AVDARS-D

30 November 1969

SUBJECT: Operational Report for Month of November 1969

Commanding Officer
1st Squadron 9th Cavalry
1st Cavalry Division (airmobile)

1. Significant Organizational and Unit Activities:

a. Two platoons (2nd & 3rd) and Command Group, Troop D, (-) continued operational control of the 2nd Bn 8th Cavalry at Camp Gorvard, conducting mounted and dismounted reconnaissance, convoy security, check point control with the Vietnamese National Police, search missions, and base defense.

b. One platoon (1st) continued under the operational control of the 3rd Brigade at Quan Loi as base defense in control of the Red Sector of the base perimeter.

c. Principle Operations:

1 November 1969: D Troop (-) had a maintenance stand down and went from Ready Reaction Force status to Quick Reaction Status.

2 November 1969: D Troop (-) continued the maintenance stand down in preparation for the CMMI. D Troop (-) was again on Quick Reaction Force status for Phuoc Vinh.

3 November 1969: D Troop (-) was on QRF for Phuoc Vinh. The Troop underwent a CMMI inspection.

4 November 1969: D Troop (-) was on QRF for Phuoc Vinh at night. During the day, D Troop (-) was to conduct a route recon to XT994516, then recon to YT050491. Troop D was unable to reach XT050491 due to extremely muddy conditions. The 2nd platoon pulled QRF on the White Sector of the Green Line at Phuoc Vinh.
November 1969: 3rd platoon reconed to the northeast along I TL 1A with no findings of enemy activity. 3rd platoon then reconed to the northwest to XT 9415X28 with no findings of enemy activity.

November 1969: 3rd platoon was on QRF for the White Sector of the Green Line. 2nd platoon provided security for a National Police checkpoint at XT 94444. Check point was later moved to XT 937457. National Police checked 45 trucks, 15 buses, 55 motorcycles, and 30 bicycles. There were no detainees. Phuoc Vinh received incoming.

November 1969: D Troop (-) reconed to the west of Phuoc Vinh. At XT 913515, all weapons were test fired.

November 1969: D Troop (-) provided security for a convoy from Phuoc Vinh to Dong Xoai. At Dong Xoai, the convoy was turned over to the 11th ACR and D Troop (-) returned to Phuoc Vinh.

November 1969: D Troop (-) returned to Dong Xoai and provided security for the convoy returning to Phuoc Vinh. The 3rd platoon was on QRF for the White Sector of the Green Line.

November 1969: D Troop (-) called upon by DIVARTY to recon the vicinity of XT 977443 for a possible enemy radio transmitter. 3rd platoon remained at XT 961442 as a blocking force.

November 1969: 2nd platoon replaced 3rd platoon as blocking force. 3rd platoon went into a blocking position at XT 974451. 2nd platoon established a night defensive position at XT 961439 and 3rd platoon returned to Phuoc Vinh.

November 1969: 2nd platoon replaced 2nd platoon at XT 961439. 2nd platoon was scrambled to locate enemy radio transmitter at XT 975448. Elements from 2nd Pl 8th Cav found the transmitting antenna. The 2nd platoon returned to Phuoc Vinh. 3rd platoon established a night defensive position at XT 954150.

November 1969: D Troop (-) had a maintenance day of stand down. The 2nd platoon infantry section made a last light sweep around Camp Gorvad.

November 1969: D Troop (-) provided security for a convoy from Phuoc Vinh to FSB Buttons.

November 1969: D Troop (-) provided security for the return trip of the convoy from FSB Buttons to Dong Xoai. At Dong Xoai, D Troop (-) provided security for another convoy enroute to YU 297000.
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15 November 1969: (Cont) At YU279936, an ARVN 2-ton truck hit a mine. PFC Dahms and SGT Denham received slight fragmentation wounds. Both men were treated and returned to duty. The convoy was then engaged with small arms fire and B-40 rockets. D Troop (-) returned fire and kept the convoy moving. D Troop (-) spent the night at YU297000.

16 November 1969: D Troop (-) returned to Phuoc Vinh.

17 November 1969: D Troop (-) had a maintenance stand down in the morning. At 1430, 2nd and 3rd platoons conducted a mounted recon in the vicinity of XT9653.

18 November 1969: D Troop (-) logged at XT957523 and sent out dismounted recon patrols. Patrols were trying to locate possible rocket sites.

19 November 1969: D Troop (-) recon'ned 2 bridges west of Phuoc Vinh to see if they were passable. Bridges were located at XT897537. Both were impassable. The 3rd platoon made a last light sweep of Phuoc Vinh.

20 November 1969: 2nd platoon conducted a general recon southeast of Camp Gorvad in the vicinity of XT9955. At XT992543, 3rd platoon found a booby trap. The booby trap consisted of a US type grenade with a trip wire connected to a tree. Location of the booby trap was marked.

21 November 1969: D Troop (-) departed Phuoc Vinh at 0855 hours for a general recon. 2nd platoon logged at YT001554. 3rd platoon logged at XT993543. Both platoons sent dismounted patrols. The 3rd platoon destroyed the booby trap they had located the day before. The Troop (-) closed Phuoc Vinh at 1145 hours. The 2nd platoon pulled last light around Camp Gorvad.

