

Operation
Salamander

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— The initial C.A. by the 1st Cav into the southern A Shau Valley had close to 100 birds - 10 flights of ten. They lost close to one half of the birds on the initial insertion. We were put on Red Alert and prayed that we wouldn't be used and thankfully weren't. During this operation all Black Widow aircraft were used on the assault to establish FSB Veghel. We saw some heavy fighting during that mission. The 101st wrote about it as one of their most demanding battles of the war. The 17th AHC. Kingmen were with us, one sister company in the 308th

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