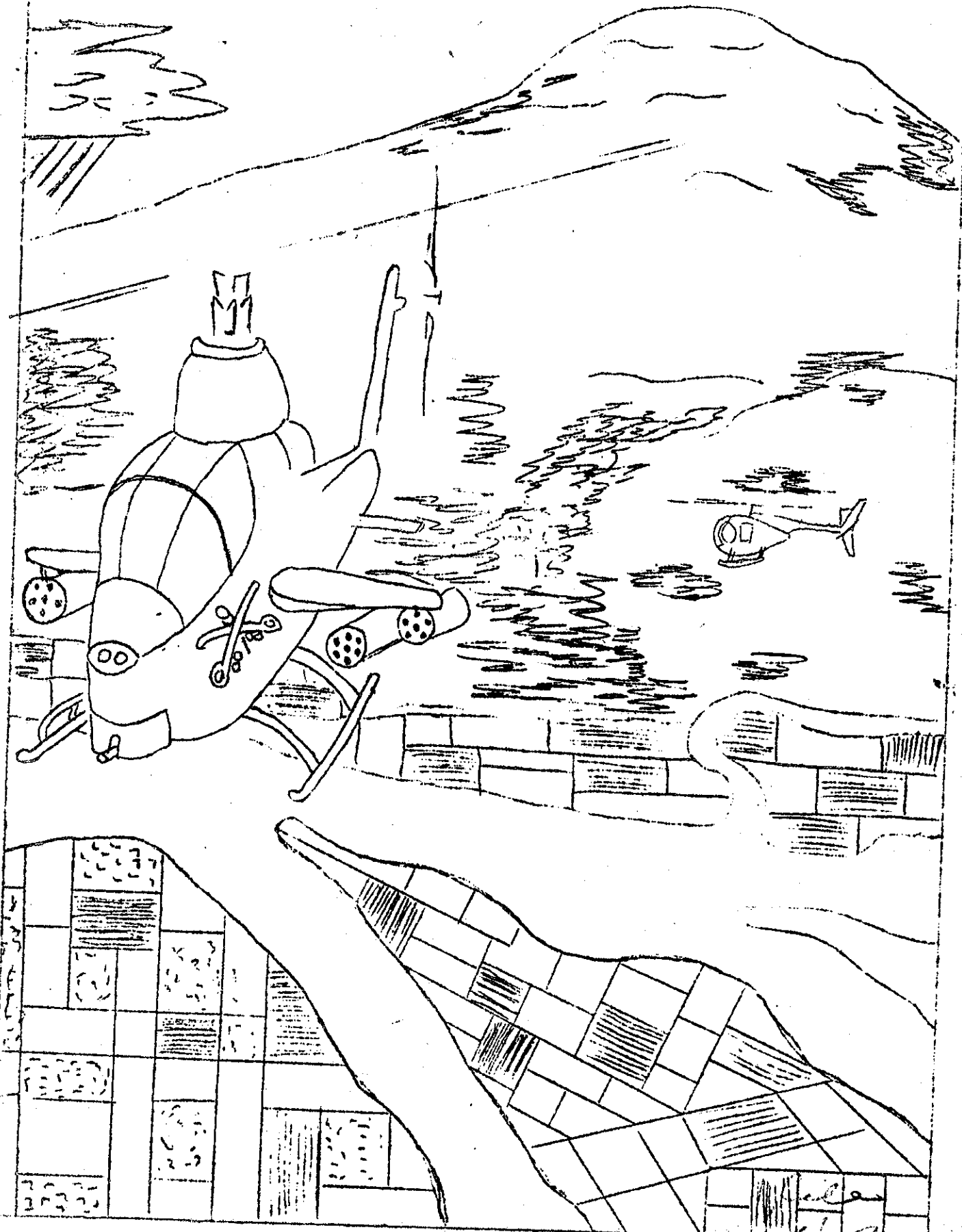


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9TH CAVALRY QUARTERLY OPERATION REPORT



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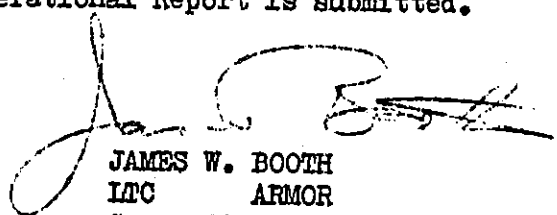
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1 November 1969

SUBJECT: (U) Operational Report of First Squadron, Ninth Cavalry for
Quarterly Period Ending 31 October 1969 (RCS-CSFOR-65)
(RL)

Commanding General
1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile)
ATTN: AVDAGT-DT
APO 96490

(U) Under the provisions of AR 525-15, AR 870-5, USARV 525-15, and 1ST
ACD Reg 525-15, the Quarterly Operational Report is submitted.


