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In compliance with the Historical Activities Program, the following Unit Historical Report is submitted:

1. On 1 January 1968, Headquarters Troop was located at Loc Ninh performing a security operation on Operation Fargo. While in this location, the Regimental Scout Section and Command Vehicle Section were deployed as dismounted patrols, destroying approximately 137 bunkers, 35 foxholes and several observation platforms. On 22 January 1968, Operation Fargo was terminated.
2. On 12 March 1968, the Regimental Commander, Colonel Jack MacFarlane was wounded in battle while directing a 3d Squadron action against a reinforced enemy battalion 15 miles West of Saigon. The Executive Officer, LTC John F McArdle, assumed command and was replaced by Colonel Leonard D Holder on 15 March 1968. Colonel Holder was killed in an accidental helicopter crash near Long Binh on 21 March 1968. He was replaced by LTC McArdle, who was replaced by Colonel Charles Gorder on 22 March 1968.
3. On 8 April 1968, the Regimental Headquarters Troop moved to the Blackhorse Base Camp, then located at Long Giao, RVN, and remained there for approximately one week and then the Troop moved to Lai Khe on 16 April 1968, where the Regimental Command Post was set up for approximately one month during the Operation TOAN THANG.
4. During the period 1 May 1968 to 31 July 1968, operation TOAN THANG was still in effect. The Forward Command Post made several moves during this period. In the earlier part of May, the Command Post moved down from Lai Khe to Bien Hoa, and to FSB Ranger. Toward the end of the month the Command Post moved back to Bien Hoa and from there to Lai Khe. On the 3d to the 5th of June, the Command Vehicle Jump Post moved to Sicily Six. On the 5th of June the section moved to Thunder I OPCON to 2d Squadron for reconnaissance and security.
5. On the 15th of July 1968, Colonel George S Patton assumed command of the Regiment. On that same day, the Command Vehicle Section and one squad from the Scout Section returned to Bien Hoa and formed task force Privette under the command of Captian, now Major Privette, for the purpose of reconnaissance and security in the Long Binh and Bien Hoa area.
6. On 16 September 1968, Task Force Privette was dissolved. One Scout Section Squad remained OPCON to I Troop, 3d Squadron in the Long Binh and Bien Hoa Area for the purpose of reconnaissance and security missions. The Command Vehicle Jump Command Post moved to Chu Lai on 18 September 1968 to OPCON with the 1st Squadron.
7. On the 19th of October 1968, Colonel George S Patton was wounded in action, while leading a small force against a well entrenched Viet Cong sniper position. LTC Merritte Ireland assumed command of the Regiment for approximately one week while Colonel Patton was in the hospital and Colonel Patton returned to resume command on the 26th of October 1968.

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8. On 8 November 1968, one of the Command Vehicle Section ACAV's hit a mine, destroying the track and dusting off four men near FSB JACK while enroute to FSB HOLIDAY INN. At this time, the Regimental Command Post is located semi-permanently at Bien Hoa, where it has remained through the 31st of December 1968. On the 20th of November, after replacing the destroyed track, the Command Vehicle Section Jump Command Post moved to FSB JIM to work with the 51st ARVN Ranger Battalion. On the 14th of November 1968, CSM Daniel J. Mulcahey was awarded the Silver Star for Gallantry in action, while directing the fire of the Command and Control helicopter crew during a firefight with hostile forces.

9. On 20 December 1968, CSM Mulcahey was wounded in action while on a short reconnaissance mission by sniper fire. He was Medevaced to CONUS just after Christmas. On the 22d of December 1968, Colonel Patton was awarded the DSC for gallantry on 5 September 1968, when the Command and Control helicopter spotted a large body of Viet Cong attempting to evade friendly forces. Colonel Patton ordered the ship set down and personally led an assault on the enemy resulting in the capture of one Viet Cong.

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TROOP COMMANDERS OF HEADQUARTERS TROOP

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19 Jan 68 - 27 May 1968

CPT GARY D TURNER

27 May 68 - 3 Feb 1969

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