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INFO:	CO, 1-501 Inf	(Message Center)
	CO, 2-501 Inf	"
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	CO, 188th AHC	"
	CO, 2-17th Cav	"
	2d FASCP, 501st Sig	"
	2d Fwd Spt Plat, 801st Maint	"
	2d Plat, 101st MF Co	"
	2d Plat, 265th RRC	"
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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
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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 the exception of an operation initiated by the 2-17 Cav and TF-7 (ARVN) in the SE section of PHU VANG District. Today's statistics: 9 US WIA (medevac).

Enemy assessment: 37 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC POW, 4 SKS, 1 HMG, 2 LMG, 1 BAR, 1 M16, 3 AK-47, 1 CHICOM sub MG, 2200 lbs rice.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Co (-) provided security for COLCO Beach installation and ambushed vic YD865304. 2d Plat provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and secured minesweep N and S from FSB MONGOOSE:

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(2) Co B. OPCON 2-17 Cav.

(3) Co C. OPCON 2-17 Cav.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD846200 and ambushed vic YD843204. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD836236 with elements on both sides of river. At 0845 hrs vic YD838211 found eight graves containing 8 VC killed by arty. At 1720 hrs vic YD835233 engaged one individual attempting to flee. Results 1 detainee WIA. Established night position vic YD836236.

(5) Recon Plat. Flat (-) secured OP vic YD808188. 1 squad with 1 PF plat provided security for bridge vic YD838176. 1 squad provided security for minesweep from vic YD847172 to YD875172.

(6) Troop A, 2-17 Cav. OPCON effective 0700 hrs. At 0700 hrs Trp A (-) was located YD850256, 2d Plat was providing security for FSB FORWARD. Trp A (-) continued RIF operation to vic YD850240 then E to vic YD890240. At 0900 hrs vic YD850240 found and destroyed 4 BT, (2 60mm mortar rds and 2 2.75" rockets). At 1157 vic YD855250 found and destroyed 2 BET (1 155mm round, and 2 CHICOM grenades). At 1513 hrs Trp A (-) located vic YD890240 reverted to OPCON of 2-17 Cav.

(7) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A (-).

(8) 2/C/2-34 Armor. 2 operational tanks OPCON Trp A (-). 2 non-operational tanks located at FSB FORWARD.

(9) PF plat. OPCON Trp A (-).

(10) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. En CF FSB MONGOOSE, Co A YD845320, Co B OPCON 2-17 Cav, Co C OPCON 2-17 Cav, Co D YD836236, Recon Plat YD807187.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Co (-) occupied night position vic YD611234 and ambushed vic YD613231. At 1020 hrs established a blocking position from vic YD605250 to vic YD605244 for PF/RF elements conducting RIF operation from N towards blocking position. At 1333 hrs moved to vic YD642275 and moved by truck to HUE Bridges. Assumed bridge security mission at 1835 hrs from Co B. 2d Plat occupied night position vic YD600235. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD598228. At 1652 hrs log ship shuttled 2d Plat across SONG BO river to Co (-) located at YD642275.

Completed movement at 1718 hrs.

(2) Co B. Provided security for HUE Bridges. At 1840 hrs OFCON 2-17 Cav and conducted a combat assault to LZ vic YD940193. Closed LZ at 1930 hrs.

(3) Co C. Co (-) provided security for FSB PINKY. 1 plat with 1 PF plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD685274, YD680290, YD675288, and returned to FSB PINKY. At 1215 hrs vic YD675288 found 1 M16 rifle. Reinf 2d Flat secured OP T-Bone and established LP's vic YD650204, YD658202. Conducted squad size patrol to vic YD647251, YD653215, and returned. At 1020 hrs OP observed approx 40-50 personnel moving vic YD656196. Arty was fired and TAC Air supported. A squad size patrol checked the area out with negative assessment.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD600235 and ambushed vic YD598228 and YD608226. 2d Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD603227. 1st Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD602233. At 1718 hrs conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD599235 to LZ vic YD656256 (PZ for 2d Plat was vic YD603230). Closed LZ at 1745 hrs. Established night position vic YD659256.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD605224. At 1800 hrs conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD605224 to LZ vic YD683228. Closed LZ at 1815 hrs.

(6) Locations of En elements at close of reporting period. En CP FSB FINKY, Co A YD750210, Co B OFCON 2-17 Cav, Co C FSB FINKY, Co D YD659256, Recon Plat YD715245.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and ambushed vic YD600310, YD606312, and YD611312. Secured minesweep NW to vic YD605315. Conducted mounted patrol along QL 1 during the day from AN LO Bridge NW to AO boundary.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD703293 and ambushed vic YD694295 and YD707293. With 1 PF plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD688280. Late report (at 311940 hrs vic YD703295 received 16 60mm mortar rounds. Arty was fired. Results 8 US WIA). At 1400 hrs vic YD688282 found 1 LMG. At 1615 hrs engaged 2 VC with SA resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1730 hrs vic YD690284 engaged 3 VC. Results: 2 VC KIA. Established night position vic YD722310.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD718302. Co (-) provided security for movement of Rome plow to vic YD736290, where Rome plow was evacuated by M-8 boat. Co (-) returned to vic YD718298, and joined 1 plat providing security for bulldozer operation. Established night position vic YD718298.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD754337 and ambushed vic YD757342 and YD740316. At 2138 hrs vic YD740316 ambushed approx 4 enemy resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS, and 1 CHICOM sub MG. Conducted RIF operation with 1 PF plat to vic YD765323, YD768328. At 1150 hrs vic YD762321 PF plat engaged and killed 2 VC. 2200 lbs of rice from cache found 29 May vic YD754337 was evacuated to District Hqs. Established night position vic YD761303.

(5) Recon Plat. With 2 squads of PF's conducted RIF operation to vic YD612295 and returned to AN LO Bridge.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB OMAHA, Co A AN LO Bridge, Co B YD722310, Co C YD718298, Co D YD761303, Recon Plat OFCON Co A

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A. OFCON 1-501 effective 0700 hrs. At 1513 hrs Trp (-) reverted back to OFCON 2-17 Cav. 2 plats of Trp A, 2 tanks, and a PF plat were located vic YD890240 at 1513 hrs, and then began moving SE along the sand route towards vic YD9418. Established a blocking position from vic YD942191 to YD948186.

(2) Troop B. At 0321 hrs from FSB FORWARD began moving SE to an attack position vic YD930200. Movement was slow until first light. At 0818 hrs vic YD934194 Trp B received RFG fire and SA fire. Fire was returned with organic weapons and arty and TAC Air supported. Intensity of fire indicated that an estimated VC Co was in the village vic YD945195, defending from well fortified positions. Sporadic contact remained throughout the day as Trp B established a blocking position from vic YD948186 to YD953187. Results 1 US WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment, 22 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC POW, 1 HMG, 1 LMG, 1 BAR, 3 SKS, 1 ML6, 2 AK-47.

(3) Co B 1-501 Inf. From night position vic YD880244 began moving by amtracks at 1143 hrs to the SE to join Trp B. At 1508 hrs vic YD942197 received

SA and RPG fire resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK-47. Friendly casualties: 7 US WIA (medevac). Co B established a blocking position from vic YD947202 to YD938200.

(4) Co C 1-501 Inf. At 0645 hrs conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD864273 to LZ vic YD989133. Closed LZ at 0720 hrs. At 0750 hrs received SA fire from W of LZ. Fire was returned with organic weapons and arty supported. Results 1 US WIA (medevac). Co C established a blocking position from vic YD988147 to YD990154.

(5) Co B 2-501 Inf. OPCON effective 1840 hrs. Conducted a combat assault from PZ vic HUE Bridge to LZ vic YD940193, closing LZ at 1930 hrs. Established a blocking position from vic YD938200 to YD942191.

(6) Tank Flat, Co A, 1st AT, 1st Tank Bn, 1st Mar Div. OPCON Trp B,

(7) Ontos Flat, Co A, 1st Tank Bn, 1st Mar Div. OPCON Trp B.

(8) Location of Sqdn elements at close of reporting period. Sqdn TAC CP YD901188, Sqdn (-), B 1-501 and B 2-501 in blocking position around village center of mass vic YD945195.

(9) Remarks: TF 7 (ARVN) conducted operations to the SW of 2-17 Cav elements. The 1st ARVN Div Black Panther Co made a combat assault at 0808 hrs from PZ vic YD860156 to LZ vic YD968138. Closed LZ at 0858 hrs and occupied a blocking position. 3-3 ARVN and 3-7 ARVN attacked SE and made contact with an estimated 100 VC. Enemy assessment was 18 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC POW, 6 individual weapons captured, and 1 crew served weapon. At the close of the reporting period the ARVN elements were located at YD943177.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Co (-) provide security for COLCO Beach installations. 1 plat provide security for FSB MONGOOSE and secure minesweep N and S from FSB MONGOOSE.

