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	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, 801st Maint	"
	2d Plat, 101st MP Co	"
	2d Plat, 265th RRC	"
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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 1-501 completed their cordon operation and the 2-501 Inf established a cordon around the villages vic YD690300 and YD693304. Today's statistics: 3 US KIA, 13 US WIA (11 medevac). Enemy assessment: 12 NVA KIA (BC), 2 NVA POW, 5 AK-47, 2 LMG, 2 SKS, and 3 CHICOM grenades (destroyed).

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) A 1-501, B 1-501, A 2-501, plat HHC 1-501, and 3 plats of PF continued the cordon of THON PHUOC YEN vic YD687282, 3 2000 throughout the night under continuous illumination. At 0410 May 1968 vic YD688286, B 1-501 received SA and RPG fire. Returned fire. 1 7

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Sporadic fire continued until 0525 hours. Results 2 US WIA. First light check resulted in 4 NVA KIA (BC), 1 LMG, 4 AK-47, and 1 POW WIA. Approx 0800 hours a CS drum drop was conducted vic YD688283. A Psychological Operations Team broadcasted for the enemy to surrender. B 1-501 and A 2-501 conducted a sweep of the cordoned area. Results: 3 US WIA (includes 1 minor WIA from Arty schrapnel), (2 medevac), Enemy assessment: 10 NVA KIA (BC), 2 NVA POW, 4 AK-47, 1 SKS, 2 LMG, 1 CHICOM grenade destroyed.

(2) Co A. Maintained a blocking position throughout the night. Conducted RIF operation from YD683275 to vic YD673286. At 1420 hours vic YD687276 engaged 2 NVA. Results - 2 NVA KIA (BC). Established night position vic YD678284 with local ambushes.

(2) Co B. Conducted sweep of village, THON PHUOC YEN. Established ambushes vic of village.

(3) Co C. OPCON 2-17 Cav until 1400 hours, then OPCON 2-501 Inf.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD663255 with ambushes vic YD653250, YD664246, and YD663241. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD675286. Established night position vic YD671281 with local ambushes.

(5) Co A 2-501. Conducted sweep of village THON PHUOC YEN. Established ambushes vic of village.

(6) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD613271 with ambushes vic YD617270 and YD615276. Conducted patrols to vic YD623264 reconnoitering for night ambush sites. Established night position vic YD623264 with local ambush.

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP LZ SALLY, Co A YD678284, Co B YD685277, Co C OPCON 2-501, Co D YD671281, Co A 2-501 Inf YD690278, Recon Plat YD623264.

c. 2-501 Inf.

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

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD726323 with ambushes vic YD725328 and YD729323. Conducted RIF operation to village vic YD728327. Searched the village with negative contact, found 1 SKS, 1 AK-47, and 2 CHICOM

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grenades (destroyed). At 1208 hours conducted combat assault from PZ vic YD 723325 to LZ vic YD684316, closed 1235 hours. Conducted RIF operation S to village vic YD686305. At 1440 hours vic YD687304 received RPG, SA, and AW fire from an estimated reinforced plat. Returned fire with organic weapons. Arty supported. Intense fire continued to be received. LFT supported as Co B recovered their wounded. Contact broke at 1500 hours as Co B withdrew to a blocking position to cordon the enemy force. At the close of the reporting period sporadic fire continued to be received. Occupied a blocking position from YD684305 to YD689308. Results: 2 US KIA, 6 US WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment: 1 SKS, 1 AK-47, 2 CHICOM grenades (destroyed).

