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S4, S5, Avn O,
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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
172001H July 68 - 182000H 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 3 contacts. Today's statistics: No friendly casualties. Enemy assessment: 2 VC KIA (BC), 5 CKC, 2 AK-47, 4 9mm pistols, 1 CHICOM field phone, 1 M2 compass, 1 CHICOM 2 watt radio, 10.5 tons rice, 2 lbs of documents.

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS:
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b. 1-501 Inf.

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| (1) Co A. Provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupied strong points along highway 551 and ambushed vic YD810295 | 18 | 2000 |
| | July | 1968 |
| (2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD796250 and | 1 | 7 |

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ambushed vic YD800247. 2d Plat OPCON to C/2-34. Co (-) conducted RIF operation to YD823270 and swept village vic YD815266 from N to S in conjunction with C/2-34 Armor who occupied blocking position from YD815261 to YD806265. At 1955 hrs 3d Plat vic YD812250 received ineffective SA, AW and M79 fire from YD812248 from an estimated 7 enemy. Engaged with organic weapons and arty supported with negative enemy assessment.

(3) Co C. Provided security for COL CO Beach and ambushed vic YD868306, YD802331 and YD813332.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD844203 and ambushed vic YD846201 and YD842204. At 2201 hrs ambush vic YD842204 observed 5 VC vic YD844206 firing AW and RPG rds. Ambush did not engage. Called 81mm mortar fire on enemy with negative enemy assessment. Continued to secure and bag rice found in cache on 15 July vic YD844203 and evacuated 21,000 lbs by CH-47 to FSB MONGOOSE.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD845320. At 1611 hrs conducted heliborne movement to FSB MONGOOSE closing 1658 hrs.

(6) B/2-501. Co (-) occupied strong points vic YD808186, bridge site vic YD838176 with 1 FF plat at bridge site and ambushed vic YD792197, YD797194, YD804191, YD813187, YD809189, YD824179, YD827177, and YD832178.

(7) C/2-34 Armor. Occupied night position vic YD787254. At 0846 hrs 1 sqd from 2d Plat B Co found and destroyed 1 bunker vic YD785253. During the day occupied blocking position vic YD815261 to YD806265 in support of B Co.

(8) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB MONGOOSE, Co A FSB MONGOOSE, Co B YD811252, Co C YD845320, Co D YD844204, Recon Plat YD795275, B/2-501 YD808186, C/2-34 Armor YD802254.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD583182, OP vic YD581188, and ambushed vic YD584176 and YD586179. Conducted RIF operation along both sides of river to vic YD573184. 3d Plat conducted RIF to vic YD576176.

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

(3) Co C. Provided security for FSB T-Bone and ambushed vic YD636195,

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YD630195, and YD641211. At 1645 hrs departed FSB T-Bone to establish ambushes vic YD6419.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD634145 and ambushed vic YD64145. Conducted RIF to vic YD626144. At 1625 hrs vic YD630145 found 10 122mm rocket cannisters.

(5) Recon Plat. Provided security for FSB T-Bone and ambushed vic YD655213. At 0826 hrs conducted a combat assault to LZ vic YD587156 closing at 0834 hrs. Secured LZ for combat assault of 2-54 ARVN then conducted RIF to vic YD597156.

(6) 2-54 ARVN. At 0840 hrs conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD696197 to LZ vic YD578156 closing at 1028 hrs. 1st Co conducted RIF to vic YD613162 and 2d Co conducted RIF to vic YD612176.

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB T-Bone, Co A YD574178, Co C YD631192, Co D YD624144, Recon Plat YD600153, 2-54 ARVN 1st Co YD613162, 2d Co YD612176.

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 YD698288 and ambushed vic YD695288 with 1 plat on R&R stand down at COL CO Beach. Co (-) continued to search village vic YD688280 with 2 navy divers searching river area. At 1630 hrs 3d Plat conducted heliborne movement by CH-47 from COL CO Beach to LZ vic YD690287. At 1045 hrs vic YD693284 found 5 CKC, 3 9mm pistols, 1 AK-47, 1 CHICOM field phone, 1 M2 compass and 1 US map in plastic cover, 1 CHICOM 2 watt radio and assorted NVA LBE.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD655286 and ambushed vic YD658287. Conducted RIF operation with 2 PF plat to vic YD668289. At 0745 hrs vic YD665287 found approx 2 lbs documents in bunker. At 1245 hrs vic YD666290 found 1 BBT 105mm rd, which was destroyed in place.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD610293. Co (-) secured bulldozer clearing operations vic YD613294. Weapons zero by platoon was conducted

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vic YD602299. 3d Platoon conducted RIF operation vic YD606294.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD656306 and ambushed vic YD656306. At 2015 hrs ambush engaged and killed 2 VC (BC) and captured 1 AK-47 and 1 9mm pistol. Conducted RIF operation to YD656308, YD656303, YD661301, and YD663308.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB OMAHA, Co A YD624302, Co B YD698288, Co C YD662302, Co D YD610294, Recon Plat YD650315.

e. 2-17 Cav. .

