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IMMEDIATECO, 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div  
LZ SALLY, RVNCG, 101st Abn Div  
Camp EAGLE, RVNINTERNAL: CO,  
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| 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 | "                |
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| 1st Air Cav Div, Camp EVANS, RVN        | "                |

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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report  
222001H Apr 68 - 232000H 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 to include the village complex cordoned by the 2-501 Inf, where sporadic fire was received throughout the night. Today's statistics: Friendly losses - 5 US WIA (5 medevac); Enemy assessment - 32 NVA KIA (BC), 1 NVA POW, 3 AK-47's, 3 SKS, 1 7.62 AK Soviet Assault Rifle, 1 RPG-7 launcher.

## b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied NDP vic YD695271 with ambushes vic YD686274 and YD 694274. During the day conducted maintenance 23 2000 and local patrols vic NDP. Established NDP vic YD688268 with Apr 1968 local ambushes. 1 5

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(2) Co B. Occupied NDP vic YD613254 with ambushes vic YD616251, YD612259, YD609255 and YD609291. During the day conducted maintenance and local patrols vic NDP. Established NDP vic YD608265 with local ambushes.

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

(4) Co D. Occupied NDP vic YD652256 with ambushes vic YD646252, YD653250, YD662247 and YD651258. Conducted RIF operation from NDP SW to vic YD627244.

(5) Recon Plat. Provided minesweep security N and S from LZ SALLY. Returned LZ SALLY, assumed mission as LZ SALLY perimeter reaction force.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - LZ SALLY; Co A - YD688268; Co B - YD608265; Co C - OPCON 2-17 Cav; Co D - YD650255; Recon Plat - LZ SALLY.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Throughout the night a cordon was maintained around the village complex along the NW and SE side of stream from vic YD758305 and YD755313. Blocking positions were maintained by Co A, Co C, Co D, 2d plat Co B, 1 RF Co, and 1 ARVN Co. Throughout the reporting period sporadic SA, AW fire and occasional RPG-2 and 82mm rounds were received with negative casualties. Partial sweeps were made of the objective area with the exception of hamlet located vic YD747305. At the close of the reporting period Co's A, D and the RF Co remained in the objective area with a cordon established by ambushes around the hamlet vic YD747305. The ARVN Co was airlifted from the objective area from 1502 hrs to 1604 hrs. At 1611 hrs, the 2d plat of Co B was airlifted to LZ vic YD688318, closed 1620 hrs. During the reporting period there were no friendly casualties in the vic of the cordoned village. Enemy assessment - 32 NVA KIA (BC), 1 NVA POW, 3 AK-47's, 3 SKS, 1 7.62 AK Soviet Assault Rifle, 1 RPG-7 launcher.

(2) Co B (-). Conducted RIF operation from vic YD685316 to vic YD684306 to vic YD688302. At 1645 hrs vic YD687304 received SA and AW fire from an estimated Co resulting in 2 US WIA (medevac). Arty and an air strike were placed on the enemy positions with negative assessment. Established

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NDP vic YD691312 with local ambushes. Friendly casualties - 2 US WIA (med-  
evac); negative enemy assessment.

(3) Recon Plat. Provided security for Btry B 1-321 Arty vic YD688339.  
Conducted RIF operation OPCON to Co B. Returned to vic YD688339, closed 1643  
hrs.

(4) Remarks. At 1400 hrs vic YD615293, a vehicle being washed was  
fired on by an estimated enemy squad resulting in 3 US WIA (medevac). At  
1415 hrs a helicopter engaged the enemy position with negative assessment.

(5) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP -  
YD686340; Co A - YD742309; Co B - YD691312; Co C - YD723317; Co D - YD750310;  
Recon Plat - YD688339.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Occupied NDP vic YD603316 with ambush vic YD602313. Con-  
ducted plat size RIF operation NE to vic YD613325 and returned. Conducted  
maintenance vic NDP. Established ambush vic YD611319.

(2) Trp B. Conducted maintenance at Camp EVANS and prepared for  
operation on 24 Apr.

(3) Co C 1-501 Inf. Provided security for AN LO Bridge. Conducted  
plat size RIF operation NE to vic YD629309 and returned. At 1520 hrs 1 sqd  
moved to vic YD618317 to secure an L-19 of the 1st ACD that was down due to  
mechanical trouble. Sqd returned at 1656 hrs when aircraft was extracted.

