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 - CO, 188th AHC "
 - CO, 2-17 Cav "
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 - 2d Fwd Spt Plat, 801 Maint "
 - 2d Plat, 101 MP Co "
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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
092001H Apr 68 - 102000H Apr 68

1. (C) Operations Summary:

a. General: TF 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div continues to conduct offensive operations in support of operation CARENTAN 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 four enemy contacts.

Today's statistics: Friendly losses - 3 US KIA, 2 MIA, 27 WIA (7 medevac). Enemy assessment - 6 NVA KIA (BC), 1 VC KIA (BC) and 2 AK-47's.

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

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Moved from FSB HARDCORE at 1030 hrs on the north side of the CUU HA River to an attack posn vic YD471490 and awaited completion of AS on the objective area at YD475485. At 1300 hours a prep was placed on the objective by air. At 1317 hrs Co A made contact vic YD472489. Arty and airstrikes continued to be placed on the objective area. Contact was broken

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the unit began establishing a blk psn around the obj in conjunction with Co D. Friendly losses - 2 KIA, 1 MIA, 9 WIA (medevac); Enemy assessment - 3 NVA KIA (BC) and 2 AK-47.

(2) Co B. Commenced HIF opn from WUNDER Beach to vic YD544525 with neg results. Co B closed WUNDER Beach at 1530 hrs. At 1844 hrs conducted CA to LZ vic YD469483 to assist Co A & Co D. Upon closure at 2003 hrs moved to establish a blk psn around the objective area in conjunction with Co A & Co D. Neg contact, neg casualties.

(3) Co C. Remained at WUNDER Beach and provided security. Conducted maintenance standdown and prepared for future opns. Neg friendly casualties; neg enemy assessment.

(4) Co D. Conducted CA commencing at 1215 hrs to a LZ vic YD468483 and moved to conduct coordinated attack with Co A toward the objective YD475485. At 1317 hrs contact was made at YD473484. Arty and airstrikes continued to be placed on the objective area. Contact was broken at 1620 hrs. The unit moved to establish a blk psn of the village area in conjunction with Co A. Friendly losses - 1 MIA and 7 WIA (5 medevac); Enemy assessment - 3 NVA KIA (BC).

(5) Recon Plat. Conducted minesweep security from WUNDER Beach to FSB HARDCORE and to Hwy 1. Upon completion of minesweep, Recon Plat returned to FSB HARDCORE to provide security upon the departure of Co A. Apprehended one detainee vic of mining incident turned over to HAI LANG District.

(6) At approx 1030 hrs an FLA from the 14th Engr Bn after having bypassed the minesweep team struck a land mine resulting in 3 KIA and 2 WIA (medevac). Also at approx 1150 hrs a road grader struck a land mine at the same location resulting in 1 WIA who was evacuated.

(7) At the close of the reporting period Co A, Co B & Co D were moving into psn to establish a blkpsn around the objective area. Arty and USAF illumination were being provided and illumination was planned to be continuous.

(8) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - WUNDER Beach; Co A - YD472489; Co B - YD473482; Co C - YD497557; Co D - YD479485; Recon Plat - FSB HARDCORE.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. At 0335 hrs vic YD543251 received 20 satchel charges (believed to be $\frac{1}{4}$ lb blocks TNT) into MDP position also received a few rounds of SA fire, engaged with arty, neg cas. A search of the area at 0715 hrs revealed 2 RPG rds and 3 propellants for RPG. At 1100 hrs vic YD533255 received SA fire from the south, engaged with arty, results unknown. At 1230 hrs vic YD535253 in contact with estimated enemy squad size force utilizing AW/SA, hand grenade. Returned fire, supported by arty. Enemy broke contact at 1320 hrs resulting in 1 US KIA. Friendly losses - 1 US KIA; Enemy assessment - 2 rds RPG, 3 RPG propellants.

(2) Co B. Conducted RIF to vic YD6024 North to vic YD5926. At 1300 hrs vic YD595258 received SA/AW fire from 6 positions, returned fire and called for and received arty support, result - 1 US WIA. At 1510 hrs vic YD595261 while crossing stream received enemy 60mm mortar fire, RPG, MG and AW fire, company immediately returned fire walking arty into the enemy. Upon crossing the stream company attempted to deploy to the enemy flank resulting in 1 US WIA, 1 VC KIA (BC). The enemy broke contact at 1750 hrs. Friendly losses - 2 US WIA (medevac); Enemy assessment - 1 VC KIA (BC).

(3) Co C. Provided minesweep security from Camp EVANS on QL 1 North and South in assigned AO. Provided security at water point YD532308. Continued mission as Bde RIF. At 0820 hrs vic YD579309 found unknown type mine (destroyed). At 1650 hrs moved from Camp EVANS by foot upon arrival at the water point mission was aborted. Company closed Camp EVANS at 1820 hrs. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment.

(4) Co D. Provided security at PHONG DIEN Bridge at YD519348 and the bridge vic YD476377. One plat conducted RIF vic YD480370 and YD519348. Conducted minesweep security from PHONG DIEN Bridge N to AO boundary. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment.

(5) Recon Plat. Conducted RIF vic YD5634 and YD5830. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - Camp EVANS; Co A - YD533247; Co B - YD594267; Co C - Camp EVANS; Co D - YD522348; Recon Plat - YD588308.

e. 2-327 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security at LZ JANE. Secured minesweep team along LZ JANE access road. One plat (-) conducted RIF to vic YD3944. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment.

