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3 August 1972

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation for Award of the Presidential  
Unit Citation

**THRU:** Commanding General  
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APO San Francisco 96266

**TO:** Commanding General  
United States Army Vietnam  
ATTN: AVHAG-DD  
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1. Pursuant to authority established in AR 672-5-1, paragraph 201, and IAW USARV Reg 672-3, recommend that the Presidential Unit Citation be awarded to the 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion with attached elements for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy during the period 5 April 1972 through 7 July 1972 in the vicinity of the Provincial Capital of An Loc, Binh Long Province, Republic of Vietnam.

2. During this period, the 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion provided an all out effort of both personnel and units, making a significant contribution to the ultimate defeat of the massive enemy effort in Military Region III. Faced with a multitude of sophisticated anti-aircraft weapons, the battalion operated in a mid-intensity war environment that had not heretofore been experienced. The heroism and professional competence displayed by the battalion places them in the category which deserves the highest recognition.

3. It is significant that after seven years of service in the Republic of Vietnam, the battalion's final and perhaps most significant combat support role, was one of assisting the GVN

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forces to defeat the enemy's greatest offensive to date without the support of U.S. ground forces. The performance of this battalion during the period 5 April 1972 through 7 July 1972 could not have been surpassed by any other unit in the Vietnam conflict.



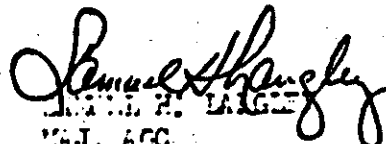
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Unit Citation

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**Inclosure 1**

**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD OF PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION:**

**229TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER BATTALION, TASK FORCE "GARRY OWEN", FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION, U.S. ARMY**

**MISSION:** Conduct aerial support of GVN defenders of An Loc-Loc Ninh, to include armed helicopter gunship support, refugee evacuation, medical-evacuation insertion-extraction of troop units and logistics resupply.

**CONCEPT OF OPERATION:**

229th AHB provides aerial support to GVN defenders vicinity An Loc, Loc Ninh, Quan Loi, staging initially out of Song Be, displacing as necessary to Lai Khe and Bien Hoa.

**EXECUTION:**

On 5 April 1972 elements of the 229th AHB responded immediately with armed helicopter support for GVN forces in contact, began evacuation of ARVN soldiers, U.S. advisors and VN civilians from locations critically threatened by the enemy drive and commenced logistical resupply operations. Despite the heaviest curtain of anti-aircraft fire yet encountered by Army airmobile elements, the 229th flying cavalrymen maintained their support continuously throughout the 93 day period of the seige.

As this was not a separate combat operation by U.S. forces but support of an all-Vietnamese ground effort, the true story of the valiant efforts of the 229th AHB are best seen, not in body-count tallies but in more mundane, but nonetheless staggering statistics. Elements of the 229th AHB flew over thirteen thousand sorties, transported over sixteen thousand personnel, fired over five million rounds of ordnance, and hauled over 200 tons of logistical supplies in supporting the gallant GVN defenders. This resulted in the virtual destruction of four NVA Divisions and 3 NVA Regiments.

In an atmosphere approximating that of conventional warfare that saw the introduction, for the first time into MR III, of Soviet manufactured armor, 23 and 37mm AAA and the SA-7 "Strella" missile, the 229th AHB never faltered, resulting in over one thousand seven hundred awards for acts of individual and collective heroism.

That the back of the seige had been officially broken and the enemy denied the propaganda coup inherent in his quest to capture the provincial capital was signalled by the insertion of the GVN Chief of State, President Nguyen Van Thieu, into An Loc with 229th AHB assistance on 7 July 1972.

The facts contained in the citation and this summary are a matter of record.

229TH AHB SUPPORT OF GVN FORCES IN THE BINH LONG COUNTEROFFENSIVE

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS

In early April 1972, NVA forces continued the long-expected Nguyen Hue offensive, begun earlier in MR I & MR II, with a massive thrust into MR III. The weight of the enemy drive, characterized by intense ground assaults, heavy indirect fire and armor in strength, fell first upon Loc Ninh (See Incl 3). At 0530 hours, 5 April 1972, Loc Ninh was brought under heavy attack by three regiments (275, 174 and E6) of the 5th VC/NVA Division. These attacks were supported by 5th VC/NVA DIVARTY, and 69th ARTY Command consisting of 60/82 mm mortar, 107/122 mm and 240 mm rockets. A series of ground attacks put the enemy infantry and tanks in and near the perimeter wire of Loc Ninh compound. Later in the morning the beleaguered defenders came under fire from 105/155 mm howitzers captured by the enemy in his overwhelming attacks against several small fire bases north of Loc Ninh.

At 0815 hours, 5 April 1972, F/9 Cav was diverted from 3/1 Cav AO patrol in the Bien Hoa area to Lai Khe and D Trp, 229th AHB was diverted from Tay Ninh to Quan Loi to provide support to ARVN elements in contact. All air assets of 229th AHB were placed on 15 minute alert for possible evacuation missions throughout all of MR III. Fire teams from F/79 AFA (Blue Max) were dispatched from Long Thanh to provide support in the vicinity of Loc Ninh. As the Cav Troops and Blue Max arrived on station, it became apparent that Quan Loi had been overrun and An Loc was surrounded. The Cobras employed flechette (nail) warhead rockets effectively against the vast numbers of enemy troops in the open areas of the overrun allied positions. Enemy AAA fire took its toll, however, with 1 AH1G "COBRA" and crew lost,

and 2 AH1Gs damaged. The enemy anti-aircraft fire, consisting of 37 mm, 23 mm, 51 Cal and small arms was of the highest intensity encountered in the long history of Army air operations in South Vietnam. Meanwhile, CH47 Chinooks of the 362nd (Assault Support Helicopter) aviation company and UH1 slicks of A/229 and B/229 were busily engaged in the evacuation of ARVN soldiers, US advisors and civilians from Quan Loi, as well as the delivery of 115 reinforcements and 16 tons of logistics to the defenders of An Loc.

