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5 August 1969

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1. Section 1. Operations: Significant activities.

- a. (C) General. This report for the period 1 May through 31 July: 1969 is submitted in compliance with AR 525-15, US.RVAC Reg 525-15; US.RV Reg 525-15 and 17th Aviation Group (Combat) Reg 525-15.
- (1) Headquarters, 52d Aviation Cattalion (Combat), LTC Patrick J. O'Grady, Commanding, remains at Camp Holloway, Fleiku, RVN. Inclosure 1 reflects Organizational structure and station list of all assigned, attached, and OPCON units, with location and APO, as of 31 July 1969.
- (2) During this quarter, there has been no change of mission. However, the Battalion significantly increased its aviation support of ARVN Operations in the II Corps area. "Flying Dragons" continue to provide aviation support to the U.S. Fourth Infantry Division. Military Assistance Command, Vietnem; RVN II Corps Headquarters, Fifth Special Forces Group and other Free World Military Assistance Forces in the Central Highlands of Vietnam (See Inclosure 2). All operational and administrative functions and activities of Camp Holloway, Holloway Army Airfield, and Kontum Army Airfield are controlled by the 52d ABC.

b. (C) Personnel

(1) Awards and Decorations:

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Downgraded at 3 year intervals;

Declassified after 12 years.

(3) Personnel turnover for the reporting period was as follows:

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Month	<u>Gains</u>	Losses	Change	Gains	Losses	Change	
May Jun Jul	48 39 52	53 43 40	-5 -4 +12	127 154 166	156 153 96	-29 +1 +70	
TOTLE	139	136	+3	447	405	+42	

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- (4) The Esttelion Total Strength is 181; short 91enlisted men and over 53 officers and variant Officers as of 31 Jul 69. Unit strengths are shown in inclosure 3.
 - (5) Public Information Office activities:
 - Frinted Releases
 - 20 Pictorial Releases
 - Hometown Printed Releases 160
 - (d) Hometown Fictorial Releases
 - (e) Taped Interviews

(f) Civic action projects continue to receive much attention from the Battalion. Food, clothing and other supplies are consistently delivered to villages surrounding Camp Holloway The Battalion Civic action Fund contributed \$2,000,00 to the Fleiku Leprosy Center for supplies and equipment to build

a much needed kitchen-dining hall facility. Aircraft from the battalion transported a 5,000 gallong water-storage tank to the Fleiku Civil Mospital, thereby greatly increasing their

capabilities.

(g) The Public Information Officer is still limited by the lack of photographic equipment and supplies. These supplies have decreased throughout the Fleiku area: making it difficult to contimue Public Information coverage in the desired manner.

- (C) <u>Intelligence</u>: The S-2 Section continues to publish a daily intelligence summary of significant activities in the Fleiku-Kontum area. Intelligence information is gathered from II Corps, and 4th Infantry Division G-2 offices, other supproted units, liaison visits to other S-2 offices and debriefings submitted by aviators and air mission commanders.
- (1) knew activity. There were four attacks by fire against 52d Aviation Dattalion (Combat) facilities during the reporting period. The enemy employed 122mm rockets, 82mm mortars, D-40 rockets and RIG rounds in the first attack. In the second attack the enemy employed 122mm rockets and 82mm mortars. In the third attack, 82mm mortars and B-40 rockets were employed. The last attack consisted of possible 75mm recoilless rifle rounds. In conjunction with the first attack, the energy also employed a ground attack which was quickly disrupted because of the fast reaction time of the unit's gunships and fire support from a neighboring ARVN Cav unit. Significant activities during the period:

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022120 May: Observation Fost #31 at All 815483 received shall arms fire from the vicinity of All 616489. Rader checked area with negative results. Morter fired on the suspected enemy location. Results: Friendly - negative casualties or damage; enemy unknown.

041945 May: The 170th AC Ferimeter received 6 to 10 rounds of sniper fire from the vicinity of AR 790464. Four more rounds of small arms fire were received at 2020. M-79 was fired at the suspected enemy location. At 2330 the 170th AC received another 5 rounds of small arms fire from the same vicinity. N-79 was again employed. At 042151, a 119th AC bunker at AR 794462 received 3 to 4 rounds of small arms fire. At 042343 received 4 more rounds of small arms fire from approximately 75 meters south of Highway #19; unable to take under fire because of housing area located in that direction. At 050023 received 8 more rounds of small arms fire. There were negative friendly casualties in the units concerned. At 042135, 52d Radar picked up movement towards east from vicinity of AR 117469. At 2215 52d Radar observed light in the same area. Norters fired H & I on area. Enemy results were unknown on all engagements.

041630-1700 May: 1:9th AC gunships at DR 325325, in support of 4th Infantry Division, expended on a confirmed enemy location and destroyed 3 structures.

061300 May: 57th Gunships at YD 8227, in support of a "Dust Off" mission, received 4 rounds of automatic weapons fire resulting in 2 US WI...

061800, 57th AC slick at YB782231, in support of 5SFGA on a "Dust Off" mission received 10 rounds of small fire resulting in 1 Ub WIA.

071600 May: 361st AC (E) gunships, in support of a slick at a landing zone, expended on a confirmed energy location resulting in 5 KDA (estimate) and 5 WIA (estimate). There was no further information. From 1630 to 1700 the 189th AC in support of CHIG extraction had 4 slicks receive S/A resulting in 1 US AL.

061300-1330 and 1500-1530 May: at YL 8215 and YL 6416, a 189th AC gunship in support of 24th STZ, expended on a confirmed enemy location during a preparation for a troop assault resulting in 10 KEA (estimate).

