

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
TROOP D, 1ST SQUADRON (AIRMObILE), 9TH CAVALRY
1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION
APO 96490

AVDARS-D

31 December 1969

SUBJECT: Operational Report for Month of December 1969

Commanding Officer
1st Squadron 9th Cavalry
1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile)

1. Significant Organizational and Unit Activities:

a. Two platoons (2nd & 3rd), and command group Troop D (-), continued in operation control of the 2nd Bn 8th Cav from 1 December to 16 December at Camp Gorvad. On 17 December D Troop (-), came under operational control of 5th Bn 7th Cav. At Camp Gorvad the troop (-), conducted mounted and dismounted reconnaissance, convoy security base defense, search missions and check point control with the Vietnamese National Police.

b. One platoon (-), 1st platoon, continued operational control to the 3rd Brigade at Quan Loi as base defense in control of the Red Sector of the base perimeter.

c. Principle Operations:

1 December 1969: At 0640 hours, 2nd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh for XT981441, where they provided security for the engineers. At 1300 hours, the 3rd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh and established a logger position at XT912518. From this position they sent out a dismounted patrol for a general recon, 3rd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1640 hours, and the 2nd platoon closed at 1847 hours.

2 December 1969: At 0240 hours the Squadron area was hit with approximately 8 rounds of 82 mm mortar. One round hit the D troop E-6 hooch resulting in 2 KIA's and 20 WIA's. At 0625 hours the 2nd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh with 2 dusters they were enroute to XT981441 where they provided security for the engineers. The 2nd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1725 hours.

3 December 1969: At 0615, the 3rd platoon and 2 dusters departed Phuoc Vinh for XT981441 to provide security for the engineers. The 3rd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1703 hours.

4 December 1969: At 0812 hours the 2nd platoon and 2 dusters departed Phuoc Vinh for XT981441 where they provided security for the engineers. The 2nd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1700 hours.

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5 December 1969: At 0730 hours the 3rd platoon and 2 dusters departed Phuoc Vinh for XT981441 where they provided security for the engineers. The 3rd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1745 hours.

6 December 1969: D Troop (-) reconned the area around seven IR readings in the vicinity of XT048657, two dismounted patrols were sent out. The troop closed Phuoc Vinh at 1430 hours.

7 December 1969: D Troop (-) departed Phuoc Vinh at 0815 hours for Dong Xoai. The troop linked up with C Troop Blues in the vicinity of XT9973 and both units searched the area for a possible arms cache. D Troop (-) closed Phuoc Vinh at 1720 hours.

8 December 1969: D Troop (-) departed Phuoc Vinh at 0955 hours for YT003530 where they logged and sent out dismounted patrols. The troop closed Phuoc Vinh at 1710 hours.

9 December 1969: Departing Phuoc Vinh at 0755 hours, D Troop established a blocking position from XT996592 to YT000605, while in this blocking position, 31 individuals dressed in black pajamas came out of the jungle onto the road carrying a white flag, upon reaching D troops position, they Chieu Hoi'd. All 31 individuals were taken to MACV at Camp Gorvad, fifteen of them were confirmed VC. D Troop (-) closed Phuoc Vinh at 1635 hours.

10 December 1969: D Troop (-) departed Phuoc Vinh at 0759 hours and established a blocking force from XT995587 to YT006605. The 3rd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1300 hours. The 2nd platoon closed at 1600 hours. The 3rd platoon set up 2 night ambushes west of Phuoc Vinh at XT927494 and XT933477.

11 December 1969: The 3rd platoon ambushes were picked up at 0730 hours and closed Phuoc Vinh at 0800 hours. The 2nd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh at 0815 hours to conduct an area recon to the northwest of Phuoc Vinh. At XT935543 the 2nd platoon found a booby trapped Chicom Grenade. The booby trap was blown in place. The farthest north the 2nd platoon was able to go was XT936555. The 2/8th Cav had booby trapped the road north of this location. The 2nd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1315 hours.

