

ENGINEERS STOP  
ASSASSINATION PLOT

Charlie Company, 39th Engineer Battalion, found themselves in the middle of an assassination plot recently. Late in the afternoon, local civilians from Trach Tru, a small village near LZ Max, Charlie Company's base camp, brought word that there was a group of Viet Cong in the village bent on assassinating the village chief.

With the possibility of vehicles from the company in the village, a two platoon reactionary force was dispatched to investigate. When the

Viet Cong element in the village spotted the Engineers coming, they took off through the adjacent rice paddies. Charlie Company as t after them in hot pursuit, and in the resulting engagement was credited with one enemy KIA.

By this time the operation had been coordinated with nearby infantry and gunships. When these units arrived on the scene, the pursuit operation was turned over to them. The Engineers had put a stop to the Viet Cong's terrorist activity.

Charlie Company's reactionary force returned to the LZ, too excited to enjoy the late supper that had been kept warm for them. This mission had been the first in about seven months that resulted in enemy casualties.

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