

IMMEDIATE

CO, 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div
LZ SALLY, RVN

INTERNAL: CO,
XO, S1, S2, S3,
S4, S5, Avn O,
Surg, Chap,
Hq Comdt,
Arty LNO, TACP

CG, 101st Abn Div
Camp EAGLE, RVN

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
202001H Apr 68 - 212000H Apr 68

1. (C) Operations Summary.

a. General: TF 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div continued to conduct offensive operations in support of operation DELAWARE to locate and destroy VC/NVA forces, bases, and logistics in the coastal plains area. Contact was light with a total of 7 contacts. Today's statistics: Friendly losses - 2 US KIA (previously listed as 2 US MIA), 13 US WIA (10 medevac). Enemy assessment - 38 NVA KIA (BC), 2 AK-47, 2 SKS (destroyed), 1 AK-47 (destroyed), 600 lbs rice.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co. A. Occupied NDP vic YD711293 and established ambush vic YD712291. At 0711 hours 4 rounds sniper fire was

received from vic YD713294. Fire was returned with SA, AW,	21	2000
and M79. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.	Apr	1968
Conducted RIF operation from NDP to vic YD711275 and crossed	1	6

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to S side of SONG BO River. Continued RIF operation along S side of SONG BO River, to vic YD683278. At 1613 hours vic YD683278 found 1 NVA KIA (BC) in a grave. Established NDP vic YD688268. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment 1 NVA KIA (BC).

(2) Co B. OPCON 2-17 Cav until 1730 hours. Returned to LZ SALLY. Departed LZ SALLY at 1852 hours and established NDP and local ambushes SE of LZ SALLY.

(3) Co C. Occupied NDP vic YD713313. At 1000 hours began moving S to village vic YD715327, site of contact previous day. At 1250 hours received SA fire from vic YD715327. Contact continued from an estimated reinforced NVA platoon until 1515 hours when contact was broken. Co moved thru the village to vic YD715326, while receiving SA, AW, and RPG fire. At 1355 hours vic YD714327, recovered 2 MIA from previous day's action (now KIA). Friendly casualties were 8 US WIA (5 medevac). Enemy assessment - 13 NVA KIA (BC), 2 AK-47, 2 SKS (destroyed by arty). At 1601 hours conducted a heliborne movement from PZ vic YD716323 to LZ vic AN LO Bridge, closed 1723 hours. OPCON 2-17 Cav effective 1730 hours. Friendly losses - 2 US KIA (previously listed as MIA), 8 US WIA (5 medevac). Enemy assessment - 13 NVA KIA (BC), 2 AK-47, 2 SKS (destroyed by arty).

(4) Co D. Conducted two platoon size ambushes vic YD661260 and YD 643259. One platoon provided minesweep security NW and SE from LZ SALLY. Ambushes closed LZ SALLY at 0745 hours. At 1730 hours departed LZ SALLY and established NDP vic YD650255 with plat size ambushes at YD662265 and YD643260.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON to Co C until 1650 hours. Returned to LZ SALLY from AN LO Bridge, closed 1750 hours.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP LZ SALLY, Co A YD687267, Co B YD625261, Co C YD623304, Co D YD650255, Recon Plat, LZ SALLY.

c. 2-501 Inf. At the close of the reporting period, a cordon had been established around the village complex extending along the NW and SE side of

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stream from vic YD748305 to vic YD755313. "Moonglow" was on station to provide continuous illumination over the village complex throughout the night. Co's were deployed in blocking positions as follows: Co A to the NW, Co B to the SW, Co C to the SW, and Co D to the NW. From the contact that existed throughout the day it was estimated that a NVA Company occupied the village complex.

(1) Co A. Conducted RIF operation from NDP vic YD728337 S to vic YD731326. At 1601 hours vic YD732328 received AW and RPG fire. Lead elements pulled back and arty was fired on the enemy positions. Contact was broken at 1642 hours. Friendly casualties - 1 US WIA. Enemy assessment - 1 NVA KIA (BC) and 1 AK-47 (destroyed by arty). At 1845 hours conducted a combat assault to LZ vic YD751314, and established a blocking position. Friendly casualties - 1 US WIA. Enemy assessment - 1 NVA KIA (BC), 1 AK-47 (destroyed).

(2) Co B. Conducted RIF operation from NDP vic YD691313 to vic YD675325, then S to vic YD685315. At 1920 hours conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD685315 to LZ vic YD745306 and moved into a blocking position in that vicinity.

