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To conduct ground and aerial reconnaissance and surveillance
 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
 hern 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
 Buong Khong Valley. D Troop was employed in ground reconnaissance
 and dismounted. Additionally D Troop provided forward area security
 the Squadron reaction force if Air Cavalry Troop Aero-Rifle platoons
 ed. 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
 e periods: 30 Jan 71 to 7 Feb 71, 27 June to 4 July 71 and 5 September
 t 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
 he 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 VD286356.
 VA KIA, 1 AK-47 captured and 5 NVA additional KIA observed from previous
 attacks. 19 September, Troop IOH took 30-40 rounds of AK-47 fire vic
 Area was engaged with unknown results. On 24 through 26 September a
 d was supported vic VD2913. The Hac Bao were successfully inserted in
 rea. They suffered light casualties. Ground recon efforts discovered
 nkers trails and .51 caliber AA pits. Cav gunships accounted for 3 NVA
 air strikes for 5 more.

supported visual reconnaissance efforts in the vicinity of FB Spear
 n 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
royed. The remainder of the month was spent in direct support to the
vision in the vicinity of FB O'Reilly.

p 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 Ashau Valley. Follow up airstrikes
another, along with one .51 caliber weapon and several bunkers. On 21
an 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 YD121225 to exploit an
fact 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 YD2912. 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
d two bunkers, five cache sites and trails vicinity XD905255. This site
twenty boxes of 122mm rocket warheads. In another cache at XD908264 thirty
22mm rocket warheads were discovered, resulting engagement by gunships
2 secondary explosions. Weather dominated the A Troop AO for the remainder
th.

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
a vicinity YD5112. Three downed aircraft were secured by B Troop ARP
vision AO.

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op supported visual reconnaissance in the Division recon zone. On 3 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 result: 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 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 another took AK-47 fire resulting in one hit and 1 US WIA. On 24 November an OH was shot down at XD918224 by AK-47 fire. Resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA; the 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 damage. The remainder of the month was spent in direct support to 1st Bde Triple 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 m 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 damage with no hits and one LOH took fire and crashed with 2 US KIA. including .51 caliber and RPG was received throughout the period.

December 1970

p 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 the crew chief. Heavy enemy activity was noted in the area with NVA trail. Bunkers AA weapons positions, and a bulldozed area were observed. Over 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 Troop was inserted on a downed Medevac helicopter to secure the aircraft and the remains of the crew.

A Troop was hampered by the weather throughout the early part of the month. Member B Troop ARP was inserted on a downed aircraft vicinity YD496115. The aircraft had been down for 31 days. 18-22 December B Troop cav teams located the 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.

A Troop 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 15 December 548. On 16 December an LOH on a visual reconnaissance mission was shot down by .51 caliber fire, the crew was extracted without further incident. Member A C Troop team working with FLIR sighted and undetermined number of enemy were engaged and results were 10 NVA KIA, credited to FLIR.

A Troop conducted ground reconnaissance at YD386005 and YD392975. Results of enemy vehicles destroyed by demolition.

January 1971:

A Troop continued in general support of Division in its normal AO. On 3 January during visual reconnaissance of Rt 616, two gunships took .51 caliber fire. 903239 results 1 hit, minor damage. Teams reported heavy fire all along the route. On 9 January A Troop worked in coordination with C Troop 3/17 to rescue 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 shot down 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.

A Troop 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, 1969 was discovered vicinity Veghel. The B Troop ARP were inserted to secure 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 training of Khesahn.

