

Engineers Foil Assassins' Plot

CHU LAI (39th Bn) - Company C, 39th Engineer Battalion, found itself in the middle of an assassination plot. Recently local civilians from Trach Tru, a small village near Landing Zone Max, Company C's base camp, brought word that there was a group of Viet Cong in the village bent on assassinating the village chief.

A two platoon reactionary force was dispatched to investigate. When the Viet Cong element in the village spotted

the engineers coming, they fled through the adjacent rice paddies. Company C set after them in hot pursuit and in the resulting engagement was credited with one enemy killed in action.

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.