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CO, 188th AHC	"
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2d FASCP, 501st Sig	"
2d Fwd Spt Plat, 801st Maint	"
2d Plat, 101st MP	"
2d Plat, 265th RRC	"
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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
302001H May - 312000H 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 as the 2-17 Cav completed a highly successful cordon operation. Today's statistics: 1 US WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment. 45 NVA KIA (BC), 7 VC KIA (BC), 23 VC POW, 13 AK-47, 12 SKS, 2 AK-50, 3 RPG-2 launchers, 1 60mm mortar, 3 9mm pistols, 1 LMG, 1 sub MG, 1 M16, 250 rds SA, 21,850 lbs rice.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Co (-) provided security for COLCO Beach installations and ambushed vic YD853315. 1 plat provided security for FSE MONGOOSE and secured minesweep N and S from FSB MONGOOSE. At 1400 hrs the 1st and 2d Plats exchanged security

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missions as 1st Flat moved to COLCO Beach and 2d Plat moved to FSB MONGOOSE.

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

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD805243 and ambushed vic YD788241. 3d Flat conducted a combat assault to LZ vic YD877234, closing at 2054 hrs, OFCON 2-17 Cav. Co (-) conducted RIF operation to YD825227, YD848226, YD848244. At 1400 hrs vic YD848244 Co C went OFCON to 2-17 Cav.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD846213 and ambushed vic YD841211. At 2015 hrs ambush engaged an estimated 30 enemy with organic weapons. Heavy SA, AW, and RPG fire was received. Contact broken at 2108 hrs. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 7 VC KIA. At 2140 hrs ambushed returned to Co CP. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD841210, YD848204, YD851204, and established night position vic YD600235.

(5) Recon Plat. Plat (-) secured OP vic YD807186. 1 squad with 1 PF plat secured bridge vic YD838176. 1 squad moved to YD847171 and provided security for minesweep team to vic YD866176.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB MONGOOSE, Co A YD845320, Co B OFCON 2-17 Cav, Co C OFCON 2-17 Cav, Co D YD846200, Recon Plat YD807187.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD634249 and ambushed vic YD606261 and YD617251. Co (-) conducted RIF operation to vic YD611234 and secured hilltop. At 0910 hrs vic YD628249 plat conducted a combat assault to LZ vic YD600235. Closed 0918 hrs and provided security.

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

(3) Co C. Co (-) provided security for FSB PINKY. 1st Flat with 1 PF plat provided security for MEDCAP vic YD671243. The reinforced 2d Plat provided security for OP T-Bone and established LP's vic YD650204 and YD658202. Conducted squad patrol to vic YD656210, YD654213, and returned to OP T-Bone.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD651254 and ambushed vic YD645251 and YD658251. At 0920 hrs conducted a combat assault from FZ vic YD644258 to an LZ vic YD596230. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD600230. At YD601231

found 150 lbs rice and 250 rds SA, 100 lbs potatoes.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD682231. At 0857 hrs conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD685234 to LZ vic YD604224. Closed LZ at 0904 hrs and secured hilltop.

(6) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB PINKY, Co A YD611234, Co B YD750210, Co C FSB PINKY, Co D YD600235, Recon YD603224.

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 YD605311. Conducted mounted patrol along QL 1 from AN LO Bridge to AO boundary. 1 Plat with 2 PF squads conducted RIF operation to vic YD640325. At 1124 hrs vic YD637315 received 8 M79 rounds, sniper fire. SA fire was returned and arty supported. Results - 1 US WIA (medevac). Negative enemy assessment. At 1143 hrs vic YD637315 received 15 60mm mortar rounds. Arty fired countermortar fires. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. At 1330 hrs vic YD636323 received 6 60mm mortar rounds from vic YD632328. Arty fired countermortar fires. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(2) Co B. Occupied a night position vic YD713338 and ambushed vic YD714336. At 0525 hrs established a blocking position oriented NE from vic YD728337 to YD735327, and a PF plat conducted search operation from W to E. At 1040 hrs with 1 PF plat Co B conducted RIF operation to vic YD735326. At 1241 hrs vic YD735328 found 1500 rds SA, 2 satchel charges, and documents. At 1320 hrs vic YD735328 captured 3 VC WIA and 1 woman detainee from a bunker. Results 4 VC POW, 1 AK-47, 1 sub-MG, 1 ML6. Established night position vic YD703293.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position YD700293. Provided security for bulldozer operating vic YD719300. Established night position vic YD718302.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD754337 and ambushed vic YD757342 and YD753316. At 0538 hrs established a blocking position oriented NW from vic YD740325 to YD753337. A PF plat conducted search operation from E to W resulting 4 PF deserters and 2 VC suspects being detained vic YD745335. At 1035 hrs

Co D conducted RIF operation to vic YD754337 and continued to bag and extract rice cache found 29 May. Results - 21,700 lbs rice (evacuated to QUANG District). Established night position vic YD754337.

(5) Recon Plat. OFCON Co A.

(6) Remark. At 1212 hrs 3 PF plats from HUONG TRA District conducting RIF operating of village vic YD757317. Light contact was made resulting in no PF casualties and enemy assessment 3 VC KIA (BC), 4 VC POW, 1 RFG-2 launcher, 1 LMG, 2 AK-47's, 4 carbines and 6 CHICOM carbines.

