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SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL REPORT - LESSONS LEARNED 1 AUGUST - 31 OCTOBER 1968

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SECTION I: SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATIONAL OR UNIT ACTIVITIES

1. (U) GENERAL: This ORLL covers the period 010001 August through 312400H October 1968. During this period the 1st Brigade continued operation "JEB STUART III".

2. ORGANIZATION: During the reporting period there were 18 major reorganizations to the alignment of the Brigade.

a. 01 AUGUST - The 1-8 CAV continued the security mission of LZ's BETTY, SHARON, and PEDRO, secured the minesweep operations along QL-1 from YD 329519 to YD 399487, augmented the security forces at the GA Bridge (YD 330518) and the NHUNG Bridge (YD 383488) and conducted operations in its assigned AO. The 2-8 CAV remained OPCON to the 2nd Brigade. The 1-12 CAV continued the security mission of LZ ANNE and conducted operations in the north central and northwestern portion of Base Area 101.

b. 02-09 AUGUST - The 1-8 CAV continued the security mission of LZ's BETTY and SHARON (LZ PEDRO released OPCON to the 3rd Marine Division) and continued offensive operations in its assigned AO. The 2-8 CAV remained OPCON to the 2nd Brigade. The 1-12 CAV continued the security mission of LZ ANNE and conducted operations in the north central and northwestern portion of Base Area 101.

c. 10-19 AUGUST - The 1-8 CAV continued the Base Defense Mission of LZ's SHARON and BETTY, conducted offensive operations in its assigned AO and air assaulted the 4th En, 1st ARVN REGT to vicinity YD 418582. The 2-8 CAV remained OPCON 2nd Brigade. The 1-12 CAV continued operations in the central and northwestern portion of Base Area 101.

d. 20 AUGUST - The 1-8 CAV continued the security mission of LZ's BETTY and SHARON, assigned OPCON A Troop 3-5 ARMD CAV and D Troop 1-9 CAV and conducted operations in the assigned AO. The 2-8 CAV remained OPCON 2nd Brigade. The 1-12 CAV continued the security mission of LZ ANNE and conducted operations in the eastern portion of Base Area 101.

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e. 21-22 AUG - The 1-8 CAV continued the security mission of LZ's BETTY and SHARON, continued operations in its assigned AO maintaining OPCON A Troop 3-5 ARMD CAV releasing OPCON of C Troop 3-5 ARMD CAV and D Troop 1-9 CAV. The 2-8 CAV remained OPCON 2nd Brigade. The 1-12 CAV continued the security mission of LZ ANNE and conducted operations in the eastern portion of Base Area 101.

f. 23-24 AUG - The 1-8 CAV continued Base Defense of LZ BETTY/SHARON Complex, conducted offensive operations in its assigned AO. The 2-8 CAV remained OPCON 2nd Brigade. The 1-12 CAV continued the security mission of LZ ANNE and conducted offensive operations in the northern portion of Base Area 101.

g. 25 AUG - The 1-8 CAV continued to secure LZ's BETTY and SHARON, at 0730 hrs assumed OPCON B Troop 3-5 ARMD CAV and conducted offensive operations in its assigned AO returning OPCON B Troop 3-5 ARMD CAV to 2nd Brigade at 1730 hrs. The 2-8 CAV remained OPCON 2nd Brigade. The 1-12 CAV continued the security mission of LZ ANNE and conducted operations in the northern portion of Base Area 101.

h. 26-28 AUG - The 1-8 CAV was released of the security mission of LZ's BETTY and SHARON, conducted offensive operations in its original AO. The 2-8 CAV was released OPCON of the 2nd Brigade and assumed Base Defense Mission of LZ's BETTY and SHARON, secured the minesweep operations along QL-1 from YD 329519 to YD 399487, augmented the security forces at the GA and NHUNG Bridges, assumed operations in its assigned AO. The 1-12 CAV continued to secure LZ ANNE and conduct operations in the northern portion of Base Area 101.

i. 29 AUG - 9 SEP - The 1-8 CAV conducted a combat assault, established Fire Base CINDY (YD 197407) and assumed operations in the BA LONG VALLEY. The 2-8 CAV continued the security mission of LZ's BETTY and SHARON, and conducted offensive operations in its assigned AO. The 1-12 CAV continued the Base Defense Mission of LZ ANNE and conducted operations in the north-western portion of Base Area 101.

j. 10-14 SEP - The 1-8 CAV was released of the security of LZ CINDY and became OPCON 2nd Brigade to participate in operation "COMMANCE FALLS I". The 2-8 CAV continued the security mission of LZ BETTY/SHARON Complex and conducted operations in its assigned AO. The 1-12 CAV continued the security mission of LZ ANNE, assumed the security mission of LZ CINDY and continued offensive operations in the north, the central, and the western portions of Base Area 101.

k. 15 SEP - The 1-8 CAV remained OPCON to the 2nd Brigade. The 2-8 CAV continued the security mission of LZ BETTY/SHARON Complex and conducted operations in its assigned AO. The 1-12 CAV continued the security mission of LZ ANNE and CINDY, conducted final extraction and air lift operations of the 2nd Battalion, 1st ARVN REGT and the BLACK PANTHER elements from vicinity YD 153336 and LZ CINDY to LA VANG AIRSTRIP, and conducted offensive operations in its assigned AO.

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l. 16 SEPT - The 1-8 Cav remained CPCON 2nd Brigade. The 2-8 Cav continued the security mission of the LZ BETTY/SHARON Complex and conducted offensive operations in its assigned AC. The 1-12 Cav continued the security mission of LZ ANNE and CINDY, conducted offensive operations in the north-eastern portion of Base Area 101, and assisted in the extraction and air lift of A Battery, D-19th Artillery to LZ SHARON.

m. 17 SEPT - The 1-8 Cav remained CPCON 2nd Brigade. The 2-8 Cav continued the security mission of the LZ BETTY/SHARON Complex and conducted operations in its assigned AC. The 1-12 Cav continued the security mission of LZ ANNE, completed the closing of LZ CINDY and continued offensive operations in the north central portion of Base Area 101.

n. 18-26 SEPT - The 1-8 Cav returned CPCON 1st Brigade and assumed offensive operations in its assigned AC. The 2-8 Cav continued the security mission of the LZ BETTY/SHARON Complex, and conducted operations in its assigned AC. The 1-12 Cav continued the security mission of LZ ANNE and conducted offensive operations in the north central portion of Base Area 101.

o. 27 SEPT - 05 OCT - The 1-8 Cav continued offensive operations in its assigned AC. The 2-8 Cav continued the security mission of the LZ BETTY/SHARON Complex, conducted offensive operations in its assigned AC, and assisted in the air assault of the 3rd Battalion, 1st ARVN REGT to vicinity YD 410625. The 1-12 Cav continued the security mission of LZ ANNE and assumed offensive operations in the south-western portion of Base Area 101 participating in the operation "COMMANCHE FALLS".