Daylight 6 April found the defenders of Loc Ninh still hanging on but the situation had continued to deteriorate. In order to provide more time on target, the decision was made at 1100 for elements of 229th AHB to stage out of Song Be for the aerial support of Loc Ninh. S-4/229 began the shipment, by C130, of FOL and Class V supplies for rearm and refuel of the 229th AHB's organic aircraft. A jump operations center was established at Song Be by S-3, 229th AHB to operate the airfield and coordinate missions for the aircraft. The re-arm, re-fuel point and airfield were fully operational by 1435 hours. Gunship operations continued throughout the Loc Ninh/Quan Loi/An Loc area with no abatement in ground to air fire.

By 7 April it was apparent that Loc Ninh would soon founder under the sheer weight of enemy numbers. By midmorning, NVA infantry and tanks had overrun the middle compound and NVA were removing captured ARVN artillery for their own future use. A life and death drama began unfolding in earnest at the now-split compound manned by American advisors and their Vietnamese counterparts. MG Hollingsworth, TRAC CG, made the decision to evacuate the U.S. advisors at Loc Ninh (Incl 10-A, LIFE Magazine Article, 21 Apr 72). His plan was to hit the enemy infested area as hard as possible with USAF TAC-Air to knock out the AAA sites, use CS gas to temporarily stun the

enemy, send in a "heavy pink team" from F/9th to check out the area for enemy resistance, and then run a combat assault of H/75th Rangers onto the strip at Loc Ninh to pick up the U.S. advisors. After the Tac Air preparation was completed, the "heavy pink team" went in. The scout approached the strip from the southeast at tree top level, with the low "cobra" above him 1,000 feet and the high "cobra" up another 1,000 feet. Approximately five kilometers out from the strip over the rubber plantation surrounding the area, the team took intensive .51 cal fire which continued the entire way into the objective. Upon reaching the strip, the scout reported intensive ground to air fire and numerous hits in his aircraft. The Tac air strikes and the CS had been ineffective against the massive blanket of AAA. Gathering dusk and worsening weather forced curtailment of further rescue efforts that day. The advisors' last radio transmission prior to being overrun stated that they would try to evade to the south.

With the fall of Loc Ninh, it became apparent that the next enemy target would be the provincial capital of An Loc. The capture of a provincial capital would be a propaganda coup for the enemy and would yield the NVA the opportunity to set up a revolutionary government in the heartland of MR III. The decision was made by GVN to hold An Loc at all costs. (See Inclosure 3).

The battle of An Loc can be characterized by five distinct periods. The first and third periods, 8-15 Apr 72 and 19-22 Apr 72 were characterized by heavy, intense attacks by fire and concentrated sustained, coordinated infantry and armor attacks. The second and fourth periods, from 15 Apr - 18 Apr 72, and 23 Apr - 11 May 72 were periods of resting, refitting, regrouping, receiving replacements, and salvaging personnel and equipment

battles. In addition to the armor support, the 69 Artillery Command and its three regiments (42, 208 and 271) supported the offensive. The 208 Rocket Regt was in general support of the 9 VC Division, and its three subordinate battalions were located approximately 7-10 km from An Loc. The 42 Rocket Artillery Regt was also in general support, with its three subordinate battalions also located around An Loc. The third regiment, which had been recently organized and equipped, was the 271 Anti-Aircraft Regt. The regiment and its subordinate battalions ringed An Loc with almost constant, intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire. For the first time, MR III experienced 23 mm anti-aircraft fire. SA-7 (STRELLA) missiles were also employed in the An Loc area in a general support role. Additionally during Phase I, the 429 Sapper Gp (-) participated, employing at least three sapper battalions (9, 13, and 14) in a support role. The sapper units, which were completely familiar with the Binh Long-Binh Duong area and the transshipment points, were used primarily as commo-liaison personnel, guiding the main force unit through the area.

The 229th AHB was tasked with aerial support in conjunction with USAF and VNAF TAC AIR and aerial resupply drops and B-52 strikes (Incl 10-D). In order to cut turn-around time for the task, the extensive POL/rearm facility at Song Be was dismantled by S-4 and moved south to Lai Khe for support of the An Loc defenders of the perimeter. By nightfall the Lai Khe staging area was complete and fully operational with the S-3 jump operations center.

10 - 12 April 1972 saw a continuation of the fierce contention for An Loc. Gunships of both CAV Troops and Blue Max were continuously on station providing close aerial support for the defenders in the block-by-block, house-to-house contest for control of the besieged city. AAA fire continued in ever increasing volume. While CH-47's of 362nd began the airlift of re-



fugees from Bu Dop to Song Be, lift ships of A/229 responded to the call for help at Tay Ninh. During the night the radio relay station at Nui Ba Den mountain had been overrun, with several U.S. and ARVN personnel killed or wounded. Five A/229 ships made a total of three lifts, inserting 90 ARVN reinforcements and evacuating casualties, each ship taking hits on every lift, with two A/229 crewmen wounded.

Possibly the single most heroic act of the entire Loc Ninh/An Loc operation occurred mid-morning April 8th, when a D Troop 10H, piloted by CPT John Whitehead, rescued nine personnel evading south from Loc Ninh to An Loc. (Incl 10-B). Responding to a radioed SOS from the four American advisors, CPT Whitehead landed under withering enemy fire only to have his aircraft swamped by desperate ARVN soldiers seeking to escape from the Communist foes surrounding them. With 9 people clinging to the aircraft and enemy fire increasing CPT Whitehead did the only thing possible. He skipped, bounced and literally forced his overloaded aircraft into the air with nine survivors clinging desperately to the tiny helicopter. By 2130 hours, 12 April, the evacuation of 1500 ARVN Troops, 2,000 civilians, six 105 mm howitzers and two 155 mm howitzers from Bu Dop to Song Be was completed by CH-47 Chinooks of the 362nd ASH.

