

NEWSFILM CRITIQUE SHEET

Film Project No.: DCS 259-1c, 2C-69 VN Team: Army- (DASPO Team C) Subject/Title: Special Forces Airborne Training

Date Shot: April 11, 19-22, 69 Length: 1820' Color: X Black & White Silent: Sound:

NEWSFILM EVALUATION:

Subject selection/development: Very Good

Newsfilm value - News: Good

Feature: Very Good

Technical Quality - Film: Good

Sound: Not Reviewed

Caption Information: Good

DISPOSITION: Cleared/released to: ABC-TV Date 5/27/69 Release No. 179-69 Length 118' Silent ARVN Soldiers take intensive survival training at US Special Forces Camp in South Vietnam

Used by:

Not released. Reason:

OVERALL COMMENT: Could have used more shots of pre jump or pre tower training. A number of C-130 passes as the jumpers left the plane were missed and we never saw the jumpers leave the plane or else caught them after they all ready had jumped. Over all coverage good with many angles on tower training and C-130 jump combined for a quick fast moving news release. Timely subject.

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ARVN SOLDIERS TAKE INTENSIFIED JUMP TRAINING AT
U. S. SPECIAL FORCES CAMP IN SOUTH VIETNAM

(Official U. S. Army Film Released by the Department of Defense)

Just 11 days after they began their basic airborne jump training at the Dong Ba Tin Special Forces Camp near Cam Ranh Bay, approximately 200 miles northeast of Saigon, Mobile Strike Force personnel of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) made their first parachute jump from a U. S. Air Force C-130 "Hercules" aircraft.

During those 11 days, these Vietnamese soldiers underwent an intensive training program to prepare them to become "paratroopers", in every sense of the word.

Physical training is an important part of the overall parachute jump training program. In addition to the physical training given during the course, the trainees must also double-time, or jog, from place to place during the training phases.

After learning proper landing techniques, the soldiers are trained to exit an aircraft in the proper fashion. This is done by means of a simulated aircraft doorway on a two-foot-high platform.

The next plateau in the training program is the 34-foot-high tower which gives the trainees their first "taste" of the jolt experienced when the parachute opens during a jump.

When all the ground training is finished, the men face the final test, that of actually making a real jump from an aircraft.

A drop zone is selected and a smoke grenade is thrown to make the target and wind direction for the pilot of the C-130 "Hercules".

The parachutes emerge from the large transport plane and the trainees gently float down to earth.

These men, all 152 of them can now call themselves "paratroopers" and are better equipped to continue the battle for freedom against the communist forces in their country.

S E Q U E N C E S

FOOTAGE

VIDEO

7	(a) Instructor talking to trainees over the public address system
7	(b) Trainees jogging
5	(c) Trainees putting on gear
2	(d) Instructor checking parachutes on trainees
2	(e) Special Forces advisor
5	(f) Trainees jumping from simulated doorway of aircraft
13	(g) Trainees jogging to 34-foot jump tower
1	(h) Special Forces advisor watches trainees prepare to jump from tower
42	(i) Trainees jumping from tower
1	(j) Trainees packing gear for jump from C-130
2	(k) Smoke marks drop zone for jump
6	(l) Trainees jump from C-130 "Hercules"
13	(m) Paratroopers drifting to earth
12	(n) Trainees landing in drop zone

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