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110150-0215 May: At AR 7868 the Kontum AMF received a mortar, rocket, and ground attack. The airfield received 2x122mm rockets, 3xB-40 rockets, 3xE2mm CS mortars, 15x82mm mortar rounds, and 1xRFG-7 round. The perimeter wire on the east side was bresched by a B-40 round. Results: Friendly - 5 US WIM, 4 UH1H and 2 UH1C (A) destroyed, one maintenance hanger destroyed, the billets area was hit by \$2mm CS mortar rounds; Enemy - 1x122mm rocket, 3x82mm HE mortar rounds, 5x82mm CS mortar rounds, 4xB-40 rockets, 3xB-40 rocket propellant charges, 40 powder increments for 82mm mortar rounds, 3 propaganda leaflets, 1 wicker carrying basket, 1 bemboo launching stand (3 parts), 1 plastic sheet (5'x5'), and 1x122mm rocket fuze wrench CIA. During the periods 1300-1330 at YB 8153 & YB 9115 1645-1715 at ZB 0015, and 1715-1730 at YE 8327 & YB 7823, 189th gunship expended when friendly troops made contact with enemy forces.

Results: Enemy - 50 KBA.

120215, 0600, 0050 May: Camp Holloway received a total of 23x62mm morter rounds and 5x122mm rockets. Results: Friendly - negative casualties, 4 UH1H had light damage and 1 UH1C had light damage; En - unknown.

131100-1130 and 1400-1410 May: at YB 801112 and YB 835265, 189th AC gunships in support of 24th STZ fired on energy locations when friendly troops made contact with energy forces, desults: Energy - 20 KB...

171530-1545 May: at YB 9815 a 189th AC gunship in support of 24th STZ, expended on a suspected enemy location resulting in 2 enemy KDA. 1700 at ZA 165761 a 170th AC resulty sircraft observed 3-5 enemy: C/2-1 Cavalry reacted and made contact with an estimated NVA company. Small arms fire was exchanged; friendly element employed .50 caliber machine guns and 90mm gun rounds. One tank hit by D-40 rocket. Contact broke at 1940. Results: Friendly - 2 KIA, 5 WIA; Enemy - 40 NVA KIA.

181500 May: YB 8517, 189th C gunships in support of 24th STZ empended on a confirmed enemy location resulting in 2 enemy KB...

221445 May: YB 999130, 169th AC gunship in support of 24th STZ received 1-3 rounds of .50 caliber fire resulting in 1 US KIA and heavy demage to aircraft. From 1445-1530 at YB 999130, 4 personnel of the 52d lathfinder Detachment in spt of 24th STZ during an insertion, made contact with an estimated 2 NVA platoons. Handgrenades and small arms fire exchanged. Results: Friendly - 2 US NIA (slight); En - 25 NVA KIA (by count) and 15 KIA (estimate).

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230930 May: YB 691277, 57th C&C ship in support of 5th SFG. went into an Obervation lost to evacuate wounded personnel. Ifter ship was on the ground, it received damage from 1 morter round. Results: Friendly 1 KIA (USSF), 3 WIA (crew: 1 serious, 2 slight), 1 UH1H rec'd light damage. 1145, YB 9319, a 361st AC(E) gunship expended on a confirmed enemy location. Results: Enemy - 5 NIA (estimate). No further information. 1515, YB 9114, 361st AC(E) gunship expended on a confirmed enemy location. Results: Enemy 5 KBA (estimate) and 5 WIA (estimate). No further information.

250410-0913 May: TB 969121, 189th AC slick in support of RFFF (CORDS) expended on a suspected enemy location resulting in 2 enemy NEA.

260930-1000 May: AR 775123, 119th AC gunship in support of 4th Infantry Division, expended on a deserted village when fire was received from same. Results: Friendly - negative casualties or damage: Enemy - 1 KDA (confirmed), 5 structures destroyed.

1040, 361st AC (E) gunships were launched when a Fixed Wing A/C had received B-40 rockets and small arms fire from the same deserted village.

Results: Enemy - 4 structures destroyed and 2 secondary fires burning 1400, YB 2712, 361st AC (E) gunships expended on a confirmed enemy location when friendly troops made contact with an enemy force.

Results: Enemy: 1 KDA (estimate) and 2 WIA (estimate).

271020 May: YE 995142, 361st CC (E) gunships in support of 22nd nRVN Rangers, expended on a confirmed enemy location when friendly troops made contact with an unknown size enemy force. Fire team had 5 MVA KEA (estimate). No further information. 1200, YE 862254, 361st CC (E) gunships in support of 22d Ranger expended on a confirmed enemy location when a convoy was ambushed by an NVA force. Results: Enemy - 2 NVA KEA (estimate) and 3 NVA WIA (estimate). No further information. 1530, YE 925123, 361st CC (E) gunships in support of 22d Rangers, expended on a suspected mortar position when a landing zone peccived rounds after a slick had landed. Fire team had 5 KEA (estimate) and 2 NVA WEA (estimate). No further information.

281315-1320 May, YE 975143, 189th AC C&C ship in support of 24th STZ, received small arms and automatic weapons fire from a suspected enemy location and expended on same, resulting in 4 enemy KLA.

291000,1330,1530,1600 May: YD 9012 361st AC (E) gunships expended at all of the times listed above when friendly troops made contact with an unknown size enemy force. Results are unknown.

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301500-1530 and 1600-1630 May: YB 9216, 169th gunships in support of 24th oTZ, expended when friendly troops made contact with an enemy force. Results: Enemy - 10 KL...

021900 Jun: AR 766689, 57th AC gumship in support of A/20 US Engineers and Hq, 3rd ARVN Cavalry, who received 6x122mm rockets fired on a suspected enemy location resulting in one secondary exphosion.

041730-1800 Jun: ZD 023115, 189th .C gunship in support of 24th STZ, expended on a confirmed energy location when friendly troops made contact with an energy force. Results: Energ - 5 KHz.

