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Camp EAGLE, RVN

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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 Cav	"
	2d FASCP, 501st Sig	"
	2d Fwd Spt Plat, 801st Maint	"
	2d Plat, 101st MF	"
	2d Plat, 265th RRC	"
	Tm2, 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
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1. (C) Operations Summary:

a. General: TF 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 areas, and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installations in the 2d Bde AO. Contact was light with the exception of a significant contact by 1-501 Inf, which resulted in a cordon being placed around an estimated enemy company size force. Total statistics: 29 US WIA (27 medevac); enemy assessment: 59 NVA KIA (BG) (28 killed by Army aviation, 15 killed by TAC Air and 1 killed by arty). 1 VC KIA (BG), 1 NVA POW, 1 SKS, 1 M16, 2 CHICOM carbines, 19 60mm mortar rounds (dest), 6 CHICOM grenades (dest), 2 B-40 rds (dest), 1000 rounds SA.

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b. 1-501 Inf.

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(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD834227. Conducted RIF west along the canal to vic YD837240. At 1558 hrs conducted a

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combat assault from PZ vic YD822247 to LZ vic YD840214. Closed LZ at 1650 hrs. At 1610 hrs elements of 1st lift received 60mm mortar fire and SA fire. Sporadic fire continued until approx 1930 hrs. Results: 2 US WIA (2 medevac); enemy assessment: 5 NVA KIA (BC). Established a blocking position vic YD844214 to YD838220.

(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD833217. At 0522 hrs received SA/RPG fire from vic YD823218 and YD837215. Fire was returned with organic weapons and arty supported. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment. At 0640 hrs vic YD834217 received SA fire from an estimated reinforced squad in bunkers. At 0730 hrs contact was broken. Results: 3 US WIA (3 medevac). TAC Air supported from 0900 to 1030 hrs. At 0954 hrs observed estimated reinforced sqd moving S to vic YD837215. LFT supported. At 1345 hrs vic YD832218 engaged 1 NVA with neg enemy assessment. At 1358 hrs began receiving 60mm mortar fire and intense volume of SA fire from vic YD834217. Fire was returned with organic weapons. Results: 6 US WIA (6 medevac). Contact was broken at 1415 hrs as unit withdrew to be supported by TAC Air. Established a blocking psn vic YD838220, YD834223 and YD832218. Enemy assessment 8 NVA KIA (BC).

(3) Co C. Secured COL CO Beach vic YD845319 with Co (-). 1 plat provided security for FSB MONGOOSE. Secured minesweep N and S from FSB MONGOOSE. Continued to provide security for COL CO Beach.

(4) Co D. Occupied night psn vic YD824223. At 0525 hrs OP vic YD825225 engaged 4 enemy who set off trip flare with neg enemy assessment. Conducted opn SW to vic YD825220. At 0800 hrs vic YD825220 received SA fire. Returned fire with SA/AW. Contact broken at 0820 hrs. Continued to move to vic YD830215 receiving sporadic sniper fire. Neg cas, neg enemy assessment. Established a blocking position vic YD832218 to YD828211.

(5) Recon Plat. Provided security at bridge vic YD838177 and conducted mandatory classes.

(6) Co C, 2-501 Inf. OPCON effective 1640 hrs. Conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD665258 to LZ vic YD834208. Closed 1829 hrs. At 1858 hrs vic YD838207, captured 1 NVA POW. Established a blocking position vic YD828211 to YD837206.

(7) Remarks: Throughout the afternoon the FAC observed the enemy running about inside the village. The gunships caught many of the enemy in the open. The enemy had apparently panicked from the air strikes and from fear of being outflanked by superior forces. Results: 15 NVA KBA (BC) and 28 NVA KBAA (BC).

(8) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - FSB MONGOOSE; Co A YD842218; Co B YD824222; Co C YD845320; Co D YD830215; Recon plat YD838177; Co C 2-501 Inf YD834208.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD650253 with ambushes vic YD649247, YD659245, YD662241 and YD642258. Conducted RIF opn to vic YD638259. 1st plat continued RIF opn to vic YD621270, YD617265, YD630256 and returned to Co CP vic YD638259. At 1857 hrs vic YD652238 a BBT 60mm mortar round resulted in 3 US WIA (3 medevac). Established night psns vic YD637260 with local ambushes.

