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CO, 2-327 Inf "

CO, 1-321 Arty "

CO, C/326 Engr "

CO, B/326 Med "

CO, 188th AHC "

CO, 2-17 Cav "

2d F.A.SCP, 501st Sig "

2d Fwd Spt Plat, 801 Maint "

2d Plat, 101 MP Co "

2d Plat, 265th RHC "

Tm 2, 101st MI Det "

34th PI "

1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, GI. LE, RVN "

3d Bde, 82d Abn Div, GI. LE, RVN "

1st Air Cav Div, Camp EVANS, RVN "

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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report  
052001H Apr - 062000H Apr 68

1. (C) Operations Summary:

a. General: TF 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div continues to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation C.R-ENTAIN II to locate and destroy VC/NVA forces, bases and logistics in the coastal plains area and provide security for Camp EVANS, LZ JANE, and WUNDER BEACH. Enemy contact was moderate during the reporting period with a total of 5 enemy contacts.

Today's statistics: Friendly losses - 3 US KIA, 8 US MIA, 17 US WIA. Enemy assessment - 8 NVA KIA (BC), 12 NVA KIA (poss), 14 VC KIA, 117 detainees, 1 S&S carbine, 1 P38 pistol, 1 60mm mortar round, 1 mine, 7 BBT, (all destroyed), 1200 lbs rice.

- b. 1-501 Inf. OPCON 3d Bde, 82d Abn Div. 6 2000
- c. 2-501 Inf. Apr 68
- (1) Co A. Provided minesweep security from FSB 1 7

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HARDCORE to QL 1. Conducted Plat size RIF operations. At 0805 hours at YD 429488 found and destroyed 1 60mm mortar round. At 0925 hours 1st plat was moving as planned on operation and conducting search through NW section of village. At 1243 hours vic YD460492 the lead element was engaged by undetermined size enemy force. The plat leader was with the lead element. The plat Sgt was with 2 squad at YD459491. When the lead element became engaged the squads deployed and established a base of fire. The initial burst of enemy fire wounded the plat leader and killed the RTO. 12 RPG's were in the first volley. Co A (-) began moving to assist plat at 1255 hours. Company moved down north side of stream (YD450506) and crossed vic YD455500 then moved on the south side of stream in an attempt to approach the enemies rear and flank. Company called for LFT which arrived on station at 1335 hours. Company moved security across river on left flank and began moving forward utilizing the gunships fire power against enemy SA and AW fire received from the flank. Because of the intense enemy fire unit suffered 3 US KIA. 3d Plat crossed bridge at YD457492 and moved to assist 1st Plat. Company was supported by 4 AS, gunships and GS and DS arty. Company returned to FSB HARDCORE at 1835 hours. Friendly losses - 3 US KIA, 8 US MIA, 13 US WIA (8 medevac) and 1 interpreter WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment - 7 NVA KIA (BC), 12 NVA KIA (poss), 1 60mm mortar round (destroyed).

(2) Co B. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD4855 and returned to WUNDER BEACH. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(3) Co C. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD525518 to YD545525. At 1400 hours vic YD527540 1 US WIA from pressure release BBT grenade. Friendly losses - 1 US WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment - unknown.

(4) Co D. Continued security of assigned sector within WUNDER BEACH perimeter. Prepared future operations. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(5) Recon Pl t. Provided minesweep security from WUNDER BEACH to FSB HARDCORE. Prepared for future operations. At 1743 hours recon plat moved to FSB HARDCORE to provide FSB security until the return of Co A. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP WUNDER BEACH, Co A FSB HARDCORE, Co B YD485567, Co C YD499555, Co D YD488556, Recon Plat FSB HARDCORE.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provide minesweep security from Camp EVANS on QL 1 north and south in assigned AO. Provided security at water point YD532308. Continued mission as Bde RRF. At 0810 hours dispatched one plat to secure bridge vic YD519348. Bridge secured at 0900 hours. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(2) Co B. Conducted RIF from YD582295 to YD567395. At 1600 hours moved to PHOAG DIEM, and provided security at bridge YD519348. One reinforced plat provided security for Battery A, 1-40th Arty at YD522348. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - total of 9 detainees were apprehended in today's operation.