07106040120 Jun: In 7888, 57th IC received 6x 82mm morter rounds and 1x1-40 round resulting in 1 US WIA and $2/2\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks received flat tires.

O81430 -1445 Jun: LR 3626, 119th LC gunships in support of 4th Infantry Division, expended on an enemy location when friendly troops made contact. Results: Enemy - 3 KL. (estimate).

101555, 1705, 1715 Jun: at Yb 9125, Yb 7621, 361st C(d) gunships expended on a confirmed enemy location when a fixed wing resupply sircraft drew fire during approach to lending zones. Fire team had 20 km. (estimate) during the engagement. No further information. 1800-1830, Yb 8727, 189th C gunships in support of 24th STZ fired on an enemy location when ships received graund fire Results: Enemy - 10 km. (estimate).

120058, Jun: All 798465, Camp Holloway received 15x82. In norter rounds which landed in the 604th Transportation Company area with 11 rounds inside the company area. Results: 1 maintenance honger had one hole in it, 2 vans with light damage (both belonged to 004th Transportation Company) and 2 US WIA (slight). 1410, 12: 914066, 170th C slick while conducting a visual reconnessance for a LRRF insertion observed an estimated enemy company of NV., gunships and artillery employed resulting in 20 NV. KI...

131400 Jun: YE 9704, 170th ...C gunships in support of 4th Infantry expended when friendly troops hade contact with an enemy force resulting in 10 Mm. (by count). 1530-1600, YE 9228, 189th ...C gunships in support of 24th STZ, fired on a confirmed enemy location resulting in 15 Mm. (estimate). 1615-1645 YE 9222, 189th AC gunships in support of 24th STZ fired on a confirmed enemy location resulting in 4 enemy Mm. (by count).

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151430 Jun: YE 9318, 361st C(E) gunships fired on a confirmed NVA force, dug in on a hill side, when friendly troops made contact. Results: Enemy - 8 KEA (confirmed). 1600, YE 9318, 361st C(A) gunships fired on a confirmed NVA location when a slick resupplying an AVN position received heavy ground fire. Fire team expended on the enemy bunkers and the ground commander confirmed 12 enemy KEAL. No further information.

161530 Jun: YB 905273, one 361st C(E) gunship in support of 24th CTZ received heavy sutomatic weapons fire causing the ship to crash and burn killing both pilots. 1900-1930, YES927, 189th C gunships expended on a confirmed enemy location when a convoy was attacked after leaving Ben Het. Gunships received heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire when attacking enemy positions Results: Themy - 10 KBA (estimate).

171030-1100, Jun: Z. 1274, 119th AC gunships in support of 4th Infantry Division, expended on a confirmed enemy location when troops made contact. Results: Enemy - 10 KE. (by count) and 4 KE. (estimate). 1530, 52d Security Detachment personnel on a visual reconnassance of the 52d viation Battalion area of operation found 16 craters vicinity of R 613478. Further check of the area by air revealed 2x75mm recoilless rifle sites at vicinity of R 662498. Also found empty cannisters and shell caseings in the area. 171600 the 52d Security Detachment personnel made a ground reconnassance of the recoilless rifle sites and found 2 positions. One position was approximately one week old and the other approximately 3 days old. There were 3-5 fox holes in each area. There was a total of 24x75mm recoilless rifle cannisters and 24x75mm recoilless rifle expended shell casings found in the area.

181550 Jun: YB 8218, 361st .C(E) expended on a NV. element in the open, when spotted by the 7/17th Cavalry. Results: 36 NVA KD...

191635 Jun: YD 922258, 361st AC(E) gunships expended on a known NVA location when friendly troops in a landing zone received D-40 rocket and mortar fire. The fire team of 2xANIG's expended on the enemy in a tree line with 10 enemy KNA (confirmed).

201400-1430, YE 9518, 189th AC gubships in support of 24th STZ, expended on an enemy location when friendly troops made contect with an enemy force, resulting in 5 KBA (estimate).

211300-1330 Jun: YD 9419, 189th AC gunships in support of 24th STZ, expended on an enemy location resulting in 5 Klas (estimate). 2131, AR 794456, Camp Holloway Tower reported small arms fire coming from

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the east side of the perimeter; 189th .C reported movement in front of bunker #63 and received small arms fire on bunkers #63 and 64; fired illumination and N-79 with negative results.

221400-1430 Jun: YD 6025, 189th AC gunships in support of 24th STZ, expended on a confirmed enemy location resulting in 1 Kbz. (by count).

231410 Jun: YE 9125, 189th ...C gunships in support of 24th STZ, expended on an enemy location when friendly troops made contact. Results: 6 VC Kbm (estimate). 242052, Camp Holloway mortar section reported receiving recoilless rifle fire from an unknown enemy; fire was returned by mortar and US & ARVN artillery. ...t 2105 Camp Holloway reported incoming rounds, possibly 6x75mm recoilless rifle. Results Friendly - negative casualties or damage; Enemy - unknown.

261500-4530 Jun: YE 8227, 189th AC gunships in support of 24th STZ, expended on a confirmed energy location. Results: Snemy - 10 VC KLA (estimate). No further information.

271100-1130 Jun: ND 6825, 189th AC gunships in support of 24th LTZ, expended on a confirmed energy location. Results: 21 VC KD. (estimate).

041130- Jul: Z. 1967, 170th AC gunships enroute to Kontum, received automatic weapons fire and saw what was thought to be E-40 rockets explode. Gunships expended in the area where fire was received. The lead ship took 1 round in the tail boom and the wing ship received 4 hits in the main rotor blades and one hole thru the floor under the door gunners seat.

