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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, 801st Maint	"
	2d Plat, 101st MP Co	"
	2d Plat, 265th RRC	"
	Tm 2, 101st MI Det	"
	34th PI	"
	1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, Camp EAGLE, RVN	"
	3d Bde, 82d Abn Div, Camp EAGLE, RVN	"
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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 cordon of villages vic YD690300 and YD693304. Today's Statistics: 3 US WIA (medevac).

Enemy assessment: 27 NVA KIA (BC), 1 NVA WIA POW, 1 AK-47.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD678284 with ambushes vic YD677291 and YD675287. Conducted a search in conjunction with a minesweep team area vic YD6728, negative results. Established a night position vic YD677283.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position YD685277 with ambushes vic YD684281, YD687274, and YD685284. Throughout the night engaged 4 2000  
3 different suspected enemy movements. First light check resulted May 1968  
in 3 NVA KIA (BC). Conducted a search of THON PHUOC YEN village 1 7

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to further access results of cordon operation conducted 28 Apr - 3 May. At 0902 hours vic YD685280 found 1 NVA WIA. At 0943 hours received 2 US WIA resulting from a bunker being blown. Throughout the day found an additional 20 NVA KIA (BC), 7 were in fresh graves. Established a night position vic YD690279 with local ambushes. Results: 2 US WIA (medevac). Enemy assessment: 23 NVA KIA (PC), 1 NVA WIA (POW).

(3) Co C. OPCON 2-501 Inf until 1430 hours, then OPCON 1-502 Inf.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD671281 with ambushes vic YD671277 and YD671283. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD674243. At 1514 hours vic YD666236 found 2 NVA bodies in fresh graves, killed by SA. Results 2 NVA KIA (BC). Established night position vic YD668238 with local ambushes.

(5) Co A 2-501 Inf. Occupied night position vic YD690278 with ambushes vic YD694286, YD693276, and YD690274. At 2300 hours engaged 2 enemy vic YD690278. First light check resulted in 2 NVA KIA (BC) and 1 AK-47. At 0900 hours reverted to OPCON 2-501 Inf. Results - 2 NVA KIA (BC), 1 AK-47.

(6) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD623264 with ambush vic YD626261. Conducted local patrols reconnoitering for night ambush sites. Established night position vic YD617249 with local ambushes.

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

(8) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP LZ SALLY, Co A YD677283, Co B YD690279, Co C OPCON 1-502 Inf, Co D YD668238, Recon Plat YD617249.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co B, Co C, Co D, Recon Plat, Co C 1-501, and Co A 1-502 maintained a cordon around villages vic YD690300 and YD693304. At 0335 hours vic YD693298 Co D 2-501 received 2 RPG rounds with negative casualties. At 0345 hours Co A 1-502 exchanged SA fire with 2 NVA vic YD696302. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment. At 0425 hours D 2-501 vic YD693298 received approx 20-30 60mm mortar rounds from vic YD699318. Results - 1 US WIA. Co D 2-501 was relieved in place by Co B 1-502 Inf approx 1200 hours. Recon Plat 2-501 was relieved in place by Recon Plat 1-502 approx 1215 hrs.



At 1430 hours OPCON of cordon operation and AO were assumed by 1-502 Inf.

Results 1 US WIA (medevac). Negative enemy assessment.

(2) Co A. Returned OPCON from 1-501 Inf at 0900 hours. At 0928 hours conducted combat assault from YD694275 to FSB GERONIMO. Provided security for FSB GERONIMO.

(3) Co B. OPCON to 1-502 Inf effected 1430 hours.

(4) Co C. OPCON to 1-502 Inf effected 1430 hours.

(5) Co D. At 1320 hours conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD690298 to LZ vic YD750210 closed 1340 hours. At 1445 hours assumed mission of providing security at HUE bridges with Co (-) at YD749210, plat at YD780209, and 1 squad at LST Ramp vic YD771222.

(6) Recon Plat. At 1210 hours conducted a combat assault from YD684304 to Satan vic YD663223.

