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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 areas, and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installations in the 2d Bde AO. Contact was light with a total of 3 contacts. Today's statistics: 7 US WIA (1 medevac); Enemy assessment: 9 NVA KIA (BC), 19 M1 carbines, 3 AK-47's, 1 SKS, 1 RPG-2 launcher, 1 82mm mortar tube, 1 P-38 pistol, 10 82mm mortar rounds (dest), 3 60mm mortar rounds (dest), 5 B-40 rounds (dest), 2 RPG-7 rounds (dest), 2100 rounds SA.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied a blocking position from vic YD844214 to YD838220. At 0400 hrs received 3 60mm mortar rds from the N. Arty was fired on suspected enemy positions. Neg

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cas, neg enemy assessment. At 1010 hrs 1 sqd was airlifted from YD842218 to bridge vic YD838177. Co A conducted RIF opn to vic YD853203. At 1725 hrs vic YD839210 found 5 NVA KIA (BC), 1 82mm mortar tube, 1 SKS, 2 AK-47's, 10 82mm mortar rounds, 3 60mm mortar rounds, 1 RPG-2 launcher, 5 B-40 rounds, 500 rounds SA. Established night position vic YD854203.

(2) Co B. Occupied a blocking position from vic YD838220, YD834223 to YD832218. At 2205 hrs received several 82mm mortar rounds approx 100 meters to their N. At 0400 hrs received 1 US WIA (medevac) from 60mm mortar round that landed in Co A's position. Conducted RIF opn to vic YD840215. At 1015 hrs found 1 NVA KIA (BC) vic YD833219. At 1030 hrs found 1 NVA KIA (BC) vic YD833218, 2 RPG-7 rounds, 1 AK-47, 1 P-38 pistol. At 1150 hrs vic YD834217 captured 2 serious wounded NVA POW's. POW's died shortly thereafter becoming 2 NVA KIA (BC). At 1610 hrs moved to a PZ vic YD840215 and Co (-) moved to COL CO Beach, 3d plat to FSB MONGOOSE. Completed at 1715 hrs.

(3) Co C. Co (-) provided security for COL CO Beach installations and ambushed vic YD859308. 1 plat provided security at FSB MONGOOSE. At 0235 hrs 3d plat at FSB MONGOOSE received 20 82mm mortar rounds. Arty and 81mm counter mortar were fired on suspected enemy mortar positions vic YD809271. Results: 4 US WIA (minor) from HHC personnel with TAC CP at FSB MONGOOSE. Neg enemy assessment. Secured minesweep N and S from FSB MONGOOSE. Approx 1620 hrs 2d plat from COL CO Beach and 3d plat from FSB MONGOOSE moved by UH-1 to LZ vic YD781249. Moved to vic YD795252 and established a night position.

(4) Co D. Occupied a blocking position vic YD832218 to YD828211. Conducted RIF opn S to vic YD846200 and established night position with local ambush.

(5) Recon Plat. Provided security at bridge vic YD838176. At 1130 hrs moved by vehicles to FSB MONGOOSE and prepared defensive positions.

(6) Co C 2-501 Inf. Occupied blocking position vic YD828211 to YD837206. At 2245 hrs engaged movement to their front with SA/AW and M79. Neg enemy assessment. Remained in blocking position through the morning. At 1312 hrs returned to OPCON of 2-501 Inf and began moving to a PZ vic YD835205.

At 1430 hrs vic PZ found 19 M1 carbines and 1600 rounds SA ammo.

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB MONGOOSE; Co A YD854203; Co B YD845320; Co C YD795253; Co D YD846200; Recon Plat FSB MONGOOSE.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD650253 with ambushes vic YD649247, YD659245, YD662241, YD642258. Approx 1200 hrs moved from night position to vic YD672268 and moved by vehicles to HUE Bridges. At 1430 hrs assumed mission of providing security for HUE Bridges from Co D.

(2) Co B. Provided security for FSB PINKY and ambushed vic YD678256, YD692244, YD691249 and YD686249. Secured minesweep from FSB PINKY S to HUE. Moved to vic YD664253 and conducted plat training in the attack of fortified villages vic YD674255 and then the village vic YD674243 following an arty prep. Returned to FSB PINKY approx 1400 hrs.

(3) Co C. Returned to OPCON of 2-501 Inf at 1312 hrs. At 1319 hrs moved by UH-1 from PZ vic YD835205 to LZ vic YD655250. Closed LZ 1505 hrs. Conducted RIF opn to vic YD662267. At 1830 hrs vic YD662242 a BET grenade resulted in 1 US WIA (minor). Established a night position vic YD666243 with local ambushes.

(4) Co D. Provided security for HUE Bridges. At 2219 hrs vic YD710222 received approx 100 rounds of SA. Returned fire with organic weapons. Neg cas, neg enemy assessment. At 1430 hrs when relieved in place by Co A moved by vehicles to vic YD668260. Conducted RIF opn to vic YD653257. Established night position vic YD635255 with local ambushes.

