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DGS 200-960/WH

N/A

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

SP/4 CHARLES W. ABBOTT

BINH DINH PROVINCE, RVN.

NONE

26/29 JUL 67

EXHD / B 16110 9251 800 ft.

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NONE

DAY/NIT

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EIGHT (8)

AIR FREIGHT

JUL 67

NOTE: ADDITIONAL FOOTAGE SHOT WITH DGS 200-960/67WH:

SUMMARY

26/29 JUL 67 - The 1st Sqd., 9th Cav., of 1st Air Cav, are known by the nicknames, "EYES and EARS DIV." They consist of three teams: White, Red, and Blue.

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's it doing, where is it, etc; to the Red team, flying above them as their guards.

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 is known as CS Gas.

The Whites drop back into the area, wearing the H-17 protective mask, to see if the enemy has been driven out of hiding. If so, and they 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 Reds: a weapons platoon, flying in pairs, equipped with two OH-1 (B) Helicopters (Gun Ships) each having a crew of a pilot, aircraft commander, and a machine gunner. Their job is to place Rocket and Machine gun fire into the area. It is repeated as needed.

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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.

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

At this time, the Blues moved over mountain terrain, searching for the enemy. After more than ten hours of searching they found nothing but grass huts and caves that showed recent signs of the enemy. After burning the huts and the enemies supply cache, the men continued their search.

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

The Blue Team of "D" Troop, a motorized (vehicle) version of the Blue Team, mentioned above, were called out to secure an area 50km Northeast of An Hue, on Highway # 1, while "B" Company, 19th Engineers Group, made repairs on the highway and rebuilt bridges, that have been ruined by the Viet-Cong. "D" Troop, equipped with M-60 Machine Guns mounted on Scout Jeeps, 100mm Recoilless Rifles-Jeep Mounted, and 3/4 ton trucks carrying Civil Motors and Crew.

ROLL # 1 - AERIALS

- 1 - UH-1 Helicopters scouting mountain and rice field terrain.
- 2 - same as above
- 3 - same as above
- 4 - Aerial view of terrain

ROLL # 2 - AERIALS

- 1 - UH-1 (D) Helicopters dropping into landing zone as men hang along side ready to jump from Helicopters
- 2 - same as above
- 3 - Men jumping from Helicopters as they set down on landing zone
- 4 - same as above
- 5 - LS - Men on ground, advancing forward.

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ROLL # 3

- LS - Men moving up mountain terrain
- MS - same as above
- MS - same as above
- CU - PFC CARL D. DEMARLO (Northern, N.Y.) Inf. Soldier, taking a break along mountain trail
- CS - SP/4 KENNETH W. FARRELL (Rosemead, Calif.) Medic, drinks water from canteen, while on break
- CU - 1st. Lt. KELLY R. JOHNSON (West Columbia, Texas) Plt. Leader, taking a break along mountain trail

ROLL # 4

- MS - Grass bedding burning in case
- LS - same as above
- LS - Unidentified soldier, heat stroke
- MS - same as above
- LS - Men moving down and across mountain stream
- CU - Heat stroke victim

ROLL # 5

- LS - Soldier fires into hut
- LS - same as above
- LS - Men checking out hut
- MS - PFC ROBERT G. SALINAS (San Antonio, Texas) Rifleman, checks hut for signs of booby traps
- CU - Hand, lighting hut on fire
- MS - Unidentified soldier walking away as hut goes up in flame
- LS - Men moving toward Helicopters as they land in pick-up zone
- LS - Helicopters lifting off
- LS - Terrain as Helicopters lift off

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"HESS and RARE DIV" (1st Recon Sqd.
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ROLL # 6

- LS - Men sweeping road for mines
- CU - movement of mine sweeper, PD-150, Pollen Model
- CU - SP/4 HARRY S. FISSE (Hammond, Indiana) Mine Sweeper, listening for metal objects through ear phones
- LS - Men sweeping road for mines
- LS - Convoy holding up and keeping watch on the sides of the road, while men sweep the road for mines.
- LS - Men patrolling along roadway, between workites
- MS - 1st Lt. James R. Howe (San Jose, Calif.) PLT. Leader of "D" Troop, checks map
- CU - Map
- LS - 1st LT, Howe (seated in jeep) discusses area on map with his PLT Sgt., SSG/David Gonzales (San Antonio, Texas)

ROLL # 7

- LS - Men setting up to fire 106mm Recoilless Rifle
- MS - Men loading rifle
- MS - same as above
- CU - PFC Robert Silvestri (Cookville, Tenn) Gunner, zeroing in on target
- LS - Rifle firing
- LS - Mountain range where target was
- CU - SSG/Gonzales, gives fire command
- MS - Rifle in position to fire
- MS - Men going into position to fire rifle

ROLL # 8

- LS - Men along perimeter, keeping watch from any sniper fire
- CU - SP/4 Ralph J. Ward (Haverstock, Conn) scout gunner, keeps a look out
- CU - SP/4 Ronald E. Thomas (Gary, Indiana) Desolition Specialist, keeps a look out through binoculars.
- CU - PAN - SP/4 Thomas from Reverse Angle to
- CU - SP/4 Ward
- LS - Men above
- LS - Men guarding along perimeter
- LS - same as above

FILM CRITIQUE

TO: SP 4 ABBOTT	FROM: LT GRIFFITH THRU: CO <i>Ch</i>
PROJECT: DCS - 200-98C-67 VN	SUBJECT: EYES AND EARS (1ST RECON SQUAD)
TOTAL FOOTAGE: 800 FT	CAMERAMAN: SP 4 ABBOTT

CRITIQUE

SEVERAL SCENES TOO SHORT TO BE EFFECTIVE... FIRING OF M-79 SEQUENCE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MS TO CU OF ACTION. PREPARING TO BOARD CHOPPER SEQUENCE MUCH TOO SHORT, NEVER SAW MEN GET INTO THEM, LOW LIGHT LEVEL CAUSED FILM AT END OF ROLE TO BE WAY UNDER EXPOSED. BASIC STORY ON THESE ROLLS JUST BARELY THERE. TRY TO FLESH OUT FOOTAGE ON OPERATIONS LIKE THIS.

OVERALL RATING:

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DCS 200-98C-67

Date Shot 26-29 Jul 67

Location Vietnam

Date Screened 14 Sept 67

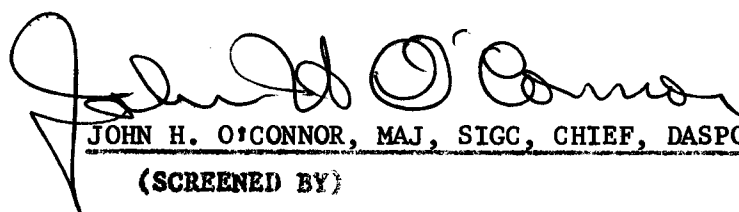
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REMARKS:

Real fine coverage. This will cut well. Exposures occasionally off.

Captions good. Will be sent to DOD for possible release.


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