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SUBJECT: Combat Operations After Actions Report (MACV/RCS/J3/32)

THRU: Command Channels

TO: Commander
U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
ATTN: J343
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1. (U) NAME OF OPERATION: KITTYPHAWK (11th ACR)
2. (C) DATE OF OPERATION: 20 July 67- 17 August 67
3. (C) LOCATION: Tinh Long Khanh, Quan Xuan Loc, Tinh Phuoc Tuy, and Quan Duc Thanh Provinces, RVN
4. (C) COMMAND HEADQUARTERS: 3d Squadron 5th Cavalry
5. (C) REPORTING OFFICER: LTC HOWARD R. FULLER
6. (C) TASK ORGANIZATION:
TRP A. CPT Ward
TRP B. CPT Hughes
TRP C. CPT Britton
SQDN CON: HQ (-)
2/43 ARVN Bn.
1 Plt A/1/919 Engrs (DS)
2 LOH's
7. (C) SUPPORTING FORCES:
A Btry 7/9 Arty 54th GP
8. (C) INTELLIGENCE:

With the initiation of Operation KITTYPHAWK, the 3d Squadron 5th Cavalry expected to engage elements of the 5th VC Division. VC units threatening friendly elements were believed to be of the 274th NB Reg. and the 1st Bn of the 275th Regt. along with several local force units.

During the operation some mines, sniper and ambush incidents occurred which were probably conducted by members of the 274th NB Regt. and the 1st Bn of the 275th Regt.

During the period there were 17 MEDCAPS conducted with 1523 patients treated.

Weather and weather did not halt 3/5 Cav operations during the period; however the combination of almost continual rainfall and dense jungle growth seriously hampered foot and vehicular movement.

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9. (c) MISSION:
- Flavor, armor and escort security.
 - Conduct maintenance operations.
 - Secure rock quarry at Gia Ray and secure Long Giao.
 - Improve field reaction plans for SP6B WORLD MILITARY
- ARMED FORCES OF VIETNAM (AFV) advised by Juan Lee.
- Conduct search and destroy operations in AO MUSLINS and vicinity slope 30.

10. (c) CONDUCT OF THE OPERATION:
- Insert support elements to forward area.
 - Conduct combat reconnaissance and search and destroy missions in AO.

11. (c) EXECUTION:
- 20 July 67 Assumed missions of Operation KITTYHAWK.
 - 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Assumed responsibility for security of Gia Ray rock quarry by 1100 hours, and of 11th ACR base camp by 1200 hours, with Trp A and Trp C respectively. Trp A remained at Blackhorse preparing to assume convey escort responsibility on 21 July 1967. Squadron CP remained at Blackhorse.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Remained at Long Giao (Blackhorse) assisting in base camp security, improving the area and carrying out normal duties. Bird dogs escorted the AFV's into their general areas at 1820 H, returning by 1900H.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Moved from Blackhorse, with C16 element, for Gia Ray at 0707H, route of march Rte 2 north to Rte 1, East on Rte 1 to Gia Ray. C16 positioned itself via YT530060 as a rapid reaction force. Trp A closed rock quarry at Gia Ray, via YT627125 by 1045H, relieved Trp K 11th ACR. Positioned A36 element via YT631087 as reaction force, released at 1445H. At 1633H one UD was accidentally shot, Gustoff complete at 1705H. AFV's posted at 625322 and 632112.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Remained at Long Giao preparing to assume convey escort responsibility on 21 July 67. Posted AFV at YS448964.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Remained at Long Giao. C16 moved with Trp A at 0707H, positioned at 1045H via YT530060 by 0912H as a rapid reaction force, released by 1222H, closed Blackhorse approximately 1430H. Trp C assumed responsibility of Blackhorse base camp security at 1200H by relieving all 11th ACR perimeter personnel appropriate. AFV's posted at YS457986, 448966, and 435596.

b. 21 July 67 Continued security of Blackhorse base camp and Gia Ray rock quarry. Assumed convey escort mission by Trp B.

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Remained CPSON to the 11th ACR as Operation FINE BARK, part of Operation IMPERIA, moved into its second day. Trp A remained at Gia Ray securing the rock quarry. Trp B escorted convey from Long Giao to Long Binh, escorted 1st/3d Army from Long Binh to Long Giao. Provided reaction force for possible move to YT4530. Bird dogs escorted convey to Xuan Loc, secured MEDCAP team, escorted them back into Blackhorse. 1/43 ARVN regt arrived at 1500H.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Bird dogs checked Blackhorse perimeter by 0836H, at 0900H they left with MEDCAP team and convey to Xuan Loc, closing 1112H. MEDCAP completed by 1350H, 72 patients treated. Left at 1430H with MEDCAP team for Xuan Loc, then escorted AFV and return convey back to Blackhorse.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Remained at Gia Ray securing rock quarry via YT627125. Conducted maintenance and improve positions in area. AFV's posted at YT624120, 634105 and 627125.

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(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: At 1130H, 26 and 36 elements moved out from Blackhorse. 36 moved into position via YT562103 to provide road recon. 26 continued into position as reaction force at 1145H. 016 relieved B26 in position as B26 and 36 were alerted on standby for possible move to via YT4330 to assist 3/11th ARVN who was being ambushed in that area. The move wasn't necessary. B26 then escorted E/1/84 Arty from Long Binh to Blackhorse, leaving at 1515H and closing by 1816H. B16 escorted convoy from Long Giao, 1359H to Long Binh, 1825H. AP posted at YS450966.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Continued to secure 11th ACR base camp at Long Giao. Conducted a dismounted patrol in the area immediately South of base camp, leaving at 0800H, closing back in 1350H. At 1125H elements were placed on standby for possible move to via YT4330. 016 was sent to relieve B26 via YT215115. At 1335H 026 elements were dispatched with a wrecker and Low boy to police up burned trailer via YT255103, returned by 1950H. APs posted at YS415967 and YS427945.

c. 22 July 67: Continued Operation KITTY HAWK.

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11th ACR as Operation KITTYHAWK continued. Trp A continued to secure Gia Ray rock quarry, Trp B escorted Engr convoy from Blackhorse to intersection of Rte 1 and Rte 20 YT343101, and escorted convoy from Long Binh to Long Giao and back, Trp C continued to secure base camp, HHT elements escorted convoy to Xuan Loc and back to Long Giao, secured and conducted MEDCAP. Attached 2/43 ARVN elements conducted a company sized patrol east of base camp.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Squadron CP remained at 11th ACR base camp at Long Giao. Bird dogs checked perimeter from 0713H to 0850H, at 0938H they left Blackhorse with convoy and MEDCAP team for Xuan Loc. Continued on with MEDCAP team to via YT364103, arriving at 1043H. MEDCAP was complete at 1130H 65 patients treated. Closed Blackhorse by 1230H. At 1453H Bird dogs left for Xuan Loc to escort convoy back to Blackhorse, closed Blackhorse with convoy by 1700H.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Continued to secure Gia Ray rock quarry via YT627125, conducted maintenance on vehicles and improved positions in area. APs posted at YT625119 640111, and 627125.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Continued to provide convoy escort to and from Long Binh and as requested. B26 departed Blackhorse at 0936H with Engr Bone plow, escorted then to YT343101, released then to 3/11th ACR at 1100H. 36 elements were joined at that location by B36, providing a rapid reaction force. Convoy from Long Binh, escorted by B16, left approximately 0930H, closed Blackhorse at 1200H. Return convoy departed Blackhorse at 1400H, closed Long Binh 1826H. AP posted at 430951.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Continued to secure 11th ACR base camp. 026 conducted a dismounted patrol in area just north of base camp, center of mass YT408002, departing at 0720H. The ARVN elements conducted company sized patrol in area bounded by YS443948, YS440950, YS443951, YS440952, from 1200H to 1800H. APs posted at YS414971, 441986, and 455964.

d. 23 July 67: Continued Operation KITTY HAWK.

