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Tape/File # WCNAM A33 Attack on Tan Son Nhut

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[09:01:00.13]

Radio Communications between Security Police, Recorded at the base during the attack

[09:01:17.13]

Attack on Tan Son Nhut Air Base, 1968

[09:01:50.12]

Photo of base

[09:02:21.28]

lower third "January 1968 Soldiers Sweep Base Perimeter" over LS of base

[09:02:28.21]

soldiers picks up weapon, soldier cups hands to face, group of soldiers wander through brush

[09:02:49.09]

soldiers in small groups, walking down sandy area

[09:03:16.26]

lower third "Dead Viet Cong" over shot of bikes and scooters on road

[09:03:27.04]

soldier taking a picture of dead body in field, dead bodies, dead body in FG with tower in BG

[09:03:50.05]

ditch with debris, helmet,

[09:04:06.16]

lower third "Soldiers Inspect Damaged Bunker"

[09:04:13.10]

soldier standing on bunker, broken down car on road outside barbed wire fence, scooters go by, body (?) in ditch

[09:04:42.21]

lower third "Tanks & APCs"

[09:04:48.09]

tanks lined up on road, soldiers sitting on top of tank, eating

[09:05:12.28]

LS of street with tanks parked on side, tanks, soldier

[09:05:40.28]

shots of soldiers smiling, soldier jumps off tank where other soldiers are eating

[09:06:00.08]

soldiers eating and hanging out on tanks, sleeping

[09:06:31.11]

soldiers hanging out on tank, CU of individual soldiers

[09:06:58.20]

dead body in grass, pan to base in BG, dead bodies

[09:07:24.17]

dead bodies

[09:07:40.03]

lower third "Soldier removing ammunition bandolier"

[09:07:46.24]

soldier removing ammunition bandolier from dead body

[09:08:19.14]

soldiers digging, filling sandbags

[09:09:07.22]

cleaning weapon, digging, piling sandbags

[09:09:31.24]

dead bodies outside fence, riding bikes and scooters in BG

[09:09:59.01]

soldiers on bunker

[09:10:18.02]

dead bodies in ditch

[09:10:28.15]

tanks lined up, rolling

[09:10:44.23]

lower third "APC being fueled"

[09:10:51.20]

APC being fueled, diesel supply truck

[09:11:16.16]

LS base with smoke

[09:11:51.26]

filling sandbags

[09:12:27.22]

group of soldiers resting, individual and group of three

[09:12:53.12]

soldier on field phone, soldier relaxing

[09:13:09.19]

soldiers doing something with long pole

[09:13:20.24]

digging with pick axe, shots of faces

[09:13:43.02]

lower third "4.2 Mortar"

[09:13:44.29]

arming M60, armed soldiers with black smoke in distance

[09:13:56.02]

lower third "Security Police"

[09:14:00.29]

truck backs down road, armed soldiers on side of road, soldiers changing positions

[09:14:29.17]

group of soldiers surround jeep, tank in road, soldiers on side of road

[09:14:47.20]

soldiers move down road, crouch down, move through sandy area

[09:15:19.10]

shots of soldier's faces, crouching soldier

[09:15:32.19]

soldiers around tank, smoke in distance, explosion, soldiers firing from prone position

[09:15:54.25]

soldier on walkie-talkie, group of soldiers talking, soldiers walking along edge of road

[09:16:31.26]

strategizing group, soldiers run to new positions, soldier directing others to move, soldiers changing positions in field

[09:16:59.07]

armed soldier crouching in field, soldier on walkie-talkie, dead bodies

[09:17:27.08]

Soldiers looking at dead bodies

[09:17:43.13]

soldiers in FG, tank shooting, explosion, soldiers surrounded in smoke

[09:18:16.24]

soldiers walking through field, soldier holding injured soldier's leg, soldier loading machine gun

[09:18:39.22]

soldiers carrying injured soldier to truck, soldier on alert, tank and helicopter

[09:19:00.03]

tanks and explosions

[09:19:34.08]

soldier on field phone looks up to sky, soldiers move along road, smoke in the distance

[09:20:02.18]

soldier walking backwards on road, smoke in distance, group of soldiers determining next move, run into high grass

[09:20:33.14]

smoke near vehicles, ambulance in field, soldiers in grass, brigadier general talking to troops

[09:20:50.13]

soldiers on tank, base, dead bodies

[09:21:14.26]

medic cutting gauze to help injured Viet Cong

[09:21:32.00]

dead bodies, soldiers in field, smoke in distance

[09:22:02.11]

vehicle drives by, smoke rises in distance past tanks and trucks

[09:22:16.19]

helicopter lands in distance, soldier with camera along side other soldiers on side of road, soldiers on alert along road

[09:22:49.08]

soldiers moving along road, smoke in distance, soldiers in jeep with two flat tires

[09:23:11.23]

LS of base with soldiers moving through field, group of soldiers, tank in road

[09:23:37.26]

spent shells, gun with helmet on it, soldier with gun, soldiers move in field

[09:24:00.16]

OTS soldier with black smoke in BG, soldiers in prone position

[09:24:15.27]

base with smoke, soldier taking picture of dead body, soldier shooting film of dead bodies, other soldiers stand and watch

[09:24:47.17]

soldiers at tank waving someone off, soldier filming tank shooting, soldiers shooting from prone position

[09:25:01.22]

lower third "Gate to base"

[09:25:06.13]

soldiers hiding on side of truck, shot of soldier, soldier on guard, motorcycle rides by, base entrance barricaded with trucks

