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- INFO: CO, 1-501 Inf (Msg Ctr)
- ✓ CO, 2-501 Inf "
- CO, 1-502 Inf "
- CO, 2-327 Inf "
- CO, 1- 21 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 "
- 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, Camp Eagle, RVN "
- 3d Bde, 82d Abn Div, Camp Eagle, RVN "
- 1st Air Cav Div, Camp Evans, RVN "

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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report  
082001H Apr 68 - 092000H Apr 68

1. (C) Operations Summary:

a. General: TF 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div continues to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation CARLENTAN 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 4 enemy contacts.

Today's statistics: Friendly losses - 3 US KIA, 14 US WIA; Enemy assessment - 4 NVA KIA (BC), 2 VC KIA (BC), 9 122mm rockets, 1 82mm mortar rd. (3 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK-47 and 1 CHICOM grenade credited to RF/PF working in conjunction with 2-501 Inf).

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

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Departed FSB HARDCORE at 0944 hrs with PF/ RF to conduct RIF to the SE. At 1130 hrs contact was made vic YD462493 by the RF/PF who overran the VC psn and killed 3 VC (BC).

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Co A received fire from vic YD463490. At 1105 hrs from bunker containing 3 to 4 enemy. Bunker was engaged with LAW's and SA fire. Continued to move to village vic YD473485. At 1523 hrs using recon by fire, unit moved through two (2) hedgerows before enemy fire was returned. On the first burst of AK-47 fire, unit incurred 2 US WIA. Company moved to occupy psn and sustained 1 KIA & 3 WIA. Called for arty and airstrikes (3) at 1840 hrs enemy broke contact. Co A returned to FSB HARDCORE at 2020 hrs. Friendly losses - 1 US KIA, 5 US WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment - 4 NVA KIA (BC); credited to RF/PF - 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK-47, 1 CHICOM carbine.

(2) Co B. Departed WUNDER Beach by GOER and moved to village vic YD508519. Conducted RIF along coast. At 1140 hrs found punji pit with stakes 1 ft long (destroyed). Boarded GOER vic YD545520 and returned to WUNDER Beach. Neg casualties; enemy assessment - 1 punji pit destroyed.

(3) Co C and Recon Plat. At 0858 hrs conducted combat assault to LZ vic YD526493. Conducted RIF vic YD461523, returned to WUNDER Beach. At 1445 hrs vic YD501507 Recon Plat (OPCON to Co C) observed 2 VC moving NE appeared to be carrying weapons, engaged with arty, results unknown. Neg casualties, enemy assessment - unknown.

(4) Co D. Provided security for minesweep team from WUNDER Beach to FSB HARDCORE returned to Beach and prepared for future operations. At 1100 hrs vic YD463492 found mine containing 40 lbs explosive charge (destroyed). Neg casualties; enemy assessment - 1 mine (destroyed).

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON to Co C.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - WUNDER Beach; Co A - FSB HARDCORE; Co B - WUNDER Beach; Co C - WUNDER Beach; Co D - WUNDER Beach; Recon Plat - FSB HARDCORE.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Conducted RIF vic YD5425. At approx 0440 hrs a 50 man VC element attacked psn previously occupied by company to receive log. The VC used 15 foot poles to flip satchel charges ( $\frac{1}{4}$  lb blocks of TNT) into log position. Once the VC discovered the company had moved they continued to move SW to the high ground. One element walked into a squad size ambush vic

YD523253 resulting in 2 US KIA, 1 WIA and 2 VC KIA (BC). At 0630 hrs vic YD521267 ambush observed 3 indiv moving E to W 250 m to their front, engaged with M79, results unknown. Friendly losses - 2 US KIA, 1 US WIA (medevac); Enemy assessment - 2 VC KIA (BC).

(2) Co B. Conducted RIF vic YD5824. At 1106 hrs received 2 rds SA fire vic YD592255, neg casualties; Enemy assessment - unknown.

(3) Co C. Provided minesweep security from Camp EVANS on QL 1 N and S in assigned AO. Provided security at water point vic YD532308. Continued mission as Bde RRF. At 1408 hrs vic YD570216 FAC observed 8-10 122mm rockets point toward Camp EVANS. FAC adjusted arty into the area and directed 3 airstrikes into the target area. At 1725 hrs the 1st plat conducted CA into area and made an assessment of the damage and captured 9 122mm rockets (complete). Plat was extracted at 1750 hrs, neg casualties; Enemy assessment - 9 122mm rockets captured.

(4) Co D. Provided security at PHONG DIEM bridge at YD519348 and the bridge vic YD476377. One plat provided security for Btry A 1-40th Arty at YD522348 until Btry moved to Camp EVANS at 1700 hrs. Neg casualties, neg enemy assessment.

(5) Recon Plat. Conducted RIF vic YD5828 and YD597307. Neg casualties, neg enemy assessment.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - Camp EVANS; Co A - YD513251; Co B - YD593243; Co C - Camp EVANS; Co D - YD522347; Recon Plat - YD595307.

e. 2-327 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security at LZ JANE. One plat conducted patrol to vic YD387433, neg cas, neg enemy assessment.

(2) Co B. Provided minesweep security on QL 1 in assigned AO. Reinforced paramilitary forces at critical bridge sites vic YD460400 and YD436433 with one plat at each location. At 1317 hrs ARVN informed CO Co B that VC were digging in vic YD376446 and YD368461. Fired 4.2mm mortars into area. Results unknown. Neg casualties, neg enemy assessment.

