

IMMEDIATE

CO, 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div  
LZ Sally, RVN

CG, 101st Abn Div  
Camp Eagle, RVN

INTERNAL: CO, XO,  
S1, S2, S3, S4, S5,  
Avn O, Sig O, Surg,  
Chap, Hq Comdt,  
Arty LNO, TACP

INFO:	CO, 1-501 Inf	(Msg Ctr)
	CO, 2-501 Inf	"
	CO, 1-502 Inf	"
	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	"
	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  
132001H Apr 68 - 142000H 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 LZ Sally and WUNDER Beach. Contact was light during the reporting period with a total of two contacts. Today's statistics: Friendly losses - 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA (both as a result of BBT). Enemy assessment - 7 NVA KIA (BC), 5 NVA KBAF (BC), 2 AT mines (destroyed), 20 60mm mortar rds BBT (destroyed), 1 CHICOM grenade (destroyed).

b. 1-501 Inf. OPCON to 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div effective 141500H Apr.

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(1) Co A. At 1500 hrs Co was located at YD714323.

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Continued RIF operation to NDP vic YD716328 and established

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local ambushes.

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(2) Co B. Provided security for AN LO Bridge vic YD623303.

(3) Co C. At 1500 hrs Co was located at YD686304. Continued RIF operation to NDF vic YD690312.

(4) Co D. At 1500 hrs Co was located at YD654289. Continued RIF operation to vic YD654289 and established local ambushes.

(5) Recon plat. OPCON to Co B.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - LZ Sally; Co A - YD716328; Co B - YD623304; Co C - YD690312; Co D - YD654286; Recon plat - YD624302.

e. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Ambushed vic YD430488 and YD425285. Provided security for minesweep from FSB N and S along HAI LANG - WUNDER Beach access road.

(2) Co B. Provided security for minesweep south from WUNDER Beach. At 0919 hrs Co (-) conducted RIF operation NW to vic YD458590 and returned. Closed 1330 hrs.

(3) Co C. At 0855 2 plats conducted RIF operation south to vic YD505490 and returned. At 1224 hrs vic YD500502 had 1 KIA & 1 WIA by 60mm mortar rd BBT. At 1346 hrs vic YD497505 found 20 60mm BBT (destroyed). Closed 1725 hrs. Friendly losses - 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA; Enemy assessment - 20 BBT (destroyed).

(4) Co D. At 1305 hrs departed by truck from WUNDER Beach and moved to bridge sites vic YD437433, YD460400, and YD477376, with 1 plat at each site to reinforce security of paramilitary forces. Closed bridge sites at 1455 hrs.

(5) Recon plat. Ambushed vic YD443505. At 2350 hrs observed approx 100 personnel moving to village vic YD438498. Arty was fired resulting in one secondary explosion. Provided security for minesweep north from HAI LANG along access road to WUNDER Beach. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment.

(6) Location 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 - YD460400; Recon plat - WUNDER Beach.

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d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Moved from NDP vic YD632285 to LZ Sally, closed 0650 hrs. Conducted stand down and inspection in preparation for movement to FSB HENRY. At 1825 hrs departed LZ Sally for NDP vic YD623275.

(2) Co B. Provided perimeter defense at LZ Sally. At 1310 hrs conducted aerial movement to FSB BASTOGNE. Closed 1505 hrs, OPCON to 2-502 Inf upon closure.

(3) Co C. Moved from NDP vic YD630258 to LZ Sally, closed 0740 hrs. Conducted stand down and inspection in preparation for movement to FSB HENRY. At 1800 hrs departed LZ Sally for NDP vic YD629259 and established local ambush.

(4) Co D. Moved from NDP vic YD624276 to LZ Sally, closed 0640 hrs. Conducted stand down and inspection in preparation for movement to FSB HENRY.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON to Co B. At 1040 hrs made a route reconnaissance from LZ Sally to YD756144 and returned, closed 1650 hrs.

(6) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP - LZ Sally; Co A - YD623275; Co B - OPCON to 2-502 Inf; Co C - YD629259; Co D - LZ Sally; Recon Plat - LZ Sally.

e. 2-327 Inf. Moved by CH-47, UH1D and convoy from LZ Jane to Camp Eagle. Last elements closed out of LZ Jane at 1527 hrs. 2-327 Inf OPCON to 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div effective 141527H Apr.

f. 2-17 Cav. Sqdn (-) conducted a coordinated RIF operation commencing movement at 0530 hrs to vic YD5742 where a helicopter flying a LIGHTNING BUG mission had been shot down 132320H Apr. (All personnel were extracted at 0045 hrs, 1 WIA, pilot - minor).

(1) Trp A. Crossed LD vic YD553332 at 0615 hrs and conducted RIF operation to vic YD5840 and YD5940. At 1408 hrs vic YD594393 received 5 - 6 rds of SA sniper fire. Returned fire with SA and AW. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment. At 1600 hrs vic YD591398 found 7 fresh graves containing 7 young males killed by SA or shrapnel (one dressed in khaki uniform). Neg cas; 7 NVA KIA (BC). At 1634 hrs vic YD583408 found one CHICOM grenade (destroyed). Neg cas; Enemy assessment - 7 NVA KIA (BC), 1 CHICOM grenade (destroyed).

