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	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	"
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	2d Plat, 101st MP Co	"
	2d Plat, 265th RRC	"
	Tm 2, 101st MI Det	"
	33th PI	"
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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
282001H Apr 68 - 292000H 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 the 1-501 Inf operation. Today's statistics - 3 US KIA, 1 ARVN KIA, 6 US WIA, 5 ARVN WIA, 2 PF WIA. Enemy assessment - 170 NVA KIA (BC), 9 VC KIA (BC), 1 RP 46 HMG, 2 LMG, 1 .30 cal MG, 2 SKS, 2 AK-47, 1 M-16, 2 RPG-2 launchers, 50 B-40 rounds, 2 M-79 grenade launchers (destroyed), 15 US hand grenades, 13 CHICOM grenades, 11 82mm mortar rounds, 1760 SA rounds, 300 lbs rice, 2 RPG-2 launcher (destroyed), 3 40mm rounds, 9 60mm mortar rounds.

b. 1-501 Inf. Continue the containment of enemy force in the hamlets of THON DUONG SON vic YD687273 and then PHUOC YEN vic YD690277 throughout the night under continuous illumination.

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Blocking positions were occupied by A/1-501, B/2-501, A/1-502, 1st ARVN Div "Black Panther" Co and 3 PF plats. At 0100 hours A/1-501 observed approx 3 enemy swimming across the river. Engaged with SA, Results 1 NVA KIA (BC). During the night B/2-501 conducted recon by fire and a first light revealed vic YD690273, 1 NVA KIA (BC). A/1-502 also conducted recon by fire during the night and a first light check revealed vic YD689289, 1 NVA KIA (BC) and 1 AK-47. At 0825 vic YD697287 made contact with estimated enemy plat as SA and AW fire was received. Fire was returned and LFT and arty supported. Results: 1 US WIA, 1 US KIA, negative enemy assessment. At 1222 hours the "Black Panther" Co received SA and RPG fire vic YD685286. Sporadic sniper fire continued throughout the day. At 1605 hrs B 2-501 engaged 4 NVA. Results - 4 NVA KIA (BC). At 1650 hours A 1-502 reported contact vic YD695289, receiving SA fire and hand grenades, resulting in 2 US WIA. At 1710 hours engaged 7 NVA resulting in 7 NVA (BC) and 1 SKS. Totals for the reporting period indicated the following: A 1-502 1 US KIA, 3 US WIA. Enemy assessment 8 NVA KIA (BC), 1 SKS, B 2-501 5 NVA KIA (BC). A 1-501 1 NVA KIA (BC). 1st ARVN Div "Black Panther Co" 1 ARVN KIA, 5 ARVN WIA, Enemy assessment - 102 NVA (BC), 2 LMG, 1 .30 cal MG, 1 SKS, 1 AK-47, 1 M-16, 2 RPG-2 launchers, 50 B-40 rds (destroyed), 2 M-79 launchers (destroyed), 15 US hand grenades, 5 CHICOM grenades, 140 rds SA. In addition, a LFT firing in support of the 1-501 Inf operation vic YD 688280 had 51 NVA KIA (BC) by army aviation.

At the close of the reporting period blocking forces continued to contain the enemy.

(1) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD616243 with ambushes vic YD 611241, YD611237, and YD618239. During the day conducted patrols reconnoitering for night ambush sites. Established night position vic YD616243 with local ambushes.

(2) Co D, 1 plat PF attached. Occupied night position vic YD648244 with ambushes vic YD643514, YD656243, and YD611241. Moved to vic YD656245 and conducted patrols reconnoitering for night ambush sites. At 0835 hrs vic YD 649233 found 4 B-40 rounds (destroyed) and 200 rds SA ammo. Established night

position vic YD656245 with local ambushes. Enemy assessment: 4 B-40 rds (destroyed) and 200 rounds SA ammo.

