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 101st Airborne Division (Ambl).
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30 July 1971

SUBJECT: Reeder After Action Report (1 June - 30 June 1971)

Commanding Officer
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1. General activities during the continuation of operation "Jefferson Glenn" and Lamson 720. Troop B was used in general support of the 101st Airborne Division (Ambl), and the 1st Infantry Division (ARVN). The primary mission was to gather intelligence through visual reconnaissance missions. Secondary missions included screening for troop movements, downed aircraft security in the Division Area of Operation, bomb damage assessments for B-52 strikes, TAC air, and artillery.

2. Sequence of Significant Activities: On 1 June, B Troop gunships destroyed one enemy $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck vic YC 496 842. B Troop ARP inserted on C Troop Cobra on 6 June vic YD 723 093, aircraft and crew were extracted. On 7 June, B Troop gunships killed five NVA on the Khe Sanh Plateau. On 9 June, B Troop gunships killed two NVA south of FSB Rendezvous. On 12 June B Troop gunships destroyed two $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks south of the A Shau Strip. B Troop ARP inserted south of FSB Birmingham to conduct ambush operations on 18 June. Results were negative. 22 June, B Troop gunships killed seven NVA in support of ARVN operations vic FB Fuller. B Troop ARP inserted vic YD 06 65 on 23 June to secure downed B Troop Cobra. Aircraft and crew were extracted.

3. Lessons Learned: Experience has shown that the enemy is very adept in concealing vehicles, however, he is a creature of habit, normally driving the vehicles from 500 to 1000 meters off the roads along stream beds. Consequently, any route recon should be extensive enough to encompass all suspected areas. Gun teams, consisting of one 20mm ship and one rocket ship are most effective for neutralizing vehicular targets. Close coordination and liaison is necessary when working in support of ARVN forces to insure that both the supported and the supporting units can consequently achieve the understanding of mission requirements at all levels.

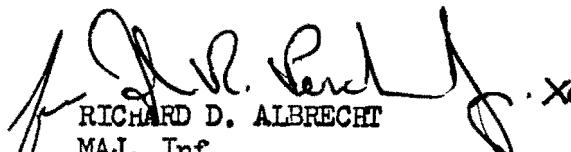
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4. Commanders Recommendations: All missions in support of troop movements (other than VR boxes) should require either the presence of the Troop CO or the Troop Operations Officer at the briefing given by the air mission commander. During the periods of extensive air cavalry operations, more aerial fire power should be made available to immediately engage targets which are discovered.


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