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11th ACR as Operation KITTY HAWK continued. Trp A continued to secure Gia Ray rock quarry, conducted patrol with ARVN elements, finding a base camp via YS655105. Trp B, continued to provide

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security and reaction force. Conducted convoys and as requested. Trp C conducted security sweep area and running two patrols, one of which was with ARVN elements. HHT assisted in securing and improving base camp area and conducted daily convoy to Xuan Loc and back. A change of command ceremony was held at 1130H. LTC HR Hazard turned the Black Knights over to LTC HR Fuller Jr.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Bird dogs left the perimeter at 0535H to pick up APs, returning by 0655H, then conducted their daily inspection of the outside perimeter. At 0850H they left Blackhorse for the convoy run to Xuan Loc, which is run twice daily. All other elements continued to improve the area.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Continued to secure Gia Ray rock quarry. At 0602H A-6 picked up ARVN elements and moved to YT63110 by 0820H, where they began a discounted operation. At 0955H an old bunker complex was found at YT655105 at 1035H two rounds of sniper fire were received at 653107, no injuries. All elements closed back into CP area at 1350H. APs were posted at YT526117, 626113 and 624115.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Continued to secure convoys and provide rapid reaction force. At 0745 H B26 left Blackhorse escorting C26 and ARVN elements to an AO center of mass YT265090, releasing them at 0945H. B36 left Blackhorse at 0755H, picked up 52d Rangers ARVN via YT434038, escorted them to YT343101, released them to 3/11 ACR. 26 and 36 moved to reaction force positions. B16 left Long Binh with convoy at 0755H, closed Blackhorse 1040H. B16 with return convoy, left Blackhorse 1600H, closed Long Binh 1849H. AP posted at YB 430957.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Continued to secure base camp area. At 0755H, C26 elements and 2/43 ARVN elements, escorted by B26, left Blackhorse for an area from YS250097 to 280097, to 280085 to 250085, arriving at 0945H. The area was swept, negative results, elements returned to base camp by 1230H. APs posted at YS437984 (27th Engrs) and 421974, ARVN COP at 452969.

e. 24 July 67: Security of Gia Ray and Black horse.

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11th ACR as Operation KITTY HAWK continued. Trp A continued to secure Gia Ray rock quarry. Trp B provided escort and two rapid reaction forces (RFF) for convoy to Long Binh from Long Binh and back. Trp C conducted search and destroy mission with 2/43 ARVN north of Blackhorse. Contact with est. 2 plt and VC forces was made at 1230H at YS473880, no friendly casualties, 2 VC (AC). A Trp C tank hit a mine at YS450885, no injuries. HHT conducted daily bird dog operations. Conducted MEDCAP at Hung Nghia via YT300095, 97 patients treated. Delayed entry 3/5 Cav held a RED alert from 231830 to 231900H July.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Bird dogs made daily check of outside perimeter and conducted daily convoy runs to and from Xuan Loc. Escorted and secured MEDCAP to Hung Nghia via YT300095, 97 patients treated. Closed back into Blackhorse at 1250H. Sqn CP remained at Blackhorse, all other elements conducted normal camp activities.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqn 5th Cav: Continued to secure Gia Ray rock quarry and area. A26 and 36 moved out at 0800H. 26 securing sweep team. Hwy 332 and Rte 1 were swept, from YT631115 to 600065. 36 set up RRF via YT630065. 20 elements found 20 foxholes at 1158H via 628045. All elements closed back into
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(4) Trp D, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Continued to provide escort and security for Long Gioa convoys. At 0655H, 26 and 36 elements departed Blackhorse, were set up in RRF position by 0840H. 26 from YF626115 to 226116, 36 vic YF 343101. B16 with convoy departed Long Binh 1045H, closed Blackhorse 1400H. Reported Blackhorse for Long Binh at 1600H, closing by 1906H. 26 and 36 left positions at 1855H, closed Blackhorse by 1945H. AFBs posted at YF630953 and 450964.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Continued to secure 11th ACR base camp. Sweep team departed Blackhorse 0700H, swept Rt 2 south to YS439916. Trp C with 2/43 ARVN elements following at 0815H. At 0938H C17 hit an AP mine at 453885, no injuries, slight damage to tank. At 1100H 16 and 26 were at YS440870, 30 off 1040H AFB at 473884. 2/43 elements in position from 470 to 490870 by 1210H. Trp C in blocking positions at 470803, 455875, and 425920. At 1230H ARVNs made contact with est 2 pit sized VC force vic 473880, no friendly casualties, 2 VC (BC), contact broken 1250H. All elements began the move back to Blackhorse at 1445H, closed by 1800H. AFB posted at YS437984.

f. 25 July 67: Search and Destroy

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11th ACR as Operation Kittyhawk continued. Trp A continued to secure Gia Ray rock quarry. Trp B continued to provide escort and security and two rapid reaction forces (RRF) for convoy to and from Long Binh. Trp C continued to provide base camp security. Trp C (-) conducted Search and Destroy with 2/43 ARVN elements west of Blackhorse north and south of Hwy 320, negative results. HHT conducted MEDCAP vic YT364103. Bird dogs provided escort for convoys to Xuan Loc, secured MEDCAP.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Bird dogs conducted daily check of perimeter, provided escort for daily convoys to Xuan Loc and back. Escorted and secured MEDCAP team at Trang Hung Dao vic YT364103, MEDCAP completed 1115H, 30 patients treated, closed Blackhorse 1210H. All other elements remained at Blackhorse improving the area and carrying out normal activities.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Continued to provide security for Gia Ray rock quarry. 16 and 36 elements provided sweep team and security for it, departed CP area 0745H, swept Hwy 333 and Rt 1 from YF626115 to YF580006. Sweep complete by 1200, negative results, all elements closed back into CP by 1500. AFBs posted at YF626119, 626124, 626102.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Continued to escort convoys to and from Long Binh, and provided two RRF's along Hwy 1. 26 and 36 RRF departed Blackhorse 0700H, moved into positions vic YF265102 and 355101 respectively. 16 escorted convoy from Long Binh to Long Gioa, leaving 0745H and closing by 1115H. Return convoy departed 1530H, hit RP at 1800H, 26 and 36 closed Blackhorse by 1830H. AFB posted at YF635000.

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(3) Trp A, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Continued to secure 11th ACR base camp. B26 with 2/43 ARVN elements departed Blackhorse Camp, conducted S&E in AO west of Blackhorse, North of south of Hwy 333 via YR33945. Negative results reported, elements closed back into base camp by 1530H. AP's posted at YR447000. ARVN CP at 499963.

g. 26 July 67 Tan Loc at YR42020

(1) 3d Squadron 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCOM to the 11th ACR as Operation HONEY BEE continued. Trp A continued to secure Gia Ray rock quarry, at 0901H a claymore mine was detonated at YR62099, no injuries. Trp B escorted convoys from Long Binh and back, provided RRF's, secured FSB 4 vic YR284098 with 1/2/43 elements. Trp C provided base camp security escorted convoys to Gia Ray and back provided reaction force. At 1040H a tank from 26 hit a mine at YR42020, no US injuries, 3 Vietnamese injured. HHT conducted MEDCAP vic YR36103. A practice red alert was called at 1843H, stand down at 1930H.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Bird dogs conducted morning check of the perimeter, provided escort and security for convoys to and from Xuan Loc. Escorted MEDCAP team to and secured them at Tran Hung Tac vic YR363103, 53 patients treated. Sqn CP remained at Blackhorse, all elements improving the area and conducting normal activities.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Continued to secure Gia Ray. Sweep team departed area 0700H, swept Hwy 333 and Rt 1 from YR631115 to YR574063. At 0901H a claymore mine was detonated prematurely and was defective, vic YR632098, no injuries. 16 and 26 elements set up RRF positions, 16 from YR630086 to 622069, 26 vic YR581065. All elements closed back into CP area by 1631H. AP's posted at YR626115 and 636116.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqn 5th Cav: Continued to provide escort and security for convoys. B26 with 1/2/43 ARVN, and 36, departed Blackhorse at 0700H 36 assuming rapid reaction force position vic YR343101, by 0810H, and 26 with ARVNs securing FSB 4 vic YR284098 by 0900H. B16 with conovy left Long Binh 0916H, closed Long Giao 1230H. The return convoy departed Long Giao 1510H, closed by 1750H. c36 returned to Blackhorse, 26 remained at FSB 4. AP posted at YR428954.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Continued to provide Long Giao security. 16 elements departed Blackhorse 0837H, assumed RRF position vic YR306057 by 1000H. 26 elements escorted convoys to Gia Ray, departing Long Giao 1030H, closing Gia Ray 1300H. The return convoys left at 1435H, closed Blackhorse 1640H. All elements closed back into Blackhorse behind 26. At 1040H a tank from 26 hit a mine at YR42020, no US injuries, 3 VN civilians injured, taken to Blackhorse. AP's posted at YR443987 and 418976.

