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SITUATION REPORT: (morning, 12, June 1972)

Camp Rapid---Search and rescue operations being conducted by the men of the South Dakota Army National Guard are still going on in the flooded area of Rapid City and Keystone.

Units involved in searching flooded areas for victims of the disaster include the 1st Bn of the 147th Artillery, 153rd Engineer Bn and the 2nd Bn of the 147th Artillery. They are concentrating their efforts in the Dark Canyon and portions of the city above Canyon Lake and around the water treatment plant.

Engineers are involved in clearing debris from endangered bridges and from search areas where heavy equipment is needed to dig through piles of rubble. The 211th Panel Bridge Co. of Lemmon will be arriving in town today to install their bridge across the creek on the Stave Church road. The 200th Bridge Co. of Chamberlain is building a floating bridge across the creek on 38th St.

In Keystone the 214th Dump Truck Co. and men of the 109th Engineer Bn are opening blocked areas of the highway and in conjunction with civilian contractors, have built a bridge passable for military vehicles into Keystone.

In Sturgis a new flooding problem evolved when engineers determined a dam built in 1903 to supply Ft. Meade with water is in danger of bursting. A new road has been built to the area by men of the 109th Bn and pumps will be installed today to relieve pressure on the weakened dam face which is holding back 22 million gallons of water in the Hills three miles south west of the town.

Increased security around flooded areas is becoming a bigger problem with more than 500 troops now involved in night foot and motor patrols around Rapid City.

The 1085th Helicopter Ambulance Co. is continuing to fly rescue missions and the 730th Medical Co. is operating its dispensary. Engineers from the 854th ~~water supply company~~ are operating three purification plants.