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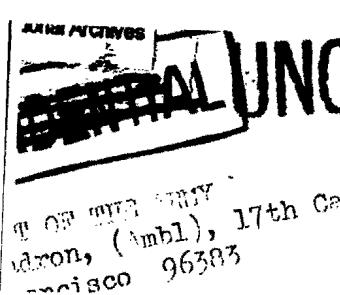
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To conduct ground and aerial reconnaissance and surveillance in the division reconnaissance zone along enemy infiltration routes of approach into the populated lowlands. Maintain a platoon size to secure downed aircraft in the Division AO.

of Operations: The Squadron was employed in general support of the

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oop operating out of Quang Tri Combat Base was generally responsible for the Division AO. B Troop operating out of Camp Eagle generally flew the Ashau on of the reconnaissance zone, while C Troop operating from Phu Bai overlapped B Troop in the Ashau Valley and continued to the east to Phuoc Binh Valley. D Troop was employed in ground reconnaissance and dismounted. Additionally D Troop provided forward area security to the Squadron reaction force if 8th Cavalry Troop Aero-Rifle platoons needed. Co L (Rangers) 75th Infantry conducted long range reconnaissance throughout the Division AO. They were also employed on a limited basis of a raid force. E Troop, 8th Cavalry was OPCON to the 2/17th Cavalry during periods: 30 Jan 71 to 7 Feb 71, 27 June to 4 July 71 and 5 September 71. B Troop 7/1 Cavalry was OPCON 2/17th Cavalry during period: 4 Apr 71 to participate in Lam Son 719 in Laos. C Troop 7/17 Cavalry /17 Cavalry during period 5 Feb 71 to 6 Apr 71 to participate in Lam Laos. The Hac Bao Co 1st ARVN Division was OPCON 2/17th Cavalry during and on a mission basis thereafter.

ration Narrative.

September 1970

supported visual reconnaissance in their traditional AO. On 14 Sept a Aero-Rifle Platoon (ARP) was inserted to ground recon a location. A soldier was killed by helicopter gunships from A Troop. 18 September reported the insertion of the Hac Bao Co for ground recon vic YD286356. 19 KIA, 1 AK-47 captured and 5 NVA additional KIA observed from previous attacks. 19 September, Troop 10H took 20-40 rounds of AK-47 fire vic area was engaged with unknown results. On 21 through 26 September a d was supported vic YD2913. The Hac Bao were successfully inserted in area. They suffered light casualties. Ground recon efforts discovered bunkers trails and .51 caliber MM pits. Cav gunships accounted for 3 NVA air strikes for 5 more.

supported visual reconnaissance efforts in the vicinity of FB Spear in enemy force believed to be operating in the area. On 7 Sept at YC715953

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KIA by Cav gunships. The ARP were inserted on a downed AH-1G at secure the aircraft for extraction. From 13-17 September, B Troop he FLIR System, flying night reconnaissance missions. Responding to ting of a possible truck park. On 15 September airstrikes were employed and a Bomb Damage Assessment by a B Troop Cav team revealed 5 enemy roved. The remainder of the month was spent in direct support to the vision in the vicinity of FB O'Reilly.

n generally supported visual reconnaissance efforts in the division). On 8 September a LOH received small arms fire, resulting in one US member near FB Lucy a LOH received three hits from a .51 caliber US WIA minor. During a FLIR support mission on 18-19 September C Troop destroyed one 4 ton truck in the Ashan Valley. Follow up airstrikes another, along with one .51 caliber weapon and several bunkers. On 21 in LOH on a visual reconnaissance mission near FB Lucy received an from an RPG round. Results were one US WIA. Additionally Cav gunships for one NVA KIA vicinity FB Fury and three NVA KIA vicinity FB Whip. On ember, C Troop ARP was inserted to ground recon a hut complex. They were an enemy force resulting in the death of a Scout Dog. On 28-29 Cav gunships engaged a single enemy soldier vicinity FB Fist and FB Whip in 2 NVA KIA.

op assisted in the operation south of FB Fist in conjunction with C The area turned hot on landing resulting in 1 US WIA and 5 hits to aft.