13 April saw the rescue of the 11 wounded American advisors from the hotly contested soccer field at An Loc by elements of the 229th. As the enemy intensified his pressure upon the city with armor and infantry, the first tank kill was scored by F/79 AFA. This was accompanied by the kill of 21 trucks by the rocket firing Cobras of the 229th AHB. The tank-shoot continued through the 15th of April proving the deadly capabilities of the attack helicopter against armored vehicles. (Incl 10-C). While Cobra gunships

of D/229 and F/9 Cav continued to provide support to GVN forces in An Loc and to the relief column attempting to forge north from Chon Thanh up enemy controlled QL 13 to the embattled capital, Blue Max flew gunship cover in support of the VNAF insertion of troops in the vicinity of Quan Loi and Chon Thanh-Lai Khe.

On 16 April an enemy round detonated the ARVN ammunition dump at Lai Khe rendering the re-arm re-fuel point at that location unuseable. S-4/229th AHB immediately shifted rearm and refuel operations to Bien Hoa and support operations continued without pause. The following morning, as soon as the conflagration had ceased, S-4/229th AHB again shifted rearm- refuel operations back to Lai Khe, accomplishing the prodigious feat of two complete shifts of facilities over a distance of 37 km in 24 hours with no pause in support operations.

Heavy enemy artillery bombardment and armor-supported infantry attack upon the city of An Loc continued through the period 17 April through 17 May with enemy penetrations by armor and infantry occurring on 18, 20 and 25 April and 11 and 14 May. In each instance ARVN forces supported by Army aviation repulsed the enemy and restored the perimeter. The fighting raged from house to house, block by block, precluding the use of USAF TAC Air within the city due to the proximity of the friendly forces. It was in this environment that the attack helicopter gunship proved its mettle. Through their ability to place pin-point fire, the Cobras of Blue Max and the two Air Cavalry Troops were able to destroy tanks in the streets of the city with friendly forces only a scant few meters away. (Incl. 10-C).

During this period the increasingly poor weather conditions engendered by the rainy season often hampered USAF tactical airstrikes. However on

only two days, the 21st and 23rd of April, were 229th AHB support operations partially curtailed due to weather. 23 April was not a total loss as a Cobra of F/9 CAV found a hole in the clouds and destroyed an enemy fuel truck trying to make its way to refuel enemy tanks under cover of clouds. The 24th and 28th of April saw the first of several large exchanges of troops by 229th AHB at An Loc. Fresh troops were flown into the city and wounded and weary troops rotated to the ARVN Headquarters and staging area at Lai Khe. Numerous medical evacuation missions were handled during this period. Whenever a lull in the enemy fire occurred any of the 229th aircraft in the area would pop in and snatch the wounded. These instances were so numerous and routine as to preclude any attempt to properly document them.

On 15 April a new dimension was added to the anti-aircraft capabilities of the enemy with the appearance of the SA-7, "Strella", a man-portable, heat-seeking missile of Soviet manufacture. The first sighting of the new threat was reported by an Air Force FAC on 9 May 1972. Its appearance in ever increasing frequency coincided with the commencement of the last big enemy push against An Loc which had been announced by an intercepted enemy radio transmission. As the tanks began massing for the assault on 11 April, it became apparent that the enemy had elected to play his heretofore undetected trump card to cancel out the advantage held by the GVN forces with their overwhelming aerial support. Although the SA-7 was to claim 6 AH-1G Cobra aircraft in the following weeks, it did not force a curtailment of helicopter operations as many doubters of the airmobile concept had theorized. The advantage of the missile would be countered in mid-July as a newly developed infra-red dissipation modification was installed on 229th AHB aircraft, but for now the development of modified tactics was a matter of the utmost urgency.

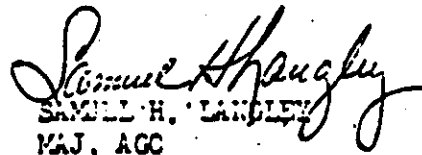
The tactics employed at Loc Ninh-An Loc were initially only a variation on the Pink Team - light fire team theme which had been utilized before in high intensity AAA environments such as the A Shau Valley operation by the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in 1968. These variations were the employment of heavy fire teams composed of three ships as opposed to the two ship light-fire-team used by APA and the use of a "Heavy Pink Team" in some cases a purple team by the Air Cavalry Troop. The "Heavy Pink Team" consisted of a LOH in the low level scout role stalked by the first Cobra at 1,500 feet to his rear or flank. Upon the LOH receiving fire or spotting a target the low Cobra would roll in with immediate suppressive fire, thus enabling the scout ship to evade, and providing an immediate mark for the higher Cobra, following at 2,500 feet or higher to set up a deliberate rocket pass. As the second Cobra was executing his break, the first Cobra would be in a position to cover with a rocket run of his own, thus alternating until either destruction of the target was complete or exhaustion of fuel or ammunition necessitated relief on station by another team. Another variation was the "Purple Team" with the LOH, two Cobras and a UH-1H "slick" at a higher altitude to serve as a command control element for the team and to accomplish recovery of downed crews if needed. This beefing up of the air maneuver elements was accompanied by a shift to low level flight enroute to minimize exposure to heavy AAA weapons. This, however, increased the vulnerability to small arms fire with the loss of the element of surprise caused by daily continued operations over the same terrain. This caused the modification of tactics to encompass ever higher enroute altitudes and the use of cloud cover to good effect even before the introduction of the "Strella". The arrival of the "Strella", although a quantum jump in AAA technology, had only the effect

of intensifying the need for this type of tactic in a high intensity AAA environment. The need for change in standard aerial insertion and extraction tactics also became readily apparent. Whereas previously the emphasis had been upon large formations of lift ships making classic combat assaults; this was rendered suicidal because of the murderous effect of the high intensity AAA and IDF. The tactics employed to circumvent the AAA and IDF was for small flights of one or two ships to fly above cloud cover enroute to the PZ and utilize a rapidly spiraling high overhead approach to the LZ. Pathfinders of HHC, 229th AHB were responsible for LZ control, assembling outgoing payloads and moving the PZ as enemy gunners found the mark. This enabled the lift ships to spend minimum time on the PZ, often departing with deadly 105 and 155 rounds impacting on the PZ while they were on short climbout.

