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TROOP D, 1ST SQUADRON (AIRMOBILE), 9TH CAVALRY  
1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION  
APO 96490

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15 July 1969

SUBJECT: Lessons Learned (15 June 69 - 14 July 69)

Commanding Officer  
1st Squadron 9th Cavalry  
1st Air Cavalry Division  
ATTN: S-3

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.

*for James R. Dye*  
ANDREW J HUDSON  
Captain, Armor  
Commanding

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