





ed RIF operation from YD806247 E along N side of river to vic YD819240 where Co (-) remained in a blocking position. At 0525 hrs vic YD823240 observed and engaged 1 VC. Received SA fire from an estimated 3 VC in same area. Results: 1 US WIA. Negative enemy assessment. At 0601 hrs received SA fire, returned fire and arty supported. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. At 0649 hrs vic YD812240 found 2 detainees, 1 S&S, 100 SA rds, 2 grenades. At 0715 hrs 2 plats came on line with Co (-) and continued RIF operation to vic YD825239, then N to YD825243. During the RIF operation along the river an additional 3 detainees were evacuated (later classified IC) and a 250 lb bomb was destroyed. At 1220 hrs vic YD824241 a Chieu Hoi led the 1st plat to an ML and ML carbine.

(3) Co C. Provided security for COLCO Beach and ambushed vic YD858306.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD810228 and ambushed YD820225 and YD805235. At 2025 hrs vic YD798232, ambush moving to position engaged 1 enemy who returned fire. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. At 2115 hrs vic YD805235 found 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 ML carbine. Conducted RIF operation along river to vic YD786238. At 1815 hrs vic YD797246 engaged 3 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

(5) Recon Plat. (Working with 1 RIF plat). Occupied strong points along QL 1 vic YD786204, YD808186 and bridge vic YD838176. Ambushed vic YD815199 and YD807191. At 2030 hrs vic YD787203 received 3 60mm mortar rds and SA fire. Returned fire with SA. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(6) Locations of Dn elements at close of reporting period. Dn CP FSB MONGOOSE, Co A FSB MONGOOSE, Co B YD843236, Co C YD845320, Co D YD793249, Recon Plat YD808186.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. OICON 2-327 Inf.

(2) Co E. Occupied night position vic YD661257 and ambushed vic YD667262, YD675252, YD655264, and YD664270. At 2253 hrs vic YD655262 ambush observed 50 personnel moving E. Firefly and LFT checked area out with negative sightings. At 0206 hrs vic YD655264 observed 23 personnel moving NW. Arty was fired with negative assessment. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD642243, reconnoitering for



ambush sites.

(3) Co C. Co (-) secured FSB PINKY and 1 plat with 1 iF plat provided security for MELCAF vic YD745257. 1 Plat secured OP T-Bone and conducted squad patrol to vic YD641218. 1 plat reinforced 741st iF Co at HUE Bridges.

(4) Co D. (Working with 1 iF plat), occupied night position vic YD633248 and ambushed vic YD646248 and YD640257. At 0906 hrs conducted combat assault from FZ vic YD633247 to LZ vic YD598225. Closed LZ at 0930 hrs. 1 plat moved N off hill top, then E to a blocking position vic YD607225 oriented SE. 1 Plat remained vic LZ with Co (-) moving S off the hill top, then E towards objective area vic YD608224. Search resulted in the following items being found vic YD605222: 1 60mm mortar tube, 16 60mm mortar rds, 3 M16-2 rds, and 500 rds SA. At 1705 hrs conducted an extraction from FZ vic YD598225, to LZ vic YD677245 and established night ambushes.

(5) Recon. (Working with 1 iF plat and 1 iF plat). Occupied night position vic YD613252 and ambushed vic YD605255 and YD605245. Conducted RIF operation to a blocking position, vic YD612224, oriented W. At 1723 hrs conducted a combat assault from FZ vic YD612225 to an LZ vic YD628242. Closed LZ at 1755 hrs and established night ambushes.

(6) Remarks. At 1102 hrs vic YD627205 an air strike resulted in 2 VC KIAF (BC).

(7) Locations of In elements at close of reporting period. In CP FSB PINKY, Co A OICON 2-327 Inf, Co B YD646255, Co C FSB PINKY, Co D YD673255, Recon Plat YD625261.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD685299 and ambushed vic YD685295 and YD696296. Provided security for bulldozer clearing operations vic YD685295, and conducted local patrols. At 1510 hrs vic YD688302 the bulldozer uncovered 5 NVA KIA (IC) and 1 SKS. At 1845 hrs vic YD687301 received 4 rds of 60mm mortar. Negative casualties.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD688312 and ambushed vic YD700314, YD681315, and YD687315. At 2004 hrs ambush vic YD684315. At 2004 hrs ambush vic YD684310 received 1 M16 rd while moving to position. Returned SA fire and



Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. At 0715 hrs

vic YD683312 set off a 60mm mortar rd BBT with negative casualties. Conducted local security patrols during the day vic YD691317.

(3) Co C. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and occupied night strong points vic YL600310, YL606312, and YL611312. Provided security for minesweep NW to AO boundary. 1st Plt with 2 tanks conducted RIF operation to vic YL625327. At 1410 hrs vic YL625316 found 1 105mm rd.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD717348 and ambushed vic YL753337 and YD728335. Conducted local patrols during the day vic YL720347 as a show of force for rice collection. At 1550 hrs vic YL728337 PF's engaged and killed 1 VC attempting to evade.

(5) Recon Plt. OPCON Co C. Conducted mounted patrol of QL 1 from AN LO Bridge NW to AO boundary.

