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CO, 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div
LZ SALLY, RVN

CG, 101st Abn 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)
 - CO, 2-501 Inf "
 - CO, 1-502 Inf "
 - CO, 1-321 Arty "
 - CO, C/326 Engr "
 - CO, B/326 Med "
 - CO, 188th AHC "
 - CO, 2-17 Gav "
 - 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 "
 - 1st Air Cav Div, Camp EVANS, RVN "

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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
282001H June 68 - 292000H June 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 2 contacts. Today's statistics: No friendly casualties; 1 VC KIA (BC) (killed by arty), 11.3 tons rice.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security for COL CO Beach and ambushed vic YD816307 and YD803331. During the day conducted tng on ambush tactics and maintenance of weapons.

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(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD828226 providing security for rice cache. At 2245 hrs received 1 grenade with

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neg cas. During the day continued to bag rice and 12,500 lbs were extracted by 3 CH-47 sorties. At 1015 hrs 25 PF's were lifted in by utility helicopter to Co B's location, PF remained to conduct opns with Co B.

(3) Co C. Co (-) occupied night psns vic YD842234; 2d plat and Recon plat at YD824243. Co (-) conducted RIF opn to vic YD824243 and linked up with 2d plat, then continued to YD781249. Then shuttled to FSB MONGOOSE by truck. At 0810 hrs 6,200 lbs of rice were extracted from vic YD824243. At 1115 hrs Co C assumed Co D's mission of providing security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupying strong points along bridges and pipeline paralleling Highway 551.

(4) Co D. Provided security for FSB MONGOOSE, occupied strong points along POL pipeline and bridges from vic YD787273 to YD795285, and ambushed vic YD799285. At 1115 hrs when released of security mission by Co C, conducted RIF opn to vic YD799249 and YD792248.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON to Co C until 0750 hrs. At 0830 hrs conducted heliborne movement from PZ vic YD834245 to an LZ vic YD835277, closing at 0909 hrs. Conducted search of graveyard vic YD833275, then conducted RIF opn to vic YD828270 and YD815258. At 1830 hrs vic YD828270 received sniper fire from 4-5 enemy located vic YD833274. Neg cas. Arty was fired with unk results.

(6) C/2-501 Inf. Co (-) occupied strong points vic YD808186, bridge site vic YD838176 with 1 PF plat at bridge site and ambushed vic YD823179, YD825178, YD828178, YD782205, YD789201, YD796196, YD808189 and YD812188. 3d plat maintained liaison with 741st RF Co with 1 sqd at bridge vic YD750210, 1 sqd at bridge vic YD781209, and plat (-) at LCU Ramp vic YD772223.

(7) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB MONGOOSE; Co A YD845320; Co B YD828226; Co C FSB MONGOOSE; Co D YD792248; Recon Plat YD828270; C/2-501 YD808186.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD643176 and ambushed vic YD644177 and YD642176. Conducted RIF opn to vic YD649168 and YD647167, where Co (-) remained. 3d plat continued to vic YD642167 and then returned to Co CP.

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(2) Co B. Provided security for FSB T-BONE (YD653203) and ambushed vic YD626208. 1st plat conducted RIF opn to vic YD642219, YD644228, YD655212 and YD650223.

(3) Co C. OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(4) Co D. Occupied night psn vic YD629188. Conducted RIF opn to vic YD623184, YD618184, and YD616181.

(5) Recon Plat. Provided security for FSB T-BONE, OPCON to Co B.

(6) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB T-BONE; Co A YD647167; Co B FSB T-BONE; Co C OPCON 1-501 Inf; Co D YD616181; Recon Plat FSB T-BONE.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD698313 and ambushed vic YD703313, YD703322, and YD697315. Conducted RIF opn with 7 PF's to vic YD715318, YD715313. Reinf plat remained vic YD714323 and Co (-) established night psn vic YD715338. At 1000 hrs vic YD703323 the PF's captured 1 VC POW and 1 SKS. At 1500 hrs vic YD715331 found 4000 lbs rice and 1 VC killed by arty, approx 2 days prior.

(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD695302 on both sides of the river providing security for bulldozers and floating raft. Provided security for bulldozers clearing opn vic YD696304.

