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SUBJECT: Mine and Tunnel Dog Operations

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1. The following is a synopsis of After Action Reports for an operation conducted at Long Thanh, North. This operation was in support of the 210th Avn Bn at the request of MAJ Pedigo, Bn S-2, from 29 Mar - 4 Apr 70.

2. 29 March 1970

We worked the SE corner of Long Thanh, North outside Gate 1. The dogs gave a total of 6 alerts. Each alert was double checked and 4 of these alerts proved to be along a line from the rubber to the perimeter. These alerts were strong scent alerts. Mine Dog Beckey was run over the same area twice, giving the same alerts each time. Tunnel Dog R.V. was then moved down wind and worked into the wind, parallel to the other alerts. He also gave strong alerts in the same places. The area was checked out with several small holes, possibly air holes for tunnels being found. S-2, 210th Avn Bn was contacted and an auger was brought out. Holes were dug to a depth of 7 feet with negative results.

3. 30 March 1970

We worked inside the perimeter that morning and the dogs gave two alerts on holes in the area of the wind sock. These alerts were in line with alerts received the previous day. S-2 was notified and engineers were contacted to blow the areas where the dogs had alerted.

3. 31 March 1970

Worked inside perimeter again, in an area near the 56th Trans Co. Negative results. Returned to Cu Chi for pay and to replace dogs. Picked up three dogs and returned to Long Thanh, North.

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4. 1 April 1970

Worked area NW of Gate 1. Both dogs gave alerts around an old tree stump. The ground around the stump was very loose and the dogs tried to dig. S-2, 210th Avn Bn was notified as to the location.

5. 2 April 1970

Worked area SW of Gate 1 and also worked an area on the North end of the runway. We received one scent alert in tall grass near the end of the runway. This alert was on a hole about 3 inches in diameter. S-2 was notified. Later the dogs alerted on a dud M-79 round and personnel found 4 bags of cooked rice, each bag containing 5 to 10 lbs.

6. 3 April 1970

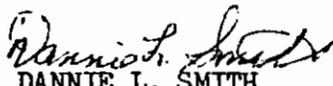
Worked area NE of Gate 3. Found 2 dud M-79 rounds and 1 81mm round outside the perimeter. Working inside the perimeter, the dogs gave 2 strong scent alerts on 2 holes. Both dogs alerted in the same places. S-2 was notified and the area marked with flare chutes.

7. 4 April 1970

Worked area East of Gate 1 with negative results.

8. Conclusion

The dogs gave strong scent alerts on three sides of the base camp. Each alert was double checked. Be advised of the possibility of tunnels into the perimeter at depths of up to 20 feet. Recommend use of a dozer in cutting trenches 15 to 20 feet deep across the line of the dogs' alerts.


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