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Rifleman uses forgotten skills in hot combat

BINH CHANH – The 9th Division soldier never knows when he has to use skills he may have forgotten since he graduated from Reliable Academy. A good case in point in Private Jefferey Quinn of Burlington, N.J.

Quinn, a rifleman with Company A, 6th Battalion, 31st Infantry, took over the company radio, when the RTO (Radio Telephone Operator) was wounded during a VC mortar attack July 8 on the Binh Dien bridge near Saigon. He then acted as forward observer for a helicopter light fire team and directed the gunships as they plastered enemy positions during the four-hour action.

Quinn's commanding officer, Captain John M. Finn, of Oklahoma City, Okla., said, "He is an outstanding example of the soldier who, in the heat and confusion of combat, comes forward to get the job done."