(1) A Trp. Provided security for FSB PINKY and ambushed vic YD665265, YD668263 and YD673254. 1 squad secured minesweep along QL 1 S to HUE. At 2330 hrs 3d Plat ambush with 1 Plat PF vic YD663260 rear security PF element spotted 4 VC on trail moving N to S vic YD662268. Engaged with SA at approx 100 meters. Check of area had negative results. 1st Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD 680241, YD607244, YD653236 and established ambush vic YD651229. 2d Plat departed FSB PINKY at 1832 hrs to conduct joint ambushes with PF vic YD666282, YD665278 and YD662282.

(2) B Trp. Trp (-) occupied night position at LZ SALLY and ambushed vic YD614277, YD625258, and YD633245. 1 sqd 3d Plat occupied OP vic YD615278 with 1 PF platoon. 2d Plat and 3d Plat (-) conducted RIF operation vic YD640260, YD637 246, and YD630235 to YD614235. 1 sqd 2d Plat established OP's vic YD630233 and YD 623266.

(3) ARP. Occupied night position FSB PINKY and ambushed vic YD684246. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD680258, YD674238. At 0945 hrs found 1 rucksack containing 1 MI rd and 1 roll of exposed film vic YD678255.

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

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0900 hrs 1 platoon move overland to YD804255 and goes OPCON to C/2-34 Armor.

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD811252 conduct RIF operation SE to vic YD818245, then to vic YD805255. At 0730 hrs 1 plat move by CH-47 from PZ vic YD808250 to COL CO Beach. Approx 1400 hrs Co (-) move by CH-47 to COL CO Beach.

(3) Co C. At 1300 hrs move by CH-47 from COL CO Beach to LZ vic YD805255. Approx 1430 hrs 1 plat move to vic YD804255 and goes OPCON to OPCON to C/2-34 Armor.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD844204 conduct RIF operation NW to vic YD809228 then W along N side of canal to vic YD793235.

(5) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD795275 move overland to FSB MONGOOSE and become OPCON to Co A.

(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 ⁵⁷⁴¹⁷⁸~~YD572181~~ conduct RIF operation to vic YD561153.

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

(3) Co C. 1 plat provide security for FSB T-Bone and establish local ambushes. Co (-) from night position vic YD631192 move to blocking position from vic YD629184 to YD638179 in support of RIF operation being conducted by 2-54 ARVN.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD624144 conduct RIF operation to the W. Approx 1030 hrs 1 plat conduct heliborne movement to COL CO Beach for R&R stand down.

(5) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD600153 conduct RIF operation SE and link up with and become OPCON to Co D.

(6) 2-54 ARVN. From night positions vic YD611175 and YD619165 1st and 2d Co's respectively, conduct RIF operation to vic YD634180 into blocking position provided by 2 plats of C/²1-501.

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(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. Conduct search of village area vic YD698288 SE to vic YD704286.

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD662302 move to and establish blocking positions from YD663298 to YD658292 and from YD660290 to YD663285 in support of operation by 2 PF platoons from QUANG DIEN District. At 0745 hrs 2 PF plats conduct CA from PZ vic YD681338 to LZ's vic YD665302 and YD678302 then RIF to objective area vic YD670290.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD610294, Co (-) conduct sqd patrols of the area bounded by YD615295, YD596296 and YD611279. 1 plat secure bulldozer clearing operations vic YD611293.

(5) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD650315 conduct RIF operation vic YD6432, YD6431, YD6531 and YD6532.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Provide security for FSB PINKY. 3d Plat conduct RIF operation from FSB PINKY to vic YD650230 and secure LZ for extraction of 1st Plat by log bird to FSB PINKY. 3d Plat then conduct RIF operation to vic YD683233 and return to FSB PINKY. 3d Plat establish ambushes vic YD675240. 2d Plat establish ambushes vic YD665268.

(2) Trp B. 1st Plat conduct recon patrol from LZ SALLY to vic YD606246, YD616250 and establish ambush with 1 PF plat vic YD615270. 3d Plat from night ambush positions vic YD649238, YD631243, and YD615276 establish day OP's vic YD608236 and YD622255.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. Conduct RIF operation from FSB PINKY to vic YD692227 then W to YD660220 and return to FSB PINKY.

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:

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(1) Personnel: 330 NVA KIA (BC), 416 VC KIA (BC), 32 NVA POW, 192 VC POW, 22 returnees.

(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 354, crew served weapons 62, 100 SKS's, 24 M16's, 13 carbines, 9 sub MG's, 37 M1 carbines, 12 M2 carbines, 86 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), 13 9mm pistols, 14 AK-50's, 16 IMG's, 3 HMG's, 16 K-44's, 7 M1'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), 6 105mm rds (dest).

(4) Miscellaneous: 327.1 tons rice, 1 ton salt, 40 50 lb bags cement
1 PRC-10, 1 CHICOM 2 watt radio, and 1 CHICOM field phone. Group 4

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