

RANGER AFTER ACTION REPORT

REPORTING UNIT: Team 31

DATE OF REPORT: 14 March 1970

DATE-TIME GROUP AND COORDINATES OF  
INSERTION: 121500 MAR 70 XT380092

DATE-TIME GROUP AND COORDINATES OF  
EXTRACTION: 140940 MAR 70 XT381092

TEAM MEMBERS AND POSITIONS:

TEAM LEADER SGT ARMSTRONG  
ASST TL SP4 PURDY  
TEAM MEMBERS  
SGT STUORNEY PFC LANGLAND  
PFC EVANS PFC BEASLEY  
PFC ADAMS PFC DAVID

METHOD OF TEAM INSERTION:  
UH1D

METHOD OF TEAM EXTRACTION:  
UH1D

REASON FOR TEAM EXTRACTION:  
MISSION COMPLETED

MISSION: Team 31's mission was to exploit designated areas of intelligence and if the opportunity arose to kill or capture enemy personnel.

121500 Team 31 was inserted by UH1D via XT380092 and set up an ambush position at their insertion point.

131200 Team 31 sent out a recon sub-element on an AZ of 360 degrees for approximately 300 meters. The sub-element returned to the team's main body and reported seeing three enemy soldiers, two of whom had AK-47 rifles. One was wearing green trousers with black pajama top; another wore black pajamas with a white shirt. The enemy were about 50 meters away when they spotted the team and disappeared into a hedgerow before the team could engage.

131230 to 1300 Team 31 directed an artillery fire mission on the suspected enemy positions. One WP and 15 HE rounds were expended with unknown results. Two enemy soldiers ran out of the hedgerow just prior to the initial artillery splash. The team received light machine gun fire on an AZ of 350 degrees and M-79 fire on an AZ of 150 degrees from a hedgerow approximately 250 meters away. There were no US casualties.

131330 Centaur gunships made rocket and mini-gun runs on suspected enemy positions. Team 31 was extracted by UH1D via XT380092.

131430 Team 33 reaction element was inserted and set up an ambush position via XT380092.

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Team 31 was resupplied after their extraction.

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Team 33 was extracted and team 31 reinserted via XT380092.

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Team 31 moved approximately 100 meters on an AZ of 090 degrees and set up an ambush position via XT381092 in a bomb crater.

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Team 31 was extracted by UH1D via XT381092