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SUBJECT: Combat after Action Feeder Report. Operation Glen/Monsoon Plan.
(1 Jan 1971 thru 31 Jan 1971).

1. General description of activities during period:

During the reporting period, C Troop staged from Phu Bai Army Airfield in general support of the division. This included aerial VR's, BDA's, ground reconnaissance, and support for the Rangers. In addition, the ARP was on standby for downed aircraft in the Division AO.

2. Significant Activities During the period:

For the first ten days of the period, monsoon weather prohibited aerial reconnaissance in the Division AO. The twelve days that followed were marked by very good weather and C Troop worked the Division Recon Zones with heavy pink teams during the day and FLIR at night. A heavy increase in enemy activity was noted immediately in the A Shau Valley around A Loui airstrip and west of Tiger Mountain. After almost one full day of reconnaissance around FSB CURRAHKE, during which we had pinpointed an estimated NVA company, we launched a "Cavalry Cobra raid" consisting of 1 UH-1H chase, 1 OH-6A, 3 of our own AH-1G's and a section of ARA. Crossing the last ridgeline into the A Shau, the Cobras rolled in with nails and HE, followed by the OH-6A. The OH-6A took considerable fire but after the Cobras rolled in once more the hostile fire ceased. A quick BDA due to poor weather revealed only 3 NVA KBH, however, we feel the mission accomplished much more than was hidden in fifteen foot tall elephant grass. During this period we also reacted to three Ranger teams in contact and five downed aircraft, two simultaneously and another on A Loui airstrip, which in an hour and a half was safely returned to Camp Eagle and our ARP back to Phu Bai.

3. Lessons learned During Period:

C Troop ran many missions in the Division Recon Zones. An order to stretch our time on station and use it all for reconnaissance, we employed ARA on all targets, conserving our own fuel and ordnance for VR work and covering the LOH. We were able to BDA where ARA engaged immediately, furthering our own intelligence and assuring their continued avid response.

4. Staff Officer's Analysis:

Increased usage of ARA for the engagement of targets found by pink teams provides more opportunity for intelligence gathering and enables a stronger reaction for targets of considerable value. Care must be exercised though, in choosing when to request ARA. Unless there are certain to be profitable targets, ARA should be left free to react to other units.

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