

'Resources Control' Keep Cong In A Bind

Story and Photos

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3RD BDE—There are many ways of keeping the local Viet Cong guerrillas low on supplies and one of these is through "Resources Control." The idea of Resources Control is to keep local Viet Cong sympathizers from taking critically needed supplies to the Viet Cong that they need to conduct local guerrilla activities. One of the ways used by the 3rd Bde, 25th Inf Div, is through the use of checkpoints on the three roads leaving the village of Dau Tieng.

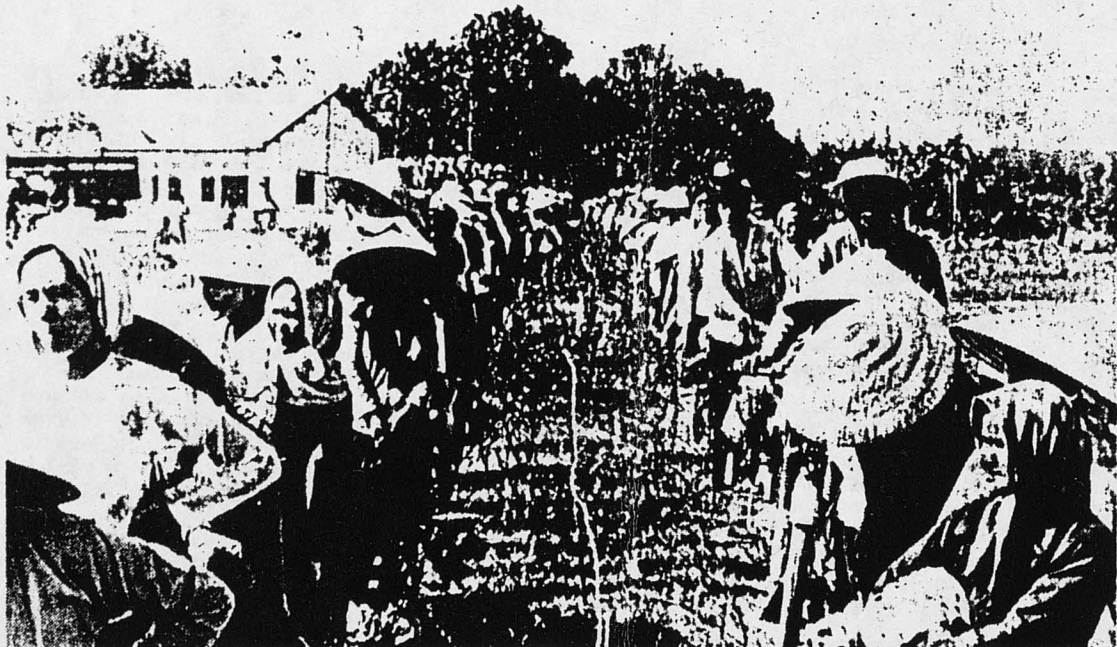
The checkpoints are operated by the 3rd Plt, 25th MP Co of the 25th Div. They are assisted

by the local National Police who are from the Tri Tam District.

There are many things that the MPs and National Police check for. They make sure that there is not an excess of rice going out, no metal or plastic material being carried and no extra bicycle parts being taken out.

1LT Carl W. Smith, MP platoon leader, stated, "There has certainly been a slow down in supplies leaving the village that would have otherwise helped the local Viet Cong guerrillas."

Through the joint efforts of the MPs and the National Police the Viet Cong of the area are having to find other means of getting supplies to their forces.



As workers leave the village to work their crops they are checked for excesses of supplies or materials.



The National Police and MPs work together in the joint effort of keeping the needed supplies from the Viet Cong near Dau Tieng.



The MPs at Check Point Charlie weigh the amount of rice carried by a villager. Each is allowed 5 kilos of rice a day.

Large Ammo Cache Found

3RD BDE — Little did PFC Donald Wadlington suspect when he tripped that his stumble would lead to the uncovering of the largest ammunition cache yet discovered in Operation Yellowstone.

On flank security with his M-60 machine gun, Wadlington and his company, C Co, 2nd Bn (Mech), 22nd Inf, commanded

by CPT William C. Allison, were sweeping into a Viet Cong base camp. After a short break, he shouldered his weapon and started out along the trail. Suddenly he tripped. As he landed, he felt the ground sag under his weight. Upon investigation of the cause of his fall, he discovered that he had been tripped by the corner of a large sheet of well-camouflaged metal. When he pulled the metal sheet aside, he found the entrance to a tunnel.

Investigation of the tunnel revealed a munitions storage bunker in which a large amount of ammunition was stored. Allison speculated that it was a major storage point from the amount of munitions and equipment stored there, and the fact that it was all stored on a raised wooden platform and carefully covered with ponchos. For the remainder of the day, C Co, occasionally harassed by sniper fire, removed and destroyed the cache.

The extensive cache held an aggregate of 220 82mm and 60-

mm mortar rounds along with 75 fuses, 101 75mm recoilless rounds, 170 RPG-2 rounds, 50 M-79 rounds, 8,000 .51 cal. rounds, and 11,000 small arms rounds. An M-1 carbine, two radios, and nine telephones were also recovered.

Elephant Grass Hides Gls During Battle Of Soui Cut

3RD BDE—Thanks to the elephant grass in which they had set up for the night, a patrol of the 3rd Bde, 25th Div, survived the recent battle of Soui Cut.

Set up near the perimeter of fire support base Burt, the night ambush patrol from Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 22nd Inf, heard many Viet Cong approaching just before midnight.

Under cover of the tall grass around the position, the patrol watched three waves of a regimental size VC force pass by,

some of the enemy only a few yards away.

The troops were forced to remain in position and maintain almost complete radio silence as the battle raged all around them.

As the human waves advanced and withdrew, four Viet Cong stumbled into the small perimeter but were quickly shot by the alert Americans.

Despite gunshot runs nearby, intense ground fire, and the brilliant illumination of flares overhead, the patrol suffered only one killed and six wounded.

269th Pilot Saves Trio Involved In Accident

CU CHI—Three seriously injured Filipinos, pinned under an overturned truck in a water-filled ditch, were rescued by a U.S. Army helicopter crew.

The trio was spotted from the air by MAJ Jack O. Johnson, 269th Avn Bn aircraft commander from Des Moines, Iowa, as

he approached the Tay Ninh Airfield, 90 kms northwest of Saigon.

Landing the aircraft nearby, Johnson found that one of the victims, a man, had been thrown clear of the wreckage, while a second man and a woman were trapped beneath it and in danger of drowning.

Johnson reported that all three were unconscious and bleeding from multiple injuries.

WO pilot Phillip E. Coates from Poplar Bluff, Mo., immediately radioed for medical aid, while Johnson and SP4 James E. Hensley, crew chief from Collinsville, Okla., began extricating the trapped couple.

PFC Charles Patrick, door gunner from Tilghman, Md., administered first aid to the second man.

According to Johnson, it took 20 minutes to free the two in the ditch. Since they were unconscious, Patrick had to hold their heads above water.

All three were made as comfortable as possible until a dust-off helicopter arrived to evacuate them to the hospital.

