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OPERATION HUSKATIE

NORTHWEST SECTION OF QUANG NGAI PROVINCE

SP/L CHARLES W. ABBOTT

NONE

19-23 JAN 69

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TIME DAY/DAT 16 SIX (6) NONE AIR FREIGHT JAN 68 IX IX

SUMMARY

On 19-21 JAN 1968, elements of the Americal Division's "A" Co, 1st Bn, 52nd Inf, "Ready Rifles" 198th Inf Bn, 87th Cavalry Detachment, and the 23rd Engineer Co took part in "Operation Huskatie", a Search and Destroy Mission.

"Operation Huskatie", named for the Americal Division Commander H.B. S.W. KESTER's home county in Iowa, involves elements in the Binh Son and Ban Dinh Districts in Northern Quang Ngai Province, (approx 15 miles south of CHU LAI, CHU LAI, is the location of Americal Division Headquarters.) After an hour-long battle, in the hilly terrain, the village of Ban Dinh was taken and it was found to be a Viet Cong stronghold. "A" Co, 1st Bn, 52nd Inf, "Ready Rifles" of the 198th Inf Bn, secured the village. Villagers found in hiding, were put in a group and detained while elements of the 87th Cavalry Detachment, investigated approx a 1500 meter tunnel complex.

Once the tunnel was checked for any hidden enemy, villagers, or caches of any kind, the 23rd Engineer prepared explosives and destroyed it, to keep the enemy from using it.

On 22-23 JAN 1968, elements of "B" Co, 1st Bn, 14th Inf, of the Americal Division's 3rd Bde, 14th Inf Div, (the 3rd Bde, 14th Inf Div, controls "Operation Huskatie"), left their base camp, "12 Light", (approx 18 miles southwest of Chu Lai, in the Binh Son District, in Northern Quang Ngai Province), on a combat patrol.

Covering approx a two (2) mile area, south of their base camp, "B" Co, reached their destination and set up a "blocking force position" for the 2nd ABVN Div. During the "blocking", "B" Co, patrolled their area and received "sniper" fire, killing one of their men. In the return fire, a number of enemy were killed.

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NORTHERN SECTION OF QUANG NGAI PROVINCE

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19-23 JAN 68

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SIX (6)

AIR FREIGHT

JAN 68

ROLL ONE (1)

- MS - TLF - Men moving along trail, leading into village, to dead Viet Cong laying on trail.
- MS - MEN - Men checking village hut to men moving up a hill in the village.
- MS - SP/4 WILLIAM S. CARLISLE, (Spokane, Wash.), Rifleman, dumping rice onto ground.
- MS - Same as above.
- LS - PAN - Villagers found in hiding, walk to an area designated by one of the soldiers.
- CU - Villagers in area where one of the soldiers, designated.
- LS - Same as above.
- MS - SP/4 Bencie G. BYERLY, (Thomasville, N.C.), Grenadier, checking tunnel complex.
- CU - Entrance to tunnel.
- LS - Men checking villagers for identification.
- MS - Same as above.
- MS - Villagers sitting in area where one of the soldiers designated.
- CU - villagers - Same as above.
- CU - Vietnamese girl with her head in her mother's lap.
- CU - Vietnamese children, sitting with parents.
- CU - Vietnamese boy, sitting with parents.

ROLL TWO (2)

- MS - SP/4 Robert E. DICKER, (Houston, Texas), PFC, checking papers of a village woman.
- CU - SP/4 DICKER's hands, holding papers.
- LS - SP/4 DICKER, checking papers of a village woman.
- MS - Vietnamese woman, sitting in area with other villagers.
- LS - More villagers being brought to area, after they were found in hiding.
- LS - Same as above, as SFC Donald E. TUCKER, (Galveston, TX), Plt Sgt, looks on.
- MS - SP/5 WILLIAM L. BROWN, (Ft. Worth, Texas), Chemical Staff Specialist, protrudes from a tunnel exit, and pulls from his pockets the articles he found while checking the tunnel complex.
- CU - Articles on ground that were found in tunnel complex.
- CU - SP/5 BROWN, talking to SFC MORRILL.
- CU - SFC Donald J. MORRILL, (Pleasant, Mass.), Sr. Chemical Staff Specialist, looking at articles found in tunnel complex.
- LS - Men moving through village.

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NORTHERN SECTION OF QUANG NGAI PROVINCE

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19-23 JAN 68

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ROLL TWO (2)

MS - PAN - SP/5 BROWN, walking towards another tunnel entrance.
MS - SP/5 BROWN, crawling into tunnel.
CU - Same as above.
MS - Same as above.

ROLL THREE (3)

MS - PFC Michael CHWASTA, (Paterson, N.J.), Construction Specialist, opens cratering charge (explosives) box.
CU - PFC CHWASTA's hands, with pliers, cutting bands off of box.
CU - PAN - PFC CHWASTA's hands, with pliers, cutting seal on box and after opening the box, he dumps the cratering charge on the ground.
LS - UH-1B Helicopters firing rockets into an area where Viet Cong were spotted.
LS - Same as above.
LS - Same as above.
LS - Smoke from rockets after hitting their targets.
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LS - UH-1B Helicopters firing rockets into an area where Viet Cong were spotted.
LS - Same as above.
LS - Same as above.
LS - Debris flying into the air from the explosion from the tunnel complex.

