

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,
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
142001H Apr 68 - 152000H Apr 68

1. (C) Operations Summary:

a. General: TF 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div continues to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation CARMENTAN 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 15 contacts, only nine of which there was an exchange of fire. Today's statistics: Friendly losses - 2 US KIA, 3 US WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment - 3 NVA KIA (BC), 4 VC KIA (BC), 2 detainees, 1 AP mine (destroyed), 1 AT mine (destroyed), 2 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), 1 AK-47 (destroyed by arty).

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Conducted RIF operation from NDP vic YD 13 2000
716328 to vic YD726328. At 1155 hours observed 1 VC in open Apr 1968
vic YD730328. Called in arty. Negative enemy assessment. 1 7

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At 1200 hours observed 3 NVA with weapons vic YD728327. Engaged with M79, M60, and called in Arty. Negative enemy assessment. At 1350 hours Co A reverted to OPCON of 1-505 Inf.

(2) Co B. Provided security for AN LO Bridge. 2d Plat conducted local RIF operation SW of AN LO Bridge. At 0848 hours received AK-47 fire from estimated VC squad vic YD611291. Negative casualties. Called in arty and 81mm mortar fire. Negative enemy assessment. At 0935 hours vic YD611291 1 US KIA by a BBT 105mm round. 2d Plat returned to AN LO Bridge, closed 1430 hours. Friendly losses - 1 US KIA, negative enemy assessment.

(3) Co C. Conducted RIF from NDP vic YD690312 to vic YD683311. At 0750 hours vic YD686308 received one burst of AK-47 fire. Returned fire with SA. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. At 0830 hours vic YD684307 received AK-47 fire from approx 6-8 VC/NVA. Firing ceased at 0853 hrs. Friendly losses - 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA. Negative enemy assessment. At 0945 hrs vic YD683311 received AK-47 fire from 6-10 NVA. Returned SA and AW fire. Contact broken at 0950 hours. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment 3 NVA KIA (BC), 1 AK-47 (destroyed by arty). Supported by 4 air strike sorties between 1230 hours and 1420 hours. Friendly losses - 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA. Enemy assessment - 3 NVA KIA (BC), 1 AK-47.

(4) Co D. Conducted RIF operation from NDP vic YD654286 to vic YD670290. At 0745 hours vic YD655283 spotted 3 VC and engaged with SA. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. Established NDP vic YD670290. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(5) Recon Plat OPCON to Co B. Conducted RIF operation from AN LO Bridge to vic YD643297 and returned.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP LZ SALLY, Co A (OPCON 1-505 Inf), Co B YD623304, Co C YD687317, Co D YD671290, Recon Plat YD623304.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. At 2255 hours ambush vic YD444493 engaged 8 personnel across canal with SA fire resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). Provided security for minesweep

along WUNDER BEACH access road from HAI LANG and FSB HARDCORE. Co (-) conducted training in the attack of fortified villages YD483487. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 2 VC KIA (BC).

(2) Co B. Provided security for WUNDER BEACH. Conducted training in the attack of fortified villages vic YD467580.

(3) Co C. Provided security for minesweep south from WUNDER BEACH. Co (-) conducted maintenance and prepared for future operations.

(4) Co D. Reinforced paramilitary forces at bridge sites vic YD437433, YD460400, and YD477376. At 2100 hours vic YD481369 lead man of ambush enroute to YD483370 was WIA from SA at close range. Fire was returned by remainder of ambush with negative enemy assessment. Ambush withdrew to bridge vic YD476376 for medevac of WIA.

(5) Recon Plat. Provided security for WUNDER BEACH.

(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 YD460400, Recon Plat WUNDER BEACH.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) At 0700 hours Co's A and C closed LZ SALLY from NDP's vic LZ SALLY.

(2) Bn (-) moved by convey, UH1D, and CH-47 to FSB HENRY. All elements had departed LZ SALLY at 1317 hours.

(3) 1-502 OPCON to 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div effective 151400 Apr.

(4) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn (-) FSB HENRY (OPCON 1st Bde 101st Abn Div), Co B FSB BASTOGNE (OPCON to 2-502 Inf).

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Ambushed vic YD589408 and YD593402. At 0030 hours NDP vic YD595410 received two bursts of AW sniper fire from YD595409 and YD597410. Returned fire with M79. Firing ceased at 0035 hours. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. Conducted RIF operation from NDP to vic YD586406, then SE to vic YD608380. At 1340 hours observed two personnel running from

building vic YD608380, engaged with SA and AW fire. Results 1 VC KIA, 1 detainee (WIA). Detained 15 individuals in area and released 14 as IC. Returned to Camp EVANS. Closed 1725 hours. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 1 VC KIA, 1 detainee WIA.

(2) Trp B. Ambushed vic YD589416 and YD583415. At 2243 hours received 8-10 rounds SA fire from vic YD587410. Returned fire with M79 and 81mm mortar. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. Conducted RIF operation from NDP vic YD595410 to vic YD582414, then NW to vic YD570421. At YD585414 found and destroyed 1 AP mine. At YD583410 found and destroyed 1 AT mine and 2 CHICOM grenades. At the close of the reporting period Trp B was enroute to Camp EVANS. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 1 AP mine (destroyed), 1 AT mine (destroyed), 2 CHICOM grenades (destroyed).

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. Provided security for one plat A Btry 1-40 Arty at YD557332. Arty returned to PHONG DIEM and ARP closed Camp EVANS 1619 hrs.

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

(5) Locations of Squadron elements at close of reporting period.

Squadron (-) Camp EVANS, Trp B YD565343.

f. 1-505 Inf.