h. 27 July 67 Security of Long Giao and convoys

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCOM to the 11th ACR as Operation HONEY BEE continued. Trp A continued to secure Gia Ray rock quarry, secured engineers working at bridge site YR574064. Trp B continued to escort and provide security for convoys from Long Binh and back, provided security for FSB 4 vic YR284098. Trp C continued to secure 11th ACR base camp, provided RRF for 10th ARVN Div. HHT conducted MEDCAP at Hung Nghia vic YR 302096, made daily convoys from Xuan Loc. At 2215H Trps B and C were put on alert for possible move to YR454050 where ARVN outpost was under attack. At 2310H alert was terminated. At 2348H AP's vic YR428949 saw moving lights to his south, took them under fire, direct and indirect, with unknown results.

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(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Bird dogs conducted morning recon of perimeter. At 0847H escorted MEDCAP to Hung Nghia via YT302096, arriving at 1001H. MEDCAP complete at 1100H 34 patients treated. Closed Blackhorse at 1217H. Daily convoy to and from Xuan Loc was conducted as usual. Conducted route recon from YS449989 - 491961 - 495986 - 443966. All other elements conducted normal activities.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Continued to secure Gia Ray rock quarry via YT627125. At 0724H 36 departed CP area for sweep of Hwy 333 and Rte 1 from YT631115 to YS574064, arriving at bridge site 1024H. 26 secured Engrs at that location. 36 moved to via YT631086 as RRF. At 1203H, 26 element received 1 round of sniper fire via 538060, no injuries. All elements returned to CP area by 1610H. APs posted at YT626119, 626115 and 634107. At 2210H a thunder run was made from via 634096 to 600065, completed by 2226H.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn 5th Cav: Continued to provide escort and security for convoys to and from Long Binh, 26 remained at FSB4 via YS284098 as security and RRF. B36 departed Blackhorse 0645H, assumed RRF position via YT343101 by 0900H. 16 departed Long Binh with convoy 0758H, closed Blackhorse 1045H. 16 with return convoy departed Long Giao 1502H, closed Long Binh 1730H 36 closed back into Blackhorse by 1915H At 2215H Trp B (-) was alerted for possible movement to via YS 454830 to assist ARVN at that location, alert terminated 2320H.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Continued to secure 11th ACR base camp at Long Giao. At 0650H 36 with 2/43 ARVN elements departed Blackhorse, assumed RRF position for 18th ARVN Division via YT502057 by 0750H. Blocking positions were set up from YT499057 to 536060. At 1600H forces were released, closed Blackhorse by 1710H. APs posted at YS445994, 420975, 428949 and 451966. At 2150H AP via YS428949 saw moving lights to his south, at 2248H the lights were taken under fire, direct and indirect, AP was withdrawn. At 2215H Trp C was alerted for possible move to YS454830 to assist ARVN, alert terminated at 2320H.

i. 28 July 67: Security of Long Giao and convoys.

(1) 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 11th ACR as Operation KITTY HAWK continued. Trp A continued to secure Gia Ray rock quarry, Trp B continued to provide escort and security for convoy from Long Binh and back, B26 remained at FSB4 with ARVN to secure the area. Trp C provided base camp security, conducted joint S&D with 2/43 ARVN element of area along Suci Ca immediately south of Blackhorse. HHT conducted MEDCAP at Trung Hung Dao via YT364107. The AIG visited the 3/3 000 at 0630H. Departing 0047H.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Continued usual mission of Bird dogs conducting morning check of perimeter and provided escort and security for Xuan Loc convoys. Escorted MEDCAP team to Trun Hung Dao via YT364103, leaving Blackhorse 0915H. MEDCAP completed by 1120H, 74 patients treated. Elements closed by 1155H. Conducted recon of trail running East from YS443967 with ARVN elements, departing Blackhorse 1408H, closing back in at 1655H. All other elements carried out normal missions.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Continued to secure Gia Ray Rock quarry. A16 swept Hwy 333 and Rte 1 from YT631115 to 574064, departing CP area 0732H, completing sweep at 1020H. 26 elements assumed RRF position via YT631086 for the sweep forces. All elements closed back into CP area 1030H. APs posted at YT626119, 626115 and 629105.

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(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Continued to secure and escort convoy, B26 remained at FSB 4 securing the area with ARVN elements. 36 departed Blackhorse 0717H assumed RRF position vic YT343101 by 0820H. 16 with convoy left Long Binh 0845H, closed Blackhorse at Long Giao by 1100H. Return convoy departed Blackhorse 1456H, closed Long Binh 1745H. 36 closed back into base camp by 1817H. AP posted at YS431952.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Continued to secure 11th ACR base camp, conducted joint S&D with 2/43 ARVN of Suoi Ca immediately south of base camp to YT430940. 26 elements swept Rte 2 from Blackhorse to 18453933, carried ARVNs into area, set up blocking position by 0945H. 16 element searched Suoi Ca, also set up blocking position for ARVN sweep. All elements closed back into Blackhorse by 1400H. APs posted YS444990, 418977, & 451965.

5. 29 July 67: RPG misses vic YT570060

(1) 3d Sqdn, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11th ACR as Operation KITTY HAWK continued. Trp A moved from Gia Ray to Blackhorse to assume Trp Bs mission of Convoy escort and security, Trp B assumed Trp Cs mission of base camp security, and Trp C move to Gia Ray to assume security of rock quarry. At 1027H Trp G received an estimated 2 RPG rounds which missed their target, vic YT570060. At 1242H, vic 545062 a C Trp elements received small arms fire, no injuries. HHT conducted MEDCAP at Tran Hung Dao. vic YT364103.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Remained at 11th ACR base camp at Long Giao. Bird dogs conducted daily mission of perimeter check and Xuan Loc convoy escort. Escorted and secured MEDCAP team to Tran Hung Dao vic YT364103. 90 patients treated. All other elements conducted normal activities.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: At 0630H 16 started sweep of Hwy 333 and Rte 1 from YT631115 to 547-64, 26 set up RRF at YT631086. Upon completion of sweep 16 relieved 26 who returned to CP area. At 1350H 36 departed Gia Ray for Blackhorse, closing at 1513H, took responsibility for convoy to Long Binh. Remainder of Trp A departed Gia Ray 1450H, 16 followed, closed Blackhorse 1725H. APs posted at YS 435995 and 415966.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: B26 remained with ARVN at FSB 4, securing that position. Trp B assumed responsibility of base camp security at 0845H. At 0730 36 departed Blackhorse, set up RRF vic YT343101 by 0900H. 16 with Convoy departed Long Binh 0952H, closed Blackhorse 1310H. APs posted at YS437947 and 457963. B36 departed Blackhorse 1900H closed Blackhorse 2315H.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: At 0924H 16 and 36 departed Blackhorse, assumed RRF positions at YT492056 and 551060 respectively. At 1027 H, 36 elements received estimated 2 RPG rounds which missed their targets, at vic YT570060, no injuries. 16 and 36 left their positions at 1620H, closed Gia Ray 1645H. APs posted YT627118 and 631100, LP at 634110.

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(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11th ACR as Operation KITTYHAWK continued. Trp A provided escort and security for convoys between Long Binh and Blackhorse, provided 1 element at FSB 4 for security. Trp B continued base camp security, conducted joint S & D with 2/43 ARVN elements in AO center of mass YS440900. Trp C continued security of Gia Ray rock quarry. HHT Birdogs escorted convoy, secured MEDCAP vic YT444105, conducted recon vic YS427946.

