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|       | CO, 1-502 Inf                           | "                |
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|       | CO, B/326 Med                           | "                |
|       | CO, 188th AHC                           | "                |
|       | CO, 2-17 Cav                            | "                |
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|       | 2d Plat, 101st MP Co                    | "                |
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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 with the exception of the 2-17 Cav, which was attacking an estimated reinf NVA Co at the close of the reporting period. Today's statistics: 5 US KIA; 24 US WIA (16 medevac). Enemy assessment 6 NVA KIA (BC); 2 NVA POW; 1 VC KIA (BC); 1 VC suspect; 1 AK-47.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security for AN LO Bridge. Relieved of bridge security mission at 1403 hrs. Conducted RIF operation SE along north side of SONG BO River to vic YD645296. Established night position vic YD655299 with local ambushes. 6 2000

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD685285 with ambushes vic YD687289, YD696283 and YD684280. Conducted RIF 1 7

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operation to vic YD697297 and to YD693300. At 1148 hrs vic YD698298 engaged 3 VC with neg results. Established night position vic YD696296 with local ambushes.

(3) Co D. OPCON 2-501 Inf.

(4) Co D. OPCON 2-501 Inf until 1100 hrs, then OPCON 2-17 Cav.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD612255 with ambushes vic YD614255 and YD616255. Conducted local patrols during the day reconnoitering for night ambush sites.

(6) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - LZ SALLY; Co A - YD655299; Co B - YD696296; Co C - OPCON 1-502 Inf; Co D - OPCON 2-17 Cav; Recon Plat - YD610265.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Continued to close out FSB GERONIMO.

(2) Co B. Occupied a blocking position vic YD690234 to YD687247 until 1808 hrs, moved to a night position vic YD679237 and established local ambushes. (Delayed Report) 051600H vic YD691304 found 1 7.62mm Soviet HMG during sweep through village.

(3) Co C. Occupied a blocking position vic YD695236 to YD690236. At 0432 hrs vic YD692245 received 5 RPG rounds. Neg cas. Returned fire with organic weapons. First light check resulted in 1 AK-47. At 0947 hrs moved to a E-W blocking position vic YD695235. At 1020 hrs vic YD701236 found a fresh grave with 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1500 hrs returned to FSB PINKY to provide security. Neg cas. Enemy assessment - 1 VC KIA (BC).

(4) Co D. Provided security for HUE bridges vic YD749210, YD780209, and YD771222. From 0320 hrs to 0506 hrs the 3d plat at YD781209 received 12 RPG rounds resulting in 2 US WIA (medevac). Fire was returned with organic weapons. A first light sweep resulted in 1 VC WIA suspect. Results: 2 US WIA; Enemy assessment - 1 VC WIA suspect.

(5) Trp A, 2-17 Cav. Provided security at FSB PINKY. OPCON 2-17 Cav 1000 hrs.

(6) Co D, 1-501 Inf. Occupied a blocking position vic YD687247 and YD694249. At 1040 hrs received 1 US WIA (medevac) from shrapnel. OPCON 2-17

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Cav effective 1100 hrs. Results 1 US WIA (medevac).

(7) Co C, 1-501 Inf. Occupied a blocking position vic YD696249 to YD695236. OPCON 1-502 Inf effective 16155 hrs and conducted a combat assault.

(8) Recon Plat. Provided security for LZ SATAN and conducted local patrols.

(9) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - FSB PINKY; Co A - FSB GERONIMO; Co B - YD679237; Co C - FSB PINKY; Co D - YD748209; Recon Plat - YD663223.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD695316 with plat size ambush vic YD702322 and YD694306. At 0335 hrs, ambush vic YD694306 received hand grenades into position from approx 3 NVA to the south. Engaged with claymore mines and M79 fire. Sporadic SA fire continued to be received throughout the night from an estimated 2 squad enemy force when the ambush attempted to withdraw to medevac 2 US WIA. At 0652 hrs Co A (-) joined up with ambush and medevac was completed for 2 US WIA who were now KIA. A search of the area produced 1 NVA KIA (BC). Conducted RIF operation to vic YD695301, then N to vic YD710310, established night position with local ambushes. Results: 2 US KIA. Enemy assessment - 1 NVA KIA (BC).

