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(1st Recon Sqd.
"EYES AND EARS DIV." of 9th Cav)

BIEN DINH, PROVINCE RVN.

PFC. CHARLES W. ABBOTT

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21/22 JUL 67

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AIR FRIEND

23 JUL 67

NOTE: DUE TO A BROKEN CAMERA, MOTOR SPINDLE, ON THE LAST PART OF ROLL # 2,
I WAS ONLY ABLE TO FILM 200 ft. OF THIS SUBJECT, AT THIS TIME:

SERIAL:

ON 21/22 JUL 67-- 1st. Sqd., 9th Cav., in support of Operation Pershing,
conducted ~~air~~ and ground assaults against the enemy, 50 km Northeast
of An Khe in the Binh Dinh Province.

The 1st Sqd, 9th Cav, of 1st Air Cav, are known by the nickname,
"Eyes and Ears Div." They consist of three teams: White, Red, and
Blue."

First, the Whites: Known as the Scouts, equipped with one H-13
Helicopter, a pilot, an observer, scout a given area where it is
believed that Viet-Cong are occupying. The Scouts obtain their
information from Military Intelligence Channels.

If any movement is spotted, the Whites report; what it looks like,
what it is doing, where is it, etc; to the Red team, flying above them
as their guards.

In some cases a OH-17 Helicopter (Ginook) is called upon to drop
55 gal. barrels of crystals. These barrels, prior to hitting the
ground, explode by a timing device and turning the crystals into a gas
like mist. This gas mist is somewhat like tear gas (CS gas).

The Whites drop back into the area, wearing the H-17 protective
mask, to see if the Viet-Cong have been driven out of hiding.

If so, and the Viet-Cong are spotted or if the White are fired
upon, the Reds are immediately called into the given area, as the Whites
pull up out of firing range.

The Red team, a weapons platoon, flying in pairs, equipped with two
UH-1 (B) Helicopters (Gun Rigs) each having a crew of a pilot, air-
craft commander, and a machine gunner. Their job is to place Rocket
and machine gun fire into the given area. The Rocket and machine gun
fire is repeated as needed.

Once the Reds accomplish their mission, the Whites drop back into
the same area, to scout for further sign of movement. If the Whites
believe a through search of the area is needed, the Blues are called
in.

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SUMMARY..(cont*)

The Blues, an infantry platoon, equipped with four to five UH-1(D) Helicopters, carrying six to eight men, are ~~are~~ lifted into the area. They sweep the area on foot, looking for any signs of the Viet-Cong. If the Blues run into Viet-Cong, they engage them with rifle, machine gun, and other types of fire, with the help of ~~and~~ support, from the Reds.

Once their mission is completed, they are lifted from the area and the three teams return to the forward camp and report their findings and the operations that took place.

Delta Team, a motorized (vehicle) version of the Blue Team, "Eyes and Ears Div" provide security on Highway # 1 for the 35th Engineers Bn.

ROLL # 1 - AERIAL

- 1 H-13 Helicopter making a scout check in ~~area~~ ^{THE} area at a low level.
- 2 ~~AERIAL~~ view of the mountain terrain where the H-13 Helicopter is making a scout check.
- 3 The UH-1H Helicopter (Gimcock) approaching the ~~area~~ to drop 55 gal. barrels of crystals.
- 4 The UH-1H Helicopter dropping 55 gal. barrels of crystals - ~~fall~~ as barrels fall toward the area.
- 5 The 55 gal barrels of crystals exploding in air prior to hitting the ground.
- 6 The gas mist forming as the barrels explode.
- 7 The UH-1 (B) Helicopters putting machine gun fire into ~~area~~ ^{THE} area.

ROLL # 2

- 13- HEAD-ON- MEN of the Blue team walking to the UH-1 (D) Helicopter
- 14- TAIL-WAY- Same as above
- 15 Men getting into chopper (UH-1 (D) Helicopter)
- 16 Blade of Helicopter starting to turn
- 17 Air to ground as Helicopter ~~flies~~ ^{THE} flies to ~~area~~ area
- 18 A UH-1 (D) Helicopter setting down to unload men
- 19 Men jumping from Helicopter as it sets down
- 20 Men holding down behind a rice paddy, dike, as house burns in the background.

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DATE SHOT: 21/22 JUL 67

LOCATION: VIET-NAM

DATE SCREENED: 27 JULY 1967

PHOTOGRAPHER: ABBOTT

REMARKS:

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Date Shot 21, 22 Jul 67

Location Vietnam

Date Screened 9 August 1967

Photographer ATBOTT

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