6/11th Artillery Compilation from
from the Americal Division
Veteran's Association data base.

Above is the 6/11th Artillery Battalion crest.

6/11th Artillery Bn Articles and related materials compiled from the Americal Division Veteran's Association (ADVA) database.

ADVA Historian for 2021 comments. Compilation documents have been made for veterans who might not have computer skills to search the extensive files for materials about their unit.

This document was made for veterans of the 6/11th Artillery Battalion. This is a list of items that are also available to 6/11th Artillery veterans, but are considered separate 6/11th Artillery items and were not included in the compilation:

The 7 issues of the 6/11th Artillery Newsletters, "The Canoneer" are not included in the compilation. This is because almost every story in the newsletters is related to the 6/11th Artillery so they can simply be read. Photos related to the 6/11th Artillery Battalion were inserted into this document from The Americal Division's Newspaper, the "Southern Cross". There are two known 6/11th Artillery yearbooks from Vietnam service (1970 & 1970-71). A large "The Hill" document exists that has history for 3/1st Inf. Bn. and includes much about D Battery 6/11th Artillery (from July 1969-Nov71).

Maps of the Americal AO are available, but not part of the compilation. Other general information that relates to all units of the Americal Division are in the ADVA data base.

There are photos related to the 6/11th Artillery Battalion articles inserted into the document. These mainly came from the weekly "Southern Cross" newspaper.

There are Division and Artillery Operation Reports and Lessons Learned Reports. And Operation reports that can provide insight to why artillerymen were moving artillery pieces around so much.

At the end of this document I have inserted examples of Americal Division S2/S3 entries related to the 6/11th Artillery Battalion to illustrate what might be available in the 50 months of Americal Division S2/S3 reports.

Stanton Order of Battle Vietnam reference book information about the 6/11th Artillery Battalion.

3rd Battalion 18th Artillery
(105mm Howitzer, Towed)

Arrived Vietnam: 20 December 1967
Departed Vietnam: 19 September 1971
Previous Station: Fort Lewis

Authorized Strength	**1968**	**1970**
	526	641

The 6th Battalion of the 11th Artillery ("The Dragon Regiment") was a towed 105mm howitzer battalion, part of the 11th Infantry Brigade (Light) and later of the 23d Infantry Division (Americal). It was stationed at Duc Pho.

UNIT CITATIONS AWARDED

6th Bn, 11th Arty
RVNGC24 Aug 69 - 31 Dec 69 DAGO 42, 1972
RVNGC31 Mar 70 - 30 Jun 70 DAGO 42, 1972
HHB, 6th Bn, 11th Arty
RVNGC1 Apr 71 - 30 Jun 71 DAGO 6, 1974

SOURCE: Department of the Army Pamphlet 762-3

Unit Citation and Campaign Participation Credit Register

(1960-1978) Dated: May 1980

ABBREVIATIONS:

DAGO: Department of the Army General Order

RVNGC: Republic Of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation

HHB Headquarters & Headquarters Battery

6/11th Artillery Bn Compilation of Vietnam Articles

This is a compilation of article transcriptions on file in the Americal Division Veteran's Association historical data base with references to the 3/18th Artillery Battalion's Service in Vietnam.

(Copy received from Dan Gillotti in May 2011.)

196th Crest **"C H A R G E R"** Knight on a rearing horse
196th Infantry Brigade
Vol 2, No. 6 Da Nang, Vietnam March 24, 1972 Page 6

"Redleg" CO Ends Viet tour

When Major James C. Broadus told his men to blow away an enemy target, he meant every word. Broadus is finishing his Vietnam tour as commander of the biggest combat artillery battalion in the Army, the 3d battalion, 82d artillery.

Both the battalion and its commander are unusual. Most artillery battalions specialize in one size of gun, while the 3/82d has batteries of every artillery caliber in the U.S. arsenal, operated by the largest Fire Direction Control Center in Vietnam.

Major Broadus is completing his second tour in Vietnam. The first time around, in 1966-67, he was Corps Operations Officer in the J3 (joint 3) staff at MACV, where he kept situation maps and made briefings on III Corps, keeping such persons as General Westmoreland advised on the regional situation.

He started his second tour as installation commander on Firebase Rawhide, which has since been abandoned. He organized the batteries working there, and was for 32 days, the "Mayor of Rawhide."

From Rawhide, he became the executive officer of the 6th battalion, 11th artillery on LZ Bronco, in the 2d [sic 23d] Inf. Div. (Americal) and in July became the commanding officer of the 6/11th as a major filling a Lt. Colonel's position.

When the Americal was deactivated in late 1971, Brigadier General McDonough, the new commander of the 196th Infantry Brigade, personally asked Broadus to assume command of the 3/82.

Broadus found that it took a "good day's work" to operate this super-sized battalion, and "It tested the coordination abilities of everybody involved."

He chose the best officers and NCO's he could find from units standing down elsewhere, forming a hand-picked crew to run the battalion. With these men to help, he decentralized control, giving the battery commanders more responsibility.

Broadus feels that he has shown that it is possible to run a "beefed up" unit like this, and that his men can go anywhere in the world and use the experience gained in this operation.

After 16 active years in the Army, Broadus finds he still enjoys artillery because of the espirit de corps attached to this high-standards outfit. He also discovered that artillery can be fun for people who enjoy mathematics, and feels that the best beginning for a "Redleg" is a "good grocery store arithmetic background."

He holds a B.S. Degree in Accounting, and a Master's in business administration. Since joining the army he has been a Forward Observer, Battery XO, and instructor at Ft. Sill, and of course, twice a battalion commander.

The often-smiling artillery leader says he enjoyed this tour, and "I enjoyed having one battalion down south, but never dreamed I'd have another one up here. If it weren't for being away from my family, I'd like to stay on.

After spending some hard-earned leave time with his family in Fairfax, VA, Broadus will assume his next position in the office of the Comptroller of the Army in the Pentagon, Washington D.C.

This is an excerpt from a sixty-six page summary of the actions at My Lai prepared by James I. McDaniels. D 6/11th Artillery provided the preparation fires on My Lai (4) prior to the assault by men from Task Force Barker. (6/11 Information based on information in the Peers Report).

..... 'Coyote Six,' Frank Barker's command-and-control helicopter, was already on station. 'Skeeter,' a tiny bubble helicopter, was en route from Chu Lai. During the battle it would skip low over the trees, reconning the battle ground, ferreting out the enemy positions, drawing fire for the high and low gunships to engage."--MYLA/HST, 1992,pp.102-104. "Skeeter" brought along its own protection, a team of two gunships called the "Warlords."--JIM,JUN9,1993.

As that first flight proceeded on its way to My Lai from Dottie, Jim's gunship joined them along with the other gunship that had been with him at LZ Baldy.--JIM,Jun9,1993.

Bilton and Sim described the aerial view of the area in their book. "Below were villages hidden beneath extraordinary outcrops of trees and exotic vegetation, irregular islands moored in rice fields. Narrow yellow tracks, almost causeways, joined one habitation to another."--MYLA/HST,1992,p.97.

"According to most witnesses, Barker ordered artillery and helicopter gunship fire to be directed on the western edge of the village itself to knock out the enemy positions dug into the tree line. No warning was to be given to the inhabitants."--MYLA/HST,1992, p.95.

"For three minutes, just before 7:30 AM, a small group of artillerymen sweated and strained to deliver their first barrage of the day from four 105mm guns [into the outskirts of My Lai]. D Company, 6/11th Artillery Battalion,...fired from the fortified fire base at LZ Uptight...six miles north of My Lai."--MYLA/HST,1992,p.105.

Jim noted that they had a "hot prep" of the LZ, which was outside of the village. A hot prep meant the gunships "prepared" the LZ with rockets, machine guns, and 40mm grenades (from the nose turret of the Frog gunships) for a few minutes prior to the slicks inserting the troops into the LZ. That was a relatively common practice. They also had an artillery prep by howitzers prior to the helicopters arriving. By prepping the adjacent tree lines, it either killed the "bad guys" that might be waiting, or drove them underground into tunnels or "spider holes," or got them to leave the area. There would be no "friendlies" lounging around the tree lines near an open rice paddy outside of a village. The idea was to kill or drive them away, but of course it didn't always work as planned. For this particular troop insertion, Jim and his fellow Sharks prepped the LZ, and the slicks had a cold insertion, meaning they took no return fire from within the LZ.--JIM,Mar11,1993.

An 18 year old fisherman who was a survivor of the massacre that day told Bilton and Sim that, "Soon after the shelling stopped, troops landed in waves...then spread out before they entered the village, shooting as they went...The helicopters continued firing around the edges of the paddies for half an hour."--MYLA/HST,1992, p.153.

The authors continue: "In his command-and-control chopper, the 'Charlie Charlie' ship, Barker sat at a homemade console of radios. At the flick of a switch he could contact the ground troops and the gunships...At LZ Uptight...mortar platoon members...listened on their radios. Over in Task Force Barker's tactical operations center at Dottie, and further to the south in the operations room of the brigade headquarters at Duc Pho, more radio operators waited to monitor news of the battle.

Army Reporter article

30Mar68-**Task Force Barker Turns Tables on 3 VC Companies**

DUC PHO, (AMERICAL-IO)

-Infantry and cavalry units of the 11th Light Infantry Brigade's Task Force Barker, Americal Division, backed by artillery and air strikes, turned the tables on three Viet Cong companies in actions in the southern coastal section of I Corps recently.

The four-hour engagement left a total of 68 enemy dead on the battlefield by actual body count and five weapons captured. Units sweeping the area from a point near the village of My Lei to the sea were still rounding up prisoners and abandoned weapons the next day.

Initial Engagement

Company A was moving into the area on a routine operation aboard armored personnel carriers (APC) of E Troop, 1st Cavalry, led by 1st Lt. James Oley. The carriers halted to discharge troops shortly after noon, but before the men could disembark, the tracks were hit with rocket, mortar and machinegun fire.

"Two fo the tracks received direct hits by mortars," according to SSgt. Bobby J. Brown, a Co. A squad leader, "They pulled into a circle facing four directions to let the troops out, and began shooting back with their .50 cal. machine guns and M60s.

Corporal Joseph N. Mason Jr., also of Co. A, was inside one of the APCs which was hit by a mortar round. He saw one of its M60 gunners get hit, took over the gun and continued to return fire.

Arty, Air Support

Support fire form the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery was called in to hold the VC battalion-sized unit at bay, and Air Force F-105 Thunderchiefs came in to blast enemy positions.

The 11th Bde/s Aviation Detachment nd Shark gunships from the 174th Aviation Company arrived on the scene to cover the APCs and Co A's advance.

Ground troops and cavalry continued t o receive heavy mortar and automatic weapons fire, and more air strikes were called.

"In all, we called four air strikes by the Air Force and had helicopters on station over the area, three different times," Lt. Col. Frank Barker, task force commander, said.

Captain Patrick Trinkle, Co. A commander, in the field with his troops, was wounded by a bullet and shrapnel in the shoulder and legs at 2:30 p.m., but remained in command of his company until the enemy broke contact at about 5:30 p.m.

Search Continues

"The units were able to sweep the entire area to the coast and back," Col. Barker stated.

The search for enemy dead, wounded and weapons, as well as troops hidden in spiderholes, tunnels and bunkers continued until dark. Reinforcements from Company B, 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry linked up with Co. A and the two outfits set up a perimeter defense until dawn the next day.

Artillery continued to provide covering fire throughout the night to check enemy movements, and an Air Force AT-47 Puff, the Magic Dragon aircraft equipped with Vulcan min-guns flew cover over the perimeter defense most of the night.

An ambush patrol by Co. B killed two VCs during the night, capturing one weapon and the two companies, with the APCs from E Troop, continued to search the area the next day.

06Jul68 Article from the Army Reporter
13Jul68-Vietnam Communique

Americal Division

Soldiers of the Americal Division killed 123 enemy soldiers during the week's fighting. Major contacts occurred while conducting operation Wheeler/Wallowa.

Heavy action occurred when the 196th Infantry Brigade's 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry, encountered a VC force south of Hoi An. The soldiers combined with the 171st [sic should be the 71st] Assault Helicopter Company killed 21 of the enemy. Later in the week the same battalion engaged the VC and killed 10 enemy and captured their weapons.

Action in the 11th Infantry Brigade area netted seven enemy killed. A battery of the **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery** accounted for the kills when they were called to fire on a group of VC who had been spotted one mile north of Mo Duc.

Photo found in Army Reporter

28Sep68-Americal soldiers express themselves through softball

Photo 1 - The umpire calls "strike three" the batter looks puzzled and the catcher holds the runner on base at Landing Zone Bronco (AMERICAL PHOTO)

Photo 2 - A redleg from the **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery** connects as his team battles with the 11th Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company team. (AMERICAL PHOTO)

Excerpt from an article in the Army Reporter.

27Jan69-**Vietnam Communique** **Jan.7 - Jan. 13**

Americal Div

Soldiers of the Americal Division killed 159 enemy in a week of heavy contact.