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD673333. Provided security for rice harvest with elements at YD673333, YD665328, and YD674328. At 1312 hours conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD672333 to LZ vic YD688296. Closed 1350 hours. Held in place while an arty preparation was fired vic YD 688300. Moved forward and entered village vic YD688302. Unable to advance because of closeness to arty being fired in support of Co B. Occupied a blocking position from YD690298 and YD684304.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD728335 with ambushes vic YD 724334 and YD732333. Conducted RIF operation to village vic YD722313. At 1305 hours vic YD724314 received SA fire. Returned fire and arty supported. Intensity of fire increased as AW fire and 1 60mm mortar round was received from an estimated reinforced squad, resulting in 1 US WIA. LFT supported. Contact was broken at 1500 hours as Co withdrew to permit 5 AS to support. Approx 1600 company withdrew to a PZ vic YD731311 to prepare to move to an LZ vic YD695296 and assume a blocking position to cordon an unknown size enemy force vic YD600303. PZ time was 1705 hours, closed LZ 1740 hours. Occupied a blocking position vic YD695300 to YD690298. Results: 1 US WIA (medevac). Negative enemy assessment.

(5) Recon Plat. Provided security for FSB OMAHA. Conducted RIF operation to YD687306 and returned. At 1910 hours conducted a combat assault from FSB OMAHA to LZ vic YD683300, closed 1930 hours. Moved to a blocking

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position vic YD684304 to YD684305.

(6) Co A 1-502 Inf. OPCON effective 1605 hours. At 1643 hours conducted a combat assault from LZ SALLY to LZ vic YD691341. Occupied a blocking position from YD691304 to YD695301. At 1900 hours vic YD695303 received SA and AW fire. Returned fire. Results - 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA (medevac. Enemy assessment negative.

(7) Co C 1-501 Inf. OPCON 2-501 Inf effective 1400 hours. At 1505 hours conducted combat assault from PZ vic YD613315 to LZ vic YD666294, closed 1515 hours. Conducted RIF operation to YD670290. At 1735 hours conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD666294 to LZ vic YD690311. Occupied a blocking position vic YD691304 to YD689308. At 1945 hours, received sniper fire. Results - 1 US WIA (medevac).

(8) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB OMAHA, Co A OPCON 1-501, Co B YD690305, Co C YD 698308, Co D YD693298, Recon Plat YD684304, A 1-502 YD695303. Co C 1-501 Inf, YD684303.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A. Provided security for AN LO Bridge. Conducted plat size RIF operation from AN LO Bridge to vic YD613290, YD620290, and returned.

(2) Troop B. Occupied night position vic YD595305 with ambush vic YD608305. 1 Plat remained at YD595305, Troop (-) conducted RIF operation to vic YD615317, YD611322, YD606323, and returned. At 1050 hours vic YD607323 1 minor US WIA from punji stake. At 1105 hours vic YD612329 received 2 rounds of sniper fire from vic YD623320. Negative casualties. Area was checked with negative results. Results - 1 US WIA. Negative enemy assessment.

(3) Co C 1-501 Inf. Occupied night position vic YD655297 with ambushes vic YD653293 and YD653294. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD613318. OPCON 2-501 Inf effective 1400 hours.

(4) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Troop A.

(5) Locations of Squadron elements at close of reporting period. Squadron CP YD623304, Troop A YD623304, Troop B YD595305, Aero Rifle Plat OPCON Troop A.

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2. (C) Plans Summary.

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD678284 move to and conduct a search of the village vic YD677287.

(2) Co B. Establish ambushes vic THON PHUOC YEN village (YD686280). Conduct search of the village throughout the day.

(3) Co C. OPCON 2-501 Inf and then to 1-502 Inf.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD671281 conduct RIF operation to vic YD650250. Establish night position and local ambushes vic YD6525.

(5) Recon Plat. 1 Plat RF and 1 plat PF OPCON to Recon Plat. From night position vic YD623264, conduct RIF operation to vic YD607255. Establish night position and local ambushes.

(6) Co A, 2-501 Inf. Establish ambushes vic THON PHUOC YEN village (YD686280). Revert to OPCON 2-501 Inf o/a 0900 hours.

b. 2-501 Inf. Maintain cordon around villages vic YD690300 and YD693304 until relieved by 1-502 Inf.

(1) TAC CP: Approx 0900 hours move by air from FSB OMAHA to FSB GERONIMO.

