1 September 1969

SUBJECT: Operational Report - August 1969

TO: Commanding Officer 1st Squadron 9th Cavalry ATTN: S-3 1st Air Cavalry Division APO San Francisco 96490

Significant Organization and Unit Activities:

a. Principle Operations:

On 9 August 1969 at grid coordinates XT 432 882, Apache 12 with Apache 27, received intense .30 caliber and automatic weapons fire. The aircraft was shot down and totally destroyed with three (3) orewmembers MIA. The Blues were inserted in a green LZ but upon proceeding toward the downed aircraft received intense .30 caliber and AK fire from an unknown size enemy element. The Blues returned fire with organics resulting in twenty-one (21) NVA KIA's and one (1) .30 caliber machine gun position destroyed. Blues had one (1) KIA and eight (8) WIA.

On 12 August 1969 at grid coordinates XT 371 830 Apache 26 and Apache 14 spotted twenty (20) NVA along a trail. They engaged with

2.75 inch and 7.62 fire resulting in eight (8) NVA KBH.

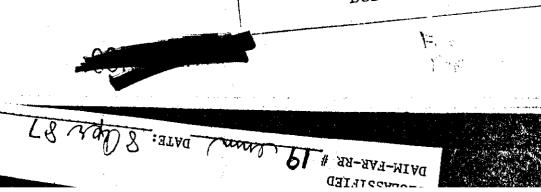
On 14 August 1969 at grid coordinates XT 234 776 Apache 18 received an unknown amount and type fire and was shot down with two.
(2) line two's and one (1) line one. Pony Teams Charlie 2/7 was inserted to secure the area. Two wounded were medevaced. The line one (1) was brought out by Pony Teams.

Base Defense:

Base defense has received a top priority rating on the activities of Alpha Troop, 1st Squadron 9th Cavalry, in the last month. was much to be done on the green line maintenance, lower echelon standing operating procedures, standardizing of guard procedures and sub-unit cooperation in the accomplishment of the above goals. It can be said that corrective steps have been taken in all of these areas FAR INTERVALS and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined there is a limit of these areas areas in the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement of about eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement eighty (80) per cent has been defined to the same and an improvement eigh

month of August.

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c. Base Improvement:

- (1) Efforts were directed toward improving the unit's portion of the green line. Specific comments are made under the Base Defense portion of this report.
- (2) Trash can racks have been built for most barrels. More are under construction.
- (3) The mess hall porch was completely screened in and the kitchen of the mess hall was lined with tin to aid in fire prevention.
 - (4) All latrines in the area are being repaired and fly-proofed.

d. Training and Organizations

On 6 August 1969 through 8 August 1969 Apache Blues received training in patrolling, ambush techniques, weapons test firing, and the use of explosives.

On 6 August 1969 Sting Ray 2 and 2/19th Field Artillery Brigade LNO gave classes on intelligence and artillery adjustment. On 17 August 1969 Sting Ray 2 gave an additional briefing.

On 16 August 1969, the Blued had extensive McGuire rig and rapelling training.

Other subjects of training during the month of August were classes in aviation fire safety, safety concerning external loads, ground safety, and starting procedures for CH-6A and the UH-1H type aircrafts.

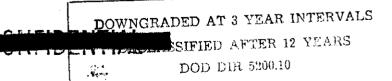
e. Administration and Logistics:

I. Troop Strengths

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2. Organization for Combata

CO	MAJ Hardin
XO	CPT Funk
Opns Off	CPT Anderson
Wpns Plt Idr	CPT Rowe
Scout Plt Ldr	LLT Pruette
Lift Sec Ldr	lM Alexander
Maint Plt Off	CPT Stiver
Rifle Plt Idr	11.7 Bludworth (1 Aug 69 - 15 Aug 69)
	lif Qualley (15 Aug 69 - 31 Aug 69)



3.	Awards and Decorations:
	1 Army Commendation Medal with myn 1 Air Medals myn 2 Army Commendation Medals 2 Air Medals 4 Purple hearts 1 Distinguished Flying Cross
4.	Losses:
	Programmed OFF WO EM 2 2 12 OFF WO EM OFF WO EM OFF WO EM
5.	Promotions:
	1 2nd Lt to 1Lt 21 PFC to SP4 4 WOL to CW2 5 E2 to PFC 3 SP4 to SGT
6.	R & R
	3 In-country 11 Out-of-country
7.	Repla cements: CFF WO EM 2 6 44
8.	Logistids
	a. Class I - Class A - 11,895 Class B - 6,045 Class C - 195
	b. Class II - Trousers (combat) - 50 Jackets (combat) - 50 Boots (combat) - 20 Socks -200 Shorts - 60 T-shirts - 50
	c. Class III - JP-4 - 89,200 MCGAS - 2,600 (9 vehicles plus generators) DIESEL - 2,900 (1 PCL truck: generators)
	d. Class IV - None
	e. Class V - 5.56 - 53.260 .45 - 4.000 7.62 - 13.440 NGRAD WP AFren YEAR INTERGALS 40mm 10mk - 15.455 ASSI 10mm 12 YE 292 40mm 479 - 676 60mm 12 YE 292 2.75" - 22.905 D81mm 18 5200.10 0 38 - 400 90mm 0 Smoke - 741 106mm 0

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Losses:

a.	Energy	Month
	NVA KIA	73
	VC KIA	'n
	Detainees	. <u>1</u>
	NVA. Captured	Ö
	VC Captured	Ō
	Indiv Wpns Captured	0
	C/S Wpns Captured	0
	Ammo	0
	Packs	0
	Rice	0
	<u>Salt</u>	0
	Documents	0
b.	Friendly	Month
	US KIA	2
	US WIA	10
	US MTA	3 11
	A/C Firing	
	A/C Hit	6
	A/C Hit (Fly)	20 6 2 4 3
	A/C Hit (No Fly)	<u>.</u>
	A/C Dest (Combat)	3
	A/C Dest (No Combat)	Ó
	C/S Wpns Lost	1
	Indiv Wpns Lost	10
	Vehicles Dest (Combat)	Q:
	Vehicles Dest (No Combat)	0
	Vehicles Turned in	0

3. Commanders Comments:

a. A significant drainage problem exists in the unit area.

b. The issue of aircraft to replace those destroyed by battle damage seems to have slowed considerably. To date, Troop A is short three (3) OH-64's, one (1) UH-1H, one (1) AH-1G, and one (1) UH-1C.

C. Fire extinguishers have been provided by S-4, but there is no

rapid system for re-chargin extinguishers.

d. The Troop fuel truck has been deadlined for twenty-three (23) days for an exhaust pipe. The item has been placed on a Red Ball requisition. On an average day about 01:45 hours of blade time are lost by aircraft having to refuel at Tay Ninh POL.

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e. This unit is experiencing a critical shortage of drive cables or XM-28 systems. We have two cables at this time. Requisitions have not been filled.

4. Recommendations:

a. That the fire station at Tay Ninh be provided with the facilities to charge fire extinguishers.

b. That more attention be given to drainege problems on Tay Ninh Base Camp. Perhaps, supervised Vietnamese nationals could accomplish part of the work.

c. That all roads in the vicinity of this unit's LCH (CH-6A) flight line (and any other flight line) be heavily oiled or surfaced. Dust from the heavy vehicle traffic is definately detrimental to the aircraft.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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