

25 JULY 70  
GROUP

INFORMATION OFFICE  
7/1 CAVALRY

In a change of command ceremony on 21 July, D Troop 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry came under the command of Major John A. Phillips, ~~armor~~ Major Phillips began his military career in 1956 as an enlisted man, and in 1957 was commissioned as a 2 LT Infantry. In 1958, Major Phillips realized the future roll aviation was to play in military operations and made the decision to become an army aviator. Now with more than 10 years flying time, Major Phillips is a senior aviator with more than 3000 hours. He is rated in both fixed wing, single and multi engine, as well as rotary winged aircraft.

Major Phillips overseas tours include Alaska, Germany, and a previous tour of Vietnam, with the 118th Aviation Company, and the Headquarters 145th Combat Support Aviation Battalion in 1966.

In a speech following the ceremony <sup>SP</sup> Major Delmar Livengood, saluted the men of D Troop for their cooperation and high level of achievement <sup>during the</sup> ~~over the past~~ 7 months while he was <sup>that</sup> ~~commanding~~ officer of the troop.

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At no time while Major Livengood commanded D Troop did they fail to have fewer than 100 KBA'S for the months operations. <sup>also which was</sup> ~~A first for D Troop~~ was <sup>the first to enter</sup> their entrance ~~into~~ Cambodia ~~on the~~ (29th of April) while supporting ARVN ground troops making them the first unit to enter that country in the recent U. S. offensive.

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ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT  
UNIT HISTORY  
D TROOP, 3RD SQUADRON 5TH CAVALRY  
ATTACHED TO  
7TH SQUADRON, 1ST AIR CAVALRY  
1ST AVIATION BRIGADE  
1 JANUARY 1970 - 31 DECEMBER 1970

PREPARED BY:

FIRST LIEUTENANT LARRY E. CARMICHAEL  
UNIT HISTORICAL OFFICER

APPROVED BY:

JOHNNY A. PHILLIPS, JR.  
Major, Armor  
Commanding

Vinh Long, Republic of Vietnam  
APO 96357

## HERALDRY

## 5th Cavalry

## COAT OF ARMS

**Shield:** On a Cross Moline Sable, on a Chief Embattled of the last a Maltese Cross Argent.

**Crest:** On wreath of the colors (or and sable) a bundle of five arrows sable armed and flitted gules, tied with a rattlesnake skin having five rattles proper.

**Motto:** Loyalty and Courage.

**Symbolism:** The 5th Cavalry Regiment's Coat of Arms embodies highlights of the Regiment's history. The upper portion of the Coat of Arms consists of a bundle of five arrows tied together with a rattlesnake skin having five rattles. This is the Indian symbol of War. The arrows commemorate the five major Indian campaigns in which Regiment was engaged. The upper portion of the shield consists of a white Maltese Cross on a black field, representing the service of the Regiment in Puerto Rico November, 1898 to 1900. The five battlements symbolize the numerical designation of the unit. The lower portion of the shield is yellow to denote the color of the Cavalry. The black Cross Moline in this portion was won by the charge of the Regiment at Caine's Mill, Virginia, on 27 June 1862 against the Confederate Troops of Longstreet. In 1923 the War Department draped the shield with a yellow ribbon bearing the Motto, "Loyalty and Courage", thereby honoring the Coat of Arms with the Departments official approval.

**FORWARD**

As the concept of air mobility in ground combat operations evolved and matured, the Air Cavalry Troop has established itself as an invaluable fighting unit. Its unique organization of aero scout, lift and weapons platoons gives it the capability to accomplish all airmobile operations. It's primary mission, however, remains that of extensive air reconnaissance: finding the enemy and fixing them in combat. Officers and men of Lighthorse, from Cambodia to the U Minh Forest, from the Iron Triangle to the Seven Mountains, you have displayed the true cavalryman's fighting spirit. Your professionalism and dedication to your mission have become a standard in the delta.

**JOHNNY A. PHILLIPS, JR.**  
Major, Armor  
Commanding

LINEAGE

Constituted 3 March 1855 in the regular army as Company C, 2nd Cavalry.  
 Organized 28 May, 1855 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.  
 Redesignated 3 August 1861 as Company C, 5th Cavalry.  
 (Cavalry companies officially designated troops in 1883)  
 5th Cavalry assigned to 1st Cavalry Division December 1900, May 1910.  
 Assigned 18 December 1922 to 1st Cavalry Division.  
 Dismounted 28 February 1943 and reorganized 4 December 1943, partly by Cavalry and partly by Infantry Tables of Organization.  
 Reorganized wholly as Infantry 20 July 1945 but retaining Cavalry designations.  
 Redesignated 25 March 1949 as Company C, 5th Cavalry.  
 Inactivated 15 November 1957 in Japan and relieved from assignment to 1st Cavalry Division.  
 Redesignated 15 April 1958 as Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3d Reconnaissance Squadron, 5th Cavalry.  
 Activated 1 July 1953 and assigned to 9th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado.  
 Inactivated 31 January 1962 at Fort Carson.  
 Redesignated 1 February 1966 as 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry and activated at Fort Riley, Kansas.

