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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 Flat, 101st MP Co	"
	2d Flat, 265th RHC	"
	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
272001H Apr 68 - 282000H Apr 68

1. (C) Operations Summary:

a. General: TF 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div continued to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation CARENTIAN II to locate and destroy VC/NVA forces, bases and logistics in the coastal plains area. Contact was moderate with a total of 14 contacts. Today's statistics: 10 US KIA, 19 US MIA (13 Medevac), 1 ARVN KIA, 3 ARVN MIA (Medevac), 3 PF MIA (Medevac); Enemy assessment - 32 NVA KIA (BC), 2 BKS, 1 AK-47, 1 M16.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD688269 with ambushes vic YD695274, YD685274, YD683277 and YD690273.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD622253 with ambushes vic YD615256, YD614251, YD619249, YD625248 and YD631249. Moved to vic YD630262 and conducted patrols reconnoitering for night ambush sites.

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

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(4) Co D. 1 plat PF attached. Occupied night position vic YD659254 with ambushes vic YD643253, YD652256, YD667247, YD662247. At 0025 hrs ambush vic YD667247 called arty on 15-20 NVA who set off trip flare. Neg enemy assessment. Conducted patrols during the day reconnoitering for night ambush sites. At 1944 hrs vic YD648244 ambush engaged 3 enemy. Results: 3 NVA KIA (BC), 1 SAS, 1 AR-47.

(5) 1st ARVN Div "Black Panther Co". OPCON effective 1002 hrs. Conducted RIF to vic YD685283. At 1327 hrs vic YD688288 received sporadic SA fire from the west across the river, and SA and AW fire from an estimated plat from the south. Result: 1 ARVN KIA. Called arty. Neg enemy assessment. At 1400 hrs vic YD688288 received 2 RPG-2 rounds from YD685283 and SA fire from YD684283. Arty and LFT supported. Results: 1 ARVN KIA, 2 ARVN KIA; enemy assessment - 10 NVA KIA (BC). Occupied a blocking position vic YD692287 to YD689287. Results: 1 ARVN KIA, 3 ARVN KIA; 10 NVA KIA (BC).

(6) Co A, 1-502 Inf. OPCON 1-501 Inf effective 1700 hrs. At 1723 hrs conducted a combat assault from LZ SALLY to PZ vic YD697290. Closed LZ 1803 hrs, LZ green. At 1813 hrs vic YD695290 received SA fire from approx 4 enemy resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 US KIA. Returned fire with SA, AW, arty and LFT support. Neg enemy assessment. Occupied a blocking position vic YD698287 to YD692287. Results: 1 US KIA, 1 US KIA; Neg enemy assessment.

(7) Co B, 2-501 Inf. OPCON 1-501 Inf effective 1810 hrs. At 1810 hrs conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD655317 to LZ vic YD697273. Closed 1847 hrs, LZ green. Occupied a blocking position vic YD695276 to YD686274.

(8) Recon Plat. 1 plat PF and 1 plat RF attached. Occupied night position vic YD606253 with ambushes vic YD608253 and YD611253. Conducted local patrols from vic YD622271 throughout the day.

(10) Co E (-). Provided minesweep security N and S from LZ SALLY.

(11) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - LZ SALLY, Co A - YD683280, Co B - YD616243, Co C - OPCON 2-17 Cav, Co D - YD648244, Recon Plat - YD615276, Co A 1-502 Inf - YD695292, Co B 2-501 Inf - YD695274, 1st ARVN Div "Black Panther" Co - YD687289.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD727337 with ambush vic YD725339. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD715328. At 1030 hrs vic YD715327 found grave containing 1 NVA KIA (BC). At 1206 hrs vic YD715325 found graves containing 3 NVA KIA (BC). At 1255 hrs vic YD715325 received AW fire from approx 2 enemy. Returned fire. Arty and Tac air supported. Neg enemy assessment. At 1715 hrs vic YD715320 a detonated land mine resulted in 1 US KIA, 1 US MIA (medevac).

