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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
152001H Apr 68 - 162000H 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 BC/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 10 contacts. Today's statistics: Friendly losses - 2 US KIA, 4 US WIA. Enemy assessment - 17 NVA KIA (BC), 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC POW, 2 AK-47, 2 SKS, 1 LMG, 1 M-16, 6 60mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 1090 rounds SA ammo, 2 CHI-COM grenades (destroyed), 1 BBT (destroyed).

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. OPCON to 1-505 Inf until 161630. Moved to NDP vic YD689284.	16	2000
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(2) Co B. OPCON 2-17 Cav.	1	6

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(3) C8 C. Ambushed vic YD682312 and YD683311. Conducted RIF operation from NDP vic YD687317 to vic YD688303, YD672288, to YD658293 for NDP. At 1008 hours vic YD688303 received SA fire from 3 NVA. Contact was broken at 1045 hours. Results. 1 US WIA, 1 NVA KIA. Between 1200 hours and 1210 hours received one air strike vic YD676297. At 1610 hours vic YD652294 spotted 1 VC running north. Called in arty. Negative assessment. Friendly losses - 1 US WIA. Enemy assessment - 1 NVA (KIA).

(4) Co D. Ambushed vic YD668289 YD674294, and YD666286. At 2345 hrs, the ambush vic YD674294 engaged estimated 2 NVA squads moving SW. Enemy fled to SW and was engaged by NDP vic YD671290. Enemy was engaged with claymores, SA and arty. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 7 NVA KIA (BC), 1 AK-47, 1 SKS, 1 LMG, 1 M16, 2 CHICOM grenades (destroyed). Conducted RIF operation vic YD6727 and YD6626. At 0900 hours received SA, AW, and M79 fire from an estimated squad resulting in 1 US KIA. Negative enemy assessment. At 1318 hrs vic YD675195 engaged 1 NVA with SA. Results 1 NVA KIA (BC), 1 AK-47. At YD 673294 found graves containing 6 NVA bodies approx 4 days old. Results 6 NVA KIA (BC). At 1547 hours vic YD664286 engaged 2 VC with SA fire, negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. Totals: Friendly losses - 1 US KIA. Enemy assessment - 14 NVA KIA (BC), 2 AK-47, 1 SKS, 1 LMG, 1 M16.

(5) Recon Plat. Conducted RIF operation from NDP at AN LO Bridge NE along the river. At 0935 hours vic YD642229 received AK-47 fire from approx 3 positions. Pulled back and fired arty. Contact broken at 1004 hours. Results: Negative casualties. 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS. At YD642300 found a fresh grave containing 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1132 hours vic YD651287 received fire from 7.62 LMG. Called for arty and contact broken at 1205 hours. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. Between 1235 hours and 1421 hours received 3 air strikes in support vic YD651287. Moved to NDP vic YD649293. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at the close of the reporting period. Bn CP LZ SALLY, Co A YD689284, Co B YD623304 (OPCON 2-17 Cav), C8 C YD658293, Co D YD644304, Recon Plat YD649293.

c. 2-501 Inf.

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(1) Co A. Ambushed vic YD439507. Provided security for minesweep from HAI LANG N and from FSB HARDCORE N and S along access road to WUNDER BEACH.

(2) Co B. Ambushed vic YD475571. Provided minesweep security S from WUNDER BEACH.

(3) Co C. Ambushed vic YD500550. Conducted training in the attack of fortified villages vic YD462585.

(4) Co D. Reinforced paramilitary forces at bridge sites vic YD437433, YD460400, and YD477376. Ambushed vic YD455405, YD481374, YD450432, YD506374, and YD453432. At 2113 hours the ambush vic YD450432 engaged 8 enemy moving S across the river. Enemy fled. Negative assessment. At 2125 hours the ambush engaged 3 NVA with claymores. Results - 1 NVA KIA (BC). Provided security for minesweeps N from bridge sites. At 0735 hours vic YD480550, 1 individual providing security for minesweep stepped on pressure type mine. Results 1 US KIA. At 1150 hours conducted a combat assault from bridge sites to LZ vic YD473489. Conducted training in the attack of fortified villages vic YD473487. At 1515 hours vic YD474486 found 1000 rounds SA ammo, 6 60mm mortar rounds (destroyed). Returned to bridge sites by truck. Friendly losses - 1 US KIA. Enemy assessment - 1 NVA KIA (BC), 1000 rounds SA ammo, 6 60mm mortar rounds (destroyed).

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

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close reporting period. Bn (-) WUNDER BEACH, Co A FSB HARDCORE, Co D YD460400.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) A Trp. At 0951 hours conducted a combat assault from Camp EVANS to LZ vic YD614336. LZ GREEN, closed 1046 hours. Conducted RIF operation to village vic YD605345. At YD605345 found and destroyed 1 CHICOM grenade. At 1245 hours vic YD600347 1 WIA from a pressure type explosive BBT. Continued RIF operation west to vic YD565348, south to vic YD550327. Returned to Camp EVANS, closed 1550 hours. Negative contact. Friendly losses - 1 WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment - 1 CHICOM grenade (destroyed).

(2) B Trp. Moved from Camp EVANS at 0645 hours and seized objectives vic YD618328 and YD610328. At 1038 hours vic YD619328 found and destroyed 1 105 round EBT. Conducted RIF operation S to YD610320 and YD610314. At 1540 hours vic YD615317 picked up 1 detainee later classified as a VC (POW). Returned to Camp EVANS, closed 1615 hours. Negative contact. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 1 BBT (destroyed, 1 VC (POW).

