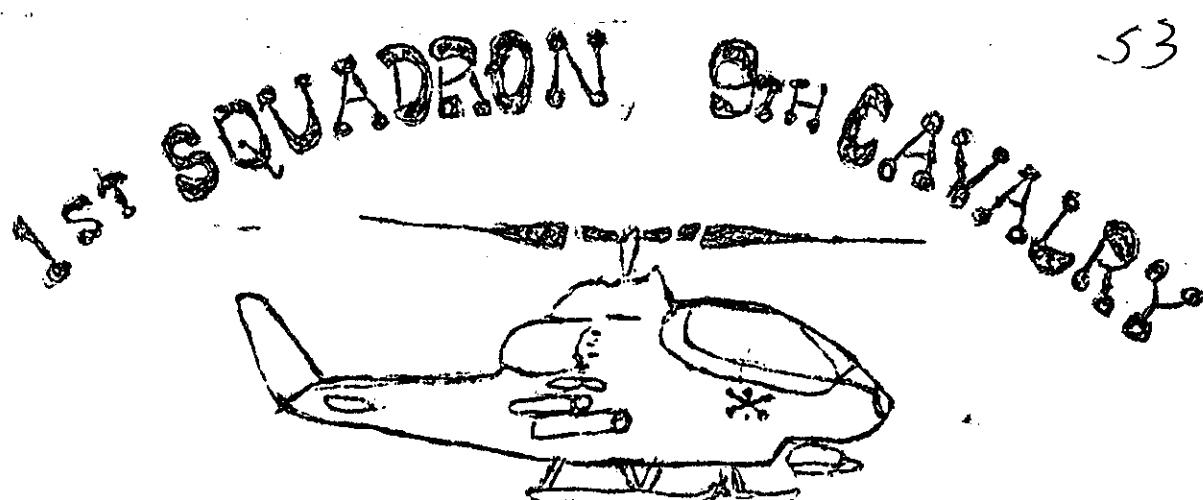
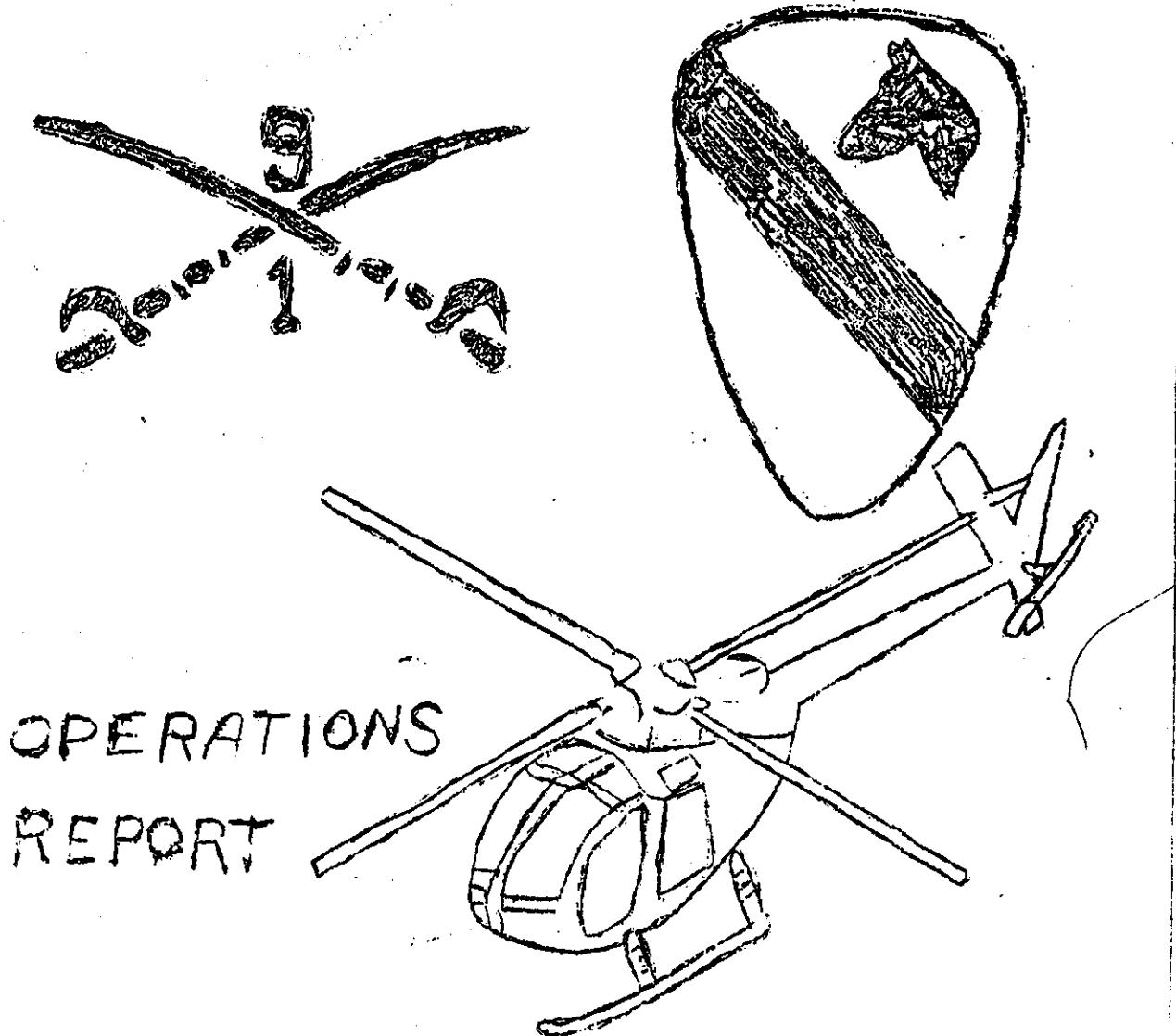


