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Monthly Food Supply for Regiment 33

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## SUMMARY

A rice storage which contained approximately six tons of Cambodian rice was located at BQ 247653 approximately 400 meters from CHU RBON Village, CHEO REO District, PHU BON Province, SVN. Regiment 33 had the responsibility of transporting Cambodian rice from Station CO7, CAMBODIA, to the storage at BQ 247653. Other food including buffalo meat and canned milk were purchased from CAMBODIA. By 19 November 1967 the rice storage at BQ 247653 had not been discovered by U.S. forces.

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MAP REFERENCE: AMS Sheet 173E, Series L605, Scale 1/100,000, Edition 5

(NOTE: Source's infiltration group TRUNG DUNG came to the YA HLEO and LA IOP River crossing and remained there for two months in order to transport Cambodian rice to Commo-liaison Station 17 approximately ten meters from Regiment 33 dispensary (YV 816717) After transporting rice twice, [REDACTED] 3.3(h)(2)

he moved with the entire regiment to the forest (BQ 247653) approximately 400 meters from CHU RBON Village, in CHEO REO District, PHU BON Province, SVN.).

#### RICE STORAGE AREAS

1. In July 1967 a rice storage had been located at BR 260642 more than one kilometer northeast of CHU RBON Village CHEO REO District, PHU BON Province, SVN. It was guarded by two rear service cadres of Regiment 33. The rice storage was constructed in May 1966 to store Cambodian rice as well as the rice grown by Regiment 33 in two fields located approximately one kilometer northwest of DUNG Village (BQ 345610). The rice storage was temporarily constructed under a large shade tree and had thatch roofs, green canvas covers and bamboo floors that were covered with canvas. The rice storage contained approximately six tons of Cambodian rice transported by Regiment 33 from Station CO7, CAMBODIA.

#### RICE PICKUP

2. Twice a month Regiment 33 (composed of Battalion 1 (320 men), Battalion 3 (350 men) and regiment headquarters (140 men) transported rice. The only men left to defend the regiment headquarters were: battalion commanders, assistant battalion commanders, political officers, regiment commanders and assistants, field grade political officers and platoon guards. Each battalion, at one day separations from one another, took 12 days to transport about 500 kilograms of rice. The rice had been bought by Regiment 33 Rear Service cadres from Cambodian civilians at CO7. Upon receiving an order for rice, the Regiment soldiers and cadres left their camp location BQ 247653, and moved along the 30 centimeter wide jungle path westward across National Route 14 to the YA HLEO/YA IOP Rivers where they rested a day before reaching CO7. Rucksacks were used to transport rice in loads which depended on the physical strength of the soldiers. Seven days were required to carry rice from CO7 to their location.

(NIC Comment. Although the quantity of 500 kilograms of rice per trip does not seem great for such a number of men to be transporting, it is not out of line when viewed with the soldier's monthly ration of 21 kilograms of rice per month and the fact that Regiment 33 itself grew rice near DUNG Village).

#### FOOD AND EQUIPMENT PICKUP

3. Regiment 33 formed two 30-man groups from the battalions and one 20-person group from Regiment Headquarters to buy sufficient food (not including rice) and equipment on a monthly basis

#### MONTHLY RATIONS PER SOLDIER

4. Every soldier was given four hundred grams of sugar. Cadres from Company level received one kilogram and four hundred grams of sugar; they also were given Cambodian canned milk "CON THO" "BUP BE" or GVN "CON CHIM" that was bought by the production element at the Montagnard villages in PHU BON Province. Everyone was given six hundred grams of green beans costing GVN\$40 per kilogram. Soldiers and cadres received 600 grams of salt at GVN\$7 per kilogram. Nine persons received a small container of oil to use in their lighters.

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Soldiers and cadres were given 30 grams of seasoning powder bought from Cambodians; 100 grams at GVN\$60 and 30 grams of tobacco (100 grams cost GVN\$45). They received 21 kilograms of rice at GVN \$12 a kilo. Sufficient food and equipment was bought on a monthly basis.

## RICE STORAGE AREAS

5. U.S. troops operating at BUON DUNG on 17 November 1967 located a food storage at BQ 238612 approximately 400 meters from BUON DUNG. Later the Americans fired this storage which contained 25 kilograms of sugar, 5 kilograms of tobacco and 45 cans of "CON CHIM" milk. This storage had been used for patients under treatment at the Regiment 33 dispensary (BQ 246656). The rice storage at BQ 260642 located in the CHU RBON forest had not been discovered by 19 November 1967 [REDACTED]

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