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23 May 1967

SUBJECT: Ambush After Action Report (U)

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THRU: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC
APO, US Forces 96266

TO: Commander
US Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
ATTN: MACJ-343
APO, US Forces 96243

(U) Reference MACV Dir 335-3, dated 2 April 1966, Subject:
"Reports, Combat Operations After Action Reports (MACV JS-32)", the
attached report is herewith submitted

FOR THE COMMANDER:


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AMBUSH AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Type of Action: Ambush
2. DTG: 210910H May 1967
3. Unit or units: 1st Plat, Trp K, 11th Armd Cav Regt
4. Size of Unit: Composite Plat (7 ACAVs, 1 Tank, 2 Trucks.
5. Number of Troops: 45
6. Estimated Viet Cong Force: Battalion Reinforced
7. Estimated Number of Viet Cong: 600+
8. Location: YT550053 along Route 1 to YT575055
9. Casualties:

	<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>VC</u>
KIA:	<u>17</u>	<u>35 (7 KBA)</u>
MIA:	<u>25</u>	<u>UNK</u>
MIA:	<u>1</u>	<u>UNK</u>
WTNS:	<u>None</u>	<u>1 BAR; 2 Type 53 Rifles; 1 Pistol</u>

10. Short description of unusual losses of personnel, Friendly or VC by number or type, e.g., $\frac{1}{2}$ of unit MIA:
1/3 of Plat KIA (US)
11. Short description of unusual equipment losses Friendly or VC:
US: 5 - ACAV, 1 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton Truck, 1 - $\frac{1}{2}$ ton Truck Combat Loss;
1 - M48A3 Tank heavily damaged.
VC: UNK
12. Units Mission or reason for its location at time of Ambush: Platoon was clearing Hwy 1 from GIA RAY to road junction of Hwy 1 and 2.
13. Crew-served weapons carried by Friendly Forces:

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>90MM Tk Gun</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>Cal .50 MG</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>M73 MG (Tk Coax)</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>M60 MG</u>

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14. Estimate of crew served weapons used by VC:

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>75MM RR</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>57MM RR</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>MG</u>
<u>UNK</u>	<u>RPG-2</u>
<u>UNK</u>	<u>82MM Mortar</u>

15. Reinforcements available:

	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Artillery	155MM	1 Btry	16 KM	
	155MM	1 Btry	8 KM	
	8" 175 (Comp)	1 Btry	8 KM	
Air	Army UH-1C	Air Cav Trp (-)	22 KM	
	AF Tac Air			
Ground Troops	Armd Cav Trp/Tms	1 Armd Cav Trp (-1 Plat)	12 KM	
		1 Armd Cav Tm (1 Tk Plat)		
		2 Armd Cav Plat	16 KM	
		1 Armd Cav Trp (-1 Plat)	22 KM	
	Ranger Bn	35th Ranger Bn (ARVN)	10 KM	
	Armd Cav Trp	3/5 Armd Cav Trp (ARVN)	10 KM	
Naval	None			

16. Reinforcements used:

	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Artillery	155	2 Btrys		20 Min
	8" 175 (Comp)	1 Btry		20 Min
Air	Army UH-1C	Air Cav Trp (-)	22 KM	20 Min
	AF Tac Air	6 Strikes	Unk	60 Min
Ground Troops	Armd Cav Trp/Tms	Armd Cav Trp (- 1 Plat)	12 KM	20 Min
		Armd Cav Tm (1 Tk Plat)		
		2 Armd Cav Plat	16 KM	40 Min
		Armd Cav Trp (-1 Plat)	22 KM	120 Min
	Ranger Bn	35th Ranger Bn (ARVN)	10 KM	198 Min
	Armd Cav Trp	3/5 Armd Cav Trp (ARVN)	10 KM	198 Min

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17. Radios carried by Friendly Forces:

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>AN/HRC 46</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>AN/VRC 12</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>AN/VRC 53</u>

18. With whom did the force have communications?

<u>UNIT or HQ</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>
<u>Trp K, 3rd Sqdn, 11th Armd Cav Regt</u>	<u>12 KM</u>

19. Estimated number of small rounds fired:

	<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>VC</u>
0-3	_____	_____
4-10	_____	_____
11-30	_____	_____
31-100	_____	_____
101-300	_____	_____
301- +	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>

20. Estimated number of rounds fired:

	<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>VC</u>
Grenades	<u>UNK</u>	<u>UNK</u>
M-79	<u>UNK</u>	<u>UNK/ Large number</u>
60M Mortar	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
81M Mortar	<u>None</u>	<u>Yes Number UNK</u>
57 RR	<u>None</u>	<u>UNK/ Large number</u>
75 RR	<u>None</u>	<u>UNK/ Large number</u>

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Artillery	453 (155mm)	None
	57 (8")	
	37 (175mm)	
	<u>547</u>	
Other	2.75mm Rocket 199	None
90MM	30	None
RFG-2	None	UNK/ Large number

* Note Number of AT weapons used and rounds fired by VC is unknown, However, as an example 1 tank took 14 AT hits and 1 ACAV took 11 hits.

