

# 1/35th Infantry Regiment

## Battles of 1 and 6 March 1967

In Memory of these Cacti Brothers...

Recon 1/35th - 1 March 1967 - Sgt. Frank Bazell, Pfc. David Ramirez, Pfc. Edward Reid

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**SUBJECT: Inclosure 1: Combat After action Report for PERSHING**

**ED Note: Op. Pershing was conducted from 12 February to 19 April 1967, with the 3d Brigade Task Force, 25<sup>th</sup> Div OPCON to the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Division (Airmobile).**

**Location of Operation: The area designated for Operation PERSHING included sandy shorelines and coastal plains as well as mountainous area rising precipitously from near sea level to 700 meters or more. The Nui Mieu Mountain Area with the center of mass at BR9875 rises from near sea level to 600 meters. The Crescent Area includes the flat coastal plain between the Nui Mieu Mtns to the south, the Cay Giep Mtns (BR9389) to the north, the South China Sea to the east and the high ground from BR9276 to BR8887 to the west; Hwy 1 bisects the Crescent area. The 506, Kim Son, and Soui Ca Valleys are located with center of masses BR8480, BR7381, and BR8065 respectively. (ED – From the AAR for Op. PERSHING)**

### 1. Battle of 1 March 67:

**a. Units involved: Reconnaissance Platoon, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry and Co A, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry.**

**b. Mission: The Recon Platoon was on a search and destroy operation moving from east to west along the ridge vic BR890775. Co A was on a search and destroy operation moving south on three axes vic BR877780.**

**c. Terrain: The terrain in the area was characterized by a high ridge line, sparsely vegetated in most areas along the crest with deep, densely vegetated draws and underbrush between the crest and the low ground.**

**d. Enemy: No known enemy units were reported in the area prior to the fire fight. The enemy has been known to use vegetated portions of the ridge for routes of movement from north to south.**

**e. Synopsis of actions:**

**(1) At 1330 hours, 1 March, the Recon Platoon was moving from east to west along the south side of the Crescent Ridge. Since the platoon was south of the top of the ridge, the movement was characterized by traversing of cross compartments. The platoon was in a column with point and flank security.**

