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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 FASCP, 501st Sig "
- 2d Fwd Spt Plat, 801 Maint "
- 2d Plat, 101 MP Co "
- 2d Plat, 265th RRC "
- Tm 2, 101st MI Det "
- 34th PI "
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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
072001H Apr 68 - 082000H Apr 68

1. (C) Operations Summary:

a. General: TF 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div continues to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation CHEROKEE II to locate and destroy VC/NVA forces, bases, and logistics in the coastal plains area and provide security for Camp EVANS, LZ JUNE 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,
15 US WIA. Enemy assessment - 7 VC KIA (BC), 19 NV KIA (BC),
6 detainees, 3 M1 Rifles, 1 SMG, 1 LMG, 160 rds SA ammo, 800
lbs rice.

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

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Ambush vic YD453502. Provided security	8	2000
for minesweep from FSB HARDCORE to QL 1. Improve perimeter	Apr	1968
defenses at FSB HARDCORE. Neg cas, neg enemy assessment.	1	7

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(2) Co B. At 0400 hrs moved by B.LRC vessel and made amphibious landing vic YD545525 and conducted a cordon & search of village in conjunction with RF and PF forces. At 0738 hrs vic YD526473 VN female provided information on the location of punji pits and sign indicating BBT (all destroyed). Friendly losses - none. Enemy assessment - punji pits and 12 BBT (all destroyed).

(3) Co C. At 0445 hrs moved by foot and conducted a cordon & search of TRUNG AN village with RF and PF forces. Neg casualties, neg enemy assessment.

(4) Co D. Provided minesweep security from WUNDER Beach (WB) to FSB HARDCORE. Establish local ambush sites vic of WB. Improved defense positions and prepared for future operations. Neg casualties, neg enemy assessment.

(5) Recon Plat. Participated in cordon & search in conjunction with Co B & Co C. Neg casualties, neg enemy assessment.

(6) NOTE: At approx 1030 hrs 2 RF companies from HAI LANG and National PFF company from LA BANG commenced a CA into area vic YD545522 to link up with units from the 2-501 and assisted in the search of the villages. Entertainment was provided later for all the villagers and a CA Psyop's Program was initiated with the Hamlet and District Chiefs as guest speakers. 2 MED CAPS were conducted throughout the villages. A swift boat from the US Navy provided screening mission during the operation. All units began to extract area at 1606 hrs and completed at 1745 hrs.

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - WUNDER Beach; Co A - FSB HARDCORE; Co B - YD482556; Co C - YD497557; Co D - YD483556; Recon - YD495560.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. From NDP vic YD5428 conducted RIF to vic YD5126 and YD5624. At 1415 hrs vic YD525250 found small enemy cache consisting of 3 M1 Rifles, 1 SMG, 160 rds SA ammo. Friendly losses - none. Enemy assessment - 3 M1 Rifles, 1 SMG, 160 rds SA ammo.

(2) Co B. Conducted RIF to vic YD5727, SE to YD5925. At 1125 hrs vic YD572267 received 15 rds of AW fire from 1 position, range approx 200 meters, neg casualties. At 1650 hrs vic YD576263 received 2 rds 60mm mortar and SA fire from 3 enemy positions, engaged with AW and SA fire and arty. At 1700 hrs enemy broke contact, neg casualties. At 1750 hrs vic YD587249 received SA/AW fire from 2-3 personnel from the left flank, rear and front, engaged with SA/AW. Enemy broke contact at 1805 hrs, neg casualties. At 1945 hrs vic YD597252 received burst of AW fire resulting in 2 US WIA (not medevac). Enemy assessment - unk.

(3) Co C. Provided minesweep security from Camp EVANS on QL 1 north and south in assigned AO. Provided security at water point vic YD532308. Assumed mission as Bde RRF. Co (-) remained at Camp EVANS and prepared for future operations and trained in infantry tactics, peculiar to RVN. Neg casualties, neg enemy assessment.