October 1970

October the A Troop ARP were inserted vicinity XD121225 to exploit an tact and recover 2 NVA rucksacks. They engaged and killed 2 NVA shortly ing. Light fire was taken by supporting LOH and gunship. A mortar and discovered and destroyed by artillery along with 3 NVA. On 8 October, supported the Hac Bao vicinity FB Bradley. Many trails, bunkers, and old er pits were reported vicinity XD9112. From 13 to 15 October, A Troop ported the Hac Bao West of FB Barbara. No significant results from this . On 24 October, while assisting in a Squadron operation, an A Troop team two bunkers, five cache sites and trails vicinity XD905255. This site twenty boxes of 122mm rocket warheads. In another cache at XD908264 thirty 122mm rocket warheads were discovered, resulting engagement by gunships 2 secondary explosions. Weather dominated the A Troop 10 for the remainder nth.

oon continued with it's general support mission to Division. During the October B Troop assisted in disaster relief in the vicinity of LOS BANOS, and evacuating civilians. Extensive visual reconnaissance was provided in vicinity XD5112. Three downed aircraft were secured by B Troop ARP vision 10.

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op supported visual reconnaissance in the Division recon zone. On 5 assistance was rendered to the extraction of D Troop from a PZ. On 7 n LOH on a reconnaissance mission vicinity YC892728 took eight hits 1 arms fire resulting in one US WIA minor. RPG fire was also received. 8 October four aircraft received fire, both small arms and RPG, two hits On 22 October the Troop in support of FLIR spotted 20 NVA and engaged sult: 19 NVA KIA. On 24 October a LOH took fire and engaged 2 NVA in 2 NVA KIA.

November 1970:

op supported the reconnaissance mission in the traditional AO. On 6 the Troop working in the FB Kathy, Ripcord, Bradley area received multiple .51 caliber weapons. Three huts and 16 bunkers were observed 120. On 14 November two .51 caliber pits, 10 bunkers and several huts s were observed vicinity YD148063. A LOH took AK-47 fire at YD151055 -1G took AK-47 and .51 caliber fire at the same grid. On 21 November OH took AK-47 fire resulting in 2 US WIA minor. Later in the day anot- took AK-47 fire resulting in one hit and 1 US WIA. On 24 November an hot down at XD918224 by AK-47 fire. Resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA; e area was reported as having heavy activity with cache sites and AA positions being spotted. 25-30 November was utilized for Troop refresher

op from 1-7 November supported the 1st Bde vicinity Triple Forks, YD5012 an enemy force that had made contact with a US Infantry unit. On 16 while supporting Ranger team Bill, B Troop slicks were driven off while extract the team. Two Rangers was KIA and three aircraft of B Troop took iage. The remainder of the month was spent in direct support to 1st Bde ple Forks area of interest.

p was hampered by monsoon weather as was B Troop. 13-14 November the P along with an engineer team was inserted to clear FBs Kelly, Maureen n. On 16 November C Troop teams aided B Troop in support of contact by n Bill. C Troop ARP was inserted South of FB Maureen and immediately fire by AK-47 and RPG. Resulting in 6 US WIA and 1 US KIA. From 17 r when the Ranger ground elements were finally extracted, one C&C took unds with no hits and one LOH took fire and crashed with 2 US KIA. including .51 caliber and RPG was received throughout the period.

November 1970

operations continued to be hampered by weather until 11 December when were flown via FB Barbara. On 15 December, teams took heavy .51 caliber fire via XD775236 along Rt 616. The C&C aircraft took three hits fatally ie crew chief. Heavy enemy activity was noted in the area with NVA rail. Bunkers AA weapons positions, and a bulldozed area were observed ber A Troop worked the Rt 616 area sighting numerous enemy locations,

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51 caliber pits, and freshly harvested fields. On 19 December, A was inserted on a downed Medevac helicopter to secure the aircraft and the remains of the crew.

p was hampered by the weather throughout the early part of the month. Number B Troop ARP was inserted on a downed aircraft vicinity YD496115. It had been down for 31 days. 18-22 December B Troop cav teams located a camp vicinity Eagles Nest. When the area was developed it was turned over to Bde to exploit and B Troop continued to work in DS 1st Bde.

p supported the reconnaissance effort in the Division AO. On 11 December the C Troop ARP was backup to D Troop, when they were inserted in the vicinity of the Aloui airstrip, to destroy bridges observed by C Troop teams. On 14 December an LOH on a visual reconnaissance mission was shot down by .51 caliber fire, the crew was extracted without further incident. Number a C Troop team working with FLIR sighted and undetermined number of enemy were engaged and results were 10 NVA KIA, credited to FLIR.

p conducted ground reconnaissance at YD386005 and YD392975. Results enemy vehicles destroyed by demolition.

