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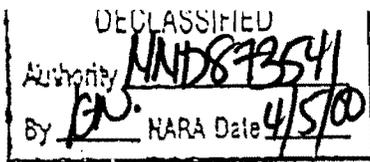
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SUBJECT: Feeder After Action Report Covering Period
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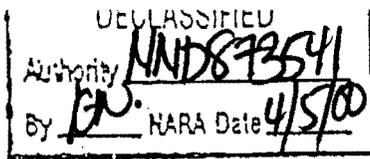
1. Summary: The missions for Troop A during this reporting period were to provide visual reconnaissance and security to elements of the 101st Airborne Division and the I Corps ARVN. The majority of Troop A's support went to the 101st Airborne Division.
2. 1 August 71: A Troop missions for today were to VR 616, T4, QL9 from Shepard to Laos, 608, and the interdiction points on 616. While in the vicinity of 608, the team found 200 rounds of 37mm ammo. At 044315 the LOH took several rounds of small arms fire and received one hit. At 051330 the team spotted an NVA soldier coming out of a bunker, as the team continued its VR in this area it spotted another NVA in a bunker at 028319, result 2 KBH.
3. 2 August 71: Missions for today were to VR 616 and area, 608, and pull BDA's. At 985312 the team killed three NVA. Each carried an AK rifle. Bulldozer tracks were sighted at 902236. The LOH took 20 rounds of AK fire with negative hits at 929335. An NVA wearing fatigues and boots was killed at 068348.
4. 3 August 71: Today's missions were to VR 608 and Extension (Green Alpine Road), QL9, and the Tun Tavern area. At 085351 the LOH took several rounds of AK and .30 cal fire. It sustained no hits. At 055358 the LOH took small arms fire again with negative hits. At 076355 a Cobra took ten rounds of AK fire and sustained no hits. At 077533, the LOH took moderate AK fire. The team engaged and got 1 KBH at this location.
5. 4 August 71: A Troop was to VR 616, QL9, Tun Tavern, and DaKrong Valley today. The team received fire from 935332 and engaged with unknown results. At 964332 the team spotted 3 NVA resulting in 2 KBH. Bulldozer tracks were sighted at 970328. In the Khe Sank area a concrete bunker with an antenna on top was spotted. The bunker was subsequently destroyed by TAC Air. Several rounds of .51 cal were fired at one of the Cobras at 929331. In the T4 area (065255), the LOH took about fifty rounds of AK fire.
6. 5 August 71: Today's missions were to VR T4, Tun Tavern, and 616 area. Negative recent activity was found in the T4 area. At coordinates 056348, 047342, and 048350, the LOH took small arms fire with negative hits. The team engaged with unknown results. The LOH again took fire at 056345. This time it sustained five hits from a .51 cal. There were no casualties.



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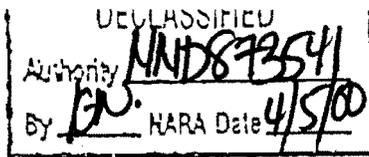
7. 6 August 71: Missions were to VR the DaKrong Valley and the T4 area. An NVA wearing green fatigues, boots, and carrying no weapon was killed 041346. Activity in the Tun Tavern area was fresh. There were no more significant spots.
8. 7 August 71: Today A Troop VR'd the T4 area. An AH-1G was shot down at 069258. Three active .51 cal positions were destroyed in the vicinity of the downed aircraft by an air strike. The rest of the day was spent in recovering the downed bird. Numerous caches and hootches in the immediate vicinity were destroyed by TAC Air.
9. 8 August 71: Today's missions were to VR DaKrong Valley, 608, and Extension, and pull BDA's. The LOH took small arms fire at 058318 and 053324 with negative hits received. Both areas were engaged with negative results. A well camouflaged .51 cal pit was destroyed by ARA at 053326.
10. 9 August 71: To VR the DaKrong Valley, QL9, and 608 with Extension were today's missions. At 945332, the ARA working with the team got three KBH. Some of the dead had AK's. Due to poor weather, the rest of the AO was unworkable for the remainder of the day.
11. 10 August 71: Today's missions were to VR QL9, the DaKrong Valley, and pull BDA's. A Cobra took several rounds of .51 cal with negative hits at 703398. At 156300 the LOH took 60 rounds of AK fire with negative hits.