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(2) Trp B. Crossed LD vic YD553332 at 0610 hrs and conducted RIF operation vic YD5741 and YD5841. Found and destroyed 2 AT mines vic YD584358. At 1400 hrs vic YD560412 received 12 rds SA fire. Fire was returned with SA and AW. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment. At 1820 hrs vic YD585411, APC hit AT mine resulting in two road wheels and track being blown off. Neg cas; enemy assessment - 2 AT mine (destroyed).

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. Provided security for Camp Evans water point until 0630 hrs. Remained at Camp Evans as Sqdn RRF.

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

(5) HH Trp. Provided security for minesweep N and S from Camp Evans.

(6) Remarks. Sqdn was supported by a CS grenade drop at 1156 hrs and 6 sorties of air strikes between 1208 hrs and 1255 hrs vic YD588419. Results 5 NVA KBAF (BC).

(7) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: TAC CP, Trp A and Trp B - YD595410; Aero Rifle Plat - Camp Evans.

g. 1-505 Inf. OPCON to 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div effective 141500H Apr.

(1) Co A. Conducted RIF operation vic YD640240 in support of Co B and returned to LZ Sally.

(2) Co B. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD629233. Returned to vic YD649244 established NPP and local ambushes.

(3) Co C. Conducted RIF operation vic YD680280. Established NDP and local ambush vic YD683277.

(4) Recon Plat. Provided minesweep and convoy security in sector.

(5) 2d plat, B Trp 1-17 Cav. OPCON to Recon Plat.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - LZ Sally; Co A - LZ Sally; Co B - YD649244; Co C - YD683277; Recon Plat - LZ Sally.

h. Remarks. 2d Bde released OPCON of 2-12 Cav, 5-7 Cav, 1-7 Cav, and Camp Evans to 3d Bde, 1st ACD effective 140900H hrs. 2d Bde CP displaced from Camp Evans to LZ Sally effective 140945H hrs. Assumed OPCON 1-501 and 1-505 and LZ Sally security effective 141500H.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Conduct RIF operation from vic YD714330 to YD732327.

(2) Co D. Conduct RIF operation along the N bank of river from vic YD657286 to YD687285. NDP vic YD7030.

(3) Co C. Continue to conduct RIF operation vic YD6830 and YD6731.

(4) Co B. Provide security at AN LO Bridge. Conduct plat size local RIF operations N and S of AN LO Bridge.

(5) Recon plat. OPCON to Co D.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Ambush vic YD425486. Provide minesweep security along HAI LANG - WUNDER Beach access road. Co (-) conduct training in the attack of fortified villages vic YD483487.

(2) Co B. Ambush vic YD476574 and YD473573. Conduct training in the attack of fortified villages vic YD467580.

(3) Co C. Ambush vic YD502525. Provide security for minesweep S from WUNDER Beach.

(4) Co D. Reinforce paramilitary forces at bridges vic YD437433, YD460400 and YD477376. Provide minesweep security along QL 1 between HAI LANG and YD513350.

(5) Recon Plat. Provide security at WUNDER Beach.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Bn (-) move by UH-1D and convoy to FSB HENRY vic YD6809 and revert to OPCON of 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div.

(2) Co B. OPCON to 2-502 Inf.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Ambush vic YD592393 and YD603394. Continue RIF vic YD5840 and YD5939. Return to Camp Evans.

(2) Trp B. Ambush vic YD569430 and YD581423. Continue RIF operation vic YD5741 and YD5841. Return to Camp Evans.

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(3) Aero Rifle Plat. Provide security for 1 plat of A/1-40 Arty displacing from PHONG DIEN to YD560345.

(4) 2d plat, A/3-5 Cav. OPCON Trp A.

e. 1-505 Inf.

(1) Co A. Conduct RIF operation from LZ Sally to vic YD608253.

(2) Co B. Conduct RIF operation from YD650245 to area within 1500m.

(3) Co C. Conduct RIF operation from YD683275 along southern bank of river to vic YD709269.

(4) Recon Plat. Provide escort for convoys on QL 1.

(5) 2/B/1-17 Cav. Provide security for minesweep along QL 1 from LZ Sally.

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

a. Friendly losses: 27 US KIA; 122 US WIA (85 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 119 NVA KIA (BC); 33 VC KIA (BC); 13 NVA POW.

(2) Weapons: 1 K-44, 9 SKS carbines, 1 SMG, 1 P-38 pistol, 13 AK-47, 3 M16, 3 M1 rifles, 5 LMG, 2 RPG-2 launchers, 1 RPG-7 launcher, 1 .45 cal pistol, 1 7.62 pistol, and 9 122 mm rockets.

(3) Munitions: 2390 rds SA, 13 60mm mortar rds (destroyed), 9 B-40 rds (destroyed), 8 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), 1 AP mine (destroyed), 2 AT mines (destroyed), and 28 BBT destroyed. Group 4