Troopers of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade accounted for 21 of the enemy killed and six tons of rice uncovered Jan. 11. An element of the 4th Bn., 31st Inf. killed six VC in three contacts during the late morning hours in an area 20 miles west of Tam Ky. Three companies of the 3rd Bn., 21st Inf., working in an area 14 miles west of the city killed 14 enemy in nine scattered actions during the morning and afternoon hours, while battalion soldiers unearthed 4,500 pounds of rice in a single enemy cache 14 miles west of Tam Ky. Four more tons of rice were discovered in several caches in scattered areas by other brigade elements.

On Jan. 10 a recon patrol from the 11th Light Infantry Brigade called in artillery from the **6th Bn., 11th Arty.** on an enemy platoon 12 miles south of Quang Ngai, City along the Song Be. Six enemy were killed in the action. Other brigade units killed seven VC in five incidents in Quang Ngai City and
Duc Pho areas.

Excerpt from an Army Reporter article.

17Mar69-**Vietnam Communique** **Feb. 24 to March 2**

VC, NVA take country-wide beating

Americal Div

The soldiers of the Americal Division killed 392 enemy troops in a week of scattered contact.

Division troops, supporting fire and ARVN troops combined to kill 202 enemy Feb. 25, with 168 enemy killed by troopers of the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry and the ARVN 2nd Infantry Division in an action three miles south of Tam Ky.

Brigade elements accounted for six enemy killed in the Tam Ky-Chu Lai area Feb. 26. Flying in support of the brigade, Air Force Capt. Jack L. Dickens, a forward air controller , directed seven airstrikes to destroy 16 structures and several bunkers. On the same day, soldiers of the 11th Light Infantry Bde. killed nine enemy southwest of Quang Ngai City, with five of the kills credited to cannoneers of the 6th Bn., 11th Arty.

On Feb. 27, soldiers of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade's 1st Bn., 46th Inf. accounted for 16 VC killed in seven incidents 16 to 21 miles northwest of Tam Ky. Airstrikes killed an additional five enemy in that area.

At 2:30 a.m. on the 27th, enemy soldiers probed the night defensive position of Troop A, 1st Squadron, 1st Cav., 11 miles north-northwest of Tam Ky. The cavalrymen, led by Capt. Earl V. Shackerford, counterattacked, killing three VC.

Article from "Army Reporter".

8 September 1969 - **Cutting LZs from mountains task of artillery "jump" team**

FB 411 - Sunbaked clay is whirled into a dusty frenzy as a bulky "Chinook" helicopter hovers over the waiting 105-mm howitzer. Marble-sized stones and clods of dirt are flung in a 15-yard radius as the chopper applies power and carefully lifts the cannon from its resting place.

Men on the ground "pop smoke" near a neatly laid stack of ammunition. A second Chinook lands nearby, and combat proven cannoneers file into the waiting bird. With all aboard, the chopper lifts off and hovers over the netted ammunition. A goggle-clad man hooks the valuable cargo to the passenger-laden aircraft and another artillery "jump" is on its way.

Jumping from one landing zone to another is old hat to the Americal Division soldiers of Btry. D, 6th Bn., 11th Arty.

One recent move began as 1st Sgt. Eldon Perrine and seven men landed on Hill 54, west of Quang Ngai City. When the cannoneers arrived at their new home, they were greeted by members of the 3rd Bn., 11th Inf. Bde.

Heavy foliage and large rocks, 120-degree-plus temperatures and the constant threat of enemy attack made working on the new LZ miserable and practically impossible. But through determination and a keen awareness that the job had to be done, the advance artillery party began its task of clearing firing positions for the battery's guns.

Using entrenching tools, picks, shovels and back-power, the men leveled the rock-covered ground. In the course of a few days, the untamed hill began to take on the appearance of an LZ. With the firing positions cleared, the suntanned cannoneers turned their attention to the construction of personnel bunkers.

Throughout the construction period, more personnel joined the advance party. Eight days after the first artillerymen arrived on the LZ, the first 105-mm howitzer and its crew were moved to the hill. That night the camp was hit by heavy enemy mortar fire but the newly arrived cannon quickly silenced the enemy attack.

Seventeen days after the initial occupation by the advance party, the remainder of the battery moved to the hill. The newly arrived personnel marveled at the work completed by their comrades.

Instead on digging-in their accustomed fashion, the men moved into personnel bunkers. Also to their delight, C-rations were not necessary because the cannoneers were served hot steaks from the LZ's mess hall.

The efforts and accomplishments of the advance party proved once again that the battery's motto is a reality: "We've been doing so much with so little for so long that now we can do anything with nothing."

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Page 11-12 HOOKS:BRUTES ON HIGH
By SP4 JAMES BROWN

Color photo of a Chinook helicopter being marshaled in by a bare back soldier with a red smoke grenade popped by near his feet. (The helicopter can be identified as a 178th ASHC by the distinctive Dice markings on the front of the helicopter.) Photo credit - Crawford

Photo - Chinook carrying an underslung 105 howitzer with additional items under the howitzer. Photo Caption - "With the barrel of a 105mm howitzer in the foreground, a Chinook muscles another 105 into place on a new firebase west of Quang Ngai City for **D Btry., 6th Bn., 11th Arty.** (The Chinook is from the 132nd ASHC, as identified by the words "Hercules" and the rotor emblem. The tail number (6)718451 is clearly visible.) Photo credit - Dotson

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On March 1, Headquarters, 11th Infantry Brigade moved north, taking with it the 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry, H Troop, 17th Cavalry and the **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery.** Later in LAMSON 719, 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry came under control of the 11th Infantry Brigade.

In non-LAMSON 719 action, Operation Frederick Hill, conducted by the 196th Infantry Brigade in close cooperation with the 5th ARVN Regiment, terminated March 1.

The purpose of the operation had been to increase the overall effectiveness of the pacification operations near the coastal area, and the destruction of Main Force NVA units operating in the western portion of the combined tactical area of responsibility. The results of the operation, which had lasted 23 months, were 7,514 enemy killed, 1,848 weapons captured and 192 crew-served weapons captured. March 1 also saw the end of Operation Geneva Park, conducted by the 198th Infantry Brigade and the 6th ARVN Regiment, which had also lasted 23 months. Its mission had been to secure the major lines of communication, and the destruction of enemy forces posing a threat to Quang Ngai City and the Chu Lai Combat Base. The results of the operation, were 2,337 enemy killed, 532 weapons captured and 49 crew-served weapons captured.

Operation Nantucket Beach, conducted by elements of the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry and the 6th ARVN Regiment, within the 198th

Three color photos. Photo 1: Soldier with jungle hat, OD T-shirt, and M-16 watches his step as he moves through the heavy foliage. Photo credit Rockoff. Photo 2: Gun crew standing near a load of warheads. Photo credit Grambergu. Photo 3: Soldier on break reading mail. Photo credit Grambergu.

In the meantime, in Operation Muscatine, the ground contacts had been light. Since most of the enemy local forces units had been committed to the attacks on Quang Ngai City during Tet, it was not surprising that the sector was inactive. Gunships, however, engaged a force of 150 VC about 8 kilometers north of My Lai (4) on 30 January and reported that they had killed over 40 of the enemy. TF Barker units made scattered contacts with small groups of VC in the Batangan Peninsula area during the Tet period but none of any significance.

On 4 February, the 11th Brigade assumed control of the southern and western portions of the Muscatine AO and of its own 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry (-), and TF Barker. The 11th Brigade now had operational responsibility for both the Muscatine AO and the Duc Ph/Mo Duc District areas. The districts lying between the 11th Brigade's areas - - Tu Nghia and Nghia Hanh - - and the southern part of Son Tinh District, north and west of Quang Ngai City, were the responsibility of the 2d ARVN Division (sketch 3-5). In the Muscatine AO, TF Barker was responsible for the region lying east of Route 1 in Son Tinh and southern Binh Son Districts and the 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry (-) for the territory west of the road (sketch 3-6). For TF Barker the main task was to conduct operations to locate and destroy main and local force units and guerrillas and to eliminate the VC infrastructure in the are north and northeast of Quang Ngai City.

Headquarters TF Barker was at LZ Dottie, about 11 kilometers northwest of My Lai (4). Its direct support artillery, D Battery, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery (105mm howitzer), was located at LZ Uptight, about 8 kilometers north of My Lai (4). Troop Lift and gunships for the TF were provided by the 174th Assault Helicopter Company, located at LZ Bronco in Duc Pho, and aeroscout activities were carried out by Company B, 123d Aviation Battalion, whose rear base was at Chu Lai and forward base at LZ Dottie. Two "Swift Boats" from the Coastal Surveillance Force, US Navy were available for patrolling operations offshore in conjunction with the TF's ground operations.

An account of 6/11th Artillery history found in the Americal Book made by the Americal Division's PIO in July 1970.

6th 11th

The 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery was originally organized on June 1, 1917 in the Regular Army at Douglas, Arizona as Battery F, 11th Field Artillery. In November of that year it was assigned to the 6th Division. In March 1921 the unit was reassigned to the Hawaiian Division. It stayed with the Hawaiian Division until October, 1941, when it moved from beautiful Hawaii to Korea and was assigned to the 6th Division. In March 1921 the unit was reassigned to the Hawaiian Division. It stayed with the Hawaiian Division until October, 1941, when it moved from beautiful Hawaii to Korea and was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division.

During World War II, this artillery unit participated in five major battle campaigns and during the Korean conflict, the 6th Battalion of the 11th Artillery participated in eight major campaigns.

The hard-fighting 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery made itself known all over the world, earning the Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation (PYONGTAEK), and Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation (KOREA).

Turmoil in Southeast Asia sent the battalion to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii in March, 1967. After the completion of training, the main body of the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery arrived in Vietnam on December 19, 1967 as an organic unit of the 11th Infantry Brigade.

From the time of arrival in the Republic of Vietnam the men of the "On Time" 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery have taken part in six major campaigns.

Wars are won by teamwork-- Artillery and Infantry are a winning combination; so is the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery and the men of the 11th Infantry Brigade.

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Aug 14- "C" Btry., 6th Bn., 11th Arty. fires the 2 millionth round since the organization of Task Force Oregon.

First issue of the Americal Magazine May 1968.

B&W photo - A 105mm howitzer with barrel smoking is being operated by a crew. Photo credit - eilers

Artillery
Roars For
Infantrymen

The Americal Division Artillery, commanded by Colonel Lawrence M. Jones, has continually produced outstanding support of the ground gaining arms of the Americal Division and other Free World forces in Vietnam.

Coordinating the efforts of its organic battalions and as many as five direct support battalions at one time, the artillery of the Americal Division has fired more than 1,500,000 rounds in support of the Vietnamese struggle.

Originally activated under combat conditions in the Pacific in May of 1942 with the Americal Division in New Caledonia, it supported the division through the Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons, Southern Philippines and Leyte campaigns.

Presently, Division Artillery consists of the 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin T. Meadows, and the 3rd Battalion, 16th Artillery commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Warren M. Schuab.

Three other artillery units support the Americal Division, but are not part of Division Artillery. They are the 3/82nd Artillery with the 196th Infantry Brigade, the 1/14th Artillery with the 198th Brigade, and the 6/11th Artillery with the 11th Brigade.

Page of sixteen photos showing the faces of bare chested men wearing steel pots. Credit listed for Mumford. Page 10

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By SP5 Rush Wood

DIVARTY

When it comes to listing the unsung heroes of war, the cannoneer must certainly rank as one of the least touted of all.

Few people, if anyone, will argue that the majority of the glamour or recognition is saved for the infantryman.

For an analogy, take the 260-pound offensive tackle who opened the gaping hole through which the star running back sped for the 90-yard , game-winning touchdown. Who do you suppose was invited to the postgame radio and television interviews, and whose name do you supposse was streamed across the headlines in the morning papers. Not the 260-pound tackle.

Just as that speedy ball carrier would be almost completely helpless without offensive tackles up front, so would the rifle-toting infantryman be in a world of hurt without the cannoneer.

The life of a cannoneer, to a large degree, is a thankless one. His is a life of hard work, interrupted sleep, ear-ringing noise and a lingering, bothersome frustration. He is a life of being robbed of the opportunity of seeing the actual results of his work.

A Cannoneer, working on a gun crew -- whether it be the small .105 mm howitzer or the large .175mm howitzer-is a vital member of a team very much different from a football team or any athletic squad. The game now is war; the field, the mountainous terrain of South Vietnam, and the object of the game, to provide ample and effective fire support for U.S. and ARVN ground forces.

Probably the best method of studying the events that jell together in making the life of a cannoneer is to talk to and observe one in action. Enter Allan E. Shafer, CPL. U.S. Army.

Back in Rio Vista, Calif., a suburb of Sacramento, Allen Shafer was an average type guy. He was the split end-not a star receiver, only an average pass catcher-on the high school football team.

