

NOTE: DUE TO A CAMERA MALFUNCTION, I WAS UNABLE TO FILM A COMPLETE  
STORY-LINE OF THE FOLLOWING OPERATION:

SUMMARY.....DCS-200-35C-68-VN

On 29-FEB-68, elements of "C" Co, 2nd Bn, 27th Inf, 25th Inf Div, and the 2nd Bn, 23rd Inf (MECH), 25th Inf Div, took part in Operation "Tran Hung Doa", in Binh Duong Province, approx 13Km North~~west~~ of Saigon and 8Km East of their Base Camp in Ou Chi.

Operation "Tran Hung Doa" <sup>5</sup> a Division size Search and Destroy Operation designed to engage the enemy and eliminate suspected enemy motor and rocket positions which have been endangering Tan Son Nhut Airbase and Saigon during the first weeks of February, 1968.

The Units moved into a suspected enemy position and "reconed by fire", during which time they received automatic, small arms and rocket propelled grenades fire from the enemy. After approx a three-hour battle, the Units penetrated the enemy position, losing one M-113 Armored Personnel Carrier (APC) and several casualties.

# ROLL ONE (#1)

- LS - UH-1D Helicopters, coming into <sup>LOADING</sup> pick-up area.
- LS - UH-1D Helicopters, lifting off ground.
- LS - UH-1D Helicopters, in flight.
- LS - SAME AS ABOVE.
- LS - Men dismount from Helicopters and move to ~~open~~ jungle brush<sup>4</sup> for cover.
- LS - Men holding up in jungle brush.
- LS - Men ~~moving~~ begin to move into ~~enemy position~~ a suspected enemy position.
- LS - Men in trenches as APC moves past ~~in~~ them.

# ROLL TWO (#2)

- LS - Men begin to move into a suspected enemy position.
- MS - SP/4 Joe P. O'DONNELL, (Peckville, Pa), Sqd Leader, <sup>1st Plt</sup> checks out a tunnel complex.
- MS - SSG James R. McCOSH, (Sweetwater, Tenn.), Plt Leader, <sup>2nd Plt</sup> talking on radio to another Plt Leader.
- LS - Jet making an Airstrike.
- LS - Same as above.
- LS - Same as above.
- LS - Same as above.

# ROLL THREE (#3)

- LS - Men moving forward with an Armored Tank.
- MS - Machine gunner on Armored Tank, firing into suspected enemy position.
- CU - Soldier firing M-16 Rifle.
- CU - SGT/T-5 Lawrence A. BOWDS, (Marion, Ind.), Plt Leader, <sup>2nd Plt</sup> firing M-16 Rifle.
- CU - PFC Bill F. MENTRY, (Nutly, N.J.), M-79-Rifleman, firing M-79 grenade launcher.
- CU - M-79 grenade launcher being fired.
- CU - Same as above.

# ROLL FOUR (#4)

- LS - APC M-113, moving toward front of firing position.
- LS - APC M-113, moves past men, who are moving into <sup>ENEMY POSITION</sup> suspected enemy area.
- MS - Men moving into suspected enemy position.
- MS - Men holding up, as APC M-113 fires M-50 Machine gun into enemy position.
- MS - Men moving into enemy position.
- MS - Men firing weapons.
- MS - Same as above.

# ROLL FIVE (#5)

- LS - Men moving into enemy position
- LS - Men firing weapons.
- MS - Same as above.
- LS - Medic running to help wounded man.
- LS - APC M-113, hit by enemy rocket
- LS - Men moving back out of enemy fire.
- LS - ~~Medic~~ ~~moving~~ ~~in~~ ~~to~~ ~~area~~ ~~to~~ ~~fly~~ ~~out~~ ~~wounded~~.

PHOTOGRAPHER: SP/1, BRYAN K. GRIGSBY

SUBJECT: OPERATION "TRA HUNG DOA"

DATE: 29 FEBRUARY 1968

FILM: THREE (3) ROLLS EKTACOLOR "S" 120 (TOTAL EXPOSURES 19)

DCS 200-35C-68- VN

CAMERA SN: 2817097

MASTER CAPTION:

ON 29 FEBRUARY 1968, COMPANY "C", 2nd Bn, 27th Inf, 3rd Bde, 25th Inf Div, SUPPORTED BY ELEMENTS OF 4th Bn, 23rd Inf (MECHANIZED), 25th Inf Div, TAKE PART IN OPERATION "TRA HUNG DOA", A SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION IN BINH-DUONG PROVINCE, APPROX. 13 Km NORTH WEST OF SAIGON VIET NAM.

ROLL ONE

1. SLATE
2. PFC JAMES COLEBANK (MANKATO, MINN.), MORTAR PLATOON, ~~1st PLATOON~~, WAITS FOR HELICOPTERS TO ARRIVE AND TAKE HIS COMPANY TO THEIR OBJECTIVE.
3. MEMBERS OF 1st PLATOON WAIT FOR HELICOPTERS TO ARRIVE AND TAKE THEM TO THEIR OBJECTIVE.
4. IN A LOADED UH-1D HELICOPTER, MEMBERS OF 1st PLATOON WAIT TO BE FLOWN TO THEIR OBJECTIVE.
5. SGT DANIEL LOSAYA (GAORLOEPTA, TEX.), SQUAD LEADER, 1st PLATOON, WEARS A PROTECTIVE MASK WHILE ENROUTE TO THE OBJECTIVE.
6. UH-1D HELICOPTER FLIES TO THE OBJECTIVE.
7. MEMBERS OF 1st PLATOON WAIT FOR ORDERS TO MOVE OUT AFTER HAVING ESTABLISHED A DEFENSE PERIMETER AT THE LANDING ZONE.
8. SAME AS # 7, DIFF. ANGLE.
9. SP/4 TYRONE RANKINS (LOS ANGELES, CALIF.), RADIO OPERATOR, 1st PLATOON, LISTENS FOR MISSION ORDERS
10. SAME AS #9, DIFF. ANGLE.
11. MEMBERS OF 1st PLATOON WAIT TO MOVE OUT BEHIND M-113 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER, (APC).
12. SP/4 JOE O'DONNELL, (PECKVILLE, PA.), SQUAD LEADER, 1st PLATOON, SEARCHES ENEMY TUNNEL

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ROLL TWO

1. SLATE

2. SSG JAMES McCASH (SWEET WATER, TENN.), PLATOON LEADER, 1st PLATOON, WAITS FOR ORDERS TO MOVE FORWARD.

3. MEMBERS OF 1st PLATOON MOVE TOWARDS SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION.

4. MEMBERS OF 1st PLATOON MOVE FORWARD WITH TANK TOWARDS SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION.

5. TANK SEARCHING OUT ENEMY POSITIONS BY "RECONNAISSANCE BY FIRE".

6-12 MEMBERS OF 1st PLATOON ENGAGE THE ENEMY IN A FIRE FIGHT, BEHIND THE PROTECTION OF HEDGE ROWS.

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MASTER CAPTION (SAME AS ROLL ONE)

ROLL THREE

1. SLATE

2. M-113 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER MOVES THROUGH HEDGE ROW TOWARDS SUSPECTED  
ENEMY POSITION

3. SAME AS ABOVE, DIFF. ANGLE.

4. " " " " "

5. " " " " "

6. " " " " "

7-8. MEMBERS OF 1st PLATOON ENGAGED IN FIREFIGHT W THE ENEMY.

9-12 NO EXPOSURE.