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

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15 Aug 1969

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

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

a. During the period Troop D encountered an area which was heavily booby trapped and resulted in one friendly KIA and four WIA's.

- (1) Evaluation: While patrolling dismounted, insure wide interval exist between members of the patrol.
- (2) Recommendations: Insure the patrol is thoroughly briefed to the minutus detail and ask questions to see if your instructions are understood.

2. During the monsoon the rats and insects moved inside buildings and bunkers for protection and food.

- (1) Evaluation: During this time more emphasis should be placed on insect and rodent prevention not only by the individual but the support units.
- (2) Recommendations: Insure mosquito nets are up and used; inspect your rat poison containers to insure they are adequate.

3. During the period Troop D has had to react to enemy reports that were one and two weeks old.

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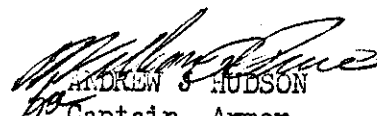
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SUBJECT: Lessons Learned (15 July 69 - 14 August 69) (cont)

- (1) Evaluation: Reported information on the enemy should be reacted to immediately, and used for the purpose of future operations.
- (2) Recommendations: At least a one day operation into a suspected enemy location should be conducted when recent enemy activity is found and reported. Two weeks reaction is too slow.


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