(7) Co C 1-501 and Co A 1-502 OPCON to 1-502 Inf effected 1430 hrs.

(8) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP and Co A FSB GERONIMO, Co B and Co C OPCON 1-502 Inf, Co D YD731311, Recon Plat YD663223.

d. 1-502 Inf. OPCON 2d Bde effective 0200 hours.

(1) Co B, Co E, HHC, Co C, and Co D moved by CH-47 from FSB BASTOGNE commencing 0725 hours to FSB OMAHA, closing 1750 hours. At 1430 hours 1-502 Inf assumed OPCON of AO previously controlled by 2-501 Inf. 1-502 Inf also assumed OPCON of cordon operation vic YD6930 and Co B 2-501 Inf, Co C 2-501 Inf, Co A 1-501 Inf, and Co A, 1-502 Inf at 1430 hours.

(2) Co A. OPCON 1-502 effective 1430 hours. Maintained blocking position vic YD691304 to YD695301.

(3) Co B. Moved from FSB BASTOGNE to FSB OMAHA. At 1115 hours conducted a combat assault from FSB OMAHA to LZ vic YD681305, closed 1138 hours. Relieved Co D 2-501 in place. Maintained a blocking position vic YD690298 to YD695300. At 1815 hours received SA and AW fire from their N. Returned fire. Contact broken 1830 hours. Negative casualties. Negative enemy assessment.



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(4) Co C. Moved from FSB BASTOGNE to FSB OMAHA. Co (-) moved to vic YD663310 and provided security for rice harvest.

(5) Co D. Moved from FSB BASTOGNE to FSB OMAHA. At 1639 hours conducted combat assault from FSB OMAHA, to LZ vic YD729308. Closed 1715 hours. Established night position vic YD731311 with local ambushes.

(6) Recon Plat. Moved from FSB BASTOGNE to FSB OMAHA. At 1145 hours conducted a combat assault from FSB OMAHA to LZ vic YD681305, closed 1154 hours. Relieved Recon Plat 2-501 Inf in place. Established a blocking position vic YD684304 to YD684305.

(7) Co C 1-501 Inf. OPCON effective 1430 hours. Maintained a blocking position vic YD691304 to YD689308.

(8) Co B 2-501 Inf. OPCON effective 1430 hours. Maintained a blocking position vic YD684305 to YD689307. At 1810 hours received SA, AW, and RFG fire from vic YD689302. Returned fire with organic weapons. Results - 2 US WIA (medevac). Negative enemy assessment.

(9) Co C 2-501 Inf. OPCON effective 1430 hours. Maintained a blocking position vic YD686303 to YD690298.

(10) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB OMAHA, Co A YD695300, Co B YD690298, Co C YD663310, Co D YD731311, B 2-501 YD689306, C 2-501, YD688300, Recon Plat YD689306.

(11) Remarks: Between 1020 hours and 1520 hours 10 air strikes were flown against the cordoned villages.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A (-) and Troop B (-) conducted a combined operation with the 222d RF Co and 27th PF plat. At 0730 hours Troop A (-) conducted a combat assault from vic AN LO Bridge to LZ vic YD603276. Closed 0738 hours. Established a blocking to the NW vic YD599288 to YD609278. Approx 0730 hrs Troop B (-) and the 27th PF Plat established blocking positions to the SW vic YD604296 to YD614296. At 0752 hours 222d RF Co conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD524348 to LZ vic YD590301. Conducted a RIF operation to vic YD601289, YD605283, and north thru village vic YD607293. (Results of the



222d operation - 1 RF KIA (BBT), 2 RF WIA (1 from BBT). Enemy assessment - 6 VC KIA (BC), 6 individual weapons, 1 crew-served weapon). At 1334 hours Troop A received SA fire from vic YD605267. Negative casualties. Engaged with organic mortars, negative enemy assessment. The operation was completed approx 1500 hours. At 1541 hours Troop A (-) conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD595285 to LZ vic AN LO Bridge. Closed 1553 hours. Troop B (-) moved from blocking position to YD595305.