Later, he worked as a partner with his father on the average-size Sacramento Valley farm that produced corn, barley and other feed crops for California cattlemen.

Currently used for the past several months CPL Shafer has been a cannoneer. That's about the point at which the averageness of Shafer's life ceases. From there on, its all above average.

Two words...."FIRE MISSION" ....instinctively send the 22-year-old Shafer into a swirl of activity. Joining him are the other members of his gun section, and only the very ultimate of precision teamwork can enable the crew to accomplish its mission.

Shafer, who at 5-7 and 165 pounds is only average size, has a king size responsibility; one that is shared by his Bravo Battery, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery cohorts and by all Americal Cannoneers. He must be ready and able to respond to those two magic words at any time, day or night. He is on 24-hour call seven days a week for his entire stay on San Juan Hill.

At San Juan Hill, a towering peak some nine miles west of Duc Pho and 50 miles southwest of Chu Lai, Shafer works on a .105mm howitzer.

However, during his extensive artillery training at Ft. Sill, Okla., the cannoneer was well-schooled in the operations of both the .155 mm and .175mm howitzers. He became well acquainted with the meaning and applications of such words and terms as azimuth, mils, deflection, quadrants, range, vertical interval, maximum ordinate, trajectory, propellant and muzzle velocity.

Unlike the infantryman, the cannoneer is deprived of the opportunity of personally witnessing the destructive capability of his weapon. Once the .105 mm howitzer is fired, sending the projectile tearing through the atmosphere, the cannoneers have accomplished their job. There remains, however, that emptiness of not witnessing the effect in the target area miles away.

"It gets depressing at times, shooting and not knowing for sure if we're hitting anything," admitted Shafer as he stared questioningly out at the mountains in the distance. "Tut then, when the grunts come back in from out there and tell you that you've been doing a good job, it makes it all worthwhile."

The men at San Juan Hill have devised another method in which they find it easy to develop a lasting pride in their work.

"There is a lot of competition between the different sections," explained Shafer. "The guys on each gun believe that they have the best gun crew on the hill, and they're always working harder to prove it. It makes for a lot of good clean kidding, but when you get down to it, each guy honestly thinks that he is doing a better job than the next guy."

The work of a cannoneer does not begin with a fire mission, and likewise, neither does it end there. The actual firing of the gun is only a small part of Shafer's duties.

Two page color spread. (Photo of cannon being fired.)

The ammunition doesn't put itself at the cannoneer's disposal. It has to be uncrated, fused and properly stored. The spent canisters, left following a fire mission, must be carried away. And the gun itself, must be cleaned and properly maintained. A cannoneer cares for his gun in the same manner in which he would that brand new, flashy-red sport coupe back home.

It's hard work. But it's a job that's handled with pride and care by the cannoneer. The long hours in the grueling Vietnam sun, the demanding precision and speed required of a fire mission, the deafening roar as the guns answer the call, and the constant strain, all are part of the life on the hill. The problems are met and defeated through teamwork.

"When guys are required to work together as closely as we do out here," said Shafer. "it's just like being married. We all have to eat, sleep, work, and fight together. There's no room for individuals or individual efforts here.

The life of a cannoneer is anything but tremendous, but at least he realizes he has one up on the grunt. A cannoneer lives in a bunker and sleeps in a bed at night, not to mention some of the other comforts of home he has available on the hill. Life for the cannoneer is hard, but it could be worse.

"Like I've said," repeated Shafer, "it's demanding work, but it also has its rewards, and it definitely beats pounding the bush." (Ends with small Blue Americal patch).

Story from Army Reporter.

25May68-**Ringside View of I Corps**

CHU LAI, (AMERICAL-IO) - A ringside view of the war in southern I Corps comes with the job for Americal Division 11th Brigade soldiers atop Montezuma Mountain near Duc Pho.

Signalmen, artillerymen, forward observers and mortarmen agree that "the view is just beautiful" from Landing Zone Bronco's penthouse."

The view extends over 15 miles on a clear day, giving the brigade's mortarmen and forward observers for the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery a excellent vantage to direct supporting fire for troops operating in the paddies and hills surroundIng Duc Pho.

The hilltop positions are basecamps in themselves, incorporating mess halls, recreation facilities, a day room nd billets.

"It's really beautiful up here," commented Sgt. James H. Gray, NCOIC of Montezuma's 523nd Signal. "It's a lot like sitting in a drive-in movie. We can see everything: firefights at night, the ocean, and all over the base and its landing strip."

Montezuma also contains the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery's radar scopes which track incoming mortar rounds to their point of origin. They can pin point targets, enabling counter-fire by the brigade's artillery and mortar batteries.

Photo-**A LONELY OUTPOST** -The panorama of the Song Tra Cau Valley unfolds beneath the lonely outpost of an 11th Brigade soldier. It is perched on a pinnacle of rock atop Montezuma Mountain near Landing Zone Bronco in the southern coastal section of Vietnam's I Corps. (Photo by Robert T. Short, AMERICAL-IO).

Photo from Army Reporter:
12Jul71- **Photo Caption** Page 5
PORKY THE PIG - proves he's no "pig in the poke" as he evades his GI pursuer during the 6th Bn., 11th Arty. Organization Day greased pig chase.

Photo from Army Reporter:
25Oct71- **Photo Caption** **Page 12**
NOT WASTING ANY TIME are these crews of Battery C, 6th Bn., 11th Arty., 23rd Infantry Division, as they begin to fire immediately after being set up. (Photo shows a Chinook from the 132nd ASHC slinging in a 105mm howitzer.).

Army Reporter story.
02Dec68-**VC mortar rounds followed on radar**

LZ BRONCO (AMERICAL) -

The counter-mortar radar, unit high atop Mt. Montezuma at the Americal Division's LZ Bronco makes the life of a VC mortarman a dangerous if not short one.

Chief Warrant Officer Charlie Hardaway, OIC of the 6th Bn. 11th Artillery's counter-mortar unit, and his nine-man crew are entering their 11th month providing target detection for return fire mortars and artillery supporting the 11th Infantry Brigade base defense system.

During that time the radar unit, working closely with 81mm mortar crews on the hill top which are rotated from each of the brigade's infantry battalions, has chalked up 20 confirmed locations, four captured mortar tubes and two confirmed kills to its credit.

"This figure may not sound too impressive," Hardaway says, "but we usually can't get anyone to the enemy mortar site until the next morning. The infantry checks the sites and usually finds base plate impressions and aiming stakes, but by that time the VC have removed any casualties or damaged equipment. Our kill figure could easily be much higher," he added.

The radar crew explained that the VC normally work with a pair of tubes, but the radar has picked as many as six tubes firing at one time though in different areas.

"If we can determine the general direction of fire," we can have the data to the guns before the enemy round hist. If we can get immediate clearance, we can have counter mortar fire on the position in no time at all.

"The radar we use was originally designed for conventional warfare where there definite battle lines," explained Hardaway, a veteran of 10 years experience in radar.

"Over here, where there are no fronts we have a more difficult time locating the direction of the target. We overcome this by using what is called a "BC" panoramicscope," he added.

The radar unit can cover a complete 360' around Montezuma and is effective even in the heavy rains.

Army, Navy and Marines

Combined forces clear jungle

FB LIZ- The stretch of South China Sea coastland just north of Duc Pho was recently the object of a massive, 50-day land-clearing operation undertaken by forces of the Army, Navy, and Marines.

The "Strip" has long been a festering sore in the side of the agriculturally rich lowlands of southern Quang Ngai Province and had long been used as a spring board for enemy activity in the area. The fishermen who inhabited the coast were constantly harassed by the enemy.

The onset of the clearing operation had all the markings of the classic beachhead assault. The Recon Squad of Co. D's 1st Platoon, 1st Bn., 20th Inf., 11th Inf. Bde., Americal Division were "combat assaulted" by air onto the beach, 11 miles north of Duc Pho.

A thorough artillery preparation of the area by ***Btry, C. 6th Bn., 11th Arty.,*** and an air prep by Shark and Dolphin teams of the 174th Helicopter Assault Co. preceded the landing.

The two platoons secured the beachhead area and were followed by Navy flat-bottomed landing craft which brought ashore the first load of several large land-clearing vehicles – Army "Rome Plow" and Marine "Eimco" caterpillars.

Co. A, 1st Bn., 20th Inf., was moved onto the beach in a Chinook air movement from Chu Lai and assumed security for the clearing operations undertaken by the division's 39th Engr. Bn. Elements of Troop A and Troop E, 1st ~~Bn.~~, 1st Cav., [***1st Rgt, 1st Cav***.] joined the operation later to assist in the land clearing and security of the men and machinery.

In spite of the often adverse weather conditions and enemy activity in the area, the men cleared almost 10,000 acres during the operation, an average of 200 acres a day.

Working with MACV and Vietnamese forces, the 1st Bn., 20th Inf. successfully relocated the civilians from "The Strip" to Highway 1, between the village of Van Truong and Tap An Bac. They have been provided with living quarters and an adequate supply of food.

The eventual goal of the land clearing operation is to deprive the enemy of its supply sources, collection points and bases of operation on the coast and to provide security for the fishermen and their families.

Army Reporter story.
29Jun70- **Sappers sapped** page 3
by withering fire

FSB 4-11 - Without an enemy round being fired, Americal Division soldiers here recently nipped a midnight sapper attack in the bud, killing 10 VC soldiers and detaining two.

A large number of enemy weapons, including two RPG launchers, two AK47s, one AK50, one 9mm pistol, 76 Chicom grenades, 10 RPG rounds, 11 B40 rockets and one five-pound satchel charge were seized in the aborted attack on this 3rd Bn., 1st Inf., 11th Inf. Bde., fire support base.

Near midnight three enemy sappers had advanced through the perimeter wire when a fourth member of the party, with an RPG launcher slung over his shoulder, touched off a trip flare. "I looked in front of me and there were a dozen of them just frozen in place," recalled Spec. 4 Jerry D. Parker of Co. D.

With the enemy sighting, the bunker line opened up with rifle and machine gun fire. Hand grenade and claymore mine shrapnel showered the area. Constant illumination, intermingled with accurate mortar fire from the 81mm and 4.2 mortar sections, encircled the perimeter as the 11th Inf. Bde. soldiers methodically disposed of the intruders.

After the ravaging fire subsided, the second platoon was called upon to make an on-line sweep of the area. As the infantrymen made their way to the wire, the bodies of two sappers armed with RPG launchers were discovered. One of the VC still clutched a pair of wire-cutters in his hand. A third sapper, awestruck at the fate of his fellow comrades, threw his arms in the air shouting "Chieu Hoi".

Uncovering no additional bodies or weapons, the search was discontinued until early morning.

Direct artillery fire from Btry. D, 6th Bn., 11th Arty., continued to suppress any further enemy activity, until two platoons from Co. D continued their push outside the wire. Eight additional enemy bodies and one wounded VC soldier were discovered in the sweep.

The attacking force consisted of 14 enemy sappers and supporting riflemen.

Army Reporter Story.

25Jan71- **LOH AO is whirling FO** **Page 12**

FSB BRONCO - A cloud of smoke burst from the ground followed by a loud blast. Someone shouted over the radio, "Booby trap!" Immediately a light observation helicopter (LOH) landed and dusted off the two men who received shrapnel from the explosion.

Lt. John Paul Easton, pilot of the LOH, later reported that "the men who were hit by the booby trap sustained minor frag wounds and we had them at the hospital on Bronco approximately three minutes after the incident occurred."

As one of the injured was being loaded onto the chopper he broke into a smile and said, "Boy, this is service."

As an aerial observer from the 6th Bn., 11th Arty., Easton has been serving with 23rd Infantry Division Artillery by flying 120 hours a month making visual reconnaissance of and suspected activity or movement.

Before he takes off early in the morning, Easton checks with the S3 and looks at the previous night's activities in the operations area. After carefully marking the grid coordinates on his map, the aviator makes his rounds checking for enemy casualties and damage.

"An FO (forward observer) is an essential person in an infantry company, but his range is somewhat limited. An AO (aerial observer) can cover much more area and fly several types of missions in a single day," noted Easton.

One such mission is assisting the forward observer in the field. From his elevated vantage point, the aerial observer can work with a forward observer to pub artillery rounds directly on top of the enemy. The aerial observer can also view large portions of the area in which an infantry company may be working.

"When a company is on a search and recover mission, I scout the area in front of them. If the enemy is setting up an ambush or has left booby traps for the on-coming infantry unit," continued the officer, "I can often spot them from the air and warn the ground forces before they walk into a trap."

In a single day he can work with several companies and their FOs. The aviator does not do all of his work while in contact with infantry units.

Army Reporter story.

14Sep70- The Army Pages ?

has gone
to the dogs
and cats
and monkeys
and turkeys
and ducks
and turtles,
snakes, crabs,
et cetera

Turkeyman is alive and well in the 25th Infantry Division.