(4) Co D. Provided security at PHONG DIEN bridge YD519348. One reinforced plat provided security for Btry A, 1-40th Arty YD522348. Established plat (-) size ambushes vic YD4837 and YD5135. Two (2) platoons conducted RIF to vic YD5634. Neg casualties, neg enemy assessment.

(5) Recon Plat. At 0930 hrs moved from Camp EVANS by truck to YD585307. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD612312. Neg casualties, neg enemy assessment.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - Camp EVANS; Co A - YD527260; Co B - YD591251; Co C Camp EVANS; Co D YD527347; Recon - YD609312.

e. 2-327 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security and improved defense positions at LZ JUNE. Co A (-) conducted RIF to vic YD3840, neg casualties, neg 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 YD436433 with one rifle plat at each location. Neg casualties, neg enemy assessment.

(3) Co C. Ambush vic YD3945. Provided security for minesweep along LZ JANE access road. Co C (-) conducted RIF to vic YD3741. Neg casualties, neg enemy assessment.

(4) Recon Plat. Ambush vic YD3742. Conducted reconnaissance vic LZ JANE and provided security along LZ JANE access road. Neg casualties, neg enemy assessment.

(5) NOTL: At 072350 hrs at LZ JANE near bunker no. 17-24 US troops heard voices from loudspeaker transmitting in English "GI go home." Fired illumination and engaged with arty and AAA in the general area where the voice was heard (YD377447), results unknown.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reportion period: Bn CP - LZ JANE; Co A - LZ JANE; Co B - YD417477; Co C - LZ JANE; Recon - LZ JANE.

f. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A. From NDP vic YD543415 conducted RIF to vic YD5542, YD5243 and YD5244. Provided minesweep security on QL 1 from YD477376 to YD460400. Provided 1 plat as security force at bridge vic YD477376. At 1000 hrs secured temporary bridge vic YD519439. At 0813 hrs vic YD466375 minesweep team received 17-18 rds SA fire from vic YD472378, engaged with SA, results unknown. At 1050 hrs vic YD543433 engaged 3 personnel with SA fire, results unknown. At 1255 hrs vic YD555430 received SA/AW fire from 4-5 enemy at YD556429, engaged with SA and arty, results unknown. At 1355 hrs vic YD555428 engaged estimated 2 squads of VC, engaged with SA/AW fire and arty resulting in 1 US WIA, 7 VC KIA and 6 detainees. Enemy broke contact at 1500 hrs. Friendly losses - 1 US WIA (not medevac). Enemy assessment - 7 VC KIA (EC), 6 detainees, 800 lbs of rice.

(2) Troop B. Secured temporary bridge vic YD519439 until 1000 hrs. Conducted RIF to vic YD4944 & YD5046. At 1403 hrs ARP conducted CA and landed at green LZ vic YD506468. At 1415 hrs ARP began receiving SA fire from the village to the south. Called for and placed arty fire vic YD501461 on the village. At 1420 hrs 2d Plat Trp B crossed river at YD505465 with APC's. At 1530 hrs completed crossing at which time the ARP became OPCON to Trp B. At

1545 hrs 2d Plat linked up with ARP. 1st and 3d plat crossed river on foot at 1600 hrs and moved SW to link up with 2d plat and ARP, link up completed at 1645 hrs. Unit still receiving fire. The troop maneuvered and destroyed several key bunkers and had reached a point vic YD500460. Company continued to maneuver south toward the enemy. At 1645 hrs unit requested TAC Air. The remainder of the troop oriented toward SW. TAC Air arrived on station at 1800 hrs and 1820 hrs. The FAC observed VC attempting to move SW along the river. At 1830 hrs unit still in contact. Enemy broke contact at 1915 hrs and Trp B with ARP attached withdrew to NDF vic YD506467. Today's action resulted in: Friendly losses - 1 US KIA, 12 US WIA (11 medevac); Enemy assessment - 19 NVN KIA (BC), 1 VC POW (wounded) 1 AK-47, 1 SAK, 1 LMG.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. Remained in vic YD543415. At 1300 hrs conducted CA to LZ vic YD497462. At 1540 hrs OPCON to Trp B.

