D TROOP
FIRST SQUADRON, FIRST CAVALRY

"FIRST REGIMENT OF DRAGOONS"
COURAGE AND FAITH

BLACKHAWK
UNIT HISTORY

"Delta Troop" began its history in 1833 when it was formed as part of the 1st Squadron 1st Cavalry. It has, since its inception, indelibly engraved its name in the annals of history as a part of the United States Army's most battle honored unit. Its troopers served proudly in the Mexican War, Indian War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War II, and are upholding its tradition in Vietnam today. Whenever, in our nation's history, the call has gone out to defend liberty, repulse oppression, and rout tyranny, "Delta Troop" has answered---and never has it failed!

In the Autumn of 1967 the call went out once more--Vietnam. A different type of war was being fought there—a war of hit and run, fought by an elusive enemy. To win this war new concepts had to be devised, tested, and then applied. One of the newest concepts was that of an Air Cavalry Troop. Its job to find the enemy, harass him, and bring about his destruction. "Delta Troop" was chosen for this task and from Autumn of 1967 until the Summer of 1968 it formed and practiced its tactics until honed perfection. On 21 July 1968, D Troop reported "Present For Duty" to the 101st Airborne Division in I Corps, Republic of Vietnam.

The enemy soon learned to fear and respect us. Those audacious "Charlies" who fired at our Scout Birds were rewarded by the Thunder and lightning of the answering Cobra Gunships. Seldom was Charles able to fight again.

As our Loh's and Snakes scouted from the sky, so did our Aero-Rifle Platoon scout from the ground. We sought endlessly for the enemy. In addition to our own missions we supported other units within the 101st Airborne Division as well as the 3rd Marine Division. Our stomping ground extend the width of Vietnam from Danang to the DMZ.

When the 101st assaulted the lowlands, D Troop was there. When the Marines assaulted the Northern Ashau Valley, D Troop was there. When the Marines assaulted the area around Ke Son, D Troop was there. Rung Rung Valley, Eagle's Nest, Brick, Quick II, Birmingham, and Ashau Valley—all are familiar places to D Troopers. In April 1969, D Troop spearheaded the Screamin' Eagles assault on the Ashau Valley, always ready to answer the call.
On May 1 the Troop spread it's wings and journeyed South to rejoin it's parent unit, the 1st Squadron 1st Cavalry, at Chu Lai. The Americal Division became our new home. On 12 May we began operations. An Outpost Southwest of Tam Ky had been attacked the night before. As tanks and armored personnel carriers of A, B, and C Troops churned towards the outpost, the Helicopters of D Troop scouted ahead and to the flanks for them. When they were engaged, D Troop spotted the enemy's hidden positions and levelled them as the tracks attacked. Our efforts greatly aided in alleviating the pressure on the outpost.

We then moved to the flatlands--constantly keeping them under surveillance. Simultaneously, we moved North and West into the Foothills--as we sought the enemy's base camps--and destroyed them when they were found.

In October 1969, we were detached from the 1st Squadron 1st Cavalry and attached to the 123rd Aviation Battalion. Our mission became the support of the 198th Infantry Brigade. Almost immediately upon our entry into this new area of operations we discovered a regimental size enemy base camps. Methodically it was destroyed. Diligently we worked--guiding friendly troops as they scoured the area and destroying enemy structures ourselves.

When not supporting our own troops, D Troop willingly lends a hand to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam--inserting them and scouting the territory around them. Through our efforts they are able to conduct a larger part of the war.

The history of D Troop has been made by the men depicted in this book and by others whom these men have replaced. Although differing in rank, age, experience, and color there is one bond common to all--all are "Delta Troopers" and all have diligently upheld the tradition of the most battle honored unit in the history of the United States Army.

HOWARD F. BORN
CIT, AR
Commanding
CPT. GERALD A. MCDONALD
Executive Officer

1SGT. JOE C. HAMILL
First Sergeant
I should have been President. Tired, pissed off, broke, but I still have a job?

Hey, I think its your draft notice!

Mut and Jeff

Wanna see me smoke EM?
Today, I come to you with a heavy heart!

What, no care package?

Gentlemen, start your engines.