In fact, the tom named Tom has cousins and brothers from the animal realm who have infiltrated almost every American unit in Vietnam. They aren't subversive agents on espionage missions, but rather sidekicks and companions who have been enlisted to befriend the troops. Tom himself was saved from a Thanksgiving dinner table at FSB Warrior a year ago by the men of the 2nd Bn., 12th Inf.

Seaman First Class, a turtle who hails from a long line of naval turtles, was picked out of the mud by Pvt. Tony Dunn, Co. D, 1st Bn., 1st Inf., 4th Infantry Division. Says Dunn, "He doesn't come when I call him as a dog would, but it's not because he's dumb. He's just independent."

The Americal Division's 16th Combat Avn. Gp. is harboring Herman the hermit, crab that is. Even though they are not sure if Herman is male or female, the group is bent on finding a mate for their 10-legged friend, the smallest pet in the Army's largest division.

Jo-Jo, the monkey mascot for Btry, A, 5th Bn., 42nd Arty., doesn't seem to mind living in a tailless world, even if it is noisy at times.

The last time anybody called Spec. 4 Stanley Copeland a low-down snake in the grass, he smiled and petted this pet python, which he keeps with him in the 25th Infantry Division's 20th Preventative Medicine Unit. Copeland and his friend work hand in tail on the rodent and insect control specialist's job. Copeland got his MOS from the U.S. Army, while mother nature supplied python's degree.

Or how about Kilo and her purebred (mutt) pups and Puff the magic kitten who keep the IO section at USARV Hq. entertained during off-duty hours. "Logistics are no problem," claims animal trainer Spec. 5 Stan Grayson. "It's keeping them from under the trucks that worries us." Pfc Charlie Duc lives at-where-else-Duc Pho to boost the morale of Americal Division troops from **the 6th Bn., 11th Arty**. Says Charles, "If you don't like the quacking, get out of the perimeter Quack!"

Oft-publicized Henrietta hog is still eating candy bars (Hersey's tropical) from the men of the 14th Bn., 18th Engr. Bde. Sfc. William Boots, her chief provider, claims that she'll roll over on one side when given of the command of "deadline." That is, if you bribe here with enough milk and soda first.

or so
they say

Photo from the Army Reporter.

FIRING SUPPORT...for troops during ground operation, is gun 1, C Battery 6th Bn., 11th Artillery .

Division Recap

Weekly action--division counts 82

By SP4 David P. Goodrich

(Continued)

Iron Mountain

Bronco action was moderate this week as men of the 11th Infantry Brigade killed 26 enemy soldiers.

The Night Hawks of the 123rd Aviation Battalion started out the week as they received small arms fire while flying over the foothills west of Quang Ngai City. Searching the area, they spotted, engaged and killed two VC.

Later in the day while reacting to a radar, the 'Night Hawks' spotted two more VC in the lowlands west of Duc Pho. The results of the ensuing action were two dead VC.

Later in the week, a light observation helicopter from the battalion spotted a lone VC over the foothills southwest of Duc Pho. The LOH engaged and killed him.

In the same area, the "Blues", an aerial rifle platoon of the battalion were inserted. The platoon rapidly engaged and killed two enemy soldiers.

Early in the week, while patrolling the lowlands southeast of Duc Pho, a recon element of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry found one Viet Cong inside a tunnel. He was asked to come out but he refused. The tunnel was destroyed resulting in one VC killed.

The next day, reacting to a radar sighting, the men of F Troop, 7th Cavalry [sic-8th Cavalry] checked an area in the lowlands northwest of Duc Pho and spotted three VC. They engaged the enemy resulting in three Viet Cong dead.

During a patrol of the foothills west of Duc Pho, the 69th Rangers engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in three enemy dead.

While on a search and clear mission in the foothills northwest of Duc Pho, Company B of the 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry engaged one NVA. He was killed.

Elements of the 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry, working with the 70th Rangers, an ARVN unit, observed a small size enemy force in the foothills northwest of Duc Pho. After receiving fire support from the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery, the infantrymen swept the area finding four VC killed in action. Also found was a shotgun, an AK-47 and 35 huts. After investigating the area, the huts were destroyed.

A light observation helicopter teamed up with the fire support from the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery to kill two NVA and one VC over the foothills west of Quang Ngai City.

Patrolling the foothills of Duc Pho, G Company of the 75th Rangers, a long range patrol unit engaged two enemy soldiers, killing both.

On the last day of the week, a gunship from the 174th Aviation Company spotted and engaged a lone VC in the lowlands west of Duc Pho, killing him.

PENNSYLVANIA SQUARE

Contact was light in the Pennsylvania Square area of operations last week as the "Blackhawks" of the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry killed two enemy soldiers and captured 1.

Award of the DSC citation to A 6/11th Artilleryman.

*WRIGHT, ROBERT CARROL

Second Lieutenant (Field Artillery), U.S. Army
Battery A, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery, Americal Division
Date of Action: January 2, 1970
Citation:
The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Robert Carrol Wright, Second Lieutenant (Field Artillery), U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam, while serving with Battery A, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery, American Division. Second Lieutenant Wright distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 2 January 1970 while in command of an advance party of field artillerymen establishing a firebase on Hill 285 near the town of Duc Pho. Late that night the hill came under intense mortar, rocket-propelled grenade, and small arms fire from an attacking enemy force. Lieutenant Wright immediately began adjusting artillery fire on the attackers, repeatedly exposing himself to the storm of incoming fire as he attempted to determine the enemy's exact positions. Moments after the hostile force initiated their attack, an enemy mortar round impacted near Lieutenant Wright and his radio operator, inflicting them both with shrapnel wounds. Despite his wounds, Lieutenant Wright continued to coordinate friendly supporting fire until sappers breached the defensive position and were advancing toward his position. Unable to engage the infiltrators with his damaged rifle, Lieutenant Wright stood out in the open and yelled at the intruders in order to draw their attention and fire to himself and away from the wounded radioman who could not move. Lieutenant Wright then led the sappers in a running chase over forty meters away from the radioman before he was mortally felled by their fire. Second Lieutenant Wright's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty, at the cost of his life, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.
HQ US Army, Vietnam, General Orders No. 745 (March 24, 1970)
Home Town: Elk City, Oklahoma

The Citation Reads As Follows for the 1/82d Artillery Bn.:

The 1st Battalion, 82d Artillery and assigned units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from August 1968 to October 1970. Upon arrival in the Republic of Vietnam on 24 July, 1968, the unit was assigned the mission of providing general support fires in support of the 23d Infantry Division and reinforcing fires in support of the 1st Battalion, 14th Artillery and **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery.** The unit's reputation for delivering safe, accurate and timely fire support was quickly established and is known to all Free World Forces operating in the Southern I Corps Tactical Zone. Working long and arduous hours the men of the Batteries fired thousands of rounds of artillery under the most adverse terrain and weather conditions to defeat the enemy in every encounter. The Battalion's aggressive attitude coupled with constant application of artillery axioms were instrumental in effecting the success of eleven major combat operations. Whether the mission was to provide instantaneous counter-rocket fires in support of the Chu Lai base, continuous offensive fires in support of tactical emergencies or repelling a savage hostile Sapper attack, the Officers and men of the 1st Battalion, 82d Artillery continually displayed a remarkable degree of professionalism in meeting all the requirements of the fluid tactical situation. Indicative of the Unit's efforts to maintain the support of the Vietnamese people are its Civil Affairs projects to include a comprehensive medical assistance program. The technical expertise and intense pride displayed by all members of the Unit in delivering accurate artillery fire support contributed immeasurably to the Allied efforts in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 1st Battalion, 82d Artillery are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

Ralph F. James
LTC, FA
Commanding

An excerpt from the Finney Hill Operation reporting.

4. SUPPORTING FORCES: Artillery fire support was provided by 1st Battalion 14th Artillery and by **6th Battalion 11th Artillery** operating in Direct Support for the 198th Infantry Brigade and the 11th Infantry Brigade respectively. Elements of the 1st Battalion, 82 Artillery supported the Direct Support Artillery Battalions in the General Support Reinforcing role. Air Cavalry supports was provided by B Company, 123d Aviation Battalion. Helicopter Support for combat assaults, air moves, and routine resupply was provided by the 174th Assault Helicopter Company. Tactical air support was requested thru 23d Infantry Division on an as needed basis. Air strikes were targeted against enemy base areas, Known enemy position, and contact missions to suppress or destroy the enemy as he attempted to disengage from U.S. units.

SUBJECT: COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT
JULY TO OCTOBER 1971

Commanding General
23d Infantry Division
ATTN: AVDF-GCHL
APO San Francisco 96217

1. NAME OF OPERATION: None

2. DATES OF OPERATION: 011200 July to 042400 October 1971.

3. LOCATION: Quang Ngai Province from the Tra Bong River south to the MRI/MRII boundary, from the South China Sea west to the Quang Ngai/Kontum provincial boundary. Map, Vietnam, 1:100,000,Series L607, Sheets 6639, 6739, 6738, 6638.

4. COMMAND AND CONTROL HEADQUARTERS: 11TH Infantry Brigade, 23d Infantry Division.

5. REPORTING OFFICER: Colonel Werner S. Goodwin, Jr., Commanding Officer 11th Infantry Brigade, 23d Infantry Division.

6. TASK ORGANIZATION:

a. 1 July - 1 September 1971:

11th Infantry Brigade Control
HHC, 11th Infantry Brigade
6-11 Artillery (DS)
D/26th Engineers (DS)
3/B/523d Signal Battalion
Det/328th Radio Research Unit
TM 1/635 MI Detachment
90th Chemical Detachment
59th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog)

3-1 Infantry
A/3-1
B/3-1
C/3-1
D/3-1
E/3-1

1-20 Infantry
A/1-20
B/1-20
C/1-20
D/1-20
E/1-20

1-52 Infantry
A/1-52
B/1-52
C/1-52
D/1-52
E/1-52

TF 23d Cavalry
E Trp, 1st Cav (OPCON effective 29 August 1971)
H Trp, 17th Cavalry

b. 1 September – 4 October 1971

11th Infantry Brigade Control
HHC, 11th Infantry Brigade
6-11 Artillery (DS)
D/26th Engineers (DS)
3/B/523 Signal Battalion
Det/328th Radio Research Unit
TM 1/635 MI Detachment
90th Chemical Detachment (1-11 September 1971)
59th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) (1-13 September 1971)
H Trp, 17th Cavalry (1-15 September 1971)

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D/3-1
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1-20 Infantry (OPCON 198th Bde eff 12 Sept 71)
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E/1-20

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7. SUPPORTING FORCES: Artillery fire support was provided by elements of 1st Battalion. 14thArtillery and the **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery** operating in direct support of the 11th Infantry Brigade. Elements of the 1st Battalion, 82nd Artillery supported the Direct Support Artillery Battalions in the General Support Reinforcing role. Air Cavalry support was provided by B Company, 123d Aviation Battalion. Helicopter support for combat assaults, air moves, and Support was requested thu 23d Infantry Division on an as needed basis. Air strikes were targeted against enemy base areas, known or suspected enemy locations, and in support of ground troops in contact. Throughout the entire operation all forms of fire support were responsive to the needs of the Brigade.

After action report from Operation Iron Mountain.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Headquarter, 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry
Americal Division
APO San Francisco 96217

AVDF-BAT-OP 28 March 1971

SUBJECT: Combat Operations After Action Report

Commanding Officer
11th Infantry Brigade
23rd Infantry Division
APO San Francisco 96217

1. (U) IRON MOUNTAIN PHASE III.

2. (C) DATE OF OPERATION: 3 May 1970 - 1 March 1971.

3. (C) LOCATION OF COMMAND POST: FSB Debbie (BS 875325), LZ ALICE (BS660253),
LZ ANN (BS459759), LZ REED (BS766276), FCP FSB SAN JUAN HILL (BS633382).

4. (C) COMMAND HEADQUARTERS: 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry.

5. (U) REPORTING OFFICER: LTC Vernon B. Sones.

6. (C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

A/4-21	E/4-21
B/4-21	HHC/4-21
C/4-21	E/1st CAV (OPCON)
D/4-21	

7. (C) SUPPORTING FORCES:
a. **A Btry, 6-11 Arty (DS).**
b. C Co, 26th Engr.
c. C Btry (-) 1-82 Arty (GS).
d. A Btry (-), 3/16th Arty (GS).
e. 59th Inf Plt (Sct Dog) (GS).
f. 174th & 171st [sic 71st] Assault Helicopter Companies provided Command and Control
Aircraft, helicopter airlift, and gunship support. 11th Infantry Brigade Aviation
Section (PRIMO) provided visual reconnaissance/armed reconnaissance teams.
g. 7th United States Air Force provided close air support.

h. Regional Force Group 1-8, Duc Pho District Regional Force Companies.

i. Provincial Reconnaissance Unit, Quang Ngai Province.

j. National Police Field Forces.

k. Armed Propaganda Team (APT), Quang Ngai Province.

8. (C) INTELLIGENCE: See Annex A.

