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

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Camp EAGLE, RVN

INFO: CO, 1-501 Inf (Message Center)  
 CO, 2-501 Inf "  
 CO, 1-502 Inf "  
 CO, 1-821 Arty "  
 CO, C/326 Engr "  
 CO, B/326 Med "  
 CO, 188th AHC "  
 CO, 2-17 Cav "  
 2d FASCP, 501st Sig "  
 2d Fwd Spt Plat, 801st Maint "  
 2d Plat, 101st MP Co "  
 2d Plat, 265th RRC "  
 Tm 2, 101st MI Det "  
 34th PI "  
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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report  
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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 as the containment of an enemy force by 1-501 Inf continued. Today's statistics: 2 US KIA, 1 US MIA, 14 US WIA (10 medevac), 3 ARVN WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment: 9 NVA KBA (BC), 4 NVA KIA (BC), 1 BBT (destroyed), 600 lbs rice. ARVN enemy assessment: 3 NVA KIA (BC), 1 RPG-7 launcher, 1 AK-44, 1 AK-47, 7 RPG-7 rounds.

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b. 1-501 Inf. Continued the containment of enemy force in hamlets of THON DUONG SON vic YD687273 and THON PHUOC YEN vic YD 690277. Blocking positions were occupied by A 1-501, B 2-501,

D 2-501, A 1-502, 1st ARVN Div "Black Panther" Co and 3 PF plats.	30	2000
At 2237 hours vic YD695289, A 1-502 received approx 30 rounds of SA fire. Arty was fired, negative casualties, negative enemy	Apr	1968
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assessment. At 0120 hours the "Black Panther" Co received approx 20 rounds 60mm mortar. Arty was fired. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. At 0808 hours a "Black Panther" element began moving, received heavy SA fire and withdrew. Negative casualties. Throughout the day units held in blocking positions while arty and 14 air strikes were delivered on enemy positions. Results - 9 NVA KBA (BC). At 1050 hours D 2-501 engaged 1 NVA. Results 1 NVA KIA (BC). At 1250 hours A 1-502 began moving from YD695289 to the village vic YD694289. Received SA, AW, and RPG or mortar fire. Engaged with organic weapons. Heavy fire continued as Co A withdrew to be supported by air strikes. Results - 1 US KIA, 9 WIA (6 medevac). Co A also reported 1 MIA, missing prior to entering village, circumstances unknown. Enemy assessment - 2 NVA KIA (BC). At 1440 hours "Black Panther" Co vic YD684280 sustained 3 WIA (medevac) from a BBT grenade. At 1608 hours B 1-501 conducted a combat assault to LZ vic YD690292 and assumed the blocking position occupied by the "Black Panther" Co. Closed 1644 hours. At 1655 hours "Black Panther" Co found 3 NVA KIA (BC), 1 AK-44, 1 AK-47, 1 RPG-7 launcher, and 7 RPG-7 rounds. At 1718 hours "Black Panther" Co conducted a heliborne movement to HUE. Closed 1816 hours. At 1910 hours vic YD694287, A 1-502 received SA fire and RPG round. Results: 5 US WIA (4 medevac). At the close of the reporting period the cordon was being maintained around the objective area under continuous illumination. Totals - 1 US KIA, 1 US MIA, 14 US WIA (10 medevac). Enemy assessment - 9 NVA KBA (BC), 3 NVA KIA (BC).

ARVN casualties - 3 WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment - 3 NVA KIA (BC), 1 AK-47, 1 AK-44, 1 RPG-7 launcher, 7 RPG-7 rounds.

(1) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD616243. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD628260 and to YD613260. At 1608 hours from PZ YD613260 conducted a combat assault and assumed the "Black Panther" Co's blocking position after closing on the LZ vic YD690292.

(2) Co D. 1 PF plat attached. Occupied night position vic YD656245 with ambushes vic YD644245, YD667248, YD658238, and YD666245. Conducted patrols reconnoitering for night ambush sites from YD657253. Established night position vic YD656251 with local ambushes.

(3) Recon Plat. 1 PF plat and 1 RF plat attached. Occupied night position vic YD606255 with ambushes vic YD606253, YD607255, and YD685285. Conducted RIF operation vic YD617270, YD640260, and YD618275. At 0800 vic YD607269 engaged 5 VC with SA fire. Negative enemy assessment. Established night position vic YD617267 with ambushes.

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

(5) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP LZ SALLY, Co A YD683280, Co B YD688287, Co C OPCON 2-17 Cav, Co D YD656251, B 2-501 YD695274, D 2-501 YD694288, A 1-502 YD697289, PF elements YD694284, Recon Plat YD617267.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD722319. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD712306, YD719300, and YD711298. At 0830 hours vic YD715310 received 3 rounds SA fire. Returned fire. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. Established night position vic YD710305 with local ambush. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

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

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD693312. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD677317, YD668315, and YD682311. At 0832 hours vic YD682315 found 1 NVA, killed by SA approx 3 days prior. Result: 1 NVA KIA (BC). At 1430 hours vic YD684313 received sniper fire resulting in 1 US KIA. Returned fire, negative enemy assessment. Established night position vic YD687317 with local ambush. Results: 1 US KIA, Enemy assessment - 1 NVA KIA (BC).

