 US WHA (276 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 297 NVA KIA (BC), 397 VC KIA (BC), 32 NVA POW, 188 VC POW, 20 returnees.

(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 327, crew served weapons 60, 87 SKS's, 24 M16's, 13 carbines, 9 sub MG's, 36 M1 carbines, 12 M2 carbines, 78 AK-47's, 13

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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, 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: 279.5 tons rice, 1 ton salt, 40 50 lb bags cement and 1 FRC-10.

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