A Troop 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 force 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 force was rendered to I Corps ARVN for the conduct of Lam Son 719 in Laos. Operations were spent in visual reconnaissance in the Rt 616 area. Storage areas and numerous shot-at's were reported. A 2 1/2 ton truck was destroyed. Five NVA road workers were spotted and engaged at XD918232 resulting in 1 KIA. On 8 February A Troop crossed the Laos border. Heavy activity was reported and shot-at's by AK-47, .51 caliber and .30 caliber weapons, were reported the day. Three aircraft took hits and returned to Khesanh. Five aircraft confirmed KIA. 10 February while working the area west of Khesanh a AH-1G was shot down. The crews were extracted. Seven NVA were killed 12-13 February while working for ARVN ground elements. A Troop destroyed enemy weapons at XD621280, a POL storage site at XD596264, one 37mm mortar at XD612224, numerous cache pits and storage areas and 18 NVA KIA. One aircraft hit in the fuel cell and returned to base. On 14-15 February A Troop supported the ARVN ground elements located 7 NVA trucks and continued to destroy cache sites. 8 more NVA were KIA. At XD470348 an AH-1G was shot down in .51 caliber fire, the crew was extracted on the rocket pods of the wing. The aircraft was lost. (CW-2 Green received DSC for this act.) The remainder of the month were spent in direct support of the ARVN. Aircraft continued to provide heavy fire and the first report of enemy armor around LZ 31 were received on 27th. A Troop flew a last light VR of LZ 31 and an AH-1G took 15 hits over the LZ. Two active tanks and one AA site were observed.

A Troop worked closely with 1st Bde during this month. On 10 February an aircraft was shot down in the Ashau Valley by .51 caliber fire, resulting in destruction of the aircraft and 2 US MIA. 11-14 February while conducting armed reconnaissance in the Ashau Valley, Cavalry gunships destroyed one truck and one bulldozer. On 15 February B Troop ARP was inserted to recover the bodies of a Marine helicopter crashed at YD976184. On 26-27 February two aircraft were secured and identified as YD719901 and YD531132. Routine reconnaissance in the Division recon area continued the remaining days of the month.

On February 8 at 0743 hours took their first cav team into Laos. On February 8, two AH-1G's were lost to anti-aircraft fire on the Laotian border. One crew was extracted and the other was listed as MIA. On February 10, while supporting the ARVN Ranger, a C Troop UH-1 piloted by the Major James Newman, successfully extracted 5 of 6 Americans from a downed evac helicopter. The sixth, SP/4 Dennis Fujii, was later to gain national prominence by staying with the ARVN and calling in TAC Air and Cobra to turn back the NVA assault. Later on 18 February a C Troop LOH was shot down and exploded. The crew was listed as MIA. On 4 February 2/17th Cav was OPCON of B Troop 7/1 cav and on 5 February the OPCON of C Troop 7/17 cav.

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troops remained OPCON 2/17 cav throughout Lam Son 719, until it's completion
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March 1971:

troop 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
 roes, in the vicinity of LZ Lolo and LZ Lis, observed what appeared to be
 elines at XD472387. These were engaged and one line ruptured causing a
 ed fire. On 4 March A Troop gunships while on visual reconnaissance took
 iber 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 ara,
 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 vicXD438298.
 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
 re was received from 23mm, 37mm and 57mm anti-aircraft weapons near XD6802
 attempting to employ the Hac Bao Company as a raid force, it was decide to
 f 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
 l 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, AUB63008 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.
 rial 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 posture 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 Hae Bao Co. On 11 March the refuel point at Lang sed an enemy probe of their defense, two NVA were observed and taken Results, 1 NVA KIA. On 15 March the Khesanh operating base came ot 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 nd attack. This attack was confined to the sector being manned by e attack was supported by 60mm mortar and RPG fire. At 0645 hours t came and the attack was broken, D Troop swept the perimeter with the ults noted. e 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 xplosives 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 34th ARVN Regt and 258th VN M nity 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 Hae 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 2 1/2 kilometers of Rt 548 and was extracted leaving a ambush force to ambush trucks and personnel. Bunkers, commo wire and radio activity were noted. On 20 April, D Troop was again inserted in Valley at YC456903 to perform ground reconnaissance and provide a ambush force. Little activity was noted. On 24 April, A Troop was inserted at YC484924 to reinforce a Ranger team in contact. The Troop was in contact almost immediately. Until the troop was extracted on 25 April, it received RPG rounds, small arms fire and Chicom grenades from reinforcements. Results were, 5 US KIA, 14 US WIA. 12 NVA were found KIA and 1 was made from a green PZ.

