

AVDABS-B

SUBJECT: Operational Report for the month of August 1969.

TO: Commanding Officer
1st Squadron 9th Cavalry
1st Cavalry Division (AM)
ATTN: S-3

1. Significant Organization and Unit Activities

a. Principle Operations

(1) From 1 August to 7 August, Bravo Troop supported the 3rd Bde. in operation Kentucky Racer. From 8 August until 22 August, Bravo Troop supported the 1st Squadron 11 ACR. From 23 August until 31 August, Bravo Troop supported the 1st Squadron 11 ACR and the 3rd Bde. 1st ACD.

(2) Activity in operation Kentucky Racer was moderate. Working with the 11 ACR, activity was heavy. 13

(3) Aircraft firings during August were heavy. There were 31 aircraft firings, 6 hits, and 1 aircraft destroyed. 1

(4) During the month of August, Bravo Troop performed 10 ^{Ranger} B.A.R.P. insertions and 8 extractions. K

(5) Sabre Blues were inserted 8 times during the month of August and killed 8 VC. They captured 10 individuals, 60 rds. of AK-47 ammo, 3 60mm mortar rds., 7 B-40 rockets, 3 packs, and numerous medical supplies. They penetrated one base camp and one training area.

(6) Bravo Troop marked targets for 30 air strikes and performed 28 BDA's of air strikes and 18 heavy artillery BDA's. These air strikes and BDA's accounted for 330 meters of trench line destroyed, 77 structures destroyed, and 350 bunkers destroyed.

b. Other Activities

(1) During the month of August, Bravo Troop continued to occupy the same living area at LZ Andy.

(2) During the month of August, safety meetings were held weekly at 1845 hours on Wednesday. The topics discussed included:

a. The importance of pre-flighting.

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- b. Wearing of proper flying apparel.
- c. Filling out DA Forms 2408-12 and 2408-13 properly.
- d. Aircraft loads and limitations.

c. Base Defense

- (1) Bravo Troop continued to man 7 bunkers on the green line with 3 men per bunker.
- (2) The troop took over all of the 81mm mortar support for the red sector of the green line.
- (3) Ammunition revetments were made for 81mm ammo at the troop pit area.
- (4) The pit area was improved by building a berm around it and adding additional sandbags.
- (5) After the engineers put new wire in front of the bunkers, the troop placed trip flares in the wire for early warning.
- (6) The bunkers were improved on the inside by installing shelves and floors.
- (7) A bunker ammunition SOP was started, calling for ammunition to be placed on the newly installed shelves. This gives uniformity to all the bunkers, and it makes for quick access to anything in the bunkers.

d. Base Development

During the period of 1 August to 31 August, Bravo Troop went ahead with work on already started projects and started a few new ones. Because of new regulations governing the erection of new buildings and acquisition of materials with which to complete already started projects, completion of many of the projects has not been achieved.

- (1) The building of the new revetments on Scabbard Flight Line by the Corps of Engineers has not yet been completed.
- (2) Both Blue Lift and Scout Platoon sections have built small structures for additional storage space.
- (3) The motor pool was moved from Scabbard Flight Line to the area just above the Bravo Troop T.O.C.
- (4) The mess hall finished repairing and remodeling one wing of the dining area. Further work to the mess hall has yet to be done by P.A. & I. A drainage ditch which was to circumnavigate the mess hall was started but not finished.

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5) Self-help and individual projects have come along more slowly due to the lack of materials and equipment.

Administration and Logistics

1) Troop Strength

Authorized			Assigned			Present for Duty		
OFF	WO	EM	OFF	WO	EM	OFF	WO	EM
18	30	110	22	24	145	20	22	129

(2) Organization for Combat

Commanding Officer _____	Major George L. O'Grady
Executive Officer -----	Cpt. Richard B. Kaufmann
Operations Officer-----	Cpt. William S. Huff II
Weapons Platoon Leader-----	Cpt. Thomas N. Almojuella
Scout Platoon Leader-----	Cpt. Louis B. Niles
Infantry Platoon Leader-----	1LT. Maurice E. Murphy
Lift Platoon Leader-----	Cpt. Paul V. Pisciotta
Maintenance Officer-----	Cpt. Charles R. Bielinski

(3) Awards and Decorations

BSM	AM	VCG	AM"V"	DFC	SM	SS	PH	ARCM"V"
9	12	0	11	11	0	0	2	6

(4) Losses

Losses			Unprogrammed		
OFF	WO	EM	OFF	WO	EM
1	0	18	4	3	11

(5) Promotions

CPT----1
E6----1
E5----11
E4----17

(6) R&R

In Country

1

Out Country

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(7) Replacements

OFF WO EM

5 7 34

(8) Logistics

(a) Class I

A----40,285

B----0

C----45

(b) Class II

No longer issued at troop level

(c) Class III

JP-4 ----65,000

AVAGAS ---NONE

MOGAS ----600

DIESEL ---1,800

(d) Class IV

Chairs ----40

Floor Fans 2

Desk Fans - 7

(e) Class V

5.56----- 25,300

7.62-----152,040

40mm----- 3200

M79----- 432

60mm----- 0

81mm----- 0

90mm-----0

106mm-----0

2.75----- 2902

Flechettes--178

WP-----538

4.2-----0

.38-----1250

.45-----0

M18-----0

M26-----0

Claymore---20

12 Gauge---0

2. Losses

a. Enemy

Month

Quarter

NVA KIA-----145-----145

VC KIA----- 14----- 14

DETAINEES----- 0----- 0

VC CAPTURED----- 10----- 10

INDIV WPNS----- 7----- 7

AMMUNITION-----200rds-----200rds

DOCUMENTS----- 2----- 2

PACKS----- 5----- 5

RICE-----275lbs-----275lbs

SALT----- 5lbs----- 5lbs

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b. Friendly	Month	Quarter
US KIA-----	4-----	4-----
US WIA-----	18-----	18-----
US MIA-----	0-----	0-----
A/C FIRINGS-----	31-----	31-----
A/C HIT (FLY)-----	5-----	5-----
A/C HIT (NO FLY)-----	1-----	1-----
A/C DEST (COMBAT)-----	1-----	1-----
A/C DEST (NON COMBAT)-----	1-----	1-----
A/C HIT-----	7-----	7-----
VEH DEST (COMBAT)-----	0-----	0-----
VEH DEST (NON COMBAT)-----	0-----	0-----
VEH TURNED IN-----	0-----	0-----

3. Commanders Comments

a. None

b. Personnel

(1) The critical shortages in the Troop at this time are in the MOS:

67V20 (2)

FOR THE COMMANDER

George L. O'Grady
 GEORGE L. O'GRADY
 MAJOR, FA
 Commanding Officer

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