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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
062001H Apr 68 - 072000H Apr 68

1. (C) Operations Summary:

a. General: TF 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div continues to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation CARLENTIAN 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 light during the reporting period with a total of 7 enemy contacts.

Today's statistics: Friendly losses - 1 US KIA,
4 US WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment - 5 VC KIA (BC),
1 AK-47, 4 rounds RPG-2, 1 60mm mortar, 3 BBT (destroyed),
2 detainees (IC).

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(1) Co A. At 0940 hours conducted coordinated attack vic YD4649. At 1012 hours vic YD452504 apprehended 2 females with no ID card. (turned over to HAI LANG District). At 1240 hours vic YD458492 found 4 US MIA now listed as KIA. At 1330 hours vic YD460492 found remaining 4 US MIA now listed as KIA. At 1510 hours vic YD458492 one (1) US WIA from unknown type BET. Friendly losses 1 US WIA. Enemy assessment - 1 AK-47, 2 detainees. NOTE: During the course of debriefing, a total of 8 additional NVA (BC) was confirmed and 2 additional NVA bodies were discovered for a total of 17 NVA BC on yesterdays operation.

(2) Co B. Provided minesweep security from WUNDER BEACH to FSB HARDCORE. Co (-) remained at WUNDER BEACH and improved defense positions and prepared for future operations. At 062000 hours vic YD470580 received 4 rounds of sniper fire. Negative casualties. At 062115 hours vic YD485567 observed movement in front of position. Illuminated the area with 81mm mortar illumination and engaged with M79, results unknown. At 0707 hours vic YD481571 observed 2 to 5 VC. Engaged with SA fire and M79, results unknown. Friendly losses - none. Enemy assessment - unknown.

(3) Co C. Remained at WUNDER BEACH. Improved defense positions, established local ambushes and prepared for future operations. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(4) Co D. Remained at WUNDER BEACH. Improved defense positions, established local ambushes and prepared for future operations. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(5) Recon Plat. Provided minesweep security from FSB HARDCORE to QL 1. Returned to FSB HARDCORE and prepared for future operations. 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 (WUNDER BEACH), Co C YD495555 (WUNDER BEACH), Co D YD488556 (WUNDER BEACH), Recon Plat YD495557 (WUNDER BEACH).

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 RRF. At 1200 hours moved from Camp EVANS by foot to water point. Conducted RIF operations from that location to vic YD5428. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(2) Co B. Conducted RIF operations from PHONG DIEN SW along river to vic YD5032 and returned to PHONG DIEN. Provided minesweep security to north on QL 1. At 1147 hours vic YD506331 found and destroyed one 60mm mortar round BBT (trip type). At 1200 hours vic YD506336 found and destroyed two 60mm mortar rounds BBT (trip type). At 1815 hours moved by truck from PHONG DIEN to vic YD5829 to establish NDP. Friendly losses - none. Enemy assessment - 3 60mm mortar round BBT (destroyed).

(3) Co C. Moved from vic YD5227 to Camp EVANS. Provided security at water point at YD532308, and assumed mission as Bde RRF. Co (-) remained at Camp EVANS and prepared for future operations.

(4) Co D. Conducted RIF vic YD468406 to YD486426. At 0935 hours vic YD482407 received 3-4 rounds AK-47 fire from estimated 1 enemy. Engaged with SA fire. Results unknown. At 1100 hours vic YD477408 received light ineffective SA fire. Negative casualties. At 1228 hours vic YD475415 engaged and killed 2 VC (BC). At 1450 hours engaged and killed 1 VC (BC). At 1515 hours vic YD490418 engaged and killed 2 VC (BC). Friendly losses - none. Enemy assessment - 5 VC KIA (BC).

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

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP Camp Evans, Co A YD550282, Co B YD583297, Co C Camp EVANS, Co D YD527346, Recon Plat YD533307 (Camp EVANS water point).

d. 2-327 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided minesweep security along LZ JAME access road. One plat ambush site vic YD393453. One plat conducted RIF from LZ JAME to vic YD3943. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(2) Co B. Provided 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. At 0300 hours one platoon vic YD436435 received 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, 1 round RPG-2 and sporadic SA fire from the east. Fire was ineffective. Negative casualties. At 0307 hours vic YD419478 one platoon received 10 rounds 82mm mortar fire from 800 meters (approx) to the SSE. Negative casualties. At 0755 hours vic YD442434 found 6 each 2 man positions, square in shape, 4 RPG-2 and 1 round 60mm mortar (destroyed position and ordnance). At approx 1400 hours Co B (-) moved to provide security for a 1 ACD UH1D shot down by enemy ground fire vic YD422429. Returned to LZ JANE upon removal of helicopter at 1558 hrs. Friendly losses - none. Enemy assessment. 6 2 man positions, 4 round RPG-2, 1 60mm mortar round (all 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 platoon size RIF to vic YD3741. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(4) Recon Platoon. Conducted reconnaissance patrols vic YD3743. Provided security along LZ JANE access road. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(5) At 060308 April LZ JANE came under mortar attack receiving approx 25 rounds of 82mm mortar. Counter mortar party and mortar fire was placed on the suspected mortar position vic YD375442. Friendly casualties - 3 WIA (slight) from 1 ACD elements in the area. Enemy assessment - unknown.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP LZ JANE, Co A LZ JANE, Co B YD417477, Co C LZ JANE, Recon Platoon YD377424.
e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A. Established NDP vic YD515440. 2d Platoon 3/5 Cav NDP vic YD526433. Provided minesweep security utilizing 1 platoon from vic YD477376 to YD460400. Conducted RIF to vic YD5146, YD5245, YD5147, and YD5443. At

