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Camp EAGLE, RVN

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	2d Plat, 101st MP Co	"
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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
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1. (C) Operations Summary *only 3 days behind!*

a. General: TF 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div continued to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation CARENTAN II to locate and destroy VC/NVA forces, bases and logistics in the coastal plains area, and deny the rice harvest to the VC/NVA. Contact was light with a total of 4 contacts. Today's statistics: 2 US KIA, 4 US WIA (medevac). (All US casualties resulted from mines). Enemy assessment; 1 NVA KIA (BC) (killed by arty).

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD781249 with ambush vic YD774249. 1 Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD777232, YD786229, and returned. At 1250 hours vic YD787229 received sniper fire from the E from an estimated 2 enemy. Arty was fired on suspected location. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. Co (-) conducted classes, remained in night position vic YD781249.

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(2) Co B. Secured FSB MONGOOSE and ambushed vic YD802293. Improved defensive positions at FSB MONGOOSE and conducted reinforced squad patrols along POL pipeline to vic YD802293 and YD780262 and returned.

(3) Co C. Provided security at COLCO Beach. 2 squads conducted patrol to vic YD872299 and returned.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD781249 with ambush vic YD786239. 1 Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD799247, YD798251, and returned.

(5) Recon Plat. Provided security for bridge vic YD838177. Conducted local patrols to vic YD821181 and YD860161.

(6) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB MONGOOSE, Co A YD781249, Co B YD789271, Co C YD845320, Co D YD781249, Recon Plat YD838177.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security for FSB PINKY. Ambushed vic YD684258 and YD685246. 1 Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD676255, YD684249, and returned to FSB PINKY. 1 Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD694226 and returned. Vic YD690235 found 1 NVA KB Arty. Secured minesweep S to HUE.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD631249 with ambushes vic YD624256, YD626242, YD638238, YD643246. At 0140 hours night position received approx 6 rounds 82mm mortar near their position. Counter mortar fire was fired by Arty and 4.2" mortar. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD625258, YD614259, and YD609266. With one plat PF conducted RIF to vic YD610250 and YD632256. Established night position vic YD630260.

(3) Co C. Provided security for HUE Bridges.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD661245 with ambushes vic YD651255, YD655240, YD664255, and YD670250. At 2400 hours night position received approx 20 rounds 60mm mortars and 2 RPG rounds. Arty was fired on suspected enemy position. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. 1 Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD643257, YD659257, and YD673267. With 1 plat PF continued RIF operation to vic YD668251. Established night position vic YD674235.

(5) Recon Plat. Secured LZ SATAN and conducted local patrols.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB PINKY, Co A FSB PINKY, Co B YD630260, Co C YD750210, Co D YD674235, Recon Plat LZ SATAN,

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD767309 with ambushes vic YD763302, YD774314. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD757314, YD750306, and YD769312. Established night position vic YD771314 with local ambushes.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD727305. Provided security for some plow operations vic YD726306. Recon Plat conducted local patrolling to vic YD720296. Established night position vic YD725309 with local ambushes.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD733312 with ambushes vic YD717317, YD724319, and YD739319. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD733327. At 0820 hours received 8 rounds of SA sniper fire from vic YD727326. Arty was called. Negative casualties, Negative enemy assessment. Conducted search of village vic YD727326, and moved to vic YD732332. Established night position vic YD750210.

(4) Co D. OFCON 2-17 Cav.

(5) Recon Plat. OFCON Co B.

(6) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB OMAHA, Co A YD771314, Co B YD732311, Co C YD713343, Co D OFCON 2-17 Cav, Recon Plat OFCON Co B.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A. Occupied night position vic YD605315 with local ambushes. 1 Plat returned to Camp EVANS to assist in moving base of operations from Camp EVANS to Camp EAGLE. Troop (-) conducted local patrols from vic YD605315. Established ambushes along QL 1 N of AN LO Bridge.

