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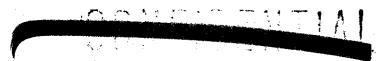
SMCTION II LESSONS LUARNED

- 1. Personnel: None
- 2. Operations:
 - a. High Altitude Reconnaissance.
- 1. Observation: Occassionally it is necessary to conduct BDA operations over or near heavily fortified enemy positions.
- 2. Evaluation: We have experienced the loss of several aircraft while conducting reconnaissance missions and BDA's over known heavily infested enemy terrain. As altitude increases relative safety from ground to air fire increases, however, the ability to pick up detailed information is greatly decreased. Cn improved observation capabilities, should enable the scouts to fly this type of mission at higher altitudes, thusly reducing casualties and loss of equipment.
- 3. Recommendation: That several Ga-ta belicopters within each Air Cavelry Troop be equipped with K -76 anti-oscilation binoculars. This device will enable the helicepter to fly at high altitudes while maintaining the care bility of obtaining detailed information of the terrain of action below INTERVALS

 DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS
 - b. Employment of Multiple Claymores.

DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS 1. Observation: The ability to remain undetected was per an ambush patrol is of paramount importance.

2. The employment of multiple claymores in an ambush position enhances the effectiveness of the patrol considerably. With the use of detonating cord and non-electric blasting caps, two or more claymores can be set off by one person using one firing device. This has proven to be highly effective primarily because it gives the impression of artillery rather than the standard personnel ambush.



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- 7. Recommendations: That unbush patrols be trained in the utilization of the above mentioned system of employing multiple claymore mines and that it becomes 100.
- 3. Training & None
- 4. Intelligence: None
- 5. Logistics: None
- 6. Organization: None
- 7. Other: None

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