9. (C) MISSION: 4/21st Infantry conducted operations to find and destroy NVA and local enemy forces; interdict enemy supply and communication lines; secure QL-1 daily; plan, coordinate and conduct combined operations with 4th ARVN Regiment and PF/RF forces in AO with special emphasis on training effect continuous liaison with Duc Pho District for the purpose of improvising RF/PF forces, obtaining intelligence and furthering the pacification effort. Assist GVN officials in resources control operations with particular emphasis on rice and slat denial operations; target psychological operations against the enemy so as to supplement combat operations and to weaken his will to resist.

10. (C) CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS:

a. Manuever: Battalion conducted offensive operations to locate and destroy NVA forces. Support of GVN pacification programs, and the upgrading of performance of para-military forces accomplished by physical security and construction of strategic outposts and pacification of hamlets and the conduct of extensive combined operations with RF/PF/PRU and PSDF. Highway One was secured for military convoys through employment of the company team concept using Armored Cavalry and Infantry in roving patrols and subsequently by the use of 4 V100's also in roving patrols plus scheduled interdiction fires.

b. Fires: **A Btry, 6/11th Arty (DS) provided 105mm support from FSB DEBBIE and LZ CHARLIES BROWN. C Btry, 1/82d Arty (-) provided 155mm support from FSB DEBBIE.** G Btry, 55th Arty provided Quad 50 support from FSB DEBBIE. 4.2 mortar platoon provided GS support from FSB DEBBIE and LZ CHARLIE BROWN. 7th USAF provided preplanned, and oncall air strikes on known and suspected enemy targets.

11. (c) EXECUTION:

03 May 70: C/4-21 received information from PF of 6 VC hiding in a tunnel at 849356. While enroute to area spotted 5 VC in green uniforms with weapons at 853363; received 3 rounds of sniper fire. Called arty into area. B/4-21 while on search and clear found natural cave (3'x

3’x 8’) with documents, ammo, and rice. CA of 4-21 against target grid 849313 substantiated the location of high level VCI family group XOM SUOI by agents. Results of the search: 31 detainees, which were screened and all but 8 released.

04 May 70: D/4-21 at 847316 found documents in hootch; extracted to 4-21 S2. Rcn 4-21 at 847311 found tunnel containing documents and clothes. B/4-21 at 848281 found natural rock caves with documents and miscellaneous items. D/4-21 and Rcn 4-21 found 7,300 lbs. rice and documents in area bounded by 847317, 844314, 847309, and 849313. D/4-21 enroute to NDP spotted 1 NVA with weapon and pack evade from hootch at 834313.

RVNGC: Republic Of Vietnam Gallantry Cross
with Palm Unit Citation

UNIT	CITATION	DATES OF SERVICE	DAGO & DATE
	RVNGC	1 Apr 71 - 30 Jun 71	DAGO 6, 1974
6th Bn, 11th Arty			
	RVNGC	24 Aug 69 - 31 Dec 69	DAGO 42, 1972
	RVNGC	31 Mar 70 - 30 Jun 70	DAGO 42, 1972
HHB, 6th Bn, 11th Arty			
	RVNGC	1 Apr 71 - 30 Jun 71	DAGO 6, 1974

DAGO: Department of the Army General Order

(2) Major movement of units during the period was as follows:

(a) On 8 May 68, because of enemy buildup in the WHEELER/WALLOWA Area, two infantry companies and an artillery battery were moved from DUC PHO AO to WHEELER/WALLOWA area (A/4-21st Inf, D/3-1 Inf and B/6 11th Artillery).

Excerpt from an Americal Division “Daily Newsheet”.

Vol. 2. No. 170 Sunday October 6, 1968

MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT
MONDAY Mostly cloudy, Occasional showers. High 95, low 75. (B-6)

AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)--Americal Division units accounted for 20 VC and two NVA killed and one individual weapon captured in the southern I Corps Tactical Zone yesterday.

A village cordon operation by the 4th Bn., 3d Inf. led yesterday's action as 11th Inf. Bde. "Jungle Warriors" killed 16 VC and detained 55 suspects in Quang Ngai Province.

The 4th Bn., 3d Inf. cordon operation, seven miles southeast of Duc Pho resulted in 11 VC killed and 29 suspects detained. A company led by 1LT Robert F. Callahan (Ft. Meade, Md.) killed eight of the VC near a trail as the cordon got under way. Another company of the Bn. killed two more VC on separate actions near trails as the round-up proceeded. One 4th Bn., 3d Inf. company found the body of a dead VC near huts. The VC had been killed by **6th Bn., 11th Arty**. fire the previous night. At the end of the cordon operation a total of 29 VC suspects had been detained by the "Old Guard" soldiers.

Excerpt from an Americal Division “Daily Newsheet”.

Vol. 2. No. 172 Tuesday October 8, 1968
MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT
WEDNESDAY
Partly Cloudy High 96 Low 75
0750-1937-Hours of non-moonlight

AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)--Thirty VC killed and 17 suspects detained were the results of light scattered enemy contacts in the Americal Division's southern I Corps Tactical Zone yesterday.

"Jungle Warriors" of the 11th Inf. Bde. killed 18 VC and detained 17 suspects in action centered northeast of Quang Ngai City yesterday.

Soldiers of the 1st Bn., 20th Inf. working with "Aero Scouts" of the 123d Avn. Bn. killed eight VC in three contacts in an area centered 10 miles northeast of the province capital.

Infantrymen of another 1st Bn., 20th Inf. company killed three VC and detained one VC suspect near huts 11 miles northeast of Quang Ngai City.

"Sykes Regulars" also found four 82mm mortar rounds, four shot gun shells, five mortar fuses, and several mud bunkers in a village in the same vicinity.

A 4th Bn., 3d Inf. company found three dead VC near Highway 1, 11 miles south of Duc Pho.

Another 4th Bn., 3d Inf. company found another VC body late Sunday night near Highway 1, six miles south of Duc Pho. The VC had been killed by harassment and interdiction fire from the **6th Bn., 11th Arty.**

Excerpt from an Americal Division "Daily Newsheet".

Vol. 2. No. 178 Monday October 14, 1968
MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT
TUESDAY Cloudy Skies Rain Showers High 85 Low 73 1347-0113 Hours of non-moonlight.

AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)--Americal Division units and supporting elements accounted for 16 VC killed and 19 VC suspects detained in the southern I Corps area yesterday.

"Charger" units and supporting elements accounted for 15 VC killed in the Operation Wheeler/Wallowa area yesterday.

In an area 16 miles northwest of Tam Ky a 1st Bn., 2d Inf. OP observed a group of VC harvesting rice in an unauthorized harvest area. The OP called in artillery, resulting in 5 VC killed.

In an area centered 12 miles west of Tam Ky a reconnaissance element from the 3d Bn., 21st Inf. killed two VC in two separate contacts.

A 4th Bn., 21st Inf. company killed one VC seven miles south of Hoi An. The VC was hiding in a stream when he was killed.

In a series of contacts nine miles south of Hoi An a 4th Bn., 21st Inf. company killed four VC.

Gunships from the 14th Avn. Bn. engaged a group of VC six miles south of Hoi An, killing two.

"Blue Ghosts" of F Trp., 8th Cav. flying in support of the 4th Bn., 21st Inf., engaged and killed one VC seven miles south of Hoi An.

Action in the 11th Inf. Bde. area of operations dropped yesterday. "Jungle Warriors" of the brigade killed one VC and detained three suspects.

The brigade's only kill was credited to early morning artillery fire from the 6th Bn., 11th Arty. The VC body was found in an area seven miles northeast of Duc Pho.

Excerpt from an Americal Division "Daily Newsheet".

Vol. 2. No. 157 Monday September 23, 1968 (B-6)

MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT
MONDAY

Cloudy Skies Afternoon and Evening Showers. High 89 Low 75

AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)--Action in the Americal Division's southern I Corps Tactical Zone increased yesterday as Division forces accounted for 38 NVA and 18 VC killed and four crew-served and 16 individual weapons captured.

Attacks by 11th Inf. Bde. soldiers resulted in 38 NVA and four VC killed, two suspects detained, and four crew-served and 16 individual weapons captured yesterday in Quang Ngai Province.

Soldiers of a 1st Bn., 20th Inf. company led by CPT William J. Adams (Madison, Ind.) killed 31 NVA, captured four crew-served and 16 individual weapons and detained one NVA suspect during heavy action south and west of the Ha Thanh Special Forces Camp 15 miles west of Quang Ngai City.

The "Sykes Regulars" attacked an NVA force in fortified bunkers and tunnels at the base of a hill near Route 58, less than one mile south of Ha Thanh, killing 25 NVA. The following weapons were captured: 11 AK-47 rifles, one RPG-7, one RPG rocket launcher, one 57mm recoilless rifle, two flare pistols, one RPG light machine gun, and one .45 cal. pistol.

Earlier yesterday, the company came across two NVA playing dead, near Route 58, one mile southwest of Ha Thanh. The "Sykes Regulars" killed them both and captured one carbine. Troops of the company also detained one NVA suspect in a hole near the same site.

The company also killed four NVA in two other contacts and captured one AK-47 rifle.

'Aero Scouts' of the 123d Avn. Bn. killed seven NVA near the location of yesterday's action south of Ha Thanh.

In other action yesterday troops of a 4th Bn., 3d Inf. company detained one VC suspect six miles north of Duc Pho.

A battery of the **6th Bn.**, **11th Arty**. accounted for four VC killed Northwest of Duc Pho.

Excerpt from an Americal Division "Daily Newsheet".

Vol. 2. No. 163 Sunday September 29, 1968

MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT

MONDAY

Partly to mostly cloudy with occasional showers. High 90 Low 75. Winds variable at 5 to 10 knots. (B-6)

AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)---Action was light and scattered in the southern portion of I Corps Tactical Zone yesterday. Americal Division forces reported six NVA and 18 VC killed, one crew-served and two individual weapons captured, one NVA captured, and 14 suspects detained.

Scattered fighting in the 11th Inf. Bde's. area of operations yesterday resulted in nine VC killed and 11 suspects detained.

Troops of the 1st Bn., 20th Inf. operating with "Aero Scouts" of the 123d Avn. Bn. accounted for six VC killed and five suspects detained yesterday.

In the first action the two forces combined to kill four VC evading into a cave near a beach 10 miles northeast of Quang Ngai City.

The other two VC were killed in separate actions near abandoned railroad tracks 12 miles north of Quang Ngai City. One of the VC killed was wearing a green uniform. The other was killed when the unit spotted and engaged a group of VC. The group was traveling to the southwest of the area where an engineer unit had just received fire. In that contact five VC suspects were also detained. One of the detainees had pack marks on his back.

An OP of the 1st Bn., 20th Inf. spotted three VC near huts eight miles west of Quang Ngai City. The "Sykes Regulars" called in artillery from the **6th Bn., 11th Arty.**, killing all three.

In other action a recon. plt. from the 4th Bn., 3d Inf. detained two VC suspects without ID cards in a hut seven miles south of Duc Pho.

Excerpt from an Americal Division "Daily Newsheet".

Volume 1 No. 274 Americal Daily New Sheet Friday January 19, 1968
[Note: only Americal related articles were transcribed]

AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO) – Americal soldiers killed 39 enemy in action throughout the division yesterday. Government forces killed 18 VC in joint operations with Americal troops and helicopter support.

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The "Jungle Warriors" of Americal's 11th Brigade reported one enemy killed in action around Duc Pho.

During a search and destroy mission seven miles south of Duc Pho, a company from the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry's "Syke's Regulars" led by CPT Sario Caravalho (Ewa Beach, Ha) received fire from 11 VC. Artillery from a battery of the **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery,** commanded by CPT Charles G. Percy (Winter Park, Fla) was called in. A subsequent search of the area uncovered one enemy body.

Brigade reconnaissance elements held two suspects after operations south and west of Duc Pho. one was detained after a reconnaissance element from the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry led by 1LT John P. Mellon (Hopkinsville, Ky) discovered a platoon size base camp about seven miles west of Duc Pho. The second was detained by a reconnaissance platoon of the "Syke's Regulars" led by 1LT William Adams (Madison, Ind) as the suspect neared a cave entrance. Another "Jungle Warrior" unit led by CPT Patrick Trinkle (Stonewall-on-the-Hudson, NY0 discovered seven booby trapped 40mm shells 17 miles northwest of Duc Pho. They also recovered some-enemy documents and a small cache of rice.

Americal units reported three U.S. soldiers were killed and 10 wounded in fighting yesterday.

Americal's 14th Aviation Battalion flew 399 sorties, carried 684 combat troops and hauled 290 tons of cargo in support of division units.

MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT

Partly cloudy Saturday. there will be a few rain showers in the vicinity. Variable winds at 8 miles per hour. High Saturday will be 82. Low Saturday night 70.

Excerpt from an Americal Division "Daily Newsheet".