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON to Trp A. From LZ seized objective vic YD622335. Conducted RIF operation to YD629343, south to YD616309. Returned to Camp EVANS, closed 1615 hours. Negative contact. Negative casualties.

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

(5) Co B 1-501 Inf. OPCON to 2-17 Cav effective 160700 Apr. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and Squadron RRF. At 1625 hours received 30 rds of AK-47 fire from vic YD622302. Returned SA and M79 fire. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(6) Location of Squadron elements at close of reporting period. Sqdn (-) Camp EVANS. Co B 1-501 YD623304.

e. 1-505 Inf.

(1) Co A. From NDP vic YD626260, established platoon size ambushes at YD645256 and YD618260. Closed LZ SALLY at 0715 hours. At 1035 hours departed LZ SALLY and moved to HUE to assume security mission of bridges vic YD 750210, YD781209, and LST ramp vic YD781209. OPCON 1-508 Inf effective 161500 Apr.

(2) Co B. Provided blocking position by establish ambushes along west bank of river vic YD685290 to YD683277. At 2350 hours received SA fire from vic YD678287. Called in arty. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. At 1430 hours B Co began moving to NDP vic YD618261 and established local ambushes.

(3) Co C. Provided blocking position by establishing ambushes along east bank of river vic YD692272 and YD698286. At 0830 hours crossed river vic YD700286 and moved to holding position vic YD695294. At 1600 hours began moving to NDP vic YD650240 and established local ambush.

(4) Co A. 1-501 Inf. Provided blocking position by establishing NDP

vic YD695294 and ambushes YD698287, YD698289, YD690289, and YD688291. Between 0135 hours and 0145 hours received grenades from estimated 7 VC and 6 rounds RPG fire. Returned fire with M79 and called in arty with M79 and called in arty at YD698295 where enemy had fled. Results 2 US WIA. Negative enemy assessment. Conducted RIF operation to the south to vic YD689277. At 1520 hours vic YD685285 found a grave resulting in 1 NVA KIA (BC), and 90 rounds SA ammo. Totals: 2 US WIA, 1 NVA KIA (BC), 90 rounds SA ammo.

(5) Recon Plat. Provided convoy security throughout AO.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of the reporting period - Bn CP LZ SALLY, Co A OPCON 1-508, Co B YD618261, Co C YD650240, Recon Plat LZ SALLY.

2. (C) Plans Summary.

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Conduct RIF operation from NDP to vic YD714293, then east to YD719295.

(2) Co B. OPCON 2-17 Cav.

(3) Co C. Conduct RIF operation from NDP to vic YD677317, then to YD 715330.

(4) Co D. Combat assault from vic NDP to LZ vic YD725295. Conduct RIF operation west to vic YD719295, then N to vic YD725309.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON to Co C.

b. 2-501 Inf. Release responsibility of WUNDER BEACH security and move by UH1D, CH-47, and convoy to vic LZ SALLY. Order of movement: Co D, Co C, Co B, Co A, HHC, Recon Plat.

(1) Co A. Ambush vic YD432498. Provide minesweep security from HAI LANG N and from FSB HARDCORE N and S along access road to WUNDER BEACH. Combat assault from FSB HARDCORE to LZ SALLY.

(2) Co B. Ambush vic YD460583. Provide minesweep security S from WUNDER BEACH. Combat assault from WUNDER BEACH to vic YD688339.

(3) Co C. Ambush vic YD512545. Combat assault from WUNDER BEACH to vic YD678257.

(4) Co D. Relieved of reinforcing paramilitary forces at critical

sites by Trp A 2-17 Cav at 1000 hours. Provide minesweep security N from bridge sites. Combat assault from bridge sites to vic YD635255.

(5) HHC/Recon Plat. Provide security for WUNDER BEACH. Combat assault from WUNDER BEACH to LZ SALLY.

c. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Conduct maintenance at Camp EVANS. At 1000 hours assume mission of reinforcing paramilitary forces at critical bridge sites vic YD477376, YD437434, and YD460400 with one plat at each site.

(2) Trp B. At 0800 depart Camp EVANS and conduct RIF operation vic YD6231 and YD6331.

(3) Co B, 1-501 Inf. Ambush vic YD608310. Provide security at AN LO Bridge. Conduct two plat RIF operation vic YD6229 and YD6230.

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

(5) 2/A/3-5 Cav. OPCON to Co B 1-501 Inf until 0900 hours, then OPCON to Trp A.

d. 1-505 Inf. Commencing approx 1000 hours move by convoy from LZ SALLY to FSB BASTOGNE. Revert to OPCON of 3d Bde, 82d Abn Div.

e. 2d Bde HHC security Plat. Provide minesweep security N and S from LZ SALLY.

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

a. Friendly losses: 31 US KIA, 129 US WIA (92 evac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 139 NVA KIA (BC), 39 VC KIA (BC), 13 NVA POW, 1 VC POW.

(2) Weapons: 1 K-44, 10 SKS carbines, 1 SMG, 1 P-38 pistol, 16 AK-47's, 4 ML6's, 3 M1 rifles, 6 LMG, 2 RPG-2 launchers, 1 RPG-7 launcher, 1 .45 cal pistol, 1 7.62 pistol and 9 122mm rockets.

(3) Munitions: 3480 SA, 19 60mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 9 B-40 rounds (destroyed), 11 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), 2 AP mines (destroyed), 3 AT mines (destroyed), and 29 BBT (destroyed).