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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)
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	CO, 1-502 Inf	"
(S)	CO, 1-321 Arty	"
(J)	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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	1st Air Cav Div, Camp EVANS, RVN	"

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 1-501 continued a cordoned operation vic THON PHUOC YEN. Today's statistics: 5 US WIA (4 medevac). Enemy assessment: 35 NVA KIA (BC), 1 VC KIA (BC), 7 NVA POW, 9 AK-47, 7 SKS, 1 RP-46 HMG, 2 Soviet carbines, 1 M2 carbine.

b. 1-501 Inf. Continued the cordon of THON PHUOC YEN vic YD687282 with A 1-501, B 1-501, A 2-501, D 2-501, and 3 PF plats. Throughout the reporting period the enemy made numerous unsuccessful attempts to escape the cordon. Friendly units received SA and AW fire along the northern section of the cordon. Fire was returned with organic weapons. Throughout the day arty and 8 air strikes supported. B 1-501 moved south along the west bank of the river into the village to vic YD686286. Intense SA and AW

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fire was received Co B held in place as arty supported. At the close of the period the cordon was maintained to the north by B 1-501 from vic YD686286 to YD691286 and A (-) 1-501 from YD691286 to YD693285. During the afternoon Co B 2-501 was airlifted from the cordon and reverted to OPCON 2-501 Inf. At 1723 hours 1 plat of A 1-501 was airlifted across the river from YD692286 to YD695285 to permit the filling at the gap created by B 1-501. Also 1 plat of HHC 1-501 was employed to keep the cordon intact - results: 2 US WIA (medevac), Enemy assessment - 25 NVA KIA (BC), 7 NVA POW, 9 AK-47, 6 SKS, 1 RP-46 HMG, 1 soviet carbine, 1 M2 carbine.

(1) Co C, OPCON 2-17 Cav.

(2) Co D and 1 PF plat attached. Occupied night position vic YD656252 with ambushes vic YD647250, YD658245, and YD659239. At 0230 hours ambush vic YD658245 exchanged fire with approx 50 NVA. Results - 1 US WIA. Enemy assessment - 1 NVA KIA. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD663255. At 1500 hours vic YD661255 engaged 1 NVA, resulting in 1 NVA KIA (BC). Results - 1 US WIA. Enemy assessment - 2 NVA KIA (BC).

(3) Recon Plat. 1 PF plat and 1 RF plat attached. Occupied night position vic YD610265 and YD614266, and YD612262. Conducts patrols reconnoitering for night ambush sites. Established night position vic YD613271 with local ambushes.

(4) A 1-502. Remained at LZ SALLY as RRF.

(5) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP LZ SALLY, Co A YD683275, Co B YD687286, Co C OPCON 2-17, Co D YD663255, Recon Plat YD613271, Co A 2-501 YD692286.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD723317 with ambush vic YD725325. At 0628 hours received 7 rounds 82mm mortar fire. Arty fired on suspected enemy mortar position vic YD715330. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. Conducted RIF operation NE towards village vic YD732327. At 0930 hours lead elements entering village began receiving fire. Received

SA and AW fire from YD726328. Results 2 US WIA. Withdrew to call in arty.

As intense SA and AW fire continued to be received from an estimated Co size element, Co B withdrew to YD725324 to be supported by air. From 1115 hours to 1449 hours 7 air strikes supported Co B resulting in 8 NVA KBA (BC). Established night position vic YD726323 with ambushes vic YD725328 and YD729323. Results: 2 US WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment - 8 NVA KBA (BC).

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD673333 with ambush vic YD667338. Provided security for rice harvest with Co (-) at YD673333 and plats at YD665334, YD664328, and YD673329.

(4) Co D. OPCON 1-501 Inf until 1530 hours. At 1546 hours conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD696288 to LZ vic YD727337. Closed LZ at 1620 hours, LZ green. Conducted RIF operation to YD728335. At YD729330 found 1 SKS and 1 soviet carbine. Established night position vic YD728335 with ambushes vic YD724334 and YD732333. At 1551 hours vic YD734339 gunships in support of D engaged 1 VC. Results - 1 VC KIA.

(5) Recon Plat. Provided security for FSB OMAHA.

(6) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP YD686340, Co A OPCON 1-501 Inf, Co B YD726323, Co C YD673333, Co D YD732333, Recon Plat YD688339.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A. Conducted plat size RIF operations from YD623316 to YD622325, YD627325, and YD633324. Destroyed enemy bunkers and fighting trenches vic YD6332 with a bulldozer. Returned to AN LO Bridge.

