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

INTERNAL: CO,
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Surg, 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, 101st 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
252001H Apr 68 - 262000H Apr 68

1. (C) Operations Summary:

a. General: TF 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div continued 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 with the exception of Co's B and C 2-501 Inf. Today's statistics: Friendly losses - 5 US KIA, 5 US MIA, 24 US WIA (24 medevac); Enemy assessment - 14 NVA KIA (BC), 4 VC KIA (BC), 1 RPG-2 launcher and 1 RPG-7 launcher, 2 60mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 1 82mm mortar round (destroyed), 1 AP mine (destroyed), 1 BBT (destroyed).

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied NDP vic YD683293 with ambushes vic YD683295, YD676288, YD687924 and YD683286. At 2003 hrs ambush vic 26 2000 YD683295 received SA fire. Fire returned, arty supported. Neg Apr 1968 cas, neg enemy assessment. At 2250 hrs, NDP received approx 15 1 7 60mm mortar rounds. Returned 60mm mortar and arty fire on sus-

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pected enemy positions. Results: 1 US WHA. Conducted RIF operation from NDP to vic YD690272, YD705265, YD682267. Established NDP vic YD682271 with local ambushes. Results: 1 US WHA; neg enemy assessment.

(2) Co B. Occupied NDP vic YD625241 with ambushes vic YD616240, YD620242, and YD632242. Conducted RIF operation from NDP to vic YD627237 and YD618248. Established NDP vic YD621252 with local ambushes. Neg contact.

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

(4) Co D. Occupied NDP vic YD671239 with ambush vic YD661241, YD669236, and YD674241. Conducted RIF operation from NDP to vic YD637246. At 1332 hrs 1 PF plat was attached. Established NDP vic YD656253 with local ambushes. Neg contact.

(5) Recon Plat. Conducted operations in conjunction with 1 PF plat and 1 RF plat. Occupied NDP vic YD612272 with ambush vic YD610267. Neg contact.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - LZ SALLY; Co A - YD682271; Co B - YD621252; Co C - OPCON 2-17 Cav; Co D - YD656253; Recon Plat - YD608266.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Conducted RIF operation from NDP vic YD710305 to vic YD703296, YD698297, YD695300 and YD716300. At 0752 hrs vic YD705298, 1 US WIA from a BET grenade. At 1025 hrs vic YD697297, found 7 graves containing 7 NVA KIA (BC). At 1205 hrs vic YD696301 found 7 more graves containing 7 NVA KIA (BC). At 1616 hrs vic YD699301 recovered 2 MIA from yesterday's action, now 2 KIA, and captured 1 RPG-2 launcher and 1 RPG-7 launcher. At 1820 hrs conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD708300 to LZ vic YD729319. Closed LZ 1846 hrs, LZ green. Co established ambushes to interdict and block enemy movement towards HUE from the NW. Results: 2 US KIA (previously listed as 2 US MIA), 1 US WIA; Enemy assessment - 14 NVA KIA (BC), 1 RPG-2 launcher, 1 RPG-7 launcher.

(2) Co B. Conducted RIF operation from NDP vic YD693324 to YD677316 and YD687304. At 1253 hrs vic YD687304 made contact with an estimated reinforced well dug in plat which employed SA, AW and RPG fire. Fire was returned and arty supported. Contact was broken at 1500 hrs. Moved to an NDP vic YD693324 and established local ambushes. Results: Friendly casualties - 2 US KIA, 5 US WIA; Neg enemy assessment.

(3) Co C. Conducted RIF operation from NDP vic YD702320 to vic YD704312, YD702312, and then to NDP vic YD702320. At 0708 hrs engaged 1 VC vic YD698327. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC). At 0605 hrs vic YD729333 ambush engaged 6 VC. Results: 3 VC KIA (BC). At 1230 hrs vic YD703307 made contact with an estimated reinforced platoon in well dug in positions with overhead cover. Enemy employed SA, AW and RPG. LFT supported Co C as they pulled back their wounded. Arty and Tac air (4 air strikes) supported as contact broke at 1440 hrs. Friendly casualties: 5 US MIA, 16 US WIA; Neg enemy assessment. Totals: 5 US MIA, 16 US WIA; Enemy assessment - 4 VC KIA (BC).