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SUBJECT: (U) Operational Report of First Squadron, Ninth Cavalry for Quarterly Period Ending 31 July 1970 (RCS-CSFOR-65) (RL)

Commanding General  
1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile)  
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(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.

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(26 Dec 69 - 26 May 70) Squadron Executive Officer

CPT William O. Martin  
(26 May 70 - 26 Jun 70) Squadron Executive Officer

MAJ Galen D. Rosher  
(26 Jun 70 - Present) Squadron Executive Officer

(c) 1LT John M. Reilly  
(16 Mar 70 - Present) Adjutant

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CPT Alfred S. Demaillo CO, Headquarters Troop  
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MAJ Douglas K. Erway CO, Troop B  
(11 Jul 70 - Present)

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(24 Jun 70 - 3 Jul 70)

MAJ Turner L. Nelson CO, Troop C  
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CPT Eldon D. Anderson CO, Troop D  
(1 May 70 - Present)

(q) 1LT William C. Miller II CO, 62nd Inf Plat (CTT)  
(15 Jan 70 - 25 Jun 70)

1LT Kenneth W. Besecker CO, 62nd Inf Plat (CTT)  
(25 Jun 70 - Present)

D. Unit strength as of 31 July 1970:

## 1. Military.

UNIT	OFF		WO		EM		TOTAL	
	AUTH	O/H	AUTH	O/H	AUTH	O/H	AUTH	O/H
HHT	19	18	6	9	168	176	193	203
A	18	11	30	33	127	126	175	170
B	18	12	30	25	127	135	175	172
C	18	12	30	27	127	121	175	160
D	5	4	0	0	127	110	132	114
62nd Inf	1	1	0	0	22	29	23	30
98th Trans	1	1	1	0	61	38	63	39
151 Trans	1	1	1	0	61	43	63	44
<u>545 Trans</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>53</u>
1/9th	82	(61)	99	(95)	(881)	(829)	1062	(985)

## 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	4	3	0	0
B	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0
C	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0
D	0	0	0	0	7	6	0	0
62nd Inf	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0
1/9th	0	0	0	0	24	20	0	0

## E. Aircraft Authorized/On Hand

UNIT	UH-1H		UH-1G		CH-47	
	AUTH	O/H	AUTH	O/H	AUTH	O/H
HHT	7	5	0	0	0	1
A	8	8	9	9	10	10
B	8	8	9	9	10	11
C	8	8	9	9	10	9
1/9th Cav	31	30	27	27	30	31

## F. Cumulative Totals.

## (1) Enemy:

UNIT	NVA/VC KIA	POW	INDIV WPNS	C/S WPNS	BICYCLES	TONS RICE	POUNDS SALT	VEHICLES
A	287	0	158	4	4	177.9	6,000	24
B	447	1	307	7	18	35.1	0	35
C	314	0	10	0	0	214.6	0	26
D	33	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
62nd Inf	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1/9th Cav	<u>1051</u>	2	<u>477</u>	<u>12</u>	22	437.6	6,000	<u>85</u>