(2) Co B. OPCON 2-17 Cav.

(3) Co C. OPCON 2-17 Cav.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD836236 conduct RIF operation along both sides of river W to vic YD790245.

Plat. Plat (-) secure OP vic YD807186. 1 squad with 1 IF plat provide security for bridge vic YD838176.

(6) Aero Rifle Plat. Provide security for FSB FORWARD.

(7) 2/Trp A/2-17 Cav. Provide security for FSB FORWARD.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provide security for HUE Bridges and improve defensive positions.

(2) Co L. OFCON 2-17 Cav.

(3) Co C. Co (-) provide security for FSB PINKY. Reinf 2d Plat secure OP T-Done. Approx 0815 hrs when 2d Plat is relieved in place by a plat of Co D, return to FSB PINKY by CH-47. Co C then conducts RIF operation with 1 IF plat to vic YD620250.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD659256 return to FSB PINKY. 3d plat move by CH-47 to OP T-Done and relieve 2d Plat of Co C. Co (-) assume mission of providing security for FSB PINKY.

(5) Recon Plat. From night position of downed helicopter vic YD715245 move to vic YD685232, join 1 IF plat and 1 RF plat, and conduct RIF operation to vic YD692242.

(6) HHC elements at LZ SALLY. Provide minesweep security N and S from LZ SALLY.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provide security for AN LO Bridge and secure minesweep from AN LO Bridge NW to AO boundary. Conduct a mounted patrol during the day and ambush at night the sector of QL 1 vic YD597308 to YD620308. 1 plat with 1 IF plat conduct RIF operation to vic YD646293.

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD722310 conduct RIF operation NE to vic YD707318, cross to N side of river and continue RIF operation SW along the river.

(3) Co C. Provide security for bulldozers operating vic YD720295. 1 plat conduct RIF operation to vic YD705298 and to YD688299.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD761303 conduct RIF operation to vic

2, and D749305.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co A.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) B 1-501 conduct a search of village vic YD945195 from NW to SE.

B 2-501, Trp A, Trp B remain in blocking positions. Upon completion of cordon operation, Trp A and Trp B move SE along SE side of villages from vic YD961177 to YD982155. B 1-501 and B 2-501 conduct search of villages to the SE with Trp A and Trp B as a flanking force to either reinforce or establish blocking positions.

(2) C 1-501 Inf. Remain in present blocking position vic YD988147 to YD 990154.

(3) Tank Plat, Co A, 1st Tank Bn, 1st Mar Div. OPCON Trp B.

(4) Ontos Plat, Co A, 1st Mar Div. OPCON Trp B.

(5) 2/C/2-34 Armor (-). OPCON 2-17 Cav.

(6) 2d Bde HHC Security Plat. Provide security for FSB SABRE and secure minesweep from vic YD875180 to YD847171.

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses: 4 US KIA, 136 US MIA, (99 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 213 NVA KIA, (BC), 105 VC KIA (BC), 7 NVA POW, 32 VC POW,

(2) Weapons: 33 SRS, 11 M16, 6 carbines, 5 sub MG, 23 M1 carbines, 7 M2 carbines, 26 AK-47's, 5 RFG-2 launchers, 2 HMG-7 launchers, 1 P-38 pistol, 1 82mm mortar tube, 3 60mm mortar tubes, 2 CHICOM submachine pistol, 1 flare pistol, (dest), 1 Russian rifle, 1 Springfield rifle, 4 BAR's, 1 bolt action rifle, 1 AK-47 (dest), 3 9mm pistol, 2 AK-50, 3 LMG, 1 HMG.

(3) Munitions: 11 CHICOM grenades (dest), 6200 rds SA, 34 60mm mortar rds (dest), 42 L-40 rds (dest), 16 82mm mortar rds (dest), 28 HMG-7 rds (dest), 109 AF mines (dest), 7 BET (dest), 8 grenades (dest), 3 250 lb bombs (dest).

(4) Miscellaneous: 72025 lbs rice and 40 50 lb bags of cement.