Americal Daily News Sheets- updated January 2015.
Volume 1 No. 325 Americal Daily New Sheet Sunday March 10, 1968

MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT

Continued cloudy to partly cloudy Monday. Occasional rain showers in the morning. Variable winds at 8 knots per hour. High Monday 80. Low Monday night 67.

143 ENEMY KILLED BY THE MIRACLE DIVISION IN ACTION

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO) – Heavy fighting near

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In Operation Muscatine a unit of the 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry reported killing two enemy and detaining five suspects. A 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry company also in Muscatine killed one enemy. Three suspects were detained and nine individual weapons and two tunnels were discovered by units of the "Syke's Regulars."

An artillery observer spotted approximately ten VC carrying equipment 12 miles west of Quang Ngai. A battery of the **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery** commanded by CPT Robert G. Huffschmid (Milwaukee, Wis), fired into the Operation Muscatine area resulting in four VC kills.

Excerpt from an Americal Division "Daily Newsheet".
(Part of this reported on the infamous My Lai Massacre. The 128 killed reported received a kudos from General Westmoreland. But within a year this was a darker moment for the Americal Division).

Vol. 1. No. 332 Sunday March 17, 1968

MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT

Scattered cloudiness throughout Monday. Winds variable at 3-5 knots per hour. Scattered rain in the afternoon. High Monday 88. Low Monday night 72.

AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL-IO) -- A combat assault into a hot LZ started the day off right for infantrymen in the Task Force Barker area of Operation Muscatine yesterday. By mid-afternoon when the enemy broke contact Americal's 11th Brigade soldiers with support from artillery had killed 128 Viet Cong. The 128 enemy dead was the largest enemy body count recorded by the 11th Brigade for a 24 hour period since they took control of Operation Muscatine. It also is the largest number killed by the "Jungle Warriors" in one day's fighting since they became a part of the Americal Division.

Other enemy contact in the Americal's area of southern I Corps resulted in 20 enemy soldiers killed in Operation Wheeler/Wallowa and one enemy death recorded near Chu Lai. Five Americal soldiers were killed and 17 wounded and evacuated for treatment yesterday.

For the third time in recent weeks 11th Brigade infantrymen in Task Barker raided a Viet Cong stronghold known as "Pinkville" six miles northeast of Quang Ngai.

"Jungle Warriors", along with artillery and helicopter support, hit the village of My Lai early yesterday morning. Contacts throughout the morning and early afternoon resulted in 128 enemy killed, 13 suspects detained and three weapons captured.

A Task Force Barker company of the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry conducted a combat assault west of My Lai and quickly killed one VC while moving away from the LZ. "Shark" gunships from the 174th Aviation Company killed four more enemy during the assault.

"Aero Scout" helicopters from the 123rd Aviation Company were supporting the infantrymen and killed two enemy. The "War Lords" also located 40 60mm mortar rounds.

The infantry company led by CPT Ernest Medina (Schofield Barracks, Ha), of the 1st Battalion, engaged and killed 14 VC and captured three M-1 rifles, a radio and enemy documents while moving toward the village. One of the ten suspects apprehended by the company told an interpreter that 35 VC had moved into the village two hours earlier.

As the "Warriors" moved through the marshes a miles west of My Lai they counted 69 enemy bodies killed by a battery of the **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery. The battery commanded by CPT Steven Gamble (Portsmouth, N.H.), fired on the enemy from a location approximately three miles to the north.**

A platoon of "Barker's Bastards" from the 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry was airlifted into a position south of My Lai. The unit was led by 2LT Thomas K. Willingham (Clark, N.J.), engaged an unknown number of enemy along the beach one half mile south of the village. When contact was broken 30 Viet Cong lay dead.

Early in the afternoon a platoon observed enemy soldiers escaping into a tunnel complex. Eight of the enemy were killed and web gear, hand grenades, and small arms ammunition was recovered. Three additional suspects were detained in the Operation Muscatine area 11 miles northwest of Quang Ngai.

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Americal Daily News Sheets- updated January 2015.
Volume 2 No. 32 Americal Daily New Sheet TUESDAY May 21, 1968
(Only the Americal Division news was transcribed from this issue)

MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT

Partly cloudy Wednesday with thunderstorms in the mountains. Winds variable at 5-10 knots. High Wednesday 102. Low Wednesday night 77.

AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO) – Units of the Americal Division saw little enemy action in their portion of southern I Corps yesterday. Americal forces killed 14 VC and four NVA and captured five individual weapons.

Americal's 11th Brigade infantrymen supported by artillery and helicopter gunships accounted for six enemy killed, eight suspects detained and four individual weapons captured during action in the Duc Pho area yesterday. Brigade soldiers in Operation Muscatine netted two VC killed and one suspect detained for questioning.

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An 11th Brigade rifle company of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry commanded by CPT Fred Mowrey Jr. (San Gabriel, Calif), in two contacts, killed three enemy soldiers, detained one suspect, and captured two carbines and a semi-automatic weapon in fighting six miles southeast of Duc Pho. Another "Gimlets" element uncovered six B-40 rockets, two bangalore torpedoes, two hand grenades, documents and numerous fortified positions during a sweep six miles southwest of Duc Pho. A company of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry led by CPT Joe Rhinehart (Canton, N.C.), killed one VC and captured his SKS rifle during action in the same area.

Artillerymen of the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery in response to a reconnaissance team's request, shelled an enemy position and killed two VC yesterday four miles west of Duc Pho.

In Operation Muscatine, personnel from APCS of the 1st Cavalry led by 1LT John Wadsworth (Mechanicsville, Va) killed one VC, detained a suspect and captured six hand grenades nine miles northwest of Quang Ngai.

In other 11th Brigade action, a gunship of the 123rd Aviation Battalion piloted by WO-1 Joseph Cualtin (Hazeltown, Pa) killed one VC and captured three hand grenades yesterday eight miles northwest of Quang Ngai. Other elements of the battalion evacuated 28 personnel from an area on the coast east of Quang Ngai.

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MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT

Continued partly cloudy Friday with rain and thunderstorms in the evening. Winds variable at 5 knots. High Friday 97. Low Friday night 76.

MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE FROM GENERAL BRUCE PALMER JR.
DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL USARV

Memorial Day holds special meaning for Americans as a time set aside to commemorate our dead. For soldiers in Vietnam, this day has added meaning because of the loss of close friends and comrades in arms. As we honor these dead and those who have lost their lives in past wars, it is well to remember that our solemn obligation to them springs from the simple truth that they gave their lives for our freedom and for the liberty of our fellow man.

Memorial Day, 1968, finds the American soldier fighting and dying in the same selfless way he has fought and died in other wars on other battlefields. To these men, the Free World owes a deep debt of gratitude and a hymn of praises. For our part, we must make certain that the liberty for which they died survives and flourishes.

AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL - IO)-- Action remained sporadic in the Americal Division's area of southern I Corps yesterday as Americal Forces killed 21 VC and captured five individual weapons.

Artillery fire from a battery of the **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery** accounted for four of the seven enemy killed yesterday in the 11th Brigade's Duc Pho and Operation Muscatine area. Among scattered incidents was a heavy mortar attack on the 11th Brigade's Duc Pho complex which resulted in moderate damage and light casualties.

Vol. 3. No. 75 Sunday March 16, 1969

MIRACLE SAFETY REMINDER
There once was a soldier named Mat
Who lit cigarettes on guard as he sat
Well Charlie took aim
Blew out more than Mats flame
Hey man - groove on that (U)

AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)--After three days of light action, parts of the southern I Corps had heavy activity yesterday with the heaviest being in the 11th Inf. Bde.'s area around Duc Pho, where a total of 40 enemy were killed in all day fighting.

Americal Division units made 19 contacts with the enemy and reported killing 33 NVA and 26 VC, finding the bodies of three NVA and one VC, capturing 16 weapons, one crew-served, and discovering 15 bunkers.

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The 11th Inf. Bde.'s Co. C, 3-1 Inf was on a combat assault mission, three miles north of Duc Pho, when it made contact with a large, well-equipped NVA force at 1040 hours.

The fighting was so intense, in and around hootches and hedgerows along Highway 1, that extra support was needed. Co.'s A and B, 3-1 Inf. were called into the area, as well as Co. D, 1-20 Inf. E Trp., 1st Cav., and the **6-11th Arty.**

When contact was broken at dark, 33 NVA had been killed, nine AK-478 rifles, one M-16 rifle, two machineguns, one LAW (Light Antitank Weapon), and a RPG-7 rocket launcher had been captured.

The 1-20 Inf.'s Recon unit intercepted six VC, riding bicycles toward Duc Pho at 0600, killing two. At 1930 hours, the Recon unit killed two more VC, in the same area.

A Ranger patrol of Co. G, 75th Inf. engaged an unknown size enemy force, in rice fields 10 miles southwest of Duc Pho, and killed two VC.

This brings the 11th Inf. Bde.'s total kills for the past week to 91 VC and 74 NVA, and 15 individual and seven crew-served weapons captured.

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OPERATION POCAHONTAS FOREST

Operation POCAHONTAS FOREST was a multi-battalion, combined US-ARVN operation conducted from 5 July through 3 August 1968. Operations were directed at enemy forces and installations located in the Hiep Duc Valley, Son Hiep village, and southern Duc Duc District area (See Overlay 1).

Intelligence identified the Pocahontas AO as an extensive enemy base camp area. Concealed in the rugged mountains and dense jungle that covered most of the AO were numerous base camps, communications routes, both land and water, extensive logistical locations, and sites suitable for the assembly of major size enemy forces 1. The 2d NVA Division had used the area to mass its forces for offensives in the Que Son Valley and Phu Binh area in January 1968. 2. Current intelligence indicated that the 2d NVA Division had two (2) regiments, the 1st Main Force Regiment and the 3d NVA Regiment, in the area resting, resupplying and retraining for a general offensive. 3. Operation POCAHONTAS FOREST was designed to meet this enemy threat. It was conceived as a standard military Operation keyed to terrain objectives and clearing a zone of action of enemy forces and installations.

Task Force Cooksey, commanded by BG Howard H. Cooksey, was created for command and control of US Forces. Before the operation was terminated, TF Cooksey included the 4th Bn, 31st lnf; 4th Bn, 21st Inf; 4th Bn, 3d Inf; 5th Bn, 46th Inf; 2d Bn, 1st Infantry. Other units under TF Cooksey's control were the 3d Plt, F Troop, 17th Cavalry, A Co, 26th Engineers, two (2) CIDG companies from Tien Phuoc, and the 11th and 15th MIKE Strike Force companies. Task Force ARVN was composed of the 2d Bn, 5th Inf; 4th Bn, 5th Inf and one battery of artillery from the 22 ARVN Regiment.

Direct artillery support for TF Cooksey was provided by B Btry, 3d Bn, 82d Arty; C Btry, 3d Bn, 82d Arty; **A Btry, 6th Bn, 11th Arty; and C Btry, 6th Bn, 11th Artillery.** General artillery support came from B Btry, 3d Bn, 18th Arty; B Btry, 3d Bn, 16th Arty; and C Btry, 3d Bn, 16th Artillery. All artillery units were controlled through HQ, 3d Bn, 82d Artillery.

AVDF-CG 7 May 1968

SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 30 April 1968.
(RCS-CSFOR-65) (RI) (U).

e. OPERATIONS.

(1) The frequency and intensity of combat operations in the Americal area of operations varied during the reporting period. During the latter part of March and during the month of April the enemy avoided any major contact. The enemy during this same period placed increased emphasis on the harassment of friendly troops, resulting in a large increase in mine and booby trap incidents during the month of April. Americal Division initiated two major named Operations on 8 April 1968; however, it terminated one of these on 19 April 1968. At the end of the reporting period three major named operations were being conducted, Operation Wheeler/Wallowa, Operation Burlington Trail, and Operation Muscatine. In addition the Americal Division was conducting operations in the Chu Lai TAOR and the Duc Pho AO.

(2) Operation Norfolk Victory began at 0800H April 68, and was terminated at 191800H Apr 68. It was an operation to extend GVN control to the NW in the Song Ve Valley and neutralize NVA/VC elements in Base Area 121. The area for the operation was in Quang Ngai Province generally southwest of Quang Ngai City. The operation began with a combat assault by A,B,C, and D, 1-20th Inf and C/4-3d Inf between 080800H and 081230H April 1968. Other Americal elements that participated in the operation were **B/6-11 Arty** and E Trp, 1st Cav. In addition, the 4th Bn, 4th ARVN Regt and the 1st Trp of the 4th ARVN Cav Sqdn participated, conducting operation in the eastern portion of the AO. Operation Norfolk Victory was characterized by light scattered contact and the location of several significant enemy weapons and ammunition caches. At 121408H Apr, D/1/20th Inf found weapons cache containing 56 individual weapons and 3 crew served weapons. On the 14th of April, 3 significant enemy positions were located. At 1215H, C/1-20 Inf, vic BS524653, found 2 enemy base camps, consisting of tables, classrooms, a mess hall, 6 large huts, bunkers, medical supplies, and 75 rds of ammo. At 1520H the same unit vic BS519657 found a hospital consisting of 30 huts, a large amount of soiled bandages and medical supplies. At 1845, B-1-20th Inf vic BS502622, found a VC prison which had been evacuated approximately 6-12 hours earlier.

