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LZ SALLY, RVN

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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
102001H May - 112000H May 68

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 3 contacts. Today's statistics: Enemy assessment 4 NVA KIA (BC), 1 SKS, 1 82mm mortar sight, 1 CHICOM claymore (dest), and 2 RPG-7 rounds (dest).

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD682300 with ambushes at YD681297. Conducted RIF to vic YD611313. At 1103 hrs vic YD676297 found 1 RPG-7 round, 1 82mm mortar sight, medical supplies, and some NVA uniforms. At 1123 hrs found a 250 lb bomb vic YD674293 (dest in place). At 1152 hrs conducted CA from PZ YD670296 to LZ YD667297 (LZ green). Established night psn vic YD611313 with ambushes loc at YD605315, YD607316 and YD616313.

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(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD696296 with ambushes at YD696300 and YD701294. At 0849 hrs Co B conducted CA from FZ YD696296 to LZ YD681278 then moved to LZ SALLY. At 1700 hrs Co B departed LZ SALLY and established night position vic YD608265 with ambushes at YD606261 and YD613259.

(3) Co C. Continued to secure the AN LO Bridge. At 0250 hrs received 4 rounds 60mm mortar with neg casualties. Suspected mortar psn was engaged with 81mm fire. Company continued to secure the AN LO Bridge and improved defense positions.

(4) Co D. Occupied night psn vic YD666286. Conducted RIF opn to YD668296. At 1040 hrs vic YD668287 found 2 NVA KIA (BC), 1 SKS, 1 CHICOMI claymore, and 2 RPG-7 rounds (claymore and RPG-7 rds dest). Established night psn vic YD668296 with ambushes at YD668292 and YD660295.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night psn vic YD610258 with local ambushes. Conducted sweep of area vic YD608355 where enemy element had been engaged on 10 May with neg results. At 1510 hrs moved to LZ SALLY. Departed LZ SALLY at 1703 hrs and established night psn vic YD684275.

(6) Loc of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - LZ SALLY; Co A YD611313; Co B YD608265; Co C AN LO Bridge; Co D YD668296; Recon Plat YD684275.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD692202. Conducted RIF opn in vic YD6919, YD6920 and YD7019 with neg contact. Established night psn at YD692202 with ambushes at YD685205, YD685201, YD689194 and YD701197.

(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD644254 with local ambushes. Conducted RIF opns vic YD6525, YD6625, YD6425, YD6624 without contact. Established night psn vic YD662258 with ambushes at YD662257, YD667253, YD658250 and YD562258.

(3) Co C. Occupied night psn at YD673232 and established local ambushes. Conducted RIF opns vic YD6823, YD6822 and YD6922. At 0830 hrs found a 500 lb bomb at YD688222. EOD team disarmed the bomb.

(4) Co D. Continued to secure FSB PINKY. One platoon conducted RIF opn vic YD6925, YD7025, YD7125, YD7126, YD7227 and YD7228. Conducted MEDCAP opn vic YD725291. Plat returned to FSB PINKY. Co continues to secure FSB PINKY with an ambush loc vic YD695248.

(5) Recon Plat. Continued to secure LZ SATAN (YD663223). Conducted local patrolling without contact and returned to secure LZ SATAN.

(6) Loc of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB PINKY; Co A YD692202; Co B YD662258; Co C YD674245, Co D FSB PINKY; Recon Plat LZ SATAN.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD728318 with ambushes vic YD739317 and YD740308. Conducted RIF operation from YD723312 to YD745325, SW to YD752310 and to YD743317. Established night psn vic YD756320 with local ambushes.

(2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD685367. Conducted local patrols and prepared for future operations. Night psn established at YD685367.

(3) Co C. Occupied night psn vic YD736333 with ambush vic YD730335, YD732334, and YD739338. Conducted RIF operation NW through village vic YD728335. At 0958 hrs vic YD729331 found the MIA (now KIA) from previous day and 1 NVA killed by SA on 10 May. Results 1 NVA KIA (BC). Moved to vic YD740323 and then established night position vic YD741325 with local ambushes.

(4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD718325 with ambushes YD722339, YD720333, YD720328 and YD728323. Occupied night psns and ambush sites until 1220 hrs as a blocking force for Co C. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD718310 and to villages vic YD722311 and YD726306. At 1320 hrs vic YD723309 engaged 3 NVA with SA fire. Enemy fled with neg enemy assessment. At 1549 hrs vic YD726307 found 1 NVA killed by air approx 10 May. Results 1 NVA KIA (BC). Established a night position vic YD735306 with local ambushes.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co B.

(6) Loc of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB OMAHA; Co A YD756320; Co B YD685367; Co C YD741325; Co D YD735306; Recon Plat OPCON B Co.

e. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Sqdn night psn at YD609379 received 8 to 10 unk type mortar rds at 0010 hrs with neg casualties. Counter mortar fire at YD600396 produced 2 secondary explosions.

(2) Trp A. From Sqdn base at YD609379, conducted RIF opns to the N to vic YD613403 and the W to vic YD600398 and returned to Sqdn base. At 0815 hrs vic YD613387 engaged 3 enemy results unk and neg casualties.

