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OPERATION SHALINE

(approx) 24 km WEST OF SAIGON, RVN.

SP/4 CHARLES W. ABBOTT

NONE

25/26 AUG 67

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28 AUG 67

SUMMARY

On 25/26 Aug 67, approx 24 km West of Saigon, where the Kinh Kang and Kinh Ngang Canals intersect, elements of "E" Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, 199th IE Inf Bde, combined with the 33rd Vietnamese Rangers (ARVN), began patrol sweeps of the area.

Within approx a 5 mile radius from the point, where the canals intersect, lies a vast Pineapple Plantation. Through Military Intelligence Reports, it was known that the 6th Viet-Cong Bn, had been operating in this area. It was also known, that the enemy had been picking the Pineapples, shipping them by sampans, through the Canals, into Saigon. The Pineapples then sold in the markets, to gain money, for supplies. Their supplies also came through the canals, from the Cambodia Border.

The primary purpose of the construction of this forward base camp (not yet named), is 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 "E" Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, 199th IE Inf Bde, and the 33rd Vietnamese Rangers (ARVN), has proven ~~to be~~ very useful. The ARVN Rangers and U.S. Soldiers are broken down to Sqd level, man for 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.

Foot bridges were constructed of wood platforms, laid over 55 gal drums (empty), then linked together with steel cable, and clamped to steel stakes on each bank of the canals. The foot bridges not only make crossing the canals easier, but stop any sampans moving through the canals.

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ROLL # 1

IS - Sqd leaders being briefed  
IS - 1st Lt Charles M. WHITE (Selden, N.Y.) 2nd Plt Leader of "E" Co, briefing men  
CU - PFC Clyde D. SYKES (Riford, N.C.) Sqd Leader, listening to Lt White  
CU - Map of area to be patrolled  
CU - PFC Sidney G. HOWARD (Walden, Ark.) Point Man, listening to Lt White  
IS - Men dispersing after briefing

ROLL # 2

IS - Lt White briefing ARVN Rangers, Plt Leaders  
CU - Lt White talking  
CU - THAI (Vietnamese for 2nd Lt) NAME (name of Thai) listening to Lt White  
CU - THAI (same as above) NAME (name of Thai) listening to Lt White  
IS - Men in briefing  
IS - Men dispersing after briefing

ROLL # 3

IS - Men moving across jungle terrain  
IS - Men moving into Pineapple field  
IS - Same as above  
IS - Same as above  
IS - Scout man, checking bunker  
IS - Same as above

ROLL # 4

IS - SSG Samuel H. WARNER (Hollywood, Calif) Sqd leader of the 49th Scout Dog Plt, TDY to "E" Co, 3rd of the 7th, checking bunker  
IS - SSG WARNER, holding up a pair of Viet-Cong PJ's and a pair of American jungle boots, found in the enemies bunker.  
IS - Lt WHITE, looking over clothing  
IS - Clothing found and thrown into trench  
CU - SSG WARNER talking to Lt White  
IS - Lt White talking to SSG WARNER  
IS - Lt White and SSG WARNER continue their sweep

ROLL # 5

IS - GI on Motor crew, performing Preventative Maintenance  
IS - Same as above  
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ROLL # 5 .....continued....

CU - Here on 51 m Motor, being snubbed

CU - PFC William H. BLACKMAN (Seal Beach, Calif) Gunner, snubbing here

NS - SSG Horace E. WEND (Indianapolis, Ind) Plt SGT, Stacking 51 m Motor Rounds

CU - Hands taking 51m Motor Rounds, from pile

CU - Hands piling Motor Rounds

CU - SSG WEND, stacking motor rounds

ROLL # 6

AIRIALS OF:

Area and perimeter of the camp

The intersection of the Kinh Kong and Kinh Ngang Canals

Pineapple fields

ROLL # 7

IS - Men pounding metal stakes in ground

NS - SP/4 Claude E. KNOX (Walker, La) Medic, pounding stakes

CU - SGT Gerald A. La QUAY (Port Laredo, Calif) Forward Observer, looks on

NS - Men tying poncho to stake

CU - Hands tying string

IS - Men preparing tent with poncho

ROLL # 8

NS - Men tying rope to stake

NS - SGT La QUAY, tying rope to a piece of bamboo being used for a tent peg

IS - Men that driving a bamboo peg into ground

CU - Hands tying head piece on poncho, so rain will not leak inside of poncho tent

IS - As it starts to rain hard, SGT La QUAY puts his air mattress inside the poncho tent and crawls in.

ROLL # 9

IS - Poncho tents next to bunker

NS - PAN - Tent to bunker

IS - Soldier in tent clearing rifle

CU - PFC John W. JOSEPH (Wagon County, Ky) Rifleman, clearing rifle

IS - Soldier reading letter, inside tent

CU - PFC Edward A. SHARP (Buffalo, N.Y.) Rifleman, reading letter from home

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ROLL # 10

- IS - ARVN Rangers and U.S. Soldiers in line for chow
- HS - ARVN Ranger taking paper plate
- CU - Hand taking plate
- CU - Hand taking spoon and knife
- CV - SFC Harold V. MENDON (Rushfield, Neb) Advisor for meal preparing...for the men in the field... takes a headcount of the Rangers and U.S. Soldiers.
- CU - Pad used for, keeping track of the headcount
- IS - A cook fries eggs as a soldier waits for his "sunny side up"

ROLL # 11

- HS - SP/5 Samuel E. MICHM (Troy, Ala) Cook, frying eggs
- HS - SSG Donald E. COOK (Tacoma, Wash) Forward observer, eating breakfast
- IS - Looking West, down the Kinh Keng Canal (toward the Cambodia border)
- IS - PAN - Looking South, down the Kinh Ngong Canal (toward Kinh Cham, where the rear base camp is located) then looking East, down the Kinh Keng Canal (toward Saigon)
- IS - PAN - Looking down the Kinh Keng Canal (East) and then the Barkers and camp site along the canal

ROLL # 12

- IS - Soldier taking time out to clean up, in canal (Kinh Keng)
- HS - Same as above
- CU - PFC Gaylord E. MINE MINE (Webster City, Iowa) Machine gunner, washing in canal
- CU - Hands rinsing in water
- HS - PFC MINE, jumps into water to finish rinsing
- CU - PFC MINE, in water
- IS - Looking East down the canal

ROLL # 13

- IS - Man performing preventative maintenance on 106 Recoil Rifle
  - HS - Same as above
  - CU - Same as above
  - CU - PFC James R. Tulin (Jackson, Tenn) Loader, cleaning Bridge Block on rifle
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- MS - PFC David G. BOLLITO (Springfield, Ill) Gunner, clearing bolt on <sup>ESS</sup> 50 Cal Spotter Machine Gun which is attached to the 106 Recoilless Rifle
- GU - Hands using brush
- GU - PFC BOLLITO, clearing spotter machine gun <sup>ESS</sup>
- LS - Men continue preventative Maintenance on 106 Recoilless Rifle

FILE CRITIQUE

TO:

FROM:

Lt. GRIFFITH

~~THRU: C.O.~~

SP/4 ABBOTT

SUBJECT:

OP. SHELBY

TOTAL FOOTAGE:

520'

CAMERA MAN:

SP/4 ABBOTT

CRITIQUE

- ① Slates and some C.V.'s out of focus. Exposure generally good - camera some what shaky.  
Not much of a story on this one.

OVERALL RATING:

Coverage adequate

25 Sept-67

SIGNATURE:

Richard M. Griffith  
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