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD692298 with ambushes vic YD704304, YD696300, and YD698296. At 2140 hrs ambush vic YD696300 engaged 4 NVA on opposite side of river with SA, AW, and M79 fire. Neg enemy assessment. The ambush remained in position and at 0745 hrs engaged one sampan with 5 NVA going SW. Results: one sampan sunk, 5 NVA KIA (BC). At 1045 hrs conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD692298 to LZ vic YD769328. Closed LZ 1133 hrs. Conducted RIF operation S to village vic YD750291. At 1630 hrs lead platoon vic YD752289 received AW fire from 4 positions. Returned fire and arty supported as unit withdrew to bring air strikes in on the enemy in bunkers with overhead cover. Co B then occupied a blocking position from YD752238 to YD749294 as the village was cordoned off. Neg cas. Neg enemy assessment.

(3) Co C. Co (-) occupied night position vic YD668302 with ambushes

vic YD664309 and YD668302. One plat provided security at FSB OMAHA. At 2130 hrs ambush vic YD668302 engaged 2 NVA moving SW along N bank of river with claymore mines and M79 fire. SA fire was received when elements moved to make an assessment. Ambush withdrew to YD665305. Neg cas. Neg enemy assessment. At 1707 hrs conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD662313 to LZ vic YD728335. Closed LZ 1730 hrs. Established 3 plat size ambushes vic YD7430.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD728335 with ambushes vic YD737334, YD731330, and YD722338. At 1141 hrs conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD728335 and LZ vic YD750296. Closed LZ 1200 hrs. Conducted RIF operation S to village vic YD748294. At 1325 hrs vic YD748294 received fire from 3 enemy positions, resulting in 1 US WIA. Fire was returned and arty supported as Co withdrew to YD749294. Sniper fire continued to be received until 1445 hrs resulting in 2 US KIA and 6 US WIA. Occupied a blocking position vic YD749294 to YD746292. Totals: 2 US KIA, 7 US WIA (medevac); Neg enemy assessment.

(5) Co C, 1-501 Inf. OPCON effective 1655 hrs. At 1707 hrs conducted combat assault from PZ vic YD697248 to LZ vic YD745295. Closed LZ 1730 hrs. Occupied a blocking position vic YD746292 to YD749290 to cordon the village.

(6) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD685311. Returned to FSB OMAHA, closed 1110 hrs. At 1555 hrs conducted RIF operation to vic YD687348 and established night ambushes.

(7) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - FSB OMAHA; Co A - YD710310; Co B - YD753293; Co C - YD743305; Co D - YD749296; Recon Plat - YD703360.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A was OPCON to 2-501 Inf for security of FSB PINKY. Trp B occupied night position vic YD596304. Trp B with 1/C/2-34 attached moved to vic FSB PINKY. From 0830 hrs to 0950 hrs 3 air strikes were flown into the cordoned village. Approx 1143 hrs D/1-501 attacked along the left of the village (vic YD690248) and Trp B attacked along the right of the village (vic YD693247). Trp A was in reserve. Only sporadic SA fire was received as elements advanced through the village until approx 1630 hrs. Co D and Trp B re-

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ceived intense SA, AW and RPG fire. Trp B maneuvered to their right so Co D could continue moving S from YD691239. One plat crossed the stream at that time and Co (-) provided rear security. At the close of the reporting period intense fire continued to be received as 2-17 Cav elements continued their attack under illumination. As of 2000 hrs, units had reported 3 US WIA (med-evac) and 2 NVA POW.

(2) Location of Squadron elements at close of reporting period: Sqdn CP - FSB PINKY; Trp A YD697242; Trp B YD696239; Co D/1-501 YD692237; 1/C/2-34 OPCON to Trp B.

f. 2d Bde, 1st Inf, 196th LIB.