12 December 1969: D Troop (-) departed Phuoc Vinh at 0818 hours and set up in a day FOB at YT138645. The 3rd platoon sent out a patrol to recon to the southeast. At 1445 hours, the troop received a change of mission, they were to check out the area in the vicinity of YT124654 for a possible enemy KIA. At YT025655 the troop found 2 bunkers with no recent use. At YT024654 they found 1 bunker that had been used in the past 24 hours, and two 60mm mortar canisters which were evaced to Phuoc Vinh. The troop closed Phuoc Vinh at 1925 hours.

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13 December 1969: D Troop (-), departed Phuoc Vinh at 1045 hours. The 3rd platoon conducted a recon in the vicinity of YT0265, looking for possible bunker complexes. The 2nd platoon conducted roving patrols along the road from the 67 grid line to the 75 grid line. The 3rd platoon found an east-west trail at YT022657. The trail had been used in the past 24 hours by approximately 25 individuals traveling west. The 3rd platoon found 3 bunkers, 2 flashlight batteries and 1/3 pound of C-4 in the vicinity of YT024650. At YT017653 the 3rd platoon found 2 human graves 7-10 days old. The 2nd platoon spent the night at Ramagen I securing for two tubes.

14 December 1969: The 2nd platoon remained at Ramagen I for security. The 3rd platoon conducted roving patrols along the road from the 67 gridline to the 75 gridline. At 1540 hours, the 3rd platoon replaced the 2nd platoon at Ramagen I. The 2nd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1605 hours.

15 December 1969: D Troop (-) departed Phuoc Vinh at 0655 to secure a downed 227th AHB LCH at YT001608. The LCH was lifted out at 0800 hours. The 2nd platoon then conducted a dismounted area recon in the vicinity of XT998557. The 3rd platoon conducted a dismounted recon from YT030634 to YT000612. The 2nd platoon provided night security at Ramagen I. The CO and the 3rd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1715 hours.

16 December 1969: At 0830 hours the 3rd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh for XT 968444. At this location they logged and sent out patrols. The 3rd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1125 hours. The CO and the 2nd platoon provided security for a convoy from Song Be Bridge to Dong Xoai. They closed Phuoc Vinh at 1445 hours. The 3rd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh to provide security for a tank truck going to Dong Xoai. They left Dong Xoai and spent the night at Ramagen I.

17 December 1969: The 3rd platoon remained at Ramagen I until 1500 when they returned to Phuoc Vinh. The CO and the 2nd platoon returned to Dong Xoai at 0950 hours and escorted the convoy back to Song Be Bridge. The 2nd platoon then went to Ramagen I for night security.

18 December 1969: The 2nd platoon continued to secure Ramagen I until 1525 hours. The CO and the 3rd platoon provided security for an F.O. class at XT976438 from 0920 until 1045 hours the 3rd platoon was then sent to check out a bunker complex at XT978598. The 3rd platoon found 17 bunkers with 3 feet overhead cover. There had been no recent use in the area. The 3rd platoon destroyed 7 bunkers and the 3rd platoon returned to Ramagen I for night security.

19 December 1969: The CO and the 2nd platoon conducted a mounted recon in the vicinity of YT001528. They found numerous trails with no recent use. The 3rd platoon destroyed the defenses at Ramagen I and closed Phuoc Vinh at 1410 hours. The 2nd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1455 hours.

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20 December 1969: The CO and the 3rd platoon conducted a general recon in the area with center of mass at XT9253. The 2nd platoon conducted a general recon in the area with the center of mass at XT9444. At 932450 the 2nd platoon found a dud 155mm round. The EOD team was called to destroy it at 1630 hours, both platoons closed Phuoc Vinh.

21 December 1969: At 0925 hours, the CO and the 3rd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh enroute to XT038488 to check for possible rocket sites. They closed Phuoc Vinh at 1730 hours. The 2nd platoon were scrambled at 1500 to recon in the vicinity of XT946514 for a possible anti-aircraft position. The 2nd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1645 hours. At 1815 hours the 2nd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh to establish an ambush at XT985490. At 1850 hours, the CO and the 3rd platoon were scrambled for a double check six at XT947447. The 3rd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 2042 hours.

