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1ST SQUADRON (AIRMOBILE), 9TH CAVALRY  
1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)  
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AVDARS-D

14 May 1969

SUBJECT: Lessons Learned

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1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile)  
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The following observations were noted during the operational period  
13 April - 14 May 1969

a. While working as part of Base Defense the Troop is required to establish platoon size night locations with each sending out one ambush.

(1) Evaluation: The feasibility and size of an ambush is directly dependent on the number of personnel available in a platoon. With 9 vehicles in a night location it is necessary to establish a perimeter of sufficient size so vehicles are not alongside each other. To do this it takes at least 20 - 25 individuals to defend it.

(2) Recommendations: That ambushes be used when they are an advantage to the ambushing unit with LP's and OP's being used at other times.

b. The rainy season with severe electrical storms has begun and communication will become a paramount problem.

(1) Evaluation: Radios and handsets will become wet causing communications problems. Also during electrical storms radios with long antennas are likely conductors for lightening.

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(2) Recommendations: That all RTO's take special precautions to insure keeping handsets dry by the use of plastic or some means of covering. As soon as the rain has stopped handsets must be uncovered to stop any condensation from forming. During severe electrical storms radios must be monitored but radio traffic should be kept to a minimum for safety reasons.

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