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1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION
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SUBJECT: Lessons Learned (15 June 69 - 14 July 69)

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1. The following observations were noted during the operational period 15 June 69 - 14 July 69.

a. The Troop is constantly being placed on OP's/LP's for base defense and security for platoon size ambushes.

(1) Evaluation: Personnel are not being equipped with the necessary equipment while manning OP's/LP's.

(2) Recommendations: OP's/LP's be equipped with a minimum of one (1) compass, one (1) starlight scope, one (1) M-79 grenade launcher and one (1) machine gun.

b. The Troop has reconnaissance patrols out around the L.Z. daily which encounters dud rounds and for bunkers.

(1) Evaluation: Patrols are carrying a limited amount of explosives.

(2) Recommendations: Each patrol be equipped with a minimum of one (1) demolition kit per squad.

c. The rainy season has a great effect on timing fuze even while still wrapped in plastic.

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(1) Evaluation: An alternate means is needed to detonate C-4 and other explosives.

(2) Recommendations: A claymore firing device, wire and electrical blasting cap can be used as a means for denotation when the fuze is wet or unserviceable.

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