LIGHTHORSE "6"  
Commanders

The following individuals commanded D Troop, 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry during 1970.

1 January 1970 - 21 July 1970

DELMER H. LIVENGOOD  
Major, Armor  
234-60-4326

21 July 1970 - 31 December 1970

JOHNNY A. PHILLIPS, JR.  
Major, Armor  
Commanding

AREA OF OPERATIONS

Under operational control of 7th Squadron, 1st Air Cavalry, the area of operations ranged throughout IV Corps. With the mission of supporting major ARVN Divisions, D Troop, 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry changed area of operations frequently. Terrain varied from the abrupt mountains near Chi Lang and the Cambodian border to the nippapalm lined paddies between the mouths of the Mekong to the heavily forested and densely shrubbed U Minh Forest. Frequently used staging areas were the Tra Vinh, Ben Tre, Dong Tam, Muc Hoa, Cao Lanh, Vi Thanh, Ca Mau, Thoi Binh, Rach Soi, Chi Lang and the Cement Plant.

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**TROOP D**  
**3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry**

Throughout the period 1 January 1970 to 31 December 1970, D Troop (Air), 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry was under the operational control of the 7th Squadron, 1st Air Cavalry in direct combat support of the 7th, 9th, 21st ARVN Divisions and the 44th Special Tactical Zone.

The troop's typical mission was reconnaissance-in-force using the unit's organic Scout (OH-6A), Gun (AH-16) and Lift (UH-1H) platoons. Normal mission requirements were two Scout teams, two light fire teams, three slicks and a Command and Control aircraft. The Command and Control aircraft, a Scout team and a light fire team would make visual reconnaissance of suspected enemy locations with the Aero Scouts and Cobra gunships engaging the enemy. The lift element stood by with a ready reaction force if heavy contact was made.

During March 1970, Lighthorse elements located the 1st NVA Battalion in the 9th ARVN Division's Tram area. On the second day of contact, 99 NVA KBA's were confirmed for Lighthorse along with the discovery of three 50 caliber machine guns, twenty 30 caliber machine guns, and numerous small arms weapons.

The Cambodian operation was initiated on the 28th of April with D Troop, 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry spearheading the entire operation, being the unconfirmed first unit to enter Cambodia. Throughout May and June, Lighthorse supported ARVN units working in Cambodia, and taking maximum advantage of Visual reconnaissance missions and accurate gun strikes, Lighthorse compiled a total of 229 KBA's for the operation.

"Delta" Troop, 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry took an active part in the Seven Mountains operation near Chi Lang in October 1970. Lighthorse supported the 9th ARVN Division in their efforts to secure the major objectives of Nui Cau, Nui Giai, and Nui Coto. With the help of Lighthorse air support, this once safe enemy sanctuary was almost completely pacified by the 9th ARVN Division's troops.

Lighthorse continued to support the ARVN Delta units through the end of 1970. The following is a breakdown of the ARVN units supported in the "Delta" and Cambodia for the year 1970.

**44th STZ**

January 13-16, 19-31  
February 1-3, 25-30  
March 1-3  
April 1-3, 23-30  
May 1, 2, 13, 14, 17-21, 23, 27-30  
June 1, 4-7, 21-27  
August 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 29  
October 7, 20  
November 25  
December 6, 12, 15-17, 21-23, 28



7th ARVN Division

April 4, 22  
May 7, 25  
June 10-20  
July 4, 15, 18  
August 2, 3, 30, 31  
September 9-12  
October 6  
November 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 22, 24, 26-29

9th ARVN Division

January 2-6, 9, 10  
February 4-8, 12-24  
May 11, 24, 26  
July 10, 11, 17, 30  
August 4-9, 11-14  
September 8, 30  
October 4, 5, 8-12, 14, 15, 18, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31  
November 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 13, 18, 21  
December 4, 7, 19, 30