JAMES W. BOOTH
LTC ARMOR
Commanding

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ITC James W. Booth (21 June - present)	Squadron Commander
(b) MAJ Charles A. Jolley (25 July - 22 AUG 69)	Squadron Executive Officer
MAJ John M. Toolson, Jr. (29 May - 23 July 69)	Squadron Executive Officer
MAJ Frank S. Stewart, Jr. (22 AUG - present)	Squadron Executive Officer
(c) CPT Eduardo Yates (1 May - 3 June 69)	Adjutant
CPT Charles M. Cook (4 June - present)	Adjutant
(d) CPT Charles W. Rice (6 Jul - 9 Oct 69)	S-2
CPT James W. Fuqua (10 Oct - present)	S-2
(e) CPT Donald P. Frederick (28 Jul - 22 Aug 69)	S-3
MAJ Charles A. Jolley (22 Aug - present)	S-3
(f) CPT Michael J. Havrilla (1 May - 18 May 69)	S-4
CPT Huey B. Scott (20 May - present)	S-4
(g) CPT Garrett C. Starr (26 Jul - present)	Maintenance Officer
(h) CPT Willie J. Stokes (25 Jul - present)	Signal Officer

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(i)	CPT Michael J. Flannery (24 Feb - present)	Safety Officer
(j)	CPT James J. La Nasa, Jr. (4 Oct 69 - 15 Sep 69)	Flight Surgeon
	CPT Elvin R. Hamlin (15 Sep 69 - present)	Flight Surgeon
(k)	CPT Lawrence S. Uyehara (10 Jun - 17 Sep 69)	Chaplain
	CPT Claude B. Newby (17 Sep - present)	Chaplain
(l)	CPT James W. Fuqua (5 Jul - 22 Aug 69)	CO, Headquarters Troop
	CPT John B. Ramsaur (23 Aug - present)	CO, Headquarters Troop
(m)	MAJ Robert B. Hardin (31 May - present)	CO, Troop A
(n)	MAJ Frank S. Stewart (29 May - 22 Aug 69)	CO, Troop B
	MAJ George L. O'Grady (22 Aug - present)	CO, Troop B
(o)	MAJ Thomas M. Felton (1 May - 14 Jul)	CO, Troop C
	MAJ Robert N. Tredway (15 Jul - present)	CO, Troop C
(p)	CPT Andrew J. Hudson (28 May - present)	CO, Troop D
(q)	CPT George Paccarelli (21 Oct - 18 Sep 69)	CO, Co H, 75th Inf
	CPT Richard K. Griffiths (19 Sep - present)	CO, Co H, 75th Inf
(r)	1LT Richard K. Baumer (1 Apr - present)	CO, 62nd Inf Plat (CTT)

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D. Unit Strength as of 31 Oct 1969:

1. Military

UNIT	OFF		WO		EM		TOTAL	
	AUTH	O/H	AUTH	O/H	AUTH	O/H	AUTH	O/H
HHT	19	27	6	19	168	165	193	209
A	18	21	30	30	127	133	175	172
B	18	20	30	33	127	139	175	186
C	18	22	30	28	127	116	175	166
D	5	5	0	0	127	119	132	124
H Co	3	3	0	0	118	127	121	130
62 Inf 1	1	1	0	0	22	27	23	28
1/9	82	99	96	110	808	826	986	1015

2. Civilians

UNIT	TECH REPS		U.S. CIV		"KIT CARSON"		3rd NAT	
	AUTH	O/H	AUTH	O/H	AUTH	O/H	AUTH	O/H
HHT	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
A	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
B	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0
C	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
D	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
H Co	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
62 Inf 0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0
1/9	0	0	0	0	23	9	0	0

E. Aircraft Authorized/On Hand

UNIT	UH-1B/C		UH-1H		AH-1G		OH-6A	
	AUTH	O/H	AUTH	O/H	AUTH	O/H	AUTH	O/H
HHT	2	1	5	3	0	0	0	0
A	2	2	6	6	9	9	10	10
B	2	2	6	6	9	9	10	9
C	2	1	6	6	9	8	10	9
1/9	8	6	23	21	27	26	30	28

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F. Cumulative Totals

(1) Enemy:

UNIT	NVA/VC	KIA	POW	INDIV WPNS	C/S WPNS	TONS RICE	POUNDS MILK	POUNDS FISH	POUNDS SALT
A	316	0	3	4	1	375	3,250	0	
B	418	10	6	12	1	0	0	801	
C	177	0	3	5	1	0	0	0	
D	18	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	
H Co	77	2	28	0	0	0	0	0	
62 Inf	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1/9	1,008	12	42	21	3	375	3,250	801	

(2) Friendly:

UNIT	KIA	WIA	MIA	A/C HIT	A/C DESTROY	VEH DESTROY
HHT	1	5	0	0	0	0
A	2	13	0	29	8	0
B	4	27	0	19	6	0
C	2	20	0	21	13	0
D	1	15	0	N/A	N/A	4
H Co	0	35	0	N/A	N/A	0
62 Inf	1	3	0	N/A	N/A	0
1/9	11	118	0	69	27	4

G. Personnel

1. Personnel have functioned normally throughout this Quarterly Period. They have not experienced any real problem areas.

2. The Squadron gained a total of 586 and lost a total of 236 for a net gain of 350 personnel for the quarter.

MONTH	GAIN	LOSSES	LOSSES (CASUALTY)
AUG	Off-32 WO-30 EM-246	Off-17 WO-19 EM-121	Off-4 WO-6 EM-22
SEP	Off-17 WO-44 EM-84	Off-4 WO-5 EM-69	Off-1 WO-2 EM-14
OCT	Off-11 WO-26 EM-96	Off-7 WO-6 EM-57	Off-1 WO-2 EM-9
TOTAL	Off-60 WO-100 EM-426	Off-16 WO-14 EM-185	Off-6 WO-10 EM-45

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3. The Squadron used 198 promotion allocations during the quarter, of which 78 were impact promotions without regard to time in grade or time in service.

<u>MONTH</u>		<u>E-4</u>	<u>E-5</u>	<u>E-6</u>
AUG	Impact	18	12	1
	Regular	47	47	3
SEP	Impact	19	11	1
	Regular	34	33	3
OCT	Impact	19	10	2
	Regular	11	43	1
TOTAL	Impact	56	33	4
	Regular	92	123	7

4. The members of this command received 1,088 awards for this Quarterly period broken down as follows:

SS.....21	BS.....224
DFC.....52	AM.....350
BS/V....72	ACM.....80
AM/V....59	PH.....104
ACM/V...123	Soldier Medal...3

5. The Squadron received a total of 197 out-of-country R&R allocations, of which 14 were not used.

Bangkok.....28	Penang.....0
Hawaii.....51	Singapore..12
Hong Kong....24	Sydney.....35
Kuala Lumpur.0	Taipei.....15
Manila.....6	Tokyo.....12

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I. OPERATIONS

1. The 1/9 Cavalry Squadron continued operations throughout the tactical area of responsibilities, conducting extensive reconnaissance and surveillance operations and destroying enemy forces operating within the area. During the reporting period the Air Cavalry troops supported 1st 2nd and 3rd Bde within their area of operation.

2. During the reporting period Squadron forces shifted as necessary capitalizing on reconnaissance to determine enemy locations throughout northern III CTZ. Priority of effort was concentrated in war zone C to determine the location of 1st and 7th NVA Divisions. Squadron forces were moved in accordance with shifts in enemy posture and assumed shifts in his intentions, both within war zone C and elsewhere. Squadron's concept of operation was responsive to actual and assumed changes in enemy intentions. If it appeared that major enemy elements were attempting to move into or out of the 1st Cavalry Division area of operation, Air Cavalry troops were employed to complement each other in order to enhance reconnaissance operation and deny concealment to the enemy.

3. Squadron operations during the three month period reflected damaging losses on the 1st NVA, 7th NVA and 5th NVA Divisions, severely disrupting the enemy's logistical redoubts. The kill ratio for the reporting period was 90 to 1, reflecting confirmed enemy dead; obviously, the actual kill ratio was much higher. Specific results of reporting period is as follows:

a. Enemy: 900 killed by Helicopter, 108 killed in action, 12 prisoners of war.

b. U.S.: 11 KIA, 118 wounded in action.

c. 1/9 Cavalry Squadron accounted for 28% of the 1st Cavalry Division kill's during the reporting period. Many of the first team's significant contacts were a direct result of sightings or contact by units of this Squadron.

4. The month of August was highly successful month for the 1/9 Cavalry Squadron. It was characterized by numerous contacts through the month. The most significant events were:

On 9 August, B troop spotted approximately 70 individuals in what appeared to be a supply point. This began a day long operation, resulting in 23 NVA killed by helicopter (KBH), two killed by artillery and one killed by air strikes. During midafternoon Apache troop scout aircraft was shot down. Blues were inserted to provide security for the crew. Apache Blues made contact with an estimated three company size force. Supported by Pink teams, ARA, and air strikes resulted in 24 NVA killed. The crew members were lost due to post crash fire.

