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Jim:

Sorry this has taken so long. I really don't know what else to do with my scanner being so slow. I tried it again before I wrote this and after two hours it wasn't a third through the process. My pictures of 10 Alpha are very dark because the film cooked in the camera before I sent the roll home for development. Note the two small trees at the upper end of the LZ - they match with the photo you sent me. The 12.7's were on display back at Brigade Hqs. On the artillery, note the elevation of the tubes - they were obviously reaching for all the distance they could get. They couldn't reach the western end of the LZ and the 175 tubes from Duc Co covered that end. Sounded like a freight train coming through the air.

Read Tony's paper - very good and most interesting. He had the names of the officers involved which is great. Also, I felt that I had the wrong name for B/2/35's 1st Sgt. Just as soon as I saw Harry Miller's name, I remembered that 1st Sgt Cox was in Alpha Co. Please make that correction in your copy of my report where I mentioned him being burned by the napalm.

Thanks for all you efforts - there are a lot of troops out there who probably are still wondering what it was all about.

Stan

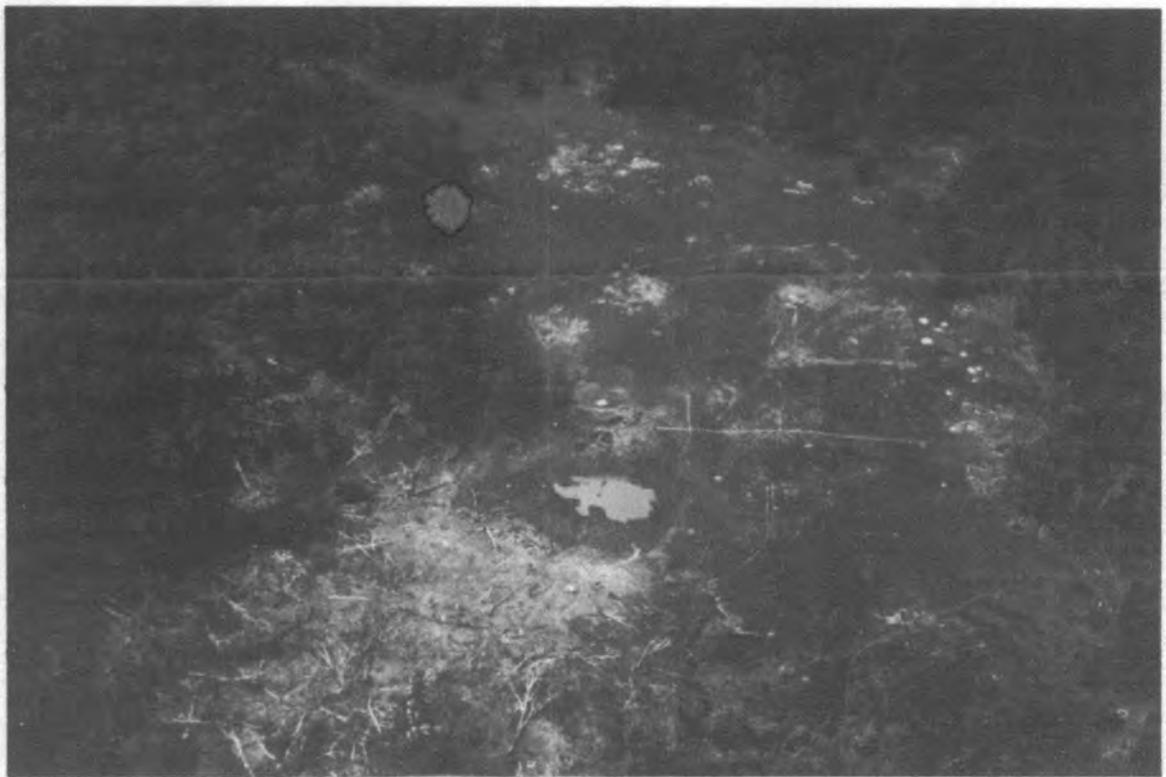
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PLEIKU, VIETNAM: "The men and 105mm howitzers of the 2nd Bn, 9th Arty, 25th Inf Div, pound elements of the 66th NVA Regiment during the "Battle of 10 Alpha" which was the first major contact of Operation Paul Revere."
US Signal Photo



CAPTURED 12.7mm ANTI-AIRCRAFT MACHINEGUNS



LANDING ZONE 10 ALPHA