

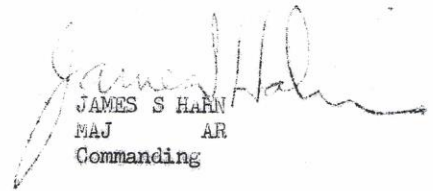
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HISTORY OF
TROOP C 7TH SQUADRON 17TH CAVALRY
1ST AVIATION BRIGADE

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COMMAND AND CONTROL

TROOP COMMANDERS

Maj	Jackie M. Howard	31 Jan	67 to	12 Jul	67
Cpt	James F. Willoughdy	14 Jul	67 to	20 Sep	67
Cpt	William T. Glover	20 Sep	67 to	7 Oct	67
Maj	Robert W. Frost	7 Oct	67 to	24 Nov	67
Maj	Jerry G. Ledford	24 Nov	67 to	3 Jun	69
Maj	Joseph A. Tobin	3 Jun	69 to	2 Jan	70

TROOP XO

Lt	Michael L. Bogdue	6 May	67 to	23 Oct	67
Vacant		23 Oct	67 to	20 Dec	67
LLT	Michael G. Law	20 Dec	67 to	1 Apr	68
Maj	William T. Glover	1 April	68 to	3 May	68
LT	Wayne E. Overturf	3 May	68 to	10 Jun	68
Cpt	James H. Ray	10 Jun	68 to	8 Nov	68
Cpt	Larry F. Miller	8 Nov	68 to	14 Aug	69
Cpt	John S. Davis	14 Aug	69 to	Present	

OPERATIONS OFFICER

CW2	Frank L. Wendt	6 May	67 to	23 Oct	67
LT	Michael L. Bogdue	23 Oct	67 to	13 Feb	68
Cpt	Robert B. Davis	13 Feb	68 to	20 Jul	68
Maj	William T. Glover	20 Jul	68 to	4 Sep	68
Cpt	James H. Ray	4 Sep	68 to	8 Nov	68
Cpt	Edward F. Johnson	8 Nov	68 to	12 Jul	69
Cpt	Mike G. Halby	12 Jul	69 to	14 Sep	69
Cpt	Frederick V. Strickland	14 Sep	69 to	Present	

AERO-WEAPONS PLATOON

Vacant		31 Jan	67 to	8 Oct	67
Cpt	Michael G. Law	8 Oct	67 to	10 Oct	68
Cpt	James L. Phifer	10 Oct	68 to	2 Nov	68
LT	Douglas P. Hammond	2 Nov	68 to	8 Jun	69
Cpt	John E. Jennings	8 Jun	69 to	28 Dec	69
Cpt	Leo J. Asselin	28 Dec	69 to	Present	

AERO-SCOUT PLATOON

Cpt	James H. Ray	4 Oct	67 to	4 Sep	68
LT	Edward F. Johnson	4 Sep	68 to	8 Nov	68
LT	David D. Register	8 Nov	68 to	2 Feb	69
Cpt	Robert D. Autry	2 Feb	69 to	20 Apr	69
Cpt	Frederick V. Strickland	20 Apr	69 to	14 Sep	69
Cpt	Mike G. Halby	14 Sep	69 to	Present	

LIFT PLATOON

Cpt	Robert B. Davis	10 Oct	67 to	13 Feb	68
LT	James L. Phifer	13 Feb	68 to	20 Jul	68
Cpt	Robert B. Davis	20 Jul	68 to	8 Oct	68
LT	Robert A. Springthorpe	8 Oct	68 to	1 Apr	69
Cpt	John S. Davis	1 Apr	69 to	20 Jul	69
Cpt	John W. Sartor	20 Jul	69 to	20 Sep	70
Cpt	Peter A. Kacerguis	20 Sep	69 to	Present	

MAINTENANCE OFFICER

CW2	Joseph P. Sustarich	6 May	67 to	10 Oct	67
Cpt	Joseph Laehu	10 Oct	67 to	1 Sep	68
CW2	Robert L. Kinlaw	1 Sep	68 to	20 May	69
CW2	William J. Old	20 May	69 to	15 Jul	69
CW2	Albert P. Whaley	15 Jul	69 to	14 Dec	69
Cpt	Wesley N. Young	14 Dec	69 to	Present	