January 1971:

p continued in general support of Division in its normal AO. On 3 January visual reconnaissance of Rt 616, two gunships took .51 caliber fire. YD3239 results 1 hit, minor damage. Teams reported heavy fire all along route. On 9 January A Troop worked in coordination with C Troop 3/17 and a downed crew in the DMZ. 11-25 January A Troop continued its reconnaissance efforts along Rt 616. Activity was observed and fire received on every mission. 7 NVA KIA were confirmed. On 30 January the screening support 1/5 Mech move toward Khesahn was started. A Troop LOH was extracted from a sandbar in the Ba Long Valley without further incident. A Troop continued to provide security for unit in the vicinity of Khesahn and FB.

p was hampered by weather conditions until 6 January when a search was conducted for a downed C Troop AH-1G. The aircraft was not found but an AH-1G from 1969 was discovered vicinity Veghel. The B Troop ARP were inserted to recover the crew remains. On 14 January at YD385001 an LOH was shot down. The crew was extracted. At YC558794 on 16 January a LOH was shot down by .51 caliber fire. The crew was extracted but the aircraft was destroyed by the crash. B Troop moved to Quang Tri Combat Base on 30 January to support the linking of Khesahn.

p conducted aerial reconnaissance in general support of the Division. With the FLIR and conducting armed reconnaissance, C Troop noted a large amount of enemy activity in the vicinity of FB Currahee. A Cavalry Cobra raid was conducted consisting of, 1 OH-6A, 1 UH-1H chase, 3 C Troop AH-1G's and 2 ARA.

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The resultant effect was 3 NVA KIA confirmed and a substantial enemy
scattered.

8th Cavalry was OPCON 2/17 Cav 30 January.

February 1971

provided support to the 1st Bde, 5th Mech, but the majority of the
rendered to I Corps ARVN for the conduct of Lam Son 719 in Laos.
y were spent in visual reconnaissance in the Rt 616 area. Storage
ers and numerous shot-at's were reported. A 2½ ton truck was destroyed
Five NVA road workers were spotted and engaged at XD918232 resulting
On 8 February A Troop crossed the Laos border. Heavy activity
and shot-at's by AK-47, .51 caliber and .30 caliber weapons, were
the day. Three aircraft took hits and returned to Khesanh. Five
nfirm KIA. 10 February while working the area west of Khesanh a
AH-1G were shot down. The crews were extracted. Seven NVA were
-12-13 February while working for ARVN ground elements A Troop destroyed
iber weapons at XD621280, a POL storage site at XD596264, one 37
D612224, numerous cache pits and storage areas and 18 NVA KIA. One
a hit in the fuel cell and returned to base. On 14-15 February A
pport of the ARVN ground elements located 7 NVA trucks and continued
cache sites. 8 more NVA were KIA. At XD470348 an AH-1G was shot
caliber fire, the crew was extracted on the rocket pods of the wing-
ircraft was lost. (CW-2 Green received DSC for this act.) The remain-
the month were spent in direct support of the ARVN. Aircraft continued
heavy fire and the first report of enemy armor around LZ 31 were rec-
e 27th. A Troop flew a last light VR of LZ 31 and an AH-1G took 15
over the LZ. Two active tanks and one AA site were observed.

Worked closely with 1st Bde during this month. On 10 February an
hot down in the Ashau Valley by .51 caliber fire, resulting in destruction
raft and 2 US MIA. 11-14 February while conducting armed reconnaissance
u Valley, Cavalry gunships destroyed one truck and one bulldozer. On
B Troop ARP was inserted to recover the bodies of a Marine helicopter
rashed at YD976184. On 26-27 February two aircraft were secured and
YD719901 and YD531132. Routine reconnaissance in the Division recon
ed the remaining days of the month.

On February 8 at 0743 hours took their first cav team into Laos. On
, two AH-1G's were lost to anti-aircraft fire on the Lao/Thailand border.
of Khesanh. One crew was extracted and the other was listed as MIA.
uary, while supporting the ARVN Ranger, a C Troop UH-1 piloted by the
Major James Newman, successfully extracted 5 of 6 Americans from a
vac helicopter. The sixth, SP4 Dennis Fujii, was later to gain
nal prominence by staying with the ARVN and calling in TAC Air and cobra
o turn back the NVA assault. Later on 18 February a C Troop LOH was
and exploded. The crew was listed as MIA. On 4 February 2/17th Cav
PCON of B Troop 7/1 cav and on 5 February the OPCON of C Troop 7/17 cav.

