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3d Bde, 82d Abn Div, GIA LE, RVN "

1st Air Cav Div, Camp EVANS, RVN "

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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
042001H Apr 68 - 052000H Apr 68

1. (C) Operations Summary:

a. General: TF 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div continues to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation CARANTAN II to locate and destroy VC/NV. forces, bases and logistics in the coastal plains area and provide security for Camp EVANS, LZ JAMB and WUNDER BEACH. Enemy contact was light during the reporting period with a total of 3 enemy contacts.

Today's statistics: Friendly losses - 1 US KIA, 8

US WIA. Enemy assessment - 15 bunkers (destroyed), 4 body traps (destroyed), 2 CHICOM grenades.

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(1) Co A. Ambush vic YD458511 and YD453504. Pro- Apr 68

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At 1145 hours conducted CA from FSB HARDCOME to LZ vic YD466446. Attacked west to village vic YD460446. At 1250 hours vic YD462448 found and destroyed two (2) reinforced bunkers. Continued attack SE to village vic YD478436. Extracted by air at 1710 hours from vic YD479438 to FSB HARDCOME. On arrival occupied assigned sector in defense. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 2 reinforced bunkers destroyed.

(2) Co B. Remained at WUNDER BEACH, improved defense positions in assigned sector and prepared for future operations. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(3) Co C. Co C (-) ambush vic YD504547 and YD504542. Two (2) platoons moved by truck to vic YD463523. Conducted RIF operations to vic YD5052. At 0952 hours vic YD501522 1 US WIA when he stepped on punji stakes. At 1507 hours found 12 bunkers approx 2 weeks old vic YD511508 (destroyed). Company (-) returned to WUNDER BEACH. One plat remained at WUNDER BEACH and improved defense positions. 2 squads provided security for MEDCAP vic YD518538. Friendly losses - 1 US WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment - 12 bunkers destroyed.

(4) Co D. At 042145 hours vic YD475556 observed 3 individuals inside wire near perimeter. Fired illumination. Personnel fled SW. At 0230 hours vic YD479559 received 4 rounds of 122mm rocket fire from SE. Negative casualties. At 0315 hours received 5 rounds of 122mm rocket from suspected coordinates YD525536. At 0330 hours vic YD489565 received 7 82mm mortar rounds. Suspect mortars fired from vic YD514533. Negative casualties. At 1240 hours vic YD466588 reported finding 20-25 punji stakes, hardwood with metal tips, also 3 booby trap CHICOM grenades attached to wooden board (destroyed in place). Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 20-25 punji stakes, 3 CHICOM grenades BET (destroyed).

(5) Recon Plat. Provided security for minesweep team from WUNDER BEACH to FSB HARDCOME. Prepared for future operations. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP

b A FSB H.HDCORE, Co B YD481566, Co C YD499555, Co D YD478555,

Recon YD495557.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided minesweep security from Camp EVANS on QL 1 north and south in assigned AO. Provided security at water point vic YD532308.

Continued mission as Bde HRF. At 0925 hours 1 plat moved by truck to vic YD600304 to occupy blocking position in support of Co B. Returned to Camp EVANS at 1715 hours. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(2) Co B. At 0930 hours attacked from NDP vic YD582288 south to objective 1 vic YD611273. Negative contact. Continued attack to seize objective 2. At 1101 hours vic YD600279 found numerous bunkers and punji pits. At 1245 hours vic YD612274 found 1 BBT, 1 RPG-2 round, trip wire (all destroyed), and 1 thompson SMC. At 1325 hours vic YD612275 found 3 bombs or rockets 7" to 8" in diameter, 4 foot long with yellow striped on end with the word TRITON.L written on the projectile. (EOD will destroy). At 1547 hours vic YD599284 one BBT 105 round exploded resulting in 1 US KIA and 2 US WIA, (medevac). At 1615 hours vic YD606296 received sniper fire. Engaged with SA. Results unknown. At 1645 hours vic YD610294 1 US WIA from unknown BBT explosion. Friendly losses - 1 US KIA, 3 US WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment - 1 Thompson SIG, 1 BBT destroyed.

(3) Co C. Conducted RIF operations. At 0935 hours moved west to vic YD473305, north to vic YD480320, SE to vic YD484306 and established NDP. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(4) Co D. Conducted RIF operations. At 0800 hours moved to vic YD493373, SE along river to vic YD519348. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON to Co A.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP Camp EVANS, Co A Camp EVANS, Co B YD582295, Co C YD485306, Co D YD527346, Recon Plat Camp EVANS.

d. 2-327 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security for minesweep on QL 1 in assigned AQ and LZ JANE access road. Reinforced paramilitary security force at bridge sites vic YD460400 and YD438433 with one rifle plat at each location. Relieved by two platoons from Co B at approx 1300 hours. At 0215 hours at northern bridge site vic YD436434 plat received several burst of SA fire. Negative casualties. At 0235 hours vic YD460400 2d plat received 8 82mm mortar rounds resulting in 4 US WIA. Engaged with arty. Results unknown. At 1000 hours vic YD460405 convoy moving N to S received sporadic SA fire with negative results. Friendly losses - 4 US WIA. Negative enemy assessment.