The three Musketeers!
What do ya mean "your out of rubbers!"

Go away, don't bother me!

This is one of our newest models, Sir!

As usual its big, but empty!

Boston Whitey and "the Moose".
Well, it's not my mos!

I should have been a General.

Just put all these wires together, and it will run!
No Sir! It doesn't run on steam!

There's no engines.

She got white wall, tires, radio, heater!

Remf Platoon

Hopeless case
WCI GARY A. KREHBIEL
Asst. Opns. Officer

SSG CHARLES NAVARRO
Operations NCOIC

SGT DONALD WILHITE (Short)
Operations RTO
Jeep has the better idea.

House of the rising sun.

Hello Mom. Over!

The Wild Bunch
SGT ALVIN L. ZIMMER  
Supply Sergeant

SP5 FRED HOBBS  
Tech Inspector

SP4 JAMES COTNEY
That's really neat!

Where's the Radiator?

Reb it up Sir!

Mateus Express!

If the boys could see me now!
Putting in a little sham time.

Lub your shaft.

Think it will fly?

Hell, let's go to the Beach.

We need a case of beer, 4 cartons of cigarettes.....
What do you mean Re-Up!

Maybe, if I had a profile!

This doesn't look like a T.V.

Scramble!
It will never make it to the states!

On guard!

Nick Nossel and the boys

What is that stuff!
Sir, you don't need to hold this ship up. It's been sitting here for 3 hours!

So that's what happened to our piss tube!
If Mom could see me now.

Go ahead, spit at me.

Daring your next period of instruction, we will discuss, women!
They won't even let me try to fly it!

I told you it would run.

Hear no evil, speak no evil,
see no evil!
This damn thing is heavy.  

1 each Tail Rotor  

Ah so!  

Let's make it a convertible!
I think we could pick up Hanoi!

My ship, Red X?

Maintenance Platoon
Tell him, this is Vietnam!

Think they can see my nose?

And he wants to play Tit, Tat, Toe!

Just married!
No, it's not a "Freedom Bird"!

Too many chiefs not enough injuns!
I don't think Betsy Ross made this one gang!

Gentlemen, watch your lanes!
Oh Boy! A real Helicopter!

Wanna fight?

Smile now you Bastard!
Only her hair dresser knows for sure.

We're caught!

I know I put that jug in here!

I've never seen beer cans this big.

It's from YOUR wife!
Sure enough boss chow!

Well, who's buying?

Wake me when it's all over!

What do you want?
One of you guys farted!

Garson!

The brothers four!

I should throw this stuff at you!

Big shorty and short biggy!
I've already taken 6 months pay!

SGT Bisceglie definitely has a problem!
Remember the Alamo!

Life's a Bitch!

A Mellow Mood!

War is hell!

Let's trade hands!
WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE

CPT BORN

CPT McDonald

1SG Hamill
Where's the horse?

One more word and I'll jump!

This trash truck job is a Bitch!

Whose in Charge?
There was a job to be done! 🎉

Get in damn it!

Who needs Loh's?
I'll hold the blades, while you crank it.

No smoking within 50 feet!

Now, let's see which one of these handles did what?
Pre flight? Yea, its got 2 blades. "The Mighty Mouse"

it, just it.

Typical scout helmet!
Now, don't peek!

Sure, I'm gonna eat it.

Big boy and gas can center of attraction!

I think someone spiked the kool-aid!

Rummy!
I could just scream!
You tell him, Son!

Take your hat off!

Fall in!

Where do I throw up?
Ready? Front?

Do you know your URB?

Where's that damn truck?

Beauty at birth!

Horns on Patterson
Slicks are for kids!
MY PHOTO
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This is the 1970 D/1/1st Cav “Sabres” unit album. A copy was loaned to the ADVA to be scanned by John Ernest for the benefit of veterans of the Americal Division. John Ernest served as an aero-scout infantry man with D/1/1st Cav in 1970. Keith Aakre has also provided images of this album images from his copy of this album previously. The scanned images are a combination from both. Mr. Aakre served as a pilot with D/1/1st Cav. in 1970-71. The Americal Division Veteran’s Association appreciates contributions of both Mr. Aakre and Mr. Ernest.