(2) HHT, 3d Sdn, 5th Cav: Birdogs conducted usual morning recon of perimeter, and conducted Blackhorse - Xuan Loc convoys. Departed 0907H for Nui Tung vic YT444105 with MEDCAP team. MEDCAP complete 1130H, 111 patients treated, closed Blackhorse 1235H. All other elements continued normal activities.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sdn, 5th Cav: Conducted convoy escort and security for Long Binh - Long Giao convoys. 16 and 26 departed Blackhorse 0725H, 26 set up RRF vic YT343101, 16 relieved B 26 at FSB 4 vic YT284098 at 0820H. 36 with convoy departed Long Binh 0915H, closed Long Giao 1214H. Return convoy departed 1448H, closed 1750H. 26 closed back into Blackhorse 1750H.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sdn, 5th Cav: Continued security of base camp. B 26 at FSB 4 was relieved by A 16 at 0620H, closed back into Blackhorse 1130H. 16 and 36, with 2/43 ARVN elements, departed 0943H, 36 moved into blocking position from YS447914 to YS458900, 16 and ARVNS took positions from 437915 to 435906 to 440900, moved east. Closed back into Blackhorse by 1240H. APs posted at YS444992, 420975, 435953, and 451965.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sdn, 5th Cav: Continued to secure Gia Ray rock quarry. At 0645H a 16 dismounted patrol left CP area, moved into AO northwest of Gia Ray, moved from YT615133 to 610130, closed back into CP area by 1200H. APs posted at YT623108, 628118, an LP at 623113.

l. 31 July 1967, Sniper fire

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11th ACR as Operation KITTYHAWK continued. Trp A provided escort and security for Long Binh - Long Giao convoys, escorted C, 7/9 Arty from FSB 4 vic YT234098 to Long Binh, received 5 rounds sniper fire vic YT252101, no injuries, Trp B continued to secure Blackhorse, conducted 1 recon patrol. Trp C continued to secure Gia Ray rock quarry. HHT conducted MEDCAP in Hung Nghia vic YT301095.

(2) HHT, 3d Sdn, 5th Cav: At 0135H Birdogs extracted AP vic YS420975, closed by 0205H, conducted morning inspection of the perimeter 0803H and area where AP was extracted, negative results. Escorted and secured MEDCAP team at Hung Nghia vic YT301095, MEDCAP complete by 1050H, 41 patients treated, closed Blackhorse by 1150H. Escorted and secured Long Giao - Xuan Loc convoys. All other elements carried on normal duties.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sdn, 5th Cav: A 26 departed Blackhorse 0730H and assumed RRF position vic YT343101. 36 with convoy departed Long Binh 0800H, closed Long Giao 1130H. 16 escorted C, 7/9 Arty from FSB 4 to Long Binh, departing 1027H, at 1042H vic 252101 5 rounds of sniper fire were received, no injuries. 16 closed Long Binh 1140H, then returned to FSB 4 to assume RRF position by 1300H. 36 with return convoy departed Blackhorse 1535H, closed Long Binh 1905H. 16 and 26 left their positions 1815H, closed Blackhorse by 2035H.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sdn, 5th Cav: At 0025H AP vic YS420975 fired at an unknown sized VC force, called in artillery, results unknown. Were extracted at 0135H, closed back into perimeter by 0205H. Continued to secure 11th ACR base camp at Long Giao. B 26 elements departed at 0750H on reconnaissance mission, moved east from YS444966 to 461965, then south along trail to YS457926. Closed Blackhorse by 1100H. AP's posted at YS427978, 425960 and 453967.

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(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Continued to secure Gia Ray rock quarry. A sweep of Hwy 333 and Rte 1 to YT574064 was begun. Upon completion of sweep, 16 and 36 elements outposted the road for ARVN convoy. At 1200H, all elements closed back into CP area by 1200H. APs posted at YT634114, YT625113 and an LP at 629118.

n. 1 August 67: Sniper fire.

(1) 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 11th ACR as Operation KITTYHAWK continued. Trp A continued to provide escort and security for Long Binh convoys. Trp B continued base camp security, conducted route recon of Rte 321 north west of Blackhorse. Trp C continued to secure Gia Ray rock quarry. HHT conducted MEDCAP in Thoi Giao vic YT4301.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Bird dogs conducted morning inspection of perimeter, conducted Long Giao - Xuan Loc convoy. Escorted and secured MEDCAP team to Thoi Giao vic YT 4301, MEDCAP complete 1044H, 66 patients treated, closed Blackhorse 1133H.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: 16 and 36 elements departed Blackhorse 0700H, assumed RRF positions vic YT284098 and 343101 respectively. 36 convoy departed Long Binh 0800H, closed Long Giao 1133H. Return convoy departed Blackhorse 1515H, closed Long Binh 1745H. 16 and 26 left their RRF positions 1730H, closed Blackhorse 1840H.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: 16 and 36 with 2/43 ARVN platoons, two in number, departed Blackhorse 0800H on a route recon. Moved to YS423994, then to Cam Tam YS3799, then followed Rte 321 and 25 to YT343101 (Hwy 1). Closed back into Blackhorse 1335H. APs posted at YS427994 (27th Engrs), 428078, 429954, and 451966.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: 16 and 26 departed CP area approximately 0730H, swept Hwy 333 and Rte 1 to YT574064, then outposted this portion of the road. 26 elements moved to YT437048 (RJ of Rte 1 and Rte 2) to pick up a 26 vehicle that had been escorted there by the Bird dogs from Blackhorse. All elements closed back into Gia Ray area by 1125H. APs posted at YT626112 637107 and 628118.

n. 2 August 67: Lowboy hit mine at YS447991

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11th ACR as Operation KITTY HAWK continued. Trp A continued to provide escort, security and perimeter recon for Long Binh convoys between Long Binh and Long Giao. Trp B continued base camp security. Trp C continued to secure Gia Ray rock quarry. HHT conducted MEDCAP at Suoi Tre vic YT429108. At 0745H a lowboy, escorted by a 919 Engr tank hit a mine at YS447991, 2 US WIA. The tank received SA fire returned fire with unknown results, vic 448000. A second mine was found at 447993.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Bird dogs conducted morning perimeter inspection, escorted daily Blackhorse to Xuan Loc convoys. At 0940H departed Blackhorse with MEDCAP team, arrived at Suoi Tre vic YT429108 at 1015H. MEDCAP complete at 1145H, 83 patients treated, closed Blackhorse by 1227H. All other elements continued normal activities.

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(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: 16 and 26 departed Blackhorse 0705H, assumed RRF positions vic YT343101 and 280098 respectively by 0900H. 36 with convoy departed Long Binh 0800H, closed Long Giao 1055H. The return convoy left Blackhorse 1403H, closed Long Binh by 1720H. 26 closed back in by 1954H, escorting some 11th ACR vehicles from YT343101, closed in by 2015H.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: 16 element moved out of Blackhorse approx. 0845H to sweep Rt 2 from YT448000 to 440024. Engr elements followed them out to YS447991, repaired road damage due to mine. 9 suspects were brought back to Blackhorse, 16 closing by 1100H. At 2020H 26 departed Blackhorse for an all night patrol of Rt 2 and Rt 1 from Blackhorse to Xuan Loc, moving to designated positions at specified times. APs posted at YS432993, 428945, and 449961.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: 26 and 36 departed CP area approx. 0700H, swept Hwy 333 and Rt 1 to YT574064, closed into rock quarry area by 1000H. A dismounted patrol was conducted vic YT631099 from 1425H to 1620H. APs posted at YT626107 and 628112, an LP at 632118.