22 December 1969: The 2nd platoon ambush closed Phuoc Vinh at 0718 hours. The CO and the 3rd platoon conducted a recon in the vicinity of XT948447. They closed Phuoc Vinh at 0943 hours. The 2nd platoon conducted a recon of the area in the vicinity of XT984500. At XT997483 the 2nd platoon found a 4.2 round set up as a booby trap. The 2nd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1520 hours. At 1800 hours, the CO and the 2nd platoon was scrambled for a double check 6 at XT962459. They closed Phuoc Vinh at 1925 hours.

23 December 1969: At 0910 hours the CO and the 3rd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh for Bien Hoa to pick up 8 V-100's. At 0957 hours, the 2nd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh for Song Be Bridge to provide security for a convoy from Song Be Bridge to Dong Xoai. The 2nd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1750 hours. The 3rd platoon returned to Phuoc Vinh with the V-100's at 1835 hours. The 3rd platoon escorted one company from 5/7th to their NDP at XT985490. The 3rd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 2155 hours.

24 December 1969: The 2nd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh at 1040 hours for Dong Xoai to provide security for the return trip of the convoy. The 2nd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1510 hours.

25 December 1969: The CO and the 3rd platoon conducted a mounted recon to the west of Phuoc Vinh. They closed Phuoc Vinh at 1643 hours.

26 December 1969: D troop (-) departed Phuoc Vinh at 1035 hours to conduct a general area recon in the vicinity of XT920490. The troop closed Phuoc Vinh at 1650 hours.

26 December 1969: The CO and the 2nd platoon conducted a general area recon in the vicinity of YT0550. At YT050503 they found a rocket pod and two damaged rockets. They picked up 3 individuals at YT034505 and took them to MACV at Phuoc Vinh. The 2nd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1540 hours. The 3rd platoon was supposed to have a 6 man night ambush at Ramagen I, but the mission was cancelled.

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27 December 1969: The CO and the 2nd platoon conducted a general recon in the vicinity of YT0550. At YT050503 they found a rocket pod and two damaged rockets. The 2nd platoon destroyed the rockets. They picked up 3 individuals at YT034505 and took them to MACV at Phuoc Vinh. The 2nd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1540 hours. The 3rd platoon was supposed to have a 6 man night ambush at Ramagen I, but the mission was cancelled.

28 December 1969: The 3rd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh at 0805 hours for YT 010537 where they will be provided security for the people who planted sensors at that location. The 2nd platoon conducted a mobile recon along the road north-east of Phuoc Vinh to the 71 grid line. Both platoons closed Phuoc Vinh at 1135 hours.

29 December 1969: The CO and the 2nd platoon conducted a general area recon in the vicinity of YT043517. They checked ID cards of 25 to 30 woodcutters, they all had the proper ID cards. They found one dud US rocket which they destroyed. The 2nd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1545 hours. The 3rd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh at 1740 hours and established night ambushes at XT995584 and YT00595.

30 December 1969: The 3rd platoon ambushes closed Phuoc Vinh at 0810 hours. The infantry section and the mortar section of the 2nd platoon provided security for two 105 tubes at XT995546. The rest of the 2nd platoon provided security for a convoy from Song Be Bridge to Dong Xoai. The 2nd platoon closed Phuoc Vinh at 1415 hours. The 1st platoon was released from their base defense mission at Quan Loi and returned to Phuoc Vinh to conduct operations with D troop.

31 December 1969: The 2nd platoon mortar and infantry sections provided security for two 105 tubes at XT995546. The 3rd platoon provided security for the convoy from Dong Xoai to Song Be Bridge.

b. Other Activities

13 December Squadron change of command
20 December Awards ceremony

c. Base Defense

Throughout the month of December, D troop (-), was used as a quick reaction force for Camp Gorvad. D troop (-), also conducted the last light sweep around the perimeter of Camp Gorvad nightly.

d. Base Improvements

During the month of December the troop continued to improve living conditions and fighting positions at Quan Loi and Phuoc Vinh. Numerous bunkers were built in the troop billets area.