(2) Troop B. Provided security for AN LO Bridge. At 0725 hours received 3 82mm mortar rounds and SA fire from the S along the W side of river. Negative casualties. Conducted RIF operation S along W side of river to vic YD608288 and returned. Established night position vic YD595305 with ambush vic YD608305.

(3) Co C, 1-501 Inf. Conducted RIF operation from vic YD674293 to YD650300. Established night position vic YD655297 with ambushes vic YD653293 and YD653294.

(4) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Troop A.

(5) 2/A/3-5 Cav. OPCON Troop B. Approximately 1700 hours moved to Camp EVANS, OPCON 2-17 Cav.

(6) Locations of squadron elements at close of reporting period. Squadron TAC CP YD623304, Troop A YD623304, Troop B YD595305, Aero Rifle Plat OPCON Troop A, 2/A/3-5 Camp EVANS, Co C 1-501 Inf YD655297.

e. 2d Bde HHC Security Plat. Provided minesweep security N and S along QL-1.

2. (C) Plans Summary.

a. 1-501 Inf. A 1-501, B 1-501, A 2-501, plat size element from HHC 1-501 and E 1-501, and 3 plats of PF continue the cordon of THON PHUOC YEN vic YD 687282, throughout the night under continuous illumination. Commencing approx 0800 hours make a CS drum drop vic YD688283. A psychological operations team will broadcast for the enemy to surrender. If heavy resistance continues to be received from the enemy, Co B 1-501 will attack to the south vic YD686285 along the river.

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

(2) Co D. From night position vic YD663255, conduct RIF operation to vic YD635240, then return to vic YD6625 and establish night position and ambushes.

(3) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD613271, conduct RIF operation S along the east side of SONG BO River to vic YD6025.

(4) Co A 1-502. Remain at LZ SALLY as 2d Bde RRF.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD726323 conduct RIF operation through the village vic YD730327, moving from the SW to the NE.

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD673333 continue to provide security for rice harvest vic YD6632, YD6633, YD6733, and YD6732.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD728335 conduct RIF S to village vic YD730327, then E through the village

(5) Recon Plat. Provide security for FSB OMAHA. Conduct RIF operation to vic YD713353, NW along the coast to vic YD690368, YD683360, and return to YD688339.

c. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A. Provide security for AN LO Bridge. Conduct plat size RIF operation along the east side of the SONG BO River to vic YD615278 and return.

(2) Troop B. From night position vic YD595304 conduct RIF operation NE to vic YD615317, YD611322 and YD606323.

(3) Co C 1-501 Inf. From night position vic YD655297 conduct RIF operation to vic YD638305 and YD640320.

(4) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Troop A.

(5) 2/A/3-5 Cav. Remain at Camp EVANS. OPCON released on 3 May.

(6) Remarks: On 3 May 2-17 Cav will receive OPCON a plat of C 2-34 Cav.

d. 2d Bde HHC Security Plat. Provide security for minesweep security. N and S of QL1. Provide security for C/326 Engr elements clearing astride the road vic YD604316.

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

a. Friendly losses: 76 US KIA, 362 US WIA (276 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 659 NVA KIA (BC), 73 VC KIA (BC), 122 NVA POW, 1 VC POW, 3 returnees. (An additional 115 NVA KIA (BC) resulting from joint operation with 1st ARVN Div Black Panther Co, and 51 NVA KIA (BC) by army Aviation).

(2) Weapons: 2 K-44's, 59 SKS carbines, 1 SMG, 1 F-38 pistol, 91 AK-47's, 4 7.62 HMG, 1 CHICOM pistol, 8 AK-47's (destroyed), 9 M-16's, 5 M1 carbines, 11 LMG, 11 RPG-2 launchers, 3 RPG-7 launchers, 3 SKS (destroyed), 8 RPG-2 launchers (destroyed), 1 .45 pistol and 9 122mm rockets, 2 M2 carbine, 2 mausers, 1 82mm mortar sight, 1 RPG-2 launcher sight, 1 60mm mortar, 2 82mm mortar (1 partially destroyed), 3 soviet carbines.

(3) Munitions: 39 60mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 24 82mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 25 B-40 rds (destroyed), 40 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), 3 AP mines (destroyed), 8570 rds SA, 3 AT mines (destroyed), 34 BBT (destroyed), 6 90mm rds (destroyed), 2 RPG-7 rds, (destroyed), 16 sticks TNT (destroyed).