(5) Recon Plat. Secured LZ SATAN and established OP's vic YD638217 and YD643227. At first light OP's linked up and returned to LZ SATAN. At 1700 hrs a patrol departed LZ SATAN to YD644223.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB PINKY; Co A YD750210; Co B FSB PINKY; Co C YD657253; Co D YD635255; Recon Plat LZ SATAN.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD750331 with ambushes vic YD755333, YD753325 and YD745335. Conducted RIF opn to vic YD728336. At 0855 hrs vic YD728336 received AW fire from vic YD734328. Results 1 US WIA. Arty was fired at enemy position with neg enemy assessment. Continued RIF opn to village vic YD715320, and then to vic YD715337. Established night position vic YD713340 with local ambushes.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD718307. Provided security for ROME FLOW opn vic YD719310. Moved to a night position vic YD718308.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD699292 with ambushes vic YD689292, YD691289 and YD703288. Remained in position vic YD699292 as a blocking force for RF/PF conducting RIF opn vic YD690275. (Results of RF/PF was 3 VC KIA (BC), 2 SKS, 1 AK-47). At 1120 hrs Co C conducted RIF opn to vic YD696286 and YD705205. Moved to PZ vic YD699293 and moved by UH-1 to vic AN LO Bridge and assumed bridge security mission. Closed 1830 hrs.

(4) Co D. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and ambushed vic YD608315, YD606309 and YD601207. Secured minesweep N to vic YD590307. 1 plat provided security for rice harvest vic YD6029. At 1830 hrs conducted a combat assault to an LZ vic YD695315. Closed LZ 1905 hrs. Established a night position vic YD694315 with local ambushes.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co D. Provided security for rice harvest vic YD626318. At 0825 hrs vic YD634314 received SA fire from estimated 3 enemy. Engaged with SA and arty supported. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment. At 0903 hrs vic YD636314 engaged 2-3 VC with SA. Neg enemy casualties. Returned to AN LO Bridge. Effective 1830 hrs OPCON to Co C.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB OMAHA; Co A YD713340; Co B YD718308; Co C AN LO Bridge; Co D YD694315; Recon Plat OPCON Co C.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) TF SABRE (OPCON 1-501 Inf). Occupied a night position vic YD866276 with ambush vic YD860270 and LP vic YD867278. At 0420 hrs Trp A

received approx 30 60 and 82mm mortar rounds. Arty was fired at suspected enemy position vic YD868260. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment. 1 PF plat conducted RIF opn to vic YD839244 and returned, 3d plat Trp A conducted RIF opn to vic YD887246 and returned. At 0941 hrs vic YD834249 PF plat captured 1 VC. Results 1 VC POW. TF SABRE (-) improved defensive position at squadron operating base. At 1750 hrs vic YD877263 PF plat engaged 3 VC with SA and 81mm mortar supported. Neg enemy assessment.

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

(3) Location of Squadron elements at close of reporting period:

Sqdn CP Camp EAGLE; TF SABRE YD866276; Trp B Camp EAGLE.

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

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD854203 conduct RIF opn N along E side of canal to vic YD830240. 1 sqd of Co A with 1 PF plat provide security for bridge vic YD838176.

(2) Co B. Co (-) provide security for COL CO Beach installations, 1 plat provide security for FSB MONGOOSE.

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD795253 conduct RIF opn to vic YD783242, then E to vic YD804250.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD846200 conduct RIF opn W to vic YD815201 then NE to vic YD823317.

(5) Recon Plat. From FSB MONGOOSE conduct RIF opn to vic YD795260 and YD807271.

(6) TF SABRE (OPCON 1-501 Inf). From squadron operating base vic YD867276 conduct RIF opn to vic YD870257, YD900233, YD886228, YD865234, YD865236, YD854241 and return. TF SABRE (-) continue to improve defensive positions.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provide security for HUE Bridges.

(2) Co B and Co D. At 0800 hrs Co D will conduct a combat assault from PZ vic YD635255 to LZ vic YD590255. Upon completion, Co B will combat assault from vic FSB PINKY to the same LZ (vic YD590255). The obj area will be the village vic YD600266 to YD600246. An arty prep will be fired on the LZ, a TAC Air prep will be placed on the obj area. Co's D and B will move from the LZ to vic YD600254. Co D will then attack N towards YD600266 and Co B will attack S towards YD600246.

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD657253 return to FSB PINKY and assume security mission of FSB PINKY.

(4) Recon Plat. Secure LZ SATAN and conduct local patrolling to the W of LZ SATAN.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD713340 conduct a combat assault at 0930 hrs to LZ vic YD765330. Conduct RIF opn SW to vic YD769327, YD765322 and YD738300.

(2) Co B. Secure ROME FLOW opns vic YD724306.

(3) Co C. 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 YD6029 and YD6030. 1 plat with 1 sqd PF's provide security for rice harvest vic YD6131 and YD6232.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD694315 conduct RIF opn SW along the N side of river from vic YD703312 to YD684308.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co C.

d. 2-17 Cav. Trp B conduct maintenance at Camp EAGLE. Provide RRF for HUE Bridges.

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

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses: 67 US WIA (46 medevac).

b. Enemy Assessment:

(1) Personnel: 70 NVA KIA (BC), 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 NVA POW.

(2) Weapons: 3 SKS's, 2 M16's, 3 carbines, 1 sub MG, 19 M1 carbines

3 AK-47's, 1 RPG-2 launcher, 1 P-38 pistol, 1 82mm mortar tube.

(3) Munitions: 7 CHICOM grenades (dest), 3250 rds SA, 22 60mm mortar rds (dest), 7 B-40 rds (dest), 10 82mm mortar rds (dest), 2 RPG-7 rds (dest). Group 4