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Camp EAGLE, RVN

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	CO, 1-321 Arty	"
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	CO, 188th AHC	"
	CO, 2-17 Cav	"
	2d FASCP, 501st Sig	"
	2d Fwd Spt Plat, 801st Maint	"
	2d Plat, 265th RRC	"
	2d Plat 101st MP	"
	Tm 2, 101st MI Det	"
	34th PI	"
	1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, Camp EAGLE, RVN	"
	3d Bde, 82d Abn Div, Camp EAGLE, RVN	"
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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report  
292001H May 68 - 302000H May 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 areas, and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installations in the 2d Bde AO. Contact was light with a total of 4 contacts. Today's statistics: 7 US WIA (2 medevac), 1 FF KIA, 2 FF WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment: 46 NVA KIA (BC), (16 KBGF, 6 KBA, 24 KBAA), 1 VC KIA, 1 RPG-2 launcher, 1 AK-47 (dest), 2 claymore mines, 15 lbs C4, 1 B-40 rd.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Co (-) provided security for COLCO Beach installations and ambushed vic YD858308. 1st Plat provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and secured minesweep N and S from FSB MONGOOSE.

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(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD814251 and ambushed vic YD809248 and established OP's vic YD811253 and YD815249. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD831242. Effective 1415 hrs OPCON 2-17 Cav.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD806231 and ambushed vic YD805243, YD814243, and YD800228. At 2025 hrs ambush vic YD800228 engaged 4 enemy with SA and M79. Negative enemy assessment. At 2107 hrs ambush vic YD800228 engaged 12 enemy moving toward their location. Engaged with SA and M79 then returned to night position. Negative enemy assessment. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD792241 and YD788230. At 1633 hrs the 10 PRU personnel were extracted from Co C to THUA THIEN. Co continued to vic YD792247. At 1952 hrs the 3d Plat was located at a PZ vic YD792247 and reverted to OPCON of 2-17 Cav. Co (-) provided security for PZ and then began moving SE to night position vic YD805243.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD825221. At 0215 hrs night position received 15-20 60mm mortar rounds from vic YD828227. Arty was fired at suspected position. Results 5 US WIA (slight). Negative enemy assessment. 2d Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD828227, then SE to vic YD837214. 1st Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD837212. 3d Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD830210, YD837212, and linked up with Co (-). At 0935 hrs vic YD830210, the 3d Plat found 1 VC KIA (BC). Co continued RIF operation to vic YD846212. Established night position vic YD846218.

(5) Recon Plat. Plat (-) provided security for hill masses vic YD808188. 1 squad with 1 FF plat provided security for bridge vic YD838176. Plat (-) improved defensive positions throughout the day.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB MONGOOSE, Co A YD845320, Co B OPCON 2-17 Cav, Co C YD805243, Co D YD846213, Recon Plat YD808187.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD634249, with ambushes vic YD606255, YD610264, YD612240, and YD633242. 2d Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD634249, YD625261, YD607261, YD618269, and returned to Co CP. Established night position vic YD634249.



(2) Co B. Provided security for HUE Bridges and improved defensive positions.

(3) Co C. Co (-) provided security for FSB PINKY. 3d Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD682280. At 1230 hrs vic YD686274 linked up with 1 FF plat. Continued RIF operation to vic YD679290, YD676280, and returned to FSB PINKY. At 1300 hrs vic YD682280 received sniper fire from 2 enemy. Returned SA fire. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. Reinforced 2d Plat secured OP T-Bone and established OP's vic YD661202, and YD650204. 1 squad patrolled to vic YD645200, YD644194, YD647198, YD646203, and returned.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD638257 and ambushed vic YD631260, YD642264, YD643250, and YD648257. 2d Plat conducted RIF operation to vic YD649246, YD662246, and returned to Co CP vic YD638259. Established night position vic YD651254.