051100-1130 Jul: In £154£0, a possible platoon size enemy unit was reported in the area, evaluated C/3. 170th AC aircraft and 52d Security Detachment element made a visual reconnasance of the area with negative sightings.

071830-1845 Jul: AR 8193, 57th AC gunships were called by 219th RAC aircraft to expend on a suspected enemy location. Results: 6 structures damaged and 1 structure destroyed.

OC1330 Jul: IR 1652, 119th C gunships were called upon to destroy some structures; gunships received ground fire; gunship expended at enemy and structures: Results: 2 structures destroyed. 1630, IR 8194, 57th C gunships expended on a suspected enemy location with 2 structures destroyed.

091100-1200, Jul IR 3414, 189th LC gunships, in support of CORDS, expended on a confirmed enemy location. Results: 5 VC No. (estimate).

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131940 Jul: AR 793464, Camp Holloway bunker #11 received 3 rounds of small arms fire from an unknown enemy; fire was not returned, Results: Friendly - negative.

151530 Jul: Coordinates classified, 361st $\alpha C(E)$ gunships in support of FOB II expended and destroyed 1 sampan. No further information.

160900-0915 Jul: ZE 067136, 170th ...C gunships in support of 5th SFG., expended on a confirmed enemy location when a helicopter received ground fire resulting in 1 US WIA. No further information. 0900-0930 YE 0813, 189th aC gunships in support of 4th Infantry Division expended on a confirmed enemy location resulting in 5 structures damaged. 1345-1410, IR 5368, 119th ...C gunships in support of 4th Infantry Division observed enemy troops in a gully and expended. Results: Enemy - 17 KEA (confirmed). 161600-1615, YE 9223, 189th ...C gunships in support of 24th STZ, expended on a confirmed enemy location resulting in 5 KEA (estimate).

171130, Jul: YB 990022, 170th C slick in support of 4th Infantry Division, expended on a confirmed enemy location resulting in 1 KE. (confirmed). 1715, ER491630, 119th C sunships in support of 4th Infantry Division, expended on a confirmed enemy location with 8 enemy KDA (confirmed).

181845 Jul: ZB 0908, 57th ...C gunships in support of II CTZ, were called to destroy ϵ fixed target; the gunships expended resulting in 1 structure destroyed.

191115 Jul: IR 562656, 119th .C slick was shot down by enemy fire while extracting a LHR team for the 4th Infantry Division. Five US were IL (4 were crew members). 191100-1330, IR 5626, 119th .C slick in support of the above extraction and downed aircraft, expended on a confirmed enemy location resulting in 16 KE... 1800, ZD0809, 57th .C gunships in support of II CTZ, expended when called by 219th PAC aircraft to destroy a newly built wooden structure. Results: 1 structure completely destroyed.

211615-1645 Jul: ER 5297, 189th aC gunships in support of 5th SFG., expended on an enemy target. Result: 2 structures and | bridge destroyed. 1700-1715, IR 0205, 119th aC gunships in support of the 4th Infantry Division, expended on a confirmed enemy location resulting in 15 KE. (estimate).

221930-2015 Jul: Z. 0441, 169th ...C gunships in support of the 4th Infantry Division, expended on a confirmed enony location. Results: 10 Kil. (estimate).

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241600 Jul: ZD 1607, 57th ...C gunships expended on a fixed target resulting in 1 bunker destroyed.

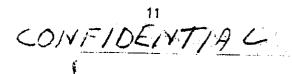
261400 Jul: AR 9186, 57th AC gunships in support of COADS, expended on a fixed target resulting in 2 bunkers destroyed and 2 bunkers damaged.

272345 Jul: AR £12473, 189th AB bunker # 62 reported movement; M-79 was employed; the movement ceased; results were unknown. The 52d Security Detachment made a sweep of the area on the following morning. A string, appearing to be a guide string, was found running from the outer strand of fence (150m from the main fence) into the main wire. One bottom strand of intermediate fence between the outer and main fences had been cut near where the string was located. A starlight scope was used to observe the area for the next 3-4 days. Results:

280900 Jul: .k 9091, 57th .C gunships expended to destroy a fixed target. Results: 2 enemy bunkers damaged.

311015 Jul: LR 553660, 119th .C slick received intense automatic weapons fire while on landing zone Toughie resulting in 3 mits (light damage) and 1 Uo WIA (slight).

- (2) Movement. The NV. units moved back to the Tri-border area to resurily. This was substantiated by hed flaze and IR missions undertaken in the Tri-border area, clong with the absence of contact with any of the units in their normal area of operations. The 24th NV. Regt left two of its units in the Their Brong area when it moved across the border. This information was obtained from PWs and Hoi Chanhs. There have been reports that the 66th NV. negt has loved South of the Tri-border area to the Duc Lap area. For a short time, the 4th In 951 NV. Regt was located South of Casis. Its: present location is unknown. The K-37 Sapper In has also moved out of the area and is reported to be in the Duc Lap area.
- (3) New Units. There was one new unit confirmed in the Kontum/ Tleiku Frovinces during the last 3 months. This unit was the 28th NV. Regt which was located in the Dak To/Den Het area. This unit was one of the units which took part in the attacks on the same area. Last reports on this unit now have it positioned in the 609th Tase area, which is located in the Tri-border area.
- (4) Situation. NV. units have pulled back to the Tri-border and other safe areas. Two units of the 24th NV. Regt are reported to be operating in the Hei Brong area. The local force units are doing most of the harrassing at the present time, with the primary targets being RF/IF units, Of s and poorly defended villages.



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The enemy is generally avoiding contect to conserve his strength and stores and to prepare for future operations.