(2) Co B. Ambushed vic YD415475, YD462406 and YD438433. Provided minesweep security of QL 1 in assigned AO. Reinforced paramilitary forces at critical bridge sites YD460400 and YD436433 with one rifle plat at each location. Company CP and Co (-) remained at HAI LANG. One plat (-) participated in a joint operation with RF/PF elements of Bn size from QUANG TRI and one RF company from HAI LANG vic YD4539 and YD4137. At 0955 hrs vic YD440384, 8 RF/PF WIA by BBT. Neg enemy contact. Friendly losses - 8 RF/PF WIA; neg enemy assessment.

(3) Co C. Provided security at LZ JANE. Conducted RIF vic YD3942. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment.

(4) Recon Plat. Conducted reconnaissance in assigned AO. Provided security along LZ JANE access road. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment.

(5) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - LZ JANE; Co A - LZ JANE; Co B - YD418477; Co C - LZ JANE; Recon Plat - YD399448.

f. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A and B. Remained at NDP vic YD480441. At 092105 hrs vic YD480441 observed movement in Trp B area on NW side of river, engaged with SA and M79 fire, results unknown. At 092215 hrs vic YD538431, one $\frac{1}{4}$ ton truck hit mine resulting in 9 US WIA (1 medevac). A second $\frac{1}{4}$ ton was also destroyed by the explosion and subsequent fire. Trp A attacked the village vic YD483438. Trp B attacked the village vic YD476425. Neither troop made contact with the enemy. Both troops continued to move SW to crossing site vic YD462428 and continued move to QL 1 vic YD460420. Units were transported to Camp EVANS by

truck. 2d Plat A Trp 3-5 Cav secured vehicles vic YD554397, moved from that location with all organic vehicles to Camp EVANS. Unit closed CP EVANS at 1600 hrs. At 1815 hrs Trp A was airlifted from CP EVANS to FSB HARDCORE. 14 personnel were diverted from HARDCORE and landed vic YD721339 to provide security for disabled helicopter. Troop A closed HARDCORE at 1956 hrs. Troop B began moving by air to WUNDER Beach after the close of the reporting period it is expected they will close at HARDCORE prior to 2130 hrs. Friendly losses - 9 US WIA (1 medevac) and 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ton trucks destroyed; Enemy assessment - unk.

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

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

(4) Locations of Squadron elements at close of reporting period:

Sqdn CP - Camp EVANS; Trp A - FSB HARDCORE; Trp B - WUNDER Beach; ARP - WUNDER Beach.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

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

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Return from blocking position on NW side of village located vic YD475485 to FSB HARDCORE tomorrow morning.

(2) Co B and D. Continue attack on village vic YD475485 upon completion of arty, air strikes and CS prep.

(3) Co C. Provide minesweep security from WUNDER Beach to FSB HARDCORE. Conduct RIF South on Route 555 to vic YD417490.

(4) Recon Plat. Provide minesweep security from FSB HARDCORE to QL 1. Return to FSB HARDCORE and prepare for future operations.

(5) Trp A and B, 2-17 Cav. Released OPCON upon availability of airlift. Return to Camp EVANS and prepare for future operation.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Move from vic YD5625. Conduct RIF to AP THANH TAN village (YD568245).

(2) Co B. Move from vic YD5926. Conduct RIF along river bank to vic YD6027 and YD5827.

(3) Co C. Co (-) move by foot from Camp EVANS and occupy blocking position vic YD548303 to YD558301 in support of joint operation with 5 RF/PF platoons and the Bn Recon Plat. One plat (-) will provide minesweep security from Camp EVANS on QL 1 N and S in assigned AO. Provide security at water point vic YD532308. Upon completion of operation return to EVANS and assume mission as Bde RR&F.

(4) Co D. Provide security at PHONG DIEN Bridge at YD579348 and the bridge vic YD476377. Provide security for minesweep team from PHONG DIEN bridge to the N on QL 1 in assigned AO.

(5) Recon Plat. Will link-up with 5 RF/PF platoons moving from PHONG DIEN at YD572312. Then conduct a joint RIF operation to vic YD554309 in conjunction with the blocking psn established by Co C.

d. 2-327 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provide security of perimeter at LZ JANE. One plat conduct RIF to vic YD3641.

(2) Co B. Ambush vic YD420471, YD430434 and YD457403. Provide minesweep security of QL 1 in assigned AO. Reinforce paramilitary forces at critical bridge sites vic YD460400 and YD436433 with one plat at each location. Company CP and Co (-) remain at HAI LANG.

(3) Co C. Provide security of perimeter at LZ JANE. Provide security for minesweep team along LZ JANE access road. Conduct RIF to vic YD3944.

(4) Recon Plat. Ambush and conduct reconnaissance in vic YD3643. Provide security along LZ JANE access road.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Upon completion of extraction of Trp B move by air from FSB HARDCORE to Camp EVANS. Upon arrival conduct maintenance and prepare for future operations.

(2) Trp B. At 0830 hrs extracted from WUNDER Beach by air to Camp EVANS. Upon arrival conduct maintenance and prepare for future operation.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON to Trp A.

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

(5) NOTE: Trp A and B will be released from OFCON 2-501 Inf upon availability of air lift helicopters which are expected to be available 110830 Apr 68.

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

a. Friendly losses: 21 US KIA, 97 US WIA (65 medevac) and 2 MIA.

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 47 NVA KIA (EG), 33 VC KIA (BC).

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

(3) Munitions: 160 rds SA.

(4) Fortifications: None.

Group 4