Dawn 17 May found the An Loc perimeter quiet for the first time in 42 days, with the calm broken only by occasional incoming artillery or mortar rounds. This lull was not to continue but it was apparent for the first time that the back of the siege had possibly been broken. Despite the lessening of the actual ground assault upon An Loc the enemy still held commanding positions along QL 13 to the south preventing ground movement between An Loc and Chon Thanh, and ringed the city of An Loc with AAA & indirect fire registered to almost pinpoint accuracy during the earlier days of the siege. This made the task of evacuation of large numbers dead and wounded and the insertion of reinforcements possible for the first time but highly hazardous. Massive troop exchanges took place on 31 May, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 20, 22, 29 June and 1 and 5 July resulting in the total exchange of 11,153 personnel, accomplished with minimal casualties despite an undiminished curtain of AAA & IDF fire unequalled by any yet encountered in the Vietnamese conflict.

The successful defense of An Loc received official confirmation by the insertion of LTC Minh, CG of MR III, followed shortly by counter-guerrilla warfare consultant to the President, Sir Robert Thompson, and finally by the arrival of the GVN Chief of State President Nguyen Van Thieu. The successful insertion of the dignitaries, despite continual AAA fire, was accomplished jointly by elements of the 229th AHB and the rotary wing elements of the Vietnamese Air Force. (Incl 10-E).

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Inclosure 3 - AO MAP

Map Depicting Enemy Dispositions and Salient Activities of 229th AHB.

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INCLOSURE 4 - (Continued)

3. COMBAT DAMAGE INFLICTED BY ELEMENTS OF 229th AHB (S-2)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
Apr 060800	815905	D-Trp	VR	Ob 01 ind evad, eng, 1KBH
061130	822907	D-Trp	Spt of 5th ARVN	Eng en held Ammo dumps, 02 Ammo dumps dest, 10KBH
061402	818903	D-Trp	VR	16KBH
101740	703769	F/9	Spt of 5th ARVN	Eng 01 en, -1KBH
130935	641706	D-Trp	Spt of 5th ARVN	Eng 02 en trks, 02 trks des, VR
131330	811899	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Des 13, 2 1/2 and 5 ton trks
131330	765882	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Des 06, 2 1/2 and 5 ton trks secondary explosions
131500	755883	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Des 01 Tank
131500	775905	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Des 01 75MM RR
151030	755885	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs 03 on Tanks, 01 Tank dam, 02 Tanks des
151400	755880	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs 04 en Tanks, 03 Tanks dam, 01 Tank des
171400	778818	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Cbs 05 en trks, 03 trks dam, 02 trks des
191040	764887	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs UNK type en A/A site, 01 A/A site des
201040	756887	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and des 01 75MM RR
221139	685736	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and eng 01 en evad, 01KBH
231245	675995	F/9	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and eng 01 en POL trk, des 01 en FGL trk
241645	720973	F/9	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs 01 UNK size trk, eng and des
270655	777874	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and des 01 en 51 Cal pos
271015	760886	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and des 01 en 51 Cal pos, 03 en KBH
May 011850	737902	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and des 01 en 37MM pos TRAC
041430	715768	D-Trp	Spt TRAC	Obs and eng 01 en, 01 KBH
061335	712568	F/9	Spt TRAC	Obs 02 ind hiding, eng, 02 en KBH
071530	721571	F/9	Spt TRAC	Cbs 01 en, 01 en KBH
071610	773721	MAX	Spt TRAC	Obs 02 ind in open, eng, 02 en KBH
071118	759885	MAX	Spt TRAC, Air Spt	Close 25 en KBH, equip des
111000	755874	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Cbs 04 en Tanks, 04 Tanks des
130925	686872	F/9	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and eng 01 ind, 01 en KBH
130930	700875	F/9	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs 02 2 1/2 ton trks, 01 trk des
130955	752884	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs 03 ind fleeing Tank, 03 en KBH
221200	757853	F/9	Spt TRAC	Obs UNK no of Tanks and ind, eng, 20 en KBH



Inclosure 4 (Cont'd)

