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## PART I OF VIDEO

[12:00:51.03]

United States Army introduction to "The Big Picture". Title: "Produced for The Office of the Chief of Information by The Army Pictorial Center".

## INTRODUCTION

[12:01:21.21]

Silhouette of helicopter flying. Silhouette of soldier. Title: "Probe and Pursue".

[12:01:49.28]

Villagers carrying food. Captured Vietcong. Villagers and suspects questioned by American and Vietnamese soldiers.

[12:02:27.04]

Vietnamese soldiers investigate documents. Soldiers, using maps, speak with each other.

## MISSION BRIEFING

[12:03:12.08]

Group of soldiers sitting in the jungle, one speaks. Different faces of the soldiers.

[12:03:43.14]

More faces. Soldier uses a map.

[12:04:13.25]

Group of soldiers still sitting while one speaks. Different faces shown. Officer looks at the men from left to right. They move out.

## GETTING READY

[12:04:38.21]

Soldiers gear up. Soldiers wait and talk to each other.

[12:05:09.20]

Helicopters at the ready. Soldiers board helicopter. Helicopters take off. POV of helicopter passing landing area.

[12:05:42.12]

Helicopters flying. Aerial footage of forest. Soldier looks out helicopter. Aerial view of barren landscape.

#### INITIATING THE MISSION

[12:06:10.08]

Helicopter fires rockets. Aerial view of smoky impact. Aerial view of rice paddies. Helicopters flying.

[12:06:40.19]

Helicopters flying over jungle. Numerous helicopters landing.

[12:07:13.24]

Helicopters flying and dropping off soldiers.

[12:07:56.24]

Soldiers standing. Chinook dropping off supplies. Troops running. Helicopters flying. Soldiers moving out.

#### MOVING TOWARDS OBJECTIVE

[12:08:29.08]

Soldiers walk into jungle. Soldiers moving through jungle. Soldiers move along outskirts of village.

[12:08:56.04]

Soldiers move through jungle. Soldier moves through dark jungle.

[12:09:24.05]

Soldiers move along dirt road, grassy area, jungle area, then on a grassy area again.

[12:10:00.27]

Soldiers raft across river. Soldiers pull ashore. Soldier helped onto land from river. Soldiers investigate jungle trail.

#### BOOBY TRAPS AND WATER

[12:10:28.17]

Soldier rigs booby trap. Explosion. Weary soldier needs help to drink water. Canteens being filled. Soldier drops tablet into canteen. Soldier fills up canteen.

[12:11:05.14]

Soldiers at edge of jungle. Soldiers walk through jungle.

#### CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY

[12:11:49.02]

Soldiers walk through jungle. Soldiers firing their weapons.

[12:12:25.00]

Soldiers firing their weapons. Soldiers waiting, one talks on radio. Soldier moves closer. Two lay prone and fire.

[12:12:54.15]

Soldier waits with weapon ready. Soldiers move slowly through jungle. Soldier stands readily.

#### TENDING THE WOUNDED

[12:13:23.17]

Medic tends to wounded man. Soldier waits with weapon ready. Medic applies small band aid to soldier. Medic tends to another's wounded back, soldier breaks out notepad.

#### GUARD DUTY AND CAPTURED VIETCONG

[12:13:58.15]

Soldier writes. Soldiers pull guard duty. Soldiers walk with captured Vietcong. Soldier guarding with grenade launcher.

#### TAKING CARE OF THE DECEASED

[12:14:32.02]

Soldier covers dead with poncho. Soldiers take care of enemy dead. Soldiers move through jungle. Soldiers move into more open area.

#### THE VILLAGE

[12:15:05.17]

Deserted hamlet. Soldiers scout the hamlet on the outskirts. Soldiers investigate village.

[12:15:36.28]

Soldiers investigate village. Soldiers watch from the rear. Soldiers walk out of shack. Soldier inspects wood pile under shack.

[12:16:11.20]

Soldiers question villager. Soldiers investigate village with villagers standing by.

[12:16:45.04]

Soldiers root out hiding family. Soldiers question villagers.

#### EVIDENCE OF VIETCONG ACTIVITY

[12:17:16.04]

Soldiers question villagers. Soldier guards captured Vietcong. Soldier finds bundle of clothes.

[12:17:47.14]

Soldier investigates ragtag tree platform. Rice is thrown out. Soldiers question villagers. Soldier helps old man.

## DENYING THE ENEMY SHELTER

[12:18:13.11]

Soldier burns shack. Burning shacks. Soldiers stand guard.

[12:18:50.28]

Soldier stands guard near stream. Soldiers talk on radio. Soldiers plan with maps and documents.

## PREPARING AN ATTACK

[12:19:19.05]

Soldier looks at jungle brush. Soldier moves through jungle. Soldiers fire mortars. The smoky explosions in the distance. Soldiers fire artillery. Smoky explosions on a hill.