(2) Troop B. Occupied night position vic YD605315 with local ambushes. Moved to vic YD623323 and provided security for bulldozer. At 1024 hours vic YD631323 a 1/4 ton truck detonated a pressure type mine resulting in 1 US KIA, and 2 US WIA (medevac). At 1150 hours vic YD631323 another 1/4 ton truck detonated a

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pressure type mine resulting in 1 US KIA, and 2 US WIA. Established night position vic YD631323.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Troop A.

(4) 2/C/2-34 Armor. OPCON Troop B. Plat (-) DS maintenance at Camp EAGLE.

(5) Co D, 1-502 Inf. Provided security for AN LO Bridge. Conducted plat size RIF operation to vic YD635312 and returned. Secured minesweep N to AO boundary.

(6) Location of Squadron elements at close of reporting period. Sqdn CP Camp EVANS, Troop A YD605315, Troop B YD631323, Aero Rifle Plat OPCON Troop A, 2/C/2-34 Armor OPCON Troop B, D 1-502 Inf AN LO Bridge.

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

2. (C) Plans Summary.

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD781249 conduct RIF operation E to vic YD883247.

(2) Co B. Secure FSB MONGOOSE and improve defensive positions. Secure minesweep N and S from FSB MONGOOSE on QL 551.

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

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD781249 secure minesweep S to

QL 1. Co (-) conduct classes on Vietnam Infantry Tactics.

(5) Recon Plat. Provide security at bridge vic YD838177.

(6) 1 squad MP's attached. From Camp EAGLE provide security for minesweep along QL 1 in 1-501 Inf AO.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Secure FSB PINKY. 1 plat conduct RIF operation N to vic YD 683293 and return. Secure minesweep S from FSB PINKY to HUE.

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD630260 conduct RIF operation to vic YD610232, YD608238, YD608248, and YD627245.

(3) Co C. Provide security for HUE bridges.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD674235 conduct RIF operation to vic YD670229, YD645235, YD663239, and YD660251.

(5) Recon Plat. Secure LZ SATAN and conduct local patrolling.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD771314 conduct RIF operation to vic YD750290, YD737293, and YD747306.

(2) Co B. Provide security for some plow operations vic YD726306.

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD713343 conduct RIF operation NE along coast to vic YD713350, then to vic YD705345.

(4) Co D. OPCON 2-17 Cav until 1000 hrs. Provide security for AN LO Bridge. Secure minesweep N from AN LO Bridge to AO boundary.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co B.

d. 2-17 Cav: From night positions move to Camp EAGLE and establish new base of operations. Release OPCON of Co D 1-502 Inf and AO responsibility to 1-502 Inf at 1000 hours.

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

3. (C) Cumulative Results: Operation CEMENTAN II.

a. Friendly Losses: 110 US KIA, 534 US WIA (392 medevac).

b. Enemy assement:

(1) Personnel: 1025 NVA KIA (BC), 82 VC KIA (BC), 132 NVA POW, 4 VC POW, 3 returnees. (An additional 115 NVA KIA (BC) resulting from joint opn with 1st ARVN Div Black Panther Co, and 51 NVA (BC) by army aviation).

(2) Weapons: 2 K-44's, 85 SKS carbines, 1 SMG, 1 P-38 pistol, 122 AK-47's, 5 7.62 HMG, 2 CHICOM pistols, 10 AK-47's (dest), 9 M-16's, 6 M1 carbines, 17 LMG, 13 RPG-2 launchers, 4 RPG-7 launchers, 4 SKS (dest), 8 RPG-2 launchers (dest), 1 .45 pistol and 9 122mm rockets, 2 M2 carbines, 2 mausers, 2 82mm mortar sights, 1 RPG-2 launcher sight, 3 60mm mortars, 2 82mm mortars, 1 9mm pistol, and 1 bolt action rifle, 1 LMG (dest).

(3) Munitions: 49 60mm mortar rds (dest), 41 82mm rds (dest), 56 B-40 rds (dest), 49 CHICOM grenades (dest), 4 AP mines (dest), 10365 rds SA, 3 AT mines (dest), 34 BBT (dest), 6 90mm rds (dest), 4 RPG-7 (dest), 16 sticks TNT (dest).