(6) 2-43 ARVN: Two separate elements conducted dismounted reconnaissance patrols, the first from YS449989 west to vic 406983, the second vic YS4597. Both elements had closed Blackhorse by 1200H.

o. 3 August 1967, Security of Gia Ray

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11th ACR as Operation KITTYHAWK continued. Trp A continued to escort and secure Long Binh to Long Giao convoys. Trp B secured base camp, conducted reconnaissance with 2/43 ARVN elements, found bunker complex at YS464855, and vic 453853, destroyed 57 bunkers. B 36 secured downed 11th ACR helicopter vic YT425143, arriving there at 2010H, and remaining overnight. Trp C continued to secure Gia Ray rock quarry, at 1125H the perimeter received SA fire vic YT629115, no injuries. HHT conducted MEDCAP at Cam My vic YS4692, 314 patients treated.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Birdogs conducted morning perimeter inspection, and escorted daily Long Giao - Xuan Loc convoys. Escorted MEDCAP team to Cam My YS4692, arriving 0856H; MEDCAP complete at 1140H, 314 patients treated, returned to Blackhorse by 1200H. At 2035H Birdogs left with VTR for YT425143, where B 36 was securing a downed 11th ACR helicopter, leaving that location at 2205H, closed Blackhorse 2240H. All other elements carried on normal duties.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: 16 and 26 departed Blackhorse 0600H, assumed RRF positions vic YT343101 and YT4509 respectively by 0715H. 36 with convoy left Long Binh at 0700H closed Long Giao 0910H, return convoy left Long Giao 1330H, closed Long Binh 1710H. 16, escorting 7/36th Engr vehicles, left his position 1800H. 26 followed, both closed by 2000H.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: 26 made patrol runs of Rt 1 and 2 between Xuan Loc and Blackhorse at 0145H and 0415H closed Blackhorse by 0645H. 36 and 16, with 2/43 ARVN elements departed Blackhorse 0750H for recon of area to the south. Moved to YS465875 to 467838 to 456847. Vic YS464855, 16 bunkers, 4 mortar positions, and 2 MG positions were destroyed. Another complex was destroyed vic 453853. All elements closed by 1625H. At 1845H 36 departed Blackhorse to secure a downed helicopter from 11th ACR, arrived 2010H, remained overnight. Birdogs escorted HHT team to that location to assist in evacuation of tank. APs posted YS463941, 433944, 433947, 454948.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: 16 and 36 elements departed perimeter at 0730H, swept Hwy 333 and Rt 1 to YT580066, outposted that portion of the road. All elements closed back in at 1102H. At 1125H the perimeter received SA fire vic YT629115, no injuries. A patrol was sent out to check that area, closed by 1255H, negative results. At 2345H a thunder run was begun from YT630110 to 630085, completed at 040040H Ang. APs posted at YT628118, 633103 and an LP at 626114.

p. 4 August 67 Closed Operation KITTY HAWK.

(1) 3d Sqdn, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11th Cav as Operation KITTY HAWK came to a close. Trp A escorted convoy from Long Binh to Blackhorse, turned over duties of escort to 1/11AC. RRFs remained OPCON to 1/11th AC until 1812H. Trp B continued to secure base camp until relieved by 1/11th AC at 1200H. B36 secured downed helicopter via YT425143 until evacuated at 1020H. B16 made route recon with elements of 2/43 ARVN and 27th Engrs on Rte 2 South of Blackhorse. Trp C secured Gia Ray until relieved by 1/11th AC at 1100H.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Bird dogs made morning inspection of perimeter, secured MEDCAP at CAP RUNG vic YT405105, completed by 1135H, 88 patients treated, closed Blackhorse at 1220H. All other elements conducted normal operations.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: B16 and 36 moved out of Blackhorse at 0717H and set up RRF positions at YT343102 and 280098 by 0820H. 26 with convoy left Long Binh at 0845H, closed Blackhorse at 1155H, RRFs became OPCON to 1/11th AC at 1200H as 1/11th AC relieved Trp A of convoy mission. RRFs were released at 1812H and closed back into Blackhorse at 1916H. Elements stood down for maintenance and preparation for further missions.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Continued to secure Blackhorse base camp until relieved by 1/11th AC at 1200H. B36 secured downed helicopter via YT425143 until it was evacuated at 1020H, and returned to Blackhorse at 1310H. B16 moved out on a joint operation with 1 plt 2/43 ARVN and elements of 27th Engrs to recon Hwy 2 South to YS438915, they closed back into Blackhorse at 0900H. After relieved of their missions Trp B stood down for maintenance and preparation for further missions.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Continues securing Gia Ray rock quarry until relieved by 1/11th AC at 1100H. C16 swept hwy 333 and Rte 1 commencing at 0700H, sweep complete at 0825H, then outposted by 16. Trp (-) roadmarched from Gia Ray commencing at 1340H, closing into Blackhorse base camp at 1540H, with C16 closing right behind them. Elements stood down for maintenance and preparation for further missions.

q. 5 August 67 Resumed Operation KITTY HAWK.

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11th ACR and resumed Operation KITTY HAWK. Squadron stood down for maintenance at Blackhorse, preparing for further missions on Operation KITTY HAWK. B16 moved into AO MUSTANG to secure LZ's vic of where Squadron elements will assume position, to allow reconnaissance by unit commander's; returned to Blackhorse.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Stood down for maintenance at Blackhorse in preparation for future missions.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Stood down for maintenance and prepared for further missions.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Stood down for maintenance and prepared for further missions B16 departed Blackhorse at 0750H, secured LZ's in AO MUSTANG for reconnaissance by unit commander's. At 0840H was in position vic YS465833, at 0915H located at vic YS458825, and at 1030H located at YS457835. Left area 1125H, closed Blackhorse 1215H.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Stood down for maintenance and prepared for further operations.

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r. 6 August 1967: Moved to AO MUSTANG (Slope 30)

(1) 3d Squadron, 11th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11th ACR as Operation Kittyhawk continued. Moved from Blackhorse beginning at 0857H south along Hwy 2 into Mustang AO, completed by 1115H. Trp A escorted quartering parties of B,C,HHT, and 2/43 ARVN, assumed perimeter vic YS465833. Trp B escorted 1/919 Engr and Sqdn TOC, set up FSB vic 456878. Trp C escorting A/7/9 Arty and trains, set up perimeter YS444866. 2/43 ARVN was airlifted into vic YS456834, set up perimeter.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: TOC elements moved with Trp B at 0927H, arrived vic YS446854 by 1045H, set up Sqdn CP. Bird Dogs moved with Trp A, inserted 11th ACR LRRP's vic 484879 at 1015H, then moved to 484887, returned to FSB. All other elements remained at Blackhorse.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Moved as 1st unit at 0857H, escorting quartering parties of B,C,HHT, and 2/43 ARVN. Arrived vic YS465833 by 1015H, set up Trp perimeter. Secured LZ vic YS456834 for airlift of 2/43 ARVN. At 1405H 26 moved out on a recon to the west, into vic 422854. All elements closed by 1700H LPs posted at 463828 and 469830. Contact patrol moved toward 2/43 ARVN perimeter, coordinated 2210H, departed 2220H, closing back into perimeter.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Moved as 2d march unit 0927H, escorting 1/919 Engr and Sqdn TOC elements. Arrived vic YS446854 by 1045H, set up FSB and Sqdn CP. B36 set up RRF position by 1643H in vic YS456878, 16 escorted convoy from FSB to Blackhorse, leaving 1645H, closing 1725H. Return convoy left 1808H, closed FSB 1850H. Contact patrol moved from FSB at 2145H for Trp Cs perimeter.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Moved out as last march unit 0957H, escorting 7/9th Arty, and trains. Released trains and Arty to Trp B at FSB, set up perimeter vic YS444866 by 115H. 36 went on reconnaissance at 1330H, moved to 475894, 476884, investigated base camp area vic 479880. 16 and 26 conducted recon of Trp perimeter. All elements closed by 1745H. LP's posted 455867, 455862.

s. 7 August 1967: Contact in AO MUSTANG.