(4) Aero Rifle Plat. Conducted maintenance at Camp EVANS.

(5) 2/A/3-5 Cav. OPCON Co C 1-501 Inf. Conducted maintenance vic  
AN LO Bridge.

(6) Locations of Squadron elements at close of reporting period:  
Sqdn CP - Camp EVANS; Trp A - YD603316; Trp B - Camp EVANS; Co C 1-501 Inf -  
YD623304; Aero Rifle Plat - Camp EVANS; 2/A/3-5 Cav - YD623304.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Conduct RIF operation from NDP vic YD688268 SW to vic  
YD6625 and establish NDP and ambushes.

(2) Co B. Conduct recon patrols from NDP vic YD608265. Establish

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

(4) Co D. From NDP conduct RIF operation to the NE to vic YD670280 then to YD680280 and along the southern bank of the SONG BO River to vic YD685275 then to vic YD690270 and establish NDP and ambush.

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

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co's A and D. Companies maintain a cordon by establishing ambushes around THON THANH TRUNG (1) (H) vic YD747305. Co D occupies ambush positions to the NE of the hamlet, Co A occupies ambush positions to the E and SE. The 222 RF Co occupies a blocking position along the SE bank of the stream from vic YD752308 to YD747303. Beginning 0700 hrs an arty preparation will be fired into the objective area. At 0830 hrs, Co D will attack to the SW, Co A and RF Co remaining in position as a blocking force. Upon completion of attack through hamlet, Co's A and D will conduct RIF W to hamlet vic YD723310, then south to vic YD720296.

(2) Co B. Conduct RIF from NDP vic YD691312 to hamlet vic YD680310, then to YD675310. Establish NDP vic YD667310.

(3) Co C. Conduct RIF operation from NDP vic YD723317 NW to vic YD713322 to YD714330 to YD723328. Establish NDP vic YD726323.

(4) Recon Plat. Provide security for Btry B 1-321 Arty vic YD688339.

(5) Remarks. From 0700 hrs to 1700 hrs 2 PF plats from QUANG DIEN District will conduct operations in area bounded by following coordinates: YD692337, YD710337, YD692323 and YD710323.

c. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Establish NDP vic YD605316 with ambush vic YD611319. Conduct RIF operation from NDP to vic YD615329, YD632330 and return to vic of NDP.

(2) Trp B. Move from Camp EVANS to attack position vic YD459426. At approx 0900 hrs move from attack position and ford the SONG O GIANG River vic YD462428. Conduct RIF operation NE along the west bank of the SONG O LAU River.

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(3) Co B 4-31 Inf, 196th LIB. (OPCON 2-17 Cav effective 0600 hrs). At 0800 hrs conduct combat assault from PZ at Camp EVANS to LZ vic YD483395. Move to attack position vic YD477401. Conduct RIF operation along the east bank of the SONG O LAU River, operating in conjuncting with Trp B on the west bank.

(4) Co C, 1-501 Inf. Provide security for AN LO Bridge and ambush vic YD619300. Conduct plat size RIF operations from AN LO Bridge SW to vic YD616290 and NE to vic YD629309.

(5) Aero Rifle Plat. Conduct maintenance at Camp EVANS. Squadron RRF.

(6) 2/A/3-5 Cav. OPCON to Co C, 1-501 Inf. Conduct maintenance vic AN LO Bridge.

3. (C) Cumulative results: Operation DELAWARE.

a. Friendly losses: 9 US KIA, 70 US WIA (62 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 185 NVA KIA (BC), 7 NVA POW.

(2) Weapons: 21 SKS, 16 AK-47's, 1 LMG, 1 7.62 Soviet Assault Rifle, 2 RPG-2 launcher, 1 RPG-7 launcher, 1 CHICOM pistol, 6 AK-47's (destroyed), 2 SKS (destroyed), 1 82mm mortar sight, 1 RPG-2 launcher sight.

(3) Munitions: 10 82mm mortar rds (destroyed), 6 90mm rds (destroyed), 9 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), 16 sticks TNT (destroyed), 600 rds SA, 2 RPG-2 rds (destroyed), 2 RPG-7 rds (destroyed), 2 BBT (destroyed).

Group 4