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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
262001H Apr 68 - 272000H 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 a contact by elements of 2-17 Cav. Today's statistics: Friendly losses - 6 US KIA (5 previously reported as 5 MIA), 9 US WIA (medevac); Enemy assessment - 44 NVA KIA (BC), 6 VC KIA (BC), 3 returnees, 2 7.62mm HMG, 2 SKS, 1 AK-47, 1 M-16, 1 ML, 1 SKS (destroyed), 1000 lbs rice, 1 BBT (destroyed), 6 sampans sunk.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD682271 with 27 2000
ambushes vic YD675275, and YD687271. Conducted patrols during Apr 1968
the day reconnoitering for night ambush sites. 1 6

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD621252 with
ambushes vic YD615257, YD616250, YD619247, YD625247 and YD631248.

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Conducted patrols during the day reconnoitering for night ambush sites.

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

(4) Co D. (1 PF plat attached). Occupied night position vic YD656253 with ambushes vic YD643251, YD649255, YD565253, YD663245, and

YD667241. Conducted patrols during the day reconnoitering for night ambush sites.

(5) Recon Plat. (1 PF plat and 1 RF plat attached). Occupied night position vic YD608266 with ambushes vic YD612265, and YD609263. At 2050 hrs observed an unknown number of sampans being loaded by flashlight vic YD607268. Arty was fired resulting in 1 secondary explosion. Approx 2000 hrs the night position received sporadic sniper fire with neg casualties. At 0625 hrs, 10 sampans were sighted vic YD607268. Arty and 4.2" mortars were fired resulting in one secondary explosion. A reconnaissance was made of the area at 0730 hrs. Results: Enemy assessment - 4 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS (destroyed), 6 sampans sunk.

(6) Co E (-). Conducted minesweep security N and S from LZ SALLY.

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - LZ SALLY; Co A - YD688269; Co B - YD622253; Co C - OPCON 2-17 Cav; Co D - YD659254; Recon Plat - YD608253.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD728318 with ambushes vic YD727315 and YD732309. Conducted RIF operation through hamlet vic YD732326. At 1000 hrs engaged 10 enemy vic YD729317 with arty and 4.2" mortar fire. Neg enemy assessment. Established night position vic YD727337 with local ambush.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD693324 with ambushes vic YD692328 and YD689318. 2 plats provided security for rice harvest vic YD645305 and YD645317. Co (-) provided security for bridge repair vic YD669324. Established night position vic YD657318.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD543334. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD705314 following an arty prep. At 1450 hrs recovered the 5 US MIA from previous days contact, now carried as 5 US KIA. At 1506 hrs vic

YD705314 detonated BBT resulted in 2 US WIA (medevac). At 1525 hrs found 1 BBT CHICOM grenade (destroyed). Established a night position vic YD705314. At 1832 hrs received SA, AW and 2 RPG-2 rounds into night position resulting in 1 US WIA (medevac). Fire was returned and arty supported with negative enemy assessment. Totals: 5 US KIA (previously listed as MIA), 3 US WIA (medevac); Enemy assessment - 1 BBT (destroyed).

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD722343. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD714330. At 1035 hrs vic YD716329 found 500 lbs rice. At 1155 hrs vic YD715332 received SA fire. Returned fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and three indiv surrendering almost immediately. Results: Negative casualties; Enemy assessment - 1 VC KIA (BC), 3 returnees, 1 SKS, 1 M1, 1 M-16, 50 rounds SA ammo, 500 lbs rice. Established a night position vic YD666336.

(5) 1st ARVN Div, "Black Panther" Co. At 1115 hrs completed a combat assault from HUE to an LZ vic YD715305. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD697297 with neg contact. Established night position vic YD688295. At 1938 hrs received approx 50 rounds SA fire with neg cas. Arty fired on suspected position with neg assessment.

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

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - YD686340; Co A - YD727337; Co B - YD657318; Co C - YD703312; Co D YD666336; "Black Panther" Co - YD688295; Recon Plat - YD688339.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Occupied night position vic YD624316. 2 plats conducted ambush vic YD650329. 2 plats conducted RIF and returned to night position. At 0910 hrs vic YD653326 found 500 lbs of rice. Trp (-) conducted RIF from night position to vic YD6232. At 1415 hrs vic YD621328 engaged approx 6 VC with SA, AW and mortar fire. Enemy fled to N, neg assessment. At 1550 hrs, vic YD631328 received 4 rounds sniper fire. Engaged with SA and AW fire. Neg cas. Enemy assessment - 1 VC KIA (BC). Established night position vic YD624316.