(3) Co C. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and occupied strong points vic YD600310, YD605311 and YD611312. Secured minesweep from AN LO Bridge NW to YD669324 and NE to YD596308. At 0931 hrs conducted combat assault from vic AN LO Bridge to LZ vic YD753326, closed LZ at 1024 hrs. Conducted RIF opn with 10 PF's (lifted in by utility helicopter approx 1030 hrs) to YD756326 and YD753313 and YD747307. Reinf plat remained vic YD753337 to establish ambushes. Co (-) continued to vic YD754337 and to night psn vic YD766344.

(4) Co D. Occupied night psn vic YD664285. Conducted RIF opn to AN LO Bridge and assumed security mission of AN LO Bridge at 0825 hrs from Co C. 3d plat, 4 OPCON tanks, and 1 PF plat secured road repair opn at 0720 hrs (relieved 2d plat of Co C) from YD634309 to YD653313. (206th RF Co provided

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security along road from YD653313 to YD669324). At 1800 hrs vic AN LO Bridge received 6 60mm mortar rds from vic YD628299. Neg cas. Arty was fired with unk results.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied ambush psns vic YD673348 and YD680347. Conducted RIF opn to vic YD688350 and YD669324. At 1615 hrs assumed mission of providing security for engineer equipment and operators vic PHO LAI Bridge (YD669324).

(6) 1/C/2-34 Armor. OPCON Co C until 0720 hrs, then reverted to OPCON Co D.

(7) Remarks. Eagle Flights were conducted at 0900 hrs to LZ's vic YD698358 and YD715338 by 16 PF's and 1 US, to question suspicious groups of personnel. Neg results.

(8) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB OMAHA; Co A YD715338; Co B YD695302; Co C YD766344; Co D AN LO Bridge; Recon Plat YD669324.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Trp (-) occupied night psn at LZ SALLY and 1st and 3d plats ambushed vic YD622253, YD630255, YD653255 and YD658263. Ambushes closed LZ SALLY at 0645 hrs. 2d plat moved to vic YD653279 and linked up with 1 PF plat, then conducted RIF opn to vic YD648270, YD622267, YD644243, YD663264, YD665270. At 1043 hrs vic YD647246 found and destroyed 105mm dud rnd.

(2) Trp B. Trp (-) provided security for FSB PINKY and 3d plat (-) ambushed vic YD686238, closing FSB PINKY at 0620 hrs. 1 sqd 1st plat secured minesweep from FSB PINKY S to HUE. 2d plat (-) with 12 PF's conducted RIF opn to vic YD679253, YD680249 and then returned to FSB PINKY. 3d plat (-) conducted RIF opn to vic YD682246 and returned to FSB PINKY.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Co B. Ambushed vic YD688247 and YD690231 closed FSB PINKY at 0618 hrs. 3d sqd conducted combat patrol to vic YD688244 and returned. 2d sqd conducted combat patrol to vic YD678250 and returned.

(4) Location of Sqdn elements at close of reporting period: Sqdn (-) FSB PINKY; Trp A LZ SALLY.

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f. 2d Bde Security Plat. Provided security for minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provide security for COL CO Beach installations.

(2) Co B. Continue to provide security for extraction of remainder of rice cache vic YD828226 and conduct local security patrols.

(3) Co G. Provide security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupy strong points at POL pumping station vic YD775250 and at bridges along Highway 551 and POL pipeline from vic YD787273 to YD795285. Secure minesweep N and S from FSB MONGOOSE. Ambush along POL pipeline.

(4) Co D. Occupy night psn vic YD800253. Approx 0930 hrs conduct a combat assault from PZ vic YD802255 to LZ's vic YD885225 and YD888228. Establish a blocking psn vic LZ's oriented SE, in support of 1 RF Co and 2 PF plats from PHU TU conducting RIF opn N thru village area vic YD849208 to YD890225.

(5) Recon Plat. From night psn vic YD805251 conduct Eagle Flights from 0730 - 1030 hrs and from 1400 - 1600 hrs.

