OPERATIONAL REPORT OF 1ST SQUADRON 9TH CAVALRY FOR PERIOD ENDING 30 JULY, 1969 (gd). 

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SECTON II LESSONS LEARNED

1. Personnel: None

2. Operations:
   a. High Altitude Reconnaissance.
      1. Observation: Occasionally 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. An improved observation capability, should enable the scouts to fly this type of mission at higher altitudes, thusly reducing casualties and loss of equipment.

   b. Deployment of Multiple Claymores.
      1. Observation: The ability to remain undetected within 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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1. Recommendations: That ambush patrols be trained in the utilization of the above mentioned system of deploying multiple claymore mines and that it becomes

2. Training: None

3. Intelligence: None

4. Logistics: None

5. Organization: None

6. Other: None

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