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TROOP B, 2D SQUADRON, 17TH CAVALRY
101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AMBL)
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SUBJECT: Feeder After Action Report (1 September 1970 - 30 September 1970)

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1. General activities during the continuation of Operation Jefferson Glenn, of B Troop, 2d Squadron, 17th Cavalry. B Troop was used in general support of both the 1st ARVN Division and the 101st Airborne Division. The primary mission was to gather intelligence through visual reconnaissance missions. Secondary missions included downed aircraft security in the Division Area of Operation, bomb damage assessments for B-52 strikes, sky spots, and artillery.
2. Sequence of Significant Activities: 1-7 September, an unknown size enemy force was known to be in the location of FSB Spear. Elements of B Troop, 2d Squadron, 17th Cavalry, conducted visual reconnaissance missions to the south, east, and west of FSB Spear. On 3 September 1970, Pink Team killed six (6) enemy soldiers at YC 715953. On 7 September 1970, ARP secured a down Cobra gunship at YD 673019. 13-17 September, B Troop worked night missions with the FLIR. On the early morning on the 15 September 1970, FLIR spotted a possible truck depot. Latter in the morning air strikes were employed at YD 237152 and Pink Team bomb damage assesment revealed five enemy trucks destroyed by air strike. 17-27 September, B Troop was in direct support of the 1st ARVN Division in the vicinity of FSB O'Reilly.
3. Lessons Learned: The attempted assault on FSB O'Reilly was prevented by the early detection of enemy locations and intentions. Once the enemy force was found the Air Cavalry developed the situation and provided the Commander of the 1st ARVN Division with the size and disposition of the enemy troops, thus allowing him to effectively maneuver against the threat to FSB O'Reilly. This action points out the effectiveness of Air Cavalry assets when used as integral units and employed on a mission basis.

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4. Commanders Recommendations: Air Cavalry assets be used to locate and develop the enemy strength and disposition. Tactical air, artillery, and aerial rocket artillery be employed on known enemy targets.

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