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roops remained OPCON 2/17 cav throughout Lam Son 719, until it's completion
April 1971.

March 1971:

roop primary mission this month was direct support to I Corps ARVN,
the conduct of Lam Son 719. On 1 March A Troop gunships destroyed a .51
position at XD721134. On 2 March a cav team while in support of 1st
troops, in the vicinity of LZ LoLo and LZ Liz, observed what appeared to be
cables at XD472387. These were engaged and one line ruptured causing a
red fire. On 4 March A Troop gunships while on visual reconnaissance took
fiber from several locations. A .51 caliber was destroyed by cav gunships
2806. Between 6-7 March A Troop Cav Team, working with TAC air and arca,
ed 4 trucks and 3 .51 caliber locations along with numerous cache sites
dumps. 8-15 March was marked by marginal flying weather in the AO.
r the cav teams flew, shot-at's were reported from, .51 caliber, 14.5mm
11 arms. On 16 March, A Troop teams received heavy fire vic XD438298.
1G took several hits and returned to Khesanh. From 17 March to 26 March,
teams worked in support of the 1st ARVN Division. On the 18th one AH-1G
t down at XD439405. The crew was extracted. A Troop gunships working
Forward Air Controller (FAC) discovered 5 T-54 tanks at XD579372 and 2
5375. These were engaged by TAC Air. 42 NVA were reported KIA by cav
while working with 1st ARVN Division during this period. On 29 March
ire was received from 23mm, 37mm and 57mm anti-aircraft weapons near XD6802
tempting to employ the Hac Bao Company as a raid force, it was decide to
if the attempt and reprep the area with airstrikes. 7 NVA were reported
30 March a cav team engaged an estimated 50 NVA vic XD9219 and confirmed
IA. On 31 March teams working in the vicinity of XD963261 engaged and
NVA with two AH-1G aircraft taking hits.

oop was in it's primary role of direct support to Division in the
ssance Zone. On 5 and 6 march the B Troop ARP was inserted on downed
at YD865211 and YD391361. On 13 March an LOH took havy .51 caliber
1 arms fire at YD199129 and was destroyed by crash and fire resulting
MIA. On 14, 17 and 24 March the B Troop ARP were again inserted to
owned aircraft at YD357472, AU863008 and YD961162. On 22 and 26 March
extracted two Rangers teams that were in contact. On 30 March B Troop
inserted to reinforce a Ranger team and to assist in the capture of 2

op continued in direct support of the ARVN Rangers in Lam Son 719.
trial reconnaissance role, the teams worked westward along route 9 as
chepone. As the ARVN began the withdrawal phase of Lam Son 719 C Troop
n again the close work along flight routes and around the planned PZ's.

op was in a defensive pasture through out the month of March. Three ARP
were placed OPCON to D Troop. Security was provided for a forward
arm point at Lang Con and the perimeter at Khesanh was jointly manned by

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, D Troop and the Hac Bao Co. On 11 March the refuel point at Lang had an enemy probe of their defense, two NVA were observed and taken. Results, 1 NVA KIA. On 15 March the Khesanh operating base came at fire from 122mm field guns. This fire was to continue until the 2/17 cav from Khesanh. At 0230 hours on 23 March Khesanh base came and attack. This attack was confined to the sector being manned by attack was supported by 60mm mortar and RPG fire. At 0645 hours it came and the attack was broken, D Troop swept the perimeter with the results noted. 1 US KIA, 5 US WIA Major, 13 US WIA minor, 14 NVA KIA, 1 POW captured. An additional 6 NVA were estimated KIA that were by the attacking force. 9 AK-47s, 3 RPG launchers, 1 9mm pistol, explosives and ammunition were captured. It was later determined by of the POW that he was part of a 40 man sapper company that had this attack.

