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INDIANA GUARD COMPANY ON PATROL IN SOUTH VIETNAM

(Official Department of Defense motion picture film by the U. S. Army under the direction of the MACV Office of Information. Photography by SP6 Foulke, SP5 Morgan and SP5 Watson; Sound by SP5 Nash and SP5 Watson.)

Camp Lindsey-Lattin, Bien Hoa, South Vietnam, is now the home of D Company, recently activated from the 151st Regiment of Indiana's National Guard. Just last week (Feb. 15), the Guardsmen finished their training with the help of the "old hands" from the 51st Infantry Airborne Regiment, and are taking over their mission as a Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol Company. Unlike regular Infantry units the Long Range Recon Patrol Companies are composed of seven six man patrols with four line platoons rather than three. Their business is both reconnaissance and harassment. They rely on heavy aviation support. Inserted into areas by helicopter, they sometimes remain for a week or longer. Wearing soft jungle hats, camouflage fatigues and grease paint, they depend on natural cover and concealment and their ability to move silently. Each man carries between 65 and 85 pounds of equipment, including radios, maps and compasses. They give reports of enemy activity and direct supporting fire for artillery and aircraft. When their mission is complete, the patrol signals its position with a colored smoke grenade and the helicopters move in quickly to pick them up.

<u>SCENE FOOTAGE</u>	<u>VIDEO SEQUENCES</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
3	(a) Camp sign	Wild Track
5	(b) Guardsmen pack for patrol	"
3	(c) Guardsmen apply grease paint to faces	"
3	(d) Guardsmen walk to copter, board	"
12	(e) Copter takes off	"
2	(f) Copter in flight, interior	"
10	(g) Copter lands, inserts troops	"
2	(h) Troops run for tree line	"
7	(i) CU's troops through brush	"
3	(j) MCU's troops in firing position in brush	"
5	(k) MS patrol ready for pickup, pop smoke grenade	"
15	(l) Copter in, picks up patrol	"

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