(5) Recon Plat. (working with 1 FF plat and 1 RF plat). Occupied night position vic YD673237 and ambushed vic YD666232, YD677234. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD686224, YD694221, and YD691225. Established night position vic YD682231.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB PINKY, Co A YD634249, Co B YD750210, Co C FSB PINKY, Co D YD651254, Recon Plat YD682231.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and ambushed vic YD600310, YD606312, and YD611312. Secured minesweep N to vic YD602310. During the day conducted mounted patrol from AN LO Bridge NW to AO boundary. Co (-) improved defensive positions.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD719303. Provided security for bulldozers operating vic YD719301. At 0858 vic YD719301 found 2 claymore mines, 15 lbs C4, 1 RPG-2 round, and some documents. At 1145 hrs with 1 FF plat conducted RIF operations to vic YD716318. Established night position vic YD713338.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD700293. With 1 plat FF's conducted RIF operation to vic YD719301 and relieved Co B of security mission for bulldozer operation at 1050 hrs.



(4) Co D. (working with 2 PF plats). Occupied night position vic YD745318 and ambushed vic YD753337, YD756326, and YD754313. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD755316, YD756325, and YD753337. During the day approx 36,000 lbs of rice were captured and extracted vic YD755316 and YD756325. Approx 36,000 lbs of rice remain to be extracted. Established night position vic YD754337.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co A.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB OMAHA, Co A AN LO Bridge, Co B YD713338, Co C YD718302, Co D YD754337, Recon Plat OPCON Co A.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Occupied night position at FSB FORWARD and ambushed vic YD859264. At 0350 hrs a sampan was sighted vic YD8728 and engaged with AW and 106RR. The sampan was damaged with no further assessment. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD8723. At 0752 hrs vic YD875238 received AW fire and 1 RFG round. Fire was returned with organic weapons and arty supported. At 0830 hrs 1 Co of the 3-3 ARVN Regt began moving to a blocking position vic YD890225. Sporadic fire continued to be received by Trp A as the attacked SE thru the village. At 1050 hrs vic YD874236 received 15-25 60mm mortar rounds and some small arms fire from the east. Countermortar fires were fired. Results 1 US WIA (medevac), 1 PF WIA (later DOW). Negative enemy assessment. At 1305 hrs vic YD876234 received SA and RFG fire resulting in 1 US WIA (medevac). Arty and LFT supported. Contact continued as plans were made to reinforce the area of contact. Co B 1-501 became OPCON to 2-17 Cav at 1415 hrs. At 1442 hrs Co B conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD831241 to an LZ vic YD885235. Co B established a blocking position, oriented to the SW. Trp A continued to push forward thru the village. During the afternoon they were supported by 4 air strikes. At the close of the reporting period a cordon was being established around the village of THON LE XA DONG vic YD884228. 1 plat of Co C 1-501 Inf became OPCON to Troop A 2-17 Cav at 1950 hrs and was being airlifted to vic of Trp A. The cordon was established by Co B 1-501 to the NE, 1 Co of 3-3 ARVN Regt to the SE, and Trp A with OPCON units to the NW and SW. Results of the operation to 2000 hrs: Friendly casualties - 2 US WIA



(4) Co D. (working with 2 PF plats). Occupied night position vic YD745318 and ambushed vic YD753337, YD756326, and YD754313. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD755316, YD756325, and YD753337. During the day approx 36,000 lbs of rice were captured and extracted vic YD755316 and YD756325. Approx 36,000 lbs of rice remain to be extracted. Established night position vic YD754337.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co A.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB OMAHA, Co A AN LO Bridge, Co B YD713338, Co C YD718302, Co D YD754337, Recon Plat OPCON Co A.

e. 2-17 Cav.

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(2) Troop B. Conducted maintenance at Camp EAGLE and prepared for future operations.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A.

(4) Ontos Plat, Co A, 1st AT, 1st Tank Bn, 1st Mar Div. OPCON Trp A.

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

(6) 2/C/2-34 Armor. OPCON Trp A.

(7) PF plat and NFFF element. OPCON Trp A.

(8) Location of Sqdn elements at close of reporting period. Sqdn CP Camp EAGLE, Troop A YD882230, Troop B Camp EAGLE, B 1-501 Inf YD885234 to YD891228. Sqdn (-) OPCON Troop A.

f. 2dBde HHC Security Plat. Secured minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY. Beginning 1945 hrs 18 personnel from Security Plat were shuttled by UH 1 to FSB FORWARD to reinforce security.

## 2. Plans Summary

### a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Co (-) provide security for COLCO Beach installation. 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. 1 plat OPCON 2-17 Cav. Co (-) from night position vic YD805243 conduct RIF operation SE along both sides of river to vic YD8222.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD846213 move to a PZ vic YD840213. At 0700 hrs conduct a combat assault to a LZ vic YD900280, then RIF to the village vic YD890285. (NOTE: If assets for combat assault are not available conduct RIF operation to vic YD844210, YD852222, YD865235, YD860238, and YD853233.