ROLL FOUR (4)

LS - As soldiers look on, another section of the tunnel complex, explodes.
LS - Same as above.
MS - Man looking at tunnel entrance and the damage caused by the explosives.
LS - Another section of the tunnel complex, explodes.
LS - Same as above.
LS - UH-1D Helicopter lifts off ground, removing the elements of the 23rd Light Artn. Engineers.

.....THE REST OF THIS ROLL(4) CONTAINS ARRIVALS OF SOME OF THE TERRAIN IN THE NORTHERN SECTION OF QUANG NGAI PROVINCE.....

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SOUTHERN SECTION OF QUAD REAL PROTECTED

SP/4 CHARLES W. ASHORT

NAME

19-23 JUL 68

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NAME	DATE/TIME	16	STATION	TYPE	REMARKS	DATE

DOI, EYES (5)

1A - Men working out of base camp on a combat patrol (CP).
 1B - Same as above.
 1C - Men in overhanging position, while a signal up forward from them try and knock out a "sniper".
 1D - Men start to move out from a trail into an open rice field.
 1E - Men move across a dense hedge, over a small.
 1F - Machine gunner and some heavier keep an eye open for "sniper's", while the "sniper" moves across the rice field.
 1G - Men working through brush.
 1H - Men on jungle trail. They stop so that the men up front can check out some jungle brush.
 1I - PAF - Men overhanging small.
 1J - Men overhanging small.
 1K - PAF - SP/4, SUGGESTED WILLIAMS, (Delling, Texas), 3C. Men, holds plasma and other medical aids, above the water, as he crosses small.
 1L - Men cross small.
 1M - SP/4, DOWNS H. HILLMAN, (Houston, Arkansas), Greenleaf, overhanging small.
 1N - 1st Lt Brown O. SHIRLEY, (Buckeye, Tenn.), CO of "B" Co, 1st Reg, 14th Inf, 3rd Bde, with Inf HQ, holding on radio to another unit of his command.
 1O - HQ, of area in which "B" Co is setting up their "blasting force position".
 1P - 1st Lt SHIRLEY, working on radio.

DOI, SIX (6)

1A - Air Force aircraft, L-19, making a dive to fire rockets.
 1B - L-19 aircraft goes into dive and fires rocket into "sniper area".
 1C - Same as above.
 1D - Same as above.
 1E - Same as above.
 1F - PAF - L-19 aircraft flies over the map on the ground.
 1G - SP/4 Nicholas H. ARHRETH, (Hemlock, Hawaii), Navigator, clearing H-16-51 r.d.s.
 1H - SP/4 ARHRETH, lands brushing shoulder.
 1I - SP/4 ARHRETH, goes as he looks down on his r.d.s.
 1J - SP/4 ARHRETH, clearing r.d.s.
 1K - SP/4 Richard C. O'Hara, (Santa Barbara, Calif.), ITO, gives the location plots to the In Headquarters over the radio.

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ROLL SIX (6)

- CU - SP/4 O'BRIEN face, as he talks on the radio.
- MS - SP/4 O'BRIEN, talking on the radio.
- IS - SP/4 Darrell L. LUCAS, (Wayne, Mich.), RTO, takes a nap, during his break.
- MS - 1st Lt Richard L. BAUMGARDNER, (Greencastle, Pa.), Forward Observer for the "B" battery, 2nd Bn, 9th Artillery, of the Americal Division,; eats a grapefruit, while taking a break.
- CU - 1st Lt. BAUMGARDNER's face, eating grapefruit.
- IS - 1st Lt. BAUMGARDNER, eating grapefruit.

25 Feb 68

16mm PRINT CRITIQUE FOR.....DCS

200-7C/680A

FOCUS good

EXPOSURE fair - varies

STORY good

SLATES good - (couple over-exposed)

STEADYNESS (HAND HELD) - good

PANS & TILTS OK - Steady

AERIALS OK

REMARKS:

To much head-room!

CRITIQUE BY:

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LOCATION Vietnam PHOTOGRAPHER SP4 Abbott DATE SCREENED 23 Feb 68
LR# 2544 SILENT X SOUND

1. BASIC CAMERA TECHNIQUES

- a. Basic Sequence Well established
- b. Cut ins and/or cut aways Some very nice cut-ins here.
- c. Choice of angles Good-your using your imagination
- d. Length of scenes Good
- e. Story continually Everything that would be needed for a short film was here.
- f. Focus Generally good
- g. Exposure Excellent
- h. Picture steadiness Excellent
- i. Composition and framing Some exceptional aerial sequences and ground shots - but you still leave much head room in your #1's and 1's
- j. Panning and tilting Good
- k. Interior lighting N/A
- l. Slates One slate washed out - the rest good

2. CAPTIONS: Excellent - very informative

3. GENERAL REMARKS: What could have been just another "walk" story was made into a fine piece of work by your imagination and hustle. Keep it up!!

EXCELLENT X GOOD FAIR POOR UNSATISFACTORY

Screened by Richard M. Griffith, 1LT, SigC

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DCS 200-7C-68 Date Shot 19-23 Jan 68
Location Vietnam Date Screened 11 Mar 68
Photographer Abbott

REMARKS:

Very well done. Abbott tried for different angles and was quite successful with this. Good C/U's and composition. The shot of the man entering the tunnel is very effective. One thing missing was the setting of charges prior to the explosions. Captions, exposure excellent.

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