(4) 2d Plat Trp A 3-5 Cav. OPCON to Trp A.

(5) Locations of Squadron elements at close of reporting period:
Sqn CP - YD528432; Trp A - YD528432; Trp B YD506467; Trp C YD506467; Trp 3-5 Cav YD528432.

2. (C) Plans Summary

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

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Ambush vic YD445499 and YD433497. Provide security for minesweep from FSB HADCOMB to QL 1. Conduct RIF operations in conjunction with Co (-) of HF, 1 plat of PF, vic YD446497, YD427508, YD427515, to YD450510.

(2) Co B. Move by GOMR down the beach to vic YD542522. Co conduct RIF operations back to WUNDER Beach working with Hamlet Chiefs as a follow up of joint operation conducted on 8 Apr,

(3) Co C. Conduct combat assault to vic YD525493. Conduct RIF operations vic YD520485 to YD465525, then return by truck to WUNDER Beach.

(4) Co D. Ambush vic YD467532. Conduct maintenance standdown.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON to Co C.

c. 1-502 Inf.

- (1) Co A. Ambush vic YD521267, YD523253, YD533258 and YD540254.

Conduct RIF operations vic YD558260, YD540274, to YD542257.

- (2) Co B. Conduct RIF operation from YD588253 on east bank of SONG O HO River to vic YD606266, then south along the west bank of the SONG BO River to vic YD600243.

(3) Co C. Provide minesweep security from Camp EVANS on QL 1 north and south in assigned AO. Provide security at water point YD532308. Continue mission as Bde RIF. Conduct zero and range firing of all organic weapons and training in infantry tactics and techniques.

(4) Co D. Provide security at PHONG DIEM bridge at YD519348 and the bridge vic YD476377. One reinforced platoon will provide security for Btry A, 1-40th Arty at YD522348. One platoon move to and relieve Trp A of bridge security at YD477377.

(5) Recon Platoon. Conduct RIF operations vic YD5830, YD5930, YD6030, YD5929, YD5829.

d. 2-327 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provide security of perimeter and ambush vic YD390459. Conduct RIF operation to vic YD4042.

(2) Co B. Ambush vic YD413475, YD415473, YD435433, YD438434, YD454397. Provide minesweep security of QL 1 in assigned AO. Reinforce paramilitary forces at critical bridge sites vic YD460400 and YD436433 with one rifle platoon at each location.

(3) Co C. Provide security of perimeter and security for minesweep of LZ JANE access road. Conduct RIF to vic YD3642.

(4) Recon Platoon. Ambush vic YD370436. Conduct reconnaissance in assigned area and provide security along LZ JANE access road.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Continues to provide security for bridge vic YD476377 with platoon size element and Trp (-) remains overnight in forward location.

Upon relief of bridge security responsibility the bridge security platoon will return to Camp EVANS and prepare for air movement to a secure LZ vic YD506468. Trp A (-) (exclusive of 1/A/3-5) will be air lifted from NDP vic YD528432 PZ to LZ vic YD506468. Trp A minus vehicles will then conduct coordinated attack to the SW in conjunction with Trp B from vic YD502463 to YD481443.

(2) Trp B. (ARP attached) Provides security for Trp A. Upon closure of Trp A, Trp B (-) and Trp A (-) will conduct a coordinated attack south into village complex where Trp B was engaged the previous day. Attack will continue to SW from YD502463 to YD481443.

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

a. Friendly losses: 15 US KIA, 56 US WIA (45 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 29 VC KIA (BC), 37 NVN KIA (BC), 125 detainees.

(2) Weapons: 1 K-44, 2 SKS carbines, 1 Thompson SMG, 1 P-38 pistol, 1 AK-47, 3 M1 Rifles, 1 IING.

(3) Munitions: 160 rds SA.

(4) Fortifications: None.

Group 4