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[00:00:41.19]

Tape starts. Titles: YOUR ARMY REPORTS. Sgt. Maj. Woods talks to the camera.

[00:02:11.15] Soldiers walk through jungle, fields and water.

[00:02:47.24] Soldier on portable radio. Soldiers enter village. Soldier squats by a hut.

[00:03:09.06]

Soldiers talks with boy via interpreter. Soldiers talk with a woman and baby.

[00:03:40.14]

Soldier heats coffee and drinks. A helicopter lands.

[00:04:07.26]

Soldiers sort supplies. Soldier puts on socks. Soldier drinks from can. Soldier shaves. Soldiers dry clothes. Soldiers pitch tents and stand in chow line.

[00:04:55.04] Soldiers march through fields.

[00:05:18.20] Sgt. Maj. Woods speaks to camera. Operation Dan Chi.

[00:05:40.00]

Aerial of lowland landscape. Hueys fly troops to position. Door gunner. Huey rocket strike. Hueys drop troops in rice paddy. Soldiers move through rice paddy.

## [00:06:59.07]

Post-mission, troops march back to camp. Debriefing. Enemy combatants marched through camp. Enemy combatants sit together in the middle of a circle of US and ARVN soldiers.

## [00:08:09.06]

Formation of US troops with Gen. Westmoreland inspecting and presenting award to 13th Aviation Battalion.

## [00:09:26.13]

Huey on tarmac. Soldiers load up Huey. Huey warms up and lifts off. Aerial of Nui Ba Den - Black Virgin Mountain. Huey lands on mountain top and delivers radio equipment, Huey takes off.

[00:10:32.22] Glitch in footage.

## [00:10:47.16]

CH-47 cargo helicopter lands near wrecked CH-47, soldiers load wreckage into flyable helicopter, helicopter lifts off with pieces of wreckage

[00:11:35.17] CH-54 Huskie airlifts fuselage of wrecked helicopter, Husky flies with helicopter and drag parachute. Huskie lowers fuselage.

[00:12:54.14] Sgt. Maj. Woods speaks to camera.

[00:13:20.05] Sign - US Army Headquarters 93rd Evacuation Hospital (SMBL), pan over hospital, Red Cross tents and buildings, soldiers unload wounded from Red Cross helicopter, Red Cross helicopter dusts off, artillery compound,

[00:13:43.12] Soldiers place wounded soldiers stretcher on "saw horses," female soldier examines wounded soldier

[00:13:53.24] Surgical room, soldier is put under gas, doctors and nurse operate on soldier

[00:14:10.14] Nurse treats recovering soldier in medical ward [00:14:23.10]

Nurse examines Vietnamese children, nurse plays basketball with children, nuns play guitars, children perform a dance

[00:15:03.23] Nurse examines blueprints at construction site

[00:15:28.19]

Nurses come out of hospital in civilian dress, nurses walk by store windows and down the streets of Saigon

[00:16:18.00]

Nurses come onto the roof of the Saigon Officers Club and check out the view, they snap photos

[00:16:37.11] Sign - AAFES Beauty Shop, nurse getting her hair done, nurses play cards in the hospital, nurse makes a phone call in the lounge, nurse writes a letter in her bunk, nurse reads

[00:17:27.00]

Nurse and man with flat-top get married in hospital chapel, staff watch the wedding, wedding party procession out of the hospital chapel

[00:18:15.10]

Soldiers load wounded soldiers onto ambulance, nurse climbs into ambulance, soldiers close ambulance doors

[00:18:48.03]

At Tan Son Nhut wounded soldiers are loaded onto aircraft, nurses confer while looking at records, nurse climbs into front seat of ambulance

[00:19:36.24] Sgt. Maj. Woods speaks to camera.

[00:19:52.08] Soldier talks to camera. Soldier speaks with Lt. Col. Judith Bennett, Women's Army Corps.

[00:20:29.28] Vietnamese soldier works with Vietnamese Women's Army Corps (VWAC). VWAC types. VWAC in uniform. VWACs in formation and marching.

[00:21:21.12] US WAC works with VWACs at studies.

[00:22:00.06]

VWAC gives towels to woman, VWAC wraps up baby in a blanket as mother looks on.

[00:22:21.10] Women and children do exercises. VWAC teaches class to Vietnamese women

[00:23:02.20] Soldier speaks to Lt. Col Bennett.

[00:23:08.22] Sgt. Maj. Woods speaks to camera.

[00:23:33.20] Artillery compound. Sign - B Battery, 13th Marines. Army artillery rolls into camp. Soldier position howitzers by jeep and manpower.

[00:24:15.24] Soldier assembles mortar. Soldiers build sandbag wall. Soldiers adjust howitzer. Soldiers clean howitzer.

[00:25:09.26] Artillery soldiers take order for fire mission and plot fire on charts.