(3) Co C. At 0730 hours conducted RIF from NDP to YD508270 then NE to YD535289. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(4) Co D. One plat secured bridge at YD519348. One plat secured Battery A 1-40th Arty at YD522348 until relieved by Co A at 0730 hours. At 0845 hours conducted RIF to YD476407. At 1305 hours at YD476407 received 8-12 rounds of AK-47 fire. Engaged with SA/AV fire and maneuvered toward the enemy. While deploying tactical platoons encountered 10-15 VC inside 5 bunkers. Began to receive intense enemy fire resulting in 3 US WIA, engaged with arty and SA results unknown. At 1525 hours at YD477408 observed 10 VC wearing tiger suits armed with AK-47's, engaged with SA/AV fire resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC). Currently, began receiving fire from both flanks. Enemy broke contact at 1535 hours. Negative casualties. At 1910 hours at YD478408 received 2 60mm mortar rounds near NDP. Negative casualties. Friendly losses - 3 US WIA (1 medevac). Enemy assessment - 3 VC KIA (BC).

(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 YD527346, Co C YD535289, Co D YD479397, Recon Plat YD533307.

## d. 2-327 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security for minesweep along LZ JANE access road. At 0757 hours at YD399452 found 16" pressure type mine 1½ inches below ground (destroyed in place). At 0936 hours at YD396464 children reported that VC came into area last night and BBT area where sandbags are filled. VC told villagers to stay least 500 meters from area. Seven (7) BBT hand grenades were found in area, (destroyed in place). Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 1 pressure mine (destroyed), 7 BBT hand grenades (destroyed).

(2) Co B. Provide minesweep security on QL 1 in assigned AO. Reinforced paramilitary security forces at critical bridge sites vic YD460400 and YD438433 with one rifle platoon at each location. Conducted combined US/PF operation. At 0950 hours at YD383455 apprehended 105 detainees, (5 military age) with no military equipment in VC controlled area. Turned over to H.I. LANG District Hq. At 1110 hours at YD378440 found 1 VC KIA (BC), and 1 CHICOM grenade. At 1345 hours at YD365441 found plastic explosive and 1 US mine (destroyed). Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 105 detainees, 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 CHICOM grenade (destroyed).

(3) Co C. Provided security on west sector of perimeter and improved defense positions at LZ JANE. Established local ambushes vic LZ JANE. Conducted local squad/platoon size patrols. One platoon conducted RIF in conjunction with recon platoon. Company (-). Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(4) Recon Platoon. Established ambush and conducted operations with one platoon from Company C in support of Co B (-) and RF company. At 0650 hours at YD380446 engaged enemy squad resulting in 8 VC KIA. At 1240 hours at YD365441 found 1 SKS carbine. Friendly losses - none. Enemy assessment - 8 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS carbine, total of 3 detainees were apprehended in today's action.

## f. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A. Established MDF at YD502407. Conducted route reconnaissance from YD548400 along road to YD545432 to YD529439. At 1325 hours at YD525440 received MW fire. Fire was ineffective. Negative casualties. At 1445 hours at YD534436 one ¼ ton truck hit land mine resulting moderate damage to

vehicle. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - unknown.

(2) Troop B. Established MDP at YD502407, and local ambushes. At approx 0730 hours conducted RIF to YD524440 and YD510435. At 0917 hours at YD508414 found 800 lbs of rice (extracted to PHONG DIEM District). At 1130 hrs at YD529430 received sporadic sniper fire from YD523433. Enemy broke contact at 1135 hours. Negative casualties. At 1725 hours at YD517430 engaged 1 enemy in spider hole resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 P38 pistol. At 1735 hours at YD512436 found 400 lbs of rice (extracted to PHONG DIEM District). Friendly losses - none. Enemy assessment - 1 NVA KIA (BC), 1 P38 pistol, and 1200 lbs of rice.

