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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 3D SQUADRON, 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT
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INFORMATION

1. Approved Awards. During the week 16 - 22 October, the following approved awards were received by Squadron Headquarters and forwarded to the troops for presentation:

Combat Infantryman's Badge	27
Purple Heart	6
Army Commendation Medal	6
Air Medal	9
Bronze Star	15

2. Counsellors Needed for New Drug Therapy Program. A new program is under way to offer assistance in rehabilitating drug users in the squadron. Counsellors will be selected in each location of the squadron whose function will be to assist any man who wants to quit his habit and to help a man who returns from a detoxification center to stay off drugs. No formal training is necessary. Anyone interested in this work should contact the 37th Med., S-1, or any medic. Counsellors are not a substitute for the responsibilities of command, nor is their work expected to interfere in any way with unit functions. The men will be expected to work with unit commanders, not against them -- they will work for the commanders.

POLICY

1. Civic Action Activities. I am very pleased to note the increasing interest in civic action activities by units of the squadron. At the same time, I see the need to have the S-5 continue his coordinating role in civic action projects. Consequently, the following policies are announced:

a. Units which wish to support any civic action projects (food, clothing, etc.) will advise the S-5 of this intent. The S-5, in conjunction with the III Corps Liaison Officer, and in consideration of needs to support tactical operations, will coordinate such efforts. This coordination will include such matters as selection of an institution to support, PIO support, obtaining approval from appropriate Vietnamese authorities, and coordinating with the S-4 or Aviation Section for transportation.

b. Donations of food stuffs and other forms of assistance will not be provided directly to solicitors.

2. M16 Magazines. All unserviceable M16 magazines should be retrograded to the combat trains area at Cu Chi. They will be disposed of at that location by the support platoon leader.

3. Retrograde of Expended Brass. All units have been very responsive in backhauling their expended brass for turn-in. The program has received a great deal of emphasis by both TRAC and USARV, and our response has been noted. Keep up the good work.

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4. Drivers' Infrared Periscopes. All units should take immediate action to consolidate drivers' infrared periscopes in their respective supply rooms. They should be thoroughly cleaned and all optical surfaces taped. A serial numbered inventory will be forwarded to the S-1 NLT 8 November 1971. An inspection will be held on 12 November to insure strict compliance with these instructions.
5. Submission of Awards. Previously, some VN awards were submitted through VN agencies without my knowledge. I have a very clear policy on this. All award recommendations, US and VN, will be submitted through Squadron Awards and Decorations for my approval.
6. Outprocessing. Personnel located in the field may now return to the rear 10 days prior to DEROS for outprocessing. This change is necessitated by the new USARV policy which requires DEROSing personnel to report to the 90th Replacement Battalion NST 4 days prior to DEROS and NLT 3 days prior to DEROS.

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