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1. IDENTIFICATION AND TYPE ORGANIZATION: Co A 2-22 Inf
2. TIME: 141600 Mar 69
3. LOCATION: XT440356, XT434409, XT450407, XT478395
4. COMMAND AND CONTROL: Hq, 2d Bn (Mech), 22d Inf
5. TASK FORCE: a. Co A 2-22 Inf
b. 1 Scout Dog Team
6. SUPPORTING FORCES: a. Artillery
7. INTELLIGENCE: It was believed that elements of 950 were still in the area from convoy ambush.
8. MISSION: Conduct a RIF from XT440356, XT423400, XT450407, XT478395 in an effort to find and destroy any enemy left in the area.
9. CONCEPT OF OPERATION: Co A was to move north along treeline to XT450407 and then proceed east to stream and guide south along stream to MPL 19.
10. EXECUTION: At 0800 Co A moved out on the RIF in a wedge formation since the terrain of the area was relatively clear and allowed good visibility. As the company passed XT434409 and began proceeding east the forest was becoming extremely thick and made movement in a wedge almost impossible. For this reason the order was given to move into column. Even before this order could be executed the scout dog alerted and at that same instant the enemy opened up with a heavy volume of RPG, automatic weapons and small arms fire hitting the first track (see sketch). Immediately suppressive fire was placed on the enemy positions. Arty and TAC Air were called to place fire on the enemy positions. The track that had been hit was unable to move. The enemy was fighting from prepared positions. Under heavy fire the men crawled forward throwing grenades. The tracks were being moved up to continue supporting with their 50 cal. As the company pushed through the enemy positions they found 1 enemy dead and signs that others had been dragged across the stream. Artillery was adjusted on to their routes of withdrawal however the enemy

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managed to retreat around the blocking fires.

11. RESULTS: A platoon sized enemy had attempted to defeat the mech company. Because of the superior firepower, outstanding coordination and brave fighting, the enemy was forced to retreat dragging all but 1 of their wounded or dead with them. Co A had negative casualties.

12. ADMINISTRATION:

a. Resupply was accomplished by the Bn resupply convoy.

b. The scout dogs dogs are less reliable when working with mech because the noise of the tracks seems to distract them.

13. VALOR AWARDS: NONE