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provided general support to Division, performing visual reconnaissance on a basis, direct support was rendered to 1st 5th Mechanized Bde and 1st 3rd Infantry. On 3 May, while supporting ARVN operations near FB Patton, A Troop discovered and destroyed 2 .51 caliber weapons. On 8 May, the Troop performed reconnaissance of Rt 616 with activity noted all along the route. On 9 May while supporting the 369th VN Marines vicinity YC504987, A Troop discovered and destroyed 1 .30 caliber MG 1 mortar and confirmed 8 NVA KIA. On 9 May A Troop worked along Rt 616 and in the Western AG. As in the past, the Troop continued to receive mixed type of ground fire with five air strikes. 5 NVA were confirmed KIA. The Troop continued to employ its weapons to 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 the area vic YD9921 and Base area 611. Two aircraft received hits and one was WIA vic YD025106. AT YC022088, a training area was discovered with bleachers and blackboards. TAC air was employed.

continued with a primary mission of general support to Division, providing reconnaissance. On 1 May, B Troop supported a D Troop insertion to locate downed aircraft vic FB Normandy. On 9 May, B Troop ARP was inserted to search for communications wire network and bunkers in the Ashau Valley and to search for previously killed by B Troop gunships. The platoon made contact with the enemy resulting in 1 US KIA and 3 US WIA. On 12 May a cav team from the 1st Cavalry Division arrived and destroyed a 2 1/2 ton truck killing its driver. The truck was located south of the Aloui airstrip. On 23 May, B Troop gunships engaged 3 NVA and confirmed 3 NVA KIA. On 28 May an OH-6A from B Troop, while on a reconnaissance mission, 1 Km South of Tiger Mountain, in the Ashau Valley, received a direct hit from a RPG round. The aircraft exploded in flight and crashed. Resulting in 1 KIA. Nothing remained of the aircraft. It was not extracted.

was employed in a general support role to division and occasionally in a role supporting Brigades and ARVN elements. On 1 May, C Troop supported the 1st 3rd Infantry assault on Co Pung Mountain. Later that day the ARP was inserted in the area on FB Airborne. The insertion and extraction of the ARP was hampered by sporadic enemy fire. The crew was extracted, the aircraft was not. On 13 May the C Troop ARP was inserted on FB Zon to secure and extract a downed aircraft. The aircraft was extracted without incident. From 13 to 23 May C Troop provided support between the 369th VN Marines and the 1st ARVN Division. On the

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

ided ground reconnaissance downed aircraft security and acted rce 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 en. A PZ was secured and all elements were extracted from a cold acks were captured.

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ided general support to Division performing visual reconnaissance. 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 inity of YD0505. Heavy antiaircraft fire from 57mm and 37mm ived. The team moved out of range and continued to recon. 16 and confirmed KIA during this incursion across the border. On gunships flying in support of CCN vic Hickory took .51 caliber was hit and the pilot gunner wounded. The aircraft returned to ll to 28 June, A Troop supported VN Marine units in the vic Henderson and FB Fuller. During this period 18 NVA were engaged A. 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. resulted. On 30 June, an A Troop team discovered and destroyed iber position at YD055685.

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

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

provided route security for Division units and acted as the reaction av units in contact. Their additional role of downed aircraft

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as also exercised during the month. On 1 June, one platoon of D inserted at YD678003 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 support 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 explosion 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 VN Marines, 4 ngaged and confirmed MIA. Additionally, later the 19th, at YD012340 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 ngley 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 2 1/2 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 YD307097. 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 noting 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. The aircraft ted by the crew as it burst into flames and was destroyed. All person- l 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 this 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 defense sector were performed.