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

(5) Recon Plat. Provided security for Btry B, 1-321st Arty vic YD 688339.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. BN CP YD 686340, Co A YD710305, Co B OPCON 1-501, Co C YD687317, Co D OPCON 1-501, Recon Plat - YD688339.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A. Occupied vic YD624316 with ambushes vic YD615325, YD620309, and YD625321. Conducted RIF operation vic YD6231, YD6232, and YD6332. At 1010 hours vic YD622324 found 600 lbs rice and destroyed, 1 BBT grenade. At 1116 hours vic YD623326 received 4 rounds of mortar or rifle grenade fire. Returned with SA fire. Arty supported. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. At 1442 hours 1 plat moved to a blocking position vic YD637320 in support of Co C 1-501 Inf. At 1710 hours plat returned. Established night position vic YD623316 with local ambushes. Negative casualties. Enemy assessment - 1 BBT (destroyed), 600 lbs rice.

(2) Troop B. Provided security at AN LO Bridge. Conducted plat size RIF operation to YD615280 and returned. At 1442 hours 2 plats moved to a blocking position vic YD650297 to YD649291 in support of Co C 1-501 Inf. At 1710 hours returned to AN LO Bridge. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(3) Co C 1-501 Inf. Occupied night position vic YD653306 with ambushes vic YD651319 and YD655316. Conducted RIF operation W to YD630308, then SE along the N side of the SONG BO River to vic YD652293. At 1237 hours vic YD631307 received SA and AW fire from an estimated squad in bunkers. Engaged with SA fire. Arty supported. Co held in place while arty was fired and plats from Troop A and Troop B moved to blocking positions. Sweep was conducted to Troop B's blocking position with negative results. Established night position vic YD652293. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.

(4) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Troop A.

(5) 2/A/3-5 Cav. OPCON to Troop B. Effective 2200 hours OPCON 2d Bde, plat received mission to move to LZ SALLY as Ready Reaction Force. Closed 2255 hours. At 0905 hours plat reverted to OPCON of Troop B and returned to AN LO Bridge.

(6) Locations of Squadron elements at close of reporting period.

Squadron CP - Camp EVANS, Troop A YD697289, Troop B YD623304, Aero Rifle Plat OPCON Troop A, 2/A/3-5 Cav OPCON Troop B.

e. Security Plat, HHC, 2d Brigade. Provided security for C/326 Engr elements clearing approximately 100 meters to each side of road vic YD604316, the scene of several recent mining incidents.

2. (C) Plans Summary.

a. 1-501 Inf. A 1-501, B 1-501, B 2-501, D 2-501, A 1-502, 3 PF plats continue the containment of enemy force in hamlets of THON DUONG SON vic YD 687273 and THON PHUOC YEN vic YD690277, throughout the night under continuous illumination. Approx 0800 hours following a CS and arty prep of the objective area A 1-502 will attack SW to secure village vic YD693286. Approx 1100 hours A 1-501 will be airlifted across the river from vic YD683277 to vic YD694288. A 1-501 and B 1-501 will then attack S.

(1) Co D. From night position vic YD656251 conduct patrols reconnoitering for night ambush sites within a 500 meter radius.

(2) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD694284 conduct patrols reconnoitering for night ambush sites along the east side of SONG BO River vic YD607260 to YD614280.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD710305 conduct RIF operation E along S side of river to vic YD693303.

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

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD687317 conduct RIF operation to vic YD674330.

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

(5) Recon Plat. Provide security for Btry B, 1-321st Arty. Conduct reconnaissance patrol from vic YD688339 to YD680355, YD665353, and return. Approx squad size element stay behind and ambush vic YD668343.

c. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A. From night position vic YD623316 conduct RIF operation vic YD6132, YD6232, and YD6332.

(2) Troop B. Provide security for AN LO Bridge. Conduct local plat size RIF operations vic AN LO Bridge. Squadron RRF

(3) Co C 1-501 Inf. From night position vic YD652293 continue RIF operation E along N side of SONG BO River to vic YD678298.

(4) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A.

(5) 2/A/3-5. OPCON Troop B.

d. Security Plat, HHC, 2d Bde. Provide minesweep security N and S from LZ SALLY. Provide security for C/326 Engr elements continuing to clear approx 100 meters each side of the road vic YD604316.

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

a. Friendly losses: 69 US KIA, 1 US MIA, 304 US WIA (241 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 571 NVA KIA (BC), 72 VC KIA (BC), 20 NVA POW, 1 VC POW, 3 returnees. (An additional 115 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), 34 BBT (destroyed), 6 90mm rounds (destroyed), 2 RPG-7 rounds (destroyed), 16 sticks TNT (destroyed). Group 4.