(5) Capabilities

- (a) Kontum Province: In Kontum Province the enemy can conduct standoff attacks or combination standoff sapper attacks against US/Allied installations and Kontum City, employing mortars up to 120mm, 75mm recoiless rifle and 122mm reckets. 85mm/100mm/105mm artillery may be employed against friendly installations near the Cambodian border. He may conduct ground attacks against friendly installations in up to multi-regimental strength with division level support in the vicinity of Dak To and Een Het, and he may interdict Highways QL 14N and 512, as well as other friendly LCCs. The enemy can restrict friendly air activity with fire from small arms, automatic weapons, 12.7mm, 14.5mm and 37mm anti-aircraft weapons. He has a limited armor threat in the vicinity of Een Het.
- (b) Fleiku Province: Fleiku Province is also confronted with a variety of enemy capabilities to include: selective attacks on fleiku City, Flei Djereng, Flei Me, Flei Mrong, Duc Co CIDC Camps or Edap Enang, Than an and Le Trung in multi-battalion strength, supported by mortar, rocket and recoilless rifle fire; attack Fleiku City, US/MVN bases, CIDC camps, district headquarters and resettlement areas using £2mm mortars, recoilless rifle and 122mm/140mm rocket fire and sappers; set ambushes along QL 19E and QL 14, supported by 75mm recoilless rifle and 60mm/62mm mortar fire; attack LOGs 509, TL6C, 437, TL7C and LTL 70 with VC elements using anti-tank grenades, recoilless rifle and mortar fire. The possibility of a limited armor and artillery capability exists in the vicinity of Duc Co.
- (6) Miscellaneous. There were three information sheets on VC/NVA weapons or tactics distributed to the battalion units during the last quarter. One was concerned with local defense against sapper attacks. Another one dealt with the characteristics and employment of the overcaliber 122mm rocket. The last one dealt with the characteristics and employment of the "Lob" bomb.
- d. (C) Operations Combat, Support and Pacification operations throughout the II Corps Tactical Zone have been supported by the 52d APC during this reporting period. The "Flying Dragons" accumulated ever 28,905 hours of flight including 9,512 hours of combat assaults in support of ARVN and Free World Military Assistance Forces. Tabulated data of operational results are shown in inclosure 4.

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(1) The 24th Special Tactical Zone received more support than other single units. Aviation companies of the 52d ALC supported the following 24th STZ Operations for the indicated periods.

Dan Quyen 38 Dan Quyen 38A 08 May 69 - 15 May 69 (24th STZ) (24th STZ) 15 May 69 - 03 Jun 69 Dan Quyen 40 (24th STZ) 03 Jun 69 - 08 Jun 69 Dan Guren 41 (24th 51Z) 08 Jun 59 - 28 Jun 59 Dan Quyen 42 (24th STZ) 20 Jun 69 (24th STZ) (24th STZ) (24th STZ) Dan Guyen 43 22 Jun 69 - 25 Jun 69 Quyet Thang 1 Quyet Thang 2 28 Jun 69 - 05 Jul 69 05 Jul 69 - 07 Jul 69 00 Jul 69 - 10 Jul 69 Quyet Thang 3 (24th STZ) Quyet Thang 4 Quyet Thang 5 Quyet Thang 6 Quyet Thang 6 (24th STZ) 15 Jul 69 - 20 Jul 69 (24th STZ) 16 Jul 69 (24th STZ) (24th STZ) 23 Jul 69 - 31 Jul 69 23 Jul 69 - 31 Jul 69 Quyet Thang 14/02 (24th STZ) 22 Jul 69 - 31 Jul 69

The majority of support for the 24th STZ operations was flown from O1 may 69 to 07 Jul 69 for which the following statistics were obtained:

Number of .ircraft Com. itted:	Number of Ho	urs Flown:
UH1H - 1156 UH1C & AH1G - 362 CH47 - 82 CH54 - 39	UH1 H — UH1 C & AH1 C— CH47 — CH54 —	6,42° 2,02° 24° 14
TOTAL 1641	TOTAL -	8,83
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Minunition Expenditures:

7.62		1,130,000
2.75	HE -	302و3
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40mm		ε,227

52d ADC Losses:

Aircraft:	Danaged	57	Personnel:	KL	5
	Destroye		Personnel:	WIA	23

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The 52d ABC assaulted meneuver elements of the 24th STZ into possible enemy infiltration and withdrawal routes. Forward LZ resupply was primarily provided by 52d .EC aircraft, with some accomplished by truck convoy. During these operations, the 52d .EC also provided organic Pathfinder, ATC personnel, and its own Class V requirements. These additional missions were program ed into the daily mission requirements.

Most significant lifts for the 2/th ATZ were conducted by the 189th Avn Co (Aslt Hel). The 189th provided a liaison officer and assistant liaison officer to the 2/4th STZ to aid in planning and execution of airmobile operations. In addition, they provided a maintenance team and an armament crew to insure more effective utilization of the assigned aircraft.

The 52d AEC provided most of its remaining support to the US 4th Infantry Division. The following operations were supported:

Hines	(4th Div)	31 Jan 69 - Continues
Wayne Javelin	(1/8·Inf)	Continues
11	(3/g Inf)	Continues
a u	(1/69 Arm)	Continues
Futnem Tiger	(2/8 Inf)	Continues
n ū	(1/12 Inf)	Continues
H H	(1/69 Arm)	Continues
17 17	(3/12 Inf)	Continues
n n n n	(1/14 Inf)	Continues
Greene Orange III	(1/14 Inf)	Continues
и и	(1/10 GeV)	Continues

Primary support of the 1st Brigade was provided by the 119th Aviation Company (aslt Hel) during the entire quarter. A platoon minus supported the Brigade adequately at An Khe throughout most of the period. However during the last week in July the entire 119th Avn Co was moved to Camp Radcliffe to provide additional support for future B rigade operations, and minimize monsoon weather limitations experienced at Camp Holloway.

