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155TH Aviation Company (Aslt Hel)
APO 96297

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SUBJECT: Commander's Monthly Highlights for August 1969

Commanding Officer
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1. GENERAL

a. In August the 155th Aviation 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, to controlling its own assets for this support, the 155th had OPCON to it 4 UH-1C gunships and 2 CH-47 Chinooks from the 52nd Aviation Battalion from Pleiku. During the month of rapidly changing tactical and logistical requirements, the 155th acted as controlling agency with these aircraft and with up to as many as twenty additional aircraft daily coming from Pleiku to support units in the Ban Me Thuot area.

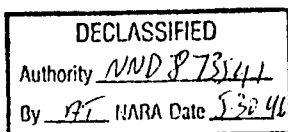
b. The company continued to maintain a high degree of aircraft availability for the month of August. Availability for UH-1H models was 97.6% and for UH-1C gunships 97.0%.

2. OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

a. Even with the deteriorating weather conditions in the 155th area of operations, the company continued to fly a consistently high number of hours. The unit flew 2519 hours during August. A total of nine airmobile operations were conducted during this period. In addition, the 155th assumed the role of providing continuing support for B-50 Special Forces Operations. One significant operational development was the requirement to conduct 2 sets of sniffer missions daily in and around Darlac and Quang Duc Provinces. These missions were marked by several enemy sightings and heavy readings were immediately engaged by mission gunships.

b. Camp Coryell was hit by enemy mortar rounds on the morning of 12 August 1969. A total of 33 rounds hit the compound wounding 11 personnel, damaging 5 helicopters and 7 structures. Aircraft were launched to react to the attack with negative results.

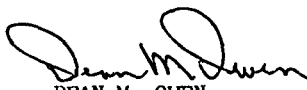
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c. Training during August was at a peak due to the anticipated Annual General Inspection programmed for the company for the first week in September. Classes were given on Code of Conduct, Geneva Convention, weapons safety, CBR refresher, Character Guidance and weapons familiarization. Aviator training continued with the making of three new instructor pilots for the company. A total of 29 check rides were given in August.

d. Totals for the month of August:

- (1) 2,519 hours
- (2) 6,935 sorties
- (3) 10,645 pax
- (4) 108 tons
- (5) 10 medevacs
- (6) 4 structures destroyed


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