AERO-RIFLE PLATOON LEADER

LE	Forest E. Kay	2 Aug	68 to	10 Oct	68
LT	Charles L. Campbell	10 Oct	68 to	20 Mar	69
Cpt	Joseph A. Sheperd III	20 Mar	69 to	17 Aug	69
LT	David Flint	17 Aug	69 to	Present	

FIRST SERGEANT

SFC	Larry J. Baker	6 May	67 to	10 Sep	67
1SGT	Harry L. Turner	10 Sep	67 to	3 Jul	69
1SGT	Joseph A. Peoples	3 Jul	69 to	20 Aug	69
1SGT	Lewis G. Ardinger	20 Aug	69 to	Present	

AERO-WEAPONS PLATOON SERGEANT

SP5	Herman	6 May	67 to	15 Nov	67
SP6	Earl R. Dakin	15 Nov	67 to	20 Dec	67
SP5	Thomas Sweeney	20 Dec	67 to	15 Sep	68
SP6	Earl R. Dakin	15 Sep	68 to	20 Nov	68
SFC	Robert R. Noggle	20 Nov	68 to	1 Jul	69
SFC	Raymond Wibert	1 Jul	69 to	Present	

SCOUT PLATOON SERGEANT

SP5	Gary R. Plassman	1 Nov	67 to	6 May	68
SFC	Ronald L. White	6 May	68 to	28 Dec	68
SSG	Robert H. Pilk	28 Dec	68 to	7 Oct	69
SGT	Terry C. Curtin	7 Oct	69 to	Present	

LIFT PLATOON SERGEANT

SP5	Russel P. Verdine	6 May	67 to	10 Sep	68
SFC	Robert O. Nogle	10 Sep	68 to	1 Sep	69
SGT	Joseph A. Sweitzer	1 Sep	69 to	20 Oct	69
SGT	Fernando Valdez	20 Oct	69 to	Present	

OPERATIONS SERGEANT

SGT	Marcus Mclain	6 May	67 to	10 Aug	67
SFC	Joseph A. Garcia	10 Aug	67 to	5 Dec	67
SFC	Lester H. Turner	5 Dec	67 to	12 Jan	69
SSG	Francis E. Powers	12 Jan	69 to	15 Jul	69
SFC	Jack L. Keys	15 Jul	69 to	Present	

AERO-RIFLE PLATOON SERGEANT

Vacant		6 May	67 to	18 May	67
SFC	Clinton A. Eckley	18 May	67 to	18 Sep	68
SFC	Aguayo J. Alicea	18 Sep	68 to	10 Jun	69
PSG	Ralph E. Baker	10 Jun	69 to	5 Nov	69
SSG	Frank Sweeney	5 Nov	69 to	Present	

CHAPTER V

REFLECTIONS

AWARDS

VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH SILVER STAR

Cpt Johnson
LLT Cox

SILVER STAR

LLT Campbell
SP5 Conklyn
SP4 Yamintz
2FC Jenkins

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Maj Frost
Cpt Davis
CW2 Bragg
CW2 Carlson
CW2 Hargleroad

BRONZE STAR WITH "V"

Maj Frost
SP4 Hanser

AIR MEDAL WITH "V"

Cpt Davis	SP5 Dimaria
Cpt Ray	SP5 Dufresne
Cpt Sartor	SP5 Fauls
CW2 Jackson	SP4 Bracero
CW2 Poulin	Sp4 Hansen

SOLDIER MEDAL

SP4 Dragan

HONOR ROLL

SP4 Edward J. Maslyn	27 October 1968
LLT Sterling E. Cox	15 January 1969
WO1 James B. Petteys	15 January 1969
LLT James D. Flurry	1 May 1969
SP4 William Mansergh	1 May 1969
SSG An (Vietnamese)	1 June 1969
RTG Richards Sugworth	1 June 1969
SGT Scott Stanton	31 August 1969
WO1 Jeffrey Borr	9 September 1969
WO1 Perry L. Denney	9 September 1969
WO1 Fred A. Exner III	20 November 1969