Operation Norfolk Victory was terminated on the 19th of April at 1800H when the 1-20th Inf moved to the Wheeler/Wallowa area of operation, and B Btry, 6-11th Arty moved to the Muscatine area of operation. Final results for Operation Norfolk Victory were :

FRND		ENEMY			
6	KHA	45	VC KIA (C)	29	IN CIV
28	WHA (EVAC)	32	DET	120	IWC
5	WHA (MINOR)	2	PW/VC	12	CSWC
		1	CIV DEF		

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SUBJECT: Operational Report -- Lessons Learned, Americal Division, Period
Ending 30 April 1970, (RCS-CSFOR-65) (R2) (U)

(1) Colonel K. B. Barlow, Jr., assumed command of the 11th Inf Bde on 27 March 1970 from Colonel H. F. T. Hoffman, Jr.

c. Colonels.

(1) Colonel D. M. Exter, Jr., assumed command of the Division Artillery on 1 March 1970 from Colonel L. B. Hardy.

(2) Colonel H. F. T. Hoffman, Jr., assumed command of the Division Support Command on 27 March 1970 from K. B. Barlow, Jr.

(3) Colonel A. G. Hume became Chief of Staff on 26 April 1970 replacing Colonel T. H. Tackaberry.

d. Battalion Changes.

(1) 3d Bn, 21st Inf. LTC M. M. Misch assumed command from LTC R. C. Bacon on 15 Feb 70.

(2) 1st Bn, 52d Inf. LTC C. C. Phillips, Jr., assumed command from LTC A. E. Brown, Jr., on 22 Feb 70.

(3) 4th Bn, 21st Inf. LTC R. L. Harper assumed command from LTC G. R. H. Johnson on 16 Mar 70.

(4) 1st Bn, 46th Inf. LTC R. F. Carvell assumed command from LTC P. J. R. Foss on 10 Apr 70.

(5) 3d Bn, 1st Inf. LTC R. A. Culbertson assumed command from LTC L. J. Stottle on 19 Apr 70.

(6) 3d Bn, 18th Arty. LTC J. E. Hayden assumed command from LTC W. F. Sifford on 15 Feb 70.

(7) **6th Bn, 11th Arty**. LTC R. H. Klienfelder assumed command from LTC P. R. Gleave on 6 Apr 70.

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(6) Fourteen CI inspections were conducted of the following division units: 160 Engr Det: 14th Avn Bn, 8th Spt Bn; 1/52 Inf; Co E, 511st Inf (LRP): H Troop, 17th Cav; HHC, 11th Bde (52d MID, 90th Chem Det, 302); 3d Bn, 1st Inf; 4/3 Inf; 1/20th Inf; and **6/11th Arty**.

E. Logistics

1. (U) General

Logistical support for the Americal Division changed greatly during the reporting period due to the reorganization of the division under the ROAD concept. Three support battalions designed to support independent combat brigades were de-activated. The Division Support Command was organized in conjunction with ROAD reorganization and is now tasked with the division support mission.

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3. (U) Supply Division

a. During March and April the 1st Bn, 14th Arty and the 3d Bn, 82d Arty received the new M102 105mm Howitzer. **The 6th Bn, 11th Arty** is expected to exchange their M101 Howitzers for the new M102 during the next quarter. The M102 is a lightweight howitzer with extended range capable of firing 360 degrees. The M102 is air transportable and air droppable.

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b. Monitoring of the Combined Unit Pacification Program (CUPP). formerly known as the Infantry Company Intensive Pacification Program (ICIPP), continued. Reports were submitted to III MAF as required.

3. (U) Organization

a. Effective 16 October, the Metro Section 2d Battalion (Airmobile) 11th Artillery attached to the Americal Division was further attached to HHB, **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery**.

b. Effective 11 December 1969, the 635th Military Intelligence Detachment (Provisional) was reorganized as the 635th Military Intelligence Company (Divisional).

c. Effective December 1969, the 415th Signal Detachment and 570th Transportation Detachment attached to F Troop 8th Cavalry were inactivated. Personnel and equipment from these detachments have been absorbed by F Troop, 8th Cavalry.

d. Effective 18 January 1970, three forward observer sections were detached from 3d Battalion, 16th Artillery and attached to HHB, 1st Battalion, 82d Artillery.

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ARVN Regt, operating in extreme western portion of 196th AO. At present the battery remains at KHAM DUC.

c. The 1st Battalion, 14th Artillery remained in direct support of the 198th Inf Bde in the GENEVA PARK and NANTUCKET BEACH areas of operation. The battalion headquarters and operations center remained at LZ BAYONET (BT558003).

(1) A/1-14 continued to provide support to 1st Bn, 6th Inf from split positions. The battery headquarters and four howitzers were located on LZ BAYONET and four howitzers were located on LZ DOTTIE (BS630853).

(2) C/1-14 is located at LZ FAT CITY (BT440077) and provides support for 5th Bn, 46th Inf. On 20 June, two howitzers were moved to LZ PROFESSIONAL to complete coverage of AO as elements of 3-82 Artillery moved west. These howitzers returned to FAT CITY on 2 July as 3-82 moved back to LZ PROFESSIONAL. On 25 June, one howitzer from FAT CITY and two howitzers of D/1-14 moved to KY TRA (BT316089) in support of elements of 5-46 Infantry operating west-southwest. On 3 July an additional howitzer was moved from FAT CITY to KY TRA to replace one of the howitzers of D/1-14 which moved back to LZ STINSON. On 20 July, the D Btry howitzer was returned to LZ STINSON, and replaced by another howitzer from FAT CITY. Presently the battery remains split with three howitzers at FAT CITY and three at KY TRA.

(3) D/1-14 continued to provide support for 1st Bn, 52d Inf from LZ STINSON (BS539824). On 24 May, two howitzers were moved to TRA BONG (BS343883) to support road clearing operations and provide convoy coverage. On 6 June, two additional howitzers were moved to TRA BONG to support operations of elements of 1-52 Inf south of TRA BONG. At end of operation on 14 June, all four howitzers returned to LZ STINSON. On 25 June, two howitzers were moved to KY TRA (BT316089) to aid C/1-14 in support of 5-46 Inf. On 3 July one of the howitzers was replaced by C Battery and returned to LZ STINSON and the last howitzer returned on 20 July. On 30 July, three howitzers were moved to CHIPPEWA (BS485967) in support of operations by elements of 1-52 Inf. At present the battery is split with three howitzers at LZ STINSON and three at CHIPPEWA.

d. The 6th Bn, 11th Arty continued direct support to the 11 Bde from LZ BRONCO (BS812396).

(1) **A/6-11** provided direct support to 4th Bn, 21st Inf from LZ DEBBIE (BS869319). Between 8 June and 28 June, two howitzers were moved to CHARLIE BROWN (BS928220) to support pacification operations in the vicinity. At present the battery is split with four howitzers at DEBBIE and two at CHARLIE BROWN.

(2) **B/6-11** remained at SAN JUAN HILL (BS634380) providing support to

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4th Bn, 3d Inf. From 28 May to 3 June, two howitzers were moved to MINH LONG in support of operations to west, southwest. On 30 June, four howitzers were moved to LZ CADET (BS562244) in support of elements of 4-3 Inf operating south, southwest of MINH LONG and supported operations until 27 July at which time the howitzers returned to SAN JUAN HILL.

(3) **C/6-11** provided support to 1st Bn, 20th Inf from LZ BRONCO (BS812396). On May, two howitzers returned to BRONCO from LZ DRAGON (BS375255). From 14 May to 8 June, two howitzers returned to LZ DRAGON in support of land clearing operations by 26th Engineers. These same howitzers moved to LZ SNOOPY (BS708610) on 8 June for a two-day operation by 1-20 Inf in a land clearing operation. On 21 June the howitzers again moved to LZ SNOOPY as land clearing operations moved north. At present the battery is split with four howitzers at LZ BRONCO and two at LZ SNOOPY.

(4) **D/6/11** provided support to 3d Bn, 1st Inf from split locations with HQ and four howitzers at Hill 411 (BS539731) and two howitzers at NGHIA HANH (BS618642). On 13 May support on NGHIA HANH was increased by the movement of an additional howitzer from HILL 411. On 26 May the three howitzers at HGHIA HANH returned to HILL 411 as enemy activity in the area decreased. On 1 June, four howitzers were moved to BS625275 in support of elements of 3-1 Inf operating east, southeast of BA TO. Howitzers returned to HILL 411 on 4 June as operations ended. From 2 July to 16 July, two howitzers again were emplaced at NGHIA HANH to support 3-1 Inf and increase fire power of forces protecting the city. At present the entire battery is located at HILL 411.

e. The 1st Battalion, 82 Artillery provided general support reinforcing fires for the southern half of the AO, IRON MOUNTAIN, NANTUCKET BEACH and a portion of GENEVA PARK AO's. In addition, late in the reporting period, weapons were moved to provide reinforcing fires for ELK CANYON AO. The battalion headquarters and operations center is located at HURRICANE (BT515040).

(1) A/1-82 Artillery initially reinforced the fires of 1-14 Artillery from LZ DOTTIE (BS680853) with 4x155's and ARTILLERY HILL (BT515040) with two howitzers. On 12 July the two howitzers from ARTILLERY HILL and one from LZ DOTTIE were moved to KHAM DUC (ZC007082) reinforcing fires of B/1-14 Artillery.

(2) B/1-82 Artillery provided reinforcing fires to **6-11th** Artillery with 4x155 howitzers on LZ SNOOPY (BS708610) and 2x155 howitzers on LZ STINSON (BS539824).

(3) C/1-82 Artillery continued delivery of reinforcing fires **to 6-11 Artillery** from LZ LIZ (BS757432) and LZ DEBBIE (BS869319).

(10) **6th Bn, 11th Arty,** Major G. R. Keetch assumed command from LTC R. M. Kleinfelder on 14 October 1970.

Division, vice MG Albert E. Milloy on 23 November 1970.

(b) BG B. K. Gorwitz assumed duties as Assistant Division Commander/Support, vice BG R. L. Atteberry on March 1971.

(c) BG J. C. McDonough assumed duties as Assistant Division Commander/Maneuver, vice BG T. C. Mataxis on 21 April 1971.

(2) Colonels.

(a) COL G. P. Tilson assumed command of DISCOM on 5 March 1971, vice COL P. B. McDaniel.

(b) COL W. W. Goodwin assumed command of the 11th Inf Bde on 7 March 1971, vice COL J. L. Insani.

(c) COL C. R. Smith assumed command of the 198th Inf Bde on 19 March 1971, vice COL W. R. Richardson.

(3) Lieutenant Colonels.

(a) **6th Bn, 11th Arty, LTC G. E. Hobbs assumed command from LTC R. H. Kleinfelder on 2 November 1970.**

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THRU: Commanding General, XXIV Corps, APO San Francisco 96349

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20310

Location: CHU LAI Combat Base (BT 555035), RVN
Reporting Officer: Major General James L. Baldwin
Collated by: Captain William H. Offutt Jr., 3d Military History Detachment
Map References: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheets: 6538 I, 6539 I, II, III, IV; 6638 I, IV; 6639 I, II, III, IV, 6640 I, II, III, IV; 6738 I, II, III, IV; 6739 I, II, III, IV; 6740 III; 6838 III, IV; 6641 I, II; 6540 I, II, III, IV; 6541 I, II, III, IV.

I. (C) Section I. Operations: Significant Activities.

A. (C) Background. The 23d Infantry Division continued to conduct combat operations throughout the Division Tactical Area of Interest during the period 1 November 1970 to 30 April 1971, with contact ranging from light to heavy in Operation MIDDLESEX PEAK and from light to moderate throughout the remainder of the 23d Infantry Division's AO. Operations IRON MOUNTAIN, FREDERICK HILL, GENEVA PARK, PENNSYLVANIA SQUARE and NANTUCKET BEACH were terminated effective 010600H March 1971. Effective 010601H March 1971 Operations FINNEY HILL (198th Infantry Brigade) and MIDDLESEX PEAK (196th Infantry Brigade) were initiated. Operation WASCO RAPIDS was initiated at 130600H March 1971 by the 198th Brigade and terminated effective 272400H March 1971. Task Force Burnett continued OPCON to the 1st Marine Division participating in Operation HOANG DIEU. Operation HOANG DIEU was terminated on 30 November 1970. In support of Operation DEWEY CANYON, Control Headquarters XXIV Corps, the following units were placed OPCON to the 1st Brigade, 5th Mechanized Division, effective 29 January 1971: 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry; 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry and 1st Battalion, 82d Artillery. HHC, 11 Infantry Brigade (-), **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery** and 14th Combat Aviation Battalion were placed OPCON to the 101st Airborne Division. OPCON of all Division elements with the exception of the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry was terminated effective 071700H April 1971.