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD657318 with ambush vic YD647315. Provided security for rice harvest with 1 plat at YD655317, Co (-) at YD645305 and 1 plat providing bridge security vic YD669324. Effective 1810 hrs OPCON to 1-501 Inf.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD703312. Conducted RIF operation to village vic YD703302. At 1110 hrs vic YD703307 found 3 graves containing 3 NVA KIA (BC). At 1222 hrs vic YD703307 found 1 M16. Occupied night position vic YD703307.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD663336. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD645370 then Sn to vic YD652368. At 1503 hrs a FAC observed approx 25-30 NVA vic YD653366. Co D withdrew and arty and naval guns fired on the enemy position. The preparation was complete at 1540 hrs. After the preparation, 2 plats conducted RIF operation through the village, Co (-) moved Sn along the road. At 1615 hrs vic YD653368 the 2 point men received grenades and AK-47 fire from an estimated NVA squad, dispersed through the village. Fire was returned and contact broke at 1716 hrs. Co moved to a night position vic YD648381. Results: 2 US KIA; Neg enemy assessment.

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

(6) Locations of Sn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - YD686340, Co A - YD729319, Co B - OPCON 1-501 Inf, Co C - YD703307, Co D - YD651377, Recon Plat - YD686340.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. (1 plat PF attached). Occupied night position vic YD624316. From night position conducted RIF to vic YD620320. At 0955 hrs exchanged fire with an estimated NVA squad. Results: 1 US KIA; Neg enemy

assessment. Continued to the NE to vic YD623324 where contact was made at 1100 hrs with an estimated NVA platoon occupying reinforced bunkers with connecting trench lines. Received SA, AW and RPG fire resulting in 1 APC destroyed and 3 US WIA. Engaged with SA, AW and 106 RR. Trp A withdrew to vic YD620320 and was supported by arty. At 1155 hrs a tank from 2/A/3-5 Cav vic YD620320 received an M40-2 round resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA, (minor damage to tank). From 1210 hrs to 1252 hrs Trp A received 3 air strikes in support, resulting in 6 NVA ABA (BC). Trp A held in position while extensive arty preparation was fired into the enemy positions. At 1330 hrs Trp A supported by Trp B to their NE attacked the enemy position. Trp A reached the first trench line. Friendly casualties - 7 US WIA and 3 PW WIA. Enemy assessment - 6 NVA KIA (BC) and 1 SRS. Further assessment was not possible due to darkness. At 1945 hrs Trp A moved to a night position vic YD624316. Results: 2 US KIA, 11 US WIA (8 medevac), 3 PW WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment - 12 NVA KIA (BC) (6 were killed by air), 1 SRS.

(2) Trp B. Occupied night position vic YD527428. Conducted RIF operation to SE. At 1208 hrs vic YD581398 received SA and AW fire, returned fire, neg casualties, neg enemy assessment. At 1545 hrs vic YD593393 indiv detonated an unk type explosive BBT. Results: 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA (medevac). At 1600 hrs vic YD595360 received SA and AW fire. Returned fire and contact broke. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment. Moved to vic YD631332 and reinforced Trp A. At 1645 hrs attacked to the SW and engaged estimated 2 NVA platoons receiving SA, AW and RPG fire. Withdrew at 1705 hrs and was supported by arty and 2 air strikes. At 1830 hrs attacked in support of Trp A. Results: 2 US WIA (medevac); enemy assessment was not possible due to darkness. At 1945 hrs Trp B departed for Camp EVANS, closed 2128 hrs. Results: 1 US KIA, 3 US WIA (medevac); neg enemy assessment.

(3) Co C 1-501 Inf. Provided security at An Lo Bridge. At 1400 hrs moved to assist Trp A. At 1612 hrs made contact vic YD640910 with VC in spider holes. Received SA, AW and RPG fire. Supported by 2 air strikes and arty. Contact broke at 1805 hrs. Results: 3 US KIA, 3 US WIA; neg enemy assessment.