21. Did the VC use mines? Yes _____ No X
22. Distance at which action was initiated: 50 Meters, some, RR pos close as 5 meters.
23. What was duration of fire fight? 20 Minutes
24. If convoy operation, was air cover provided continuously? No, FAC was up but no aircap.
25. Why was engagement broken off?
- Reinforcements arrived Reinforcements arrived in 20 min
- (Type) Cav ground forces, Arty, Air Cav (UH-1C)
- Reinforcements on the way Yes
- Friendly resistance stopped Negative
- VC stopped shooting and withdrew Yes
26. Generally, what was friendly reaction and behavior?
- Stand and fight Yes
- Try to maneuver Yes
- Withdraw: Organized N/A
- Disorganized N/A
27. Was the area of ambush defoliated: No
28. Names of US Advisors/LNC's present: N/A

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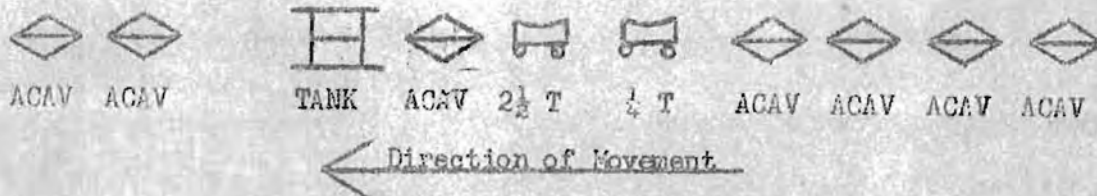
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29. Diagrams:

a. March unit organization:



b. Sketch of ambush site: (See Annex A)

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AMTX A (Sketch of Ambush Site) to Ambush After Action Report (U)

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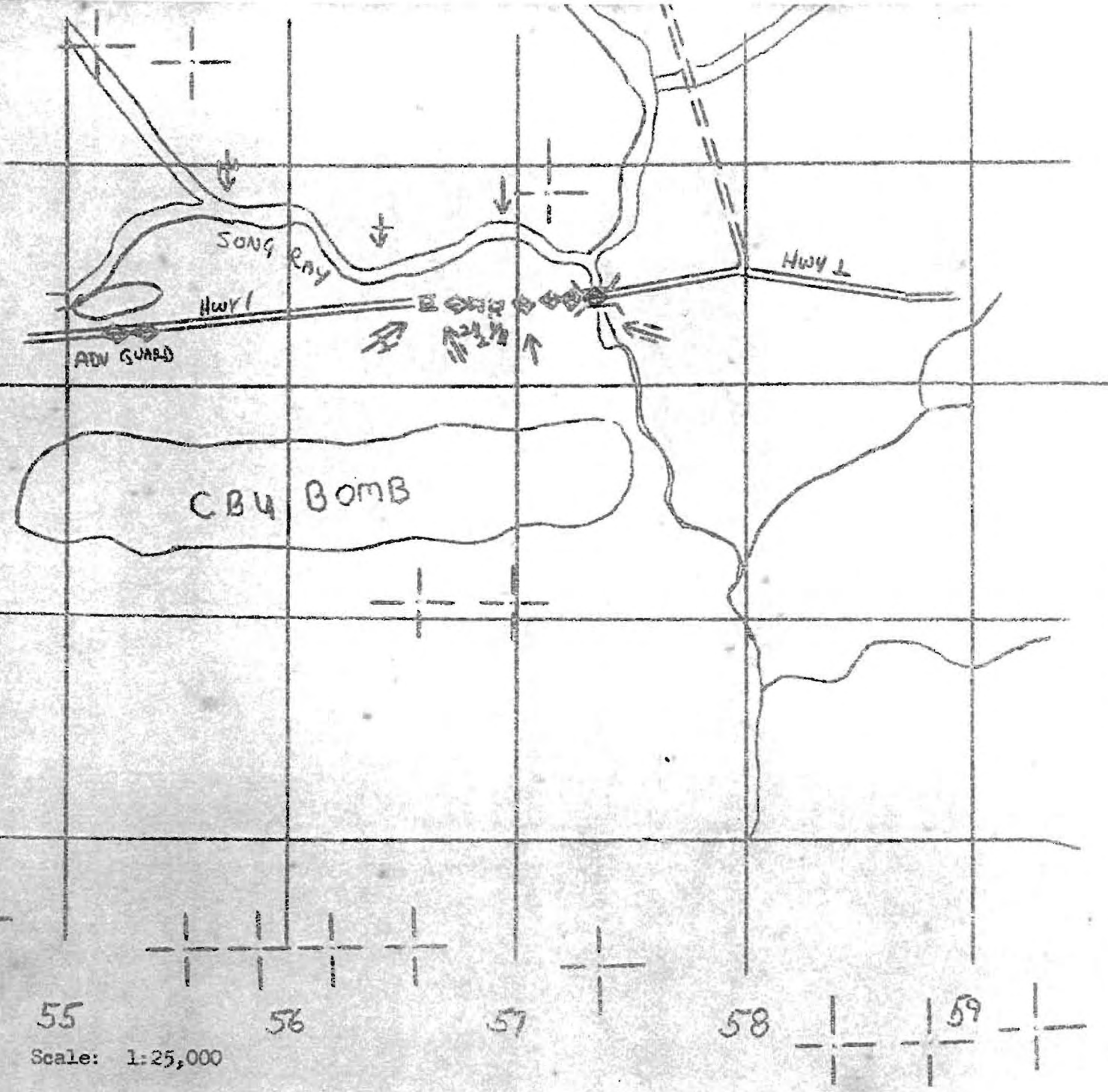
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