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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 a total of 5 contacts. Today's statistics: 4 US KIA (previously listed as 4 US MIA). 3 US WIA (2 medevac). Enemy assessment: 25 NVA KIA (BC), 2 NVA POW, 7 SKS, 2 AK-47's, 1 RPG-2 launcher, 1 60mm mortar, 13 B-40 rounds, 4 60mm mortar rounds, 1 82mm mortar round, 630 rounds SA, 2 CHICOM grenades, 3500 lbs rice.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD683314 with ambushes vic YD676313 and YD685312. At 071945 (late report) vic YD685312 engaged 2 NVA with SA. Results: 1 NVA KIA (BC), 1 AK-47. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD685304 and YD691305. At 0745 hrs vic YD684312 a BET grenade resulted in 1 US WIA. Established night position vic YD691306 with local ambushes.

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(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD794304 with ambushes vic YD707305, YD702302 and YD707309. Conducted RIF operation SE to vic YD685277. Established night position vic YD685285 with local ambushes.

(3) Co C. OPCON 1-501 Inf effective 1545 hrs. At 1630 hrs conducted a combat assault from a PZ vic YD743302 to LZ vic YD685282. Closed 1720 hrs, established night position vic YD691285 with local ambushes.

(4) Co D. Remained at LZ SALLY. Prepared for future operations.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON 2-17 Cav.

(6) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - LZ SALLY; Co A - YD691306; Co B - YD685285; Co C - YD691285; Co D - LZ SALLY; Recon Plat - OPCON 2-17 Cav.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Continued to close out FSB GERONIMO. Provided minesweep security of FSB GERONIMO access road.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD696203 with ambushes vic YD681235 and YD666232. Conducted RIF operation vic YD6723, YD6724 and YD6623. Established night position vic YD686244 with local ambushes.

(3) Co C. Provided security for FSB PINKY and improved defensive positions.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD655240 with ambushes vic YD661245 and YD647239. Conducted RIF operation vic YD6424, YD6425, YD6524 and YD6525. Established a night position vic YD663223.

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

(6) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - FSB PINKY; Co A - FSB GERONIMO; Co B - YD686244; Co C - FSB PINKY; Co D - YD656251; Recon Plat - YD663223.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD715303 with ambushes vic YD712294 and YD714310. Conducted RIF operation to village vic YD720295. At 1100 hrs vic YD716295 received SA and AW fire from the lead elements of an estimated company size force. Engaged with organic weapons. Withdrew to YD715295 to be supported by arty and air strikes. At 1407 hrs received SA

from YD717296. Withdrew to YD714296 and continued to be supported by arty and air strikes. Occupied blocking position from vic YD717294 to YD716297 as a cordon was established around the village vic YD720295. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD749301 with ambushes vic YD753307 and YD760310. At 2053 hrs ambush vic YD749301, engaged 1 NVA with M79, results 1 NVA KIA (BC). At 2103 hrs ambush vic YD760310 engaged 1 NVA with SA and AW. Enemy returned fire. Results: 1 US WIA (medevac); 1 NVA KIA (BC), 1 AK-47. At 2154 hrs ambush vic YD749301 engaged approx 30 NVA moving from the village vic YD748304 to the SE. Engaged with SA, AW, M79 and claymore mines. Intense fire was returned. Contact broken 2225 hrs. At 2232 hrs ambush received 4 rounds 60mm mortar from vic YD753312. Engaged suspected location with arty. At 0003 hrs sighted 1 NVA fleeing from vic of ambush resulting in 1 NVA KIA. At 0256 hrs sighted 3 NVA vic of ambush, engaged with SA, received SA fire. Results 1 US WIA, neg enemy assessment. At 0451 hrs exchanged fire with 4 NVA. Contact broken at 0459 hrs. Neg enemy assessment. At 0631 hrs engaged 1 NVA fleeing from site of ambush. At 0700 hrs first light sweep vic ambush produced 15 NVA KIA (BC), 5 SKS and 1 RPG-2 launcher. Conducted RIF operation to YD763301. At 1746 hrs conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD763301, to LZ vic YD726296. Closed LZ 1815 hrs. At 1805 hrs received SA fire from the west. Returned fire. Contact broken at 1810 hrs. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment. Established a blocking position from vic YD722302 to YD724294 as part of a cordon around village vic YD720295. Totals: 1 US WIA; enemy assessment: 16 NVA KIA (BC), 5 SKS, 1 AK-47, 1 RPG-2 launcher.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD744305 with ambushes vic YD749311 and YD743300. Moved to a blocking position vic YD747309 to YD744306. At 1712 hrs moved to PZ vic YD732308. At 1907 hrs conducted a combat assault to LZ vic YD715302. Closed LZ 1922 hrs. Established a blocking position from vic YD716297 to YD720304 and to YD722302 as part of a cordon around village vic YD720295.

(4) Co D. Occupied a night position vic YD772314 with ambushes vic YD764315, YD769317 and YD773322. Conducted RIF operation to village vic

YD764323, NE to village vic YD768327 then W to night position vic YD763315.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON 2d Bn, 1st Inf effective 0600 hrs. OPCON 1-502 Inf effective 1745 hrs and returned from YD680360 to FSB OMAHA.