p. 6 OCT - The 1-8 Cav continued operations in its assigned AC. The 2-8 Cav was released from the security mission of the LZ BETTY/SHARON Complex and conducted operations in its assigned AC. The 1-12 Cav was released from the security mission of LZ ANNE and assumed the security mission of LZ BETTY and SHARON, and assumed offensive operations in its assigned AC.

q. 7-19 OCT - The 1-8 Cav assumed the security mission of LZ ANNE and initiated combat operations in its assigned AC. The 2-8 Cav continued operations in its assigned AC. The 1-12 Cav continued the security mission of the LZ BETTY/SHARON Complex and conducted offensive combat operations in its assigned AC.

r. 20-26 OCT - The 1-8 Cav continued the security mission of LZ ANNE and conducted offensive operations in its assigned AC. The 2-8 Cav assumed the security mission of LZ's BETTY and SHARON and conducted operations in its assigned AC. The 1-12 Cav released of the security mission of the LZ BETTY/SHARON Complex, established and assumed the security of LZ TOMBSTONE (YD 364852) to support the security mission of operation "FISHER" and to provide support for offensive operations in its assigned AC.

s. 27-28 OCT - The 1-8 Cav continued the security mission of LZ ANNE and conducted offensive operations in its assigned AC. The 2-8 Cav was released of the security mission of the BETTY/SHARON Complex and continued operations in its assigned AC. The 1-12 Cav continued the security mission of LZ's BETTY and SHARON, assumed Base Defense responsibility of the LZ BETTY/SHARON Complex and conducted offensive operations in its assigned AC.

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t. 29 OCT - The 1-8 Cav continued the security mission of LZ ANNE and conducted operations in its assigned AO. The 2-8 Cav continued the security mission of LZ's BETTY, SHARON and TOMBSTONE, and conducted operations in its assigned AO.

u. 30 OCT - The 1-8 Cav continued the security mission of LZ ANNE and conducted offensive operations in its assigned AO. The 2-8 Cav remains CPCUN to the 3rd Brigade. The 1-12 Cav continued the Base Defense of LZ's BETTY/SHARON, and received WPCUN of a Provisional Company 1-61st MECH which assumed the security mission of LZ TOMBSTONE. The 1-12 Cav continued offensive operations in its assigned AO.

3. (C) OPERATIONS:

a. MISSION: 01 AUGUST - 31 OCTOBER 1968 - The 1st Brigade continued the security mission of LZ's BETTY, SHARON, PEDRO, ANNE and TOMBSTONE, augmented the security forces of the GA and NHUNG Bridges, assisted the 1st ARVN REGT and GVN Authorities in the security of Engineer efforts and pacification activities during the construction of the road to the village of GIA DANG, and participated in operations against the VC infrastructure.

b. EXECUTION: The Brigade continued offensive operations in its assigned AO. During the reporting periods elements performing base security were held to a minimum in order to provide a maximum number of troops for maneuver and offensive operations. During the day platoons on LZ Security were combat assaulted into the AO and air-lifted back to the LZ in the late afternoon. Bushmaster Operations were emphasized with ambushes ranging from squad to platoon size. In addition to normal operations, coordinated operations were encouraged and conducted with the 1st ARVN REGT and local PF and NPFF forces.

c. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS:

(1) During the reporting period "CCRDAN", "SWOOPER", "MINI-CAV", and "SNATCH" Operations have been extensively employed throughout the Brigade AO in a concentrated attack on the VC infrastructure. These operations, as part of the "PHOENIX PROGRAM", have been based on intelligence provided by the Trieu Phong DIOCC and ARVN and US Sources, and have utilized to the maximum ARVN Forces, Popular Forces, and National Police Field Forces.

(2) On 29 AUGUST 1968 the 1-8 Cav combat assaulted to vic YD 197407 establishing firebase CINDY, air lifting Btry A 2-19th Arty in position late in the day. The 1-8 Cav (-) combat assaulted into the BA LONG VALLEY initiating offensive operations which disclosed only five (5) trails heading north and south. The operations took place in varying terrain, i.e., elephant grass 3-14 feet in height (valley floor), scrub brush (foot hills), and extremely heavy jungle in mountainous areas. On 30 AUGUST Artillery was air lifted to LZ CINDY completing the fire base.

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(3) The Brigade has maintained close and continuous coordination with the 1st ARVN REGT. During this reporting period the Brigade assisted in combat assaulting one (1) Battalion size ARVN element in the vicinity of the the "STREET WITHOUT JOY", and two (2) Battalion size elements assaulting into the mountainous terrain south of the BA LONG VALLEY. In addition to the above, daily combined "CORDONS", "SWOOPERS", "SEARCH & CLEAR" Operations were conducted with great success.

(4) During the month of OCTOBER the 1st Brigade participated in Operation "FISHER" (the GIA DANG Settlement Project). The Brigades' mission was to assist in the security of the construction effort of the GIA DANG development and the road leading from the settlement site to QUANG TRI City. In providing the security for this construction effort the Brigade conducted numerous "SELECTIVE SNATCH", "SWOOPER", and "CORDON" Operations throughout the "STREET WITHOUT JOY" and Beach area. The majority of these operations were joint operations utilizing ARVN Forces, Popular Forces, and US Forces. In addition to providing security these operations enhanced the working relations between the US and Vietnamese forces and greatly contributed to the pacification program in the TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT.

4. (C) TRAINING:

During this reporting period the Brigade Training Program emphasized the following: (a) Flame Thrower Training, (b) Anti-Tank Training to include firing of the 106 mm Recoiless Rifle, the 90mm Recoiless Rifle, and the M-72 LAW, (c) Booby Trap Training, (d) Night Operations (to include combat assaults, ambushes, and night attacks), (e) and Repell Training for select personnel within the Infantry Battalions. Because of the command emphasis that is placed on conducting a diversified training program the 1st Brigade is prepared to meet any contingency that may arise.

NOTE Negative Escape and Evasion Training was conducted.

5. (C) INTELLIGENCE:

a. ADMINISTRATION:

(1) The Brigade continued operations in the "JES STUART III" AO with moderate contact. National Police Field Forces, Special Branch Police, and Popular Forces Units have provided valuable assistance in all "CORDON" and "SEARCH" Operations against the VC Infrastructure. A platoon of NPFF, CPCON to the 1st Brigade, is used on a daily basis to assist US elements.

(2) The Brigade has continued the use of Long Range Reconnaissance patrols in the western portion of the AO with three (3) Operational Teams.