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continued to work in support of Lam Son 719 until 6 April when it visual reconnaissance in direct support to 3rd Bde on 7 April. On A Troop teams performed visual reconnaissance in the Vietnamese g Rt 616. Cav gunships accounted for 8 NVA KIA and one 5 ton truck Bunkers, cache sites and POL storage points were engaged and destroyed. had A Troop in direct support of the 54th ARVN Regt and 258th VN M unit of FB Barnett and FB Holcomb. TAC air was employed on a cav sight-234 resulting in one tank and one APC destroyed. On 26 April while f an insertion of the Hac Bao Company at YD064229 cav gunships r 7 NVA KIA. 27-30 April, working with TAC air, A Troop teams destroyed s, bunkers, cache sites and confirmed 3 NVA KIA.

continued to work in general support to Division with direct support n a mission basis. On 1 April, B Troop ARP was inserted on FB Veghel d recover a downed AH-1G. On 2 April, B Troop extracted a Ranger act and reinserted the team on FB Rendezvous to secure and recover a op LOH. On 6 April, a B Troop UH-1, carrying a Ranger team, attempted natch near YC451950 it was hit with heavy ground fire. Results 1 US WIA. On 8 April B Troop ARP was inserted to secure a UH-1H at YC 10 April, a C&C aircraft while on a visual reconnaissance mission rskine took a direct hit from a 37mm anti-aircraft weapon. The flown to FB Rendezvous where it made a landing. The B Troop Com- r Robert Grof, was killed by shrapnel from the weapon. On 13 April LOHH shot down at AT837978. On 23 April, a B Troop UH-1H, while f a Ranger contact at YC47927 was shot down resulting in 1 US KIA and he aircraft was a total loss.

returned to Phu Bai Combat Base from Lam Son 719. On 5 April the Troop in their traditional AO, in general support to Division until the end Troop concentrated their efforts in the Ashau Valley and Base area ing visual reconnaissance on both sides of the South Vietnamese,

provided ground reconnaissance, downed aircraft security and acted n force for 2/17 units in contact. On 15 April, D Troop was inserted

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Valley at YC451920 along with a Ranger team. The Troop performed reconnaissance along 2½ kilometers of Rt 548 and was extracted leaving a behind force to ambush trucks and personnel. Bunkers, commo wire vehicle activity were noted. On 20 April, D Troop was again inserted Valley at YC456903 to perform ground reconnaissance and provide a a Ranger stay behind force. Little activity was noted. On 24 April inserted at YC484924 to reinforce a Ranger team in contact. The in contact almost immediately. Until the troop was extracted on received RPG rounds, small arms fire and Chicom grenades from reinf's. Results were, 5 US KIA, 14 US WIA. 12 NVA were found KIA and made from a green PZ.

1971:

provided general support to Division, performing visual reconnaissance basis, direct support was rendered to 1st 5th Mechanized Bde and lines. On 3 May, while supporting ARVN operations near FB Patton, A discovered and destroyed 2 .51 caliber weapons. On 8 May, the Troop reconnaissance of Rt 616 with activity noted all along the route. ay while supporting the 369th VN Marines vicinity YC504987, A Troop d and destroyed 1 .30 caliber MG 1 mortar and confirmed 8 NVA KIA. '9 May A Troop worked along Rt 616 and in the Western AO. As in the sams continued to received mixed type of ground fire with five air- ing hits. 5 NVA were confirmed KIA. The Troop continued to employ disrupt the enemy road building efforts. A 5 ton truck was destroyed by A Troop gunships on the 29th. On 29-31 May, A Troop worked across vic XD9921 and Base area 611. Two aircraft received hits and one was WIA vic YD025106. AT YC022088, a training area was discovered th bleachers and blackboards. TAC air was employed.

continued with a primary mission of general support to Division, prov- l reconnaissance. On 1 May, B Troop supported a D Troop insertion to owned aircraft vic FB Normandy. On 9 May, B Troop ARP was inserted to communications wire network and bunkers in the Ashau Valley and to search dy previously killed by B Troop gunships. The platoon made contact with orce resulting in 1 US KIA and 3 US WIA. On 12 May a cav team from served and destroyed a 2½ ton truck killing it's driver. The truck was th of the Aloui airstrip. On 23 May, B Troop gunships engaged 3 NVA n 3 NVA KIA. On 28 May an OH-6A from B Troop, while on a reconnaiss- on, 1 Km South of Tiger Mountain, in the Ashau Valley, received a direct RPG round. The aircraft exploded in flight and crashed. Resulting . Nothing remained of the aircraft. It was not extracted.

was employed in a general support role to division and occasionally role supporting Brigades and ARVN elements. On 1 May, C Troop supported elements assault on Co Pung Mountain. Later that day the ARP was inserted aircraft on FB Airborne. The insertion and extraction of the ARP was sporadic enemy fire. The crew was extracted, the aircraft was not. he C Troop ARP was inserted on FB Zen to secure and extract a downed aircraft was extracted without incident. From 13 to 23 May C Troop support between the 369th VN Marines and the 1st ARVN Division. On the

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Troop team were repositioned to Quang Tri to perform armed reconnaissance in the Northern AO, Rts 608, QL-9 and the Red Devil Road. The Troop returned to normal AO on 28 May and resumed their reconnaissance of the Huong Valley.

