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Lucky aid man thwarts VC tries

DONG TAM – Ninth Division soldiers don't have the nine lives of a cat, but one medic here is making a good show of it.

Specialist Four Benjamin E. Cherry, of Norfolk, VA, an aid man with the 6th Battalion, 31st Infantry, was recently lying on his air mattress when the Viet Cong tossed a ten-pound satchel charge just three feet from him. It did not explode.

Last August, he took cover in a small hole when his unit received sniper fire. Any enemy rocket dropped into the hole with him. Again, the explosive failed to go off.

"Those close call have convinced me that someone is watching over me," Cherry concluded.