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DCS 200-1120/67VN

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OPERATION SHINING

(approx) 24 km WEST OF SAIGON, RVN.

SP/4 CHARLES W. ABBOTT

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21 AUG 67

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AUG 67

### SUMMARY

On 19 Aug 67, approx 24 km West of Saigon, where the Kinh Kang and Kinh Ngang canals intersect, elements of 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, 199th LT Inf Bde, combined with the 33rd Vietnamese Rangers, ARVN, began construction on a forward base camp.

It was known that the 6th Viet-Cong Bn, has been operating in this region. The VC's, has been operating and using these canals, to bring in men and supplies, from the Cambodia border. The primary purpose of the construction of this camp was to shut-off supplies to the enemy, to prevent the use of this area, not only as a base camp for the enemy, but to break up an infiltration route, into Saigon.

Working in a combined force such as the 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, 199th LT Inf Bde, and the 33rd Vietnamese Rangers, ARVN. The ARVN Rangers and U.S. Soldiers, are broken down to Sqd level, man per man. The ARVN Rangers benefit by the technical skills of the U.S. Soldier and the U.S. Soldier gains the Rangers knowledge of the Terrain and Viet-Cong tactics.

To complete construction in approx five days, three-CH-47, Chinooks, and five-UH1D Helicopters are being used to supply daily, construction material, food and water.

Approx 30 wooden bunkers, prefabricated by the 87th Engineer Co, in Long Binh, were Heli-lifted in, by CH-47's for perimeter defense. The 87th Engineer Co, is also helping in the construction of the camp. Approx 85,000 sand bags are to be Heli-lifted in, and are to be used around the bunkers in case of a motor attack.

Foot bridges were built of wood planks, laid over 55 gal barrels, then linked together, not only to make use of crossing the canals, but to stop any Sumpans moving through the canals.

During the first few days of construction, the 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, 199th LT Inf Bde, the 33rd Vietnamese Rangers, and the 87th Engineer Co, were assisted in security by the 4th Bn, 9th Inf, 25th Inf Div.

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## ROLL # 1

- CU - Bazole shooting flame from portable flame thrower
- MS - Spray of high pressure fuel oil, ignited to burn elephant grass to make way for a heli-port
- MS - SSG Island B. BROWN, (Freeport, Texas), chemical HHO, using flame thrower
- LS - Same as above
- IS - Spraying into flames
- CU - Hand pulling fuel trigger
- CU - Hand pulling striker trigger
- LS - Burned out area
- IS - Pontoon foot bridge
- MS - Pontoon support for bridge
- MS - Same as above

## ROLL # 2

- IS - CH-47 Chinook, dropping a sling full of sand bags
- MS - PFC Bryson R. BALLARD, (Elko, Nevada) HHO, talking to Chinook pilot
- CU - Same as above
- MS - SGT Eddie L. MAXWELL, (Westminster, Calif) Helicopter coordinator, signals Chinook as it comes in to drop sand bags
- CU - Same as above
- IS - Men empty sling loaded with sand bags
- CU - Hands grabbing sand bags
- LS - Men folding and carrying away sling

## ROLL # 3

Arrival of camp

Last shot on the roll was a LS-of a CH-47 lifting an empty sling

## ROLL # 4

- IS - Men preparing barrel bridge
- MS - Men putting barrel under wooden platform
- MS - Same as above
- MS - Same as above
- CU - Wire cable being hooked to wooden platform
- CU - SP/5 Ken Baumgartner, (Los Angeles, Calif) Combat Construction Specialist, attaching wire cable
- IS - Men setting bridge platforms in place

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ROLL # 5

IS - Men pile sand bags

MS - Men picking up sand bags and placing them around bunker

CU - Stick pounding sand bag

CU - SSG Robert B. Mc CAULEY, (Fayetteville, N.C.), Team leader, pounding sand bags

IS - Men stacking sand bags around bunker

MS

IS - Men building bridge across trench (foot bridge)

CU - Hammering nail

ROLL # 6

CU - SP/4 Natale GENATIERPO, (Brooklyn, N.Y.) Senior wireman, building foot bridge

IS - SP/4 GENATIERPO, checks the railings on the foot bridge

MS - PFC Richard L. PICCOLO, (Long Island, N.Y.) combat construction specialist, running rope for railing on barrel foot bridge

CU - SP/5 Glen L. BORTNER, (Reno, Nev.) construction surveyor, feeding rope to PFC PICCOLO

CU - Rope going through eyalit

MS - PFC PICCOLO, pulling rope

IS - Same as above

IS - PAN - Men in area and tents made of poncho's

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CRITIQUE

ROLL ONE COULD HAVE USED MORE FOOTAGE ON FLAME THROWER, THE FIRE ETC. OVERALL CHOPPER SEQUENCE AND AERIALS WERE VERY GOOD, EXPOSURE UNDER IN SOME SHOTS HOWEVER. EFFECTIVE USE OF CLOSE-UPS. I NOTED IN YOUR SUMMARY THAT ARVN RANGERS WERE HELPING WITH THE BUILDING OF THE BASE CAMP SHOT. SO WHY NO SHOT OF THESE COMBINED ACTIVITIES, OF THE "RANGERS BENEFITING FROM THE TECHNICAL SKILLS OF OUR ARMY TROOPS"?? COULDN'T YOU FIND THEM? IF NOT, WHY MENTIONS IT AND BUILD UP GREAT EXPECTATIONS?

OVERALL RATING:

11 Sept 67

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