## (2) Friendly:

UNIT	KIA	WIA	MIA	A/C HIT	A/C DESTROYED	VEHICLES DESTROYED
HHT	0	11	0	3	0	0
A	6	6	0	12	3	0
B	0	17	0	13	3	0
C	7	12	0	9	4	0
D	0	5	0	0	0	1
62nd Inf	0	1	0	0	0	0
1/9th Cav	<u>13</u>	<u>42</u>	0	<u>37</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>

## G. Personnel.

1. Personnel have functioned normally throughout this Quarterly Period.

2. The squadron gained a total of 218 and lost a total of 300 for a net loss of 82 personnel for the quarter.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>GAIN</u>	<u>LOSSES</u>	<u>LOSSES (CASUALTY)</u>
MAY	Off-9 WO-13 EM-60	Off-11 WO-23 EM-42	Off-2 WO-4 EM-16
JUNE	Off-10 WO-10 EM-39	Off-11 WO-6 EM-54	Off-1 WO-0 EM-5
JULY	Off-10 WO-8 EM-59	Off-14 WO-2 EM-104	Off-0 WO-2 EM-3
TOTAL	Off-29 WO-31 EM-158	Off-36 WO-31 EM-200	Off-3 WO-6 EM-24

3. The squadron used 235 promotion allocations during the quarter, of which 82 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>
MAY	Impact Regular	22 26	14 27	0 3
JUNE	Impact Regular	20 19	6 17	1 1
JULY	Impact Regular	13 26	5 34	1 0
TOTAL	Impact Regular	55 71	25 78	2 4

4. The members of this command received 1027 awards for this quarterly period broken down as follows:

DSC.....	1	BS.....	301
SS.....	6	AM.....	270
DFC.....	69	ACM.....	167
BS/V.....	37	PH.....	44
AM/V.....	39	Soldier's Medal..... 5	
ACM/V.....	83		

5. The squadron received a total of 223 out-of-country R&R allocations, and 19 in-country R&R allocations.

Bangkok.....	30	Sydney.....	49
Hawaii.....	65	Taipai.....	20
Hong Kong....	29	Tokyo.....	10
Manila.....	2		

6. The following Court Martials were completed during the quarterly period.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>SPECIAL</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>
MAY	0	1	0
JUNE	0	0	1
JULY	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	1	1

## H. Intelligence.

1. At the time we entered Cambodia, the intelligence estimate showed that the VC/NVA were already in the process of moving their caches. From captured documents it was found that the VC/NVA could not and would not try to mount any major offensive against Free World Forces. Their instructions were to evade contact as much as possible. After the initial thrust into Cambodia most units lost contact with their higher headquarters and as a result were lacking command guidance.

The first part of April 1970, some enemy units received orders from COSVN to leave SVN and support Cambodian Communists in an all out offensive to overthrow the Cambodian government. The VC's believed that this could have been accomplished if the ARVN and US Forces had delayed their attack approximately 1/2 month.

2. The S-2 section predicted areas of interest throughout the Cambodian Operation in the 1st Air Cavalry Division's area of observation. Visual reconnaissance by the three (3) Air Cavalry troops aided the commander in suggesting areas to be exploited by ground forces.

Through the mapping of trail networks in Cambodia several high speed roads constructed of woven bamboo were discovered. These roads followed terrain ridge lines and were capable of supporting light to moderate traffic. The roads often cut ridge lines fifty (50) meters below the ridge in order to eliminate steep grades. Numerous rest areas, turn around points, and overnight parking areas were observed on the road system. Vehicle repair shops with full maintenance capabilities including engine replacement were strategically located along the bamboo highways. The enemy vehicles located in this area were not standard type. They varied from jeeps and land rovers to light trucks. The manufacturer's were as varied as the type. They included U.S. manufactured vehicles as well as numerous European models.

In some areas branch roads fingered off to cache sites approximately 100 meters off the main road.

Some caches were located on the side of the main road. The supplies were stacked on wooden pallets that were built off the ground and approximately 12'X12' in size. Large dark plastic covers were used to protect the cache from detection and weather. Due to the heavy vegetation and canopy the cache sights were hard to detect from the air. In addition to the numerous cache sites detected, medical complexes and training areas were discovered by squadron pink teams. The Navy's magnetic anomaly detection bird supported by a squadron pink team was responsible for detecting about 5% of the enemy caches in Cambodia.