(2) Co A. Approx 0900 move by air from PZ vic YD694275 to FSB GERONIMO to relieve elements of 1-505 Inf.

(3) Co B. Maintain a blocking position vic YD689308 to YD684305. OPCON 1-502 Inf o/o.

(4) Co C. Maintain a blocking position vic YD690298 to YD684304, until relieved in place by Co C 1-502 Inf. Move by air from PZ vic YD688295 to LZ vic YD677260, and conduct RIF operations in that vicinity.

(5) Co D. Maintain a blocking position vic YD695300 to YD690298 until relieved in place by Co B 1-502 Inf. Move by air from PZ vic YD693298 to HUE Bridge vic YD751209 and relieve Co B 1-505 of bridge security missions.

(6) Recon Plat. Maintain a blocking position vic YD684304 to YD684305 until relieved by elements of 1-502 Inf. Move by air from PZ vic YD682303 to SATAN vic YD663223, and relieve a plat of C/1-505.

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(7) Co C 1-501. Maintain a blocking position vic YD691304 to YD 689308. OPCON 1-502 o/o.

(8) Co A 1-502. Maintain a blocking position vic YD695302 to YD 695306. OPCON 1-502 o/o.

c. 1-502 Inf. Move by CH-47 from FSB BASTOGNE to FSB OMAHA and assume responsibility for 2-501 Inf AO.

(1) Co A. Initially OPCON 2-501 Inf then revert to control of 1-502 Inf.

(2) Co B. Move by CH-47 from FSB BASTOGNE to FSB OMAHA. Conduct combat assault from FSB OMAHA to LZ vic YD693298 and relieve Co D 2-501 in place.

(3) Co C. Move by CH-47 from FSB BASTOGNE to FSB OMAHA. Conduct combat assault from FSB OMAHA to LZ vic YD688295 and relieve Co C 2-501 in place.

(4) Co D. Move by CH-47 from FSB BASTOGNE to FSB OMAHA. Provide security for FSB OMAHA.

(5) Recon Plat. Move by CH-47 from FSB BASTOGNE to FSB OMAHA. Conduct combat assault from FSB OMAHA to LZ vic YD682303 and relieve Recon Plat 2-501 in place.

c. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Conduct combined operation employing Troop A (-), 1 plat Troop B, 222d RF Co, and 27th PF plat. At approx 0730 A Troop (-) conduct combat assault from vic AN LO Bridge to LZ vic YD599279. Establish a blocking position to the NW along the railroad tracks vic YD599288 to YD609278. One plat of Troop B and the 27th PF plat will establish blocking positions to the SW vic YD605295 and YD609293 respectively. 222d RF Co will conduct combat assault from PHONG DIEN to LZ vic YD589301 and attack to objective 1 vic YD 601289, objective 2 vic YD605283, then north thru village vic YD607293.

(2) Troop A. Provide security for AN LO Bridge with 1 plat, Troop (-) conducts combined operation.

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(3) Troop B. From night position vic YD595305 Troop (-) conducts RIF operation vic YD6132 and YD6232. One plat participates in combined operation.

(4) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Troop A.

(5) Flat C 2-34 Arm. Upon receipt of OPCON, move to AN LO Bridge for security of bridge.

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

a. Friendly losses: 79 US KIA, 375 US WIA (287 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 671 NVA KIA (BC), 73 VC KIA (BC), 124 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, 61 SKS carbines, 1 SMG, 1 P-38 pistol, 96 AK-47's, 4 7.62 HMG, 1 CHICOM pistol, 8 AK-47's (destroyed), 9 M-16's, 5 M1 carbines, 13 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 rounds (destroyed), 43 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), 3 AP mines (destroyed), 8570 rounds SA, 3 AT mines (destroyed), 34 BBT (destroyed), 6 90mm rounds (destroyed), 2 RPG-7 rounds, (destroyed), 16 sticks TNT (destroyed).