[12:19:52.02]

Soldiers load and fire artillery. Explosion. Helicopter fires missiles. Smoke emits from impact. Soldier watches bombardment. Soldiers talking.

## INITIATING ATTACK

[12:20:22.21]

Soldier watches bombardment. Soldier directs others. Soldiers walk towards jungle. Small helicopter lifts off.

[12:20:51.16]

Soldiers walk along trails and clearings.

[12:21:20.29]

Soldiers walk through a tall tree area. Soldier directs others. Soldiers walk through jungle. Soldiers firing their weapons.

[12:21:49.27]

Soldiers firing their weapons. Soldiers walk through clearing.

## VIETCONG TUNNELS

[12:22:20.11]

Soldier walks across remnants of a Vietcong tunnel. Soldiers investigate tunnels.

[12:22:54.04]

Soldier fires into tunnel. They continue to investigate the tunnels.

[12:23:25.06]

Soldiers find supplies and weapons from tunnels.

[12:23:54.10]

Soldiers investigate burning or destroyed buildings. Soldiers frisk Vietcong. Soldiers question villagers.

[12:24:25.14]

Wounded Vietcong sits. Medics treat wounded Vietcong. Soldiers blindfold Vietcong.

[12:24:57.19]

Soldiers move out blindfolded Vietcong to helicopter. Soldiers destroy tunnels.

#### VIETCONG SUPPLIES AND WEAPONS

[12:25:29.04]

Soldier investigates destroyed tunnel. Soldier investigates underground shelter. Food, supplies, and weapons are found.

[12:25:56.27]

Large caliber weapon. Weapons laid out.

[12:26:21.01]

Soldiers find documents and record player. A fire burns with 2 soldiers nearby. Soldier talks on radio. Smoke emits from explosion. Weapons laid out.

[12:26:54.03]

2 blindfolded Vietcong sit. Soldier walks toward village. Soldiers drag out a Vietcong soldier. Explosion in the distance. Soldiers move across clearings. Soldiers fire weapons.

[12:27:24.27]

Burning home. Soldiers move across clearings. Soldier walks near building. Explosion in the distance.

#### MOVING OUT OF THE JUNGLE

[12:27:49.03]

Soldiers walk along trails. Soldiers sit. Yellow smoke billows in clearing. Helicopter flying.

[12:28:19.11]

Soldiers run to board helicopters. Helicopters fly off. Soldiers nearby a stream. 2 soldiers board a helicopter. Helicopter flies.

#### PART II OF VIDEO

[12:28:59.25]

United States Army introduction to "The Big Picture". Painting of Revolutionary War. Painting of Mexican-American War.

#### HISTORY OF AMERICAN MILITARY

[12:29:40.23]

Painting of Civil War. Painting of the war against Native Americans.

[12:30:14.28]

Painting of Spanish-American War. Painting of World War I.

[12:30:43.25]

Painting of World War II. Painting of Korean War.

## INTRODUCTION

[12:31:09.19]

Soldiers unload supplies. Soldier plays guitar. Soldiers build tent. Soldier relaxes. Soldier cleans his weapon.

[12:31:46.05]

Soldier eats. Superimposed over crouching soldiers is title: "The Combat Infantry Soldier". Soldiers walk through jungle, streams.

[12:32:18.04]

Soldiers machete brush. Soldiers walk through shallow waters. Soldier moves through thick brush. Army base camp.

## DAILY LIFE ON THE BASE CAMP

[12:32:55.27]

Soldier waits for supplies. View of the camp. Soldiers walk back to camp. Soldiers wait for hot meals. Eggs poured onto grill with Styrofoam cups.

[12:33:26.03]

Soldiers wait for hot food. Cooks serve food. Soldiers serve themselves.

[12:33:57.18]

Soldier shaves.

[12:34:36.29]

Soldier showers while another waits.

[12:34:59.23]

Soldiers writing.

[12:35:25.18]

Soldier cleaning his weapon.

[12:35:56.18]

Soldiers interrogate Vietcong soldier.

[12:36:35.21]

Soldiers making sandbags and building sandbag enforcements.

[12:37:18.21]

Soldiers placing barbed wire and rigging it with explosives.

[12:37:47.14]

Soldiers placing claymores.

[12:38:33.03]

Soldiers walk back slowly from placed claymores.

[12:38:53.21]

Soldiers investigate and reinforce barbed wire.

#### MISSION TO A VILLAGE

[12:39:19.22]

Soldiers walk through jungle. Soldiers on outskirts of village.

[12:39:54.07]

Soldiers investigate shacks and buildings. Soldiers question villagers.

#### BACK TO BASE CAMP

[12:40:25.19]

Vietnamese child. Soldiers walk through field.

[12:40:53.29]

Soldiers walking through rice paddy. Soldiers walk through the knee-high water of a rice paddy.