(2) Trp B and Co B/4-31 Inf. Occupied night position vic YD524427 with ambushes vic YD524437 and YD525440 respectively. (Trp B (-) and Co B (-) remained in vic of night position throughout the day with the exception of a 2 plat RIF operation) to vic YD530440.) 1 plat Trp B and 1 plat Co B conducted RIF operation SE along the highway to vic YD585415 with the plat from Trp B on the N, the plat from Co B on the S. At 1018 hrs vic YD540435 received ineffective SA fire. Engaged with SA and AW fire. Neg cas, neg enemy assessment. At 1340 hrs received SA and AW fire from vic YD539438 and YD543442. Engaged with SA and AW fire. Arty supported. Neg cas, neg enemy assessment. At 1528 hrs vic YD575415 received SA fire from estimated 3 NVA. Returned fire with SA and AW. Results 1 US KIA, neg enemy assessment. At 1650hrs vic YD585415 contact was made with an estimated NVA Co as heavy SA and AW fire was received. NVA were in fighting trenches and bunkers (one bunker was estimated to have contained 14 to 18 NVA). The 2d plat of Trp B moved from the night position to reinforce the elements in contact. The 2d plat maneuvered into the area from the rear of the 2 plats in contact. A heavy volume of fire was placed on the enemy positions as the units were supported by the .50 cal machine gun and M-60 machine guns mounted on the APC's of the 2d plat of Trp B. Approaching darkness and poor visibility prevented the on station LFT from expending. The elements withdrew to medevac the wounded and fire arty on the enemy positions. Elements moved to a night position vic YD527428. Throughout the night arty and naval gun fire will be fired into the enemy position in prep for continuation of the attack at first light. Result: 1 US KIA, 6 US WIA (medevac); Enemy assessment - 44 NVA KIA (BC), 2 7,62mm HMG, 1 AK-47, 1 SKS.

(3) Co C, 1-501 Inf. Provided security for AN LO Bridge. Conducted local plat size RIF operations vic of AN LO Bridge with neg contact.

(4) 2/A/3-5. OPCON to Co C, 1-501 Inf.

(5) 2d Bde HHC Security Plat. Returned to LZ SALLY. Released from OPCON Co C, 1-501 Inf effective 1600 hrs.

(6) Aero Rifle Plat. Provided security for arty vic YD543334.

(7) Location of Squadron elements at close of reporting period: Sqdn CP - Camp EVANS; Trp A - YD624316; Trp B and Co B, 4-31 Inf - YD527428; 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 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 night position vic YD688269 conduct RIF operation to vic YD683286 reconnoitering for night ambush sites.

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD622253 conduct patrols vic YD6125, YD6124, and YD6225 and establish night ambushes.

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

(4) Co D. (1 plat PF attached) From night position vic YD659254 conduct patrols vic YD6525, YD6425 and YD 6624 and establish night ambushes.

(5) Recon Plat. (1 plat PF and 1 plat RF attached). From night position vic YD608253 conduct patrols vic YD6025, YD6125 and YD6026 and establish ambushes.

(6) 1st ARVN Div "Black Panther Co". Revert to OPCON 1-501 Inf approx 0900 hrs and conduct RIF operation to vic YD688275.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD727337 conduct RIF operation through village vic YD714329 to YD714321.

(2) Co B. Occupy night position vic YD657318. Provide security for rice harvest with Co (-) located vic YD668321, 1 plat located vic YD643307.

(3) Co C. (1 Sqd PF attached) From night position vic YD705314 conduct RIF operation through wooded area vic YD704310 to YD695302.

(4) Co D. (1 plat PF attached) From night position vic YD666336 conduct RIF operation through wooded area vic YD653367 to YD677364.

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

c. 2-17 Cav;

(1) Trp A. From night position YD624316 move to vic YD6038 and establish a blocking position to the NW.

(2) Trp B and Co B, 4-31 Inf. From night position vic YD527428 conduct an attack SE to obj vic YD585415.

(3) Co C 1-501 Inf. Provide security for AN LO Bridge and conduct local plat size RIF operations.

(4) 2/A/3-5 Cav. OPCOM to Trp A.

(5) Aero Rifle Plat. Provide security for arty vic YD543334.

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

a. Friendly losses: 54 US KIA, 265 US WIA (212 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 408 NVA KIA (EC), 63 VC KIA (EC), 20 NVA POW, 1 VC POW, 3 returnees.

(2) Weapons: 2 K-44's, 34 SKS carbines, 1 SMG, 1 P-38 pistol, 39 AK-47's, 2 7.62 HMG, 1 CHICOM pistol, 8 AK-47's (destroyed), 5 M16's, 4 M1 rifles, 8 LMG's, 7 RPG-2 launchers, 3 RPG-7 launchers, 3 SKS (destroyed), 1 RPG-2 launcher (destroyed), 1 .45 cal pistol and 9 122mm rockets, 1 7.62mm 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), 33 RBT (destroyed), 6 90mm rounds (destroyed), 2 RPG-7 rounds (destroyed), 16 sticks TNT (destroyed). Group 4