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W/A D05 200-960/67VN

(1st Recon Sqd.  
"WHITE AND BLACK DIV." of 9th CAV)

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BINH DINH, PROVINCE RVN.

PILO. CHARLES W. ABBOTT

NAME 21/22 JUL 67

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HOME DAY/NIGHT 25

TIME (2) AIR FRIENDLY 23 JUL 67

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

SUMMARY:

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

The 1st Sqd., 9th Cav., of 1st Air Cav, are known by the nickname,  
"Ryes and Rays 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 guard.

In some cases a CH-47 Helicopter (Chinook) is called upon to drop  
55 gal. barrels of crystals. These barrels, prior to hitting the  
ground, explode by a timing device and turn 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 M-17 protective  
mask, to see if the Viet-Cong have been drawn out of hiding.

If so, and the Viet-Cong are spotted or if the Whites 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 temporary platoon, flying in pairs, equipped with two  
UH-1 (H) Helicopters (Gun Ships) 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 thorough search of the area is needed, the Blues are called  
in.

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"KIDS AND BABY" DIV. (1st Recon Sqd.  
of 9th Cav)

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SUMMARY..(cont<sup>1</sup>)

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

Once their mission is completed, they are Hel. 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, "KIDS and BABY" provide security on Highway # 1 for the 35th Engineers Bn.

*AERIAL*  
ROLL # 1 - THE NOTES -

- 1 U-13 Helicopter making a Scout check in ~~an~~ area at a low level.
- 2 *AERIAL* view of the mountain terrain where the U-13 Helicopter is making a Scout check.
- 3 The CH-47 Helicopter (Chinook) approaching the ~~an~~ area to drop 55 gal. barrels of crystals.
- 4 The CH-47 Helicopter dropping 55 gal. barrels of crystals - ~~all~~ 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 flowing as the barrels explode.
- 7 The UH-1 (D) Helicopters putting machine gun fire into ~~an~~ area. *THE*

ROLL # 2

- 1S- HEAD-ON men of the Blue team walking to the UH-1 (D) Helicopter
- 2- TAIL-ON- Same as above
- 3S- Men getting into chopper (UH-1 (D) Helicopter)
- 4S- Blade of Helicopter starting to turn
- 5S- Air to ground as Helicopter ~~is~~ flies to ~~an~~ area *THE*
- 6S- A UH-1 (D) Helicopter settling down to unload men
- 7S- Men jumping from Helicopter as it sets down
- 8S- 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:

The footage was just getting interesting when it quit! Not enough to critique.

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DCS 200-96C-67

Date Shot 21, 22 Jul 67

Location Vietnam

Date Screened 9 August 1967

Photographer ABBOU

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who shot this and what  
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