

Operation Wilderness was a month long effort in which the 1st brigade soldiers went hunting an enemy who seemed to prefer hiding to fighting. Nonetheless the month of scattered engagements in Tanine province and along the Cambodian border produced a body of 280 Vietcong. The operation got under way in March 11th the next day the 2nd battalion 22nd infantry captured 5,000 pounds of unpolished rice. This established the pattern the operation catches, bunkers, and base camps were found in abundance while Charlie kept himself ahead. Among the items too big to hide were 2 three quarter ton trucks found by supporting helicopter crewman of Charlie troop. When they followed a fresh tracks leading towards from Cambodia Daaten. Charlie troop marked the trucks which were the first found in S. Vietnam and called in air strikes and artillery to destroy the vehicles and cargos of ammunition.

Mar. 16th the 4th of the 9th. infantry apprehended a woman with no I.D. card but carrying 6,000 peasters(?) after deciding that she was carrying payroll of a Vietcong unit the man choosed to detain the suspect and confiscated the money.

It is not known which Vietcong _____ skipped the payday to help resolve him in the fight of the Vietnamese economy.

~~After loosing the initiative with the failure of the Ted offensive about 10 enemy units attempted to withdraw thru the 25th infantry divisions tactical area for reinforcement and resupply. Keep charlie on the move and deny him rest operation Quetthang (resolved to win) was drawn up and on March 11th tropic lightning's infantry armor and artillery and the 2nd and 3rd brigades pounced upon the X filtrating cong. Billed as the largest combination operation of freeworld forces since the war began Quetthan covered all of the 3rd I corp. tactical zone. 2nd brigade was first into headlines with the 2nd of the 14th infantry golden dragons. Tho on March 14th uncovered a major catch of small arms in the lower hobo woods. Two days later they found another catch this one including a 120 82mm mortar rounds, 12 complete 122 mm rockets. And in another 8 days on March 24th they found Charlie himself spewing out of helicopters at 815 two companies of the golden dragons came under automatic weapon fires from~~

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