CHAPTER VI

UNIT HISTORY

TROOP C, 7TH SQUADRON, 17TH CAVALRY BEGAN 1969 AT CAMP ENARI NEAR PLFIKU, AND ENDED THE YEAR 90 MILES TO THE SOUTHEAST AT LANE AHP NEAR THE COSTAL CITY OF QUI NHON. AT ENARI, THE TROOP, AS IT HAD DONE SINCE ITS ARRIVAL IN VIETNAM IN 1968, WORKED PRIMARILY WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD BRIGADES OF THE FOURTH INFANTRY DIVISION. UNDER THE COMMAND OF MAJOR JERRY G. LEBFORD, THE AIR CAVALRY MEN PERFORMED VITAL AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS IN THE DIVISION AO. STAGING FROM KON TUM AND BIEN JET, TROOP C GATHERED VITAL INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION FOR THE FOURTH DIVISION THAT OFTEN RESULTED IN SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS BEING LAUNCHED AGAINST ENEMY FORCES IN THE AREA. HOWEVER, THE TROOP'S DAYS AT CAMP ENARI WERE NUMBERED. ON 22 APRIL TROOP C PACKED ITS BAGS AND HEADED SOUTH, LEAVING HEADQUARTERS TROOP, TROOP A, TROOP B, AND TROOP D BEHIND. AFTER A WEEK OF RELOCATION WORK, TROOP C WENT ABOUT THE TASK OF LEARNING ITS NEW AO. WORKING NOW WITH THE 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE, THE TROOPERS ACTIVITY WAS CENTERED PRIMARILY IN THE FAMOUS AN LAO VALLEY. WITH LZ ENGLISH, LZ PONY, LZ UPLIFT, AND FIREBASE TWO BITS BEING THE PRIMARY STAGING AREAs, TROOP C OBSERVED ALMOST DAILY INTENSE ENEMY ACTIVIT IN THE AO. ON 16 AUGUST THE AERO-RIFLE PLATOON DISCOVERED WHAT ONE 173RD OFFICER CALLED "ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE PIECES OF INFORMATION OF THE VIETNAM WAR". INSERTED IN THE NORTHERN AN LAO AFTER THE SCOUTS HAD OBSERVED A TUNNEL AND BUNKER COMPLEX, THE "BLUES" IMMEDIATELY ENCOUNTERED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. AFTER BATTLING THEIR WAY INSIDE ONE OF THE CAVES, THE PLATOON, LED BY LLT DAVID FLINT WAS ENGAGED BY FOUR NVA SOLDIERS AND IMMEDIATELY KILLED THEM. IT WAS LATER REVEALED THAT TWO OF THE KILLED WERE RUSSIAN TRAINED DOCTORS AND A THIRD WAS A RUSSIAN TRAINED PHARMACIST. ONE OF THE SLAIN DOCTORS HAD ON HIS PERSON A MAP AND INFORMATION PINPOINTING THE POSITION OF NVA HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL SUPPLY POINTS IN THE AO. THE TROOP RECEIVED A NEW CO 28 JUNE, AS MAJOR LEDFORD TURNED OVER HIS COMMAND TO MAJOR JOSEPH A. TOBIN. THE TRoOP WAS RECOMMENDED FOR THE VARIOUS UNIT CITATIONS FOR ACTION IN SEPTEMBER 1969 WHILE WORKING WITH THE 503 INFANTRY, 173RD AIRBONE DIVISION IN THE AN LAO VALLEY, BINH DINH PROVINCE. THE TROOP ALSO RECEIVED THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION 26 AUGUST, FOR ACTION 31 JANUARY – 31 MARCH 1968 FOR MORE THAN 217 SEPARATE ENGAGEMENTS AGAINST ENEMY FORCES IN THE SOUTHERN I CORPS TACTICAL AREA TAM KY AND HOI AN. TROOP C, IN SUPPORT OF 1ST SQUADRON 1ST CAVALRY KILLED, ALONG WITH THE 1ST CAVALRY TROOPERS, 1,046 ENEMY SOLDIERS.