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1. During the month of June 1971, Delta Troop provided ground reconnaissance, reaction for ground elements in contact, and was available for downed aircraft security and recovery. Additionally, Delta Troop provided ambushes and sweeps outside Camp Eagle, served as the base defense reaction force, and also provided road security on route 547. Statistically, Delta Troop was employed for the following: one day providing downed aircraft security, seven ambushes and eight sweeps were employed in Bravo Sector, six days providing road security on route 547, between FSB Birmingham and FSB Veghel. Delta Troop also provided base defense reaction for 30 days and secured a major portion of "B" Sector, Camp Eagle for 30 days.

2. On 1 June, 2nd platoon of Delta Troop was inserted at 0740 hours, via 678003, to secure a "C" Troop aircraft which had gone down because of mechanical failure. The aircraft was rigged for extraction, which took place at 0927 hours.

3. On 19 June, when small arms fire was received in "C" and "D" sectors, the IRF 1st and 2nd platoons were stood up to react to the enemy fire. ARVN's were employed in "C" and "D" sectors, however, 3rd platoon was employed on a sweep

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of "B" sector, and discovered two bushes along the road tied together with time fuse. The Luc Luong 66, with the platoon, indicated that it might be an enemy mine or booby trap marker. The information was relayed through Squadron TOC, and it was recommended that the road be closed until EOD or Engineers could clear it. No action was taken. *why not?*

4. On 25 June, 1200 hours, 3rd platoon was placed under OPCON to 1st Brigade. The platoon's mission was to provide road security for 547 from firebase Birmingham to firebase Vegal and road 327 to firebase T-Bone. 3rd platoon was replaced at 1030 hours, on 28 June, by 1st platoon. The mission remained the same.

5. Lessons Learned.

The use of the mounted platoon for road security is far superior to a dismounted unit or static type defenses. The mounted platoon possesses more fire power and mobility than the equivalent ground sized unit, and is an effective show of force as well as a conservation of limited personnel resources.

6. Analysis and Evaluation.

Because of the requirement for one mounted platoon for road security of route 547, Delta Troop no longer has the capability of mounting a full platoon as a reaction force for Eagle Base Defense. Request that retrograded vehicles be replaced as per requisition, or that we be relieved from one or the other of the two missions.

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