#### NIGHT AT BASE CAMP

[12:41:21.15]

Soldiers carry gasoline containers. Soldiers sorting food containers.

[12:41:47.06]

Soldiers at a large tree observation post. Soldier looks through binoculars. Soldier watches from the post.

#### MORE DAILY LIFE

[12:42:39.18]

Soldiers wash clothes in a puddle.

[12:43:17.17]

Soldier gets haircut.

[12:43:40.23]

Soldiers stand and talk, one has a monkey on his shoulder.

[12:44:16.09]

Soldiers cover up the mortar and leave. Mail is distributed around the group.

## TUNNEL RAT

[12:44:58.09]

Soldier in deep brush. One talks on the radio.

[12:45:49.14]

Soldiers investigate the tunnel. A soldier inside the tunnel. A dead rat. Tunnel soldier emerges from tunnel. Equipment is taken out a satchel.

## R&R RESORT

[12:46:27.21]

Bus stops at a resort. Soldiers show their passes to a guard.

[12:46:54.08]

Soldiers walk through resort area. Soldiers show their passes and talk to an employee.

[12:47:33.04]

An employee continues checking their paperwork. Soldiers walk into their rooms. Soldiers get food from the salad bar.

[12:48:05.25]

Soldier talks and eats. Soldiers entertained by a female troupe, while a waitress serves refreshments.

[12:48:39.22]

The troupe sings and dances. Sign: "Beachcomber Club". Soldiers entertained by a band outdoors. Soldiers play football.

## NEW FIREBASE

[12:49:09.25]

Trucks roll down a road. Trucks arrive at a firebase.

[12:49:44.04]

Truck rolls to a stop. Soldiers briefly move a trailer. Soldier climbs back into seat and drives.

[12:50:23.14]

Soldiers huddle around listening to an officer.

[12:50:56.17]

Soldiers walk through a clearing near the base. 2 soldiers set up artillery. The soldiers continue through the clearing.

## NEXT MISSION

[12:51:24.23]

Helicopters flying off. Helicopters flying. Soldiers move out.

[12:51:58.08]

They walk into a clearing and move through it. Soldiers walk near a bombed area. Soldiers move through the jungle.

[12:52:29.07]

Soldiers walk through different terrains of the jungle.

#### MAKING CONTACT WITH VIETCONG

[12:53:00.11]

Soldiers crouch-walk through the jungle. Soldiers run to cover. Soldiers firing their weapons. A soldier on the radio surrounded by others.

[12:53:28.25]

Helicopters fly over and deliver an airstrike. Soldiers firing their weapons.

#### AFTERMATH

[12:53:58.27]

Soldiers fire their weapons, one fires grenade launcher. A large explosion. Soldiers move through a clearing. Soldier finds a killed Vietcong soldier. On the dead man's chest: "Death Wing".

[12:54:28.15]

Soldiers search a dead Vietcong soldier. Soldiers talk around the dead bodies of Vietcong.

[12:55:00.08]

A weapons cache. Soldiers carry a wounded soldier. They carry the soldier to a helicopter with a red cross on the side.

[12:55:37.28]

The helicopter carrying the wounded soldier takes off. Soldier talks on the radio. Helicopters landing near troops.

#### ENDING

[12:56:10.13]

Soldiers board helicopters. Soldiers move through rice paddies. Soldiers move through the jungle. Soldiers cross a stream.

[12:56:39.23]

Soldier waits. Soldiers move in clearings. Soldier reloads the grenade launcher on his M16. Soldiers move through clearings. Soldiers walk through jungle. Soldiers run across clearing to cover.

[12:57:16.03]

Statue of soldier.

PART III OF VIDEO

[12:57:57.10]

United States Army introduction to "The Big Picture". Title: "Produced for The Office of the Chief of Information by The Army Pictorial Center".

[12:58:33.01]

Sleek-looking helicopter flies. Soldiers practice firing at a building. Tanks driving over us. Title: "Your Army Reports".

CHEYENNE HELICOPTER DEMONSTRATION

[12:59:02.14]

Title: "AH-56A Cheyenne". Large ceremony of the Cheyenne.

[12:59:20.23]

Cheyenne demonstration, it moves forward on the ground.

[12:59:51.24]

Cheyenne reversing. Man talking to audience. Cheyenne moves clockwise. Cheyenne beings hovering.

[13:00:31.02]

Cheyenne hovers and swiftly turns, it begins hovering higher.

[13:01:02.28]

The Cheyenne hovers and retracts its wheels in and out. It continues hovering.

[13:01:39.08]

Man talks to audience. Helicopter flies high. It flies low to the ground.

[13:02:31.01]

Cameraman documents the helicopter. Cheyenne continues flying.

[13:02:57.27]

Man on car records demonstration with camera. Helicopter flies quickly overhead. Military officers watch on. Helicopter landing.

[13:03:25.00]

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