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SUBJECT

AVDARS-A

Lessons Learned

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1. An incident that happened with Sting Ray scouts and the ARVN Airborne stands as a lesson learned for everyone. The scouts engaged an area where the 113 element was located resulting in friendlies being wounded and evacuated. The problem was failure to properly get clearnace, and no idea of the friendly locations. The lesson learned is obvious.
2. In general we are learning lessons everyday concerning the policy of discontinuing the use of white phosphorous for marking targets. The cobra in almost every case is not in on the right area when the scout receives fire. On a fixed target under heavy canopy it takes sometimes several minutes for the smoke to become visible. The lesson learned here we believe is the advantages of using W.P. to mark targets outweigh the disadvantages.
3. We have had at least occasions this month where protective chest plates have saved a man from serious injury. Every now and then it takes one of these incidents to remind the pilots to properly use the protective equipment they have.
4. When you have killed some NVN with packs, weapons, and other items of intelligence interest try to keep the area under surveillance at all times until you can employ Blue to snatch up the items. If there is a break in surveillance the enemy will try to recover everything of importance.

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