4. Combat Damage and Casualties Sustained 5 April 1972 - 8 July 1972:

	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>A/C Damage</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Casualties</u>
Apr	051230	725065	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Hvy, 2 Hits	51 Cal	Neg
	051230	725065	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt, 1 Hit	51 Cal	Neg
	051530	759753	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	CBL, Exploded	SA-7	2 KIA
	061200	672572	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt, 1 Hit	Sm Arms	Neg
	101400	787720	CS	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	51 Cal	1 WIA
	111350	758883	B-Co	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	105, 82	Neg
	111445	732884	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Hvy	51 Cal	1 WIA
	231600	765645	CS	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	30 Cal	Neg
May	071310	723571	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Mod	Sm Arms	Neg
	111205	755872	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	CBL	SA-7	2 KIA
	130930	700875	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	Sm Arms	1 WIA
	131515	739872	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	Sm Arms	Neg
	221040	765785	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	CBL	SA-7	2 KIA
	230650	755844	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	51 Cal	Neg
	311230	758871	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	51 Cal	Neg
Jun	081315	745785	MAX	Spt of MEDEVAC	Mod	51 Cal	Neg
	081300	761779	MED	MEDEVAC	CBL	51 Cal	Neg
	130905	758865	A-Co	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	UNK	Sm Arms	1 WIA
	191400	750780	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	30 Cal	Neg
	200820	769770	F/9	Spt 1st ARVN ABK	CBL	SA-7	2 KIA
	200830	785764	MAX	Extract Mission	Hvy	51, 30 Cal	Neg
	200830	783762	MAX	Extract Mission	CBL	UNK	2 KIA
	211510	758773	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	CBL	SA-7	1 WIA
	221200	808848	B-Co	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Neg	51 Cal	1 WIA
	241042	824795	D-Co	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Hvy	51 Cal	Neg
	241135	824795	362	Extraction of Aircraft	Lt	Sm Arms	Neg

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LISTING OF ASSIGNED & ATTACHED UNITS

PARTICIPATING UNITS

Part 1. Units assigned and recommended for Award of the Presidential Unit Citation:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>PREVIOUS UNIT DECORATIONS AND DATES</u>
1. Headquarters, 229th Aviation Battalion (Composite) (Assault Helicopter) (Airmobile Brigade - Separate)	5 Apr - 7 Jul 72	PUC 23 Oct 65 - 26 Nov 65 USARV GO 21 Sep 67 MUC 1 Sep 65 - 30 Nov 66 USARV GO 17 - 23 Apr 68 Cross of Gallantry w/Palm 9 Aug 65 - 19 May 69 GO #59 25 Sep 69
2. Detachment 1 (General Support) Headquarters, 229th Aviation Battalion (Composite) (Assault Helicopter) (Airmobile Brigade - Separate)	5 Apr - 15 Jun 72	PUC 27 Dec 66 USARV GO 7 - 23 Apr 70
3. Company A (Assault Helicopter) 229th Aviation Battalion (Composite) (Assault Helicopter) (Airmobile Brigade - Separate)	5 Apr - 7 Jul 72	
4. Company B (Assault Helicopter) 229th Aviation Battalion (Composite) (Assault Helicopter) (Airmobile Brigade - Separate)	5 Apr - 7 Jul 72	
5. Company D (Aerial Weapons) 229th Aviation Battalion (Composite) (Assault Helicopter) (Airmobile Brigade - Separate)	5 Apr - 7 Jul 72	

Inclosure 5 (Continued)

Part II. Units attached and recommended for award of Presidential Unit Citation:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION</u> <u>(See also 2)</u>
1. Troop F (Air) 9th Cavalry	5 Apr - 7 Jul 72	
2. Battery F (Aerial Artillery) 79th Artillery	5 Apr - 7 Jul 72	Presidential Unit Citation 23 Oct 65 thru 26 Nov 65 14 Dec 40 21 Sep 66
3. 362nd Aviation Company (Assault Support Helicopter)	5 Apr - Jul 72	

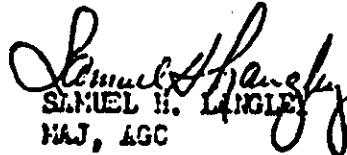
Part III. Units Assigned and Not Recommended for Award of Presidential Unit Citation:

N/A

Part IV. Units Attached and Not Recommended for Award of Presidential Unit Citation:

N/A

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	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
	201040	756887	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and des 01 750M RR
	221139	685736	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and eng 01 en evad, 01KBH
	231245	675995	F/9	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and eng 01 en POL trk, des 01 en POL trk
	241645	720973	F/9	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs 01 UNK size trk, eng and des
	270655	777874	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and des 01 en 51 Cal pos
	271015	760886	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and des 01 en 51 Cal pos, 03 en KBH
May	011850	737932	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN TRAC	Obs and des 01 en 37MM pos
	041430	715768	D-Trp	Spt TRAC	Obs and eng 01 en, 01 KBH
	061335	712568	F/9	Spt TRAC	Obs 02 ind hiding, eng, 02 en KBH
	071530	721571	F/9	Spt TRAC	Obs 01 en, 01 en KBH
	071610	773721	MAX	Spt TRAC	Obs 02 ind in open, eng, 02 en KBH
	071118	759885	MAX	Spt TRAC, Close Air Spt	25 en KBH, equip des
	111000	755874	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs 04 en Tanks, 04 Tanks des
	130925	686872	F/9	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and eng 01 ind, 01 en KBH
	130930	700875	F/9	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs 02 2 1/2 ton trks, 01 trk des
	130955	752884	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs 03 ind fleeing Tank, 03 en KBH
	221200	757853	F/79	Spt TRAC	Obs UNK no of Tanks and ind, eng, 20 en KBH

4. Combat Damage and Casualties Sustained 5 April 1972 - 8 July 1972:

	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>A/C Damage</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Casualties</u>
Apr	051230	725065	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Hvy, 2 Hits	51 Cal	Neg
	051230	725065	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt, 1 Hit	51 Cal	Neg
	051530	759753	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	CBL, Exploded	SA-7	2 MIA
	061200	672572	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt, 1 Hit	Sm Arms	Neg
	101400	787720	GS	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	51 Cal	1 WIA COL CASEY
	111350	758883	B-Co	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	105, 82	Neg
	111445	732884	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Hvy	51 Cal	1 WIA
	231600	765645	GS	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	30 Cal	Neg
May	071340	723571	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Mod	Sm Arms	Neg
	111205	755872	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	CBL	SA-7	2 MIA
	130930	700875	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	Sm Arms	1 WIA
	131515	739872	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	Sm Arms	Neg
	221040	765785	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	CBL	SA-7	2 KIA
	230650	755844	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	51 Cal	Neg
	311230	758871	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	51 Cal	Neg