3. Since the 1st Air Cavalry Division's return to Vietnam, the S-2 shop has been occupied in plotting the various trail networks uncovered by visual reconnaissance and in the Division's A.O. Ranger reports supplement the information provided by the air cavalry troops. The Navy's magnetic anomaly detection bird continued its

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operation in the Division AO. Indications are that the enemy is trying to re-establish his lines of communication and supply generally along the II and III Corps border.

4. Activity in the 1st Brigade AO has been concentrated in the Rang Rang area with cache sites being exploited to the northeast of Rang Rang. Garden plots in the Brigade AO have been plotted by Charlie Troop. The coordinates of these plots have been forwarded to the Division Chemical Office. C Troop has been piecing together the extensions of the Jolley and Adams Trail systems, attempting to plot the system from Phuoc Long Province into Long Khanh Province (War Zone C).

5. In the 2nd Brigade AO enemy movement is generally along the border area and along the II and III Corps boundary. Several large cache sites were found near the RVN and Cambodian border. Enemy intelligence indicates the possibility of the enemy reestablishing his resupply routes through the II Corps paralleling the II and III Corps border down to the Dragons Head and then into the III Corps.

6. In the 3rd Brigade AO Bravo Troop has been plotting the trail network presumed to be used by the 82nd R.S.G. and the 90th R.R. The trail network is employed by the enemy to infiltrate replacement troops and supplies from Cambodia into Vietnam. Basically the enemy in the 3rd Brigade AO is on the defensive to safeguard the supplies he has moved into Vietnam.

#### I. Operations.

1. The 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, remained in general support of the Division and continues to provide reconnaissance throughout the Division AO. A Troop and B Troop supported the 1st ARVN Airborne Division during Task Force Shoemaker then reverted general support of the Division when the 2nd Brigade was committed into Cambodia.

2. During the first portion of this reporting period the squadron operated in Cambodia with Task Force Shoemaker and discovered numerous cache sites and enemy positions. A and B Troop initiated the operation in Cambodia on 1 May 1970. C Troop entered the Cambodian action on 5 May 1970 and continued reconnaissance there until the withdrawal of U.S. Forces.

3. On 1 July 1970 the three (3) Air Cavalry Troops reverted to general support of the Brigades with A Troop supporting the 1st Brigade in the northern part of Phuoc Long Province. B Troop supported the 3rd Brigade in the northwestern section of Phuoc Long and the eastern portion of Binh Long Province. C Troop supported the 2nd Brigade in the largest portion of Phuoc Long Province. D Troop came under the operational control of Divarty and worked primarily with road convoys and ambush patrols in AO Chief around Camp Gorvad. On 11 July A and C Troops exchanged missions when the Division AO was shifted to give a more equal to each Brigade.

The quarter ended with the squadron supporting the Division in its area of operation in the following manner: A Troop in general support of the 2nd Brigade

in the northeastern portion of the AO, B Troop in general support of the 3rd Brigade in the northwestern portion of the AO, C Troop in general support of the 1st Brigade in the southeastern portion of the AO, and D Troop supporting Diverty in AO Chief located in the southwestern portion of the Division AO.

With the squadron in this configuration priority of effort was placed on supporting the ground elements with visual reconnaissance. Locating and plotting enemy cache sites and trails continues to be an important function of the squadron. A Troop contacts during the reporting period were primarily with the 5th VC Div, 7th NVA Div, 86th RSG. B Troop contacts were with the 5th VC Div, 7th NVA Div, 86th RSG and the 50th RSG. C Troop contacts were with the 5th VC Div, 7th NVA Div, 86th RSG, and the 50th RSG. Specific results of the contacts were:

a. Enemy: KBH - 1025 KIA - 26 PW - 2

b. US: KIA - 13 WI - 42

5. 1 May 1970 - Operation Task Force Shoemaker. Troop B crossed the Cambodian border at 0730 hours and were immediately in contact from ground to air fire at XU371017, resulting in one (1) truck, four (4) tents destroyed and twelve (12) NVA KBH.