(3) The informant program for QUANG TRI Province is supervised and controlled by QUANG TRI Sector Headquarters. The Brigade Intelligence Section had daily liaison and direct communications with the 1st ARVN REGT, and with Sector and District Headquarters. All reports collected by QUANG TRI Sector and District Intelligence Agencies are relayed to the Brigade. The Brigade S-2 Section, in turn, provides them with pertinent intelligence gathered from the Brigade and Division resources.

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(4) The 1st Brigade has continued to participate in the PHOENIX Program. A daily joint intelligence briefing is held at Sector S-2. All elements within the QUANG TRI City area attend the briefing. This provides for an immediate and accurate exchange of information regarding enemy activity in the area. The DIOOC from Trieu Phong (D) has been a valuable asset in targeting enemy locations. The DIOCC at MAI LINH is also operational.

(5) The Brigade has attached one (1) platoon of NATIONAL POLICE Field Forces Personnel. Requirements beyond one (1) platoon are filled by QUANG TRI Sector.

(6) ENEMY LOSSES:

a. 1 AUGUST - 31 AUGUST 1968

<u>NVA KIA</u>	<u>VC KIA</u>	<u>NVA PW</u>	<u>VC PW</u>	<u>CD</u>	<u>UD</u>	<u>IC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
191	18	16	0	104	0	306	634

b. 1 SEPTEMBER - 30 SEPTEMBER 1968

<u>NVA KIA</u>	<u>VC KIA</u>	<u>NVA PW</u>	<u>VC PW</u>	<u>CD</u>	<u>UD</u>	<u>IC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
30	7	3	0	50	0	251	341

c. 1 OCTOBER - 31 OCTOBER 1968

<u>NVA KIA</u>	<u>VC KIA</u>	<u>NVA PW</u>	<u>VC PW</u>	<u>CD</u>	<u>UD</u>	<u>IC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
31	9	11	1	36	2	234	324

(7) ENEMY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY LOSSES:

a. 1 AUGUST - 31 AUGUST 1968

WEAPONS	86
SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION	2,871 RDS
HEAVY AMMUNITION (MORTAR B-40/41)	131 RDS
GRENADES	71
TNT	93 LBS
122mm ROCKETS	15
MEDICAL SUPPLIES	3 LBS
RICE	49,100 LBS
SALT	0 LBS

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b. 1 SEPTEMBER - 30 SEPTEMBER 1968

WEAPONS	32
SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION	2,060 RDS
HEAVY AMMUNITION (MORTAR D-40/41)	49 RDS
GRENADES	16
TNT	7½ LBS
122mm Rockets	0
MEDICAL SUPPLIES	2 LBS
RICE	67,200 LBS
SALT	12½ LBS

c. 1 OCTOBER - 31 OCTOBER 1968

WEAPONS	53 Indiv, 2 C/S
SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION	12,183 RDS
HEAVY AMMUNITION (MORTAR D-40/41)	390 RDS
GRENADE	99
TNT	80 3/4 LBS
122mm ROCKETS	10
MEDICAL SUPPLIES	6 1/4 LBS
RICE	102,555 LBS
SALT	0

b. TACTICAL SITUATION:

(1) ENEMY LOCATIONS AND STRENGTHS (QUANG TRI)

a. 1 AUGUST - 31 AUGUST 1968

UNIT	LOCATION	STRENGTH
812th Regiment	YD 312320	800
K-4 Bn (812th)	YD 333423	UNK
K-5 Bn (812th)	YD 311355	UNK
K-6 Bn (812th)	YD 315350	250

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UNIT	LOCATION	STRENGTH
K-8 Bn (MF)	YD 290365	70
K-14 (MF)	YD 402635	UNK
10th Sapper Bn	YD 315350	UNK
1st Bn 84th Arty Regt (RKT)	YD 375365	300
9th Regt (Elements)	YD 592149	UNK
7th Front HQ	YD 249298	250
27th Independent Bn	UNK	250
C 113 LF Co	UNK	UNK
C 114 LF Co	YD 680310	250
H 99 Co	YD 500490	175

b. 1 SEPTEMBER - 30 SEPTEMBER 1968

812th Regiment	YD 327328	900
K-4 Bn (812th)	YD 331428	UNK
K-5 Bn (812th)	YD 313354	UNK
K-6 Bn (812th)	YD 355356	250
K-8 Bn (MF)	YD 361614	200
K-14 Bn (MF)	YD 402635	315
10th Sapper Bn	YD 355350	300
1st Bn, 84th Arty Regt (RKT)	YD 375365	250

c. 1 OCTOBER - 31 OCTOBER 1968

812th REGT	YD 327328	900
K-4 Bn (812th)	YD 331428	UNK
K-5 Bn (812th)	YD 313428	UNK
K-6 Bn (812th)	YD 355356	250
K-8 Bn	YD 361614	200

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UNIT	LOCATIONS	STRENGTH
K-14 (MF)	YD 402635	315
10th Sapper Bn	YD 355350	300
1st Bn, 84th Arty Regt (RKT)	YD 375365	250

(2) RECENT ACTIVITIES

1-31 AUGUST 1968

(a) On 1 AUG 1968, A 1-12 CAV at YD 379563, found 3 x GKG's and 1 x M-1 Carbine.

(b) On 8 AUG 1968, B 1-8 CAV at YD 367459 found 26 x 82mm Mortar rds, 24 x 82mm booster charges and 4 x Bouncing Betty type mines.

(c) On 9 AUG 1968, A 1-12 CAV at YD 332383, engaged 5 x individuals on a trail, resulting in 4 x NVA KIA. Captured 2 x AK-47's, 10 x 60mm Mortar rds, 4 x CHICOM grenades, 500 x rds AK-47 Ammo, 1 x Medical Aid Pack.

(d) On 10 AUG 1968, D 1-8 Cav at YD 373602, engaged 3 x individuals in a bunker, resulting in 3 x NVA KIA and 2 x AK-47's, 1 x SKS captured.

(e) On 13 AUG 1968, A 1-12 CAV at YD 328396, engaged an est platoon size element in 2 and 3 man groups. Engaged with S/A, resulting in 5 x NVA KIA and 1 x AK-47 Captured.

(f) On 14 AUG 1968, C 1-8 CAV at YD 308463, engaged 1 x individual in a bunker, resulting in 1 x NVA KIA and 2 x .30 Cal Carbines and 1 x MEDICAL Aid Kit captured.

(g) On 15 AUG 1968, A 1-12 CAV at YD 328396, engaged 4 x individuals with S/A and grenades, resulting in 4 x NVA KIA.

(h) On 16 AUG 1968, D 1-12 CAV at YD 324405, found 3 x 122mm RKTs.