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<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>A/C Damage</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Casualties</u>
Jun 081315	745785	MAX	Spt of NEDEVAC	Mod	51 Cal	Neg
081300	761779	MED	NEDEVAC	CEL	51 Cal	Neg
130905	758865	A-Co	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	UNK	Sm Arms	1 WIA
191400	750780	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	30 Cal	Neg
200820	769770	F/9	Spt 1st ARVN ABN	CEL	SA-7	2 KIA
200830	785764	MAX	Extract Mission	Hvy	51, 30 Cal	Neg
200830	783762	MAX	Extract Mission	CEL	UNK	2 KIA
211510	758773	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	CEL	SA-7	1 WIA
221200	808848	B-Co	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Neg	51 Cal	1 WIA
241042	824795	D-Co	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Hvy	51 Cal	Neg
241135	824795	362	Extraction of Aircraft	Lt	Sm Arms	Neg

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**Inclosure 4 - Friendly and Enemy Strength & Casualties**

**1. Friendly (229th AHB)**

<u>TOTAL TOE STR</u>	<u>KFA</u>	<u>WFA</u>	<u>MFA</u>	<u>CAP</u>
1366	8	13	2	0

**2. Enemy**

EST STRENGTH

PERCENT DESTROYED (EST)

**5 VC Div - 9,230**

Hq & Spt 4,680

275 Regt 1,550

174 Regt 1,500

E6 Regt 1,500

90%

**7 NVA Div - 8,600**

141 Regt 1,500

165 Regt 1,500

209 Regt 1,500

Hq & Spt 4,100

90%

**9 VC Div - 9,230**

271 Regt 1,500

272 Regt 1,500

950 Regt 1,550

Hq & Spt 4,680

90%

**69 Arty Command - 4,980**

Hq & Spt 1,395

42 Arty Regt 800

208 Arty Regt 835

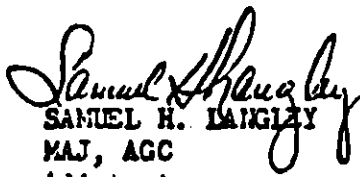
271 AA Regt 800

90%

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205 NVA Regt - 1,250	90%
101 Regt - 760	90%
429 Sapper Gp - 1,705	90%
203 TK Regt	100%

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3. COMBAT DAMAGE INFLICTED BY ELEMENTS OF 229th AHB (S-2)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
Apr 060800	815905	D-Trp	VR	Ob 01 ind evad, eng, 1KBH
061130	822907	D-Trp	Spt of 5th ARVN	Eng en held Ammo dumps, 02 Ammo dumps dest, 10KBH
061402	818903	D-Trp	VR	16KBH
101740	703769	F/9	Spt of 5th ARVN	Eng 01 en, 1KBH
130935	641706	D-Trp	Spt of 5th ARVN	Eng 02 en trks, 02 trks des, VR
131330	811899	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Des 13, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 5 ton trks
131330	765882	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Des 06, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 5 ton trks secondary explosions
131500	755883	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Des 01 Tank
131500	775905	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Des 01 75MM RR
151030	755885	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs 03 on Tanks, 01 Tank dam, 02 Tanks des
151400	755820	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs 04 on Tanks, 03 Tanks dam, 01 Tank des
171400	778818	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs 05 on trks, 03 trks dam, 02 trks des
191040	764887	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs UNK type on A/A site, 01 A/A site des
201040	756887	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and des 01 75MM RR
221139	685736	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and eng 01 en evad, 01KBH
231245	675995	F/9	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and eng 01 en POL trk, des 01 en FGL trk
241645	720973	F/9	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs 01 UNK size trk, eng and des
270655	777874	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and des 01 en 51 Cal pos
271015	760886	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and des 01 en 51 Cal Pos, 03 en KBH
May 011850	737902	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and des 01 en 37MM pos TRAC
041430	715768	D-Trp	Spt TRAC	Obs and eng 01 en, 01 KBH
061335	712568	F/9	Spt TRAC	Obs 02 ind hiding, eng, 02 en KBH
071530	721571	F/9	Spt TRAC	Obs 01 en, 01 en KBH
071610	773721	MAX	Spt TRAC	Obs 02 ind in open, eng, 02 en KBH
071118	759885	MAX	Spt TRAC, Close	25 en KBH, equip des
111000	755874	MAX	Air Spt	
130925	686872	F/9	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs 04 on Tanks, 04 Tanks des
130930	700875	F/9	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and eng 01 ind, 01 en KBH
130955	752884	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs 02 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trks, 01 trk des
221200	757853	F/79	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs 03 ind fleeing Tank, 03 en KBH
			Spt TRAC	Obs UNK no of Tanks and ind, eng, 20 en KBH



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4. Combat Damage and Casualties Sustained 5 April 1972 - 8 July 1972:

Date/Time	Location	Unit	Mission	A/C Damage	Cause	Casualties
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051230	725065	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt, 1 Hit	51 Cal	Neg
051530	759753	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	CBL, Exploded	SA-7	2 MIA
061200	672572	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt, 1 Hit	Sm Arms	Neg
101400	787720	CS	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	51 Cal	1 WIA
111350	758883	B-Co	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	205, 82	Neg
111445	732884	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Hvy	51 Cal	1 WIA
231600	765645	CS	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	30 Cal	Neg
May 071310	723571	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Mod	Sm Arms	Neg
111205	755872	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	CBL	SA-7	2 MIA
130930	700875	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	Sm Arms	1 WIA
131515	739872	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	Sm Arms	Neg
221040	765785	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	CBL	SA-7	2 KIA
230650	755844	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	51 Cal	Neg
311230	758871	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	51 Cal	Neg
Jun 081315	745785	MAX	Spt of MEDEVAC	Mod	51 Cal	Neg
081300	761779	MED	MEDEVAC	CBL	51 Cal	Neg
130905	758865	A-Co	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	UNK	Sm Arms	1 WIA
191400	750780	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	30 Cal	Neg
200520	769770	F/9	Spt 1st ARVN ABN	CBL	SA-7	2 KIA
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200830	783762	MAX	Extract Mission	CBL	UNK	2 KIA
211510	758773	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	CBL	SA-7	1 WIA
221200	838248	B-Co	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Neg	51 Cal	1 WIA
241042	824795	D-Co	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Hvy	51 Cal	Neg
241135	824795	362	Extraction of Aircraft	Lt	Sm Arms	Neg

