

Rangers Tune In Enemy

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PHUOC VINH- The sound of music proved fatal to two enemy soldiers November 22 as their transistor radio led a team of Rangers to their position 18 kilometers from here.

As a result, the members of Ranger Teams 55 and 69 of Company H, 75th Inf., were presented with valor awards and a promotion for one at an impact ceremony here the next day. Brig. Gen. Jonathan R. Burton, assistant division commander, made the presentations.

According to Capt. Frank H. **Stewart**, the Rangers had split into two teams and set up ambushes along a stream when they heard voices and transistor radios coming from the other side. The Rangers crawled up on the enemy.

"One of them," Capt. **Stewart** said, "spotted movement. If we'd have had another five seconds we would have gotten all of them." Two of the enemy died in the contact while four others managed to escape.

After approximately 45 minutes the contact broke, but Cobra gunships continued to rake the vicinity and the Rangers counted their catch. Besides the two dead, they took five AK-47s, three K-54 pistols, one P-38 pistol plus enemy uniforms and other clothing.

"What helped us was that they didn't know we were there, and it was raining," said SSgt. Timothy V. **Harper**, who was promoted as a result of the action and received a bronze star for valor. Others receiving awards were Sgts. Terry A. **Cordle**, Barry J. **Dykeman**, Robert M. **Keiser** and Spec. 4s Robert C. **Hughes**, John W. **Sparks**, Ellsworth M. **German**, Rodney R. **Tague**, William L. **Weaver** and James M. **Barrett**.