

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
155th Assault Helicopter Company
APO 96297

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SUBJECT: Monthly Highlights for the Month of February 1969

TO: Commanding Officer
10th Combat Aviation Battalion
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1. The 155th Assault Helicopter Company, during the month of February 1969, continued to provide aviation support for the 23rd ARVN Division, and other units with operations in Long Dam, Darlac, Quang Duc, Tuyen Duc, Khanh Hoa, and Phu Bon Provinces. The company also provided most of the aviation support during February for the Special Forces, Mike Force operation conducted in an area southeast of Ban Me Thuot, known as "Happy Valley". These operations were marked by heavy enemy contacts and frequent utilization of our gunships to support the field units. These gunships were highly effective in destroying enemy structures and ground troops.

2. During the month of February, Camp Coryell was relatively free of enemy mortar and rocket attacks. This was due, we think, to our increased ability to immediately locate, classify, and destroy the enemy as he fires his weapons. However, on one occasion at 0100 hours on 23 February, Camp Coryell came under a mortar attack that consisted of 20-30 rounds of 82mm mortars fired from unknown positions. None of the rounds landed in the compound and negative damage resulted.

3. The company increased its emphasis on its training program during February. All personnel were required to go through a CBR chamber where the operation of their protective gas masks was checked. Incoming personnel are now bore-sighting and zeroing their individual weapons within seven(7) days of arrival in the unit.

During this period, subjects taught included Character Guidance, Civil Affairs, Command Information, First Aid and Emergency Medical Care, weapons Safety the Code of Conduct, Crew Served Weapons, and the Care and Cleaning of the M-16A1 Rifle.

February was marked with an increased emphasis on aviator training. A total of Twenty five (25) check rides were given to aviators in order to continue to maintain a high standard of aviator proficiency. Also a night flying program was initiated to increase each individual aviator's night flying proficiency and the unit's over all mission readiness capabilities.

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