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[02:00:10.23]

Scroll--Operation Cedar Falls, Jan. 1967 explained

[02:00:56.13]

CV-2 Caribou lands at Tan Son Nhut, soldiers climbing on

[02:01:26.02]

"Soldiers arrive at Lai Khe, home of 1st Infantry Div.", soldier walking across landing field

[02:01:39.20]

"UH1D's flying over jungle terrain"

[02:01:53.02]

"Bomb Craters"

[02:02:08.23]

Helicopters flying against sunset, aerial view of helicopters in formation

[02:02:29.25]

Aerial views of "Iron Triangle"

[02:03:03.01]

Aerial views of "Iron Triangle"

[02:03:30.16]

"Soldiers landing at Ben Suc"

[02:03:50.19]

Jeep backs out of Chinook helicopter

[02:04:13.04]

"Ben Suc villagers leaving"

[02:04:32.14]

Soldiers running, kneeling down

[02:05:01.17]

Soldiers walking on path, running

[02:05:21.28]

"M-60 MG and M-14 rifles"

[02:05:37.07]

"Villagers assembled for relocation"

[02:06:14.13]

Military camp

[02:06:22.01]

"Suspected VC"

[02:06:36.04]

aerial view of smoking terrain

[02:06:59.27]

helicopters flying in formation, smoking terrain

[02:07:27.13]

aerial shot of ground, helicopter flying, group of helicopters taking off

[02:07:56.29]

Helicopters landing

[02:08:22.05]

Soldier checking out path

[02:08:32.25]

"Soldier searches at entrance to tunnel"

[02:08:41.24]

"Flamethrower sets fire to rice cache"

[02:09:05.29]

soldiers walking (one on bike) along path

[02:09:21.20]

"Captured VC bicycle"

[02:09:24.19]

"Forward area base camp" (from helicopter)

[02:09:51.24]

helicopter pilot and co-pilot, aerial views

[02:10:34.12]

Helicopters flying by, soldiers walking, resting, eating, on phone

[02:11:12.14]

Soldiers relaxing, helicopters flying overhead, landing

[02:11:52.09]

"Chow line in the field"

[02:12:30.03]

soldier handing out food

[02:13:17.00]

soldiers in chow line getting food

[02:14:00.00]

Soldiers getting drinks, soldier eating

[02:14:34.14]

Gunner in helicopter, footage of terrain outside as helicopter flies

[02:14:59.17]

Helicopter flying

[02:15:10.07]

Pilot from inside helicopter

[02:15:30.25]

"Digging mortar emplacement" Soldiers digging trenches

[02:15:59.19]

Soldier working on trench

[02:16:16.28]

Soldiers defending mortar emplacement area

[02:16:39.10]

Soldier writing, others marching in background, on phone

[02:17:05.06]

"25th Inf. Div. Soldiers fire M-16s"

[02:17:16.15]

"M-79 Grenade Launcher" firing

[02:17:36.03]

"M-60 Machine Gun" loading and firing

[02:18:00.21]

"Medics attending three soldiers-booby trapped grenade exploded," wounded soldier tended by medic, bandaging wounds, soldier smokes,

[02:18:33.17]

bandaging soldier's leg, carrying out soldier, inserting IV, checking inside wounded soldier's mouth

[02:19:05.07]

"M-113 APC" soldier standing inside tank looking through binoculars, field

[02:19:30.20]

"TNT charges to destroy Vietcong bunker" soldier working with wire, running out of cave,

[02:20:02.03]

explosion with soldiers walking away

[02:20:24.16]

"M-113 bogged down in large ditch" overturned tank, up righting tank, tank rolls on

[02:20:59.03]

soldiers walking around stopped tanks

[02:21:05.06]

"Soldiers prepare charge to destroy a booby trapped Chinese Communist mine", shot of mine in ground, soldier cutting wire, lighting detonator