6. 2 May 1970 - Troop A at XT412992, 0835 hours spotted seven (7) to ten (10) individuals, engaged with organics resulting in two (2) NVA KBH. 0850 hours at XT409986 an OH-6A received heavy AK-47 fire and crashed, resulting in three (3) US KIA. The Aero-Rifle Platoon was inserted on the downed bird and were in contact immediately, resulting in ten (10) NVA KIA, captured one (1) Russian Flag and eight (8) inches of documents. During the remainder of the day Troop A and B were in contact many times resulting in the following: two (2) aircraft shot down, three (3) US KIA, 47 NVA KBH, ten (10) NVA KIA, twelve (12) enemy trucks destroyed and one (1) motorcycle destroyed.

7. 3 May 1970 - 0750 hours Troop B at XU462219 spotted twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) individuals. An OH-6A received ground to air fire, engaged with organics, resulting in twelve (12) NVA KBH. 0950 hours Troop B at XU412271 spotted ten (10) to fifteen (15) individuals on bicycles, engaged with organics, resulting in fourteen (14) NVA KBH and one (1) bicycle destroyed. 1030 hours Troop C at YU 362267 spotted twenty (20) individuals on bicycles, engaged with organics, resulting in nine (9) NVA KBH and two (2) bicycles destroyed. During the remainder of the day Troops A, B, and C were in frequent contacts with the following results: 72 NVA KBH, twenty-eight (28) trucks destroyed, thirteen (13) bicycles destroyed and fifteen (15) tons of rice destroyed.

8. 4 May 1970 - Troop B at XU496166 spotted and engaged four (4) 2 1/2 ton trucks loaded with military equipment, two (2) trucks were destroyed by organics. During the remainder of the day Troop A and B were in light contact, resulting in the following: ten (10) NVA KBH, eight (8) trucks destroyed, one (1) motorcycle destroyed, one (1) ton of ammo destroyed. B Troop Aero-Rifle Platoon captured 257 SKS rifles, three (3) .51 cal machine guns, one (1) 75mm recoilless rifle and some small arms ammo.

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9. 6 May 1970 - 0910 hours Troop C at XU956427 an OH-6A and UH-1H received heavy ground to air fire from a village, resulting in two (2) US KIA, four (4) US WIA and two (2) aircraft destroyed. 1150 hours Troop B at XU770364 an OH-6A received 200 rounds of AK-47 fire. The aircraft took one (1) hit in the bubble, engaged with organics and received a secondary explosion like a 500 pound bomb. Results: seven (7) NVA KBH. 1305 hours Troop C at YU127524 an AH-1G and OH-6A received ground to air fire, engaged with organics, resulting in eleven (11) NVA KBH. 1630 hours Troop A at XU210150 spotted 225 tons of rice and one (1) truck, area engaged with organics and four (4) airstrikes, resulting in 150 tons of rice and one (1) truck destroyed. 1830 hours Troop A at XU223168 spotted fifty (50) tons of rice, engaged with organics with negative results. Airstrike requested for 7 May 1970. The days results: two (2) US KIA, five (5) US WIA, thirty-one (31) NVA KBH, 150 tons of rice destroyed, four (4) trucks destroyed, and fifty (50) tons of rice located.

10. 7 May 1970 - 0800 hours at YU127430 Troop C spotted six (6) 2 1/2 ton trucks and thirty (30) individuals with AK-47 rifles, engaged with organics resulting in fifteen (15) NVA KBH and six (6) trucks destroyed. 0810 hours at YU374423 Troop C spotted two (2) 2 1/2 ton trucks and five (5) individuals, engaged with organics resulting in five (5) NVA KBH, five (5) SKS's destroyed, two (2) huts destroyed and two (2) AK-47's destroyed. Requested air strike resulting in one (1) .30 cal machine gun destroyed, one (1) .51 cal machine gun destroyed and four (4) NVA KBH. During the remainder of the day Troops A, B and C were in frequent contact with the following results: forty-five (45) NVA KBH, nine (9) trucks and five (5) water buffalos destroyed.

11. 8 May 1970 - 0805 at YU004428 Troop C spotted and engaged six (6) 2 1/2 ton trucks, resulting in four (4) trucks destroyed. 0835 hours at YU125525 Troop C OH-6A received ground to air fire, engaged with organics resulting in fifteen (15) NVA KBH. 1137 hours at YU125526 Troop C spotted and engaged ten (10) individuals resulting in ten (10) NVA KBH. 1650 hours at XU265203 Troop A spotted and engaged fifteen (15) individuals resulting in ten (10) NVA KBH. During the remainder of the day troops A, B and C had numerous contacts resulting in the following: fifty-one (51) NVA KBH, eight (8) trucks and one (1) tractor destroyed, one (1) aircraft shot down and spotted 50 tons of rice.