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LISTING OF ASSIGNED & ATTACHED UNITS

PARTICIPATING UNITS

Part 1. Units assigned and recommended for Award of the Presidential Unit Citation:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>PREVIOUS UNIT DECORATIONS AND DATES</u>
1. Headquarters, 229th Aviation Battalion (Composite) (Assault Helicopter) (Airmobile Brigade - Separate)	5 Apr - 7 Jul 72	PUC 23 Oct 65 - 26 Nov 65 USARV GO 21 Sep 67 MUC 1 Sep 65 - 30 Nov 66 USARV GO 17 - 23 Apr 68 Cross of Gallantry w/Palm 9 Aug 65 - 19 May 69 GO #59 25 Sep 69
2. Detachment 1 (General Support) Headquarters, 229th Aviation Battalion (Composite) (Assault Helicopter) (Airmobile Brigade - Separate)	5 Apr - 15 Jun 72	PUC 27 Dec 66 USARV GO 7 - 23 Apr 70
3. Company A (Assault Helicopter) 229th Aviation Battalion (Composite) (Assault Helicopter) (Airmobile Brigade - Separate)	5 Apr - 7 Jul 72	
4. Company B (Assault Helicopter) 229th Aviation Battalion (Composite) (Assault Helicopter) (Airmobile Brigade - Separate)	5 Apr - 7 Jul 72	
5. Company D (Aerial Weapons) 229th Aviation Battalion (Composite) (Assault Helicopter) (Airmobile Brigade - Separate)	5 Apr - 7 Jul 72	

Inclusion of [unclear]

Part II. Units attached and recommended for award of Presidential Unit Citation:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
1. Troop F (Air) 9th Cavalry	5 Apr - 7 Jul 72	
2. Battery F (Aerial Artillery) 79th Artillery	5 Apr - 7 Jul 72	Presidential Unit Citation 23 Oct 65 thru 20 Nov 65 14 Dec 65 thru 23 Sep 66
3. 362nd Aviation Company (Assault Support Helicopter)	5 Apr - Jul 72	

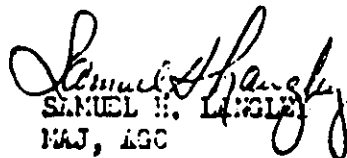
Part III. Units Assigned and Not Recommended for Award of Presidential Unit Citation:

N/A

Part IV. Units Assigned and Not Recommended for Award of Presidential Unit Citation:

N/A

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PROPOSED CITATION

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

AWARD OF THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FOLLOWING UNIT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES IS CONFIRMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 194, AR 672-5-1.

THE 229TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER BATTALION, TASK FORCE "GARRY OWEN", FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION (AM) AND ASSIGNED AND ATTACHED UNITS:

HHC, 229TH AHB, TASK FORCE "GARRY OWEN", 1ST CAV DIV (AM)

DETACHMENT 1 (GS), HHC, 229th AHB, TASK FORCE "GARRY OWEN", 1ST CAV DIV (AM)

COMPANY A, 229TH AHB, TASK FORCE "GARRY OWEN", 1ST CAV DIV (AM)

COMPANY B, 229TH AHB, TASK FORCE "GARRY OWEN", 1ST CAV DIV (AM)

COMPANY D, 229TH AHB, TASK FORCE "GARRY OWEN", 1ST CAV DIV (AM)

F TROOP, 9TH CAVALRY, 229TH AHB, TASK FORCE "GARRY OWEN", 1ST CAV DIV (AM)

F BATTERY, 79TH AFA, 229TH AHB, TASK FORCE "GARRY OWEN", 1ST CAV DIV (AM)

362ND AVN COMPANY, 229TH AHB, TASK FORCE "GARRY OWEN", 1ST CAV DIV (AM)

THE CITATION READS AS FOLLOWS:

THE 229TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER BATTALION DISTINGUISHED ITSELF BY OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY AGAINST HOSTILE FORCES DURING THE PERIOD 5 APRIL 1972 THROUGH 7 JULY 1972 WHILE COMMITTED TO ACTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GVN DEFENDERS OF THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF AN LOC BINH LONG PROVINCE DURING THE NVA "NGUYEN HUE" OFFENSIVE. THROUGH THEIR COURAGE, DETERMINATION, AND INGENUITY THE TROOPERS OF THE 229TH OVERCAME THE DIFFICULTIES ENGENDERED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW WEAPONRY BY THE ENEMY AND THE MOST INTENSIVE VOLUME OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY FIRE YET EXPERIENCED, WHILE SUPPORTING AND SUSTAINING THE BELEAGUERED DEFENDERS AGAINST THE ENEMY ONSLAUGHT. THE SUCCESSFUL DEFEAT OF THE ENEMY BY THE FORCES OF GVN WOULD HAVE BEEN VASTLY MORE PROLONGED AND COSTLY WERE IT NOT FOR THE INVALUABLE SUPPORT RENDERED BY THE 229TH AHB. THE OUTSTANDING DEVOTION TO DUTY, PERSEVERANCE, AND EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM OF THE MEMBERS OF THE 229TH AHB AND ATTACHED ELEMENTS UNDER THE MOST HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON THEMSELVES, THE ARMY, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