[09:25:22.21]

soldier sitting, soldier moving on road at base entrance, group of soldiers outside building, soldiers checking out car

[09:25:46.00]

on patrol, soldiers moving alongside roadway, around buildings, soldiers in ditches

[09:26:15.23]

soldier on patrol outside building, tower with soldier on top, soldiers patrol through brush on side of road

[09:26:45.03]

soldiers move through field, base in BG, soldiers gather in FG

[09:27:01.07]

helicopters land on base, base/soldiers in distance

[09:27:31.01]

soldiers surrounded by sandbags

[09:28:03.14]

CU soldier scanning area

[09:28:08.13]

lower third, "Radio Hanoi"

[09:28:13.07]

soldier's face, soldiers gathered, sandbags, cleaning weapon,

[09:28:40.10]

lower third "Cleaning M-16"

[09:28:45.07]

soldier cleaning M-16, CU soldier's face, shot of group talking while soldier cleans weapon

[09:29:08.09]

soldiers watch black smoke billowing, soldiers on side of road by open door of vehicle, soldiers crouch by sign

[09:29:30.20]

soldiers in prone position on alert

[09:29:44.10]

helicopter overhead, helicopter shoots-black smoke appears in sky, billowing black smoke beyond building

[09:30:04.06]

jet takes off on runway, helicopter flies by, plane shooting in air

[09:30:35.29]

soldier watches plane fly past, helicopter flying overhead

[09:30:46.27]

base camp street, two soldiers getting into jeep, drive off, CU soldier sitting

[09:31:04.07]

helicopter lands, soldiers walking on runway

[09:31:11.26]

lower third "CH-47"

[09:31:16.27]

CH-47 lands, soldiers disembark, walk past camera

[09:31:41.26]

group of soldiers walking away from camera, soldier's faces

[09:31:56.01]

helicopter lands, another approaches, plane shoots

[09:32:12.16]

aerial view of camp

[09:32:42.11]

billowing black smoke, soldier sits on side of truck, soldier taking pictures

[09:32:55.22]

soldier runs to change position on street, soldiers in prone position in grass, under truck

[09:33:12.01]

soldier crawls to new position, soldiers in prone position, ambulance drives by

[09:33:26.21]

CU of helmet with writing on it, soldier sitting on truck, gate to base with vehicles waiting to go in

[09:33:41.00]

base with smoke in distance

[09:34:01.08]

soldier talking to driver of red truck with flashing lights, fade to black

[09:34:07.00]

soldiers in jeep back up, group of soldiers with weapons at the ready, smoke through open shelter

[09:34:31.00]

soldiers look at smoke from their foxhole, smoke billowing, soldiers talking

[09:34:59.26]

car drives up to and through check point, OTS soldier, group of 3 soldiers

[09:35:33.15]

Tan Son Nhut Air Base sign with flags flying in front of it, ambulance

[09:35:57.05]

soldiers in foxhole, soldier looking out of foxhole, sitting on side of foxhole on alert

[09:36:24.19]

group of soldiers using truck as a shield, soldier opening car door for soldier to get in, car drives away

[09:36:55.18]

VW van drives through, soldiers at base entrance, car driving down road outside base

[09:37:32.08]

helicopter overhead, scooter, truck, jeep and ambulance driving on base road

[09:38:06.24]

helicopter flying, soldiers resting on grass

[09:39:00.18]

lower third "Guard post"

[09:39:06.19]

guard tower, radio tower and guide wires

[09:39:27.10]

lower third "ARVN Soldiers"

[09:39:31.13]

soldiers running across open pavement, soldiers on alert, ambulance drives through

[09:40:09.28]

slate "Rocket Damage"

[09:40:13.09]

wooden building with side splintered, damaged area

[09:40:51.22]

villagers sweeping debris in street

[09:41:24.11]

construction vehicle with flat tires, parked jeeps with bullet holes in windshield and rear view mirror

[09:41:58.18]

damage to plane fuselage

[09:42:28.13]

lower third "C-130"

[09:42:34.03]

tail section of a C-130

[09:42:48.19]

lower third "C-47"

[09:42:52.20]

shots of C-47 being repaired

[09:43:19.05]

lower third "barracks"

[09:43:23.18]

bombed out barracks, smoldering mattress, building bombed in half, soldiers taking down roof from inside, LS building

[09:43:52.24]

soldiers working inside bombed out barracks, empty bed frame, view of barracks from outside

[09:44:17.05]

jeeps with bullet holes in them

[09:44:57.15]

dumpsters, sweeping up debris around buildings, frames of destroyed buildings

[09:45:36.18]

sweeping up debris, building frame, back hoe

[09:45:59.09]

bullet damage to tractor trailers

[09:46:27.01]

cleaning up debris

[09:46:46.11]

broken wire hanging down from telephone pole, construction vehicle, damaged dump truck

[09:47:21.23]

working on frame of building, sign "Being constructed by 823 CES unit 2 Red Horse, Hard hat "area"", construction work on frame

[09:47:51.18]

construction

[09:48:27.23]

jeep drives by, building construction in BG, shoveling up debris and putting it in wooden crates

[09:48:53.20]

damaged dump truck

[09:49:20.29]

sandbags surrounding bombed out barracks, cleaning debris inside

[09:50:00.00]

bullet riddled delivery truck with flat tires (various views)

[09:51:20.05]

bombed barracks--windows blown out, roof missing

[09:52:16.22]

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[09:53:03.17]

Black (audio continues)

[09:54:29.22]

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