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CO, B/326 Med "  
CO, 188th AHC "  
CO, 2-17 Cav "  
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2d Fwd Spt Plat, 801 Maint "  
2d Plat, 101 MP Co "  
2d Plat, 265th RRC "  
Tm 2, 101st MI Det "  
34th PI "  
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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report  
162001H Apr 68 - 172000H Apr

1. (C) Operations Summary.

a. General: TF 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div continues to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation CARENAN II to locate and destroy VC/NVA forces, bases, and logistics in the coastal plains area. Contact was light during the reporting period with a total of 6 contacts. Today's statistics:

Friendly losses - 6 US WIA (5 medevac). Enemy assessment - 5 NVA KIA (BC), 1 AK-47, 1 RPG-2 launcher, 2 B-40 rounds (destroyed), 2 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), 180 rounds SA.

b. 1-501 Inf. At 1330 hours vic YD728307, an informer told Co D that 2 NVA companies were located vic YD723314 and YD726305. During the afternoon the Bn deployed to blocking positions around the objective area. 4 Air strikes were flown into the objective area between 1555 hours and 1642 hours. Continuous illumination will be provided throughout the night.

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1. Conducted RIF from NDP vic YD689284 NE to vic YD723305.

At 1015 hours vic YD713294, Co (-) engaged 8 NVA. Contact broken 1045 hours. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 3 NVA (BC), 1 RPG-2 launcher, 1 AK-47, 2 RPG rounds (destroyed), 2 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), 180 rounds SA. Also at 1015 hours vic YD710293, 3d plat engaged 2 NVA with negative casualties, negative enemy assessment. At 1735 hours vic YD718300, received SA fire and 15 rounds RPG-2 fire from an estimated squad. Called arty on suspected position. Friendly losses 3 US WIA (2 medevac). Enemy assessment 2 NVA (BC). Moved to YD723305 and established a blocking position to the south of objective area. Friendly losses - 3 US WIA (2 medevac). Enemy assessment - 5 NVA (BC), 1 RPG-2 launcher, 1 AK-47, 2 rounds B-40 (destroyed), 2 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), 180 rounds SA.

(2) Co B. Reverted back to OPCON of 1-501 Inf effective 171530 hours. Conducted a combat assault at 1837 hours from PZ vic YD615305 to LZ vic YD713313. Closed LZ at 1909 hours, LZ GREEN. Co established a blocking position to the west of objective area. Negative contact. Negative casualties.

(3) Co C. Conducted RIF operation from NDP vic YD658293 NE to vic YD675318. At 0955 hours vic YD666299 Co reported 1 detainee (female). At 1722 hours conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD680314 to LZ vic YD723317. Closed LZ at 1803 hours, LZ GREEN. Co established a blocking position to the north of objective area. At 1845 hours received 2 rounds SA fire from vic YD724322. Fire was returned. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(4) Co D. From NDP vic YD644304 moved to PZ vic YD645307. At 1123 hours conducted a combat assault to LZ vic YD725295. Closed LZ at 1201 hrs, LZ GREEN. Conducted RIF operation from LZ to vic YD728307 and established a blocking position to the north of objective area. Negative contact. Negative casualties.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co C. At 1133 hours vic YD641310 fired on 1 VC, with negative results. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP LZ SALLY, CP's of companies deployed in blocking positions - Co A YD723305, Co B YD713313, Co C and Recon Plat YD724317, Co D YD728307.

c. 2-501. Relieved of the mission of providing security for WUNDER BEACH by 3d Bn, 26th Mar Regt at 171800 Apr. Moved TAC CP to LZ SALLY.

(1) Co A. Provided security for FSB HARDCORE and minesweep security along HAI LANG - WUNDER BEACH access road. OPCON to 3d Bn 26th Mar Regt at 171800 Apr.

(2) Co B. Provided minesweep security south from WUNDER BEACH. Approx 1 plat moved from WUNDER BEACH to YD688339 for security of Btry B, 1-321 Arty OPCON to 1-501 Inf at 171900 Apr.

(3) Co C. Remained at WUNDER BEACH and prepared to move to YD678257.

(4) Co D. Provided security for bridge sites at YD477376, YD460400, YD437434. Moved by UH1D from bridges to LZ SALLY and established NDP and local ambushes.