**Inclosure 7.**

**AWARDS & DECORATIONS FOR PERIOD 5 APRIL - 7 JULY 1972**

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>PENDING</u>	
Medal of Honor		1	
DSC		3	
Silver Star	7	5	
Legion of Merit			
DFC	14	67	
Soldier's Medal	1	1	
BS W/V	6	3	
BS	204	22	
AM W/V	180	13	
AM	610	52	
ACM W/V	14	3	
ACM	210	9	
Purple Heart	40		
VN Cross of Gallantry			
W/Gold Star		8	
W/Silver Star		56	
W/ Bronze Star		157	
VN Honor Medal 1st Class		48	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1286</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL: 1734</b>

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**Inclosure 8 - Statistical Data**

**1. Aviation Operational Support Statistics (S-3):**

<b>1 APRIL - 10 JULY</b>	<b>UH-1</b>	<b>AH-1</b>	<b>OH-6</b>	<b>CH-47</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
<b>TOTAL # HOURS</b>	<b>3,275.6</b>	<b>4,275.6</b>	<b>1,772.5</b>	<b>130.4</b>	<b>9,851.6</b>
<b>TOTAL # SORTIES</b>	<b>6,471</b>	<b>5,285</b>	<b>1,525</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>13,458</b>
<b>TOTAL # PAX TRANSPORTED</b>	<b>14,653</b>		<b>196</b>	<b>1,863</b>	<b>16,712</b>
<b>TOTAL # CASUALTIES TRANSPORTED</b>	<b>49</b>		<b>19</b>		<b>68</b>
<b># ACFT DAMAGED</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>52</b>
<b># ACFT LOSSES</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>
<b># TONS HAULED</b>	<b>47.4</b>			<b>170.5</b>	<b>217.9</b>

**2. Logistical Support Statistics (S-4):**

a. During the period 7 April through 10 July 1972, the 229th AHB and attached units established and operated rearm and refuel points as indicated below:

(1) Rearm Points

- (a) Song Be
- (b) Lai Khe
- (c) Vung Tau
- (d) Tay Ninh
- (e) Long Thanh
- (f) Lassiter

(2) Refuel Points

- (a) Lai Khe
- (b) Song Be
- (c) Vung Tau
- (d) FSB Melanie
- (e) Long Thanh
- (f) Lassiter

b. The following logistical operations were of special significance in the battle of An Loc:

(1) Song Be

(2) Lai Khe

**Inclosure 8 (Continued)**

c. The logistical operation at Song Be supported the 229th AHB and attached units with 1,008,625 pounds of ammunition during the six days Song Be rearm operated. The 229th expended 22,400 rockets and well over 500,000 40mm and smaller caliber rounds. The 229th and attached units used 2,154,263 pounds of JP4 during the six days of operations at Song Be.

d. During the period 7 April through 10 July 1972, the 229th AHB and attached units consumed and expended 17,591,368 pounds of JP4 and 5,101,274 pounds of ammunition.

**(1) Total Lbs JP4 Used 7 Apr thru 10 July 72:**

<u>LT</u>	<u>LASS</u>	<u>SE</u>
7,657,000	9,014,000	920,368

**(2) Combined Total, Total Lbs JP4 Used 7 Apr thru 12 Apr in support Song Be/An Loc:**

Lass -	687,895
LT -	546,000
SE -	<u>920,368</u>

2,154,263

**3. Combat Damage Inflicted By Elements of 229th AHB (S-2):**

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
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191040	764887	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs UNK type en A/A site, 01 A/A site des

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111000	755874	MAX	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs O4 en Tanks, O4 Tanks des
130925	686872	F/9	Spt of 5th ARVN	Obs and eng O1 ind, O1 en KBH
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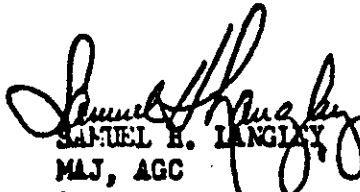
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Apr 051230	725065	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Hvy, 2 Hits	51 Cal	Neg
051230	725065	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt, 1 Hit	51 Cal	Neg
051530	759753	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	CBL, Exploded	SA-7	2 MIA
061200	672572	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt, 1 Hit	Sm Arms	Neg
101400	787720	GS	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	51 Cal	1 WIA
111350	758883	B-Co	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	105, 82	Neg
111445	732884	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Hvy	51 Cal	1 WIA
231600	765645	GS	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	30 Cal	Neg
May 071340	723571	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Mod	Sm Arms	Neg
111205	755872	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	CBL	SA-7	2 MIA
130930	700875	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	Sm Arms	1 WIA
131515	739872	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	Sm Arms	Neg
221040	765785	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	CBL	SA-7	2 KIA
230650	755844	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	51 Cal	Neg
311230	758871	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	51 Cal	Neg



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Date/Time	Location	Unit	Mission	A/C Damage	Cause	Casualties
Jun 081315	745785	MAX	Spt of MEDEVAC	Mod	51 Cal	Neg
081300	761779	MED	MEDEVAC	CEL	51 Cal	Neg
130905	758865	A-Co	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	UNK	Sm Arms	1 WIA
191400	750780	F/9	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Lt	30 Cal	Neg
200820	769770	F/9	Spt 1st ARVN ABN	CEL	SA-7	2 KIA
200830	785764	MAX	Extract Mission	Hvy	51, 30 Cal	Neg
200830	783762	MAX	Extract Mission	CEL	UNK	2 KIA
211510	758773	MAX	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	CEL	SA-7	1 WIA
221200	808848	B-Co	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Neg	51 Cal	1 WIA
241042	824795	D-Co	Spt TRAC and 5th ARVN	Hvy	51 Cal	Neg
241135	824795	362	Extraction of Aircraft	Lt	Sm Arms	Neg

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