(3) Aero Rifle Plt. OPCON to Troop B until 0747 hours. Conducted RIF to vic YD508414. At 0920 hours conducted CA to YD516445. Continued RIF to YD510435. At 1530 hours at YD512434 received light sniper fire from the west. Engaged with SA. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 1 detainee was apprehended.

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

(5) NOTE: At 051900 hours squadron TACP vic YD502407 received 1 RPG, 150 rounds SA/AN. All fire was ineffective.

(6) Locations of squadron elements at close of reporting period: Squadron CP Camp EVANS, Troop A YD515443, Troop B YD515443, Aero Rifle Plt YD515443, 2d Plt Troop A 3/5 Cav YD526433.

## 2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf. OPCON 3d Bd, 82d Abn Div.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Conduct attack of fortified positions vic YD4699. Following extensive artillery and air preparations.

(2) Co B. Ambush vic YD480570 and YD460585. Conduct RIF operations vic YD470563, YD447533, YD438563, YD457588 and YD480572. Provide minesweep security from WUNDER BEACH to FSB HADCOB.

(3) Co C. Ambush vic YD519536 and YD513532. Conduct RIF operations vic YD462523, YD517485, YD510507 and YD494530.

(4) Co D. Ambush vic YD452550 and YD457522. Continue security of assigned

sector within WUNDER BEACH perimeter. Prepare for future operations.

(5) Recon Plat. FSB HEDCORE. Provide security for minesweep from FSB HEDCORE to QL 1.

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 and Bde Ready Reaction Force. At approx 1200 hours move from Camp EVANS by foot to water point. Conduct RIF operations from that location to vic YD549280.

(2) Co B. Conduct RIF operations from PHONG DIEN SW along river to vic YD503328 and return to PHONG DIEN. Provide minesweep security to north on QL 1.

(3) Co C. Move from vic YD527277 to Camp EVANS. Assume minesweep security mission on 8 Apr 68, secure water point, and become Bde RRF. Remain at Camp EVANS and prepare for future operations.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON to Co A. At 1200 hours OPCON to Co C.

(6) Co D. Continue RIF operation from MDP YD479397 to YD468406 to YD473410 to YD523346.

d. 2-327 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provide security for minesweep along LZ JAMB access road. Plat ambush vic YD393453. One plat conduct RIF operations from LZ JAMB to vic YD406386.

(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. One plat conduct RIF operation from H.I LAG to vic YD398433 and return to H.I LAG that evening.

(3) Co C. Provide security on west sector of perimeter and improve defense positions at LZ JAMB. Establish local ambushes vic LZ JAMB. Conduct local squad/plat size patrols.

(4) Recon Plat. Ambush vic YD392428. Conduct reconnaissance in assigned area and provide security along LZ JAMB access road.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A (-), Troop B and Aero Rifle Plat establish MDP vic YD515443 and continue RIF operations vic YD4844, YD4944, YD4945, YD5046, and YD5147. Provide minesweep security from that location north to vic YD460400.

(2) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCOM to Troop B.

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

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

a. Friendly losses: 5 US KIA, 37 US MIA (28 medevac), 8 US MIA.

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 18 VC KIA (BC), 8 MIA KIA (BC), 12 MIA KIA (poss), 117 detainees.

(2) Weapons: 1 K-44, 1 SAS carbine, 1 Thompson SMG, 1 P38 pistol.

(3) Munitions: 2 CHICOM grenades.

(4) Fortifications destroyed: 121 bunkers.

4. (C) Remarks. At 0745 hours AO from 1-321 Arty observed 2 VC inside bunker vic YD535455. Engaged with arty, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC).