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155th Aviation Company (Aslt Hel)
APO 96297

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SUBJECT: Commander's Monthly Highlights for November 1969

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1. OPERATIONS

a. In November the 155th Aviation Company continued to provide aviation support to the 23rd ARVN Division, Detachment B-23 (5th Special Forces Group), and units with operations in Darlac, Quang Duc and Tuyen Duc Provinces. The 155th's primary mission of support for B-50 operations was concluded on 15 November 1969. For a period of three months the 155th had provided daily support of four UH-1H slicks and four UH-1C gunships to B-50 operations. Sniffer missions in support of G-2, 23rd ARVN Division and B-23 were still being conducted daily in southern Darlac Province and northern Quang Duc Province, concentrating on the Fingers Lakes region south of Ban Me Thuot.

b. On 15 November there was a shift in emphasis on the type mission performed with 155th assets. The 155th was tasked to provide major aviation support to the 23rd ARVN Division and its OPCON units. These units were moved into the Bu Prang and Nhon Co area due to the heavy enemy buildup in that AO. During the month of November the 155th supplied aviation assets for a total of eight combat assaults. A total of 3500 passengers and 53 tons of cargo were moved in these lifts. The most significant of these lifts was conducted on 12 November. Twenty slicks, four gunships, and seven Chinooks participated with six of the slicks being provided by the 155th. The balance of the aircraft were supplied by other units of the 10th Battalion and by the 52nd Battalion. 155th aircraft were frequently used for emergency MEDEVAC and resupply for the 23rd Division units operating in the Bu Prang - Duc Lap - Nhon Co Triangle.

c. The unit continued to maintain a high degree of aircraft availability for the month of November. Availability for UH-1H models was 97.5% and for UH-1C gunships 95.6%.

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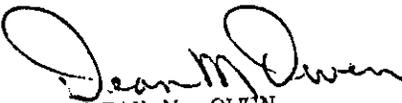
2. TRAINING

a. Training during November continued at a high level. Classes were given on Safe Guarding Defense Information, Military Justice, Vietnam Relations, Sentry Duty, Armed Forces Censorship and General Safety. Aviator training was given strong emphasis with a total of 25 aviator check rides being given during the month.

b. Aviators of the 155th demonstrated the results of the aviator training program as the 155th passed through it's 115th accident free day.

c. Totals for the month of November were as follows:

- (1) 2720 hours
- (2) 6853 sorties
- (3) 229 tons of cargo
- (4) 10,813 passengers
- (5) 69 enemy KBA
- (6) 7 structures destroyed
- (7) 55 MEDEVACS
- (8) Ammo Expended
 - 7.62 - 413,150
 - 2.75 - 2,432
 - 40mm - 3,228


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