[02:21:33.14]

explosion, burned out building, soldier on field phone

[02:22:03.05]

tank convoy through open field

[02:22:23.26]

tanks rolling into vegetation area

[02:22:40.08]

black

[02:22:57.07]

soldiers walking through jungle

[02:23:34.11]

soldiers walking through jungle, defoliated area in jungle

[02:23:57.14]

soldiers walking, on field phone

[02:24:33.20]

purple smoke flare, Chinook helicopter flying in

[02:24:49.01]

soldiers climbing down ladder from helicopter

[02:25:20.23]

Soldiers climbing down ladder from helicopter

[02:25:44.09]

Soldiers climbing down ladder from helicopter, soldier starting chain saw, group of soldiers milling around

[02:26:08.22]

another angle of soldiers climbing down ladder from helicopter

[02:26:31.07]

soldiers climbing down ladder, soldiers holding ladder

[02:26:57.12]

one soldier climbing down, soldiers at bottom of ladder

[02:27:19.02]

chain saw cutting tree trunk, clearing area with chain saw

[02:27:33.10]

Soldiers milling around, chopping down trees with axes

[02:27:52.29]

chopping down tree with axe, clearing brush with machete

[02:28:26.13]

cutting tree trunk with chain saw, soldiers working at clearing area

[02:29:00.02]

soldier with chain saw, drinking from canteen

[02:29:25.07]

fixing chain saw

[02:30:09.05]

helicopter lands in newly cleared landing zone, soldiers get out of helicopter

[02:30:35.16]

soldier guides helicopter in

[02:30:55.12]

unloading supplies from helicopter, pile of rifles, General William DePuy and officers looking at map

[02:31:23.22]

"captured weapons" ammo, General talking with other officers, looking at captured weapons

[02:31:57.29]

Officer looking at weapon

[02:32:14.02]

Soldier carrying rifles to helicopter, loading helicopter,

[02:32:32.24]

Soldier in hole with metal can, soldier climbing out of tunnel, stockpile of captured weapons

[02:32:44.01]

Soldier digging with shovel

[02:33:04.28]

Soldier carrying container with handles

[02:33:46.12]

Soldier in hole

[02:34:00.12]

soldier carrying containers

[02:34:26.22]

piling up weapons, taking weapons out of tunnel and passing them along, examining weapon

[02:34:50.13]

climbing into tunnel, handing out weapons, uncasing bombs

[02:35:29.03]

stockpile of captured weapons

[02:35:48.10]

loading weapons into wagon

[02:36:15.00]

passing weapons down the line and placing them in wagon

[02:36:41.08]

driving off with filled wagon

[02:37:00.21]

soldier looking at ground, starting fire in dry grass, field on fire

[02:37:40.26]

black

[02:37:42.23]

soldier digging a hole, soldiers standing around

[02:38:21.10]

helicopters landing, soldiers unload

[02:38:46.27]

helicopters take off

[02:39:09.03]

soldiers carry metal beams, lay them down in rows

[02:39:31.13]

soldier opens strap on package of canvas, carries canvas

[02:39:40.00]

Soldiers walking through jungle

[02:40:15.25]

group of soldiers resting

[02:40:32.20]

soldier on phone

[02:40:54.21]

soldier tips helmet at camera, talks on phone,

[02:41:11.16]

bulldozer tears down tree

[02:41:47.23]

bulldozer clears brush

[02:42:01.13]

soldiers fill sandbags,

[02:42:05.13]

Brig. Gen. Bernard Rogers, Asst Comdr. 1st Infantry Div. looking at map

[02:42:30.26]

Group of officers looking at map

[02:42:42.13]

two soldiers carrying metal canister, soldier watching what's going on

[02:42:56.21]

group of soldiers, walking through brush

[02:43:38.15]

troopship lands, soldiers disembark

[02:44:02.24]

soldiers grab their gear, walk off plane

[02:44:28.29]

soldiers gathered on group on tarmac

[02:44:45.20]

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