(i) On 17 AUG 1968, B 1-12 CAV at YD 341442, found 7 x NVA KIA in 7 x graves.

(j) On 21 AUG 1968, A & B 1-8 Cav at YD 410570, on a CORDON working with A & C Troop 3-5 Ar Cav, fd 56 x NVA KIA from S/A, Arty, A/S and captured, 1 x M-2 Carbine, 1 x 60mm Mortar, 2 x SKS, 3 x AK-47's, 1 x M-1 Carbine, 1 x CHICOM Radio, 1 x B-40 Rocket Launcher, 1 x Soviet Light Machine-Gun Type 56.

(k) On 22 AUG 1968, A & B 1-8 CAV at YD 410566, on a CORDON working with A & C Troop 3-5 Ar Cav, found 17 x NVA KIA from S/A, Arty, A/S and ARA.

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Also captured 7 x AK-47's, 3 x SKS's, 1 x M-2 Carbine, 2 - M-16's 1 x 60mm Mortar, 1 x B-40 Rocket launcher and 1 x PPS 43 Machine Gun.

(1) On 22 AUG 1968, E 1-8 Cav at YD 411540 with A Troop 3-5 Ar Cav on a GORDAN, found 30 x NVA KIA from S/A, Arty and ARA. Also captured 11 x AK-47's, 3 x RPD's, 1 x 60mm Mortar and 1 x M-79.

(m) On 23 AUG 1968, A Troop 3-5 Ar CAV CPCON to 1-12 Cav at YD 408533, on a search and clear of GORDAN area captured 2 x NVA PW and 7 x AK-47's, 1 x SKS, 1 x RPD and found 8 x NVA KIA in the bunker area.

(n) On 24 AUG 1968, B 1-12 CAV at YD 303431, found 4 x 122mm Rocket Launching Sites, 1 x 122mm Rocket complete, 2 x 122mm Rocket Warheads.

(o) On 30 AUG 1968, A 1-12 CAV at YD 334386, on a search and clear mission received S/A fire from the Southeast. Eng positions with S/A, resulting in 1 x NVA KIA and captured, 1 x AK-47.

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(a) 7 SEP 1968, 2-8 CAV at 1210, at YD 322487 working with a CHIEU HOI from QUANG TRI (P), fd 1 x Chicom Sub-Machine-gun (SN 353515), 1 x K-44 (SN 401479), 1 x 1943 German Mauser (SN Not Legible) in a cave by a stream.

(b) 8 SEP 1968, Bde Scouts, 1350 at YD 332397 on a recon operation working with A 1-12 Cav eng 3 x NVA, resulting in 1 x NVA KIA, 2 x NVA evaded to the North.

(c) 9 SEP 1968, C 1-12 0943, at YD 245296 fd and destroyed 3 x houses and obs cooking areas with covering of bamboo and leaves to dissipate smoke. Also obs 2 x Company size, open sleeping positions with hammock stakes, water supply system. Negative bunkers or foxholes.

(d) 10 SEP 1968, LRP TM 2B 1540 hrs, at YD 295435 obs 4 x individuals with wpns and web gear. Eng with S/A. Individuals evaded to Southeast. Bde Scouts 1650 hrs YD 295435 working with 2B, eng area resulting in 1 x NVA KIA and fd and extracted 1 x PPS 43 Chicom Sub Machine-gun (SN 2077872), 1 mag with ammo and $\frac{1}{2}$ " of docs (weapon was new with cosmolite on it). NVA was dressed with green fatigues and camouflage pants over fatigues. Green hat with star on it.

(e) 12 SEP 1968, A Co 2-8 CAV 0915, at YD 370582 in conjunction with 1 x platoon of PF's from TRIEU PHONG (D), fd and extracted 3,000 x lbs of rice to TRIEU PHONG (D) (fd buried in open area) 12 SEP 1968.

(f) 13 SEP 1968, A Co 2-8 CAV 1620 hrs, at YD 405573 on a "SWEEPER" operation with 2 x platoons of PF's from TRIEU PHONG (D) and 1 x squad of NPF from LZ SH. RON, obs several individuals evading. Eng with S/A resulting in 2 x VC KIA, 1 x M-1 (SN 2844671), 1 x M-16 (SN 8729), 1 x K-44 (SN 10120403) captured.

(g) 14 SEP 1968, A 1-9 1800 hrs, at YD 300415 obs indiv in bushes along stream. 1 x CH-13 rec S/A fire, Neg Hits. Eng, resulting in 7 x NVA KIA.

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(h) 15 SEP 1968, D 2-8 CAV 1014 hrs, at YD 409571 on a search and clear mission with 1 x platoon of PF's from Trieu Phong (D), the Brigade Scouts obs 1 x indiv in a hole. D Co eng indiv with CS resulting in 1 x NVA PW and 1 x AK-47 (SN 11050444) captured, 3 x AK-47 mags with ammo, 1 x NVA Canteen also captured. Indiv was a member of 3rd Co, K-8 Bn.

(i) 17 SEP 1968, A 2-8 CAV 2230, at YD 377495 ambush element obs 1 x indiv moving toward ambush element obs 1 indiv moving toward ambush from the north. Element captured indiv, resulting in one (1) female DTN. Class 1 x CD (VC NURSE). Indiv was from THUCNG XA (V). She has worked for the VC since 1963 and has been a nurse since 1967.

(j) 17 SEP 1968, A 1-12 CAV, at YD 333386 on a CA obs 1 x indiv standing waving a green shirt. Indiv is a CHIEU HCI, slightly wounded. Indiv was a VC Guerrilla. R/C will follow. 1030 hrs YD 333386 on a search and clear mission fd 1 x PPZ-43 (SN 19862). 1410 hrs YD 334384 P/U 1 x indiv class CHIEU HCI and turned in 1 x SKS (SN 10094865), 1 x M-26 grenade. Indiv was a VC Guerrilla. R/O will follow.

(k) 18 SEP 1968, B 1-8 CAV 1045, at YD 337425 on a search and clear mission heard movement to their front. Eng area, resulting in 1 x NVA PW. Medevaced. Indiv was member of K-32 Artillery Co. R/C will follow. 1140 hrs YD 334425 fd 23 x previously dest bunkers.

(l) 19 SEP 1968, B 1-12 CAV 1030 hrs, at YD 330408 obs 1 x indiv Eng with S/A, resulting in 1 x NVA KIA, and 2 x AK-47 wpns captured (SN 1496 and 11089219). Also fd 1 x trail along a stream.

(m) A 1-12 CAV 2138, at YD 334386 on a search and clear mission obs and eng 1 x indiv in front of ambush element, with Claymore. Checked area and fd 1 x pack containing food items and $\frac{1}{2}$ " of Docs. R/C notebook on Regimental size radio and code names of 9th group and 2nd work site on 20 SEP 1968.

