

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS 2D BATTALION 14TH INFANTRY  
(GOLDEN DRAGONS)  
APO San Francisco 96385

AVLGFES-XO

1 February 1968

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation

THRU: Commanding Officer  
2d Bn, 14th Inf  
APO SF 96385

TO: Commanding Officer  
1st Bn, 25th Inf Div  
APO SF 96385

1. In accordance with VOCO, the undersigned conducted an informal investigation to determine the facts and circumstances surrounding the explosion in the Bravo Company ASF which caused the fire on 8 February 1968.

2. Bravo Company had established an ASF for the Tay Ninh Base Camp ready reaction force which was organized from the rear area personnel of the Battalion. A second ASF was established upon arrival of the convoy at 1830 hours. This ASF contained a portion of the Company ammunition that was on position at Katum and could not be carried back on the airmobile move.

3. At 2005 hours, reports were received that the Battalion was receiving incoming mortar rounds. The bunker line OD report reflects an entry at the time specified bunkers 44-47 were receiving mortar rounds in and around their area. These bunkers are located to the N of the Battalion area on the perimeter. The brigade journal reflects an entry (G/C) that "the 2/14 reports a fire in the 1st ASI. Fire was started by incoming S/A and 60mm mortar rds. The rounds came from the N/E."

4. The statement by CPT Montgomery states he heard what he believed to be incoming rounds. Although not in the immediate area of the ASF, the undersigned and MAJ Stoy (Sde S-1) concur in the position that we heard small arms fire and explosions that sounded like incoming mortar rounds prior to hearing the ammunition blowing up.

5. A search of the debris the following day uncovered one 82mm Mortar fin which I am retaining in my possession.

6. Conclusion. The ammunition was destroyed by enemy initiated activity.

/s/ Robert E Yocs  
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Executive Officer