

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

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SUBJECT: Commander's Monthly Highlights for June 1969

Commanding Officer
10th Aviation Battalion (Combat)
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1. GENERAL:

a. On 25 June 1969 Major Bobby L. Moore relinquished command of the 155th Aviation Company (Aslt Hel) to Major Dean M. Cwen, formerly assigned to IFFV Headquarters. The change of command ceremonies was held at Camp Coryell and was attended by dignitaries of the 23rd ARVN Division, Darlac Sector, Detachment B-23 (5th Special Forces Group) and Colonel Nelson Malone, Commanding Officer 17th Aviation Group (Combat) and LTC Davey Stanley, Commanding Officer 10th Aviation Battalion (Combat). Major Moore was presented the Bronze Star for service and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry was presented by Colonel VO Van Canh of the 23rd ARVN Division.

b. The 155th Aviation Company (Aslt Hel) continued to provide support for Darlac, Quang Duc, Phu Yen, Tuyen Duc, and Khanh Hoa Provinces. The company also provided support for operations conducted by 23rd ARVN Division, 5th Special Forces Group and 4th Infantry Division.

c. The company continued to maintain a high degree of aircraft availability for the month of June. The company had 18 UH-1H aircraft and 6 UH-1C aircraft on hand. Availability for UH-1H models was 97% and for UH-1C models 94.5%.

2. OPERATIONS AND TRAINING:

a. The 155th Aviation Company during its 2400 flying hours for the month of June, supported units in a total of 16 airmobile operations. Largest of these airmobile operations was an insertion of over 900 pax and supporting equipment on 21 June 1969. This insertion was conducted south of Ban Me Thuot by 5 slicks, 2 guns and 3 CH-47's provided by the 179th in Pleiku. A total of 151 slick sorties and 45 hours flying time were accumulated during this successful operation. On 27 June 1969, the 155th again provided 5 slicks, and 2 gunships to extract these same troops. A total of 131 sorties and 41 flying hours were accumulated during this operation.

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b. The 155th has provided daily support for G-2, 23rd ARVN Division which was working closely with B-23 (5th SFG) in conducting sniffer operations south and west of Ban Me Thuot. These sniffer missions were instrumental in obtaining much intelligence and information concerning the enemy movements and build-ups in the above areas.

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

- (1) 2358 hours
- (2) 6617 sorties
- (3) 11,333 pax
- (4) 82 tons
- (5) None
- (6) 9 KBA
- (7) 3 structures destroyed

d. During the month of June 1969 members of the 155th and attached units received training in first aid, weapons safety, escape and evasion and riot control. Three films were shown during the month dealing with the above subjects. Our CBR chamber was opened for use during the latter part of the month. All newly assigned individuals were required to test their protective masks. Aviator training continued at a fast pace with twenty-five check rides being given to aviators.


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