Troop B
Back To
1st Cav
AN KHE, (1st CAV-IO) — Troop B of the 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division has returned to the control of the 1st Cav, after more than two months’ absence.

In April the troop, a company sized element, deployed to Land Zone Montezuma at Due Pho in southern Quang Ngai Province to support the 2nd Brigade in Operation Le Jeune.

When the operation terminated in April, it stayed at Montezuma supporting the 3rd Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division in Task Force Oregon.

By the time the troop returned to the cavalry in late June, it had compiled a record of 471 enemy killed and more than 2100 suspects detained. Many weapons were captured and 35 tons of rice were returned to the Vietnamese Government for distribution to friendly communities.

During the period, 73 helicopters were fired upon and 42 hit. There were nine men killed and 21 wounded. The kill ratio was 52 to one.

When the troop moved in, Due Pho was known as Little Moscow because of the communist influence. When the troop left, revolutionary development programs were well underway and government control was greatly expanded throughout the district.

Major George D. Burrow, troop executive officer, quotes the commander of the 3rd Bde, as saying, “I have seen ‘Can Do’ and ‘Will Do’ units, but you are the first ‘Do Do’ unit I have ever seen.”

From A Fallen Comrade’s Mother

1/9th Troops Respond To Plea

Troopers of the 1st Air Cavalry Division’s Troop B, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry responded to a plea from a fallen comrade’s mother recently and took up a collection to send the soldier’s dog home.

The dog, Frances, belonged to Specialist Four Michael D. George, Dallas, Texas, killed in action on June 4 while checking out the body of a dead Viet Cong. George who had named the dog after a buddy, Specialist Four Frances L. Guzzi, who was wounded in action late in May.

Specialist George’s mother, after finding that her son had been attached to the dog, wrote Troop B and asked that Frances be sent home to Dallas.

The troopers chipped in $190 for the project. Frances will leave Saigon, spend 30 days in government quarantine in a California kennel and then make the last leg of her trip to Dallas.

Frances is the daughter of Dhein, a black dog who has been with the troop nearly a year. Frances was born at Due Pho where Troop B has been working with the 25th Infantry Division on Operation Task Force Oregon.

WAITING FOR RESCUE — A pilot from the 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division protects his downed chopper while rescue ships are on their way.

(Wallpaper by Sp6 James C. Turner, 25th INF-IO)