(n) 24 SEP 1968 1630 hrs, at YD 302426 fd and dest 2 x bunkers with 2' overhead cover, 400 rds 7.62 ammo, 2 x firing devices, and assorted NVA Equipment, including medical supplies and 2" of Docs. R/C Neg tactical info. C 1-8 CAV OPCON 2-8 CAV 1330 hrs YD 419561 fd 500 x lbs of rice covered with burlap and straw. Rice extracted to Trieu Phong (D).

(o) 25 SEP 1968, C 2-8 CAV 1410, at YD 396585 on a search and clear mission fd 6,000 x lbs of rice, assisted by a CHIEU HCI from the QUANG TRI City CHIEU HCI Center. Rice buried in ground.

(p) 26 SEP 1968, C 2-8 CAV 1350, at YD 400582 with 1 x squad of "NTFF" from LZ SHARON fd 4,800 x lbs of rice buried in the ground. Rice extracted to QUANG TRI City. Also fd and dest 1500 lbs of spoiled rice. C 1-8 CAV OPCON 2-8 CAV 1200 YD 375598 with 1 x platoon of PF's from TRIEU PHONG (D) on a search and clear mission fd 15,000 x lbs of rice in 8 x caches with a 2 x acre area.

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(q) 27 SEP 1968, C 1-7 CAV OPCON 1-12 CAV 1600, at YD 288319 on a search and clear mission eng 1 x indiv with S/A resulting in 2 x AK-47's (SN 10054467 - 2D6234) captured and 1 pack. Followed blood trail and captured 1 x NVA. Resulting in 1 x NVA PW. Indiv member of 2nd squad, 2nd platoon, 1st Co, K-18 Bn, 1st Regiment.

(r) 28 SEP 1968 C 2-8 CAV 1600, at YD 394584 fd 4,500 x lbs rice buried in the ground. Extracted to TRIEU PHONG (D). C 1-7 CAV OPCON 1-12 CAV. Indiv was a member of 1st Squad, 2nd platoon, 2nd Co, K-5 Bn.

(s) 29 SEP 1968, D 1-8 CAV 1220, at YD 214438 on a search and clear mission obs and eng 1 x indiv with S/A. Indiv dropped wpn 1 x AK-47 (SN 11054079) and evaded to South leaving a blood trail. 1400 YD 213327 rec S/A from an estimated squad size element. Eng with S/A/ A 1-9 CAV went on station, D Co fd 3 x blood trails. Followed blood trails resulting in 1 x CD captured. R/O will follow. Also fd 3 x K-44's (SN 7065663 - 10084558 - 228795), 1 x mortar sight (SN NA 22215), small amount of rice, and Docs (extracted 30 SEP 1968). 1605 fd approx 100 x bunkers 4' x 4' with 6' overhead cover at YD 214438. Numerous booby traps in area. Pulled back from contact area. Eng with ARA. Area will be checked at first light.

(t) 30 SEP 1968, B Co 2-8 CAV 1430, at YD 416555 on a search and clear mission fd 3,300 x lbs rice buried in sand. Rice extracted to TRIEU PHONG (D).

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(a) 1 OCT 1968 D 1-8 CAV 1145 YD 219432 on a search and clear mission obs and eng 6 x indivs with S/A. Indivs returned fire with S/A. Results 1 x P-38 (130309 P), and $\frac{1}{2}$ " Documents.

(b) 1 OCT 1968 C 2-8 CAV on a search and clear mission with 1x platoon PF's from TRIEU PHONG (D) 1410 YD 3546615 fd 13 x caches of rice containing 10,400 lbs rice. The caches were in a semi-circle 200 meters in length 50 meters apart pointing towards the southeast. Rice was in baskets buried in sand with plastic covering baskets. Extraction complete 1725.

(c) 2 OCT 1968 D 1-8 CAV 1015 YD 212434 on a search and clear mission fd 1 x ammo cache containing: 77 x 60mm mortar rds, 113 x B-40 Rocket rds, 46 x B-41 Rocket rds, 1740 x AK-47 rds, 720 x K-44 rds, 43 x B-41 charges, 2 x K-44 Rifles (SN not readable), 1800 x 7.62 rds, 12 x 82mm mortar fuzes, 5 x 1bs C-4, 4 x booby traps made from C-4 in can (not set), 1 x 1lb TNT, 2 x chicom grenades. All except K-44's Destroyed.

(d) 4 OCT 1968 E 1-8 CAV 1210 YD 223443 on a search and clear mission obs 1 x indiv. Eng with S/A. Indiv dropped wpn and rucksack and evaded to North. Resulting in 1 x M-1 Carbine (SN not readable) captured. Metal cover of 10 mm cal. M-1 Carbine destroyed. Metal cover of 7.62 mm M-1 Carbine destroyed. Eng with ARA. Area will be checked at first light.

(e) 5 OCT 1968, E 1-8 CAV 1240 YD 223443 on a search and clear mission obs 1 x indiv. Eng with S/A. Indiv dropped wpn and rucksack and evaded to North. Resulting in 1 x M-1 Carbine (SN not readable) captured. Metal cover of 10 mm cal. M-1 Carbine destroyed. Metal cover of 7.62 mm M-1 Carbine destroyed. Eng with ARA. Area will be checked at first light.

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(e) 4 OCT 1968 C 2-8 CAV 1110 YD 387593 on a search and clear mission with 1 x platoon PF's from TRIEU PHONG (D) fd 20 x rice caches containing 8 x 960 lbs rice. Extracted to Trieu Phong (D).

(f) 5 OCT 1968 C 2-8 CAV 1045 YD 405605 Bde Scouts working with C Co obs freshly worked sand. Eng with Frags. 4 x indiv came out of a bunker. ARA engaged the area and 6 more indiv came out of 4 more bunkers. C Co fd 3 x additional indivs in a bunker. Also fd in the bunkers assorted military equipment, assorted civilian clothing, 2 x lbs medical instruments and supplies, 7 x M-26 Grenades, 3,000 x M-60 MG rds, 10" documents, indivs class: 1 x VC PW, 5 x NVA PW, 2 x CD (1 x Medic, 1 x Hamlet Chief) 2 x IC, 3 x UD.

(g) 6 OCT 1968 B 1-8 CAV 1320 YD 195454 fd inside a lean-to;

1 x 9mm Sub-machine gun with 29 x rds ammo, 1 x SKS (SN 33088) with 9 x rds of ammo, 1/2 x bag assorted medicine and 1 x US Ammo pouch with cleaning kit inside.

