

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,
Surg, Chap,
Hq Comdt,
Arty LNO, TACP

INFO: CO, 1-501 Inf (Message Center)
CO, 2-501 Inf "
CO, 1-502 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 RMC "
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
172001H Apr 68 - 182000H 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. Contact was light during the reporting period with a total of 4 contacts. Today's statistics: Friendly losses - 2 US KIA, 12 US WIA (7 medevac), (2 PF KIA, 2 PF WIA). Enemy assessment - 1 NVA KIA (BC), 5 NVA KBAF (BC), 1 K-44, 1 AK-47 (destroyed).

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Throughout the night the Bn maintained a cordon around the objective area (village complex from YD726305 N to YD723314) by maintaining blocking positions. At 0048 hrs Co A received 2 WIA from arty schrapnel. At 0735 hours Co D began moving to the west from their blocking position on the east of the objective area. At 0742 hours Co C from their

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blocking position on the N test fired an M60 into the village vic YD723313 and received a burst of AK-47 fire in return with negative casualties. At 0940 hours vic YD727307 Co D received sniper fire. Co D continued receiving sporadic sniper fire from an estimated 5 or 6 snipers until 1005, resulting in 2 US WIA (medevac). At 1035 hours Co B was moving east to a new blocking position when they received AK-47 fire with negative results. At 1106 hours B Co received a heavy volume of SA fire, and RPG rounds resulting in 1 US KIA and 4 US WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment - 1 NVA KIA (BC), 1 K-44. Co's held positions while air strikes were brought into the objective area. A total of 9 air strikes were brought into the objective area between 1140 hours and 1656 hours, resulting in 5 NVA KBAF and 1 AK-47 destroyed by air strike. At 1216 hours Co B received an additional 5 WIA from 20mm cannon fire from air strike. (Medevac not required). At 1508 hours B had 1 US WIA (medevac) as a result of air strike. At 1600 Co A 2-501 OPCON to 1-501 Inf. Conducted a combat assault at 1610 hours from LZ SALLY to LZ vic YD714316. Closed LZ 1642 hours, LZ GREEN. Co A reinforced the cordon around the objective area by moving into a blocking position between Co's A and B 1-501 on the SW of the objective area. At the close of the reporting period the Bn continued to hold a cordon around the objective area under continuous illumination. Friendly losses - 1 US KIA, 12 US WIA, (7 medevac). Enemy assessment - 1 NVA KIA (BC), 5 NVA KBAF (BC), 1 K-44, 1 AK-47 destroyed.

(2) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period - Bn CP LZ SALLY. CP's of companies deployed in blocking positions. Co A YD722304, Co B YD716311, Co C YD723318, Co D YD729308, Co A 2-501 YD716307, Recon Plat (OPCON to Co C).

(3) Remarks. Between 1804 and 1820 hours there were 2 CS grenade drops made on the target area followed by an Arty TOT.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided minesweep security along HAI LANG - WUNDER BEACH access road. Provided security for FSB HARDCORE until 1325 hours when relieved of mission by Co A, 3d Bn, 26th Mar Regt. Moved by convoy from FSB HARDCORE

to LZ SALLY, closed 1442 hours. OPCON to 1-501 Inf effective 181600 hours.

(2) Co B. Co (-) moved by UH1D to QUANG DIEN vic YD688339 and linked up with remainder of Co and provided security for Btry B, 1-321 Arty.

(3) Co C. Moved from WUNDER BEACH by UH1D to Camp EVANS, closed 1103 hours. OPCON 2-17 Cav upon closure.

(4) Co D. Conducted RIF from NDP vic YD631249 to YD655250. Established NDP vic YD642257.

(5) Recon Plat. From NDP vic YD626279, conducted local RIF operations vic LZ SALLY. Established NDP vic YD633287.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP LZ SALLY, Co A (OPCON 1-501 Inf), Co B YD686339, Co C (OPCON 2-17 Cav), Co D YD642257, Recon Plat YD633281.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Provided bridge security at YD477376, YD460400, and YD437434. Relieved of mission of bridge security by 2-12 Cav. All elements were relieved by 1750 hours, returned to Camp EVANS and conducted maintenance.

(2) Trp B. Provided bridge security at YD624303. Trp (-) with 2/A/3-5 attacked and 1 plat PF conducted a RIF operation from vic YD5830 SE to objective vic YD607292. At 1313 hours vic YD596294, received 2 rounds sniper fire. Fire was returned with SA and AW fire. Negative casualties, negative enemy assessment. At 1815 hours vic YD600290 PF soldier detonated a BBT arty round (unknown size) resulting in 2 PF KIA, and 2 PF WIA. At 1830 hours vic YD600290 a soldier from Trp B detonated a BBT Arty round (unknown size) resulting in 1 US KIA. Trp B moved to vic YD602318 and established NDP and local ambush. Friendly losses: 1 US KIA, 2 PF KIA, 2 PF WIA. Negative enemy assessment.

(3) Co C 2-501 Inf. OPCON to 2-17 Cav at 1103 hours. Conducted a combat assault from Camp EVANS at 1341 hours to LZ vic YD603274. Closed LZ at 1420 hours, LZ GREEN. Established a blocking position from YD600277 to YD605270 until 1534 hours. Conducted RIF vic YD5926 and YD6026 until 1800 hrs. Returned to AN LO Bridge and assumed mission of providing security at AN LO Bridge from Trp B.

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

(5) 2/A/3-5 Cav. Conducted maintenance at Camp EVANS until 1200 hrs. OPCON to Trp B from 1200-1800 hours. At 1800 hours OPCON to Co C 2-501 Inf at AN LO Bridge.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Sqdn CP Camp EVANS, Trp A Camp EVANS, Trp B YD602318, Co C 2-501 Inf YD632304, Aero Rifle Plat Camp EVANS, 2/A/3-5 Cav YD632304.

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. Arty will be fired into the area throughout the night. At approx 0800 hours Co D will attack to the west from their blocking position, the remainder of the companies holding.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(2) Co B. Ambush vic YD680328. Provide security for Btry B, 1-321 Arty vic YD686339.

(3) Co C. OPCON 2-17 Cav.

(4) Co D. Ambush vic YD648242. Conduct RIF operation vic YD6224, YD6225, YD6324, and YD6325.

(5) Recon Plat. Ambush vic YD630280. Provide minesweep security S from LZ SALLY.

(6) HHC 2d Bde Security Plat. OPCON to 2-501 Inf to provide mine-sweep security N from LZ SALLY.

c. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Move from Camp EVANS to vic YD5930 and conduct RIF SE to vic YD6028, then S along the west bank of SONG BO River to vic YD6026.

(2) Trp B. Ambush vic YD599305. Conduct RIF operation vic YD6332 and YD6432.

(3) Co C 2-501. Provide security for AN LO Bridge vic YD623304. Conduct local RIF operations to the N and S of AN LO Bridge.

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

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

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

a. Friendly losses: 33 US KIA, 147 US WIA (104 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 150 NVA KIA (BC), 39 VC KIA (BC), 13 NVA POW, 1 VC POW.

(2) Weapons: 2 K-44, 10 SKS carbines, 1 SMG, 1 P-38 pistol, 17 AK-47's, 1 AK-47 (destroyed), 4 ML6'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). Group 4