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DOS 200-900/VI

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

SP/4 CHARLES W. AMBOTT

BINH DINH PROVINCE, RVN.

TIME # 3 16110 5251 800 ft.
 NMH DAY/NIGHT 25

HOME

26/29 JUL 67

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JUL 67

NOTE: ADDITIONAL FOOTAGE SHOT WITH DOS 200-900/67VH.

SUMMARY

26/29 JUL 67 - 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.

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 drawn 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 (3) 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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"KIDS and BARS KIV" (1st Recon Sqd.
of 9th Cav)

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SP/4 CHARLES W. ARNOTT

24/29 JUL 67

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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 held 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 held lifted from the area and the three teams return to the forward dep and report their findings and the operations that to place.

The Blue Team of "D" Troop, a motorized (vehicle) version of the Blue Team, mentioned above, were called out to secure an area 5km Northeast of An Lac, on Highway # 1, while "D" 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, 106mm Recoilless Rifles-Jeep Mounted, and 3/4 ton trucks carrying Gun Motors and Crew.

ROLL # 1 - AERIALS

- 1 - U-13 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
GU - PFC CARL D. SABANAS (Northport, N.Y.) Inf. Soldier, taking a break along mountain trail
GU - SP/4 ERNEST W. FARRELL (Rosenman, Calif.) Medic, drinks water from canteen, while on break
GU - 1st Lt. BILLY R. JOHNSON (West Columbia, Texas) Plt. Leader, taking a break along mountain trail

ROLL # 4

MS - Crew 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
GU - 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) Medic, checks hut for signs of booby traps
GU - Hand, lighting hut on fire
MS - Unidentified soldier walking away as hut goes up in flames
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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DGS 200-900/67 VII

"KIDS and KAREN DAY" (1st Recon Sqd.
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HIGH MOUNTAIN PROVINCE, NVN

KIDS #3 16110 5251 500 ft.

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ROLL # 6

LG - Men sweeping road for mines
 CU - movement of mine sweeper, PD-150, Pollen Model
 CU - SP/4, RALPH S. RUSSE (Hammond, Indiana) Mine Sweeper, listening for metal
 objects through ear phones
 LG - Men sweeping road for mines
 LG - Convoy holding up and keeping watch on the sides of the road, while men
 sweep the road for mines.
 LG - Men patrolling along roadway, between worksites
 MS - 1st Lt. JAMES R. HOWE (San Jose, Calif.) PLT. Leader of "D" Troop, checks
 map
 CU - Map
 LG - 1st LT, Howe (seated in jeep) discusses area on map with his PLT Sgt.,
 SP4 David Gonzales (San Antonio, Texas)

ROLL # 7

LG - Men setting up to fire 106mm Recoilless Rifle
 MS - Men loading rifle
 MS - same as above
 CU - PFC Robert Gilbreath (Cookville, Tenn) Gunner, aiming in on target
 LG - Rifle firing
 LG - Mountain range where target was
 CU - SGT/Commander, given fire command
 MS - Rifle in position to fire
 MS - Men going into position to fire rifle

ROLL # 8

LG - Men along perimeter, keeping watch from any sniper fire
 CU - SP/4 Ralph J. Ward (Bermudack, Conn) Scout gunner, keeps a look out
 CU - SP/4 Ronald E. Thomas (Gary, Indiana) Demolition Specialist, keeps a
 look out through binoculars.
 CU - PAF - SP/4 Thomas from reverse angle to
 CU - SP/4 Ward
 LG - Men above
 LG - Men guarding along perimeter
 LG - KIDS #3 16110

FILM CRITIQUE

TO: SP 4 ABBOTT	FROM: LT GRIFFITH THRU: CO <i>Ca</i>
PROJECT: DCS - 200-980-67 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:

DATE: 11 Sept-67

SIGNATURE: *Rmb*

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DCS 200-98C-67

Date Shot 26-29 Jul 67

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Location Vietnam

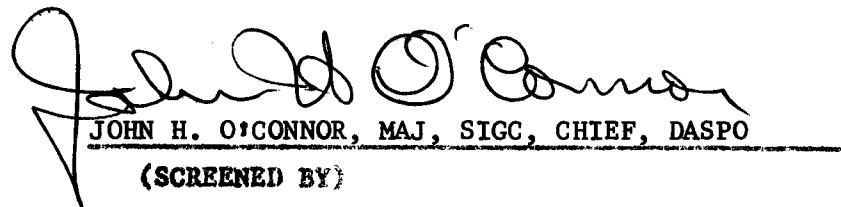
Date Screened 14 Sept 67

Photographer Abbott

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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