(h) 8 OCT 1968 C 2-8 CAV 1116 YD 387594 on a search and clear mission working with 2 x squads of PF's from TRIEU PHONG (D) received S/A fire from 1 x indiv, neg casualties. Eng with S/A resulting in 1 x NVA KIA and 1 x PPS-43 (SN 2134483) captured.

(i) 10 OCT 1968 D 1-8 CAV 1330 YD 220436 on a search and clear mission fd and dest 10 x 22, rocket fuses, 10 x 122mm rocket warheads, 2 x 60mm rds, 1 x can 60 charges, 4 x rocket carriers, 4 x 133mm rocket motors, on ground in old A/S area.

(j) 11 OCT 1968 C 2-8 CAV 0545 YD 418547 on a ambush eng 2 x indivs moving south with S/A resulting in 2 x NVA KIA and 1 x AK-47 (SN 3136272) captured.

(k) 13 OCT 1968 E 2-8 CAV 1815 YD 434549 obs and eng 1 indiv resulting in 1 x indiv WIA PW Class NVA. Also 1 x chicom sub-machine gun (SN 1666), 1 x field pack captured.

(l) 14 OCT 1968 E 2-8 CAV 1335 YD 432547 on a search and clear mission obs and eng 3 x indiv near a bunker. Indiv returned fire with S/A and grenades resulting in 1 x US WIA (not medevac). Indivs evaded to the South. On a search of the bunker fd 1 x US 38 Cal pistol (SN 108178), 3 x US M-26 grenades, 2 x civilian radios, 1 x watch and 10" Documents.

(m) 15 OCT 1968 1040-1545 YD 371608 fd a total of 5,700 x lbs of rice buried in the ground in 7 x caches. Extracted to TRIEU PHONG (D).

(n) 16 OCT 1968 D 2-8 CAV 1000 YD 375655 on a search and clear mission with 2 x platoons of PF's from TRIEU PHONG (D) fd 1 x indiv in a bunker. Indiv attempted to throw a grenade that hit the top and exploded, resulting in 1 x VC KIA.

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(o) D 2-8 CAV 1125 YD 374650 on a search and clear mission on 16 OCT 1968, with 2 x platoons of PF's from TRIEU PHCNG (L) eng 2 x indivs evading from a bunker, resulting in 1 x NVA KIA and 1 x indiv DTN class 1 x NVA PW.

(p) 17 OCT 1968 LRP TM 31 C920 YD 214436 fd foxhole containing 10 x 60mm mortar rds without fuzes. Extracted.

(q) 18 OCT 1968 C 2-8 CAV 10005 YD 419567 on search and clear mission fd approx 5,400 lbs paddy rice buried in a hole. Extracted to TRIEU PHCNG (D) 1235 YD 419567 fd approx 1800 x 1bs paddy rice buried in a hole. Extracted to TRIEU PHCNG (L)

(r) 19 OCT 1968 B 1-8 CAV 1500 YD 248377 on search and clear mission fd and dest bunker complex with hootches above them. 3 x bunkers 12' x 20' x 10W and 7 x bunkers 5' x 5' x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ '. All had approx 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' Overhead cover and were approx 6 x months old. Also fd 1 x AK-47 mag (empty), 8 x empty medicine bottles, 1 x dictionary, 1 x NVA Manual, 2 x maps, 1 x K-44 Barrel and trigger mech, 1 x US Combat Pack.

(s) 20 OCT 1968 D 1-12 CAV 1100 YD 405581 on search and clear mission fd and dest 8 x bunkers, 4 x 4 x 4. Also 1 x 155 rd (not booby trapped), 1 x pistol belt, 2 x chicom grenades, 1 x NVA Canteen. 1124 hrs YD 405581 on search and clear mission fd and dest 1 x foxhole 4x4x4 and 1 x Chicom Claymore. Also fd 1 x French Sub-machine gun (SN NAT 49).

(t) 21 OCT 1968 C 1-12 CAV 1055 YD 3756(4 on search and clear mission with 1 x platoon PF's from TRIEU PHCNG (D), fd bunker 6'x6'x4', containing: 1 x German Mauser Model 98 (SN 2542). 1149 YD 372664 on search and clear mission with 1 x platoon PF's from TRIEU PHCNG (D) fd 5 x concrete bunkers 6'x8'x4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' with 2' Overhead cover, containing 4 x map segments showing trails.

(u) 22 OCT 1968 E 1-12 CAV 1111 on search and clear mission with 1 squad PF's from TRIEU PHCNG P/U 1 x DTN with Chicom 7.62 pistol.

(v) 23 OCT 1968, A 1-8 CAV 1405 YD 236328 on a search and clear mission fd and dest a three-story structure (both above and below ground), 25'x15'x10' and 1 x fighting position. Fd 1 x Stevens shotgun (SN 2501), 30" documents, and 1 x bottle pills.

(w) 24 OCT 1968 C 1-12 CAV 2208 YD 355608 on a killer team with 1 x squad PF's from TRIEU PHCNG (D) eng 3 x indivs resulting in 2 x VC KIA and 1 x DTN class CD (hamlet guard).

(x) 25 OCT 1968, B 1-8 CAV 1030 YD 301359 on search and clear mission eng 5 x indivs resulting in 1 x VC female KIA and the capture of 1 x Chicom SMG and 5 x rucksacks. Inside the rucksacks and in the surrounding area were fd 2 x M-26 grenades, 1st Aid Packet, 5 x 1bs rice, 60 rds x 7.62 SEM Ammunition, 2 x SMG Mags, 5" documents, and numerous items of clothing and indiv field equipment.

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(y) 26 OCT 1968 B 1-8 CAV 1440 YD 307361, following up on the spotting of boxes in open by 1-8 CAV XO and the Ede Scouts, came upon a munition cache. Fd were 15 x 82mm rds, 8 x 60mm rds, 7 x 2.5 Rkt rds, 42 x 57mm RR Rds and 1 x US M-1 Rifle (SN illegible). Also fd 25 x bunkers, mostly old and caved in and 50-60 x fighting positions.

(z) 27 OCT 1968 B 1-8 CAV 0925 YL 303357 on a continued search fd 3 x Enfield rifles (SN 874704, 521641, 66315), 1 x US Cal .45 SMG (SN GLC253432) with 3 x mags. Also 4 x Chicom grenades, 1 x B-40 Rkt, 3 x PFS-43 Mags, 8 x M-1 Rifle grenades with 6 x crimped cartridges, 1 x satchel charge, 1 x Soviet RPG Barrel, and small amount of miscellaneous small caliber arms. 1630 on search and clear fd and dest 6 x 57mm RR rds covered with leaves. Cache marked by sticks lying side by side pointing to the rds.