At 1450 hours vic YD533466 engaged 1 enemy with SA fire. Results unknown. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(2) Troop B. Established NDP vic YD515444. At 062330 hours vic YD513444 received 2 burst of AW fire. Engaged with M79. Results unknown. At 1110 hours vic YD530438 received sniper fire from NE and SW from estimated 2 VC. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. Established NDP vic YD515444. At 0845 hours vic YD510440 received one short burst of SA fire resulting in 1 US WIA (evac). Contact broken immediately. At 1300 hours released OPCON from Troop B to squadron control. At 1347 hours conducted CA from FZ vic YD515443 and landed at LZ vic YD487446. At 1420 hours vic YD485443 made contact with estimated enemy squad with camouflage tied on their backs. Contact broken 1440 hours. Negative casualties. At 1450 hours vic YD485443 engaged 1 VC with SA fire. A check of the area produced several expended AK-47 rounds and 1 mine (destroyed). At 1605 hours vic YD485443 found 1 60mm mortar sight device (evac). At 1617 hours vic YD491447 found documents. At 1705 hours vic YD484445 while moving into the village, plat was engaged with intense AW/SA fire from the rear. Plat immediately deployed and engaged the enemy with all available weapons. Plat called for and received DS and GS arty into the target area concurrently, the plat was moving toward the NW to occupy a position to call in air strikes and continue the indirect fire bombardment until aircraft were on station. Plat was supported by 1 USAF air strike. At 1810 hours enemy broke contact. At 1830 hours plat was extracted by helicopter from FZ YD487446 to LZ YD548427. The enemy force was estimated as a plat size force. Results of today's action: Friendly losses - 1 US KIA, 3 US WIA. Enemy assessment - 1 mine (destroyed), 1 60mm mortar sight.

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

(5) Locations of squadron elements at close of reporting period: Squadron CP, A Troop (-), B Troop (-), 2/1/3-5 Cav and ARP at YD545444.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

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

(1) Co A. Ambush vic YD453502. Provide security for minesweep from FSB HARDCORE to QL 1. Conduct RIF operations vic YD422487, YD410495, and YD432518.

(2) Co B. Conduct cordon and search vic YD534520.

(3) Co C. Ambush vic YD525525 and YD523524. Cordon and search vic YD528520.

(4) Co D. Ambush vic YD466540 and YD472538. Provide minesweep security from WUNDER BEACH to FSB HARDCORE.

(5) Recon Plat. Cordon and search vic YD515535.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. From NDP vic YD5428, conduct RIF to vic YD5126 and YD5624. Establish NDP vic YD5624.

(2) Co B. From NDP vic YD5829 conduct RIF to vic YD5727, SE to YD5925 and establish NDP.

(3) Co C. Provide minesweep security from Camp EVANS on QL 1 north and south in assigned AO. Provide security at water point YD532308. Assume mission as Bde RRF. Co (-) remain at Camp EVANS and prepare for future operations and training in Inf tactics, peculiar to RVN.

(4) Co D. Provide security at PHONG DIEM bridge at YD519348. One reinforced plat will provide security for Battery A, 1-40th Arty at YD522348. Establish plat (-) size ambushes vic YD4837 and YD5135.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCOM to Co C.

d. 2-327.

(1) Co A. Provide security of perimeter and improve defense positions at LZ JANE. Co A (-) conduct RIF to YD3840.

(2) Co B. Provide minesweep security on QL 1 in assigned AO. Reinforce per military security forces at critical bridge sites vic YD460400 and YD436433 with one rifle plat at each location.

(3) Co C. Ambush vic YD3944640 and YD391458. Provide security for minesweep along LZ JANE access rd. Co C (-) conduct RIF to vic YD3643.

(4) Recon Plat. Ambush vic YD376424. Conduct reconnaissance in assigned area and provide security along LZ Jamb access road.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A (-). NDP vic YD550435. Local ambush to NW from NDP. One plat RIF to village vic YD535453. One plat remain behind to secure area of NDP. One plat remain at bridge vic YD477377 and conduct minesweep north to YD460400.

(2) Troop B. NDP vic YD550435. Local ambush to E from NDP. RIF along highway vic YD598398.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. NDP vic YD550435. Local ambush to SW from NDP. OPCON to Troop B.

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

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

a. Friendly losses: 14 US KIA, 41 US WIA (32 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 22 VC KIA (BC), 18 NVA KIA (BC), 119 detainees,

(2) Weapons: 1 K-44, 1 S&S carbine, 1 Thompson SMG, 1 P38 pistol,
1 AK-47.

(3) Munitions:

(4) Fortifications destroyed: 121 bunkers.