The 2nd Brigade, located at FSB Mary Lou, recieved continuous support from the 170th Aviation Company (Aslt Hel) during the quarter. A liaison officer has been furnished by the unit to provide a constant source of information and effect coordination for the Brigade's operations.

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Other division units, staff sections and command groups were supported by 52d .DC aircraft. These missions were scheduled by the Fattelion AMCC and 4th Division and, and included Division artillery, Division Chemical, Chief of Sterf, G-2 (LaRF) insertions, extractions and visual recommaissance.

FOE II (CCC) clandestine operations were supported by the 57th Aviation Company (Aslt Mel) and the 361st Aviation Company (Escort) throughout this period.

Other units receiving daily or frequent avaition support from the 52d ALC include: IFFV Artillery: RVN II Corps Headquarters, Fleiku, Kontum, Thu Bon, and Binh Dinh Sector advisors, 5th Special Forces Group, 20th Engineers, 937th Engineer, 45th General Support Group and USAF units.

- (2) Medium Helicopter support throughout the II Corps area of operation has been by the 179th aviation Company (aslt spt Hel) CH47 Chinooks. Although in a general support role, their primary effort has been directed to the U.S. 4th Infantry Division. During this quarter, the 179th Avn Co flew 2,364 hrs, delivering 16,979 passengers and 8,412.5 tons of cargo in approximately 5,161 sorties. Other 17th AGC Chinook units augmented this support with an educational 1,115.5 hours of flight time. The 1st llatoon 355th Aviation Company (New Wilelicopter), 268th AGC, Phu Hiep, RVA AFO 96316, which in OFCOM to the 52 AGC continues to provide the Central Highlands with outstanding CH54 general support.
- (3) The 361st Aviation Company (Escort) originally had been tasked for two AH-1G Cobras to support FOI II Operations. However, after an extensive study of speed, armament, and mission capability an additional two ... II-1G's are now being allocated in lieu of two UH-10's. The remaining AH-1G assets are consisted to 17th .GC directed missions, and to reinforce the other gunships in the Lettalion.
 - (4) Operational highlights of the quarter includes:

07 May 1969 - 52d ADC eircraft executed an emergency extration of two ARVN compenies from ESD 29 (VIC YE 839223) to Dak To). Intense enemy fire resulted in one circraft being destroyed however no casualties were incurred.

21 May 1969 - Seven slicks and four gunships from the 52d ADC lifted 760 ARVI troops from Dak To into the vicinity of an NVA regiment. Aircraft received heavy enemy fire which resulted in one pilot KIn and four aircraft damaged.

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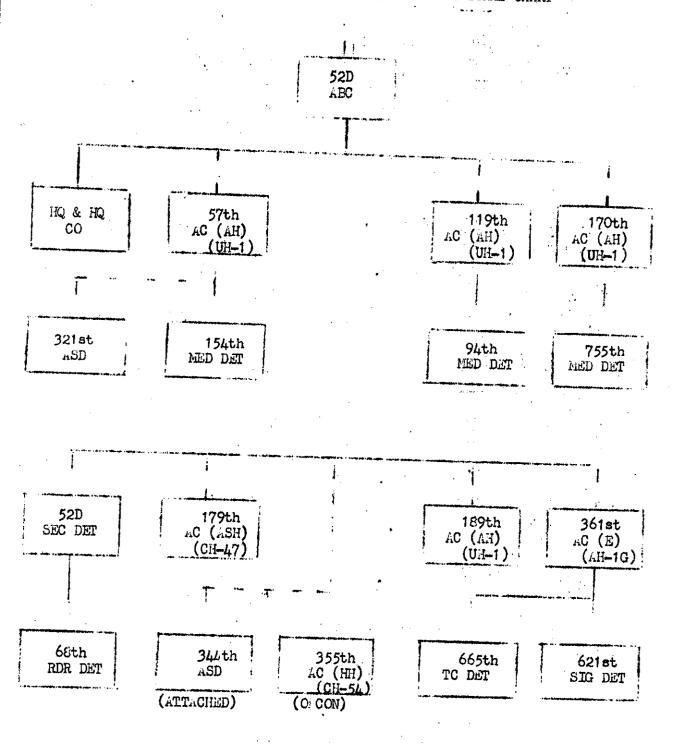
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SUBJECT: Operationa Report of 52d Aviation Lattalion For Period Ending 31 July 1969, RCS CSFCR-65 (R-1) (U)

- 25 May 1969 Eattalion eircraft participated in a combat assault west of Dak To. Ten slicks and four gunships inserted 1,254 .RVN troops into three LZ locations. Heavy contact and intense morter fire caused the final portion of the lift to be conducted at night.
- 21 June 1969 Ten slicks and four gunships inserted 600 MAVN troops into an LZ three miles Southeast of hen Het. Two 52d MBC aircraft received minor combat damages.
- 28 June 1969 Ten UH1H's and four AM-16's, and 2 UH1C's extracted 1110 ARVN soldiers from heavy contact 9 miles west of Dal To. There was negative damages or injuries to 52d ALC assets during this operation.
- 25 July 1969 On this date a warning order was issued by 17th Aviation Group for one aviation company, assuult helicopter, to prepare for deployment to an Khe.
- 26 July 1969 Confirmation of this movement to an Khe was received. The 119th Aviation Company moved its first contingent of personnel and equipment to Comp Radcliffe, an Khe, RVN.
- 30 July 1969 Final movement of the 119th Aviation Company was completed.
- (5) Pathfinder teams from the 52d Am proved to be extremely valuable in company size lifts or larger. Both aviation and ground commanders recognized them as an indispensible part of any airmobile operation.
- (6) The 52d Security Detachment continues to provide observation, illumination and fire support to the perimeter of Comp Holloway. In addition, they conduct patrols and ambush operations in the Holloway AO. A separate force from this unit reinforced the 57th Aviation Company compound defenses at Kontum.
- (7) The Air Dovement Control Center (AACC) continues to provide flight consolidation, flight following, communications relay, passenger and cargo service, and aircraft liaison with supported units throughout the AC. Its has proved to be a valuable coordination center in all types of operations in which the 52d AEC participates.
- e. (C) Training: All battalion units and headquarters sections continue to use on-t. e-job (OJT) training due to tactical and administrative mission requirements.

