2 July 1969

SUBJECT: Lessons Learned Report of Co H (Ranger), 75th Inf (Abn) for period ending 30 June 69.

Commanding Officer
1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry
1st Cav Div (AM)
ATTN: S-3

Section I, Lessons Learned:
   a. Personnel: None
   b. Operations:
      (1) The new lightweight rucksack is a marked improvement over the old frame type. However, through extended use we have found that the pocket snaps will not hold when the pockets are full and pressure is exerted on the pack, also the shoulder straps weaken and should be reinforced, with these two modifications the rucksack would be outstanding.
      (2) The employment of multiple claymores in an ambush position enhances the effectiveness of the ambush 50%. By use of detonating cord and non-electric blasting caps, 2 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 a personnel ambush. At times small arms fire is unnecessary.
      (3) We are presently equipping each patrol with an M-14 rifle. It has proven to be excellent in engaging long range targets, its stopping and penetrating power, and for marking targets with tracers. In the long range fire role it is mounted with the scope.
   c. Training: None
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d. Intelligence:

(1) Patrol 32 on 29 June 69, captured a VC Political Officer in the vicinity of a woodcutters A.O. indicating that the enemy is using the safety of the woodcutters box to conduct operations and as a refuge when being pursued or reorganizing/preparing for attacks by indirect fire on friendly fire bases.

e. Logistics: None

f. Organization: None

g. Other: None

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