(3) Co C. Provided security at LZ JANE. Provided security for minesweep of LZ JANE access road. One plat conducted RIF to vic YD380410. At 0720 hrs vic YD387446 found 1 82mm mortar round (destroyed in place). Neg casualties; enemy assessment - 1 82mm mortar round (destroyed).

(4) Recon Plat. Conducted RIF in assigned AO. At 1050 hrs vic YD379449 apprehended 1 female (IC). Neg casualties, neg enemy assessment.

(5) 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 plat - YD375443.

f. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A. Established NDP at YD528432. Conducted coordinated attack vic YD5046, YD4945, YD4844 (THON PHU KINH village). Secured temporary bridge vic YD519439 until 1000 hrs. Assisted RF/PF forces in securing bridge on QL 1 vic YD477376 until 0730 hrs (Cav plat relieved by plat from Co D 1-502). At 0954 hrs A Trp minus vehicles joined B Trp by conducting an aerial displacement from Camp EVANS and NDP vic YD528432 to a secure LZ vic YD507467. Move completed at 1045 hrs. Provided security for squadron vehicles and TAC CP vic YD554397. One APC from the 2d plat (OPCON) 3-5 Cav ran over land mine vic YD539412 at 1405 hrs. Neg casualties. At 1705 hrs 2 US WIA (medevac) from exploding BBT (type unknown) at YD485444. At 1733 hrs vic YD493446 received 2 rds incoming RPG-2, neg casualties. Friendly losses - 2 US WIA (medevac); Enemy assessment - unknown.

(2) Troop B & ARP (OPCON). Established NDP at YD507467 conducted coordinated attack with Troop A. At 1610 hrs vic YD498446 6 US WIA (5 medevac) from exploding BBT (suspected unknown type grenade). At 1625 hrs vic YD492441 received 1 rd RPG-2 and light SA/AN fire, neg casualties. Friendly losses - 6 US WIA (all from ARP) (5 medevac).; Enemy assessment - unknown.

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

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

(5) Locations of squadron elements at close of reporting period: Sqdn TAC CP YD553396; A Trp, B Trp & ARP YD480441; 2/A/3-5 Cav at TAC CP.

## 2. (C) Plans Summary:

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

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Secures FSB HARDCORE. Conducts attack to seize northern portion of village vic YD474487 by moving on foot SE from FSB HARDCORE along north side of SONG COO HA. Objective area will be prepped using artillery and AS. Final assault of the objective will be conducted in coordination with Co D attack on southern portion of the village following a CS spray mission.

(2) Co B. Conduct RIF from WUNDER Beach to vic YD545525 and return by BARC.

(3) Co C. Remains at WUNDER Beach and conducts maintenance and prepares for future operations.

(4) Co D. 1 plat FSB HARDCORE, Co (-) WUNDER Beach. Provide minesweep security with one platoon from FSB HARDCORE to QL 1. Commencing at 1200 hrs conducts CA, 1 plat from FSB HARDCORE and Co (-) from WUNDER Beach to LZ vic YD469483 and conducts coordinated attack on southern portion of village vic YD474487.

(5) Recon Plat. Provide minesweep security from WUNDER Beach to FSB HARDCORE. Provide security for FSB HARDCORE upon departure of Co A.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. From NDP vic YD543251 continue to RIF vic YD5724.

(2) Co B. From NDP vic YD5924 continue to RIF to vic YD5723 and YD6024.

(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.

(4) Co D. Provide security at PHONG DIEN bridge at YD519348 and the bridge vic YD476377. One plat conduct RIF vic YD4837 and YD5135.

(5) Recon Plat. Conduct RIF vic YD5634, YD6031.

d. 2-327 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provide security of perimeter at LZ JAME. One (-) plat conduct RIF to vic YD3944.

(2) Co B. Ambush vic YD415475, YD462406 and YD438433. Provide minesweep security of QL 1 in assigned AO. Reinforce paramilitary forces at critical bridge site vic YD460400 and YD436433 with one rifle plat at each location. Company CP and 1 plat remain at HAI LANG.

(3) Co C. Squad ambush vic YD383442. One plat conduct MIF to vic YD3641. Provide security of perimeter at LZ JANE. Provide security for minesweep team along LZ JANE access road.

(4) Recon Plat. Ambush vic YD3743. Conduct reconnaissance in assigned area and provide security along LZ JANE access road.

(5) One RF/PF element of Bn size from QUANG TRI will conduct search and destroy operations from vic YD4539 SW to YD4137 on the north-west side of the river. One RF company from HAI LANG in conjunction with 10 personnel from 2-327 Inf will conduct operation in conjunction with Bn on south side of river.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A and B. Remain at NDP vic YD480441. Continue coordinated attack on NW side of river toward the SW into village to vic YD474424 and cross river utilizing bridge and continue to move to QL 1. 2d plat A/3-5 Cav secure vehicles vic YD554397, move from that location with vehicles to vic YD460404 and join Troop A, B and ARP and transport to Camp EVANS.

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

(3) 2d Plat, Troop A 3-5 Cav. OPCON to Troop A.

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

a. Friendly losses: 18 US KIA, 70 US WIA (58 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 32 VC KIA (BC), 41 NVA KIA (BC).

(2) Weapons: 1 K-44, 2 SKS carbines, 1 Thompson SMG, 1 P-38 pistol, 1 AK-47, 3 M1 Rifles, 1 LMG and 9 122mm rockets.

(3) Munitions: 160 rds SA.

(4) Fortifications: None.