(5) Recon Plat. Moved by UH1D from WUNDER BEACH to LZ SALLY. Moved to NDP vic YD626279 and established local ambush.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. TAC CP LZ SALLY, Co A FSB HARDCORE, Co B WUNDER BEACH, Co C WUNDER BEACH, Co D YD631249, Recon Plat YD626279.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Conducted maintenance at Camp EVANS. At 1137 hours departed Camp EVANS and moved to bridge sites at YD477376, YD460400, and YD437434. Assumed mission from Co D, 2-501 Inf, of reinforcing paramilitary forces at bridge sites.

(2) Trp B. At 1447 hours moved from Camp EVANS to YD623304, and assumed mission from Co B 1-501 of providing security for AN LO Bridge.

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

(4) 2/A/3-5 Cav. OPCON to Co B, 1-501 Inf at AN LO Bridge until 170900 Apr. Returned to Camp EVANS and conducted maintenance.

(5) Co B 1-501 Inf. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and established local ambushes. Conducted plat size RIF operation to the SW. At 0858 hours vic YD613295 received SA and AW fire resulting in 1 US WIA. Fire was returned and element pulled back to call in arty. While pulling back vic YD613295, one soldier detonated a pressure type 105 mm round BBT resulting in two additional

US WIA. Negative enemy assessment. Plat returned to bridge and Co reverted to OPCON of 1-501 Inf at 171530 hours Apr. Friendly losses - 3 US WIA (medevac). Negative enemy assessment.

(6) Locations of Squadron elements at close of reporting period. Sqdn CP Camp EVANS, Trp A YD460400, Trp B YD623304, ARP OPCON to Trp A, 2/A/3-5 Camp EVANS.

e. 1-505 Inf. Moved by convoy from LZ SALLY to FSB BASTOGNE. Reverted to OPCON of 3d Bde, 82d Abn Div, effective 171000 Apr.

(1) Co A. OPCON to 1-508 Inf.

(2) Co B. Moved from NDP and night ambushes to LZ SALLY, closed 0825 hours. Moved to FSB BASTOGNE.

(3) Co C. Moved from NDP and night ambushes to LZ SALLY, closed 0825 hours. Moved to FSB BASTOGNE.

(4) Recon Plat. Moved from LZ SALLY to FSB BASTOGNE.

f. 2d Bde HHC security plat. Provided security for minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

2. (C) Plans Summary.

a. 1-501. Contain the enemy in objective area (village complex from YD 726305 N to YD723314) by maintaining blocking positions throughout the night, with continuous illumination over the objective area. At approx 0700 hours D Co will then attack to the W from their blocking position, the remainder of the companies holding. At 1700 hours Co B will return to AN LO Bridge, reverting to OPCON 2-17 Cav.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provide security for minesweep along HAI LANG - WUNDER BEACH access road. Move by convoy from FSB HARDCORE to LZ SALLY.

(2) Co B. Remainder of Co move by UH1D from WUNDER BEACH to YD688339, and provide security for Btry B, 1-321 Arty.

(3) Co C. Move by UH1D from WUNDER BEACH to vic YD678257 and conduct local RIF operation.

(4) Co D. Conduct RIF operation vic YD6227, YD6228, YD6327, YD6328.

(5) Recon Plat. Conduct RIF operation vic YD6227, YD6228, YD6327, and YD6328.

c. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Reinforce paramilitary forces at bridge sites vic YD437434, YD460400, and YD477376. Provide minesweep security on QL 1 between YD422478 and YD513349.

(2) Trp B. Provide security for AN LO Bridge vic YD623304. Conduct local RIF operations to the N and S of AN LO Bridge.

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

(4) 2/A/3-5 Cav. Conduct maintenance at Camp EVANS.

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

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

a. Friendly losses: 31 US KIA, 135 US WIA (97 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 144 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, 17 AK-47's, 4 M16's, 3 M1 rifles, 6 LMG, 3 RPG-2 launchers, 1 RPG-7 launcher, 1 .45 cal pistol and 9 122mm rockets.

(3) Munitions: 3660 rounds SA, 19 60mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 11 B-40 rounds (destroyed), 13 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), 2 AP mines (destroyed), 3 AT mines (destroyed), and 29 BBT (destroyed).