Identified ground reconnaissance downed aircraft security and acted as a force for 2/17 units in contact. On 9 May D Troop was inserted at force B Troop ARP in contact. The linkup was accomplished and the team secured. A PZ was secured and all elements were extracted from a cold deck. No contacts were captured.

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Identified general support to Division performing visual reconnaissance. This is, direct support was rendered to the 147th and 258th VN Marine N Regt. On 1 June, A Troop teams worked in Base area 611, in vicinity of YD0505. Heavy antiaircraft fire from 57mm and 37mm was received. The team moved out of range and continued to recon. On 16 June and confirmed KIA during this incursion across the border. On 17 June gunships flying in support of CCN vic Hickory took .51 caliber hits and was hit and the pilot gunner wounded. The aircraft returned to 611 to 28 June, A Troop supported VN Marine units in the vic of Henderson and FB Fuller. During this period 18 NVA were engaged. A Troop teams continued to take heavy fire, and seven air-hits ranging from AK-47 to a 14.5mm hit in an AH-1G rotor blade. This resulted. On 30 June, an A Troop team discovered and destroyed a Piber position at YD055685.

Used primarily in general support of Division, however limited as rendered the Allied operations in the FB Fuller area. On 1 June gunships engaged and destroyed a 2½ ton truck at YC496842. On 6 June P was inserted on a downed C Troop AH-1G and crew at YD723093. The aircraft were extracted. On 7 June, while flying a visual reconnaissance in the Northern AO, B Troop gunships engaged and confirmed 5 June, a B Troop cav team observed, engaged and destroyed two 2½ ton of FB Rendezvous. In support of the 1st ARVN Division on 22 June gunships engaged and confirmed 7 NVA KIA near FB Fuller. On 23 June P was inserted vic YD0665 to secure a downed B Troop AH-1G. The crew were extracted.

Conducted aerial reconnaissance throughout the entire Division AO. From Phu Bai and Quang Tri, the troop supported both US and ARVN forces. In June was spent in it's entirely in Base area 607 to develop plans for Hac Bao raid. Numerous lucrative targets were developed and cancelled. C Troop teams were repositioned to Quang Tri on a mission to support RVN operations in the Northern AO in the vicinity of FB

Provided route security for Division units and acted as the reaction force for downed aircraft. Their additional role of downed aircraft

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as also excercised during the month. On 1 June, one platoon of D inserted at XD678003 to secure a downed C Troop aircraft. The aircraft and extracted successfully. On 25 June one platoon was placed OPCON. They provided road security from FB Birmingham to FB Veghel through the month.

July 1971

p concentrated it's visual reconnaissance efforts along Rt 616 in pport to Division. On 1 July, A Troop working near XD990667 took fire .51 caliber weapons. The positions were engaged resulting in, 1 .51 upon damaged and 4 NVA KIA. A Troop resumed it's visual reconnaissance

From 10 to 16 July, A Troop engaged and confirmed 11 NVA KIA. ly, one LOH took hits from small arms fire and crashed. The crew and as extracted. On 15 July, an AH-1G took .51 caliber fire near XD948 xplosion occurred from unknown causes. The aircraft lost power and ing an attempt to land at FB Shepard was forced to autorotate into iver at XD996444. One crewman was recovered KIA by ground forces and was presumed drowned and is listed MIA. 10 NVA were engaged and con on this day. On 19 July, while working with the 258th VM Marines, 4 ngaged and confirmed MIA. Additionally, later the 19th, at XD012340 28 A Troop teams spotted an undetermined number of NVA in green uniforms. ps engaged the known locations, resulting in 2 .30 caliber machine guns and 14 NVA KIA. On 25 July, A Troop teams worked the Da Krong Valley ngle and FB Tun Tavern. Working with TAC air the cav teams confirmed and 2 .51 caliber pits destroyed along with 4 bunkers. On 30 July, A ted its attention north along Rt 608 and Red Devil Road. Heavy activity with numerous shot-at's reported. At XD934504 4 NVA were engaged and D947502 a .30 caliber weapon was destroyed and 2 NVA KIA. AT XD954498 unship took .51 caliber fire. The location was engaged with 2 NVA KIA.

