

Scouts Aid 'Cacti Blue' In Ambush

BAN ME THUOT — The discovery of an NVA bunker complex by troops of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, led to the killing of four enemy soldiers, the detention of a fifth, and the recovery of four individual weapons.

The unit, commanded by Captain Walter L. Cory of Concord, N.H., discovered the complex on the first day of a two-day patrol some 21 kilometers northeast of this Central Highland city.

The complex contained an assortment of equipment, including fatigues, black pajamas, quantities of food, documents and three AK47s.

Scouts Advise

Since the complex showed signs of recent occupation, the Kit Carson scouts attached to the unit advised the commander that the NVA would probably return to his abode. Captain Cory immediately deployed the unit in ambush formation to wait for the enemy.

Early the following morning, six NVA soldiers returned to the bunker to spring the ambush. Four NVA soldiers were killed and one wounded.

Later in the day, with the aid of a scout dog team, led by Staff Sergeant Bill A. Parsons of Lexington, Ky., the wounded NVA was found in the woods a few meters from the ambush site.

He was given medical treatment and extracted by helicopter for interrogation.

Captain Cory attributed the success of the ambush to the discipline of his men. "They did a real fine job," he said. "They kept their cool and held their fire. Noise and light discipline were outstanding."

The captain also had great praise for the Kit Carson scouts saying, "They did an excellent job telling us where to put the Claymores. They were right on the button."

His Meal Was Just an Oink Away

BAN ME THUOT, Vietnam (Special) — A "quick pig" took advantage of Sgt. Dale E. Fronheiser, of Boyertown, Pa.

A Co., 2nd Bn., 35th Inf., had just completed an operation near a Montagnard village and was breaking for chow.

"We hadn't eaten for quite awhile, and I was getting cheeseburgers ready," said Fronheiser. "They were already sizzling. I had hot peppers, hot sauce and some great cheese ready to spread all over the meat."

"I turned my back for just a second, and one of village pigs

took the meat right off the grill.

"I wound up sitting through a night ambush hoping my stomach wouldn't start growling."

"If we ever go back to that area it's going to be ham and cheese sandwiches for the whole company," Fronheiser said only half-joking.

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Quick Pig Snaps Up Hot Meal

BAN ME THUOT — "Quick as a bunny" is an apt enough phrase for most people, but for Sergeant Dale E. Fronheiser of Boyertown, Pa., "quick as a pig," is quick enough.

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Hog Makes Pig Out Of Himself

BAN ME THUOT (USA) — Company A, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division, had just completed an operation and was breaking for chow. Sergeant Dale Fronheiser was preparing cheeseburgers.

"I turned my back a moment," he said, "and one of the pigs from a nearby village had eaten the meat right off the grill we had built."

"If we ever go back to that area it's going to be ham and cheese for the company," he said, only half-joking.

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