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

AVDARS-D

15 Sept 69

SUBJECT: Lessons Learned (15 Aug - 14 Sept)

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

1. The following observations were noted during the operational period
15 August 1969 - 15 September 1969.

a. During the period Troop D worked with the National Police at road
side check points.

(1) Evaluation: This is a good means to screen all civilian traffic
on a particular route.

(2) Recommendations: That this Troop work with the National Police
and search VCI in suspected VC hamlets or hamlets that sympathize.

b. During reconnaissance mounted and dismounted, this Troop finds fresh
trails that lead to suspected enemy locations.

(1) Evaluation: The Troop does not presently have the capability to
determine if the trails found are friendly woodcutters or VC.

(2) Recommendations: Consideration should be given to attach a Combat
Tracker team with vehicles to the Troop and remain in the forward operational
area.

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