5. On 13 August Saber troop spotted and engaged an unknown size enemy element resulting in 21 NVA killed by helicopter and destroyed 100 pounds of rice.

6. On 17 August Saber troop spotted 20 NVA on a high speed trail. Engagement of the area resulted in 15 NVA killed by helicopter.

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7. On 10 September Cavalier Troop received heavy ground to air fire, from an unknown number of individuals. Engagement of the area with organic weapons, artillery and air strikes resulted in 21 NVA killed by helicopter and 5 NVA killed by ARA.
8. On 14 September Delta Troop (-) had completed a Convoy Security mission to L/2 Nancy. Upon moving from L/2 Nancy on highway 311 south enroute to L/2 Mary an enemy reinforced battalion, who were in an ambush position was forced to activate the ambush prematurely because of heavy reconnaissance by fire. This started a day long operation. The enemy opened fire with RPG's, B-40's, automatic weapons, individual weapons and mortars. Five vehicles were hit by RPG's, 2 were destroyed. Delta Troop engaged with organics, ARA and tube artillery resulting in 17 NVA KIA, US injuries were 1 KIA and 10 WIA's.
9. On 22 September Apache Troop in support of H Company 75th Rangers engaged an unknown size enemy force. This action started a day long operation which resulted in 16 NVA killed by helicopter.
10. On 29 September Apache Blues were inserted for general recon, and were engaged by an unknown size element. Supported by Pink Teams, tube artillery and ARA, engagement resulted in 3 NVA KIA, 7 NVA KBH, and 3 NVA Killed by Artillery. Apache Blues found: Commo wire, 2 AK 47 type rifles, 1 battery powered telephone (Field Phone), books, documents and 5 packs which contained NVA clothing and equipment.
11. On 4 October Saber Troop Blues made contact with an estimated Company size enemy element. Saber Blues engaged with organics, ARA and Tube Artillery resulting in 8 NVA KIA, 8 NVA KBH and 5 NVA killed by Artillery.
12. On 7 October Apache Troop spotted a large bunker complex with stoves, tables and several bunkers under construction. This resulted in a day long operation. Engagement of the area resulted in 13 NVA KBH and 15 bunkers uncovered.
13. On 20 October Apache Troop while conducting a BDA of an ARC LIGHT spotted 4 individuals evading. The pink team engaged with organics starting a day long operation in the vicinity of the Arc Light. Engagement of the area resulted in 21 NVA KBH and 11 NVA Killed by Air Strikes.
14. On 22 October Apache Troop on a day long operation located a large bunker complex. Numerous bunkers in the area were under construction. Engagement of the area resulted in 17 NVA KBH and 4 NVA Killed by Artillery.
15. On 23 October Cavalier Blues engaged 3 NVA resulting in 3 NVA KIA. 3 NVA AK-47 rifles were secured and the bodies were stripped for intelligence.
16. On 27 October Apache Blues were inserted for general recon. Blues were engaged by an unknown size enemy force and received heavy AK-47 and B-40 fire resulting in 1 US WIA. Starting a day long operation the entire area was engaged and contact broke in the late afternoon. As a result of the engagement 6 NVA were KIA. Apache Blues recovered 1 NVA pack and a red flag with the words, "North Vietnam Revolutionary Revolt Group."
17. On 28 October Saber Blues were inserted for general recon. Blues found cooking utensils, 700 pounds of rice, 6 Chicom grenades, 20 NVA uniforms, writing paper, and documents.

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18. On 30 October Cavalier Blues were inserted for general recon. Blues made contact with an estimated company size enemy element starting a day long operation. The area was engaged by ARA and artillery resulting in 12 NVA KBH, 10 NVA KIA, 3 NVA Killed by Artillery, 3 NVA Killed by ARA and 1 US KIA.

19. On 31 October Saber Troop spotted 15 NVA in the open and engaged with organics starting a day long operation. Saberaircraft received heavy ground to air fire throughout the entire day. Continuous engagement with organics, ARA and Artillery resulted in 30 NVA KBH, 9 NVA Killed by Air Strikes, 3 NVA Killed by Artillery and 7 NVA Killed by ARA.

20. During the reporting period Company H (Rangers) 75th Infantry deployed 96 long range patrols. The majority of the patrols were planned for a 4 to 5 day duration. Each patrol averaged a total of 264 hours in the field or a total of 11 days. A total of 58 enemy sightings were made resulting in 37 contacts for a total of 77 NVA/VC KIA and 2 detainees. The patrols incurred 35 US WIA and no KIA's.