(6) C/2-501 Inf. Co (-) occupy strong points and prepare for night ambushes along POL pipeline paralleling QL 1. 3d plat maintain liaison with 741st RF Co with 1 sqd at bridge vic YD750210, 1 sqd at bridge vic YD781209 and plat (-) at LCU Ramp vic YD772223.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Conduct joint opn with 2 Cos of the 1-54th (ARVN) Inf. From night psn vic YD647172 Co A establish blocking psn oriented SE from vic YD640163 across the river to vic YD648167. At 0800 hrs 2 companies of the 1-54th Inf conducts a combat assault from PZ vic YD694196 to LZ vic YD651147. Conducts RIF opn NW on 2 axis (one on each side of river) towards Co A's blocking psn.

(2) Co B. Provide security for FSB T-BONE and establish local ambushes. 1 plat conduct RIF opn to vic YD6220, YD6221 and return to FSB T-BONE.

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(3) Co C. OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(4) Co D. From night psn vic YD616181 continue RIF opn SW to vic YD610173.

(5) Recon Plat. From FSB T-BONE conduct heliborne movement to Co D's afternoon logistics position, then revert to OPCON Co D.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night psn vic YD715338 conduct RIF opn to village vic YD732325, conduct search of village and establish night ambushes vic of village.

(2) Co B. Provide security for bulldozer clearing opns vic YD698304 and conduct local security patrols.

(3) Co C. From night psn vic YD766344 conduct RIF opn to vic YD764343, then conduct marksmanship tng and ambush tactics tng. On order conduct search of villages vic YD769328 and YD763321.

(4) Co D. (Augmented with 1 plat from HHC) Provide security for AN LO Bridge and occupy strong points along QL 1 from AN LO Bridge NW to AO boundary. Provide security for minesweep NW and NE from AN LO Bridge. 1 plat with elements of OPCON tank plat and 1 PF plat provide security for engineer road repair from AN LO Bridge NE to YD651314.

(5) Recon Plat. Provide security for engineer equipment and work parties at bridge site vic YD669324.

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

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. 1st plat from LZ SALLY conduct RIF opn to vic YD628277, link up with 1 PF plat, then continue to vic YD615263, YD615253, YD620250, YD627260, YD640260 and return to LZ SALLY. 2d plat conduct RIF opn from LZ SALLY to vic YD628290, then establish ambushes vic YD617280. 3d plat conducts stand down at LZ SALLY after closing from night ambush sites.

(2) Trp B. Trp (-) provides security for FSB PINKY. 1st plat conducts RIF opn from FSB PINKY to YD678258, YD675254, YD673251, YD675250 and return.

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2d plat conducts stand down and tng at FSB PINKY after closing from night ambush. 3d plat conducts RIF opn from FSB PINKY to YD688248, YD689238, YD685234, YD687230, YD691233 and return.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp B at FSB PINKY. 1 sqd conduct patrol to YD668248, YD664244, YD667241, YD674245 and return. 2d sqd conduct patrol to YD682244, YD677237, YD675232, YD680238, and return.

e. 2d Bde HHC Security Plat. Secure minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses: 41 US KHA, 303 US WHA (231 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 292 NVA KIA (BC), 316 VC KIA (BC), 32 NVA POW, 141 VC POW, 17 Returnees.

(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 286, crew served 55, 75 SKS's, 19 ML6's, 13 carbines, 6 sub MG's, 33 ML carbines, 10 M2 carbines, 72 AK47's, 12 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, 10 AK-50's, 11 LMG's, 2 HMG's, 14 K-44's, 6 ML's, 6 .45 cal pistols, 1 81mm mortar tube, 3 LAW's (dest).

(3) Munitions: 11 CHICOM grenades (dest), 17,170 rds SA, 107 60mm mortar rds (dest), 60 B-40 (dest), 24 82mm mortar rds (dest), 32 RPG-7 rds (dest), 109 AP mines (dest), 7 BBT's (dest), 20 grenades (dest), 3 250 lb bombs (dest), 101 lbs CHICOM C-4 (dest), 5 105mm rds (dest).

(4) Miscellaneous: 243.3 tons rice, 1 ton salt, 40 50 lb bags cement and 1 PRC-10. Group 4

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