August 1971:

p again was in general support to division with limited support to division. From 1-9 August, A Troop teams concentrated their efforts in area A0. Heavy fire was received along Rt 608 and Rt 616. AT XDO44315 one hit and the team engaged the location, resulting in 2 NVA KIA. At 5 NVA were KIA. At XDO56345 a LOH took fire from .51 caliber and base. A AH-1G was shot down at XDO69258, the crew was extracted. At 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 aircrew aft . 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 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 8 Troop ARP was inserted on a downed CH-47 at XD878195. The aircraft was 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 in 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 a the area vicinity FB Pike. On 13 August an A0 extension was obtained 3 Infantry division east of that location. Numerous shot-atcs resulted employed with the airstrikes destroying a large living complex con- ny bunkers and huts. Fourteen secondary explosions were recorded during strikes.

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 recon- n the Rt 608, Green Alpine Road, QL-9 area of operations. On 6 Sep- 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 er, A Troop scouts located the first of four NVA 122mm field artillery hese were located in the vicinity of XD675489 and were engaged by A hips with HEAT rockets destroying them. Between the 11th and 17th of A Troop cav teams destroyed 6 trucks and an artillery tractor along quantities of ammunition and supplies, on the 14th the Hac Bao Company ed to ground assess the damage. The Hac Bao were instrumental in the n of even greater amounts of ordinance and supplies. On 15 September, o Company was combat assaulted into a suspected cache site at the junction and the Green Alpine Road. The results of this raid were: 2,000 rounds rtillery ammunition, 4,000 liters of POL, 20 cases of AK-47 ammunition, o bags of rice, 5000 meters of telephone wire and 100,000 rounds of 57mm . In the same general area a large quantity of 75mm recoilless ammunition EOD personnel were inserted and it was destroyed. Later TAC air was s insurance that all cache pits were uncovered and destroyed. From ptember, A Troop returned to the visual reconnaissance role in the Krong Valley area. A Truck park with three trucks was found and dest- 0199123. An additional 5 ton truck was found at XD937257 and destroyed i an A Troop LOH took fire and was shot down. The crew was extracted lots 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 nnaissance was also performed in general support of Division in the On 11 September, a B Troop UH-1H while supporting an insertion on o received intense small arms fire and was riddled by claymore pellets and detonated mine. Eighty eight holes were counted in the aircraft a forced landing on Khesanh. Result were 1 US KIA and 5 US WIA. On r, B Troop gunships destroyed a 81mm mortar at XD842452. The remainder h was spent in a visual reconnaissance role, first in support of the al 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 s engaged and 1 NVA was KIA. On September, while on a last light check Eagle perimeter, an LOH took fire. The enemy was engaged resulting A. On 11 September, a C Troop cav team discovered a 2 1/2 ton truck on truck was destroyed. On 13 September, an LOH took intense .51 caliber ashed. The crew was extracted. Results 1 US WIA, the aircraft was troyed. Armed reconnaissance an 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 airstrip to rig and extract a downed medevac helicopter. The mission was completed without enemy contact. On 11 September a platoon was to be inserted at Hickory, 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 damaged resulting in 1 US KIA 5 US WIS 1 KCS WIA. From 12 September to 25 September a mortar squad and an anti tank section stayed on OP Hickory to secure a Radio Relay team that had been inserted there. On 26-27 September two sections of the 27th Engineer Bn on Highway 545.

1 October 1971 to 8 October 1971:

op conducted visual reconnaissance in general support to Division. On 1 October at XD831330 an enemy position was engaged by A Troop gunships, resulting in 1 KIA. On 2 October A Troop teams received heavy fire from multiple weapons at YD201131. A Troop teams succeeded in killing 3 NVA at YD075390 and 1 NVA at YD26. The AO remained active with light activity noted.

op conducted visual reconnaissance in General Support to Division. On 3 October, B Troop, while performing armed recon engaged and confirmed 2 NVA KIA at YD382. The areas of operation of B Troop continue to produce enemy activity.

op conducted visual reconnaissance in General Support to Division. On 4 October, C Troop gunships engaged and confirmed 1 NVA KIA at YD541187 while on patrol. Due to a sighting by the 220th Recon Airplane Company, C Troop areas of operation continue to produce light activity.

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Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

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

Friendly Personnel Losses

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| KIA | 31 |
| WIA | 81 |

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