p continued it's primary mission of general support to the Division and port to RVN forces on a mission basis. On 1 July, B Troop ARP was n a downed LOH at FB Zon, the aircraft and crew were extracted. On 3 oop gunships destroyed a 2½ ton truck south of the Ashau Airstrip. On XD915386 and XD931264 gunships engaged and confirmed 3 NVA KIA and 1 .51 caliber weapon. On 16 July, A Bravo Troop LOH on a visual recon mission along Rt 548 took fire and was forced to land. The crew was

From 19 to 29 July B Troop accounted for 11 NVA KIA and destroyed a k at XD307097. The Ashau Valley was suitable for burning and 25 to ere started resulting in large areas destroyed.

p continued in the general support role with primary emphasis on the Ruong Ruong Valley. On 4 July, C Troop experienced heavy combat damage uoting an armed reconnaissance mission in the Ashau Valley. Just north an airstrip a C Troop LOH received heavy fire and crashed. The UH-1H while picking up the crew received multiple hits and was forced to FB Blaze with a hydraulic failure. The gun team supporting the extrac heavy fire resulting in one AH-1G being hit and crashing. Thk aircraft ted by the crew as it burst into flames and was destroyed. All personl the aircraft were safely returned to Phu Bai. On 21-22 July emphasis on FB Nuts in preparation for an assault by the 3rd ARVN Regt. The

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of the month was spent in direct support of thi attack.

p provided route security for Division units and acted as the reaction /17 cav unit in contact. 1-11 July, 1 platoon of D Troop was OPCON providing route security from FB Birmingham to FB Veghel. Sweeps of sfense sector were performed.

August 1971:

p again was in general support to division with limited support to ivision. From 1-9 August, A Troop teams concentrated their efforts in rn AO. Heavy fire was received along Rt 608 and Rt 616. AT XD044315 one hit and the team engaged the location, resulting in 2 NVA KIA. At 5 NVA were KIA. At XD056345 a LOH took fire from .51 caliber and o base. A AH-1G was shot down at XD069258, the crew was extracted. st A Troop teams while on a visual reconnaissance mission received fire caliber weapon at XD912342. The weapon and 6 NVA were destroyed by On 20 August, A Troop team working in the vicinity of XD993551 took . The aircraft took hits and was forced to land. The crew and aircr aft sted. On 22 August, an A Troop LOH at XD917486 took heavy .30 and .51 re. The aircraft took numerous hits and was forced down. The result WIA major and 1 US WIA minor. From 24 to 30 August, A Troop team worked area and Red Devil Road. Operating under heavy enemy fire, A Troop i confirmed 22 NVA KIA. A POW was captured at XD878575 by the scout after engaging and killing his two companions.

p was used in the primary role of general support to Division. On B Troop ARP was inserted on a downed CH-47 at ID878195. The aircraft i for 24 hours and extracted. On 7 August, at YC488868 B Troop gunships 1 .51 caliber weapon. On 19 August gunship at YC427964 engaged and 1 NVA KIA. Again, while on a visual reconnaissance mission, near XD Troop gunships engaged 1 NVA resulting in 1 NVA KIA.

p performed visual reconnaissance in direct support of Division. as on the Ashau and Ruong Ruong Valley. Limited direct support was provided VN Regt. The 3rd Regt was working i/m the C Troop area of operations g it relatively easy to combine visual reconnaissance with direct the ground elements. On 10 August, the Troop noted a higher level of n the area vicinity FB Pike. On 13 August an AO extension was obtained 3 Infantry division east of that location. Numerous shot-ats resulted s employed with the airstrikes destroying a large living complex con- ny bunkers and huts. Fourteen secondary explosions were recorded during trikes.

p provided ground reconnaissance capability in general support to Division. zed sweeps were provided for Eagle Base Defense along with ambushes in Charlie Sectors.