(3) Co C. Conducted RIF operation from NDP vic YD759317 to YD769311, YD757313, and then to YD752308. At 1419 hours sniper fire was received vic YD753311, while crossing a stream. Intensity of fire (SA, AW, and RPG) increased. The company deployed along the east bank of the stream and engaged the enemy with SA, AW, M79, and arty. Friendly casualties - 4 WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment - 16 NVA KIA (BC).

(4) Co D. Conducted RIF operation from NDP to vic YD765321 and YD769327, then moved to vic YD758314 and supported Co C by fire. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 2 NVA KIA (BC).

(5) Recon Plat. Provided security for Btry B, 1-321 Arty vic YD688339.

(6) Remarks. There were 3 air strikes flown in support of Co C between 1600 hours and 1905 hours resulting in 3 NVA KBAF. In addition, a FAC directed an air strike against enemy sighted vic YD680298 resulting in 2 NVA KBAF.

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP QUANG DIEN (YD686340), Recon Plat YD688339. Center of mass of companies deployed in blocking positions: Co A YD751314, Co B YD745306, Co C YD752306, Co D YD758314.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Conducted stand-down at Camp EVANS until 0855 hours. Conducted RIF operation vic YD5734 and YD5834. At 1150 hours vic YD588342, found 600 lbs rice, and engaged several enemy in khaki uniforms. Enemy evaded with negative results. At 1145 hours agent report indicated 50-100 NVA at YD653296 and YD661296. At approx 1200 hours Trp A with Aero Rifle Plat and 2/A/3-5 attached moved to area of report and conducted RIF operation vic YD6528, YD6628, YD6529, YD6629, YD6430, YD6530 with negative results. At 1830 hours occupied NDP vic YD649311 and established plat ambush vic YD660309. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 600 lbs rice.

(2) Trp B. Conducted RIF operation from NDP vic YD605316 to vic YD6132, YD6233, and YD6333. At 1622 hours vic YD619329, engaged 6 VC with SA and AW fire. Negative enemy assessment. Returned to NDP vic YD605316 and established two plat size ambushes. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(3) Co B 1-501 Inf. Provided security for AN LO Bridge. Conducted plat size RIF operation vic YD6230 and YD6331. Relieved of mission to provide security for AN LO Bridge by Co C, 1-501 Inf, effective 1730 hours. Returned to OPCON 1-501 Inf 1730 hours.

(4) Co C 1-501 Inf. Assumed mission of providing security for AN LO Bridge from Co B, 1-501 Inf and reverted to OPCON 2-17 Cav effective 1730 hours.

(5) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp B until 1100 hours, returned to Camp EVANS. OPCON to Trp A effective 1200 hours.

(6) 2/A/3-5. OPCON Co B 1-501 Inf until 1030 hours, returned to Camp EVANS. OPCON to Trp A effective 1200 hours.

(7) Locations of Squadron elements at close of reporting period. Sqdn CP Camp EVANS, Sqdn TAC CP and B Trp vic YD605316, Trp A YD649311. ARP

and 2/A/3-5 OPCON to Trp A.

2. (C) Plans Summary.

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Conduct RIF operation from NDP N to vic YD682290, then SE to vic YD663254.

(2) Co B. Establish NDP vic YD625261 and establish plat size ambushes vic YD622266 and YD620261. Stand-down vic YD619270 during the day and prepare to conduct night ambushes SE of LZ SALLY.

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

(4) Co D. Establish NDP vic YD650255 and ambush vic YD662265 and YD 643260. Conduct RIF operation to vic YD612242.

(5) Recon Plat. Provide minesweep security N and S from LZ SALLY.

b. 2-501 Inf. Continue to cordon village complex along the NW and SE side of stream from vic YD758305 to vic YD755313 throughout the night, with continuous illumination being placed over the village complex. In the morning a PSY OPS team will broadcast to the enemy to surrender. If this fails, Co A will maintain present blocking position, while Co B attacks the village from the SW to NE. Co's C and D will block on the east bank of the stream until Co B clears footbridge vic YD753311, then Co C will cross the stream to vic YD750309 and be prepared to reinforce Co B's attack. Co D will maintain blocking position to the N and E. When village complex is cleared, Co's will move vic YD738302 to YD740330 and establish NDP's and ambushes.

c. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Conduct RIF operation from NDP SE to vic YD655285, NE to vic YD669290, and then return to Camp EVANS.

(2) Trp B. Conduct RIF operation from NDP to vic YD6331, YD6332, and YD6333.