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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND STATION LIST

UNIT 52D ABC "Flying Drugons"	COM, MDER LTC Fatrick J. O'Grady	LOCATION Camp Holloway Pleiku, RVN	<u>APO</u> 96494
HQ & HQ Ca	CPT Eugone H. Kobes	Camp Holloway Pleiku, RVN	96494
52D Sec Det 68th RDR Det	1LT Michael C. Cooper None Authorized	Camp Holloway Pleiku, RVN	96494
57th Avn Co (Aslt Hel) "Gladiators"	Mad James T. Kearnes	City Airfield Kontum, RVN	96499
119th Avn Co (Aslt Hel) "Alligators"	MaJ Peter R. Harris	Camp Radcliffe An Khe, RVN	96294
94th Med Det	CPT Curtice T. Martin	Camp Holloway Fleiku, RVN	96494
170th Avn Co (Aslt Hel) "Pikinis" 755th Med Det	MAJ Raymond L. Herdy	Camp Holloway Pleiku, RVN	96494
7)) on Med Det	CPT Joseph F. Homann		
179th Avn Co (Aslt Spt Hel) "Shrimpboats"	MMJ Louis R. Jones	Camp Holloway Pleiku, RVN	96494
189th Avn Co (Aslt Hel) "Ghostriders"	MAJ Richard L. Lincoln	Camp Holloway Fleiku, RVN	96494
344th AD (D)	LTC David L Carson	Camp Holloway Pleiku, NVN	96494
361st Avn Co (Escort) "Fink Fanthers"	MAJ Robert M. Furney	Camp Holloway Pleiku, RVN	96494
665th TC Det 621st Sig Det	CPT Relph E. Mullens None Authorized		
1ST Flatoon 355th Avn Ca (HH) "Workhorse" (OPCON)	CFT Charles W. Eliason	Camp Holloway Fleiku, RVN	96494
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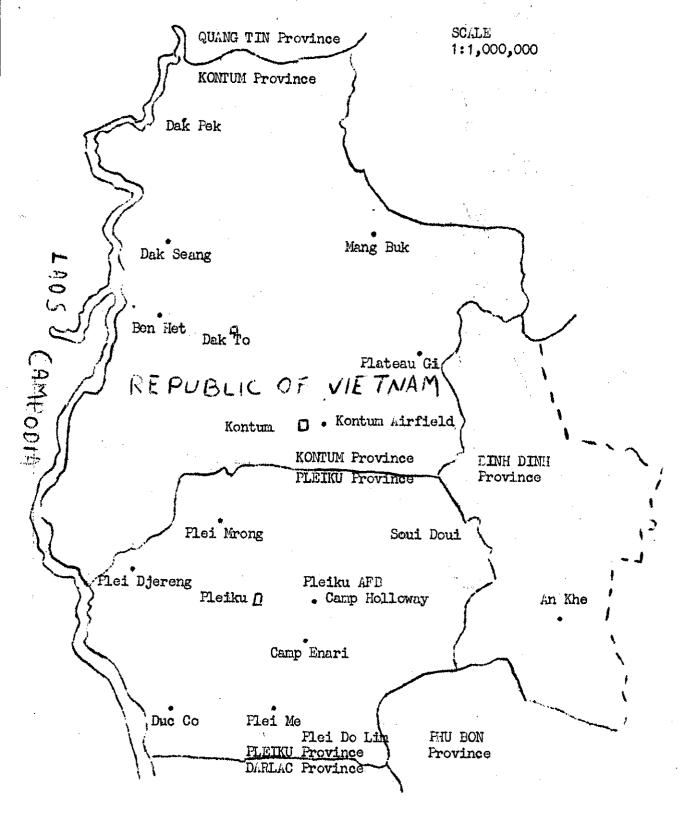
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UNIT STRENGTH AS OF 31 JULY 1969

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1. (C) Military:

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HHC	19	20	3	7	87	116	100	410
94th Med Det	i	1	ó	6	8	. ,	109	143
755th Med Det	İ	i	Õ	ñ	8	8	9	7
52d Scty Det	1	1	Õ	ŏ	151	117	152	110
68th Inf Det (Radar)	Ó	Ö	Õ	ŏ	19	13	19	118
57th Avn Co (AH)	19	18	51	54	219	215	289	13
154th Med Det	1	1	ó	7	ε	8	207	287
119th Avn Co (AH)	19	17	51	54	219	209	269	280
170th Avn Co (AH)	19	18	51	56	219	204	289	260 260
179th Avn Co (ASH)	15	9	26	19	228	214	269	242
189th Avn Co (AH)	19	20	51	57	219	209	289	265
361st Avn Co (E)	16	7	13	21	80	63	109	92
621st Sig Det	0	Ó	Ō	0	6	J,	6	76.
665th Trans Det	1	1	. 1	1	57	46	5 0	18
52D ALC	131	114	247	269	1528	1435	1906	1818

2. (C) Civilian:

UNIT	<u>D.</u> AUTH	<u>.C</u> <u>ASG</u>	<u>VN</u> AUTH	<u>ASG</u>	3rd MAT AUTH	IONALS ASG	
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OPER.TIONAL RESULTS AS OF 31 July . 1969

1. (C) Results.