(6) Locations of En elements at close of reporting period. En CP FSB OMAHA, Co A YD687301, Co B YD694317, Co C AN LO Bridge, Co D YD730337, Recon Plt OPCON Co C, 1/C 2-34 OPCON Co C.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Provided security for FSB FORWARD and ambushed vic YD871273. At 225 hrs ambush engaged 1 enemy with negative assessment. At 2300 hrs ambush observed 2 enemy and engaged with 81mm mortar, negative assessment. Conducted RIF operation SE to vic YD895243 and SW to vic YD855250.

(2) Trp B. Conducted maintenance at Camp EAGLE.

(3) Aero Rifle Plt. Conducted maintenance at Camp EAGLE.

(4) Locations of Sqdn elements at close of reporting period. Sqdn (-) Camp EAGLE, Trp A FSB FORWARD

f. 2d Bde HHC Security Plt. 1 squad OPCON 2-501 Inf. Plt (-) secured minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provide security for POL pipeline by occupying strong points from vic YL776239 to YD810295. Secure FSB MONGOOSE and minesweep N and S from FSB MONGOOSE. Conduct local patrolling along pipeline during day.



B. From night position vic YL343236 conduct RIF operation W to

34 then S along east bank of river to vic YL344205. Approx 1600 hrs 1 plat move to COLCO Beach by UH 1, OIFCON to Co C upon closure.

(3) Co C. Provide security for COLCO Beach.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YL793249 conduct RIF operation to vic YL815265, YL823273, and YL813250.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupy strong points along QL 1 vic YL786204, YL808186, and bridge vic YL838176.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. OIFCON 2-327 Inf.

(2) Co B. (Working with 1 IF plat). From night position vic YL646255 Co (-) move to and establish OP's, vic YD628234 and YD648224, 1 plat conduct RIF operation vic YL630205.

(3) Co C. Co (-) provide security for FSB PINKY and 1 plat with 1 IF plat secure MELCAF vic YL750270, then conduct Reconnaissance In Force operation west to the vicinity of YD674275, and then return to FSB PINKY. 1 plat secure OP T-Bone and conduct squad combat patrol to vic YD642195. 1 Plat reinforce 741st RF Co at HUE Bridges with 1 squad at YD750210, 1 squad at YD780209, and plat (-) at LCU Kamp vic YD772223.

(4) Co D. (Working with 1 RF plat). From night position vic YL673255 establish OP's vic YD655220, YL664225, YD620228, and YD629223.

(5) Recon Plat. (Working with 1 RF plat and 1 IF plat). From night position vic YL625261 conduct RIF operation S along E side of SONG BO River and establish OP's vic YL612232 and YL619233.

(6) Remarks. At approx 0900 hrs a bulldozer will be lifted by CH-54 from Camp EAGLE to OP T-Bone, to begin construction of a FSB.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provide security for bulldozer clearing operations vic YD690300 and conduct local patrols.

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD694317 conduct search of village area vic YD705312 to YD703304, following an 155mm arty preparation to destroy BBT's that may be in area.



Provide security for AN LO Bridge and secure minesweep NW to AO boundary. Conduct mounted patrol during the day and strong point at night the sector of QL 1 from AN LO Bridge NW to AO boundary. 1 plat with tank plat conduct local training in combined arms team operations.

(4) Co. D. Provide a show of force for rice collection effort vic YD7234 to YD7533.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co C.

(6) 1/C/2-34 Armor. OPCON Co C.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. 1 plat clear road from FSB FORWARD to vic YD781249, then return to Camp EAGLE. Trp (-) when relieved by Trp B return to Camp EAGLE and conduct maintenance.

(2) Trp B. Depart Camp EAGLE approx 1000 hrs and move to FSB FORWARD following clearing of road. Assume mission of securing FSB FORWARD from Trp A.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. Conduct maintenance at Camp EAGLE.

e. 2d Bde HHC Security Plat. 1 squad OPCON 2-501 Inf. Plat (-) secure minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses: 35 US KIA, 263 US WIA, (193 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 232 NVA KIA (DC), 279 VC KIA (DC), 30 NVA POW, 102 VC POW.

(2) Weapons: Individual weapons 218, crew served 48. 61 SKS's, 14 M16's, 10 carbines, 6 sub MG, 23 M1 carbines, 10 M2 carbines, 56 AK-47's, 12 M16-2 launchers, 8 M16-7 launchers, 2 F-38 pistols, 2 82mm mortar tubes, 7 60mm mortar tubes, 3 CHICOM submachine pistols, 1 flare pistol (dest), 1 Russian rifle, 1 Springfield rifle, 7 BAR's, 3 bolt action rifles, 1 AK-47 (dest), 7 9mm pistols, 8 AK-50's, 9 LMG's, 2 HMG's, 2 K-44's, 3 M1's, 3 .45 cal pistols.

(3) Munitions: 11 CHICOM grenades (dest), 16,070 rds SA, 107 60mm mortar rds (dest), 52 B-40 rds (dest), 24 82mm mortar rds (dest), 32 M16-7 rds (dest), 109 AF mines (dest), 7 BT's (dest), 10 grenades (dest), 3 250 lb bombs (dest), 101 lbs CHICOM C-4 (dest).

(4) Miscellaneous: 157.1 tons rice, 1 ton salt, 40 50 lb bags of cement

and 1 IRC-10.

Group 4