(5) Recon Plat. Plat (-) provide security at OP vic YD808187 and conduct local patrolling with 1 PF plat along QL 1, 1 squad with 1 PF plat provide security for bridge vic YD838176.

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## b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A, Co D, and Recon Plat. Conduct combat assaults (with the exception of Co A (-) which begins moving approx 0730 hrs to occupy critical terrain vic YD607235) to the west side of the SONG BO River to conduct a search of the area vic YD6022. Arty and air prep will be delivered into the objective area to include the LZ's. At 0830 hrs Recon Plat will conduct combat assault from PZ vic YD672233 to LZ vic YD604224. 1 plat of Co A will follow Recon Plat and conduct combat assault from PZ vic YD625252 to LZ vic YD599234. Co D will then conduct combat assault from PZ vic YD642257 to LZ vic YD600230. Recon Plat and plat/Co A will remain in position as security forces. Co D will conduct RIF operation vic YD6022.

(2) Co B. Provide security for HUE Bridges and improve defensive positions.

(3) Co C. Co (-) provide security for FSB PINKY and secure minesweep from FSB PINKY S to HUE. 3d Plat with 1 PF Plat provide security for MEDCAP vic YD712247. Reinf 2d plat provide security for OP T-Bone and conduct patrol to vic YD655214 and YD647220.

## 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 and 2 PF squads conduct RIF operation to vic YD640315.

(2) Co C. Provide security for bulldozers operating vic YD720295.

(3) Co B and Co D. Conduct a joint operation with 2 PF plats in an attempt to trap a VC force along the coast vic YD725340 to YD750336. Co B from night position vic YD713338 will move to a blocking position oriented N from vic YD728335 to YD736327. Co D from night position vic YD754337, will move to a blocking position oriented N from vic YD740325 to YD750330. Blocking positions will be established by approx 0400 hrs. Approx 0700 hrs a PF plat will be moved by log ship from QUANG DIEN to vic YD750336 and begin moving W. A PF plat from QUANG DIEN will move to an attack position vic YD725340 and begin moving E approx 0600 hrs. 2 river patrol boats vic YD745340 will surveil the water escape.



(4) Recon Plat. OPCON Co A.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A, Co B 1-501, Co 3-3 ARVN Regt continue to maintain a cordon around village vic YD884228 throughout the night under continuous illumination. Troop A continue sweeping to the SE during the night, then establish blocking position to close the cordon. At 0600 hrs the Aero Rifle Plat and Plat Co C 1-501 will conduct a search of the village from south to north during the day, while remaining elements maintain blocking positions. Upon completion elements return to FSB FORWARD and prepare for future operations.

(2) Troop B. From Camp EAGLE move to FSB FORWARD and prepare for future operations.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A.

(4) Plat/C/1-501. OPCON Trp A.

(5) Ontos Plat, Co A, 1st AT, 1st Tank Bn, 1st Mar Div. OPCON Trp A.

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

(7) 2/C/2-34 Armor. OPCON Trp A.

(8) PF Plat and NPPF element. OPCON Trp A.

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

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses: 4 US KIA, 125 US WIA, (89 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 166 NVA KIA (BC), 65 VC KIA (BC), 7 NVA POW, 8 VC POW, 7 M2 carbines, 10 AK-47's, 2 RPG-2 launchers, 2 RPG-7 launchers, 1 P-38 pistol, 1 82mm mortar tube, 2 60mm mortar tubes, 1 CHICOM submachine pistol, 1 flare pistol (dest), 1 Russian rifle, 1 Springfield rifle, 3 BAR's, 1 bolt action rifle, 1 AK-47 (dest).

(3) Munitions: 11 CHICOM grenades (dest), 6200 rds SA, 34 60mm mortar rds (dest), 42 B-40 rds (dest), 16 82mm mortar rds (dest), 28 RPG-7 rds (dest), 109 AP mines (dest), 7 BBT (dest), 8 grenades (dest), 3 250 lb bombs (dest).

(4) Miscellaneous: 11975 lbs rice and 40 50 lb bags of cement.