(4) Co D. Remained vic of NDP YD712313 throughout the day. At 1725 hrs conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD714314 to LZ vic YD719342. Closed LZ 1740 hrs, LZ green. At 1733 hrs vic PZ received sporadic SA fire. Neg cas. Co D moved to a position vic YD722343 to interdict and block enemy movement towards HUE. At 1812 hrs vic YD722342, a BBT mine was detonated resulting in 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA. Totals: 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA; Neg enemy assessment.

(5) Recon Plat. Provided security for Btry B, 1-321 Arty. Conducted RIF to vic YD663308 and returned. Neg contact.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - YD686340; Co A - YD638318; Co B - YD693324; Co C - YD702320; Co D - YD722343; Recon Plat - YD688339.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Occupied NDP vic YD605316 with ambushes vic YD601309 and YD585315. Conducted RIF operation from NDP to vic YD560320 and YD580360. Moved to CAO BANG area and established NDP vic YD624316. 2 plats moved to vic YD650329 and established an ambush. Neg contact.

(2) Trp B. Occupied NDP vic YD505459 with ambush vic YD504465. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD515468, and to YD535452. At 1645 hrs vic YD534451 received sporadic sniper fire. Engaged with SA and AW. Arty supported. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment. At 1715 hrs vic YD535450 found and destroyed 1000 lbs of rice and destroyed 1 BET 155mm round. Established NDP vic YD525427. Results: Neg cas; Enemy assessment - 1 BET (destroyed), 1000 lbs of rice (destroyed).

(3) Co B, 4-31 Inf. Occupied NDP vic YD505459 with ambush vic YD497456. At 0106 hrs the ambush engaged 5 or 6 VC moving SW. Engaged with SA and AW fire. Arty supported. Neg cas. First light sweep of the ambushed area resulted in 2 60mm mortar rounds (destroyed). Conducted RIF operation from NDP to vic YD512448, YD513436 and YD527437. At 1030 hrs vic YD504438 received SA and AW fire from an estimated enemy squad. Returned SA and AW fire. Arty supported. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment. At 1150 hrs vic YD512439 exchanged SA and AW fire with an estimated VC squad. Arty supported. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment. At 1710 hrs vic YD512438 found and destroyed 1 AP mine, 1 82mm mortar round and 1100 lbs of rice. Established NDP vic YD525427 with local ambush. Neg cas; enemy assessment - 2 60mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 1 82mm mortar round (destroyed), 1 AP mine (destroyed), 1100 lbs rice (destroyed).

(4) Co C 1-501 Inf. Provided security for AN LO Bridge. Ambushed vic YD621295. Conducted plat size RIF operation S on east side of river to vic YD614210. Crossed to W side of SONG BO River and returned to AN LO Bridge. Neg contact.

(5) Aero Rifle Plat. 2 sqds provided security for FSB BELCHER until 1500 hrs. Displaced with arty to new location of FSB vic YD543334. Plat (-) was OPCOM to Trp A until 1400 hrs. At 1400 hrs it moved to vic YD543334 linked up with the remainder of the plat and assumed mission for providing security for the arty at YD543334. Neg contact.

(6) 2/A/3-5 Cav. OPCOM to Trp A until 1515 hrs. Effective 1515 hrs OPCOM to Co C 1-501 Inf. Moved to AN LO Bridge to reinforce security. Neg contact.

(7) 2d Bde HHC Security Plat. OPCON to Trp A.

(8) Locations of Squadron elements at close of reporting period:

Sqdn CP - Camp EVANS; Trp A - YD624316; Trp B - YD525427; Co B, 4-31 Inf - YD525427; Co C 1-501 Inf - YD623304; Aero Rifle Plat - YD543334.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf. Bn (-) will conduct operations consisting of numerous night ambushes to locate, interdict, and destroy enemy movement into the Bn AO along known enemy LOC's. During the day, elements will conduct patrols reconnoitering for night ambush sites.

