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TROOP "3"

1ST SQUADRON 9TH CAVALRY

1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRBORNE)

APO San Francisco 96190

AVDAR-3

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SUBJECT: Lessons Learned:

1. Keep your airspeed up and constant when reconning any area near a thunderstorm. The gusty winds have a tendency to toss the aircraft if the airspeed is below 30-40 knots.
2. When several aircraft are operating in the same area at relatively the same altitudes, the aircraft should take up the same direction of orbit with approx. 200 ft. separation.
3. When climbing or descending use S turns to enable you to clear yourself properly.
4. If you suspect a mechanical malfunction in your aircraft, have a T.I. inspect the suspected component rather than passing it off as a strange sound.
5. After refueling, insure that the gas cap is on and that all crew members are strapped in before applying power.
6. When washing down aircraft, or components with solvents or other flammables, insure that the battery is disconnected to prevent a possible fire.
7. Avoid making approaches downwind. This could result in the loss of translational lift at a higher altitude and end up with a possible hard landing.
8. When taking off from confined areas, always consider wind direction and barriers before applying power. An area of low barriers could make the difference between a takeoff and a crash.
9. When flying always insure your helmet is fastened and that it fits properly.
10. Make post flights as well as preflights. A post flight may save your butt.

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