(2) Co B. Secured FSB PINKY and ambushed vic YD678256 and YD692244. Secured minesweep from FSB PINKY S to HUE. 2 sqds securing minesweep remained at HUE Bridge and provided security while Co D conducted training. Co D completed training and relieved Co B elements at Bridge, returning to FSB PINKY at 1505 hrs. 1 plat with 1 PF plat provided security for a MEDCAP vic YD713272. Returned to FSB PINKY at 1540 hrs.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD680237 with ambushes vic YD673237, YD682230, YD691231, and YD690220. Conducted RIF opn to vic YD664258. 1st plat with 1 PF plat continued RIF opn to vic YD673267, YD644243, YD645240, YD658250 and returned to Co CP vic YD664258. At 1640 hrs reverted to OPCON of 1-501 Inf once moved to a PZ vic YD666258.

(4) Co D. Provided security for HUE bridges. At 2219 hrs vic YD771222 received approx 100 rds SA. Neg cas. At 0920 hrs moved by vehicles to vic YD677265 and conducted plat size training in the attack of fortified villages vic YD674254, and then the village vic YD674243 following an arty prep. Returned to HUE bridges at 1423 hrs.

(5) Recon Plat. Secured LZ SATAN and established observation posts vic YD638217 and YD643227. At first light OP's consolidated and patrolled back to LZ SATAN.

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(6) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP
FSB PINKY; Co A YD637260; Co B FSB PINKY; Co C OPCON 1-501 Inf; Co D YD749211;
Recon plat LZ SATAN.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD745316, with ambushes vic
YD753316 and YD738314. 1 plat provided security for MEDCAP vic YD805314. Co
(-) conducted RIF opn to vic YD747335. The plat securing MEDCAP rejoined Co
(-) at YD747335 approx 1857 hrs. Established night psn vic YD750331 with
local ambushes.

(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD718307. Provided security for
ROME FLOW opn vic YD724306 and YD718305. The following enemy assessment
was made as a result of the ROME FLOW opns, vic YD718305: approx 1000 rds
SA, 6 CHICOM grenades (dest), 2 LAW, 1 SKS, 1 M16, 19 60mm mortar rds (dest),
2 B-40 rds (destroy) and 2 graves containing 2 NVA KIA (BC). Established a
night psn vic YD718307.

(3) Co C. Occupied night psn vic YD712308 with ambushes vic YD701302,
YD705313 and YD713311. At 2150 hrs ambush vic YD705313 engaged 2 NVA with
SA/AW. Conducted first light check with neg enemy assessment. Conducted RIF
to vic YD707316 and moved by logistics UH1 helicopters and across the river to
vic YD704315. At 0840 hrs UH1 received AW fire from vic YD704309 resulting in
UH-1 receiving approx 3 hits, (flyable) and 1 US WIA (medevac). Arty was
fired at enemy position. At 1204 hrs vic YD700304 found 1 NVA killed by arty.
At 1311 hrs conducted a CA from PZ vic YD697306 to an LZ vic YD690287. Closed
LZ at 1353 hrs. With 1 plat PF's conducted RIF opn to village vic YD687280.
Upon completion of search of village, moved to a night position vic
YD699292 and will local ambushes.

(4) Co D. Provided security for AN LO Bridge 2 plats conducted RIF
with 1 plat PF's SW to vic YD614296 and YD607283 and returned. At 0915 hrs
vic YD607293 received SA/AW fire from 2 bunkers. Engaged with SA and arty.
Neg cas, neg assessment.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co D with 1 sqd PF's established, ambushes vic
YD611312, YD605311, and YD602310. At 2041 hrs ambush vic YD605311 engaged 2
VC digging a hole in the road. Results 1 VC KIA, 2 CHICOM carbines. Approx

0630 hrs ambushes returned to AN LO Bridge. At 0808 hrs established blocking psns vic YD603294 to YD604288 for Co D. Returned to AN LO Bridge with Co D when RIF opn by Co D was completed.

(6) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB PINKY; Co A YD750331; Co B YD718307; Co C YD699292; Co D YDan lo bridge; Recon plat AN LO Bridge.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. From night position for YD866296 Trp (-) established a blocking position from vic YD863257 to YD860250. 1 plat Trp A with PF's and NFFF's conducted RIF opn from vic YD 863262 S to vic YD855248. Upon completion of opn returned to vic YD866276.

(2) Trp B. From night psn vic YD866276 established a blocking psn from vic YD854245, to YD850248 to YD853258. Approx 1600 hrs returned to Camp EAGLE for maintenance.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A.

(4) 2/C/2-34 Armor. OPCON Trp A.