<u>unit</u>	SORTIES FLOWN	TRUOPS LIFTED	C.AGO LIFTED TONS	KB/	STRU Dam	JCTUFLES DEST		PANS DEST
57th AC (AH) 119th AC (AH) 170th AC (AH) 179th AC (ASH) 189th AC (AH) 361st AC (E)	21,708 22,645 18,291 5,161 24,144 3,064	30;398 13;617 26;693 16;979 43;121 0	519 219 2,219 6,412 363 0	0 27 90 0 15 76	24 0 0 0	16 0 0 0	3 0 0 0 0 0	2 0 0 0 0
52D AEC	95,033	131,208	11,732	206	24	20	3	3

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2. (C) Losses				· · · · · ·	
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119th AC (AH)	UH1 H UH1 C	3 0		UH1 H UH1 C	7 4
170th AC (AH)	UH1 Н UH1 С	4 2		UH1H UH1C	4 2
179th AC (ASH)	С Н 47 А СН 47 С	0		СЕЦ7Л СН 47С	0 5
189th AC (AH)	UH1 H UH1 C	1	7	UH1 H UH1 C	23 3
361st AC (E)	AH1G	1		AH1G	12
SZD AB C		20	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		74

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1. (C) <u>kir</u> c	reft Stat	us (Luthor	ized/On Hand)	εs of 30	ปับไ ซ 1	949
UNIT	•	<u> 1.11–1G</u>	<u>UII-1C</u>	<u>UII-171</u>	•	47 1260
57th AC (AH)			8/7	23/18	4 dan jaw	
119th AC (AH)			8/7	23/18	•	•
170th aC (AH)	24T	•	٤/7	23/19	• • •	•
179th AC (ASH)	•	•		. 16/3	3/12
189th AC (AH)	•		٤/7	2 3/ 19		7 1 2
361st .C (E)	•	12/12	•		•	
THC			*	2/2		;·
52dBC		12/12	32/28	94/76	16/3	/12
2. (C) <u>Aircr</u>	eft avail	bility (De	ily Average)			
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		TERIA.	ST. J.D. AD%	M/X	JUM	JUL
UH-171	A V E Mis EDF		75 64 20 5	72.1 67.0 22.0 5.9	75.7 66.2 18.6 5.7	
UIL-1C	A v o Mis EDM EDF		72 63 20 8	66.0 61.5 21.6 10.2	71.6 60.2 23.1 5.3	73.8 63.7 17.8 8.4
CIF-47		ilability - Sion Ready	65 55 25 10	43.5 46.2 14.3 42.2	64.1 57.5 13.5 22.4	61.2 67.7 16.0 22.6
AH-1G	AVGI Miss CDM EDF	lability ion Ready	70 60 20 10	59.2 58.1 23.2 17.6	59.6 56.2 15.6 24.6	71.4 71.6 14.3 14.3

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3. (U) Recapitulation of Flying Hours: Average number of direcast is based on those actually on-hand with the following provisions: Aircraft destroyed are dropped from accountability the day following destruction. Replacement aircraft are picked up on accountability on the first day that they become "mission ready" or within 72 hours following receipt, whichever occurs first.

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UNIT 57th	MONTH	AGG NO.	UATTOR	24		
57th		_	HOURS	ı.VG	~V.II	LARCHIT
57th		QN_H/.ND	FLOWN	HOURS	ABILITY	DA TROGRAM
.,	M.Y	6.5	371	57.1	74.0	96%
	JUN	6 . 3	350	55.5	72.1	96%
	JUL	7.0	320	45.6	73.4	79%
119th	M.Y	7.0	386	55.1	75.9	95%
	JUli	7.0	372	53.2	70.2	92%
	JUL	7.0	303	43.2	65.7	75%
170th	Ma.Y	6.4	265	445	57.0	79%
	JUN	6.0	336	56.0	77.1	97%
	JUL	6.30	242	38.4	<u>8</u> ٤.7	66%
169th.	ıY	5.8	369	63.6	65.1	110%
	JUN	6.0	374	62.2	67.1	101%
	JUL	6.3	215	34.1	67.3	59%
52d	M_r, Y	25.7	1411	55.0	68.0	95%
	JUN	25.3	1432	56.7	71.6	98%
	JUL	26.6	1080	40.3	72.2	70%
			U7	I-1II		
57.TH	Au.Y	16.4	1262	6; •6	67.2	>3%
	JUN	16.9	1655	97•3	78.5	131%
	JUL	18.6	1509	61.2	£5.0	110%
119th	May	18.9	1969	104.2	74.3	141%
	JUN ·	16.7	1911	102.2	70.3	135%
	JUL	18.4	1357	73.7	77.E	106%
170th	MAY	19.8*	2124	107.3	75.0	145%
	JUN	18.0	1678	93.2	85.0	126%
	JUL	16.9	1517	٤0.3	77.8	109%
189th	M/.Y	16.7	2140	114.4	72.0	155%
	JUN	19.0	1730	91.0	66.8	123%
	JUL.	18.9	1496	79.2	62.7	107%
52d	M/.Y	75.8	7495	90.8	72.1	134%
	JUN	72.6	6974	95.9	75.7	129%
	JUL	74.8	6079	81.3	80.6	106%
		1717		I-1G		100/
361st	МД	11.5	752	65:4	59.2	93%
		11.5	699	60.8	59.6	87%
	JUL	11.8	477	37.9	71.4	51%

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* Percent DA Program on flying hours is based on the following Flying Hour Frogram per aircraft: UH-1C 58 hours, UH-1H 74 hours, AH-1G 70 hours, CH-47 60 hours.

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