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IMMEDIATE

CO, 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div  
LZ SALLY, RVN

CG, 101st Abn Div  
Camp EAGLE, RVN

INTERNAL: CO,  
XO, S1, S2, S3,  
S4, S5, Avn O,  
Sig O, Chap,  
Surg, Hq Comdt,  
Arty LNO, TACP

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, 801 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	"
1st Air Cav Div, Camp EVANS, RVN	"

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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report  
232001H Apr 68 - 242000H Apr 68

1. (C) Operations Summary:

a. General: TF 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div continued to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation DELAWARE to locate and destroy VC/NVA forces, bases and logistics in the coastal plains area. Contact was light with a total of 9 contacts.

Today's statistics: Friendly losses - 1 US KIA, 6 US WIA (5 medevac); Enemy assessment - 9 NVA KIA (BC), 7 VC KIA (BC), 6 AK-47's, 1 M2 carbine, 1 LMG, 1 RPG-2 launcher, 1 SKS, 350 rounds SA.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied NDP vic YD688268 with ambushes vic YD674273, YD675275, YD680276 and YD683274. At 2000 hrs vic YD680276, ambush engaged 15 to 20 NVA. Neg casualties; Enemy assessment - 7 NVA KIA (BC), 4 AK-47's and 1 M2 carbine. During the day remained at NDP, conducted maintenance and local patrols. Established NDP vic YD678272 with local ambushes.

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(2) Co B. Occupied NDP vic YD608265 with ambushes vic YD613259, YD606260, YD611271 and YD605267. During the day conducted local patrolling with neg results. Established NDP vic YD618274 with local ambushes.

(3) Co C. OPCON 2-17 Cav.

(4) Co D. Occupied NDP vic YD650255 with ambushes vic YD643250, YD648250, YD656252, and YD649256. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD661245. Established NDP vic YD657247 with local ambushes.

(5) Recon Plat. Provided minesweep security N and S from LZ SALLY.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - LZ SALLY; Co A - YD678272; Co B - YD618274; Co C - OPCON 2-17 Cav; Co D - YD657247; Recon Plat - YD634259.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Maintained a blocking position vic YD745305 until 1100 hrs. Conducted RIF operation to vic YD735301, YD729304 and to NDP vic YD712312. Neg contact.

(2) Co B. At 0705 hrs vic YD691311 received 8 60mm mortar rounds with neg casualties. Arty fired on suspected enemy position. Neg assessment. Conducted RIF from YD691312 to vic YD680310, YD675310 to YD668311. At 1157 hrs vic YD674310 received 10 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Result: 1 US WIA (medevac). At 1958 hrs vic YD668311 received approx 6 rounds of 60mm mortar fire, neg casualties. Totals: 1 US WIA (medevac); neg enemy assessment.

(3) Co C. Conducted RIF NW to vic YD715330. At 0937 hrs vic YD720320 received AW fire. Returned fire. Neg casualties; neg enemy assessment. Continued RIF operation to vic YD724324.

(4) Co D. At 0830 hrs Co D conducted RIF operation through hamlet vic YD748306 following arty prep. Neg contact. At 1125 hrs vic YD744302 found 2 NVA (BC) killed by air strike. Continued RIF operation to vic YD738302. At 1120 hrs had 1 US WIA (slight) from fragments of friendly thrown grenade. Totals: 1 US WIA; enemy losses - 2 NVA KIA (BC).

(5) Recon Plat. Provided security for Btry B, 1-321 Arty at QUANG DIEN.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP - YD686340; Co A - YD712312; Co B - YD668311; Co C - YD724324; Co D - YD738302; Recon Plat - YD686340.

d. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Occupied NDP vic YD601318 with ambush vic YD618323. Conducted plat size RIF to vic YD602320. One plat provided security at FSB BELCHER, returned to vic of NDP approx 1330 hrs.

(2) Trp B. At 0630 hrs moved from Camp EVANS to an attack position vic YD459426. Conducted a RIF operation NE along the W side of the SONG O LAU River to vic YD493452. At 1210 hrs vic YD489446 received 1 RPG-2 round with neg casualties. At 1445 hrs vic YD520498 engaged an estimated VC squad. Results: 2 US WIA (medevac); Enemy losses - 5 VC KIA (BC), 2 AK-47's, 1 LMG, 1 RPG-2 launcher, 350 rounds SA.

