

LRP Team Kills NVA Prowlers

DAK TO — The 1st Brigade Long Range Patrol (LRP) team had set up its night location on a small hill 10 kilometers south of the 1st Brigade, commanded by Colonel Hale H. Knight of Alexandria, Va., when they heard chopping sounds 300 meters to their east.

Team leader Sergeant Michael B. Foster of Nashville, Tenn., radioed the information as the Ivymen continued to direct their attention toward the chopping.

Suddenly, assistant team leader Specialist 4 Rich Maxey of Cazenovia, Wis., spotted three NVA 50 meters from their position in the opposite direction from the chopping.

"With three of them on one side of us and the chopping close on the other side, we didn't know if we were surrounded or not," said Sergeant Foster.

The team received instructions to fire if the three NVA came too close, then move to the LZ for extraction.

When the trio of NVA got within 10 meters of their location they fired a Claymore, which had been set up earlier, killing the three NVA.

The team quickly moved out in the direction of the designated LZ. About 50 meters from it, Sergeant Foster saw movement in the brush to his right. "I was running with a grenade in my hand, so I just tossed it in the general direction of the movement," he said.

The LRP team didn't wait around to check results...they had an urgent appointment with an anxious chopper.