21st ARVN Division

January 7, 8, 11  
February 10, 11  
May 3-6, 10, 15  
June 8, 9  
July 1-3, 6, 21, 29, 31  
August 16, 17, 28  
September 1, 2, 4-7, 13, 15-28  
October 1, 2, 19  
November 10, 17, 20  
December 1, 2, 5, 9-11, 13, 20, 25, 27, 31

Navy Seals

May 31  
June 3

4th Marines

May 12  
June 29, 30

The Troop totals for 1970 were as follows:

KIA - 5

KBA - 1039

SAMPANS - 1269

STRUCTURES - 1849

ARMY

Army  
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SUBJECT: Individual Award

Silver Star:

NAME

DATE OR DATES OF ACTION

BANKSTON, Tony K.	11 May 70
HANNO, Michael J.	29 Apr 70
LIVENGOOD, Delmer H.	29 Apr 70
SUDECK, Roy	29 Apr 70
SCHULTZ, George S.	29 Apr 70
SUDECK, Roy	11 May 70 (1st OLC)

Distinguished Flying Cross

BARNEY, Bruce A.	29 Apr 70
BOTTORFF, Jerry O.	29 Apr 70
BANKSTON, Tony K.	29 Apr 70
BANKSTON, Tony K.	23 Apr 70 (1st OLC)
CRISSMAN, Kim S.	2 Mar 70
CALLIS, William G.	2 Mar 70
CLARK, Gary L.	24 Feb 70
CRISSMAN, Kim S.	24 Feb 70
CLARK, Gary L.	16 Mar 70 (1st OLC)
CLARK, Gary L.	11 May 70 (2nd OLC)
DAVIS, Robert D.	29 Apr 70
DAHLEN, Timothy S.	2 Mar 70
DRUM, Edward	2 Mar 70
GRIBBIN, Raymond J.	9 May 70
HEMPHILL, Charles R.	3 Mar 70
HARSHBERGER, Robert L.	16 Mar 70
HEMPHILL, Charles R.	9 May 70 (1st OLC)
JORDAN, Frederick P., Jr.	11 May 70
KING, Donald W.	9 May 70
LIVENGOOD, Delmer H.	23 Apr 70
MUNN, Samuel P.	2 Mar 70
MARTIN, Randall A.	11 May 70
MARTIN, Randall A.	17 Jun 70 (1st OLC)
ODENHEIMER, Robert W., Jr.	11 May 70
PENDLEY, Kenneth B.	9 May 70
SPARKS, Steven L.	29 Apr 70
SMITH, Robert L.	2 Mar 70
SUDECK, Roy	2 Mar 70
SPARKS, Steven L.	2 Mar 70 (1st OLC)
SPARKS, Steven L.	24 Feb 70 (2nd OLC)
SUDECK, Roy	9 May 70 (1st OLC)
TINGLE, Gordon W.	20 Jun 70
WILL, Patrick C.	29 Apr 70
WILMER, Jacob	24 Feb 70
ZIMMERMAN, Richard A.	16 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Individual Awards

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Soldiers Medal:

BANKSTON, Tony K.	3 Mar 70
CLARK, Gary L.	26 Jul 70
FOSTER, Joseph	27 May 70
REED, Larry E.	18 Oct 70
SPEARMAN, Johnnie J., Jr.	18 Oct 70
TILLET, Duran	18 Oct 70

Bronze Star "v":

ALLISON, Russel D.	28 Aug 70
DYMENT, Stephen	23 Apr 70
FLYNN, Ramond J.	28 Aug 70
SPRADER, Lawrence G.	23 Apr 70

Bronze Star Medal:

DAHLEN, Timothy S.	Apr 69 - Apr 70
MUNN, Samuel P.	Apr 69 - Apr 70
PETIT, Richard P.	May 69 - May 70
HOWARD, Michael C.	May 69 - May 70
KNIGHT, Willaim S.	Jun 69 - Jun 70
SMITH, Robert L.	Jun 69 - Jun 70
ZIMMERMAN, Richard A.	Jun 69 - Jun 70
STARBUCK, Lawrence E.	Jun 69 - Jun 70
SCHETTLER, Charles L.	May 70 - 31 May 70
BANKSTON, Tony K.	Apr 70 - 30 Jun 70
JORDAN, Frederick P., Jr.	Jan 70 - Jul 70
KING, Donald W.	Apr 70 - Sep 70
SCHULTZ, George S.	Feb 70 - Jul 70
SUDECK, Roy	Oct 69 - Oct 70
ALLEN, Robert P.	Feb 69 - Aug 70
BULL, Donald L., Jr.	Jan 70 - 30 Jul 70
BURCH, James R.	Mar 70 - 30 Jul 70
DAVIS, Robert D.	Jan 70 - 30 Jul 70
EGLESTON, Thomas M.	Oct 69 - 30 Jul 70
MARTIN, Randall A.	Feb 70 - 30 Jul 70
MC JOHNSTON, Andy L.	Jan 70 - 30 Jul 70
ODENHEIMER, Robert W., Jr.	Nov 69 - 30 Jul 70
PETERS, James P.	Nov 69 - 30 Jul 70
SHEERAN, Joseph P.	Mar 70 - 30 Jul 70
SORGES, Dennis M.	Jan 70 - 30 Jul 70
WILL, Patrick C.	Jan 70 - 30 Jul 70
ALLISON, Russel D.	Nov 69 - 30 Jul 70
APPLEMANS, Robert B., Jr.	Apr 70 - 30 Sep 70
CLARK, Morris	Apr 70 - 30 Sep 70
HELMS, Johnny L.	Apr 70 - 30 Sep 70
SORENSEN, John	Apr 70 - 30 Sep 70
MC CRAY, John E.	Apr 70 - 30 Sep 70
MURPHY, Raymond F.	Apr 70 - 30 Sep 70
MOORE, Murray E.	Apr 70 - 30 Sep 70
ROSS, Patrick N.	Apr 70 - 30 Sep 70
SMITH, Ronald C.	Apr 70 - 30 Sep 70
CALLISON, Donald P.	Apr 70 - 30 Sep 70
FLYNN, Raymond J.	Jun 70 - 27 Nov 70
WAITE, Richard F.	Jun 70 - 27 Nov 70
	Jun 70 - 27 Nov 70

SUBJECT: Individual A

Air Medal "V":

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AMMONS, Lonnie	29 Apr 70	
AHER, Daniel E.	2 Mar 70	
AMMONS, Lonnie	2 Mar 70	(1st OLC)
ALLEN, Robert P.	24 Feb 70	
AMMONS, Lonnie	24 Feb 70	(2nd OLC)
APPLEBY, William H.	23 Apr 70	
APPLEBY, William H.	18 Mar 70	(1st OLC)
ALLISON, Russel D.	11 May 70	
ALLISON, Russel D.	2 Dec 70	(1st OLC)
BANKSTON, Tony K.	2 Mar 70	
BAGLEY, Gary W.K.	24 Feb 70	
BOTTORFF, Jerry D.	3 Mar 70	
BANKSTON, Tony K.	9 May 70	(1st OLC)
BARNEY, Bruce A.	9 May 70	
BURCH, James R.	11 May 70	
CLARK, Gary L.	2 Mar 70	
CHANDLER, Ronald J.	3 Mar 70	
CHANDLER, Ronald J.	24 Feb 70	
CLOSE, Daniel B.	16 Mar 70	
CLARK, Morris M.	11 May 70	
DAVIS, Robert D.	3 Mar 70	
DYMENT, Stephen	2 Mar 70	
DALTON, Calvin J., <i>VTM</i>	3 Mar 70	
DYMENT, Stephen	24 Feb 70	(1st OLC)
EGLESTON, Thomas M.	2 Mar 70	
EATON, Chanel R.	2 Mar 70	
EGLESTON, Thomas M.	28 Aug 70	(1st OLC)
? , Richard W.	20 Jun 70	
GANNEAU, Rene S.	2 Mar 70	
GANNEAU, Rene S.	4 Dec 70	(1st OLC)
HELMER, Vincent J.	3 Mar 70	
HOLMES, Jack A.	2 Mar 70	
HELMER, Vincent J.	12 Feb 70	(1st OLC)
JACKSON, Alonzo M.	2 Mar 70	
? , Joseph	16 Mar 70	
MARTIN, Randall A.	2 Mar 70	
? , David A.	2 Mar 70	
MIDDAUGH, Dennis J.	2 Mar 70	
MC GUIRE, Michael B.	3 Mar 70	
MC JOHNSTON, Andy L.	3 Mar 70	
MUNN, Samuel P.	2 Mar 70	
MC GUIRE, Michael B.	24 Feb 70	
MC CRAY, John E.	24 Feb 70	(1st OLC)
MC JOHNSTON, Andy L.	29 Apr 70	
MOWE, Stephen F.	23 Apr 70	(1st OLC)
MARTINEZ, Frank M.	20 Apr 70	
MC GUIRE, Michael B.	16 Mar 70	
MURPHY, Raymond F.	16 Mar 70	(2nd OLC)
MURPHY, Raymond F.	11 May 70	
	4 Dec 70	(1st OLC)

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