(3) Co B 4-31 Inf, 196th LIB. At 0846 hrs conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD539326 to LZ vic YD485394. Closed LZ 0925 hrs, LZ green. Conducted RIF operation NE along east bank of SONG O LAU River to vic YD496443. At 0935 hrs vic YD478403 detonated AP mine resulted in 1 US WIA (medevac). At 1000 hrs vic YD482406 exchanged fire with an unk size enemy force. Arty supported. Neg casualties; neg enemy assessment. At 1200 hrs vic YD488414 received SA fire from an unk size enemy force. Fire was returned. Results: 1 US KIA; Neg enemy assessments. Occupied NDP vic YD496443. Totals: 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA; Neg enemy assessment.

(4) Co C 1-501 Inf. Provided security for AN LO Bridge. At 2140 hrs vic YD619300 ambush engaged 2 VC. Results: 2 US WIA (1 medevac); enemy losses - 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS. At 1158 hrs vic YD490446 received sniper fire from estimated 1 enemy. Neg casualties. Conducted plat size RIF operation NE and SW of AN LO Bridge. Totals: 2 US WIA (1 medevac); Enemy losses - 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS.

(5) Aero Rifle Plat. Conducted maintenance at Camp EVANS. Plat (-) moved to FSB BELCHER to provide security.

(6) 2/A/3-5. OPCON Co C 1-501 Inf.

(7) 2d Bde HHC Security Plat. Provided security for FSB BELCHER.  
At 1330 hrs moved to vic YD605316.

(8) Locations of Sqdn elements at close of reporting period: Sqdn CP - YD465387; Trp A - YD605316; Trp B - YD482444; Co B 4-31 Inf - YD496443; Co C 1-501 Inf - YD623304; Aero Rifle Plat - YD465387; 2/A/3-5 - YD623304.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Conduct RIF operation from NDP vic YD678272 to vic YD680287.

(2) Co B. Conduct RIF operation from NDP vic YD618274 S to the foothills vic YD6123 and YD6223.

(3) Co C. OPCON 2-17 Cav.

(4) Co D. From NDP vic YD657247 move to vic YD668235 and conduct local patrols.

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

(6) Recon Plat. At 1400 hrs conduct RIF operation in conjunction with 1 PF plat and 1 RF plat from LZ SALLY W to SONG BO River. Establish ambushes along E bank of river between YD606250 and YD610270.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Conduct RIF operation from NDP vic YD712312 to vic YD707307 to vic YD696300 to YD700296 and to YD705297.

(2) Co B. Conduct RIF operation from NDP vic YD668311 to vic YD667316 then to vic YD670313 then to vic YD677320.

(3) Co C. Conduct RIF operation from NDP vic YD724324 to vic YD730327 to vic YD733328.

(4) Co D. From NDP vic YD738302 conduct RIF operation vic YD722310 then to vic YD723314.

(5) Recon Plat. Provide security for Btry B 1-321 Arty vic YD688339.

c. 2-17 Cav.

(1) Trp A. Trp (-) conduct RIF operation from NDP vic YD605316 to vic YD623329, YD633327, then SW to vic YD613315. 1 plat conduct training on 106mm RR vic NDP.

(2) Trp B. Continue RIF operation from NDP vic YD482444 NE along the west bank of the SONG O LAU River to vic YD498463.

(3) Co B, 4-31 Inf, 196th LIB. From NDP vic YD496443 continue RIF operation NE along the east bank of the SONG O LAU River to vic YD497453.

(4) Co C, 1-501 Inf. Provide security for AN LO Bridge. Conduct plat size RIF operations NE and SW from AN LO Bridge.

(5) Aero Rifle Plat. Plat (-) continue to provide security at FSB BELCHER. Remainder of plat conduct maintenance at Camp EVANS.

(6) 2/A/3-5. OPCON to Co C 1-501 Inf.

(7) 2d Bde HHC Security Plat. OPCON to Trp A. Conduct training on 106mm RR.

3. (C) Cumulative results: Operation DELAWARE.

a. Friendly losses: 10 US KIA, 76 US WIA (67 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 194 NVA KIA (BC), 7 NVA POW, 7 VC KIA (BC).

(2) Weapons: 22 SKS, 22 AK-47's, 2 LMG, 1 7.62 Soviet Assault Rifle, 1 M2 carbine, 3 RPG-2 launchers, 1 RPG-7 launcher, 1 CHICOM pistol, 6 AK-47's (destroyed), 2 SKS (destroyed), 1 82mm mortar sight, 1 RPG-2 launcher sight.

(3) Munitions: 10 82mm mortar rounds (destroyed), 6 90mm rounds (destroyed), 9 CHICOM grenades (destroyed), 16 sticks TNT (destroyed), 950 rounds SA, 2 RPG-2 rounds (destroyed), 2 RPG-7 (destroyed), 2 RBT (destroyed).

Group 4