(1) Co A. Conducted RIF operation from LZ SALLY to vic YD606236. Established NDP at YD626260 and plat size ambushes at YD645256 and YD618260.

(2) Co B. Ambushed vic YD656246 and YD648248. From NDP vic YD649244 conducted RIF operation to NE. Moved to a blocking position vic YD684276 to YD684285.

(3) Co C. Ambushed vic YD679289 and YD685274. From NDP vic YD683276 conducted RIF operation to vic YD700285. Moved to a blocking position vic YD695276 to YD694282.

(4) Co A 1-501. OPCOM to 1-505 effective 151328 Apr. At 1440 hrs received sniper fire from YD715323. Returned fire with M60 and M79. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1723 hours conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD704305 to LZ vic YD696294. Established NDP vic YD695294 and local listening posts. Established ambushes vic YD698297, YD

698289, YD696289, and YD688291. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 1 VC KIA (BC).

(5) Recon Plat. Provided convoy escort and security in sector.

(6) 2d Plat B/1-17 Cav. Provided minesweep security N and S from LZ SALLY.

(7) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP LZ SALLY, Co A YD626260, Co B YD682283, Co C YD700284, Recon Plat LZ SALLY, Co A 1-501 Inf YD695294.

(8) Remarks. The 3d Co, 1st Bn, 3d Regt, 1st ARVN Div moved to a blocking position by establishing ambushes vic YD683276 to YD694274 in support of the 1-505 operation planned for 16 Apr.

2. (C) Plans Summary.

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. OPCON to 1-505 Inf.

(2) Co B. Provide security for AN LO Bridge. Conduct platoon size local RIF operations to the NE and SW from AN LO Bridge. OPCON to 2-17 Cav 160700 Apr.

(3) Co C. Conduct RIF operation from NDP vic YD675310 to YD685305.

(4) Co D. Conduct RIF operation from NDP vic YD677297 to YD705307, along the north bank of the river.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON to Co B back to LZ SALLY.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Ambush vic YD444505. Provide minesweep security from HAI LANG N and from FSB HARDCOME N and S along access road to WUNDER BEACH.

(2) Co B. Ambush vic YD476571. Provide minesweep security S from WUNDEP BEACH.

(3) Co C. Ambush vic YD511506. Conduct training in the attack of fortified villages vic YD462585.

(4) Co D. Reinforce paramilitary forces at bridges vic YD437433, YD 460400, and YD477376. Conduct local ambushes. Provide minesweep security on

QL 1. At 1000 hours Co (-) conducts combat assault from PZ's at YD436323, YD460400, and YD476377 to LZ at YD473489. Co (-) will then conduct training in the attack of a fortified village at YD473487. Co (-) will return to secure bridge sites on QL 1 at 1700 hours by truck.

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

c. 2-17 Cav.

(1) A Trp. At 0800 hours conduct CA from PZ at Camp EVANS to LZ vic YD622338 and attack objective 3 vic YD622335. Upon seizure of objective 3 move west to vic YD612333 and establish blocking position in conjunction with B Trp, attacking from the south.

(2) B Trp. Move from Camp EVANS at 0630 hours south on highway one to attack objectives 1 and 2 from the south located vic YD618328 and YD610328 respectively. Trp A will establish blocking position in conjunction with B Trps attack.

(3) Aero Rifle Platoon. OPCON Trp A.

(4) 2/A/3-5. OPCON Trp B.

(5) Co B. 1-501 OPCON effective 160700 hours. Provide security for AN LO Bridge and Squadron RRF.

d. 1-505 Inf.

(1) Co A. Move by convoy from LZ SALLY to vic HUE. Assume security mission of bridges vic YD750210, YD781209, and LST ramp vic YD781209 from Co C 1-508 Inf NLT 161200 Apr.

(2) Co B. Occupy a blocking position by establishing ambushes vic YD685290 to YD683277 along the west bank of the river.

(3) Co C. Occupy a blocking position by establishing ambushes vic YD692272 to YD698286 along the east bank of the river.

(4) Co A 1-501 Inf. OPCON to 1-505. Occupy a blocking position by establishing ambushes between YD688291 to YD695287, and make probes to the S to determine the presence of enemy forces in area. If forces are present Co A will attack to the south after a artillery, CS and air preparation.

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(5) Recon Plat. Provide convoy escort on QL 1.

(6) 2d Plat B Trp 1-17 Cav. Provide minesweep security on QL 1.

Upon completion released to 3/82 Abn.

e. Remarks:

(1) 3d Co, 1st Bn, 3d Regt, 1st ARVN Div continue to provide a blocking force to the south of the river from vic YD683276 to YD694274.

(2) On 16 Apr, 9 RF platoons and 1 RF Co will conduct operations in coordination with the 2-17 Cav, in an area bounded by coordinates YD625314, YD636304, YD650349, and YD667330.

3. (C) Cumulative Results: Operation GARENIAN II.

a. Friendly losses: 29 US KIA, 125 US WIA (88 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 122 NVA KIA (BC), 37 VC KIA (BC), 13 NVA POW, 2 detainees.

(2) Weapons: 1 K-44, 9 SKS carbines, 1 SMG, 1 P-38 pistol, 14 AK-47's, 3 M16's, 3 M1 rifles, 5 LMG, 2 RPG-2 launchers, 1 RPG-7 launcher, 1 .45 cal pistol, 1 7.62 pistol, and 9 122mm rockets.

(3) Munitions: 2390 rounds SA, 13 60mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 9 B-40 rounds (destroyed), 9 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), 2 AP mines (destroyed), 3 AT mines (destroyed) and 28 BBT destroyed.