12. 11 August 71: Today's A Troop missions were to support the Hoc Bao extraction. No significant spots were reported.
13. 12 August 71: A Troop's missions were to VR the DaKrong Valley, 616 and Extension, and pull BDA's. At 972289 tracks of a bulldozer and two (2) wheeled vehicles were spotted. A .51 cal pit with weapon was sighted and engaged with negative results at 933243.
14. 13 August 71: Today's missions were to VR the DaKrong Valley, 616 and Extension, and support the Rangers. The LOH took 50 rounds of AK fire at 052318 with negative hits. Tracks indicated that fifty personnel had met at the 0635 grid line and crossed the river towards HENDERSON. A truck park was found at 972293. Several cache pits, boxes of ammo, bunkers, and .51 cal pits were found at 969332.
15. 14 August 71: To VR the Eastern DaKrong Valley, 616 and Extension, QL9, and conduct a CA were today's missions. The only significant spot occurred when a Cobra took 25 rounds of AK fire at 048343. The team engaged with unknown results.
16. 15 August 71: A Troop's missions for today were to support a search-rescue mission, support the Rangers, VR the DaKrong Valley and HENDERSON, and VR a special box. Moderate foot traffic was reported on QL9 at 737364.
17. 16 August 71: Today's missions were to VR the DaKrong Valley, Red Devil Road, and to VR the Eastern DaKrong Valley. In the vicinity of T4 at 023262, the Cobra took small arms fire. The team engaged and killed 3 NVA wearing green fatigues, boots, and 1 AK rifle. Bulldozer tracks were sighted at 930334 and 922338. At 932471 the Cobra again took small arms fire, The team killed 3 more NVA. These wore blue-green uniforms. All had boots except one who wore tennis shoes. One AK rifle was also found. Several hootches, cache pits, and .51 cal pits were spotted at 912342. The team started three grass fires in this area after taking small arms fire. A .51 cal position and 3 NVA were destroyed when they opened up on the LOH. The NVA wore green uniforms and boots.



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18. 17 August 71: Missions for today were to VR in the vicinity of SARGE, HOLCOMB, HENDERSON, and the BaLong Valley. Two (2) mortar pits were found in good condition at 110393. An NDP with 35 bunkers freshly camouflaged was found at 060415.
19. 18 August 71: Today's missions were to VR QL9 from CALU to the Laotian Border, SARGE and HOLCOMB area, and a special box. A possible 14.5 firing position was found at 889404 and engaged with negative results. At 900380, 3 NVA were spotted. One carried a radio. The team engaged this target with unknown results.
20. 19 August 71: Today's missions were to VR the BaLong Valley, Red Devil Road, 608, and QL9. The team took a small amount of AK fire at 053416 and engaged with unknown results. The LOH took ten rounds of .30 cal fire with negative hits at 042410. At 038424, the team took small arms fire and discovered a .51 cal pit, 2 mortar positions, 20 bunkers, and several fighting positions. At 877349, the team found an old house with no roof on it. Inside were several stainless steel pots and pans. The LOH took an undetermined amount and type of fire at this location. No hits were received.
21. 20 August 71: A Troop's missions were to VR the HENDERSON side of the BaLong and support the U.S. Ranger operation near the mouth of the BaLong. At 993551 the Cobra took 50 rounds of .30 cal, 100 rounds AK, and 15 rounds .51 cal. The aircraft was forced to land. It was later recovered. At 991481 a large living area was uncovered. Many types of ammunition were found. Enemy personnel were in the area.
22. 21 August 71: The missions for today were to VR Red Devil Road, 608, the BaLong Valley, and recon two special boxes. A truck in good condition was found at 902398. The LOH took several rounds of .51 cal fire with negative hits. The gun was near the truck. TAC Air destroyed the truck and gun.
23. 22 August 71: Missions for today were to VR Red Devil and pull BDA's. At 911500, wheeled vehicle traffic was spotted. At 911495, track vehicle tracks were found. The LOH took many rounds of .30 cal and .51 cal fire at 916486 and sustained numerous hits. The Observer was seriously wounded and the pilot slightly wounded. The aircraft was forced to land. At 942508 the team engaged a mortar pit and killed 2 NVA. On a BDA, the team found 4 bunkers and three .51 cal pits in a triangle destroyed in the vicinity of 916486.
