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ROLL ONE

MASTER CAPTION

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1. Slate
2. CPT John Smith (Dallas, Tex) "C" Company Commander, explains their mission with the help of a map, to his 2nd Platoon Leader, 1LT Paul Pokahanis (NY, NY).
3. Members of "C" Company sweep an area by foot, moving behind their M-113 Armored Personnel Carriers (APC) for added protection from enemy fire.
4. Same as #3 but from a different angle.
5. Sp/4 Joseph L. Franco (Dry Gulch, Tex) medic, bandages a wounded arm of an M-60 Machine Gunner, PFC Donald G. Green (Albany, NY) who received the wound from Viet Cong small arms fire.
- 6-7. Same as #5 but from a different angle.
8. Members of the Company burn a Viet Cong grass hut which they found on the sweep.
9. Sp/4 Charles W. Hallman (Wash, D.C.) Grenadier, takes advantage of a break in the sweep to enjoy a C-ration dinner.
10. In the prone position, members of the Company return fire after running into a Viet Cong held position.
11. Same as #10 but from a different angle.
12. No Good.

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ROLL TWO

MASTER CAPTION (Same as roll one)

1. Slate
2. Using a quarter pound charge of TNT, PFC James E. Evans (Asbury Park, NJ) demolitions expert, prepares to destroy a Chinese-made anti-tank mine found by the Company as they were sweeping through their designated area.
3. Same as #2 but from a different angle.
4. Using an M-60 Machine gun, PFC Tony R. Anthony (Seattle, Wash) fires a burst of rounds into a Viet Cong held tree line.
5. Members of the Company sweep through a wooded area in search of the Viet Cong.
- 6-7. Same as #5 but from a different angle.
8. Members of the Company prepare their sleeping positions for the night.

MASTER CAPTION (For remainder of the roll)

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9. MG Hoedown arrives at the Company's location by UH1D Helicopter.
10. MG Hoedown discusses the Company's movements and position with the Company Commander, CPT John Smith (Dallas, Tex).
11. Same as #10 but from a different angle.
12. MG Hoedown walks through the Company's position stopping occasionally to converse with the troops.

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Roll 1

- IS of troops walking through the brush.
- MS of troops walking past grave stones.
- MS of soldier walking between two large bomb craters.
- OU of soldier walking through thick underbrush.
- IS of a house that was used to cover the entrance to a tunnel.

Roll 2

- MS of PFC Mark J. Gold guarding entrance to the tunnel.
- MS of SGT Andrew E. Kallunk, looking into a hole covered with tin roofing material.

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Roll 2 con't

A booby trapped grenade had been placed under the tin.
CU of SGT Kallunki as he is looking into the tunnel and talking to the tunnel runner.
MS of SGT Kallunki searching the area for booby traps.
CU of Bamboo hand grenade found by SGT Kallunki near the tunnel entrance.

Roll 3

MS as SP4 John D. Jackson walks up to look at the tunnel. Pan to CU of the tunnel entrance.
LS of troops walking down Jungle trail.
CU of men going up embankment to reach tunnel entrance.
MS of SGT David Solanski going down embankment.
LS of troops walking down Jungle trail.

Roll 4

MS of soldiers walking out of jungle to open area where Armored Personnel Carriers (APC) M-113 are located.
MS of troops walking over to the APCs.
MS of SGT William L. Tate opening a case of "C" rations and passing them out to members of his squad.
CU of the men taking thier "C" rations
LS of men walking away.

Roll 5

CU of a booby trapped 155mm Howitzer round which was found by the men.
CU of SP4 William C. Frank placing trimed fuse into blasting cap and crimping it with his teeth--Pan to SP4 Randy R. Farmer who placed the cap into a block of C-3 explosive
MS of SP4 Farmer preparing to light the fuse.
CU as SP4 Farmer light the fuse
LS of the 155mm Howitzer round exploding.

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Roll 6

LS of troops leaving the APCs to recon area after receiving sniper fire.
MS of troops walking through Jungle.
MS same
MS of soldier firing at suspected enemy position.
CU same

Roll 7

MS of troops firing at suspected enemy position.
CU same
MS of soldier firing M-79 grenade launcher.
CU same
MS of M-60 machine gunner firing
CU same

Roll 8

IS of Medic SP4 Ronald P. Jenkins as he is bandaging up three men that were wounded by a booby trap.
MS same
CU as SP4 Jenkins places a dressing on leg of one of the wounded.
CU of PFC David C. Jackson one of the wounded
CU of SP4 Jenkins.
MS as SP4 Jenkins is caring for the wounded.

Roll 9

CU as SP4 Jenkins is bandaging one of the wounded.
MS of wounded being carried away to an area where they can be med-evacuated.
LS of Major General (MG) Jack H. Hoedown Commanding General of the 25th Inf. Div. arrives by UH-1D helicopter to visit the troops of "C" Company
LS as MG Hoedown discusses troop movements and positions with Opt. John Smith Company Commander (CO) of "C" Company.
CU of MG Hoedown
CU of Opt Smith
MS of both

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