(5) Tank plat, 1st antitank bn, 1st Mar Div and Ontos plat, 1st A ambush Bn, 1-501 OPCON Trp A

(6) Remarks: From 0220 hrs to 0240 hrs the squadron operating in base vic YD866276 received approx 20 rds 60mm mortar fire, 10-12 rds RPG fire and sporadic SA/AW fire. Counter mortar and arty were fired on suspected enemy mortar psn vic YD875261. Results: HHT 1 US WIA (medevac); Trp B 10 US WIA (medevac); Aero Rifle Plat 1 US WIA (evacuated); Marines 2 US WIA (medevac). Neg enemy assessment.

(7) Locations of Squadron elements at close of reporting period: Sqdn CP Camp EAGLE; Trp B Camp EAGLE; Sqdn (-) YD866276.

f. 2d Bde HHC: Sec Plat. Secured minesweep N to AO boundary and S to FSB PINKY.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A, B, D (with 1 PF plat) and C/2-501 Inf. Continue to cordon the villages vic YD834213 and YD835217 throughout the night under continuous

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illumination. Cordon gap from vic YD837206 to vic YD844214 is covered by arty fire. Approx 1000 hrs Co B will be replaced by Co C 1-501 Inf. The movement will be conducted by UH1 moving Co C from COL CO Beach and FSB MONGOOSE to an LZ vic YD834227. Co B will be lifted from PZ vic YD834227 to LZ's vic COL CO Beach and FSB MONGOOSE. Upon completion of move, Co C will attack to the SE on the E side of the canal, Co D will attack to the SE on the W side of the canal. Co C 2-501 Inf will remain in place as a blocking force. Co A will attack the village vic YD842210 o/o Co A will attack S to village vic YD843206.

(2) Co C. Continue to provide security for COL CO Beach installations and FSB MONGOOSE. Secure minesweep N and S from FSB MONGOOSE. Approx 1000 hrs conduct combat assault to vic YD834227.

(3) Recon Plat. Continue to provide security for bridge vic YD838177 until approx 1000 hrs. Return by vehicle to FSB MONGOOSE. 1 sqd of Co A will be moved by logistics UH1 helicopter and assume mission of bridge security from Recon Plat. The sqd of Co A will be augmented by 1 PF plat.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night psn vic YD637260, 1 plat conduct RIF opn to vic YD612249. Approx 1300 hrs move by truck to HUE Bridges and assume bridge security mission from Co D.

(2) Co B. Provide security for FSB PINKY. Secure minesweep from FSB PINKY S to HUE. Plats will conduct training in the attack of fortified villages vic YD674254 and YD675244. Attack of village vic YD675244 will be preceded by an arty prep.

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

(4) Co D. Provide security at HUE Bridges. Approx 1300 hrs when relieved in place by Co A, move by truck to vic YD637260 and prepare to establish night ambushes.

(5) Recon Plat. Secure LZ SATAN, establish night OP's and conduct local daylight patrolling.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night psn vic YD750331 conduct RIF opn thru village vic YD732327, then W thru village vic YD715330.

(2) Co B. From night psn vic YD718307 provide security for ROME PLOW opn vic YD724306.

(3) Co C. From night psn vic YD699292 conduct RIF opn along the N side of the SONG BO River to vic YD707271, continue along river to vic YD719297, then N thru village. Approx 1700 hrs move to a PZ vic YD714303 and move by UH-1 to vic AN LO Bridge and assume security mission.

(4) Co D. Provide security for AN LO Bridge. Secure minesweep N to vic YD603316. 1 plat with 1 sqd PF's provide security for rice harvest vic YD6131 and YD6232. 1 plat with 1 sqd PF's provide security for rice harvest vic YD6029 and YD6030. Approx 1700 hrs conduct combat assault to vic YD695315 and establish night position and ambushes.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co D, o/o OPCON Co C.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) TF SABRE (consisting of Trp A; ARP; 2/C/2-34 Armor; Tank plat, 1st Antitank Bn, 1st Marine Div; Ontos Plat, 1st Antitank Bn, 1st Marine Div) will improve psns at squadron operations base vic YD867276. Conduct local RIF opns vic sqdn base.

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

(3) Remark: Trp A has 34 PF's and NPFF's operating with them.

e. 2d Bde HHC, Sec Plat. Provide minesweep security N and S from LZ SALLY.

3. (C) Cumulative Results: Operation NEVADA EAGLE.

a. Friendly losses: 60 US WIA (45 medevac) (Includes an additional 5 US WIA from 2-17 Cav on 19 May).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 61 NVA KIA (BC), 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 NVA POW.

(2) Weapons: 2 SKS, 2 M16's, 3 carbines, 1 sub MG.

(3) Munitions: 7 CHICOM Grenades (dest), 1 150 rds SA, 19 60mm mortar rds (dest), 2 B-40 rds (dest).