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CF FSB OMAHA, Co A AN LO Bridge, Co B YD703293, Co C YD718302, D YD754337, Recon Plat OFCON Trp A.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A, Co B 1-501, Aero Rifle Plat, plat C 1-501, and 3-3 ARVN Regt. At the beginning of the reporting period a cordon was being established around an enemy force vic YD885228. Troop A continued to conduct a sweep SE thru the NW section of the village and established a blocking position from vic YD886234 to YD883234. At 0530 hrs approx 10-15 enemy made a vain attempt to escape the cordon to the SE, and then to the N. Both attempts were unsuccessful as elements of 3-3 Inf (ARVN) and Troop A prevented the enemy's escape. A PSYOPS team broadcasted to the enemy to surrender (12 enemy immediately surrendered). A sweep was made of the area by Trp A from NW to SE and by the 3-3 Inf as they moved NW from their blocking position to the SE. At 1150 hrs the sweep completed with the following enemy assessment. 2-17 Cav 45 NVA KIA (BC), 19 VC POW, 12 AK-47, 12 SKS, 2 AK-50, 3 RFG-2 launchers, 1 60mm mortar, 3 9mm pistol, 1 LMG, 3-3 ARVN - 50 VC/NVA KIA (BC), 18 VC/NVA POW, 27 individual weapons, 8 crew served weapons. The total results of the operation on 30 and 31 May were 6 US WIA (2 medevac), 2 PF KIA, 2 PF WIA. Enemy assessment: 156 VC/NVA (BC), 41 VC/NVA POW, 60 individual weapons 15 crew served weapons. Trp A and Aero Rifle Plat returned to FSB FORWARD, closing at 1310 hrs. Co B 1-501 Inf moved to a night position vic YD880244, At 1750 hrs received AW fire from vic YD890243. Fire was returned. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. At 1400 hrs Co C (-) 1-501 became OFCON

1-501 Inf. Co linked up and moved to vic FSB FORWARD.

(2) Troop D. From Camp EAGLE moved to FSB FORWARD and prepared for future operations.

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

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

(5) 2/C/2-34. OPCON Trp A.

(6) PF plat and NPFF element. OPCON Trp A.

(7) Locations of Sqdn elements at close of reporting period. Sqdn TAC CP YD901188, Sqdn (-), FSB FORWARD, Co B 1-501 Inf, YD880244, Co C 1-501 FSB FORWARD.

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

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD846200 conduct RIF operation NW along the river to vic YD831230.

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

(6) Troop A, 2-17 Cav. OPCON 1-501 Inf effective 0700 hrs. Conduct RIF operation to vic YD860260, YD855250, and YD850240.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A, Co D, Recon Plat. From night position vic YD611234, YD600235, and YD603244 respectively, conduct local RIF operations along the bank of the SONG BO River vic center of mass vic YD600230.

(2) Co B. Provide security for HUE bridges.

(3) Co C. Co (-) secure FSB PINKY and minesweep S to HUE. 1 plat with 1 PF plat conduct RIF operation to vic YD6724. Reinf 2d Plat secure OP T-Bone and conduct local patrols.

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 FF plat conduct RIF operation SW to vic YD610283.

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD703293 conduct RIF operation to YD 688281.

(3) Co C. Provide security for bulldozers working vic YD720295 and secure movement of some plow to site vic YD736290 to be extracted.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD760321. 1 plat with 1 FF plat conducts RIF operation to vic YD768327 and YD764323. Co (-) secure rice harvest vic YD7533, YD7633, YD7532, and YD7632.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co A.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A. OPCON 1-501 Inf effective 0700 hrs.

(2) Troop B. From FSB FORWARD move at 0300 hrs to an attack position vic YD930200. At 0700 hrs continue attack SE to seize objectives vic YD9419, YD9717, YD9816 and YD9915.

(3) Co B 1-501 Inf. From night position vic YD880244 move to an attack position vic YD930206 utilizing 3 amtracks and 1 ontos plat. Continue the attack SE on order.

(4) Ontos Plat, Co A, 1st AT, 1st Tank Bn, 1st Mar Div. OPCON B 1-501.

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

(6) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A.

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

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

(9) Amtrack Plat, 1st Mar Div. OPCON B 1-501.

(10) Co C 1-501 Inf. At 0615 hrs conduct a combat assault from PZ vic YD864273 to LZ vic YD989138. Establish a blocking position oriented NW vic LZ.

(11) Remarks: 2-17 Cav in conjunction with TF 7 consisting of 3-3 Inf, 3-7 Cav, and Black Panther Co, conduct a coordinated attack in the SE portion of PHU VANG District. At 0730 hrs the Black Panther Co conducts combat assault from

PZ vic YD860156 to LZ vic YD968138 and establish a blocking position oriented NW. The 3-3 Inf and 3-7 Cav attack SE towards blocking position occupied by Black Panther Co to seize objectives vic YD9416, YD9515, and YD9614.

e. 2d Bde HHC Security Plat. OPCON 2-17 Cav for security of PHU TU.

f. 1-501 Inf Rear and 2-501 Inf Rear each provide 1 squad to secure mine-sweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses; 4 US KIA, 127 US WIA, (90 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 211 NVA KIA (BC), 72 VC KIA (BC), 7 NVA POW, 31 VC POW,

(2) Weapons: 29 SKS, 10 ML6, 6 carbines, 5 sub MG, 23 M1 carbines, 7 M2 carbines, 23 AK-47's, 5 RPG-2 launchers, 2 RPG-7 launchers, 1 P-38 pistol, 1 82mm mortar tube, 3 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 9mm pistol, 2 AK-50, 1 LMG.

(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: 69,825 lbs rice and 40 50 lb bags of cement.