(aa) 28 OCT 1968 D 1-8 CAV 2152 YD 289428 on ambush obs movement. Engaged with S/A and grenades, resulting in 2 x NVA KIA. Check area revealed 1 x NVA Rucksack with personal field gear, rice and salted fish, and 1 x PFS-43 (SN 2158405), 1000 YD 305436 sp't'd several indivs evading southeast. Eng with S/A, ARA and Ede Scouts called on station. Results were 2 x NVA KIA and captured 1 x AK-47 (SN 84429) with 1 x mag, 2 x full M-1 carbine mags, and small amount of personal equipment and rations.

c. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: (QUANG TRI)

(1) Conduct a limited attack on District Headquarters and major GVN Installations within the QUANG TRI City area, utilizing "hit and run" tactics with the equivalent of one (1) Regiment to support the action.

(2) Conduct extensive stand off attacks on QUANG TRI City, LA VANG and the AI TU Airfield area, utilizing 122mm rockets, 82mm mortars and 60mm mortars.

(3) Conduct harassing attacks along lines of communication with emphasis on road minings, interdiction of fuel pipelines and destruction of key bridges along Highway #1.

(4) Conduct isolated attacks against Popular Forces outposts, RL Teams and New Life Development Hamlets neighboring Quang Tri City.

(5) Conduct guerrilla operations in all areas in the vicinity of QUANG TRI City.

(6) RECENT TRENDS: The NVA Units along with the Main Force Battalions and VC local force units have completed their rice harvest. The Rice Denial Program has effectively denied the VC and NVA Units vast amounts of rice that they normally received and transported to the HAI LANG Jungle area. The full effect of this operation will not be seen until a later date when their present supplies are expended. The enemy has sought to avoid contact, in preparation for an autumn offensive in August 1968.

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6. (C) AVIATION

a. During the period 1-31 August 1968, the First Brigade Aviation Platoon accomplished the following in support of Brigade operations.

	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>FLIGHT</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>TASKS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>SORTIES</u>	<u>AVG</u> <u>FLT</u> <u>HRS</u> <u>PER</u> <u>DAY</u>	<u>AVG</u> <u>FLT</u> <u>HRS</u> <u>PER</u> <u>DAY</u> <u>PER</u> <u>A/C</u>	<u>HIT</u> <u>BY</u> <u>HOSTILE</u> <u>FIRE</u>
UH-1H	585	168	1992	19.5	3.9	0
OH-13S	292	183	623	9.7	1.9	3
OH-6A	383	233	864	12.7	3.2	2
TOTALS	1260	584	3479	41.9	*3.0	5

* Average, not total, figure

(1) Total flight hours (1260) represents the highest flying hours accumulated by the Aviation Platoon since its arrival in Vietnam. Records were also set for total tasks, total sorties, and average flight hours per day.

(2) Average flight time per aviator for the month was also a new record-136 hours; the median was 133 hours. In fact, 10 aviators accumulated over 120 flight hours, the USARV recommended maximum. Highest time aviator was WO Christianson, 1/8 Aircraft Commander, with 157 hours.

(3) Aircraft availability was an excellent 85% for UH-1H helicopters, 71% for OH-13 helicopters, and 83% for OH-6A helicopters. Although individual categories of aircraft have each had higher availability rates (92% for UH-1H in Dec 67, 83% for OH-13 in Jan 68, and 95% for OH-6A in July 68), overall aircraft availability for the unit has never been higher, 80%, which compares to the Division average of 59%.

(4) Equipment deadlined for parts (EDP) rate was 0% for UH-1H, 3% for OH-13, and 8% for OH-6A. Tail rotor replacements are not expected until October, and most of the 8% EDP is due to one OH-6A being down awaiting tail rotor replacement.

(5) The Brigade Scouts accounted for 25 NVA/VC KIA during the month.

b. During the period 1-30 September, the First Brigade Aviation Platoon accomplished the following in support of Brigade operations.

	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>FLIGHT</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>TASKS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>SORTIES</u>	<u>AVG</u> <u>FLT</u> <u>HRS</u> <u>PER</u> <u>DAY</u>	<u>AVG</u> <u>FLT</u> <u>HRS</u> <u>PER</u> <u>DAY</u> <u>PER</u> <u>A/C</u>	<u>HIT</u> <u>BY</u> <u>HOSTILE</u> <u>FIRE</u>
UH-1H	398	123	1273	13.3	2.7	0
OH-6A	329	257	995	10.9	2.8	0
OH-13S	304	356	891	10.1	2.0	0
TOTALS:	1,031	741	2,059	34.4	*2.5	0

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(1) Average flight time per aviator for the month was 82 hrs. The highest time aviator was WO1 Sullivan, a Brigade Scout Aviator, with 129 hrs.

(2) Aircraft availability was 68% for UH-1H helicopters, 61% for OH-6A helicopters, and 60% for OH-13 helicopters. The lower availability rate was a reflection of increased field maintenance down time. This aggravated by the shortage of personnel in the 15th TC Bn, and to a degree by the shortage of parts as reflected in the increased EDP rate. To alleviate these problems, this unit is attempting to program aircraft into field maintenance so that at any given time only one UH-1H and one OH-6A will be in field maintenance at a time. The remaining aircraft will be flown on a staggered basis to permit the above concept.

(3) Equipment deadlined for parts (EDP) rate was 13% for UH-1H, 13% for OH-6A, and 11% for OH-13 helicopters.

(4) The Brigade Scouts accounted for 4 NVA/VC KIA during the month.

c. During the period 1-31 October 1968, the First Brigade Aviation Platoon accomplished the following in support of Brigade operations:

	TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS	TOTAL TASKS	TOTAL SORTIES	AVG FLT HRS PER DAY	AVG FLT HRS PER DAY PER A/C	HIT BY HOSTILE FIRE
UH-1H	336	146	1368	10.8	2.2	0
OH-13S	181	133	432	5.8	1.2	0
OH-6A	519	351	1747	16.7	2.1	1
TOTALS	1036	630	3547	33.4	*1.9	1

* Average, not total, figure

(1) Average flight time per aviator for the month was 48 hours. The highest time aviator was, WO1 Berry, a Brigade Scout, with 122 hours.

(2) Aircraft availability was 57% for UH-1H helicopters and 79% for OH-6A helicopters. All OH-13S helicopters were turned in during this month. The lower rate for UH-1H helicopters reflect an increase in the EDP rate at field maintenance level. By programming aircraft to fly on a staggered basis an improvement is being made in the availability rate overall and can be particularly noted in the availability rate increase for OH-6A.

(3) Equipment deadline for parts (EDP) rate was 5% for UH-1H and 4% for OH-6A helicopters.