(2) Co B. Provided security and improved defense positions at LZ JANE. Secured water point vic YD376424. At 0700 hours 2 plats conducted RIF operations to YD460400 and YD436434 and relieved one plat from Co A at each location. Co B (-) move to HAI LANG vic YD417479 and established CP. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(3) Co C. Provided security on west sector of perimeter and improved defense positions at LZ JANE. At 1545 hours vic YD392446 found 2 CHICOM grenades, 2 AK-47 magazines, discarded bloody NVL clothes and documents. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 2 CHICOM grenades, 2 AK-47 and magazine and 1 pound documents.

(4) Recon Plat. Continued local patrols vic LZ JANE and established ambushes along access road entering LZ JANE. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(5) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP Co A, Co C LZ JANE, Co B (-) YD418477, Recon Plat YD379449.

f. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A. Provided minesweep security on QL 1 from YD460400 to YD482378. Moved from Camp EVANS at 1030 hours to occupy blocking position vic YD605310 in support of Co B 1-502. At 1250 hours elements returning from bridge vic YD513350 received 10-12 rounds SA fire from the east. Negative casualties. At 1630 hours vic YD483408 using binoculars observed 3 large sampans approx 650 meters away. Approximately 8 personnel dressed in blue clothes were in each sampan moving W on river. At 1908 hours vic YD502407 received 1 RPG-2 round which impacted outside NDP, also received SA fire.

Engaged with SA/AV fire. Results unknown. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(2) Troop B. Ambushes vic YD616325, YD617316 and YD603315. Closed first light. Negative casualties. Conducted RIF at 1115 hours to village vic YD504412. Continued RIF operation to vic YD5041. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCOM Troop B until 1115 hours. Returned Squadron control at this time and conducted C. to vic YD495413. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD491412. At 1715 hours vic YD492411 found 1 bunker 10' long, 3' wide, 6' deep with 2½' overhead cover (destroyed). At 1715 hours returned OPCOM Troop B. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 1 bunker destroyed.

(4) 2d Plat 3/5 Cav. OPCOM to Troop A.

(5) Locations of squadron elements at close of reporting period: Squadron CP Camp EVANS. Troop A, Troop B, Aero Rifle Plat, 2d Plat Troop A, 3-5 Cav CP's all at YD502407.

2. (C) Plans Summary.

a. 1-501 Inf. OPCOM 3d Bde, 82d Abn Div.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Ambush vic YD457506 and YD422508. Provide minesweep security from FSB HARDCORE to QL 1. Conduct plat size RIF operations to vic YD443493 to YD475487 and vic YD477498 and return to FSB HARDCORE.

(2) Co B. Ambush vic YD460584 and YD463585. Conduct RIF operations from vic YD447553 to YD468549 and YD480550 and return to WUNDER BEACH.

(3) Co C. Ambush vic YD516534 and YD511529. Conduct RIF operations vic YD513536 to YD510506, YD520540 and return to WUNDER BEACH.

(4) Co D. Ambush vic YD463544 and YD470533. Continue security of assigned sector within WUNDER BEACH perimeter. Prepare for future operations.

(5) Recon Plat. Provide security for minesweep from WUNDER BEACH to FSB HARDCORE. Prepare for future operations.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provide minesweep security from Camp EVANS on QL 1 north

and south in assigned AO. Provide security at water point vic YD532308. Continue missions as Bde Ready Reaction Force.

(2) Co B. From NDP vic YD585295. Conduct RIF operations north along railroad to vic YD568308, then move SW to vic YD562296 and establish NDP vic YD577302.

(3) Co C. From NDP vic YD507290. Conduct RIF operations SW to vic YD502274 then SE to vic YD544255. Move N and establish NDP vic YD549282.

(4) Co D. From NDP vic YD527346. Conduct RIF operations along north side of river to vic YD470405. Continue operations and return to vic YD527346. Provide plat as security vic PHONG DIEM Bridge until replaced by plat from Co A.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON to Co A.

d. 2-327 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provide security for minesweep along LZ JANE access road. Establish local plat size ambush vic LZ JANE.

(2) Co B. Provide minesweep security on QL 1 in assigned AO. Reinforce paramilitary security forces at critical bridge sites vic YD460400 and YD438433 with one rifle plat at each location. Co (-) conducts joint operation with RF company SW of HAI LANG to vic YD3845.

(3) Co C. Provide security on west sector of perimeter and improve defense positions at LZ JANE. Establish local ambushes vic LZ JANE. Conduct local squad/plat size patrols. One plat conduct RIF operation conjunction with Recon Plat.

(4) Recon Plat. Establish ambush and conduct operation with one plat from Company C and occupy blocking position vic YD379449 in support of Co B (-) and RF Company.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A. Conduct RIF operations NE to vic YD5244. Assist RF/PF in securing bridge vic YD478376. Provide minesweep security from that location north to vic YD460400.

(2) Troop B. Ambush vic YD490423, YD503415 and YD492411. Conduct RIF operations NE to vic YD5244.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON to Troop B.

(4) 2d Plt 3/5 Cav. OPCON to Troop A.

3. (C) Cumulative results: Operation CEMENTATION II.

a. Friendly losses: 2 US KIA, 20 US WIL (18 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 4 VC KIA (BC).

(2) Weapons: 1 K-44. ; Thompson SMG.

(3) Munitions: 2 CHICOM grenades.

(4) Fortifications destroyed: 121 bunkers.