12. 9 May 1970 - 1555 hours at XU710450 B Troop spotted twenty (20) individuals, twelve (12) 2 1/2 ton trucks, an OH-6A received ground to air fire, engaged with organics resulting in four (4) NVA KBH, two (2) trucks destroyed, requested air strike. BDA of airstrike: four (4) trucks, one (1) ton of ammo, and one (1) ton of TNT destroyed, two (2) NVA KBH. 1830 hours at XU975445 Troop C spotted and engaged seven (7) NVA resulting in seven (7) NVA KBH and one (1) AK-47 destroyed. 1830 hours at XU710450 Troop B spotted and engaged two (2) 2 1/2 ton trucks, resulting in eighteen (18) NVA KBH, eight (8) trucks destroyed and one (1) AK-47 rifle destroyed.

13. 10 May 1970 - 1135 hours at XU718402 Troop B spotted and engaged three (3) individuals on bicycles resulting in three (3) NVA KBH. 1605 hours at XU350425 Troop B OH-6A received small arms fire, engaged with organics and AR, resulting

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in eight (8) NVA KBH and two (2) NVA KBARL. 1800 hours at YU305540 Troop C spotted and engaged two (2) 2 1/2 ton trucks resulting in one (1) destroyed and one (1) damaged. 1836 hours at XU513C53 Troop A spotted a large bunker complex with twenty (20) - twenty-five (25) individuals in area, engaged with organics, ARA and airstrikes resulting in six (6) NVA KBH, six (6) NVA KBL, three (3) NVA KBARL and numerous bunkers and structures destroyed. During the remainder of the day light contacts were made resulting in twenty-one (21) NVA KBH, one (1) aircraft shot down, one (1) US WIA and one (1) truck destroyed.

14. 11 May 1970 - 1015 hours at XU683459 Troop B spotted and engaged fifteen (15) individuals resulting in six (6) NVA KBH. 1115 hours at YU360640 Troop C AH-1G received fifty (50) rounds of automatic fire, engaged with organics resulting in ten (10) NVA KBH. 1400 hours at XU508520 Troop B spotted and engaged six (6) individuals resulting in six (6) NVA KBH, two (2) AK-47's and one (1) .30 cal machine gun captured. 1700 hours at XU547034 Troop A spotted and engaged ten (10) individuals resulting in six (6) NVA KBH. 1730 hours at YU188547 Troop C spotted and engaged an unknown size element in open field resulting in thirty-seven (37) NVA KBH. During the remainder of the day Troops A, B and C were in moderate to heavy contact resulting in the following: seventy-three (73) NVA KBH, one (1) truck and one (1) radio destroyed, two (2) AK-47's and one (1) .30 cal machine gun captured.

15. 12 May 1970 - 1400 at YU574125 Troop B Infantry Platoon was inserted to check out bunker complex. 1425 hours "Blues" were in contact resulting in seven (7) NVA KIA, one (1) SKS and several documents captured. 1630 hours at YU028410 Troop C spotted and engaged twenty (20) individuals resulting in nineteen (19) NVA KBH and two (2) individual weapons destroyed. During the remainder of the day contact of all troops was light resulting in the following: twenty-two (22) NVA KBH, seven (7) NVA KIA, and two (2) individual weapons destroyed.

16. 13 May 1970 - 1245 hours at YU136497 Troop C OH-6A received ground to air fire. Aircraft went down with two (2) US WIA, Pink Team engaged area resulting in eleven (11) NVA KBH. 1500 hours at YU130442 Troop C spotted and engaged classroom demonstration area resulting in fifteen (15) NVA KBH. 1710 hours at XU267306 Troop B Infantry Platoon established contact with four (4) individuals resulting in the following: one (1) NVA KIA and one (1) NVA POW. During the remainder of the day contact was light resulting in the following: thirty-six (36) NVA KBH, one (1) NVA KIA, one (1) NVA POW, two (2) US aircraft shot down, two (2) US WIA.

