

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
155th Aviation Company (Aslt Hel)  
APO 96297

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SUBJECT: Commander's Monthly Highlights for July 1969

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1. GENERAL

a. July was a busy month for the 155th Aviation Company (Aslt Hel). The company continued to provide aviation support for the 23rd ARVN Division, Detachment B-23 (5th Special Forces Group), and units with operations in Darlac, Quang Duc, Tuyen Duc, and Khanh Hoa Provinces. In addition, the 155th provided major support to the 3rd and the 5th Mike Strike Forces who conducted combat operations west of Ban Me Thuot.

b. The company continued to maintain a high degree of aircraft availability for the month of July. The company had 18 UH-1H aircraft on hand and 6 UH-1C aircraft on hand (one additional UH-1C was acquired during the last few days of the month). Availability for UH-1H models for July was 97.0% and for UH-1C models 96.1%.

2. OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

a. The 155th Aviation Company flew 2,423 hours during July. A total of 13 airmobile operations were conducted by this unit in support of the following units:

45th Regiment, 23rd ARVN Division  
Detachment B-23, 5th Special Forces Group  
3rd Mike Strike Force  
5th Mike Strike Force

Numerous sniffer missions and LMRP operations were also conducted during this time. Two of the more significant operations that were conducted during the past month were:

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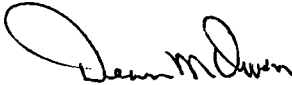
(1) On 26 July 1969, 5 slicks and 2 gunships from the 155th were joined by 2 CH-47s for an insertion of 580 troops north of Duc Lap. The PZ was Ban Me Thuot East and the entire operation lasted well over seven hours. The operation was completed without incident.

(2) On 28 July 1969, 5 slicks and 2 gunships from the 155th, joined by two CH-47s, inserted 564 troops from a PZ just north of Buon Ho into five landing zones fifteen miles northeast of the PZ. This operation required over six hours to complete.

b. During July, the 155th continued its emphasis on training. Training was conducted on counter sapper techniques, first aid, weapons safety, civil affairs, and Armed Forces censorship. In addition, all incoming personnel were required to have their protective masks checked in the company gas chamber, and they were required to test fire and zero their individual weapons. Aviator training continued to be stressed. A total of 24 check rides were given in July. All aviators were given refresher classes on the RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. A night flare training program was established to familiarize aviators in the proper procedures and techniques used to safely and effectively drop aircraft flares at night. The program has been marked with outstanding results.

c. Totals for the month of July are as follows:

- (1) 2,423 hours
- (2) 6,478 sorties
- (3) 9,694 pax
- (4) 94 tons
- (5) 4 Medevacs
- (6) 20 KRAs
- (7) 3 Structures destroyed

  
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