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11th ACR as Operation Kittyhawk continued. Trps A,B,C, and 2/43 ARVN conducted reconnaissance operations in their designated areas in AO MUSTANG. 2/43 ARVN received SA fire at 0935H vic Y S434826, no injuries, Trp C had contact with 7 VC vic 470857 at 1155H, received sniper fire vic 429857 at 1405H, received fire from vic 452891 at 1755H, no injuries unknown results. Trps A,C and 2/43 ARVN all found indications of VC activity, bunkers, base camps, trails, fresh foot prints, etc. 2 bodies about a month old were found vic YS467844 in graves. Trp I provided escort and security for 2 FSB to Blackhorse convoys.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Sqdn CP remained at FSB vic YS446854. Bird Dogs conducted operations as required, moved to vic YS492873 by 1210H, linked up with 11th ACR LRRPs, secured LZ vic 510883 by 1258H, moved to vic 492873 to secure second LZ by 1320H. Closed FSB 1400H. All other elements continued to improve FSB. The ADC, BG Roseborough, visited 3/5 Cav approx 1405H departed approx 1430.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: 16,26,36 moved out on reconnaissance mission by 0635H. At 0825 26 found 4 huts with bunkers and five graves vic YS467844, 2 bodies about a month old. At 1215H vic YS485845 16 heard hand generated radio, transmissions in foreign language, negative results in finding it. At 1310H 36 found approx 100 lbs food. All elements closed perimeter by 1755H. APs posted YS452820, 464824 and an LP 455822.

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(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Contact patrol closed FSB perimeter 0100H. B26 departed perimeter on recon at 0705H, 16 elements and 36 with convoy departed 0710H, 16 set up RRF vic 449909. 36 closed Blackhorse 0900H. Return convoy left Blackhorse at 1120H. Closed FSB by 1240H, 16 followed it in. At 1305H 26 found roll of barbed wire and house vic 447837. 16 RRF departed FSB 1400H, assumed their position, convoy left 1400H closed Blackhorse 1450H. 26 set blocking positions in conjunction with Trp C at 1440H came under Trp C control, closed back into FSB by 1630H. 36 with return convoy left Long Giao 1525H, closed 1625H, 16 closed after it. AP posted YS439850, LP's posted at 443856 and 448057.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Contact patrol left perimeter 0318H, closed 0440H. 36 found 800 Lbs rice vic YS434852. At 1005H 36 found 55 Gal drum of rice at 438959. 26 at 1105H found what appeared to be a VC rest area vic 451892. at 1155H 16 had contact with estimated 7 VC in fortified positions vic 470857, no injuries, unknown results. 1405 36 recieved light fire vic 429857, base camp area. B26 OPCON to Trp C, by 1450, set up blocking position. Patrol vic hill at 452891 recieved fire at 1755H, elements moved against it with unknown results. AP posted 429857, LP's at 441871, 440869, and 444866.

(6) 2/43 ARVN: Patrol returned to perimeter at 0615H. At 0745H elements departed for reconnaissance mission, found two bunkers vic YS442830, at 0840H. At 0935H recieved SA fire vic 434826 no injuries, saw 2 VC moving South. All elements closed perimeter 1440H. AP's posted YS452830 and 463836.

t. 08 August 1967: 2/43 ARVN recieved mortars.

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11th ACR as Operation KITTY HAWK continued. Trps A and C with attached ARVN platoons, conducted S&D operations in designated areas, upon completion of this, they conducted reconnaissance missions of their CP areas. Trp B escorted and secured 2 convoys to and from Blackhorse, secured FSB, secured Engrs working at RF outpost vic YS 455832. 2/43 ARVN recieved 2 rounds of Mortar fire, SA and claymore at 0212H, 1 WIA; attached 2 Plts each to Trp A and C for S&D operations.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Sqdn CP remained at FSB vic YS446854. Bird dogs conducted missions as required, all other elements continued to improve area.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Departed CP area with 2 Plts attached 2/43 ARVN at 0750H for S&D Operation in designated area. Mission completed at 1400H. Negative results. All elements closed CP by 1400H. 16, 26, and 36 then conducted reconnaissance patrols in and around Trp perimeter, all elements closed by 1825H, LPs posted at YS465852 and 465827. Dismounted patrol departed 2015H and closed 2205H.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: At 0115H AP vic YS439850 received AW fire, no injuries, unknown results to VC. The AP was extracted, closed FSB by 0133H. 0800H RRF departed, were set up vic YS453909 and 449912 by 0230H. 16 with convoy departed 0815H, closed Blackhorse 0930H. B26 secured Engrs improving RF outpost vic YS455832. Return convoy departed Blackhorse 1440H, closed FSB by 1550H, RRF following it in. 36 and Engrs closed approximately 1630H. AP posted YS457860, LP's posted 444856 and 450860. Dismounted patrol departed 2005H and closed 2355H.

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(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Departed 0755H, picked up 2 Plts 2/43 ARVN at YS460837, conducted S&D in designated area. Mission completed by 1150H, negative results, returned ARVN elements to their perimeter, closed Trp C perimeter by 1230H. 26 and 36 departed 1330H to investigate base camp area vic 429857 once more, 16 reconned in vic 400868. All elements closed back into perimeter by 1715H. LP's posted vic YS465832 and 465827. Mounted patrol departed 2015H, closed 2205H.

(6) 2/43 ARVN: At 0212H the perimeter received 2 rounds mortar fire, SA fire and 1 claymore. Result 1 WIA. Attached 2 Plts ea to Trp A and C for S&D Operations in designated areas. Destroyed mortar position at YS451875 and also 4 81 MM rounds. Roving patrol departed 2100H, closed back in at 2400H.

u. 9 August 1967: Moved to Objectives in support of 1st ATF.

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11th ACR as Operation KITTY HAWK continued. Trps A, B, and C, with 2/43 ARVN (-) moved from their location to the west, on three axes of advance, to Objectives vic YS384805, 385824 and 367825 respectively, 2/43 ARVN (-) located with A26 at Trp A objective. Negative contact was made during the movement, although several fairly old bunker complexes were encountered. A 7/9 Arty, 1/919 Engrs and Sqdn TOC remained at FSB 1, secured A16, B26 and 1 Co 2/43 ARVN. The Division CG and ADC visited 1015H, departed 1045H.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Sqdn TOC remained at FSB vic YS446854, with A 7/9 Arty and 1/919 Engrs secured by A16, B26 and 1 Co. 2/43 ARVN. Command Group moved with Trp A. as did the Bird dogs. AP posted YS445850, LPs at 454855, 453853 and 444856.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: 16 picked up 1 Co 2/43 ARVN and moved to FSB1 for security. Trp A (-) departed their CP 0810H with 2/43 ARVN (-), moved along Axis WHITE, were located at YS427825, 410825 where 2/43 ARVN was dropped off, at 405824, 405814. A26 with 2/43 ARVN (-) set up on the Obj vic 403814. AP posted YS406817 and 400825.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Trp B (-) departed FSB 0735H, B26 remained at FSB for security and convey escort duty. Trp B (-) moved along Axis BLUE, were located at YS420860, 388862, 389849, 386823, reached Objective area vic 385824 by 1335H. B26 departed FSB with convey at 0950H, closed Blackhorse 1035H; return convey left at 1335H, closed FSB 1150H. A second convey left FSB 1530H, closed Blackhorse 1612H, return convey left 1705H closed FSB 1815H. LP's posted YS381816 and 380814.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Trp C departed their CP 0715H, moved along Axis RED, were located at YS400867, 398868, 375868, 365865, 356860 and 355849, where a fairly old base camp was found. The Trp reached its objective vic YS367825 by 1400H. Combat outposts were established at 371821, 271829 and 368814.

(6) Trp D, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Provided 3 LOH's one of which received SA fire vic YS456817 at 0825H, and was forced to land at FSB with slight damage. It was later flown to Bearcat.

(7) 2/43 ARVN: Provided 1 Co. for security of FSB, then moved with Trp A (-) to vic YS410825 where they were dropped off. They continued to move along the northern portion of Axis WHITE, were located at 399824, 396815 and 386815, where a base camp was found. Set Up CP with A26 vic YS384815. AP posted 375800.

