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Subject: Re: The 1970 Cambodia Incursion

Mike and Bert,

I am cleaning up my e-mail mailboxes and found this in the "Compose" folder. Please let me know if you did or did not receive this post.

Walker Jones

Bert,

First, thank you for making the effort to educate folks on what the key role that the 1/9th Cav played during the 1st Cambodia Incursion. I STRONGLY believe that our Teams should be recognized as THE key elements of success of this Operation.

The ground troops would have nothing without us discovering all the caches. I was there - I know.

I have sent your post to some guys with C Troop who were in-country longer than I was (I arrived less than 2 weeks before the "invasion"). They all have stories of massive troop and vehicle attacks and kills. But none could provide any "after-action reports" on paper.

My first CO was Galen Rosher. I would not feel comfortable with your scenario without his input. As I am acutely aware of the - what? - competition - among our Troops then, I think it now is emcumbant on us old soldiers to bury the saber and stick together on history such as this, e.g. truck wheels? Give me a break! I would never have reported killin tires. Delete that shit - would never have reported killing tires. I feel slighted. And the implication that C Troop went in some time later, is a matter of one day. Isn't that true? And that was due to geography. Your portrial has us as "johnny-come-lately guys, who "destroyed 2 weapons". Come on Bert, Rock Island East was the biggest arms cache ever found.

I'm working on my own book. Let's keep things accurate, OK?

To tell you the truth, I am sick of folks like my bud, Rocket, referring to C Troop as "In-the-rear-with-the-gear". Maybe that was true to you, and him. But we in C Troop went through no less hell.

"Not to be outdone, destroying 2 weapons....", is a cut. Rosher was my CO when I arrived in April, 1970. I admired him. We had a parade of others afterwards, all of whom sucked. If there is lingering hostility, I'm not a part. And Charlie Troop should not be judged by their parade of "leaders", but by us soldiers who did what was asked. I don't think that this written history adequately reflects our true contribution.

Walker Jones

Who did more than he knew he was capable of - as everyone who goes to war

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> Mike and Walker,
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> Enclosed is my completed article on the 1-9 incursions into Cambodia