(3) Recon Plat. 1 Plat PF and 1 Plat RF attached. Occupied night position vic YD648244 with ambushes vic YD643514 and YD618239. At 2035 hrs the night position began receiving sporadic sniper fire, resulting 2 PF WIA. Arty was requested and fired in support vic YD610276. Results: 5 VC KIA (BC) and 18 secondary explosions. Ineffective sniper fire was received sporadically throughout the night. M-79 fire was returned resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). Conducted RIF operation to vic YD606255 and established night position and ambushes. Results: 2 PF WIA, 6 VC KIA (BC).

(4) Co D 2-501 Inf. OPCON 1-501 Inf effective 1816 hrs. Conducted Co (-) combat assault to YD695293, one plat to YD698280. Closed 1850 hours. Reinforced elements in containing the enemy by establishing blocking position.

(5) 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 YD656245, Recon Plat YD610260, 1st ARVN Div "Black Panther Co" YD686284, Co A 1-502 Inf YD695289, Co B 2-501 Inf YD695274, Co D 2-501 Inf YD692288.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD721318. Co (-) conducted RIF operation to vic YD723312, 1 plat to YD714327. At 1600 hours vic YD714327 plat received 2 bursts of AW fire and sporadic sniper fire. Returned fire. Co (-) moved to reinforce and arrived approx 1650 hours. Sporadic sniper fire and RPG rounds were received. Fire was returned with SA, AW, and LFT supported. Contact was estimated to be a VC Plat in bunkers. At 1815 hrs Co withdrew to bring arty fire on enemy positions. Results: 2 US KIA. Enemy assessment - 3 VC KIA (BC).

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

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD703307. Co (-) conducted RIF operation to vic YD695303, 1 plat to YD686304. At 1527 hrs plat received burst of AW fire. Returned fire with SA and AW fire. At 1600 hours contact was broken as plat withdrew to be supported by arty. Established night position vic YD693312. Results: 1 US WIA (medevac). Negative enemy assessment.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD651377. Moved to a blocking position vic YD645373. Remained in blocking position until 1532 hrs while RF/PF forces conducted RIF operation NW towards Co D's blocking position. At 1545 hrs vic YD653362 found 4 82mm mortar rds (destroyed), 60 rds SA ammo, and 300 lbs rice. Moved to a PZ vic YD660345. At 1816 hrs reverted to OPCON of 1-501 Inf. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 4 82mm mortar rds (dest), 60 rds SA, & 300 lbs rice,

(5) Recon Plat. Continued to provide security for B Btry, 1-321 Arty.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP YD686340, Co A YD622319, Co B, OPCON 1-501 Inf, Co C YD693312, Co D OPCON 1-501 Inf, Recon Plat YD688339.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A. Occupied night position vic YD624316. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD620323, YD630320, and YD634327. At 1015 hrs vic YD625318 engaged approx 5 enemy with negative assessment. At 1700 hrs vic YD634327 found 3 NVA KIA (BC) and 2 RPG-2 launchers, partially destroyed. Established night position vic YD624316 with local ambushes. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 3 NVA KIA (BC), 2 RPG-2 launchers (partially destroyed).

(2) Troop B. Conducted maintenance at Camp EVANS. At 1020 hrs 3d plat departed for AN LO Bridge, closed 1055 hrs. At 1235 hrs assumed mission of providing security for AN LO Bridge from Co B 4-31 Inf. At 1730 hrs the remainder of Trp B occupied positions vic AN LO Bridge.

(3) Co C, 1-501 Inf. Occupied night position vic YD647307 with ambushes vic YD644304 and YD648307. Conducted RIF operation vic YD644304, YD637318, and YD651317. At 1045 hrs vic YD639311 found a small cache containing 1 RP 46 HMG, 3 40mm rounds (destroyed), 7 82mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 9 60mm mortar rds (destroyed), 8 grenades (destroyed) and 1700 rds SA ammo. At 1150 hrs vic YD641314 found 200 lbs of rice. At 1730 hrs vic YD651315 a BBT was detonated, resulting in 2 US KIA, 2 US WIA (medevac). Established night position vic YD653306 with local ambushes. Results: 2 US KIA, 2 US WIA (medevac, enemy assessment - 1 RP 46 HMG, 3 40mm rds (destroyed), 7 82mm mortar rds (destroyed), 9 60mm mortar rds (destroyed), 8 CHICOM grenades, (destroyed), 1700 rds SA ammo.