(3) Co C 1-501 Inf. Provide security for AN LO Bridge. Conduct plat size RIF operation vic YD6129 and YD6130.

(4) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A.

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

3. (C) Cumulative Results thru 182400 Apr: 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 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).

4. (C) Cumulative results: Operation DELAWARE (commencing 190001 Apr).

a. Friendly losses: 9 US KIA, 57 US WIA (50 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 133 NVA KIA (BC), 6 NVA POW.

(2) Weapons: 18 SKS, 10 AK-47's, 1 LMG, 1 RPG-2 launcher, 6 AK-47's, (destroyed), 2 SKS (destroyed), 1 82mm mortar sight, 1 RPG-2 launcher sight,

(3) Munitions: 10 82mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 6 90mm rounds (destroyed), 9 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), 16 sticks TNT (destroyed), 550 rounds SA, 1 BBT (destroyed). Group 4

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CG PCV HUE PHU BAI RVN

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 CG 1ST AIR CAV DIV CAMP EVANS RVN
 CG 1ST MAR DIV DA NANG RVN
 CG TF X-RAY HUE PHU BAI RVN
 CG 101ST ABN DIV REAR BNH RVN
 CO 1ST BDE 101ST ABN DIV CAMP EAGLE (COURIER)
 CO 2D BDE 101ST ABN DIV LZ SALLY RVN (COURIER)
 CO 3D BDE 101ST ABN DIV BNH RVN
 CO 3D BDE 82D ABN DIV CAMP EAGLE RVN
 CO 308TH CBT AVN BN CAMP EAGLE RVN (COURIER)
 SA THUA THEIN SECTOR HUE RVN (COURIER)
 SA 1ST ARVN DIV HUE RVN (COURIER)

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Subject: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP) for pd
 210001 to 212400H April 1968 (U).

1. (C) Major Operations Summary: On 21 April 1968, the third day of OPERATION DELAWARE, SCREAMING EAGLES of the 101st Abn Div killed 47 enemy soldiers and captured or destroyed 12 weapons.

Action continued in the 2d Bde AO where both the 1/501 Inf and 2/501 Inf had substantial contacts, killing 38 of the enemy. C/1/501 Inf located an enemy platoon 8km north of HUE, Recon 1/501 joined Co C to hold the enemy in position while artillery fires were brought on the enemy, resulting in 13 enemy dead and 4 weapons captured or destroyed. C/2/501 contacted an enemy reinforced company near THON KIM DOI Village, vic YD 753311. Co's A, B, and D/2/501 were rapidly deployed to complete the cordon around the enemy, which was maintained during the night, as artillery and TAC air were used against the hostile force. By the end of the reporting period, 21 enemy had been killed.

In the 1st Bde AO, despite adverse weather conditions, the 2/502 Inf was airlifted into LZ VEGHEL as part of the planned build up. The 1/327 Inf and 6th ARVN Abn Bn continued operation in the vicinity of the LZ. A total of 9 NVA were killed and 3 weapons destroyed by US paratroopers. The 2/327 Inf continued SW along 547 without contact. 1/502 continued the security and 21 2000Z RIF operation in the vic of FSB BASTOGNE. There were no significant actions in the 3d Bde AO. Apr 68

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a. Name of operation: DELAWARE.

b. to j.: No change.

k. Cumulative results OPERATION DELAWARE:

FRIENDLY

ENEMY

11 US KIA	192 KIA
116 US WIA (105 evac)	6 NVA/PW
4 US MIA	51 IWC
	6 CSWC

l. Arty support: See current 101st Abn DIVARTY SITREP.

m. Naval gunfire support: See current 101st Abn DIVARTY SITREP.

n. Air support:

(1) Helicopter support: None.

(2) Fixed wing tactical air support:

(a) Number of sorties: 47.

(b) Type of aircraft: (6) F-100's, (12) F-4's, (2) A-4's,
(8) F-8's, (2) B-57's.

(c) Ordnance expended: 38 tons HE Bombs, 30 NAP Bombs,
7700 rds 20mm.

o. Impact of weather on operations: The weather was a limiting factor as 1 Co size combat assault was cancelled, and 1 Bn size combat assault was delayed due to poor weather.