21. During the reporting period 62nd Infantry Platoon (Combat Trackers) continued to support the 1st Air Cav Div (AM) with four teams. Heaviest utilization of the teams has been to provide ground reconnaissance to determine the number, direction and age of enemy movement, both after contacts and on pre-planned insertions into suspected enemy locations. A total of 69 missions were made resulting in 4 NVA KIA. The teams incurred 2 US WIA and NO KIA's.

J. Supply

1. The Squadron continued to send two to four 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks every two weeks to the 15th S&S at Bein Hoa to procure Class II and IV bulk items. This was supplemented by UH-1H missions as necessary.

2. The Squadron used over 1,000,000 rounds of 7.62mm, 24,141 - 2.75 rockets, and 3000 WP grenades this quarter.

3. There is a shortage of M151C vehicles. The aforementioned items are arriving in country, however, in insufficient quantity to alleviate the shortages.

4. A shortage of radio set AN/URC 10 still exists through this period. G-4 is attempting to procure these items.

K. Aviation Maintenance

1. Working long and arduous hours under the expert guidance of the Squadron Maintenance Officer, the Squadron aircraft availability has increased to over 75 percent without subtracting from overall flight time.

2. The following was accomplished by Squadron this Quarter:

- a. Coordinated retro fit of AH-1G TAT 102 on 5 A/C.
- b. Gave a class on TAEBS to pertinent personnel within the Squadron.
- c. Conducted inspections of Troop motor pools and aircraft maintenance.
- d. Made numerous technical assistance visits to all Troops.
- e. Started a maintenance news letter.
- f. Initiated a Squadron OJT program.
- g. Held monthly maintenance meetings.

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In addition the Squadron received a total of 30 in-country R&R allocations of which 3 were for officers and 27 for EM.

6. The following Courts Martials were completed during the Quarterly period.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>SPECIAL</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>
AUG	1	4	5
SEP	0	1	1
OCT	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	5	6

H. Intelligence:

The S-2 section continued to receive and compile intelligence gathered by the Air Cavalry troops. This intelligence along with all other intelligence gathered by the Division is being compiled on a day by day basis. Through the use of this combined intelligence the S-2 section is forecasting the "Top 10" areas of interest in the Division A.O. These areas are transmitted to the Air Cav troops for further VR and ~~or~~ ground exploitation.

~~Activity~~ Activity in the 1st Bde AO during the ~~past quarter~~ ^{YEAR} has found main force units remaining out of identifiable contact for the first two (2) months of the reporting period. During the last month of the period contact was made with the 272 Regt. to the west of FSB Carolyn. This activity continued through the month, map tracing their movement to a point southwest of FSB Ike. Activity with the 272 Regt. resulted in 154 NVA KIA. VR continues throughout the entire AO with emphasis on unit identification.

~~Activity~~ Activity in the 2nd Bde during the reporting period again found main force units remaining out of identifiable contact. During this period the 5th VC Division moved into a location northeast of LZ Buttons, however, this move resulted in only light contact with units from the 1/9. During the last three weeks of the reporting period the 174 Regt. was identified northeast of FSB Mary. Local force activities to the southwest and east of LZ Button have caused little activity during this quarter. Emphasis continues on further exploitation of the 174 Regt.

~~Activity~~ Activity in the 3rd Bde as in the first and second has found main force units remaining out of identifiable contact for extended periods of time. VR pick-up the 141 Regt. northeast of FSB Deb and map traced the unit north of Quan Loi inflicting heavy casualties. Late in the reporting period the 141 Regt. was again identified northwest of FSB Ellen. This identification resulted in 40 NVA KIA in one day. ~~Emphasis continues on further exploitation of the 141 Regt.~~

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L. Safety

1. Currently, maximum effort is being placed on updating the Squadron Safety SOP and flight standardization.

2. One of the difficulties being experienced in aviation safety has been the influence of new, relatively inexperienced personnel while the more experienced personnel, IP's and SIP's are rotating. The Squadron is now in the process of instituting what should prove to be a most effective flight standardization program.

3. Aircraft Accidents

	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HMT	0	0	0	0
A TROOP	1	1	0	2
B TROOP	0	0	1	1
C TROOP	2	2	1	5
1/9	3	3	2	8

4. Vehicle Accidents

	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HMT	0	0	0	0
A TROOP	0	0	0	0
B TROOP	0	0	0	0
C TROOP	0	0	0	0
D TROOP	0	0	0	0
H Co	0	1	0	1
62 INF	0	0	0	0
1/9	0	1	0	1