(2) Troop A. Provided security for AN LO Bridge with ambush vic YD 619297. Conducted plat size RIF operation to vic YD615282 and returned. Troop (-) conducted combined operation between 0730 hours and 1553 hours. Returned to AN LO Bridge for bridge security mission.

(3) Troop B. Occupied night position vic YD595305 with ambushes vic YD608317 and YD617313. Troop B (-) conducted combined operation between 0730 hours and 1600 hours. Established night position vic YD595305 with local ambushes.

(4) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Troop A.

(5) Plat (-) C 2-34 Arm. OPCON Troop A effective 1630 hours.

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

Squadron CP Camp EVANS. Troop A YD623304, Troop B YD595305, Aero Rifle Plat OPCON Troop A, Plat (-) C 2-34 Cav OPCON Troop A.

## 2. (C) Plans Summary.

### a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD677283 begin moving approx 1100 hours, conduct RIF to vic YD6525.

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD690279 continue the search of THON PHUOC YEN village.

(3) Co C. OPCON 1-502 Inf until approx 1200 hours.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD668238 move to vic YD687253 to secure LZ for Btry B 1-321 Arty and C 2-501 Inf. Upon relief by C 2-501 Inf, conduct RIF to vic YD6225.

(5) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD617249 conduct RIF operation along E bank of SONG BO River to vic YD615278.



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

b. 2-501 Inf. Move CP from FSB GERONIMO to FSB PINKY.

(1) Co A. Provide security and close out FSB GERONIMO.

(2) Co B. OPCON 1-502 Inf.

(3) Co C. OPCON 1-502 Inf. Approx 1000 hours conduct a combat assault to FSB PINKY, relieve Co D 1-501 of FSB PINKY security mission.

(4) Co D. Provide security for HUE bridges vic YD749210, YD780209, and YD771222.

(5) Recon Plat. Provide security for LZ SATAN vic YD663223.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Maintain the cordon around villages vic YD690300 and YD693304 throughout the night under continuous illumination. Conduct psychological operation for the enemy to surrender at 0400 and 0600. At 0700 hours use arty and air strikes to soften the target. Attack the villages with B 2-501 attacking SE towards YD691303 and C 2-501 attacking E towards YD690300, with remainder of elements holding.

(2) Co A. Upon completion of cordon operation move to vic YD6931 and establish night position with ambushes.

(3) Co B. Upon completion of cordon operation move to vic YD689295 and establish night position with ambushes.

(4) Co C. 1 Plat provide security for FSB OMA A. Co (-) provide security for rice harvest vic YD6631.

(5) Co D. From night position vic YD731311 conduct RIF operation to village vic YD727306.

(6) Recon Plat. OPCON to Co B. Upon completion of cordon operation move to vic YD6931 and establish night position.

(7) Co B 2-501 Inf. Upon completion of cordon operation establish night position with ambushed vic the cordoned area.

(8) Co C 2-501 Inf. Upon completion of cordon operation at approx 1200 hours conduct combat assault from PZ vic YD685313 to LZ PINKY (YD687253).

(9) Co C 1-501 Inf. Upon completion of cordon operation at approx 1200 hours conduct combat assault operation from YD693306 to YD699280.



d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Troop A. Provide security for AN LO Bridge and establish local ambush. Conduct plat size RIF operation along southeast side of SONG BO River to vic YD615285 and return.

(2) Troop B. 1st Plat OPCON to Troop A. Troop B (-) move with a bulldozer to vic YD6332 and destroy bunkers and tunnel complexes.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Troop A.

(4) Plat (-) C 2-34 Arm. OPCON Troop A upon arrival from LZ BETTY.

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

a. Friendly losses: 79 US KIA, 378 US WIA, (290 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 698 NVA KIA (BC), 73 VC KIA (BC), 125 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, 97 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 carbines, 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 BET (destroyed), 6 90mm rounds (destroyed), 2 RPG-7 rounds, (destroyed), 16 sticks TNT (destroyed).