

MINESWEEP TEAM SEES ACTION

The minesweep team of the third platoon of Charlie Company, 39th Engn Bn, got a chance to fire their weapons at something besides soda cans when they made contact with approximately fifteen Viet Cong recently. The minesweep team, under the direction of 1LT Thomas Gresham, had just moved out from LZ Max on a routine mission with an ARVN security force for protection. Sensing danger in the air, the ARVN's sprang a pre-planned ambush prematurely and the VC took off running, with the ARVN's in hot pursuit. With the ARVN's forcing the Viet Cong into the open, the minesweep team opened fire. During the resulting firefight, the VC disappeared into a woodline. Two gunships were called in but failed to find any trace of the enemy.

After the short conflict, Charlie Company's first platoon reactionary force joined the minesweep and provided additional security for the remainder of the mission.

Little Johnnie was talking to his friend: "The doctor put my mommy on a seven-day diet, but she ate it all in one meal."