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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 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
182001H Apr 68 - 192000H 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 10 contacts. Today's statistics: Friendly losses - 2 US KIA, 2 US WIA. Enemy assessment - 42 NVA KIA (BC), 4 SKS, 1 AK-47, 4 AK-47 (destroyed), 4 rounds 82mm mortar (destroyed), 6 rounds 90mm (destroyed), 3 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), and 550 rounds SA.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Throughout the night the Bn maintained a cordon around the objective area (village complex from YD726305 N to YD 723314) by maintaining blocking positions with the organic rifle companies, recon plat, and Co A 2-501 OPCON to 1-501 Inf. Through- 19 2000
out the night 166 rounds HE 105mm, 40 rounds HE 155mm, and 28 rds Apr 1968
HE 8" artillery were fired into the objective area. There was 1 1 5.

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sighting of two NVA and two incidents of hearing movement. All were engaged with negative enemy assessment at this time. AK-47 fire was returned by the 2 NVA resulting in 1 US WIA. At 2045 hours and 2211 hours, Co's D and B respectively reported receiving 60mm mortar rounds, negative casualties. At 0804 hrs Co D began moving W into the village. At 0840 and 0910 hours D Co received sniper fire. Engaged with SA and M79 fire. Results - negative casualties. 1 NVA KIA (BC), 1 AK-47. Co A 1-501 Inf moved from their blocking position and entered the objective area from the south. At 1315 hours Co B moved from their blocking position into the objective area from the west. Co's A and D linked up vic YD722309 and continued a search to the N. Co B searched E to approx YD721309, then searched N. Co's D, B, and A continued to search the village throughout the day while Co's B and A 2-501 Inf held in blocking positions. Total results of the search were 5 NVA KIA (BC) by SA, 24 NVA KIA (BC), by air strikes, 13 NVA KIA (BC) by artillery, 3 SKS, 1 AK-47, 4 AK-47 (destroyed by air strikes) 4 rounds 82mm mortar (destroyed), 3 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), and 550 rounds SA ammo. Friendly losses: 1 US WIA.

(2) Co's established NDP and ambushes in vic of objective area with exception of Co A 2-501 Inf. Co was air lifted across river to vic YD706323, and established NDP and ambushes.

(3) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP LZ SALLY, Co A YD729306, Co B YD722313, Co C YD718318, Co A 2-501 Inf YD706323.

c. 2-501 Inf.

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

(2) Co B Provided security for Btry B 1-321 Arty at YD688339. Conducted RIF vic YD6832 and YD6833.

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

(4) Co D. Conducted RIF from NDP vic YD642257 to YD613233. Established NDP vic YD614234 and local ambushes.

(5) Recon Plat. Provided minesweep security S from LZ SALLY. Established ambush vic YD631276.

(6) HHC 2d Bde Security Plat. Provided minesweep security N from LZ SALLY.

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP LZ SALLY, Co A OPCON 1-501 Inf Co B - YD686340, Co C OPCON 2-17 Cav, Co D YD 644234, Recon Plat YD634258.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Conducted maintenance at Camp EVANS until 0933 hours. Conducted RIF operations vic YD5926, YD5927, YD5928, YD6028, and YD6128. At 1155 hours vic YD598288, soldier detonated a BBT (believed to be 105mm rnd), Result - 1 US KIA. At 1510 hours vic YD595265 received AW fire. Returned fire. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. At 1540 hours vic YD588269 received one M79 round or RPG round. Negative casualties. Trp moved to NDP vic YD593273 and established local ambushes. Friendly losses - 1 US KIA. Negative enemy assessment.

(2) Trp B. Conducted RIF operation from NDP vic YD602318 to vic YD5831 and returned. At 1155 hours vic YD581316 found and destroyed 6x90mm rounds. At 1430 hours vic YD614344 engaged 1 VC who dropped his weapon, LBE, and fled. Results - 1 SKS and LBE captured. At 1500 hours vic YD612333 received SA fire. Returned fire. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. Totals - Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 1 SKS, 6 90mm rounds (destroyed).

(3) Co C 2-501 Inf. Provided security for AN LO Bridge. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD5331 and YD6431. At 1204 hours vic YD635314 received SA fire. Adjusted arty in area. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. At 1310 hours vic YD615299 soldier detonated an unknown type mine resulting in 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA. At approx 1800 rounds Co C returned to AN LO Bridge. Totals - Friendly losses - 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA. Negative enemy assessment.

(4) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A.

(5) 2/A/3-5 Cav. OPCON Co C 2-501 Inf.

(6) Locations of Squadron elements at close of reporting period. Sqdn CP Camp, Trp A YD593273, Trp B YD602318, Co C 2-501 Inf YD623304.

2. (C) Plans Summary.

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Conduct RIF operation from NDP S to vic YD720295, then SW along the N of SONG BO River to vic YD690286.