(1) Co A. From NDP vic YD682271 conduct patrols vic YD670280 to YD700260 and establish night ambushes.

(2) Co B. From NDP vic YD621252 conduct patrols vic YD620246 and establish night ambushes.

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

(4) Co D. From NDP vic YD656253 with 1 plat PF conduct patrols vic YD655250 to YD665240 and establish night ambushes.

(5) Co E (-). Provide minesweep security N and S from LZ SALLY.

(6) Recon Plat. From ambush position vic YD608266 with 1 plat PF and 1 plat RF conduct patrols and establish ambushes along east side of SONG BO River vic YD614275 to YD606258.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Conduct RIF operation from NDP vic YD728318 to hamlet vic YD732326 and NW to vic YD728333.

(2) Co B. Provide security for rice harvest. At 0900 hrs move from NDP vic YD693324. 1 plat provide security vic YD643307, Co B (-) provide security vic YD668321.

(2) Co C. Occupy NDP vic YD702320. Conduct attack of hamlet vic YD705307 after arty preparation. Throughout the night naval gun fire will be employed on the objective area.

(4) Co D. Conduct RIF operation from NDP vic YD722343 to hamlet vic YD714330. Continue operation from E to W through the hamlet N of the stream, working in conjunction with Co A, 1-502 Inf.

(5) Co A, 1-502 Inf. At 0730 hrs conduct heliborne movement from FSB BASTOGNE to LZ SALLY. OPCON to 2-501 Inf upon closing at LZ SALLY. Approx 0900 hrs conduct combat assault to LZ vic YD721325 and conduct RIF operation from E to W along S side of stream through hamlet vic YD714330, in conjunction with Co D.

(6) 1st ARVN Div, "Black Panther" Co. OPCON to 2-501 Inf will conduct a combat assault to LZ vic YD715307. Conduct RIF operation of hamlet vic YD723308, then to YD720297.

(7) Recon Plat. Provide security for Btry B 1-321 Arty vic YD688339. Conduct RIF operation NW of QUANG DIEN to vic YD685348, YD665335, and return.

c. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Conduct RIF operation from NDP vic YD624316 to vic YD6331, YD6332, YD6431, YD6432.

(2) Trp B. Conduct RIF operation from NDP vic YD525427 SE along the highway.

(3) Co B, 4-31 Inf. Conduct RIF operation from NDP vic YD525427 SE along the highway in conjunction with Trp B.

(4) Co C, 1-501 Inf. Provide security for AN LO Bridge. Conduct local RIF operations to the N and S along the E side of the SONC BO River.

(5) Aero Rifle Plat. Provide security for arty at YD548333.

(6) 2/A/3-5 Cav. OPCON to Co C, 1-501 Inf.

(7) HHC, 2d Bde, Security Plat. OPCON to Trp A.

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

a. Friendly losses: 48 US KIA, 5 US MIA, 256 US WIA (203 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 364 NVA KIA (BC), 57 VC KIA (BC), 20 NVA POW, 1 VC POW.

(2) Weapons: 2 K-44's, 32 SKS carbines, 1 SMG, 1 P-38 pistol, 39 AK-47's, 1 CHICOM pistol, 7 AK-47 (destroyed), 4 M16's, 3 M1 rifles, 8 LMG's, 7 RPG-2 launchers, 3 RPG-7 launcher, 2 SKS (destroyed), 1 RPG-2 launcher (destroyed), 1 .45 cal pistol and 9 122mm rockets, 1 7.62 Soviet Assault Rifle, 1 M2 carbine, 1 82mm mortar sight, 1 RPG-2 launcher sight.

(3) Munitions: 30 60mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 13 82mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 13 B-40 rounds (destroyed), 22 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), 3 AP mines (destroyed), 6110 rounds SA, 3 AT mines (destroyed), 32 BBT (destroyed), 6 90mm rounds (destroyed), 2 RPG-7 rounds (destroyed), 16 sticks TNT (destroyed). Group 4