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September 1971:

p continued it's visual reconnaissance in general support to Division support to RVN forces. On 2-5 September, A Troop conducted reconnaissance in the Rt 608, Green Alpine Road, QL-9 area of operations. On 6 September, A Troop lent it's support to Lam Son 810. During the day teams accounted caliber weapon at XD852547 and engaged and confirmed 13 NVA KIA. On 13 September, A Troop scouts located the first of four NVA 122mm field artillery pieces. These were located in the vicinity of XD675489 and were engaged by A Troop gunners with HEAT rockets destroying them. Between the 11th and 17th of September, A Troop cav teams destroyed 6 trucks and an artillery tractor along with quantities of ammunition and supplies, on the 14th the Hac Bao Company moved to ground assess the damage. The Hac Bao were instrumental in the recovery of even greater amounts of ordinance and supplies. On 15 September, the Hac Bao Company was combat assaulted into a suspected cache site at the junction of the Green Alpine Road. The results of this raid were: 2,000 rounds of artillery ammunition, 4,000 liters of POL, 20 cases of AK-47 ammunition, 10 bags of rice, 5000 meters of telephone wire and 100,000 rounds of 37mm recoilless ammunition. In the same general area a large quantity of 75mm recoilless ammunition was destroyed. Later TAC air was inserted and it was destroyed. Later TAC air was inserted to insure that all cache pits were uncovered and destroyed. From 16-19 September, A Troop returned to the visual reconnaissance role in the Krong Valley area. A truck park with three trucks was found and destroyed. On 19 September, an A Troop LOH took fire and was shot down. The crew was extracted and listed as WIA Serious. Ground fire was light and 1 NVA was KIA.

assisted during Lam Son 810 and repositioned the Troop to Quang Tri. Reconnaissance was also performed in general support of Division in the

On 11 September, a B Troop UH-1H while supporting an insertion on 11 received intense small arms fire and was riddled by claymore pellets and detonated mine. Eighty eight holes were counted in the aircraft during a forced landing on Khesanh. Results were 1 US KIA and 5 US WIA. On 12 September, B Troop gunships destroyed a 81mm mortar at XD842452. The remainder of the month was spent in a visual reconnaissance role, first in support of the Division from PZ's during Lam Son 810 and later in the Division recon zone.

remained in general support of Division and operated out of Phu Bai. On 8 September, a C Troop cav team located several NVA in the open and engaged and 1 NVA was KIA. On 9 September, while on a last light check of the Eagle perimeter, an LOH took fire. The enemy was engaged resulting in 1 US WIA. On 11 September, a C Troop cav team discovered a 2 1/2 ton truck on the road. The truck was destroyed. On 13 September, an LOH took intense .51 caliber machine gun fire and was destroyed. The crew was extracted. Results 1 US WIA, the aircraft was destroyed. Armed reconnaissance and cav support to a combat assault occupied the remainder of the month of September.

repositioned to Quang Tri Combat Base to reinforce the 2/17 cav in

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in Lam Son 810. On 10 September, a platoon of D Troop was inserted on
strip to rig and extract a downed medevac helicopter. The mission
ed without enemy contact. On 11 September a platoon was to be inserted
kory, the first UH-1H in the lift received heavy small arms fire and two
stonated mines were employed against the assault. A B Troop UH-1H was
amaged resulting in 1 US KIA 5 US WIS 1 KCS WIA. From 12 September to
ber a mortar squad and an anti tank section stayed on OP Hickory to secure
Radio Relay team that had been inserted there. On 26-27 September two
secured the 27th Engineer Bn on Highway 545.

1 October 1971 to 8 October 1971:

op conducted visual reconnaissance in general support to Division. On
at XD831330 an enemy position was engaged by A Troop gunships, resulting
KIA. On 2 October A Troop teams received heavy fire from multiple weapons
YD201131. A Troop teams succeeded in killing 3 NVA at YD075390 and 1 NVA
26. The AO remained active with light activity noted.

op conducted visual reconnaissance in General Support to Division. On
, B Troop, while performing armed recon engaged and confirmed 2 NVA KIA
382. The areas of operation of B Troop continue to produce enemy activity.

op conducted visual reconnaissance in General Support to Division. On
r C Troop gunships engaged and confirmed 1 NVA KIA at YD541187 while
ng to a sighting by the 220th Recon Airplane Company, C Troop areas of
continue to produce light activity.

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Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

KIA	1339
POW	2
Weapons Captured	27 IW 9 CS
Weapons Destroyed	96
Bunkers Destroyed	274
Huts Destroyed	235

Friendly Personnel Losses

KIA	31
WIA	81

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