(2) Co B. Conduct RIF operation from NDP W to vic YD707310, then SW along the S side of river to vic YD689297. If no contact is made, Co will then be lifted to AN LO Bridge.

(3) Co C. Conduct RIF operation N from NDP to vic YD713328, then E along S side of canal to Y.732324. Upon completion at approx 1500 hours, move by UH1D to vic LZ SALLY and prepare night locations S of LZ SALLY.

(4) Co D. Continue to conduct search of village area vic YD725305 N to YD723314 and destroy bunkers.

(5) Co A 2-501 Inf. Conduct RIF operations NE from NDP to vic YD713332, then E along N side of canal to YD730330.

(6) Recon Plat. OPCON to Co C.

(7) Co B 2-501 Inf. OPCON to 1-501 effective 200700 Apr. Move from NDP vic YD688339 and conduct RIF operation SE to vic YD703312, then W along N side of stream to YD685305.

a. 2-501 Inf.

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

(2) Co B. Continue to provide security for Btry B, 1-321 Arty vic YD688339. At 200700 Apr OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(3) Co C. OPCON 2-17 Cav until 200700 Apr. Conduct a combat assault from vic AN LO Bridge to LZ vic Y 767308. Conduct RIF N t rough village area. If no contact is made, continue operations W to vic YD758313.

(4) Co D. Move from NDP to PZ vic YD633249. Conduct combat assault to LZ vic YD773320. Conduct RIF operation NW to YD768328, then SW towards vic YD758313.

(5) Recon Plat. Provide minesweep security S from LZ SALLY. Move by UH1D from LZ SALLY to vic YD688339 and assume mission of providing security for Btry B, 1 321 Arty.

(1) Co A. Conduct RIF operation from NDP S to vic YD720295, then SW along the N of SONG BO River to vic YD690286.

(2) Co B. Conduct RIF operation from NDP W to vic YD707310, then SW along the S side of river to vic YD689297. If no contact is made, Co will then be lifted to AN LO Bridge.

(3) Co C. Conduct RIF operation N from NDP to vic YD713328, then E along S side of canal to Y.732324. Upon completion at approx 1500 hours, move by UH1D to vic LZ SALLY and prepare night locations S of LZ SALLY.

(4) Co D. Continue to conduct search of village area vic YD725305 N to YD723314 and destroy bunkers.

(5) Co A 2-501 Inf. Conduct RIF operations NE from NDP to vic YD713332, then E along N side of canal to YD730330.

(6) Recon Plat. OPCON to Co C.

(7) Co B 2-501 Inf. OPCON to 1-501 effective 200700 Apr. Move from NDP vic YD688339 and conduct RIF operation SE to vic YD703312, then W along N side of stream to YD685305.

a. 2-501 Inf.

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

(2) Co B. Continue to provide security for Btry B, 1-321 Arty vic YD688339. At 200700 Apr OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(3) Co C. OPCON 2-17 Cav until 200700 Apr. Conduct a combat assault from vic AN LO Bridge to LZ vic Y767308. Conduct RIF N t rough village area. If no contact is made, continue operations W to vic YD758313.

(4) Co D. Move from NDP to PZ vic YD633249. Conduct combat assault to LZ vic YD773320. Conduct RIF operation NW to YD768328, then SW towards vic YD758313.

(5) Recon Plat. Provide minesweep security S from LZ SALLY. Move by UH1D from LZ SALLY to vic YD688339 and assume mission of providing security for Btry B, 1 321 Arty.

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. Establish NDP and ambush vic YD5926. Conduct RIF operation vic YD5926. Conduct RIF operation vic YD5926, YD5927, YD6027, YD6028, and YD6029.

(2) Trp B. Ambush vic YD6031. Conduct RIF operation vic YD6132, and YD6133.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A.

(4) Co C 2-501 Inf. Provide security AN LO Bridge vic YD623304.

OPCON 2-501 Inf effective 200700 Apr.

(5) 2/A/3-5 Cav. OPCON to Co C 2-501 until 200700 Apr. Assume mission of securing AN LO Bridge from Co C 2-501 at 0700 hours.

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

a. Friendly losses: 35 US KIA, 149 US WIA (105 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment;

(1) Personnel: 192 NVA KIA (BC), 39 VC KIA (BC), 13 NVA POW, 1 VC POW.

(2) Weapons: 2 K-44, 14 SkS carbines, 1 SMG, 1 P-38 pistol, 18 AK-47, 5 AK-47 (destroyed), 4 M16, 3 M1 rifles, 6 LMG, 3 RPG-2 launchers, 1 RPG-7 launcher, 1 .45 cal pistol, and 9 122mm rockets.

(3) Munitions: 4210 rounds SA 19 60mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 4 82mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 6 90mm rounds (destroyed), 11 B-40 rounds (destroyed), 16 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), 2 AP mines (destroyed), 3 AT mines (destroyed) and 29 BBT destroyed.

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