(6) Co C, 1-501 Inf. Occupied night position vic YD759326 with ambushes vic YD755318 and YD762330. At 2245 hrs vic YD756324 platoon moving to ambush position engaged approx 6-8 enemy moving SE. Results: 4 NVA (BC), 1 SKS. At 0626 hrs vic YD762330 ambush engaged 1 NVA. Results 1 NVA KIA (BC). Conducted RIF operation to village vic YD747305. During search of village found 2 NVA KBA (BC). At 1315 hrs vic YD746303 found 4 US MIA from C/1-502 Inf from contact on 7 May. Also captured 2 NVA POW's (WIA's) in village, 1 SKS, 13 B-40 rounds, 1 82mm mortar round, 1 60mm mortar round, 600 rounds SA. At 1600 hrs conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD743302 to LZ vic YD685282.

(7) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - FSB OMAHA; Co A - YD716295; Co B - YD723298; Co C - YD718304; Co D - YD763315; Recon Plat - YD703360.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Conducted maintenance vic YD641268 and prepared for future operations.

(2) Trp B. Conducted maintenance vic YD641268 and prepared for future operations.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A.

(4) 1/C/2-34. Conducted maintenance at FSB PINKY.

(5) Location of Squadron elements at close of reporting period: Sqdn (-) - YD641268; 1/C/2-34 Arm - FSB PINKY.

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

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD646327 with ambushes vic YD645328 and YD646329. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD623304. At 0715 hrs vic YD642324 received SA, AW, and M79 fire. Returned fire. Arty supported. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment.

(2) Co B. Provided security for AN LO Bridge with 1 plat ambush vic YD645305. 1103 hrs received 4 rounds sniper fire. Arty supported on suspected enemy position. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment. Moved to a night posi-

tion vic YD597304 and established local ambushes.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD626323. At 0704 hrs conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD623325 to LZ vic YD643370 closed LZ at 0747 hrs. At 0810 hrs vic YD653363 found 1 NVA (BC) killed by arty prep and 1 60mm mortar round. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD656364 and established night position with local ambushes.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD608304 with ambushes vic YD608305 and YD605304. At 2045 hrs received 2-3 60mm mortars from YD597304. Arty supported on suspected enemy position. Neg cas; neg enemy assessment. At 0810 hrs conducted a combat assault from YD605305 to LZ vic YD652363. Closed LZ 1107 hrs. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD656365. Found 3500 lbs rice vic YD664361. At 1818 hrs vic YD669364 engaged 1 VC/NVA with SA, neg enemy assessment. Established night position vic YD666364.

(5) Recon Plat. Remained at AN LO Bridge, reinforced security forces.

(6) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - AN LO Bridge; Co A - AN LO Bridge; Co B - YD597304; Co C - YD656364; Co D - YD666364; Recon Plat - AN LO Bridge.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night position vic YD691306 conduct RIF operation NE along N side of river to vic YD705310, destroying bunkers when found and providing security for rice harvest vic YD6930.

(2) Co B. Continue to search village of PHUOC YEN vic YD688282.

(3) Co C. Conduct search of village of PHUOC YEN vic YD688282. Approx 1500 hrs move by air to LZ SALLY.

(4) Co D. Approx 1200 hrs move by vehicles to vic AN LO Bridge. Conduct RIF operation SE along N side of SONG BO River to vic YD655285.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON 2-17 Cav.

b. 2-501 Inf.

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

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD686211 conduct RIF operation vic YD6426, YD6726, YD6423 and YD6723.

(3) Co C. Conduct RIF operation from FSB PINKY to vic YD699203.

Provide minesweep security from FSB PINKY S.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD656251 conduct RIF operation to FSB PINKY and assume mission of providing security at FSB PINKY.

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

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A, Co B, Co C. Continue the cordon of village vic YD720295. Co's A and C remain in blocking position while Co B attacks from the E to the W.

(2) Co D. Conduct a combat assault from PZ vic YD763316 to LZ vic YD730337. Conduct RIF operation vic YD730327.

(3) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD703360 conduct RIF operation to FSB OMAHA and prepare for future operations.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. From night position vic YD641268, conduct platoon size patrols to vic YD633253. Provide minesweep security N and S from LZ SALLY.

(2) Trp B. From night position vic YD641268, conduct plat size patrols to vic YD633253.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. OPCON Trp A.

(4) 1/C/2-34 Arm. Conduct maintenance at FSB PINKY.

(5) Recon Plat 1-501. Conduct local patrols and establish ambushes along E side of SONG BO River YD6127, YD6128.

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

(1) Co A. Provide security at AN LO Bridge. 2 squads conduct local RIF operation with PF forces to the SW of AN LO Bridge.

(2) Co B. From night position vic YD597304 conduct RIF operation S to vic YD5926.

(3) Co C. From night position vic YD656364 conduct RIF operation NW to vic YD6437.

(4) Co D. From night position vic YD666364 conduct RIF operation NW to vic YD6437.

(5) Recon Plat. Conduct local RIF operation NE of AN LO Bridge to vic YD6331 and return.

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

a. Friendly losses: 95 US KIA, 444 US WIA, (338 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 830 NVA KIA (BC), 80 VC KIA (BC), 131 NVA POW, 4 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, 81 SKS carbines, 1 SMG, 1 P-38 pistol, 108 AK-47's, 5 7.62 HMG, 2 CHICOM pistols, 10 AK-47's (destroyed), 9 M16's, 5 M1 carbines, 14 LMG, 13 RPG-2 launchers, 4 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, 2 60mm mortar, 2 82mm mortar (1 partially destroyed), 3 soviet carbines.

(3) Munitions: 43 60mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 25 82mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 46 B-40 rounds (destroyed), 45 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), 3 AP mines (destroyed), 9200 rounds SA, 3 AT mines (destroyed), 34 BBT (destroyed), 6 90mm rounds (destroyed), 2 RPG-7 rounds (destroyed), 16 sticks TNT (destroyed).

Group 4