2. (C) Significant contacts:

a. At 1200H, vic YD 551032, C/1/327 rec'd 7 rds of 82mm mortar fire. Counter mortar artillery was employed on the suspected enemy locations vic YD 553041 and YD 546047. At 1500H, vic YD 553027, A/1/327 while moving north toward Objective One received heavy volumes of AW/RPG fire. Fire was returned with organic weapons while artillery from FSB supported. At 1915 vic YD 556043 C/1/327 rec'd a limited ground probe on their NDP. The enemy employed SA, AW, and RPG fire. Fire was returned with organic weapons and Claymore Mines, forcing the enemy to withdraw at 1930H. Results for today's actions: 1 US KHA, 16 US WHA (13 evac), 1 MHA; 9 NVA KIA, 3 IWC.

b. At 1250, vic YD 715327 C/1/501 engaged an estimated NVA

forced platoon. The enemy employed SA, AW, and RPG fire, maneuvering, Co C maintained contact with NVA force utilizing

organic weapons and artillery. At 1345H Rcn 1/501 maneuvered to reinforce. At 1515 Company C advanced over the enemy positions. Results: 8 US WHA (5 evac); 13 NVA KIA, 4 IWC.

c. At 1445H vic YD 753311 C&D/2/501. C Company observed and engaged with artillery and organic weapons 2 VC. As Company C pursued the enemy, contact increased to an estimated reinforced Company located in the village of Thon Kim Doi. D/2/501 moved to reinforce, while heavy volumes of organic weapons fire, artillery, and tactical air was placed on the target area. At 1850H A&B/2/501 were air assaulted into blocking positions completing the cordon around the village. Moderate fighting continued throughout the night as the enemy force employed SA and RPG fire in vain attempts to exfiltrate the village. Continuous illumination will be employed throughout the night with artillery providing supporting fires. Results at the end of the reporting period: 5 US WIA (4 evac); 18 NVA KIA, 3 NVA KBA.

3. (C) Plans Summary:

- a. Major unit operations in progress: OPERATION DELAWARE.
- b. Forthcoming planned major ops: None.

4. (U) Special Ops: None.

5. (C) Small Unit Contacts: TAOR HUE; control HQ's, 101st Abn Div.

- a. 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div: See Significant contacts.
- b. 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div: Delayed entry, Ref Cmdr's daily SITREP for pd 200001 to 202400H Apr 68, paragraph 2c. Trp B 2/17 Cav found an additional 4 IWpns. Co C 1/501 found 2 MIA as a result of action on 20 April, confirmed KIA. At 1510, vic YD 680298, a 2nd Bde FAC directed 2 Tac air strikes. At 1620, vic YD 732328, Co A 2/501 engaged 1 NVA with organic wpns and arty. Results: 1 NVA KIA, 1 IWC. At 1630, vic YD 683278 Co A 1/501 discovered 1 NVA KIA as a result of SA fire.

- c. 3d Bde, 82d Abn Div: No significant contacts.

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(C) Night operations continued in the SCREAMING EAGLES TAOR

with the estb of extensive night ambush pos. During the reporting period 19 maneuver Companies estb hasty night defensive positions as a continuation of their relentless pursuit aimed at finding, surrounding and destroying enemy forces. In accordance with BUSHMASTER directives the 101st Abn Div deployed 56 ambush positions in the TAOR during the reporting period. Night operations cont in the 2d Bde as the 2/501 Inf conducted cordon operations as described in paragraph 2c.

7. (U) Remarks: Ref Cndr's daily SITREP for pd 200001 to 202400H, paragraph 2a, 1/327 Inf, delayed entry figures carried foward in cumulative losses this SITREP.

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1st Bde, 101st Abn Div	824147
1/327	559032
A Co	550029
B Co	559032
C Co	556032
Trp A 3/5 Cav	719110
2/327	623097
A Co	587064
B Co	599072
C Co	589078
2/502	562022
A Co	562022
B Co	562022
C Co	559024
1/502	623095
A Co	623095
B Co	623095
C Co	623095
D Co	614094
2d Bde, 101st Abn Div	637274
2/501	686340
A Co	752315
B Co	746306
C Co	751304
D Co	756311
1/501	637275
A Co	687267
B Co	625261
C Co	623303
D Co	650255
2/17 Cav	535322
A Trp	649311
B Trp	604316
3d Bde, 82d Abn Div	817147
1/508	706102
A Co	693133
B Co	675098
C Co	706102
2/505	738133
A Co	738133
B Co	735171
C Co	715082
1/505	693203
A Co	749213
B Co	693203
C Co	680235
Trp B, 1/17 Cav	817147
Co F, 58th Inf (LRRP)	796155