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OFFICE OF THE S-3
APO 96377

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SUBJECT: Report of Significant Activities During Period 10-13 May 1969.

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1. Significant Journal Entries

a. 101840 May 69 A 155th aircraft flying north of Bu Prang, approximately 3 to 5 miles south of the Cambodian border was buzzed by an unidentified aircraft. The aircraft circled the 155 aircraft several times, then returned to Cambodia. The unidentified aircraft had a tail assembly similar to an OV-1, twin fuselage, straight blunt nose and wings, twin engine (jet), interceptor type with crew of two in tandem. This information was reported to 17th CAG S-2 for action.

b. 111000 May 69 SP/5 Allen 155th AHC while flying as crew chief on UH-1C 495 vicinity Chia Nhis was wounded in the right arm by hostile fire. Wound will necessitate SP/5 Allen's evacuation to CONUS.

c. 112230 May 69 Received a report from Lt Creig 48th AHC that ROK compound at Ninh Hoa was under mortar attack. 48 AHC area did not receive any damage. 5 slicks and 2 guns were called out on a TAC E by CO 9th ROK Div. 60 troops were lifted on a CA to suspected mortar position. Negative results.

d. 120125 May 69 92nd gunships instructed be on strip alert for possible support of Phan Rang airfield. Phan Rang received three mortar rounds. Aircraft were not utilized.

e. 120130 May 69 Received notification from Cpt Timmerman that the following locations had been attacked:

- (1) Phu Heip
- (2) Tuy Hoa City
- (3) An Son
- (4) LZ English

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- (5) Quin Nhon (outside city)
- (6) 9th ROK Div CP
- (7) Phan Rang

f. 120135 May 69 Received word from 155th AHC that Ban Me Thuot City was received mortar rounds. Negative rounds at Camp Coryell. 155th dispatched guns and flare ships to possible mortar positions. UH-1H 238 while conducting spot light mission vicinity AP 8798 was shot down. The pilot was wounded in the hand. Aircraft was secured by ground elements and slung out at 0915 by a CH-54. Another ship supporting the same operation received numerous rounds but continued to fly and was able to return to Camp Coryell.

g. 120222 May 69 Dong Ba Thin complex received approximately 47 82mm mortar rounds which impacted in the 92nd supply yard and Motor Pool, supply annex, supply room, four EM billets, two 3/4 ton trucks, one 5 ton truck and one crane suffered light damage from shrapnel. Five cans of peraprime, seven sections of 6" pipe and one pallet of 2"x4" lumber were destroyed. All field phones were rendered inoperative due to wires being severed. There were six minor casualties; two persons suffered minor abrasions during the attack and one person injured his hand on the barracks door. Alert terminated at 0335 Shadow A/C was requested and arrived on station at 0255.

h. 120155 May 69 Received report from 192nd AHC that Phan Thiet was receiving mortar rounds. 192nd compound did not receive any hits.

i. 120300 May 69 Word received from 192nd that Phan Thiet Airfield received three rounds at 0210 hours, damaging UH-1H 436 (minor damage to vertical fin).

2. Combat Assaults

a. 101000 May 69 48th AHC supported 30 ROK Regiment with 11 slicks and four guns, lifting 439 troops on a CA vic LZ BP 805007 (north of Phan Rang) no problems, lift completed at 1225.

b. 100900 May 69 48th as mission commander supported with outside A/C conducted a CA in support of 29th Regt, using 5 slicks, 2 guns, and two CH-47s to lift 465 troops to an LZ vicinity BP 808959 (west of Ninh Hoa) no problems, lift completed approximately 1200 hours.

c. 110800 May 69 155th AHC was scheduled to support B-23 with 4 slicks and 2 guns on a CA to lift 162 troops to an LZ vicinity YU 547305 (vic Minh Co) 160 troops. The lift was postponed due to heavy enemy contact. 1 UH-1C crew chief was wounded.

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d. 111400 May 69 155th AHC supported B-23 with 4 slicks and 2 guns on a CA lifting 130 troops to an LZ vic BMT.

e. 121400 May 69 48th AHC supported 29th Regt with 7 slicks, 4 guns, and one CH-47 on a CA, lifting 485 troops to three LZs vic south west of Ninh Hoa.

f. 131000 May 69 48th AHC supported 30th Regt with 4 slicks, 4 guns, 3 CH-47s, and one CH-54 on a CA, lifting 194 troops (fire support base) to an LZ north of Phan Rang.

3. Flying Hours 10-13 May 69 (OPREP 5)

<u>May</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
48th AHC	64	70	60	62	59
92nd AHC	47	53	54	49	66
155th AHC	78	53	80	69	70
192nd AHC	59	61	62	62	50
281st AHC	38	35		38	70
243rd ASHC	15	12	06	10	03

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