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v. 10 August 1967: Security of Objectives

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 11ACR as Operation KITTY HAWK continued. Elements continued to secure Objs RAT, CAT & DOG conducting mounted and dismounted patrols in their objective areas. A16 found a suitcase with black pajamas and notebook at YS459825, and a tunnel with overhead cover at YS464817. 2/43 ARVN continued to occupy blocking position vic Objective CAT. 1 company secured FSB 1.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Maintained CP at FSB vic 446054. Bird dogs escorted a tank from Trp A to FSB and remained at that location.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Trp A (-) conducted movement to YS393802 to secure Obj CAT by 1000H. A16 secured FSB 1 during darkness hours, moved on mounted reconnaissance and at 1455H found a suitcase with black pajamas and a notebook at YS459825, found a tunnel with overhead cover at 464817 at 1550H, closed back into FSB 1620H. LP's posted at YS338832 and 335830.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: B16 and 36 elements continued mission in area Obj DOG, all elements closed RON vic YS379816 by 1640H. B27 continued to secure FSB and ran 2 convoys to and from Blackhorse. One left at 0855H and closed Blackhorse 0935H, return convoy departed 1127H and closed FSB at 1235H. 2d convoy departed FSB for Blackhorse at 1350H, closed 1425H, return convoy left Blackhorse 1630H and closed FSB 1705H. LPs posted at YS329843 and 333845.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Continued to secure blocking position vic OBJ RAT. A composite dismounted patrol was conducted, moved to YS365822, to 375817 to 368812 to 372818 to 399819; closed RON vic 365824 by 1500H. APs located at YS315852 and 325852.

(6) Trp D, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Provided 2 LOHs to Sqdn for Command and control.

(7) 2/43 ARVN: One Company remained at FSB for security, the other company secured blocking position vic Obj CAT. AP posted at YS326832.

w. 11 August 1967: Arrived at new FSB in AO MUSTANG.

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11ACR and continued Operation KITTY HAWK. The CP group arrived at new FSB at YS458895 at 1200H. The construction of FSB and defensive perimeter began immediately, by the HHT, A/43 ARVN, 2/43 ARVN and 1/919 Bn. Trp A found a small ammunition factory at 394805. 7 VC were spotted at YS355826 by a Trp C dismounted patrol and at YS355828 Trp C fired on an unknown number of VC and followed their blood trail with unknown results. C16 fired on an unknown number of VC at 374834, with negative results. All Trps moved their locations, Trp A to YS427876, Trp B to 414881 Trp C to 444870, and the ARVN moved to secure the new FSB 452895.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Command Group moved to new location YS452895 and arrived by 1200H.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: A dismounted patrol found a small ammunition factory at YS394805 at 1130H. At 445830 a civilian tractor hit a mine at 1815H on a trail cut by Trp A. A36 had to RON at 403814 because of a vehicle with track trouble. The AO for Trp A was verbally changed from that on the overlay to an area from YS4682 to 4882 to 4884 to 4684. Trp A CP moved its CP to YS427876. LPs posted at 430875 and 428873. Trp A secured the LZ until the ARVN elements were extracted.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Trp B dismounted patrol went from 383809 to 393817 at 0850H with negative results, closed new CP area by 1703H. B2's ran convoy from the new FSB to Blackhorse. Trp CP located at YS41488. LPs were posted at 414883 and 417882.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Dismounted patrol reported automatic weapons fire at 386830, the spotted 7 VC at 355826 at 1016H. C36 at 355828 fired at unknown number of VC, followed blood trail with negative results. C16 fired at unknown number of VC at 374834. Trp C completed filling tunnels with CS at 1440H and moved to new CP location at YS444870. AP located at 438864, and LPs at 450862 and 445872.

(6) Trp D, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Provided 2 LOHs to Sqdn for Command and control.

(7) 2/43 ARVN: ARVN patrols had negative results at 1200H and were airlifted to 452895 at 1420. At this new position they provided security for the new FSB. APs were posted at 450904, 455892 and 448892. LPs posted at 450894 450897 452097, 456898 and 453888.

x. 12 August 1967 Search and destroy Operations.

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11ACR as Operation KITTY HAWK continued, with A and C Trps conducting S&D operations in AO MUSTANG, and Trp B providing escort and security for convoys between FSB and Blackhorse.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Secured the Command post vic YS445867 and was prepared to act as RRF if needed.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Conducted S&D operations vic YS5188 in conjunction with 2 Plts of 2/43 ARVN. At 0905H responding to a report that the RATT FAC had been fired upon vic YS 461829, Trp A checked the area and found some expended brass. At 1317H Trp A spotted a group of VC carrying supplies vic 505823 and gave chase, the VC discarded the supplies and ran. Trp A captured 1 VC POW who claimed to be an ARVN who was taken prisoner by the VC in 1966. The POW stated that a VC company (later identified as one company of D445 Bn) had been operating in vic YS5078. The area was checked with negative results. The POW was evacuated to th 541st MI, Trp A CP remained at YS418863. LPs posted at YS427870 and 425875.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Provided escort and security for resupply convoys to and from Blackhorse and MUSTANG. Trp B provided security for FSB and was prepared to act as RRF or FSB, as needed. Established 11 LP at YS438842. LPs posted at YS438871 and 450874.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Conducted S&D operations in vic YS4956 with 2 Plts of 2/43 ARVN attached, negative results. Trp C was prepared to supply RRF to Xa Bang RF outpost. Relieved Trp B of security of FSB and conducted a dismounted patrol around the CP position, commencing at 2200H, negative results. The Trp relocated itself with Hq 3/5 Cav. AP posted at YS458858 and LPs at 438871, 441862 and 438871.

(6) Trp D, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Provided 3 LOHs for command and control.

(7) 2/43 ARVN: Provided 2 Plts each to Trps A and C to conduct S&D operations, the unit found 6 US grenades and one Chicom claymore vic YS431868, it's CP location. APs posted at YS448893, 450903 and 454892.

y. 13 August 1967: Cordon and Search.

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11ACR as Operation KITTY HAWK continues. Trp A and D conducted S&D Operations, Trp B and 2/43 ARVN conducted a Cordon and Search of Cam My (YS4685), and Trp C secured FSB/CP and escorted logistical convoys to and from Blackhorse and field locations.

(2) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Conducted S&D Operation generally along the trail from YS492831 to 525840, with no significant results. Trp A conducted a night contact patrol and emplaced 2 LPs during the night with no enemy contact. The Trp RON remained at YS418863.

(3) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Trp B in conjunction with 2 companies of 2/43 ARVN, national police and an IPW team conducted a Cordon and Search of Cam My YS4685. The village was sealed off by 0359HAUG 67 and the searching began at first light. As a result of the search, 3 VC suspects were apprehended and evacuated to 541st ML. HHT conducted a MEDCAP during the Operation treating 142 patients. Numerous leaflets and newsletters were disseminated during the exercise. During the evening, Trp B emplaced 2 LPs and conducted one contact patrol, with no enemy contact. The Trps RON remained at YS418881.

(4) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Secured FSB/CP and provided escort and security for logistical convoys traveling between Blackhorse and Mustang CP. During the evening, Trp C emplaced 1 AP and 3 LPs and conducted one contact patrol with negative results. The Trp remained located with FSB at YS445867.

(5) Trp D, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Performed VR of IP#2 and surrounding area vic Ap Hean (YS4582 and conducted two Eagle flights, one vic Huong Sa YS4881 and the other vic YS4294 Soui Ca. At 0930H vic YS483815, Trp D received AW fire. The Aero-rifle Plt was inserted and swept the area with no significant results. Following the extraction, Trp D received MG fire from vic YS502802. 63 rounds of Arty was fired into the area with est. 4 VC killed and 1 MG destroyed (Est.). At 1345H the Aero-rifles were inserted vic 420940 for Recon of the area. One VC was observed fleeing the area. M79 was fired at him with negative results. The Aero-rifle Plt Ldr was slightly wounded due to the detonation of one of the M-79 rounds fired at the enemy. The area was further swept with negative results. Trp D provided 2 LOH's to Sqdn HQ for Command and control.

(6) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Helped in securing FSB and provided general RNF as needed; conducted 2 MEDCAPs, one in Cam My treating 142 civilians and the other in Ka Bang CP outpost, treating 30 RF soldiers.

(7) 2/43 ARVN: The Bn (-) assisted Trp B in sealing and searching Cam My. It also conducted daylight local patrolling from its base vic YS431869 with no significant results. During the night, the Bn emplaced 1 AP and 6 LPs and conducted 1 contact patrol, all with no enemy contact.

z. 14 August 1967: Search and destroy Operations.

