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CG, 101st Air Cav 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)
	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 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
162001H July 68 - 172000H 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 7 contacts. Today's totals: 9 US WHA (4 evac). Enemy assessment: 8 VC KIA (BC), 11 NVA KIA (BC), 6 SKS, 4 AK-47, 1 9mm pistol, 1 82mm mortar, 12.5 tons rice, 1 M79.

b. 1-501 Inf.

- (1) Co A. Provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupied strong points along highway 551 and ambushed vic YD806292. 17 2000
- (2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD790231 and ambushed vic YD795229. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD778240, 1 6 July 1968

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then E along both sides of river to vic YD800246. At 1303 hrs 3d Plat conducted a combat assault to an LZ vic YD854220, and swept thru village vic YD853220 from S to N. At 1330 hrs vic YD850222, the LFT in support of combat assault engaged and killed 4 NVA. (At 1721 hrs 1 AK-47 and some documents were found on 1 of the bodies). At 1606 hrs 3d Plat conducted a heliborne movement and returned to Co (-) at YD800253, closing at 1613 hrs. 2d Plat moved to vic YD791257 and became OPCON to C/2-34 Armor at 1843 hrs.

(3) Co C. Provided security for COL CO Beach and ambushed vic YD872302, YD802331, and YD813332.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD845204 and ambushed vic YD845202. At 2235 hrs ambush received SA fire from approx 3 enemy to the SE. Returned M79 fire and arty supported. Negative casualties, negative enemy assessment. At 0029 hrs ambush received SA fire and 4 RPG rds from the E. Returned M79 fire and arty supported. Contact resulted in 1 US WHA (slight) and negative enemy assessment. During the day 25,000 lbs of rice were bagged and extracted by 3 CH-47 sorties from vic YD845204. 18 PF's from HUONG THUY assisted Co D in bagging rice. SA fire was received twice during the day vic YD845204, 1 CH-47 received 2 hits (flyable).

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night ambush vic YD793266. Returned to FSB MONGOOSE, and moved by UH-1 to COL CO Beach for stand down.

(6) B/2-501. Co (-) occupied strong points vic YD808186, bridge site vic YD838176 with 1 PF plat at bridge site and ambushed vic YD789199, YD792197, YD798195, YD804191, YD814185, YD822181, YD827179, and YD832176. Conducted squad patrols along QL 1.

(7) C/2-34 Armor. OPCON effective 1157 hrs, Moved from Camp EAGLE to vic YD791257.

(8) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB MONGOOSE, Co A FSB MONGOOSE, Co B YD796250, Co C YD845320, Co D YD844203, Recon Plat YD845320, B/2-501 Inf YD808186, C/2-34 Armor YD787254.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD583195 and ambushed vic YD587196.

Conducted RIF operation along both sides of river to vic YD583183.

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

(3) Co C. Provided security for FSB T-Bone and ambushed vic YD640205, YD641201, YD648215, and YD645217. 3d Plat conducted patrols vic YD6421. 1st Plat conducted RIF from FSB T-Bone to vic YD640200 and YD630195.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD663155 and ambushed vic YD658152. Conducted RIF to vic YD650151 and YD640147.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position at FSB T-Bone. 1 sqd patrolled to vic YD663198, YD663205, and returned. At 1630 hrs Recon Plat departed to establish ambushes vic YD6521.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB T-Bone, Co A YD583182, Co B OPCON 1-501 Inf, Co C FSB T-Bone, Co D YD634145, Recon Plat FSB T-Bone.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and occupied strong points vic YD600310, YD605311, and YD611312. Secured minesweep NW to AO boundary.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD694285 and ambushed vic YD690281 and YD697288. Continued to patrol and search the village vic YD688280. At 0830 hrs vic YD685278 found 6 SKS in a bunker. At 1532 hrs vic YD693283 found 1 M79, 3 AK-47, 1 9mm pistol, 1 82mm mortar in the river. At 0920 hrs 3d Plat moved by CH-47 to COL CO Beach for R&R stand down.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD658286 and ambushed vic YD662287 and YD667288. Conducted RIF operation from vic YD649288 to vic YD685285. At 2000 hrs vic YD665286 received 4 RPG rds and SA fire, resulting in 8 US WHA (4 medevac). Returned SA fire and arty supported with unknown results.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD612294. Co (-) conducted RIF operation to vic YD624326 towards a blocking position by the Recon Plat. 1st Plat secured bulldozer clearing operation vic YD613294. At 1158 hrs vic YD624322 received SA fire and RPG fire. Returned SA fire. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. At 1435 hrs vic YD624326 found and destroyed 5 BBT grenades.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position at FSB OMAHA. At 1118 hrs conducted a combat assault to LZ vic YD624326. SA fire was received vic of LZ resulting in 1 door gunner WHA. Arty was fired and lift completed at 1153 hrs.

