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1. IDENTIFICATION AND TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Co B 2-22 Inf (M)
2. DATE OF OPERATION: 182300 - 190300 Feb 69
3. LOCATION: X1445453
4. COMMAND AND CONTROL: Hq, 2d Bn (Mech), 22d Inf
5. TASK ORGANIZATION: a. Co B
b. 1 platoon from 930th ARVN Co
c. 1 RRS-5 Radar team
6. SUPPORTING FORCES: a. A Battery 1/5 Arty
7. INTELLIGENCE: Reports indicated that an attack would be made on the NDP and that elements of the 1st NVA Div were in the area to recon.
8. MISSION: To defend the NDP and interdict enemy infiltration in that area.
9. CONCEPT OF OPERATION: Great care had been taken to insure the security of the NDP. Tracks were placed around the perimeter with fighting bunkers between the tracks. Starlight scopes were employed around the perimeter. A TVS-2 starlight scope and a PPS-5 radar set were utilized atop a tall bunker in the center of the perimeter which enabled them to cover 360 degrees. 2 LP's were to be set up.
10. EXECUTION: A 4' berm was constructed around the entire perimeter. Positions for tracks were built into the berm along with fighting positions constructed in the berm between the tracks. Three ammo bunkers were built into the berm and spaced around the perimeter to permit rapid resupply of ammunition should the NDP ever come under attack. Outside of the berm were two banks of claymores, 3 meters of tanglefoot wire, one row of double apron wire and one row of triple concertina wire. RPG screens were employed in front of all positions. Trip flares were attached to all wire and placed in the grass area outside the wire for early warning. During the hours of darkness a PPS-5 radar set and a super starlight scope were operated on top

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of a large bunker in the center of the perimeter to permit them to cover 360 degrees.

At 2100 hours the starlight scope picked up the movement of four or five enemy personnel to the west of the perimeter. A radar scan was immediately ordered and it confirmed the movement at a distance of 300 meters. The unit was immediately put on 100 percent alert and 81mm mortars were fired on the enemy. Yet the movement continued. Artillery was called in and 50 cal fire was directed to the target area. The movement ceased; however, 81mm mortars continued to fire on the area. After about 20 minutes the movement was once again sighted. This time it appeared that three enemy were attempting to drag two bodies away. Immediately mortars, artillery, and 50 cal fire was adjusted onto the movement. After about one hour of negative movement or incoming fire, 1 platoon of tracks was sent into the area and found 2 bodies and 1 AK-47. The following morning 3 additional bodies were discovered approximately 1000 meters from the perimeter.

11. RESULTS: The coordination of firepower and artillery led to the destruction of what appeared to be an enemy recon party. The bodies of the dead enemy were masked with charcoal smeared over their entire body in irregular patterns to make detection almost impossible. The initial sighting was of 4 or 5 personnel and it appeared that the fast actions of all elements participating in the operation led to the destruction of the entire unit.

12. ADMINISTRATION:

- a. Resupply was accomplished the following day by the battalion resupply concoy.
- b. Medical treatment was unnecessary because of the negative casualties.
- c. Outstanding communication made the coordination

13. VALOR AWARDS: NONE