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Remained OPCON to 11ACR as Operation KITTY HAWK continued. Conducted Search and Destroy operations with Trps A, B, D, and 2/43 ARVN in designated AOs. Trp C provided escort and security for logistical convoys between Blackhorse and MUSTANG CP.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Conducted MEDCAP in Cam My YS4692, treating 153 civilians, and helped secure FSB/CP. At 1330H vic YS457883, the Bird dogs discovered and destroyed 5 tunnels with rooms, and 6 bunkers- 1 large 12' x 10' bunker and 5 smaller ones. All installations were old and had

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(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Conducted Search and Destroy operation vic YS3386, with 2 Plts of 2/43 ARVN Bn. At 1403H vic YS339870, the Trp discovered an old worn trail which had not been in recent use. At 1518H, vic YS333875, a well used trail was discovered running northwest to southwest. An estimated company had traveled the route southwest approximately 12 hours prior to the trail discovery. A further search of the area proved negative. The Trp RON position remained at YS426055. During the night, the Trp conducted one contact patrol and emplaced 2 LP's.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Trp B with 2 Plts of 2/43 ARVN conducted a search and destroy operation vic YS3490 and YS3590. At 1407H vic YS352878, Trp B discovered a trail which had been used within the last 24 hours. At 1514 hours a usable tracked vehicle fording site was discovered at YS345882. During the hours of darkness Trp B conducted a contact patrol and emplaced 2 LP's. The Trp RON position remained at YS427881.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Secured FSE/CP and provided escort and security for logistical convoys to and from Long Giao. The Trp was prepared to provide RRF for Xa Bang RF outpost if needed. During the evening, the Trp conducted one contact patrol and emplaced one AP and 2 LP's. It remained collocated with Sqdn HQ at YS445867.

(6) Trp D, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Provided 2 LOH'S to Sqdn HQ for command and control. A light Aero-scout section performed visual reconnaissance throughout AO MUSTANG and covered the movements of Trp A and B, with no enemy contact.

(7) 2/43 ARVN: Provided 2 Plts each to Trps A and B for search and destroy operations and conducted local patrolling with no enemy contact. During the evening, the Bn conducted one contact patrol and emplaced one AP and 4 LP's. Its RON position remained at YS431868.

aa. 15 August 1967: Road march to Long Giao.

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: Terminated Operation KITTY HAWK. Conducted tactical roadmarch to Long Giao, and stands down for maintenance of vehicles and equipment and preparation for forthcoming roadmarch to Bearcat and ultimate attachment to 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div. Trp B provided escort and security for 2/43 ARVN to Xuan Loc from Blackhorse. Provided 9 mortars in battery for counter mortar fire to cover from 4800 to 1600 mils of Blackhorse.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Conducted tactical roadmarch to Long Giao; stands down for maintenance of vehicles and equipment and preparation for further operations. Bird dogs escorted HHT wheels on roadmarch, CP group marched with Trp C.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Completed a contact patrol at 0025H with negative results. Conducted a tactical roadmarch to Long Giao, closing at 1155H, transporting 2/43 ARVN Bn, providing security for A7/9 Arty and acting as rear guard. Upon closing, stood down for maintenance and preparation for further operations. Provided 3 mortars for counter mortar fire of Blackhorse.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Outposted Rte 2 from YS457085 to YS452911 and acted as the advance guard. Outpost elements closed Blackhorse 1200H. Provided 1 Plt for escort and security of 2/43 ARVN Bn to Xuan Loc, departing at 1245H, returning at 1410H. Provided 3 mortars for counter mortar fire of Blackhorse.

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(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Contact patrol returned at 0500 with negative results. Trp C conducted a tactical roadmarch to Long Giao, closing by 1120H. Upon closing stood down for maintenance and preparation for future operations. provided 3 mortars for counter mortar fire of Blackhorse.

(6) Trp D, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Performed visual reconnaissance of march route to Long Giao and provided column cover utilizing Aero-scouts for advance rear and flank reconnaissance during the roadmarch. Provided one LOH for command and control and one LFT was maintained on strip alert for the duration of the roadmarch. One LOH was provided to Sqdn HQ during the period of stand down.

(7) 2/43 ARVN Bn: Was transported to Long Giao by Trp B, and was released to become OPCON to 11ACR for future operations in Blackhorse TAOR.

bb. 16 August 1967: Stood down for maintenance.

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 11th ACR and stood down for maintenance of vehicles and equipment. Squadron remained at Blackhorse pending further orders and future operations.

(2) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Stood down for maintenance of vehicles and equipment and prepared for future Operations.

(3) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Stood down for maintenance of vehicles and equipment and prepared for future Operations.

(4) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Stood down for maintenance of vehicles and equipment and prepared for further Operations.

(5) Trp D, 3d Squadron, 5th Cav: Provided 1 LOH to Squadron for commanders use.

cc. 17 August, 1967 : OPCON to 1st Bde, Roadmarch to Bearcat.

(1) 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry: The Black Knights became OPCON to 1st Bde 9th Inf Div. and made tactical move from Blackhorse to Bearcat, commencing at 171242H and closing Bearcat at 171855H. All elements stood down for maintenance and preparation for refresher training and future operations.

(2) EHT, 3d Squadron, 5th Cav: Conducted tactical roadmarch from Blackhorse to Bearcat. SP at 1310H and closed Bearcat at 1705H. Trp stood down for maintenance and preparation for future operations.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Conducted tactical roadmarch from Blackhorse to Bearcat. SP time was 1300H and closed Bearcat at 1615H. The Trp stood down for maintenance and preparation for future operations.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Conducted tactical roadmarch from Blackhorse to Bearcat. SP 1325H and closed Bearcat at 1707H. The Trp stood down for maintenance and preparation for future operations.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Conducted tactical roadmarch from Blackhorse to Bearcat. SP 1242H and closed Bearcat 1605H. The Trp stood down for maintenance and preparation for future operations.

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(6) Trp D, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Provided column cover on tactical roadmarch from Blackhorse to Bearcat. Also maintained 1 LFT on strip alert for duration of the march. One LOH was provided to the Sqdn for command and control.

12 (C) RESULTS:

a. Friendly:

(1) Personnel: An estimated 1100 personnel took part in the operation. Two WIA (ARVN) and one non-battle casualty US was sustained. All casualties were dusted off.

(2) Vehicles: 2 tanks were damaged and one low-boy destroyed by anti-tank mines.

b. Enemy:

(1) an Estimated 40 VC were contacted.

(2) 5 KIA (BC) 13 (POSS) were inflicted.

(3) 4 Detainees

(4) 1 Chieu Hoi

(5) Returnee (1 POW)

(6) Material, equipment, and facilities DESTROYED
destroyed.

- (a) 20 Tunnels
- (b) 110 bunkers
- (c) 17 Huts
- (d) 8 Shelters
- (e) 1 Ammo factory
- (f) 4 Mortar rounds 81 MM.
- (g) 2 WS grenades
- (h) 800 pounds spoiled rice.
- (i) 16 mortar positions
- (j) 1 20# anti-tank mine
- (k) 200 ft cord

(7) Material, Equipment and facilities CAPTURED

- (a) 400 Pounds rice
- (b) 4 pounds photographic materials
- (c) 3 Banana magazines AK 47 ammo
- (d) 3 pounds documents
- (e) 13 Hoes (new)
- (f) 1 Mosin-Nagant Carbine (Uns)
- (g) 1 Chicco claymore mine
- (h) 1 Chicco grenade
- (i) 8 cartons
- (j) 100 pounds 041 50 ammo
- (k) Assorted medical supplies
- (l) Assorted clothes
- (m) 18 RPG booster charges

13 (C) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

a. Supply: There were no major shortages of any class of supply

b. Maintenance: The major difficulty experienced was that the ordinance and repair parts resupply units supporting the squadron were in Bearcat while the main base camp for the squadron was in Blackhorse. Vehicles were tactically evacuated to Blackhorse. In some cases two days were added to the time on deadline of some of the Squadron vehicles