(1) Unit moved by UH1D to vic AN LO Bridge. First lift time was 1246 hrs, Bn closed 1530 hrs. Order of movement was Co B, Co A, Co C, Co D, Co E, and HHC. 2d Bn, 1st Inf, 196th LIB OPCON to 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div, effective 1515 hrs. Bn CP was established at the AN LO Bridge.

(2) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - AN LO Bridge; Co A - YD652316; Co B - AN LO Bridge; Co C - YD623318; Co D - YD607308; Co E - AN LO Bridge.

g. 2d Bde, HHC Security Plat. Provided minesweep security N and S from LZ SALLY.

h. 2d Bde. LZ SALLY received 3 122mm rockets approx 1700 hrs - 1715 hrs. Arty was fired on suspected enemy location. Results: 1-501 1 US WIA; 1-502 1 KIA, 12 US WIA; 1-321 Arty 2 WIA; TACP 1 US WIA. Totals: 1 US KIA; 16 US WIA (10 medevac).

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD655299 conduct RIF operation NE through villages vic YD673314 and YD680317, then provide security for rice harvest vic YD690315.

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD696296 conduct RIF operation to vic YD687299 then NE along the SE side of river to vic YD708311.

(3) Co C. OPCON 1-502 Inf.

(4) Co D. OPCON 2-17 Cav.

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(5) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD610265, conduct local patrols reconnoitering for night ambush sites.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Continue to close out FSB GERONIMO.

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD679237 conduct RIF operation of village vic YD671240 and YD660236.

(3) Co C. Provide security for FSB PINKY and establish local ambush. Conduct 2 plat RIF operation S to vic YD691244 and return.

(4) Co D. Continue to provide security for HUE bridges vic YD749210, YD780209 and YD771222. Approx 0900 hrs, be relieved of bridge security mission and conduct RIF operation to vic YD680210.

(5) Recon Plat. Provide security for LZ SATAN and conduct local patrols vic LZ SATAN.

c. 1-502 Inf. Continue the cordon of the village vic YD748294 throughout the night under continuous illumination with Co B, Co D and Co C 1-501 Inf. Attack the village with Co B sweeping from SE to NW, while Co C 1-501 maintains position as a blocking force.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD710310 conduct RIF operation of village vic YD722311.

(2) Co B. After clearing village vic YD748294 conduct RIF operation to vic YD747305.

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD743305 conduct RIF operation NE to vic YD753310, staying on the NW side of the river.

(4) Co D. From their blocking position vic YD749294 to YD746292 conduct RIF operation to the NE to vic YD750305, staying on the SE side of the river.

(5) Co C 1-501 Inf. Continue to hold a blocking position vic YD746292 to YD749290.

(6) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD703360 conduct RIF operation to vic YD660362.

d. 2-17 Cav. Upon completion of attack of enemy force vic YD692241, occupy night position and ambushes vic the objective area. Conduct daylight search of objective area then return to LZ SALLY as RRF.

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e. 2d Bn, 1st Inf, 196 LIB.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD652316 conduct RIF operation to vic YD640323 and YD628337.

(2) Co B. Provide security for AN LO Bridge.

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD623318 conduct RIF operation NE to vic YD635325, then NW to vic YD623331.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD607308 conduct RIF operation NE to vic YD615317 and YD618328, and on order establish a blocking position or reinforce Co A or Co C.

(5) Co E. Remain vic AN LO Bridge and reinforce security of bridge.

f. 2d Bde HHC, Security Plat. Provide minesweep security N and S of LZ SALLY.

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

a. Friendly losses: 87 US KIA, 413 US WIA, (308 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 736 NVA KIA (BC), 80 VC KIA (BC), 129 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, 63 SKS carbines, 1 SMG, 1 P-38 pistol, 106 AK-47's, 5 7.62 HMG, 1 CHICOM pistol, 10 AK-47's (destroyed), 9 M16's, 5 M1 carbines, 14 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), 27 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).

Group 4

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