24. 23 August 71: Today's missions were to VR HENDERSON, QL9, and perform a CA. Around the site of yesterday's downed aircraft at 923524 the team reported heavy activity during the night. A two day old body was found at 889499 along with 6 pair of boots, a wooden cross, and a large box. A dud 250 lb. bomb was found at 878467. The LOH took a small amount of small arms fire with negative hits at 896463. The team engaged with unknown results. At 914344 a "snake" took several rounds of 14.5. No hits were received. Unknown results of engagement.



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25. 24 August 71: Today's missions were to perform an extraction of the downed LOH (22 Aug), VR 608, and Red Devil Road. The team engaged one NVA wearing green clothes, resulting in 1 KBH, at 896469. Heavy foot traffic was reported on Red Devil. Track vehicle tracks were sighted at 780551. Approximately ten boxes of 37mm ammo were found at 776546. More track vehicle tracks were spotted at 778545.
26. 25 August 71: Missions for today were to VR the Khe Sank area, 608, Red Devil Road, and QL9. The team engaged several NVA and killed two wearing green uniforms at 778538. At 772539, a Cobra took ten rounds of AK fire with negative hits. The same Cobra took approximately 20 rounds of .51 cal fire with negative hits at 800516. Four NVA were killed at 776555. They all wore green uniforms and dark footwear. An empty truck park was found at 777554. Another truck park was located at 779555. Track vehicle tracks were sighted at 775560. A LOH took 30 rounds of AK fire with negative hits at 782528. The team engaged with unknown results. At 897504, the team got 6 KBH and destroyed 5 hootches. One backpack was captured.
27. 26 August 71: Missions were to VR Green Alpine Road and pull BDA's. Small bulldozer tracks were found at 775564. A truck park (semi-camouflaged) was sighted at 773500. Three new and uncovered .51 cal pits were found at 770587, 776578, and 776582. More bulldozer tracks were spotted at 921338. At 923336, a vehicle turn around point was located. A covered bulldozer park was found at 914345. The team engaged and got 2 secondary explosions.
28. 27 August 71: The mission for today was to VR 608 and Green Alpine Road. A telephone line was sighted at 835603. At this coordinate, a Cobra took 30 rounds of small arms fire with negative hits. Track vehicle tank tracks were found at 778598. Fifty 200# bags of rice, many hootches, clothes, bunkers, cache pits, and ammo boxes were discovered at 849571. The team engaged and destroyed 75% of the rice. At 828613, the team spotted a 5 man work party and engaged. The results were one KBH. Approximately 600-700 spools of commo wire, ammo boxes, and pits were found at 848568. The LOH dropped a WP grenade in and got secondary explosions.
29. 28 August 71: Today's missions were to VR 608 and area of contact (8457), and a special box in the BaLong Valley. One NVA soldier was captured and 2 NVA KBH after a LOH sighted the three at 878575. Many large cache pits were reported from 850559. The area was heavily boobytrapped. A transient rest area was discovered at 853561. The LOH Observer got one KIA. Two of the aircraft received heavy AK fire at 878574. They engaged the target and got two more KBH.
30. 29 August 71: The mission for today was to VR Red Devil Road. The LOH pilot estimated that up to 200 personnel had been in the area of 876515. The team got 6 KBH's. The area may be a regimental headquarters. Many different types of ammunition, bunkers, hootches, clothes, etc, were found in the immediate area. A possible 37mm position, minus the weapon, was found at 874518.
31. 30 August 71: Today's mission was to VR Red Devil Road and the area north of the Punchbowl to the DMZ. At 828612 the LOH took several rounds of AK fire with one hit in the fuel cell. The team engaged and got 1 KBH. At 869565 the LOH took small arms fire. The Observer was seriously wounded. The team engaged with unknown results.

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32. 31 August 71: Missions for today were to VR Red Devil Road, QL9 from SHEPARD to Lang Vei, and the BaLong from CALU to SHEPARD. Heavy foot traffic was reported to be headed east at 957542, 063395, and 061390. At 933472 the team took light amounts of AK fire and engaged the target killing 1 NVA. The aircraft took no hits. A Cat Killer FAC found a pickup truck at 814634. A Troop's Cobras fired on the truck and destroyed it. An old .51 cal pit and 2 possible mortar pits with several nearby bunkers were found at 067397.