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**ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APC's)**

BINH TONG PROVINCE, RVN.

SP/4: CHARLES W. ABBOTT			NONE		3 AUG 67
EXMID #216110	5251	500 ft.	NONE	X	X
DRIVE	DAY/EXT	25	FIVE (5)	AIR FRICTION	5 AUG 67

**SUMMARY**

On 3 AUG 67, elements of the Bn. Co., 5th Bn, 60th Inf, (Mech), 9th Inf. Div., participating in Operation Coronado II, moved through flooded rice fields. They solved the problem of crossing rice paddy canals and trenches in a variety of ways. At approx. 35 miles southeast of Saigon in the Binh Tung Province.

Using what is known as bridge sections of approx 12 ft. in length, approx 1 ft wide and approx 1 ft thick. They are tied to the sides of the APC's and handled with ease, since they are made of Aluminum.

Depending on the canal or trench they must cross, the bridge sections or one if desired, is used as a ram, for pushing, or they can be laid in pairs, parallel with the APC tracks. Laying in pairs they act as a bridge and support the APC's as they cross the canals or trenches.

If the canal or trench is to wide to bridge, they drive one of the APC's across, since they are amphibious. When an APC is pushed across a canal or trench, by another, using a bridge section as a ram, cables (wire rope) are attached to pull the second APC across. The second pulls the third, so-forth. When a canal or trench has a heavy layer of mud, these cables are put in use.

The cables, (wire rope) range from 4 ft to 100 ft, and are approx 5/8 of an inch, thick.

The APC elements at this time, moved into a designated area, and "Recon by Fire". Recon by Fire is, firing into an area, and if they receive return fire, by the enemy, they pull back as Artillery is called in on the enemy positions, and they continue on to another area.

ROLL # 1

LS - Bridge section, being used as a ram.

RS - APC pushing another, with ram.

RS - Ram putting bridge section in place.

CR - APC pushing against bridge section.

LS - APC moving across canal.

LS - Same as above.

LS - HEAD-IN - APC moving into place, to cross canal.

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ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER'S (APC'S)

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SP4 CHARLES W. ABBOTT

3 AUG 67

EXENO #2106110 5251 500 ft

ROLL

X X

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ROLL # 2

LG - APC coming across canal.  
MG - Hooking on cables.  
LG - APC being pulled out of canal.  
MG - Men putting bridge section in place.  
MG - Connecting bridge section to APC.  
CU - SP4 David Burroughs (Brooklyn, N.Y.) M-60 Machine gunner, giving signal.  
CU - PFC Jerry W. Gilliam (Kingport, Tenn.) APC driver.  
CU - Water being pumped from APC bilge.  
LG - Men moving bridging.

ROLL # 3

LG - Men working to remove APC from canal.  
MG - Men on APC, looking and waiting their turn, to cross canal.  
LG - Men carry bridge section into canal.  
LG - APC moving up to cross canal.  
MG - Hands hooking cable to APC.  
CU - Soldier in canal, feeling underwater, to hook cable to APC.  
MG - APC being pulled out of canal.

ROLL # 4

MG - Tracks left in rice field as APC's advance.  
MG - PFC John W. Miller (Carnegie, Okla.) M-60 machine gunner, carrying bridge section across #4 trench.  
CU - Pick, digging hole, to set bridge section.  
MG - Men setting bridge section in place.  
CU - APC starting across bridge.  
MG - APC coming across bridge and pushing tree down.  
MG - Same as above.  
MG - APC aligns off bridge as it comes across trench.  
MG - APC being pulled out of trench.

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ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APC's)

KHAN TOUNG PROVINCE, RVN.

SP/4 CHARLES W. ANDOTT

3 AUG 67

EXPOSURE #B16110	5251	500 ft	10000	EX	X	X
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ROLL # 5

CU - Soldier firing M-50 Cal. Machine gun.  
CU - Hands on trigger of M-50 Cal. Machine gun.  
LG - Firing into wooded area.  
CU - Rounds being fired.  
MG - Soldier firing M-60 Machine gun.  
CU - Soldier loading M-60 Machine gun and firing.  
RI - APC driver, loading magazines.  
CU - Hands loading magazines.  
LG - Aerial view of terrain, APC's are approaching in.  
LG - Same as above.

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DATE SHOT: 3 AUG 67

LOCATION: VIET-NAM

DATE SCREENED: 17 AUG 67

PHOTOGRAPHER: ABBOTT

REMARKS:

Great improvement since last footage seen, nice cuts, steady camera. Will cut into nice compact story, being sent to\*DOD.\*

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Date Shot 3 Aug 67

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Location Vietnam

Date Screened 18 August 1967

Photographer Abbott

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