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Recon established a blocking position oriented S vic of LZ. At 1320 hrs vic YD 622325 found and destroyed 5 BBT grenades. At 1550 hrs vic YD632323 received SA and RPG fire from 2 enemy positions. Returned SA fire and arty supported. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB OMAHA, Co A AN LO Bridge, Co B YD698288, Co C YD665286, Co D YD610293, Recon Plat YD656306.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Provided security for FSB PINKY and ambushed vic YD674244 and YD670250. 1 sqd secured minesweep S to HUE. 2d Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD661248, YD661236, YD675236, and returned to FSB PINKY.

(2) Trp B. Trp (-) occupied night position at LZ SALLY, and ambushed vic YD605238, YD606247, and YD617272. 2d Plat occupied night position vic YD611234. 1 sqd 1st Plat occupied OP vic YD617272 with PF plat. 1st Plat (-) conducted RIF operation to vic YD641264, YD635261, and returned. 2d Plat conducted RIF operation from vic YD611234 and returned to LZ SALLY.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. Occupied night position vic FSB PINKY and ambushed (sqd) vic YD680235 and YD678232. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD672288 and returned to FSB PINKY.

(4) 1st ARVN Div Recon Plat. OPCON Trp A. Ambushed vic YD633233. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD6523. At 0955 hrs vic YD648231 found 3 VC bodies in a grave, killed by arty. At 1100 hrs vic YD650232 found 5 VC bodies in a grave, killed by arty. At 1800 hrs the Recon Plat moved to vic YD670269, and returned to HUE by trucks.

(5) 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

at POL pumping station vic YD775250 and at bridge sites along highway 551.

(2) Co B and C/2-34 Armor. Conduct infantry - tank team training and

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operation. Team B (Co B (-) and 1 tank plat) conduct RIF operation to vic YD825267, then sweep thru village vic YD815265 from NE to SW with Team C (C/2-34 (-) and 1 plat Co B) blocking from vic YD805260 to YD819260.

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

(4) Co D. Remain vic night position (YD844203) and continue to bag and extract rice from caches found 16 July.

(5) Recon Plat. Stand down at COL CO Beach.

(6) B/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. From night position vic YD583182 Co (-) conduct RIF operation to vic YD576171, 1 plat remain vic of night position as security force for boats.

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

(3) Co C. Provide security for FSB T-Bone and establish local ambushes. 1 plat conduct RIF operation from FSB T-Bone to vic YD6220, YD6221, and return.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD634145 conduct RIF operation W and establish a blocking position from vic YD623140 to YD622148, oriented W.

(5) Recon Plat. At 0830 hrs conduct a combat assault to LZ vic YD587157 from a PZ vic FSB T-Bone. (LZ will receive air and arty prep). Recon Plat then secures the LZ for lift of 2 Co's and Hqs element of 2-54th (ARVN) Regt. ARVN force conducts RIF operation NE along both sides of stream to vic YD620175. Recon Plat conducts RIF operation towards Co D's blocking position (vic YD622144).

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.

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD698288 continue to conduct patrols and search the village vic YD688280 and along the canal from vic YD688292 to YD707296.

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD665286 conduct marksmanship training and patrol the area vic YD6629, YD6729, and YD6628.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD610293, Co (-) conduct sqd patrols

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of the area bounded by YD615296, YD596296, and YD611279. 1 plat secure bulldozer clearing operations vic YD611293.

(5) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD656306 establish plat base vic YD632328 and conduct local patrols.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Provide security for FSB PINKY. 1st Plat conduct RIF operation to vic YD690225, YD670230, and return to FSB PINKY. 2d Plat establish ambushes vic YD672243.

(2) Trp B. Occupy night position at LZ SALLY. 2d Plat establish plat base vic YD640250 and day OP's vic YD632247 and YD648233. 3d Plat and 1 PF plat establish ambushes vic YD628246, YD647238, and YD612274.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. 2 sqds conduct patrol from FSB PINKY to vic YD665240 and return. Establish night ambush vic YD6624.

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

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses: 49 US KHA, 371 US WHA (285 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 330 NVA KIA (BC), 414 VC KIA (BC), 32 NVA POW, 192 VC POW, 22 returnees.

(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 344, crew served weapons 62, 95 SKS's, 24 ML6's, 13 carbines, 9 sub MG's, 37 ML carbines, 12 M2 carbines, 84 AK-47's, 13 RPG-2 launchers, 8 RPG-7 launchers, 2 P-38 pistols, 1 flare pistol (dest), 1 Russian rifles, 1 Springfield rifle, 7 BAR's, 3 bolt action rifles, 3 AK-47's (dest), 9 9mm pistols, 14 AK-50's, 16 LMG's, 3 HMG's, 16 K-44's, 7 ML's, 7 .45 cal pistols, 1 81mm mortar tube, 3 LAW's (dest), 2 M79, 1 82mm mortar.

(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: 316.6 tons rice, 1 ton salt, 40 50 lb bags cement and 1 PRC-10. Group 4

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