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(4) The Brigade Scouts accounted for 0 NVA/VC KIA during the month.

d. During the period 1 August through 31 October 1968, the First Brigade Aviation Platoon accomplished the following in support of Brigade operations:

	<u>TOTAL</u>			<u>AVG FLT</u>	<u>AVG FLT</u>	
	<u>FLIGHT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>HRS PER</u>	<u>HRS PER</u>	<u>HIT BY</u>
	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>TASKS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>A/C</u>
UH-1H	1319	442	4633	14.0	2.8	0
OH-13S	812	573	2050	6.8	4.4	3
OH-6A	<u>-1206</u>	<u>940</u>	<u>3502</u>	<u>13.1</u>	<u>1.6</u>	<u>3</u>
TOTALS	3337	1955	10185	35.9	*2.9	6

* Average, not total, figure

(1) Average flight time per aviator for the quarter was 89 hours. Highest time aviator was WO-1 CHRISTIANSON, 1/8 Aircraft Commander, with 157 hours.

(2) Aircraft availability was 70% for UH-1H helicopters, 65% for OH-13S helicopters and 74% for OH-6A helicopters.

(3) Equipment deadline for parts (EDP) rate was 18% for UH-1H, 14% for OH-13S and 25% for OH-6A helicopters.

(4) The Brigade Scouts accounted for 29 NVA/VC KIA during the period covered.

7. (C) PERSONNEL

+ a. Personnel strength: The Brigade's average assigned strength during the period averaged 94 percent of the authorized strength. The present for duty strength averaged 85 percent of the authorized strength. The field strength for the period averaged 77 percent of the present for duty strength.

b. Replacements: Shortage of Infantry Captains still exist in the 1st Brigade and shortages of Senior NCO's still exist. Lieutenants and Major type replacements have been in excess of the units needs. However, excess officers are being put to good use.

c. Awards and Decorations: An average of 109 Awards were presented each week and an average of 82 approved awards were returned each week from Division.

d. Promotions: Promotion allocations received during the period were as follows:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>USED</u>
E4	469	469
E5	265	265
E6	47	29

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e. Postal Activities: During the reporting period mail Service was satisfactory. An average of 46 bags of mail a day were received during the reporting period.

f. Special Services: This support was satisfactory during the reporting period. An R&R Center was opened in the Brigade Area and was an excellant morale booster for the troops returning from the field.

g. Information Office Activities: Public information activities in the Brigade continued to be satisfactory. News items of Brigade activities appeared frequently in local and regional newspapers and on Armed Forces Radio network. The following statistics are provided for the reporting period. A total of 17 News correspondents visited the 1st Brigade during the past three (3) months. 473 stories were submitted. 132 rolls of film were submitted and 1100 feet of 16mm film was taken. Hometown news releases totaled 768 during the period.

h. Finance: Financial service was satisfactory. Many pay complaints and discrepancies were handled promptly due to the finance personnel at the R&R Center.

i. Chaplain Services: Satisfactory religious services were provided during the period. The chaplains accompanied troops on operations and conducted religious services to accomodate the maximum number of personnel. Visits were made to evacuation hospitals. An average of 54 religious services were conducted weekly.

8. (C) LOGISTICS:

a. The 1st Brigade continued to be supported by the 1st FSE.

b. Supply and Services:

(1) Class I: Partial issue of class "A" meals continued. In many instances, substitution of meat items were made. The stockage level of Class "B" and Rations, Combat Individual was raised from a stockage level of two (2) days to six (6) days within the FSE.

(2) Class II and IV

(a) Repair parts continued to be received in sufficient quantity and line items.

(b) M8A1 matting was not available in sufficient quantity to meet the demands.

(c) Transportation: Ground transportation continued to be a major problem within the command. The basic problem is shortage of authorized vehicles. The shortages are as follows:

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VEHICLES	HHC 1ST BDE			1-6 CAV			2-8 CAV			1-12 CAV			BRIGADE TOTALS		
	Auth	O/H	% Short	Auth	O/H	% Short	Auth	O/H	% Short	Auth	O/H	% Short	Auth	O/H	% Short
Trk $\frac{1}{4}$ Ton Utility	17	16	6%	22	10	55%	22	10	55%	22	11	50%	83	47	43%
Trk $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton Mule	6	3	50%	23	11	52%	23	14	40%	23	10	57%	75	38	49%
Trk 3/4 Ton Cargo	8	5	38%	3	4	0%	3	2	33%	3	3	0%	17	14	18%
Trlr $\frac{1}{2}$	16	16	0%	8	8	0%	8	8	0%	8	9	0%	40	41	0%
Trlr 3/4	7	3	57%	3	1	67%	3	1	67%	3	1	67%	16	6	62%
Trk 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton Fuel	1	1	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	1	1	0%
Frt Line Ambulance	0	0	0%	2	0	100%	2	1	50%	2	0	100%	6	11	83%
Trk 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ Ton Cargo	0	0	0%	0	2	0%	0	3	0%	0	2	0%	0	7	0%

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9. (C) CIVIL AFFAIRS: 1 August - 31 October 1968

a. The S-5 continued to conduct CA activities in the following areas;

(1) Medcaps were conducted in connection with tactical operations and in the vicinity of firebases in support of the GVN RD Program.

(2) Support of the GVN Post TET Recovery Program continued.

(3) Improving of living conditions in the Hamlets and Orphanages.

b. Summary of major activities conducted during the period:

(1) During August a drainage system was installed in the ARVN Department Housing Area.

(2) Salvage tentage was distributed to the refugee hamlets through the Province CA Platoon.

(3) Units treated 7,916 patients at 176 Medcaps within Quang Tri City and surrounding areas.

(4) Training of Hamlet medics in La Vang Ching, La Vang Huu, and Thach Mon continued.

(5) Supervision of five (5) room high school being built in Quang Tri continued using refugees and Chieu Hoi employed under the Food for Work Program.

(6) Food was distributed to schools, orphanages, and the refugee hamlet of Thach Mon.

(7) A dispensary was constructed in the Hamlet of Thach Mon.

(8) Assistance was provided to the GVN during the flood of 8-9 September in the form of evacuation and population control.

(9) Construction of a 2 room school in the village of Thanh Gia was completed.

10. (C) PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE OPERATIONS: 1 August - 31 October 1968

HB team 13, 7th Psychological Bn continued to support the 1st Brigade during this reporting period with loudspeaker (both air and ground), leaflet drop missions and employed an armed propaganda team.

a. Seventy-four (74) hours and 15 minutes of helicopter loudspeaker 154 hours of ground loudspeaker, and 208,300 leaflets were accredited to HB 13 during the period.

b. Fifty-two (52) hours 25 minutes of O2B loudspeakers and 19,583,700 leaflets were accredited to the 9th ACS in support of the Brigade during the period.