**Srok Dong Historical Research Module**

**Definition**: Action between Viet Cong and 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment in 1966 as part of the 1st Infantry Division’s campaign along Route 13.

**NOTE**: The references below provide information relevant to this engagement. Use these references and supplement with your own research. Srok Dong was one of several engagements involving ¼ Cavalry between April and July along Route 13. Your focus is upon the action fought on 30 June 1966. When using the files provided with this module, be sure to retain this focus.

**Electronic References listed by file name:**

Battle Experiences JUL-66

* Includes summary of actions in May-August along National Route 13, including that action on 30 June. See PDF pp. 7-10.

CAAR-Op El Paso II 7 III JUN-SEP 66

* Combat Operations After Action Report for El Paso II/III 2 June 1966- 3 September 1966. This report details 1st Infantry Division actions in this period. It provides background context, intelligence assessments, summary of significant engagements, overarching mission, nature of execution, actions of supporting forces, a commander’s assessment (PDF p. 52), lessons learned (PDF p. 54), and a detailed description of the Srok Dong fight with maps and diagrams (PDF p. 57).

CG 1st Inf Div

* Report of 1st Infantry Division actions on 30 June 1966 with emphasis upon action at Srok Dong.

Fundamentals of Armored Cav Tactics

* Armored cavalry TTPs as developed by ¼ Cavalry during the period 1965-1967

Ground Forces Commanders Daily Situation Rep

* Summary report of actions of 1st Infantry Division on 30 June 1966 from higher headquarters perspective

Long Donald Russell MoH Citation

* Medal of Honor citation for ¼ Cavalry soldier who earned decoration for actions on 30 June 1966

Mechanized OPS MAJ Hubard 1966-1968

* Transcription of interview of officer who commanded Troop C, ¼ Cavalry during Srok Dong fight. Provides perspective of troop commander on general use of armored cavalry, but few details of the fight.

Narrative of the Battle of Srok Dong

* Details the engagement and includes reports of several subordinate leaders who fought at Srok Dong

SOP 1st Squadron 4th US Cavalry OCT 1966

* Unit SOP that reflects experience of unit since its arrival in South Vietnam

The Campaign Along Route 13

* Includes combat after action report (PDF p. 16)

The Viet Cong Techniques

* Background information on the Viet Cong

***Recommended Websites:***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bN9V3W--19Q>. This site features a presentation by Vietnamese historian Hai Nguyen, who interviewed Viet Cong veterans who fought against the American 1st Infantry Division (1/4 Cavalry was the division’s cavalry squadron). Should the link fail, search for the presentation under the heading “DWH:9th Viet Cong Division Interviews.”

***Suggested secondary sources:***

Lanning, Michael Lee, *Inside the VC and the NVA: The Real Story of North Vietnam’s*

*Armed Forces* (New York: Fawcett Columbine, 1992). Available in the Donovan Research Library. DS558.5.L36 1992.

Pike, Douglas, *Viet Cong: The Organization and Techniques of the National Liberation*

*Front of South Vietnam* (Cambridge, MT: M.I.T. Press, 1966). Available in the

Donovan Research Library. DS556.34.P63.

Starry, Donn A., *Mounted Combat in Vietnam* (Washington, D.C.: Department of the

Army, 1978). Available in the Donovan Research Library. DS558.9.A75S73 1978. Also available in PDF format from the U.S. Army Center of Military History website.

***Related Search Subjects:***

Srok Dong

9th Viet Cong Division

271st, 272nd, and 273rd Viet Cong Regiments

1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry in Vietnam

Route 13

Minh Thanh Road