(4) Co B 4-31 Inf. Provided security for AN LO Bridge. At 1235 hrs the unit reverted to OPCON of 196th LIB and began a heliborne movement from AN LO Bridge to Camp EVANS.

(5) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A.

(6) 2/A/3-5. OPCON to Trp B until 2100 hrs, reverted to OPCON Co B 4-31 Inf. Remained at AN LO Bridge and reverted to OPCON Trp B at 1235 hrs.

(7) Locations of Squadron elements at close of reporting period. Squadron CP YD623304, Trp A YD624316, Trp B YD623304, Aero Rifle Plat OPCON Trp A, 2/A/3-5 OPCON Trp B.

2. (C) Plans Summary.

a. 1-502 Inf. At 0700 hrs cordon elements will withdraw slightly to facilitate the firing of 4.2" CS and arty on obj 1 (YD694287) and obj 2 (YD688278). At 0825 hrs CS will be delivered by helicopter on obj 2 then obj 1. At approx 0900 hrs air preparation will commence. Upon completion A 1-502 will attack obj 1 and Panther Co will attack obj 2. At approx 1600 hrs Panther Co moves by air to HUE airstrip.

(1) A Co 1-501, B 2-501, PF elements will maintain blocking positions.

(2) D Co 2-501 initially blocks and provide RRF, then moves to obj 2 to relieve Panther Co.

(3) B Co conducts recon and ambushes vic YD6125, YD6225, YD6128, & YD6224.

(4) D Co conducts recon and ambushes vic YD6525, YD6625, YD6524, YD6624, YD6623 and YD6424.

(5) Recon Plat conduct recon and ambushes vic YD6127, YD6125, and have an element check area of suspected movement reported on 29 April vic YD6327.

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

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD722319 conduct RIF operation to vic YD723306 and YD719295.

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

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD693312 conduct RIF operation along N side of river to vic YD685305.

(4) Co D. OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(5) Recon Plat. Provide security for Btry B 1-321 Arty vic YD688309.

c. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. From night position vic YD624316 conduct RIF operations vic YD6232, YD6332, and YD6432.

(2) Trp B. Provide security at AN LO Bridge. Squadron RRF. Conduct plat size RIF operation along east side of SONG BO River to vic YD613286.

(3) Co C 1-501 Inf. From night position vic YD653306. Conduct RIF operation S to the SONG BO River, then E along the N side of the river to vic YD6729.

(4) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A.

(5) 2/A/3-5 Cav. OPCON Trp B. LZ SALLY RRF.

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

a. Friendly losses: 67 US KIA, 290 US WIA (231 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 498 NVA KIA (BC), 72 VC KIA (BC), 20 NVA POW, 1 VC POW, 3 returnees. (An additional 112 NVA KIA (BC) resulting from joint operation with 1st ARVN Div Black Panther Co).

(2) Weapons: 2 B-44's, 37 SKS carbines, 1 SMG, 1 P-38 pistol, 41 AK-48's, 3 7.62 HMG, 1 CHICOM pistol, 8 AK-47's (destroyed), 6 M-16's, 4 M1 rifles, 8 LMG, 7 RPG-2 launchers, 3 RPG-7 launchers, 3 SKS (destroyed), 3 RPG-2 launchers (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: 39 60mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 24 82mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 13 B-40 rounds (destroyed), 30 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), 3 AP mines (destroyed), 7870 rounds SA, 3 AT mines (destroyed), 33 BBT (destroyed), 6 90mm rounds (destroyed), 2 RPG-7 rounds (destroyed), 16 sticks TNT (destroyed). Group 4.