(4) Co B 4-31 Inf. Occupied night position vic YD527428. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD583385. At 1535 hrs conducted a heliborne movement from PZ vic YD583385 to vic AN 10 Bridge. Closed 1605 hrs assumed mission of providing security for AN 10 Bridge.

(5) Aero Rifle Plat. Provided security for arty vic YD543334. At 1805 hrs moved to night position vic YD623316, OPCOM to Trp A.

(6) 2/A/3-5 Cav. OPCOM to Trp A. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(7) Location of Squadron elements at close of reporting period:
Sqn CP - Camp EVANS, Trp A - YD624316, Trp B - Camp EVANS, Aero Rifle Plat - YD624316, Co B 4-31 Inf and 2/A/3-5 Cav - AN 10 Bridge.

(8) Remarks: It was estimated that Trp A, Trp B and Co C 1-501 Inf were in contact with elements of an NVA Bn dispersed throughout the areas of contact.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf. Throughout the night under continuous illumination, continue the containment of an estimated NVA Bn (estimate made by 1st ARVN Div "Black Panther" Co) in the hamlets of THON DUONG SON vic YD687283 and THON PHUOC YEN vic YD690277. The 1st ARVN Div "Black Panther" Co will attack to the S, remainder of elements remain in blocking positions.

(1) Co A. Continue to occupy a blocking position on the west bank of the SONG BO River vic YD684287 to YD685274.

(2) Co B. Occupy night position vic YD616243. Conduct combat assault at 1530 hrs from PZ vic YD617249 to LZ vic YD595243. Conduct RIF operation along west bank of SONG BO river.

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

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD648244 conduct patrols reconnoitering for night ambush sites vic YD6424, YD6425, YD6524 and YD6624.

(5) Co A 1-502 Inf. Continue to occupy a blocking position vic YD698287 to vic YD692287.

(6) 1st ARVN Div "Black Panther" Co. From blocking position vic YD692287 to vic YD685287, attack to the S.

(7) 3 PF platoons: Continue to occupy a blocking position vic YD696287 to vic YD695276.

(8) Co B 2-501 Inf. Continue to occupy a blocking position vic YD695276 to vic YD686274.

(9) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD615276 conduct local patrols along east bank of SONG HO River.

(10) Co L (-). Provide minesweep security N and S from LZ SALLY.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD729319 conduct RIF operation through hamlets vic YD722312, YD727307 and YD722306.

(2) Co B. OPCOM 1-501 Inf.

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD703307 conduct RIF operation along the north bank of the river to vic YD694302.

(4) Co D. Conduct a combined operation with RF/PF. From night position vic YD651377 Co D with 1 plat PF attached establish a blocking position to the SE vic YD645373. Approx 0630 hrs the 742 RF Co, 14th PF plat and 16th PF plat will conduct RIF operation to vic YD680360, then to vic YD660363. Continue RIF through village to Co D's blocking position. Elements will link-up and conduct RIF operation to vic YD677363.

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

c. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Will move from night posn at YD624316 NB to attack obj vic YD632329. If C/1-501 makes significant contact, A Trp will move to reinf as required.

(2) Trp B. Remains at Camp LEWIS and conducts maintenance and prepares for future operations.

(3) Co C 1-501 Inf. Moves from night loc at YD645305 to attack obj loc vic YD640320.

(4) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCOM to Trp A.

(5) Co B 4-31 Inf. Will revert to OPCOM 1st ACD on order.

(6) 2/A/3-5 Cav. Will secure the AN LO Bridge and provide reaction to Trp A or Co C 1-501 as required.

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

a. Friendly losses: 64 US KIA, 234 US MIA (225 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

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

(2) Weapons: 2 K-44's, 36 SKS carbines, 1 SMG, 1 P-38 pistol, 40 AK-47's, 2 7.62 HMG, 1 CHICOM pistol, 8 AK-47's (destroyed), 6 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 BBT (destroyed), 6 90mm rounds (destroyed), 2 RPG-7 rounds (destroyed), 16 sticks TNT (destroyed).

Group 4