[00:25:49.26]

Soldiers talk on two-way radios, gun crews move to howitzer, load howitzers, soldiers sight howitzer and fire. Soldiers fire howitzer.

[00:27:47.13] Sgt. Maj. Woods speaks to camera. End of tape.

[00:28:32.17] Start of tape. Sgt. Maj. talks to camera. Picks up model Huey.

[00:29:23.12] Huey's fly over bush.

[00:29:48.26] Flight tower with sign. California flight testing, small helicopter on the ground

[00:30:22.03] Soldiers gather around a board, soldiers with clipboards confer

[00:30:31.22] The helicopter flies. CH-47s, OV-1 Mohawk, and Hueys fly. War games.

[00:31:38.11]

Soldiers fire M-60s and .50 cal? at flying helicopters - tracers visible. Soldiers fire tank gun at helicopter. Helicopter explodes in the air, breaks apart, and falls to the ground

[00:32:12.18] Helicopter lands and lifts mock up helicopter. Tank gun fires on helicopter. .50 cal fires on helicopter.

[00:32:50.05] Long distance microphone, soldiers record sound, reel-to-reel deck

[00:32:59.18] Soldier fires m-60 at helicopter, soldier examines shot mock up helicopter

[00:33:24.10] Soldiers in computer laboratory, printer prints data

[00:34:00.11] Soldiers fire on helicopter

[00:34:14.12] Sgt. Maj. Bishop speaks to camera.

[00:34:34.29] Sign - Introduction Halo equipment Capt Fry, instructor lectures soldiers, soldier models halo equipment - helmet, mask, etc, parachute is unfurled

[00:35:19.14] Soldiers pretend to jump out of a plane, soldiers hang from ceiling and practice parachuting

[00:35:55.17] Soldiers jump into swimming pool, soldier snorkels, soldiers jumps with harness on and swings from ceiling

[00:36:46.27] Soldier jumps from plane and opens chute, soldier jumps from plane and opens chute

[00:37:20.09] Instructor watches with binoculars as parachuters fall, parachuters fall, instructors observe, parachuters descend by parachute

[00:38:17.08] Inside the plane soldiers fly and wait to jump, soldiers jump out of the plane, soldier lands on the ground, many soldiers land near each other

[00:39:26.16]

Sgt. Maj. Bishop talks to the camera in front of map.

[00:39:51.01] Map of South Vietnam, map of Mekong Delta

[00:40:12.02] Huey in flight over rice field of Mekong Delta. Soldiers on the ground in the fields and rice paddies, soldiers board Hueys, Hueys take off

[00:41:15.13] Formation of Hueys land, soldiers jump off Hueys, soldiers in the field, soldier uses portable radio, soldiers fire howitzer, jungle explodes, air strikes

[00:42:22.16] Airplane flies over head, soldiers bring wounded to red smoke LZ, red cross Hue lands, wounded soldier is loaded onto helicopter, soldiers after battle help a limping soldier, Huey flies off

[00:43:01.03] Soldiers move through rice paddies, soldiers walk through mud, soldiers enter village, soldiers question Vietnamese man, soldiers question villagers, soldier smashes boat with axe,

[00:44:22.27] Soldiers question villagers, soldiers bind and blindfold prisoners, soldiers line up prisoners

[00:45:25.15] Map of South Vietnam highlighting Pleiku

[00:45:49.22] Aerial of the highlands jungle, Vietnamese landscape, Vietnamese village, Montagnard village, native villagers.

[00:47:11.13] Soldiers confer over table, Hueys fly

[00:47:43.00] Jeep with big gun mounted drives by, soldier uses two way radio, Hueys warm up and take off

[00:48:12.06] Hueys in the air, soldiers smoke and ride in the Huey

[00:48:42.03]

Jeeps drive through the jungle, soldiers walk through field Hueys fly and land, soldiers dismount the helicopter

[00:49:57.24] At camp a soldier writes a letter, soldier cleans his weapon, soldier loads M-79

[00:50:33.21] Soldier fuels Huey, Huey lifts off

[00:50:57.25] Map of south Vietnam highlighting Saigon

[00:51:15.21] Soldiers in field. Soldier lights pipe. Soldiers look at map. Soldiers mill about camp.

[00:51:58.15] Soldiers move through rubber plantation

[00:52:05.21] Soldiers uncover tunnel system, soldier evacuate villagers

[00:52:43.29] Soldier on two way radio, soldiers fire entrenched mortar rounds

[00:53:24.16] Soldier stands by bridge, jeeps drive into river, soldiers fill jerry cans with water, soldiers drink water

[00:53:57.18] Soldiers kneel at open air church service by chaplain,

[00:54:18.10] Soldiers stand by as Huey lands, soldier holds map, soldiers move through bush, soldier talks on two way radio

[00:54:48.15] Sgt. Maj. Bishop speaks to camera.