22 November 1969: D Troop (-) departed Phuoc Vinh at 1045 hours. The Troop provided security for a convoy from Phuoc Vinh to FSB Buttons. At 1345 hours, the convoy at YT218852, received mortars from the east side of the road and small arms from both sides of the road. Two vehicles in the convoy were hit resulting in 1 KIA and 4 WIA's. Troop D (-) had no casualties or damage. The 3rd platoon infantry section was credited with 2 NVA KIA's. The convoy closed FSB Buttons at 1750 hours. D Troop (-) provided night security for FSB Buttons.

23 November 1969: The convoy with D Troop (-) providing security, departed FSB Buttons at 1000 hours, enroute to Phuoc Vinh. At 1200 hours, at grid square XT1781, the convoy received sniper fire. There were no casualties or damage. At 1415 hours, D Troop (-) closed Phuoc Vinh.
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24 November 1969: D Troop (-) had a maintenance stand down.

25 November 1969: D Troop (-) departed Phuoc Vinh at 1244 hours. The Troop provided security for a convoy from Phuoc Vinh to the engineer's night defensive position in the vicinity of WU297000. The convoy returned to FSB Bunnard and D Troop (-) provided night security for the fire base.

26 November 1969: D Troop (-) provided security for the return trip of the convoy. The convoy departed FSB Bunnard at 0935 hours and closed Phuoc Vinh at 1220 hours. At 1440 hours, 2nd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh to provide security for the engineers working south from Phuoc Vinh in the vicinity of XT981441. 2nd platoon was released from this mission at 1618 hours and closed Phuoc Vinh at 1700 hours.

27 November 1969: 3rd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh at 0735 to provide security for the engineers working in the vicinity of XT981441. 2nd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh at 1200 hours enroute to the location of the 3rd platoon. D Troop (-) was released from the mission at 1705 hours and closed Phuoc Vinh at 1742 hours.

28 November 1969: At 0730 hours, the 2nd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh for XT981441 to provide security for the engineers. The 3rd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh at 1410 hours and went to a blocking position at XT985-505 for HF & PF working to the south. The 3rd platoon closed at 1810 hrs.

29 November 1969: D Troop (-) departed Phuoc Vinh at 0620 hours enroute to XT981447 to provide security for the engineers. Two dusters are working with D Troop (-). D Troop (-) was released at 1700. At 1725 hrs, a duster in the lead of the column hit a mine at XT958461. There was no damage or casualties. D Troop (-) closed Phuoc Vinh at 1810.

30 November 1969: The 3rd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh at 0707 hours with 2 dusters. They provided security for the engineers at XT981441. The 2nd platoon departed Phuoc Vinh at 0750 hours for YT001554 where they provided security for a National Police Check Point.

b. Other Activities
   6 November 1969: AGI inspection
   10 November 1969: Change of Command Ceremony
   24 November 1969: Awards Ceremony

c. Base Defense
   Throughout the month of November, the Troop was used as a Quick Reaction Force for Camp Gorvad.

d. Base Improvements
   During the month of November, D Troop (-) continued to improve living conditions and fighting positions at Quan Loi and Phuoc Vinh.
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e. Training and Organization
On the 1C-19 November 1969, SP4 Fairley and on 24-Nov-3Dec, SP4 Holston attended Combat Leadership Course. On 28 November, 1LT Lowe and STJ Sullivan attended a class on flame throwers.

f. Administration and Logistics

(1) Authorized Assigned Present for Duty
OFF WD EM OFF WD EM OFF WD EM
5 N/A 127 6 N/A 124 6 N/A 110

(2) Organization for Combat
CPT Hudson (1-10 Nov) 1LT Lowe
CPT Scott (11-30 Nov) 1LT Cullen

XO
1LT Lowe

Ops Off N/A

1st Plt 1LT Cullen

2nd Plt 1LT Hahn

3rd Plt 1LT Marshall (22-30 Nov)

Lift Section N/A

Maint Section N/A

(3) Awards and Decorations
Silver Star 2
Bronze Star "V" 6
Bronze Star 9
Air Medal 1
Purple Heart 2
ARCOM "V" 2
ARCOM 8

(4) Losses
Un-programmed Losses
OFF WD EM OFF WD EM
2 N/A 8 0 N/A 0

(5) Promotions
E-6 1
E-5 3
E-4 5

(6) R&R
In-country 2
Out-country 10
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(7) Replacements

OFF WO EM
3 NA 11

(8) Logistics

(a) Class I

Class A
Class B
Class C

(b) Class II
None

c) Class III

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AVGAS
MOGAS
DIESEL

(d) Class IV

None

e) Class V

5.56
7.62
40mm
60mm
81mm
106mm
50cal spotter
Frag
Claymore
M-72
Smoke Grenade
Signal Ill.
Trip Flares

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3. Commanders Comments

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4. Discussion

None

HUEY B SCOTT
Captain, Armor
Commanding