17. 14 May 1970 - 0815 hours at XU638536 Troop B spotted three (3) 2 1/2 ton trucks, and five (5) oxcarts each containing 2,200 pounds of rice, engaged with organics resulting in six (6) NVA KBH, three (3) trucks and 6,600 pounds of rice destroyed. 0905 hours at YU134443 Troop C OH-6A received ground to air fire, engaged area with organics resulting in seven (7) NVA KEB. 1100 hours at XU243013 Troop A Infantry Platoon were inserted to look for earlier downed aircraft. 1155 hours at XU246016 Troop A OH-6A received heavy AK-47 fire, crashed and burned. Blues trying to get to the downed aircraft made contact at XU245015 resulting in three (3) NVA KIA and one (1) US WIA, three (3) US (air crew) KIA and aircraft destroyed. 1530 hours at YU125433 Troop C spotted and engaged five (5) individuals with AK-47's resulting in five (5) NVA KBH and five (5) AK-47's destroyed. During

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the remainder of the day light to moderate contact was made resulting in thirty-one (31) NVA KBH, four (4) NVA KIA, three (3) US KIA, one (1) US WIA, one (1) US aircraft destroyed, 12,000 pounds of rice destroyed, five (5) AK-47 rifles destroyed and twenty (20) tons of rice discovered.

18. 17 May 1970 - 0745 hours at XU771438 Troop B OH-6A received automatic fire from estimated twenty (20) individuals, engaged with organics resulting in five (5) NVA KBH. 1030 hours at XU787427 Troop B spotted and engaged five (5) individuals going into hut, resulting in five (5) NVA KBH and hut destroyed. 1500 hours at XU773440 Troop B spotted and engaged eight (8) bicycles with 200 lbs of rice on each, resulting in eight (8) bicycles and 1,600 pounds of rice destroyed. During the remainder of the day there was light to moderate contact resulting in the following: twenty-six (26) NVA KBH, eight (8) bicycles and 1,600 pounds of rice destroyed and one (1) bicycle captured.

19. 18 May 1970 - 0900 hours at XU835474 Troop B spotted and engaged nine (9) individuals resulting in nine (9) NVA KBH. 0905 at XU690534 Troop A spotted eight (8) individuals and 2,200 pounds of rice. Area engaged with organics resulting in two (2) NVA KBH and 2,200 pounds of rice destroyed. During the remainder of the day all troops had light contact resulting in the following: twenty-seven (27) NVA KBH, four (4) tons of rice destroyed, twenty-two (22) tons of rice discovered.

20. 26 May 1970 - 1112 hours at XU700454 Troop B spotted three (3) individuals with 77,000 pounds of rice, engaged individuals with organics resulting in three (3) NVA KBH, called in air strikes and destroyed 40,000 pounds of rice.

21. 27 May 1970 at YU379774 Troop A Infantry Platoon found a cache with sixth-three (63) flintlock rifles, five hundred ninety-four (594) 60mm mortar rounds, two thousand (2,000) .51 cal rounds, three thousand-five hundred (3,500) .30 cal rounds and four thousand-five hundred (4,500) AK-47 rounds.

22. 28 May 1970 - 0840 hours at XU503064 Troop A OH-6A received AK-47 fire, area engaged with organics resulting in five (5) NVA KBH. 1155 hours at XU736558 Troop B spotted and engaged fifteen (15) to twenty (20) individuals resulting in six (6) NVA KBH. 1230 hours at same location twelve (12) NVA KBH. 1240 hours at same general location three (3) NVA KBH. 1250 hours three (3) more NVA KBH. During the day action was moderate to heavy. Total KBH; 43.

23. 4 June 1970 - Troop C at YU119358 spotted and engaged five (5) individuals resulting in five (5) NVA KBH. At YU125405 Troop C spotted and engaged four (4) jeeps and one (1) 2 1/2 ton truck resulting in one (1) 2 1/2 ton truck destroyed. During the remainder of the day contact was light resulting in fifteen (15) NVA KBH and one (1) truck destroyed.

24. 5 June 1970 - Troop B at XU745555 spotted and engaged thirty (30) - forty (40) individuals resulting in thirteen (13) NVA KBH. During the remainder of the day contact was light resulting in fifteen (15) NVA KBH. Destroyed 6,600 pounds of rice last three (3) days.

25. 26 June 1970 - Troop B at XU997425 an OH-6A received ground to air fire from bunker complex, engaged area with organics resulting in ten (10) NVA KBH, one (1)

20'X40' hootch destroyed by secondary explosion. Requested air strike.

26. 18 July 1970 - Troop D at XU957214 while performing security for a convoy made contact with estimated company size unit of NVA armed with AK-47's, SKS's, RPG and B-40 rockets. Result of contact five (5) US WIA.