(3) Trp B. From Sqdn base at YD609379, conducted RIF opns to NW to vic YD5939. At 1106 hrs vic YD595388 received ineffective SA fire and 10 rds 60mm mortar with neg casualties. Area of suspected psn engaged with arty with unk results. At 1833 hrs vic YD587401 an ambush patrol received SA, AW and unk number of 60mm mortar rds with neg results. Contact broken at 1848 hrs with unk assessment. Reaction force (B Trp (-)) swept area with neg results. Ambush continued to establish psn vic YD607387.

(4) Aero Rifle Plat. Continued to secure FSB NEMITZ vic YD544333.

(5) 2d Plat/C/2-34 Armor. 3 tanks closed AN LO Bridge at 1400 hrs from Camp EAGLE. Placed OPCON to C/1-501 Inf.

(6) Loc of Sqdn elements at close of reporting period: Sqdn TAC CP, Trp A and Trp B YD609379; Aero Rifle Plat FSB NEMITZ (YD544333); 2/C/2-34 Armor OPCON C/1-501.

f. 2d Bde Security Plat. Provided minesweep security N and S on QL 1 from LZ SALLY.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night psn at YD611313 move to AN LO Bridge and assume security mission from Co C.

(2) Co B. From night psn at YD608265 conduct RIF opn to vic YD6225.

(3) Co C. Upon relief of AN LO Bridge security mission by Co A, conduct RIF opn vic YD6132, YD6232 and YD6333.

(4) Co D. From night psn vic YD688296 conduct RIF opn to vic YD647293, then NW along the SONG BO River to vic YD634307 then to vic YD657303.

(5) Recon Plat. From night psn vic YD672285 conduct RIF opn with 2 PF plats to vic YD678287.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Continue to secure FSB GERONIMO. 1 plat will conduct RIF opn to vic YD698206 and YD694218.

(2) Co B. From night psn vic YD662258 move to FSB PINKY and assume security mission from Co D.

(3) Co C. From night psn at YD674245 move to YD690233 and meet PF plat. At 0730 hrs conduct joint RIF opn to vic YD657246.

(4) Co D. At 0720 hrs meet PF plat at FSB PINKY. Upon relief by Co B, conduct RIF opn to vic YD674240, to YD664237 and to YD657246.

(5) Recon Plat. Continue to secure LZ SATAN. Conduct night recon patrols to YD648218 and YD666206.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night psn vic YD756320 move to PZ vic YD753320. At 0800 hrs OFCON to 2-501 Inf. At 0830 hrs move by air to LZ vic YD750210 and assume HUE Bridge security mission at approx 1200 hrs.

(2) Co B. From night psn vic YD685367 move at approx 1300 hrs to conduct RIF opn to vic YD687317.

(3) Co C. From night psn vic YD741325 with 1 PF plat attached, conduct RIF opn to vic YD716318 and YD720344. At 0745 hrs PF plat will conduct CA from LZ at QUANG DIEN to PZ vic YD740326 and be returned to QUANG DIEN at approx 1730 hrs.

(4) Co D. One plat will secure ROME PLOW opn vic YD723308. Co (-) with 1 PF plat attached conducts RIF opn of villages vic YD735297 and YD720297. At 0745 hrs PF plat conducts CA from PZ at QUANG DIEN to LZ vic YD735306 and returns to QUANG DIEN at 1730 hrs.

(1) Recon Plat. From night psn vic YD685367 conducts RIF opn to FSB OMAHA and assumes FSB security mission.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. From Sqdn base at YD609379 conduct RIF N to vic YD6039 the SE to Vic YD625385.

(2) Trp B. From Sqdn base at YD609379 conduct RIF NW to vic village at YD5939 to NW to YD5841.

(3) Aero Rifle Plat. Continues to secure FSB NEMITZ.

(4) 2 Plat/C/2-34 Armor. From night psn at AN LO Bridge move to Sqdn base upon completion of QL 1 minesweep.

e. 2d Bde Security Plat. Provide minesweep security N and S on QL 1 from LZ SALLY.

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

a. Friendly losses: 101 US KIA, 468 US WIA (352 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 958 NVA KIA (BC), 80 VC KIA (BC), 132 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, 83 SKS carbines, 1 SMG, 1 P-38 pistol, 117 AK-47's, 5 7.62 HMG, 2 CHICOM pistols, 10 AK-47's (dest), 9 M16's, 6 M1 carbines, 16 LMG, 13 RPG-2 launchers, 4 PRG-7 launchers, 4 SKS (dest), 8 RPG-2 launchers (dest), 1 .45 pistol and 9 122mm rockets, 2 M2 carbines, 2 mausers, 2 82mm mortar sights, 1 RPG-2 launcher sight, 3 60mm mortars, 2 82mm mortars (1 partially dest), 4 soviet carbines, 1 M1, 1 M60 MG, AK-50 (partillary dest).

(3) Munitions: 49 60mm mortar rounds (dest), 40 82mm mortar rds (dest), 54 P-40 rds (dest), 47 CHICOM grenades (dest), 4 AP mines (dest), 10000 rds SA, 3 AT mines (dest), 34 BET (dest), 6 90mm rds (dest), 4 RPG-7 (dest), 16 sticks TNT (dest). Group 4