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CG, 101st Air Cav Div  
Camp EAGLE, RVN

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)
	<del>CO, 2-501 Inf</del>	"
	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 Air Cav Div, Camp EAGLE, RVN	"
	3d Bde, 82d Abn Div, Camp EAGLE, RVN	"
	1st Air Cav Div, Camp EVANS, RVN	"
	47th Scout Dog Plat	"

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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report  
152001 July 68 - 162000H July 68

1. (C) Operations Summary:

a. General: 2d Bde, 101st Air Cav 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: 7 US WHA (4 medevac), 6 VC KIA (BC), 22 NVA KIA (BC), 2 AK-47, 3 VC POW, 1 returnee, 1 IMG, 12 tons rice, 2000 rds SA.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupied strong points along highway 551 and ambushed vic YD812292.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD828224 and ambushed vic YD829228 and YD824226. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD798230.

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(3) Co C. Provided security for COL CO Beach and ambushed vic YD873303, YD802331, and YD813332.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD843204 and ambushed vic YD846202. At 2059 hrs vic YD844204 received 1 grenade, negative casualties. Engaged suspected enemy position with M79 fire with negative enemy assessment. During the day elements bagged rice cache found on 15 July, a total of 24000 lbs were extracted from vic YD843204 by 3 CH-47 sorties. From 1100 hrs - 1600 hrs 16 PF's from HUONG THUY assisted Co D. At 1827 hrs vic YD844204 engaged 1 VC; result, 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1843 hrs vic YD845207 patrol received SA fire from approx 4 enemy, resulting in 1 US WHA (medevac). Engaged with SA, M79 fire and arty supported; negative enemy assessment. At 1910 hrs received 2 60mm mortar rds, and sniper fire. Negative casualties. Arty was fired with negative enemy assessment.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD827259. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD845250, where 30 PF's were lifted in by UH-1 to LZ's vic of Recon Plat. PF's conducted sweep of area with the Recon Plat capturing 3 VC POW and 3 VC KIA (BC), 2 by PF's and 1 by C&C ship. At 0845 hrs vic YD839248 Recon Plat had 1 returnee. At 1000 hrs the PF's were returned to PHU TU by UH-1 and the Recon Plat returned overland to FSB MONGOOSE, closing at 1441 hrs.

(6) B/2-501. Co (-) occupied strong points vic YD808186, bridge site vic YD838176 with 1 PF plat at bridge site and ambushed vic YD793197, YD804192, YD806196, YD812187, YD817184, YD824179, and YD830178. At 0600 hrs vic YD824179 detained 11 personnel.

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB MONGOOSE, Co A FSB MONGOOSE, Co B YD790231, Co C YD845320, Co D YD843204, Recon Plat FSB MONGOOSE, B/2-501 ID808186.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD588204 and ambushed vic YD591201. Continued RIF S along both sides of SONG BO River to vic YD584196. At 0842 hrs vic YD584199 observed 1 enemy fleeing, engaged with SA. Enemy returned SA fire. Negative casualties, negative enemy assessment. At 1130 hrs vic YD584196 sustained 5 US WHA (3 medevac) from a command detonated mine. Also received SA fire. Engaged arty with negative enemy assessment.

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(2) Co B. OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(3) Co C. Provided security for FSB T-Bone and ambushed vic YD631194, YD626189, YD646214, and YD652213. 3d Plat conducted RIF operations vic YD6521.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD662158 and ambushed vic YD653165, Co (-) conducted RIF operation to vic YD667156, 1st Plat conducted RIF to vic YD663155. Found burned out hull of helicopter vic YD670159.

(5) Recon Plat: Returned to 2-501 Inf OPCON at 1650 hrs, returning from R&R stand down at COL CO Beach.

(6) Remarks: At 2255 hrs a bunker vic YD649203 (W section of perimeter at FSB T-Bone) heard movement. At 2350 hrs OP vic YD660202 received 2 grenades. Returned SA fire. Negative casualties, negative enemy assessment.

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB T-Bone, Co A YD583195, Co B OPCON 1-501 Inf, Co C FSB T-Bone, Co D YD663155, Recon Plat FSB T-Bone.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD611292 and ambushed vic YD611280 and YD604286. Conducted RIF operation to NE and assumed security mission for AN LO Bridge at 1040 hrs. At 0837 hrs vic YD610293 found and destroyed 1 105mm round BBT resulting in 1 US WHA.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD687280 and ambushed vic YD684279 and YD685285. At 2030 hrs vic YD684279, ambush while moving to position received SA fire. Returned SA fire. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. Continued to conduct RIF operation vic YD687280. At 1120 hrs vic YD685278 found grave containing 4 VC KIA (BC) and 2 AK-47. At 1430 hrs vic YD685279 found grave containing 2 NVA KIA (BC). At 1704 hrs vic YD697288 found 1 LMG, 2000 rds SA, and 20 NVA bodies wrapped in plastic, in the river.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD674299 and ambushed vic YD668289 and YD679297. At 2055 hrs vic YD668289 received 1 CS grenade. Co (-) conducted RIF operation to vic YD678298 and YD668290. 2d Plat secured road from vic YD641306 to YD650310.