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e. Training and Organization

During the month of December, PFC Grant attended the small arms repair course, SP4 Cuculich and SGT Waymire attended CLC and 15 men received training from the 720th MP's at Long Binh on the V-100's.

f. Administration and Logistics

| (1) Authorized | Assigned | Present for Duty |
|----------------|-----------|------------------|
| OFF WO EM | OFF WO EM | OFF WO EM |
| 5 Na 127 | 5 Na 121 | 5 0 107 |

(2) Organization for Combat

| | |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| CO | CPT Scott |
| XO | LT Lowe (1-17) LT Cullen (18-31) |
| OPNS OFF | N/A |
| 1st Plt | LT Cullen (1-17) LT Zorn (18-31) |
| 2nd Plt | LT Hahn |
| 3rd Plt | LT Marshall |
| Lift Section | N/A |
| Maint Section | N/A |

(3) Awards and Decorations

| | |
|---------------|----|
| Silver Star | 0 |
| Bronze Star V | 4 |
| Bronze Star | 0 |
| Air Medal 4 | 4 |
| Purple Heart | 19 |
| ARCM | 1 |
| ARCM "V" | 8 |

(4) Losses

Un-Programmed Losses

| OFF WO EM | OFF WO EM |
|-----------|-----------|
| 0 Na 9 | 1 Na 7 |

(5) Promotions

| | |
|-----|---|
| E-7 | 0 |
| E-6 | 1 |
| E-5 | 2 |
| E-4 | 4 |

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(6) R&R

| | |
|-------------|----|
| IN-Country | 1 |
| Out-Country | 11 |

(7) Replacements

OFF WO EM

0 NA 15

(8) Logistics

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| a. Class I | None |
| Class A | 9300 |
| Class B | None |
| Class C | 3720 |
| b. Class II | None |
| c. Class III | |
| JP-4 | N/A |
| AVGAS | N/A |
| MOGAS | 4000 gal |
| DIESEL | 250 gal |
| d. Class IV | |
| e. Class V | |
| 5.56 | 300 |
| 7.62 | 800 |
| 40mm | 30 |
| 60mm | 0 |
| 81mm | 10 |
| 106mm | 4 |
| 50 Cal Spotter | 8 |
| Frgs | 0 |
| Claymores | 15 |
| M-72 | 0 |
| Smoke Grenade | 0 |
| Signal Ill. | 0 |
| Trip Flares | 30 |

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2. Losses

| a. Enemy | Month | Quarter |
|---------------|------------|--------------|
| NVA KIA | 0 | 3 |
| VC KIA | 0 | 0 |
| NVA Captured | 0 | 0 |
| VC Captured | 0 | 0 |
| Detainees | 31 | 31 |
| C/S Weapons | 0 | 0 |
| Indiv Weapons | 0 | 0 |
| Ammunitions | 1/3 lb C-4 | 90 rds AK-47 |
| Documents | 0 | 0 |
| Packs | 0 | 0 |
| Uniforms | 0 | 0 |
| Rice | 0 | 0 |
| Salt | 0 | 0 |
| Grenades | 0 | 0 |
| Booby Traps | 1 | 2 |

b. Friendly

| | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|
| US KIA | 2 | 2 |
| US MIA | 0 | 0 |
| US WIA | 20 | 22 |
| A/C Firings | N/A | N/A |
| A/C Hits | N/A | N/A |
| A/C Hit (No Fly) | N/A | N/A |
| A/C Hit (Non Combat) | N/A | N/A |
| Indiv Wpns Lost | 0 | 0 |
| C/S Wpns Lost | 0 | 0 |
| Veh Dest (Combat) | 0 | 0 |
| Veh Dest (Accident) | 0 | 0 |
| Vehicles Turned in | 3 | 12 |

3. Commanders Comments

None

4. Recommendations

None

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 Commanding

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