27. 19 July 1970 - 0755 hours at XU904226 Troop B OH-6A received ground to air fire, engaged with organics resulting in one (1) NVA KBH. This was the start of frequent ground to air firings throughout the day. Total results, twelve (12) NVA KBH, three (3) VC KBH and numerous bunkers and hootches destroyed.

28. 23 July 1970 - 1000 hours at YT508981 Troop A spotted and engaged two (2) individuals resulting in one (1) VC KBH. This was the start of frequent contacts throughout the day total results: six (6) NVA KBH, three (3) VC KBH, two (2) US WIA, one (1) AH-1G shot down, one (1) AK-47 rifle and numerous bunkers and hootches destroyed.

#### J. Supply

1. M151C Vehicles. This squadron is short four (4) of the six (6) authorized. This shortage was reported in the last quarterly report.

2. Truck Tank Fuel Serviceing M49A2C. The squadron is currently short one (1) of these vehicles. We have experienced no broken frames this quarter, however the one (1) located at Phuoc Vinh is being utilized constantly to keep the three (3) troops and H Co. 75th Inf (Ranger) provided with water. There is no backup in the event this vehicle has any maintenance problems.

3. M37B1. No longer critical since the squadron has received six (6) in the past month, leaving us short five (5) of the 36 authorized.

4. The relocation of A Troop from Tay Ninh to FSB Buttons is going to present some problems with electrical fixtures and wiring. There is a sufficient source of power consisting of two (2) thirty (30) kilowatt generators and one (1) sixty (60) kilowatt generator.

5. The expendable supply problem has not been solved, and certain common items are still in short supply e.g. grease pencils, staples, brooms and light bulbs.

6. The squadron used 1,473,711 rounds of 7.62mm, 23,094 2.75 rockets, and 44,799 40mm grenades.

#### K. Aviation Maintenance.

1. During the past quarter the squadron's profile has continued to improve despite an increase in flying hours and a shortage of personnel. The ever increasing efficiency of the DS detachments, and the more effective management of our declining personnel assets, has maintained our operational ready rate at 83.9%, .9% above last quarter. The mission ready rate increased to 79.7%, 1.7% above the preceding quarter. The squadron flew 22,363 hours, 4,908 hours above the

last quarter.

2. The squadron NORs rate decreased to 1.6%, a .4% decline. The NORs rate will continue to decline despite a greater accountability in the supply system and an overall cut back in the quantity of repair parts available. An effective intra-squadron lateral search program has been established which incorporates timely communication of forecast needs. Lateral searches outside the squadron have been made more effective through the establishment of specific contacts at other units and a working knowledge of their aviation assets.

3. Squadron maintenance is continuing to emphasize the usage and training of first echelon maintenance personnel, i.e. crew chiefs and gunners, in an effort to unburden the DS detachments and allow them to cut their turn around time to a minimum.

4. A synopsis of the quarter is as follows:

	<u>OR</u>	<u>MR</u>	<u>NORS</u>	<u>HRS FLOWN</u>
4th quarter 1969 Oct Nov Dec	72%	60%	5%	18,152
1st quarter 1970 Jan Feb Mar	83%	78%	2%	17,458
2nd quarter 1970 Apr May Jun	83.9%	79.7%	1.6%	22,366
<u>Avg OR and Type A/C</u>				<u>Avg Flying Time Per A/C Per Month</u>
UH-1H - 86%				92.8 hours
AH-1G - 79%				
OH-6A - 89%				
UH-1C - 84%				

#### L. Safety.

1. Maximum emphasis is being placed on aviation and ground safety. A monthly meeting of all safety officers has been started. This has enabled us to become aware of the safety problems in other troops and start a program to decrease the accidents by being made aware of them prior to the accident happening.

The squadron continues to require the units hold a weekly safety meeting.

During the last quarter safety meetings have covered a variety of safety topics some of which are, -10 emergency procedures, refueling proceduring, wearing of

protective clothing, briefing of passengers and motor vehicle operations.

2. Aircraft Accidents.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HHT	1	0	0	1
A Troop	0	1	0	1
B Troop	2	0	1	3
C Troop	0	2	1	3
1/9th Cav	3	3	2	8

3. Vehicle Accidents.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HHT	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
62nd Inf	0	0	0	0
1/9th Cav	0	0	0	0