(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

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Plat assumed mission at 0900 hrs vic YD611292 of securing bulldozer clearing operation. Relieved of bridge security mission at 1040 hrs. Conducted RIF operation vic YD6029 and YD6129. At 1229 hrs vic YD613294 found and destroyed 1 105mm round BBT.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD697288 and ambushed vic YD694287. At 0700 hrs conducted a combat assault from FZ vic YD698290 to LZ vic YD638370, closed LZ at 0719 hrs. 2 PF plats conducted combat assault at 0724 hrs from QUANG DIEN to LZ's vic YD647365 and YD655360, closed LZ's at 0734 hrs. Operation resulted in 8 K-44 and 5 VC KIA (BC), by PF's. Operation terminated at 1040 hrs and elements returned overland to FSB OMAHA.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB OMAHA, Co A AN LO Bridge, Co B YD694285, Co C YD658286, Co D YD612294, Recon Plat FSB OMAHA.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Provided security for FSB PINKY and 2d Plat ambushed vic YD 665261 and YD662267. 1 squad secured minesweep S to HUE. 3d Plat conducted RIF operation from FSB PINKY to vic YD670242 and returned. 1 sqd of 1st Plat secured MEDCAP vic YD709269. At 1100 hrs 1st ARVN Div Recon Plat arrived FSB PINKY, OPCON to Trp A. Departed FSB PINKY and conducted RIF operation to vic YD6522. At 1833 hrs 1st Plat departed to establish night ambushes.

(2) Trp B. Occupied night position vic LZ SALLY and ambushed vic YD614282 and YD610268. 1st Plat established OP vic YD615277. 3d Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD614284. 2d Plat established OP vic YD611234.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. Moved by CH-47 sortie from Camp EAGLE to FSB PINKY, closing at 1420 hrs.

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

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

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both sides of canal  
FOI pumping station  
(2) Co B.  
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at POL pumping station vic YD775250 and at bridge sites along highway 551.

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD790231 conduct RIF operation along both sides of canal to vic YD822245.

(3) Co C. Provide security for COL CO Beach.

(4) Co D. Remain vic night position (YD843204) and continue to bag and evacuate rice cache found on 15 July.

(5) Recon Plat. From night ambushes return to FSB MONGOOSE. Truck to COL CO Beach for stand down.

(6) B/2-501. 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 position vic YD583195 continue to RIF along both sides of river to vic YD580185.

(2) Co B. OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(3) Co C. Provide security for FSB T-Bone and establish ambushes W and NW of FSB T-Bone. 1 plat conduct RIF operation from FSB T-Bone to vic YD635185.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD663155 conduct RIF operation to vic YD650150.

(5) Recon Plat. Conduct RIF operation from FSB T-Bone to vic YD662202, YD665194, along river to vic YD657194, and return to FSB T-Bone.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provide security for AN LO Bridge. Occupy strong points and secure minesweep along sector of QL 1 from AN LO Bridge NW to AO boundary. On order, reinforce Co D with 1 plat.

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD694285 continue to search the village of PHUOC YEN (YD686280) and along the river banks. 1 plat conduct RIF operation to vic YD704286 and YD710293.

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD658286 conduct plat RIF operations in area bounded by YD664284, YD664312, YD681317, and YD685304.

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(4) Co D. 1 plat secure bulldozer clearing operation vic YD610292. Co (-) conduct RIF operation thru village area vic YD623323, towards a blocking position occupied by Recon Plat.

(5) Recon Plat. At 1030 hrs conduct a combat assault from QUANG DIEN to an LZ vic YD624327. Establish a blocking position oriented S vic of LZ.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Provide security for FSB PINKY and secure minesweep S to HUE. 2d Plat conduct RIF operation from FSB PINKY to vic YD673244 and return. 3d Plat with 1 PF plat conduct RIF operation from FSB PINKY to vic YD660260 and establish ambush.

(2) Trp B. Trp (-) conduct training and maintenance at LZ SALLY. 1 sqd of 1st Plat occupy OP vic YD616282 with 1 PF plat and establish joint ambush. 1st Plat (-) conduct RIF operation from LZ SALLY to vic YD637249 and link up with 2d Plat (conduct RIF operation from night position vic YD611234 to YD637249). 1st Plat (-) and 2d Plat conduct local patrols vic YD637249.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. Conduct RIF operation from FSB PINKY to vic YD675230 and establish ambush.

(4) 1st ARVN Div Recon Plat. OPCON Trp A. From night position vic YD663223 conduct RIF operation to vic YD638232.

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

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses: 49 US KHA, 362 US WHA (281 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 319 NVA KIA (BC), 406 VC KIA (BC), 32 NVA POW, 192 VC POW, 22 returnees.

(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 332, crew served weapons 61, 89 SKS's, 24 M16's, 13 carbines, 9 sub MG's, 37 M1 carbines, 12 M2 carbines, 80 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, 16 LMG's, 3 HMG's, 16 K-44's, 7 M1's, 7 .45

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(3) Munition  
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cal pistols, 1 81mm mortar tube, 3 LAW's (dest), 1 M79.

(3) Munitions: 11 CHICOM grenades (dest), 20,670 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: 304.1 tons rice, 1 ton salt, 40 50 lb bags cement and 1 PRC-10. Group 4

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