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b. The 635th MI Co was attached to the 23d Inf Div Spt Cmd effective 20 December 1970.

c. The 116th Avn Co (AHC) was attached to the 23d Inf Div effective 1 Jan 71 and further attached to the 14th Cbt Avn Bn effective 1 Jan 71.

d. Btry D, 1st Bn 82d Arty was attached to 3d Bn, 18th Arty effective 23 Jan 71.

e. Co C, 23d S&T Bn (PROV) was activated effective 26 Jan 71.

f. Trp F, 17th Cav was relieved from attachment to Hq and Hq Trp, 1st Sqdn, 1st Cav and attached to Hq and Hq Co, 196th Inf Bde effective 26 Jan 71.

g. The 116th Avn Co (AHC), 176th Avn Co (AHC) and 178th Avn Co (AHSC) were relieved from attachment to 14th Cbt Avn Bn and attached to 123d Avn Bn effective 29 Jan 71. Effective the same date, Trp F, 8th Cav was relieved from attachment to 123d Avn Bn and attached to 14th Cbt Avn Bn.

h. Hq, 11th Spt Bn (PROV) and Spt Co, 23d S&T Bn (PROV) were activated
effective 27 Feb 71 and assigned to the 23d Inf Div Spt Cmd, OPCON to the 11th Inf Bde, on the same day.

i. Effective 27 Feb 71, the following attachments were made: 2d Bn, 1st Inf relieved from attachment to 196th Inf Bde and attached to 11th Inf Bde; 3d Bn, 1st Inf, 1st Bn, 20th Inf and 4th Bn 21st Inf relieved from attachment to 11th Inf Bde and attached to 198th Inf Bde; **Hq Btry, 6th Bn, 11th Arty relieved from attachment to 6th Bn, 11th Arty and attached** to 11th Inf Bde; Btry C, 6th Bn 11th Arty and Btry A, 3d Bn, 82d Arty relieved from attachment to 23d Div Arty and attached to Hq Btry, **6th Bn, 11th Arty**; Hq, 11th Spt Bn (PROV) and Spt Co, 23d S&T Bn (PROV) attached to Co B, 723d Main Bn; Co B, 723d Maint Bn relieved from attachment to 723d Maint Bn and attached to Hq, 11th Spt Bn (PROV); Co B, 23d Med Bn relieved from attachment to 23d Med Bn and attached to Hq, 11th Spt Bn (PROV); Btry C, 1st Bn, 14th Arty relieved from attachment to 1st Bn, 14th Arty and attached to 3d Bn 82d Arty; Co C, 26th Engr Bn, Forward Support Plt, Co B, 523d Sig Bn and MI Det, 635th MI Co relieved from attachment to 23d Inf Div Spt Cmd and attached to the **11th Inf Bde; Btry A, Btry B and Btry D, 6th Bn, 11th Arty relieved from attachment to 6th Bn, 11th** Arty and attached to 1st Bn, 14th Arty; 5th Bn, 46th Inf relieved from attachment to 198th Inf Bde and attached to 196th Inf Bde; Trp H, 17th Cav relieved from attachment to 198th Inf Bde and attached to 11th Inf Bde.

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3. (C) Plans

a. The following plans, operation orders, and frag orders were in effect or initiated during the reporting period.

(1) OPORD 1-69A (Russell Beach-BATANGAN) was in effect. OPORD 4-69 (Lamar Plain) was published and implemented during the period. OPLAN 8-69 (Noncombatant Emergency Relocation/Evacuation) was published, distributed and is in effect on a contingency basis.

(2) OPLAN 3-68 (Noncombatant Emergency Relocation/Evacuation), 4-68 (Natural Disaster Relief), 5-68 (Golden Valley) and 6-68 (Golden Valley Rehearsals) continued on a contingency basis. OPLAN 3-68 (Noncombatant Emergency Relocation/Evacuation) was superseded by OPLAN 8-69 (Noncombatant Emergency Relocation/Evacuation) on 1 July 1969.

b. Numerous Fragmentary Orders and Planning Directives have been published and have bearing on the operations listed in paragraphs 1 and 2.

4. (U) Organization

a. On 1 May 69, D Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry was detached from the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) and returned to the Americal Division.

b. Effective 1 June the **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery** and 1st Battalion, 14th Artillery were authorized to activate a fourth firing battery under MTOE 6-117T, PAC 1/69 in order to provide direct support to the fourth infantry maneuver battalion attached to the brigades they supported.

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(2) 3d Bn, 1st Inf. LTC L.J. Stottle assumed command from LTC G.V. Ellis on 16 September 1969.

(3) 3d Bn, 21st Inf. LTC R.C. Bacon assumed command from LTC E.P. Howard 20 August 1969.

(4) 1st Bn, 52d Inf. LTC A. R. Brown, Jr., assumed command from LTC R.E. Davis, Jr., on 2 September 1969.

(5) **6th Bn, 11th Arty**. LTC P.R. Gleave assumed command from LTC J.H. Sloan, Jr., 19 August 1969.

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SECTION I
OPERATIONS

A. COMMAND

1. The Americal Division Artillery, in addition to exercising full command over the 3d Battalion, 16th Artillery, 155mm (towed) the 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery, 175mm/8-inch (SP), supervised artillery techniques and coordinated the fires of four direct support artillery battalions of the 11th, 196th and 198th Light Infantry Brigades and the 3d Brigade, 1st Air Cavalry Division. Division Artillery also provided supporting fires on a coordination and cooperation basis to the 2d Army Republic of Vietnam Division, the 2d Republic of Korea Marine Brigade, and for Special Forces Teams and US Marine Corps units operating in or adjacent to Americal Division Area of Operations.

2. On 31 March 1968 a change of command ceremony was held in which Colonel Lawrence M. Jones Jr. assumed command of the Americal Division Artillery from Colonel Mason J. Young Jr.

B. PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION, MORALE AND WELFARE.

1. On 27 April 1968 the Americal Division Artillery opened a Rest and Recuperation Center (R&R) at the Headquarters Base Camp. Facilities include a properly safe-guarded swimming beach, a laundry, barber shop and an Enlisted and NCO Club. Headquarters Battery has a small but well-stocked library. It is expected shortly to have a boat in operation for daily pleasure fishing trips for up to 20 individuals at a time. Plans are being formulated for a gymnasium and an exchange in the local area. Duration of R&R is three days and is intended primarily for personnel from remote Fire Bases. Allocations are as follows:

6th Bn, 11th Arty - 10 individuals per week.
1st Bn, 14th Arty - 8 individuals per week.
3d Bn, 16th Arty - 6 individuals per week.
3d Bn, 18th Arty - 6 individuals per week.
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(2) MUSCATINE.

(a) Operation MUSCATINE continued during the reporting period with the 11th Light Infantry Brigade conducting the operation.

(b) Division Artillery supported the operation with batteries B and D, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery providing direct support from LZ Sue (BS 566 877) and LZ Uptight (BS 728 850) respectively. On 8 April Battery B moved to vicinity (BS 615 639) to provide direct support to Operation NORFOLK VICTORY and returned to LZ Sue on 19 April upon completion of that operation. Two howitzers from Battery B, 2d Battalion, 11th Artillery
(155 T) provided reinforcing fires from LZ Dottie (BS 630 856) until the battery departed the division area of operations on 18 March. Two howitzers from Battery B, 3d Battalion, 16th Artillery from Battery A, 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery (8"/175G) provided general support reinforcing fires from LZ Dottie. Artillery organization for combat was as follows:

6th Battalion, 11th Artillery (-)(105 T) DS 11th Light Infantry Bde
3d Battalion, 18th Artillery (-)(8"/175G) GSR 6th Battalion, 11th Arty
OPCON
Battery B(-), 2d Battalion, 11th Artillery (155 T)
Battery B(-), 3d Battalion, 16th Artillery (155 T)

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(4) NORFOLK VICTORY.

(a) On 8 April the Americal Division conducted offensive operations in the mountains and lowlands southwest of Quang Ngai City (BS 645 728) to destroy the enemy in the area. The operation terminated on 18 April.

(b) Division Artillery supported the operation by displacing **Battery B, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery** to vicinity (BS 613 639) on 8 April and two 155 howitzers from Battery B, 3d Battalion, 16th Artillery to the Quang Ngai Airport (BS 605 719) to provide direct supporting fires to the maneuver elements. Two 175mm guns from Battery A, 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery with two 155mm guns from Battery A, 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery with two 155mm howitzers attached provided General support from LZ Dottie (BS 630 857)'
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(6) DUC PHO Area of Operations.

(a) The 11th Light Infantry Brigade continued operations in the Duc Pho area of operations.

(b) Division Artillery provided support as follows:

(1) **The 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery**, provided direct supporting fires to the 11th Light Infantry Brigade from positions at LZ Liz (BS 753 434) and LZ Thunder (BS 870 321). Battery B, 2d Battalion, 11th Artillery (-) provided reinforcing fires from LZ Dragon (BS 731 528) until 18 March when it departed the Americal Division AO. Two 155mm howitzers from Battery B, 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery provided general support reinforcing fires from LZ Bronco (BS 812 375) until the unit departed the Americal Division AO on 23 February.

(2) Artillery organization for combat was as follows:

6th Battalion, 11th Artillery (-) (105 T) DS 11th Light Infantry Bde.

OPCON

Battery B (-), 2d Battalion, 11th Artillery (155 T)

Battery B (-), 3d Battalion, 16th Artillery 155 T)

Battery C, 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery (8"/175G)

2. Battery G, (MG) 55th Artillery

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1. Section 1 - Operations: Significant Activities

a. Command:

(1) The Division Artillery commands the following assigned or attached
units.

3d Battalion, 16th Artillery (155T): assigned.
3d Battalion, 18th Artillery (8"/175mm SP): assigned.
1st Battalion, 82d Artillery (155T/8"SP): assigned.
Battery G, 55th Artillery (MG): assigned.
3d Platoon, Battery G, 29th Artilery (Searchlight): attached.
251st Countermortar Radar Detachment: assigned.
252d Countermortar Radar Detachment: assigned.

(2) The Division Artillery also directs the activities of the three direct support battalions of the infantry brigades:

6th Battalion, 11th Artillery: assigned 11th Infantry Brigade.
1st Battalion, 14th Artillery: assigned 198th Infantry Brigade.
3d Battalion, 82d Artillery: assigned 196th Infantry Brigade.
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(a) WHEELER/WALLOWA.
1. Operation WHEELER/WALLOWA continued during the reporting period with the 198th Infantry Brigade conducting operations in the Hiep Duc-Que Son Valleys. On 14 May 68 the 196th Infantry Brigade (-) returned from the Phu Bai area and assumed control of the entire operation.
2. Division Artillery supported the operation as follows:
a. Battery B, 3d Battalion, 82d Artillery provided direct supporting fires from Fire Support Base Center (BT 050250) and Battery C, 1st Battalion, 14th Artillery supported from LZ Baldy (BT140446). On 8 May, **Battery B, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery moved to LZ Ross (BT 027314).**
On 13 May Battery C, 3d Battalion, 82d Artillery returned from the Phu Bai area and was positioned at Fire Support Base West (AT 990250). Battery D, 3d Battalion, 82d Artillery returned from Phu Bai on 16 May and

provided direct supporting fires from LZ Colt (BT 115371). Battery A, after returning from Kham Duc Special Forces Camp (ZC 006085) on 12 May, supported from LZ Baldy. On 19 May Battery C, 1st Battalion, 14th

Artillery moved to LZ Cacti (BT063470) on 2 June the battery displaced to LZ Clifford (BT259104) to support operation BURLINGTON TRAIL. On 6 June battery D, 3d? Battalion 82d Artillery moved to LZ East (BT 130202) and 17 June they displaced to LZ Baldy. **Battery B, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery** moved from LZ Ross to LZ Baldy on 13 June and on 17 June they moved to LZ Thunder (BS 869319) in the Duc Pho Area of operations. On 13 June Battery A, 3d Battalion, 82d Artillery displaced to LZ Ross. Battery B, 3d Battalion, 82d Artillery moved to LZ O'Connor (AT 392242) on 11 July to support Operation POCAHONTAS FOREST.

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(b) POCAHONTAS FOREST.

1. Elements of the Americal Division organized as Task Force Cooksey in conjunction with elements of the 1st Marine Division and the 2d ARVN Division, conducted offensive operations in the west of Operation WHEELER/WALLOWA to destroy enemy units in zone and to interdict Highway 534. Operation POCAHONTAS FOREST started on 6 July and continued through the reporting period.

2. Division Artillery supported the operation as follows:

a. Batteries **A and C, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery moved from the Duc Pho Area of Operations to positions at LZ O'Connor** (AT932242) on 4 July and 5 July, respectively, and provided direct supporting fires to the operation. On 5 July Battery C, **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery displaced to LZ Polar Bear II (AT 939212), on 9 July unit moved to LZ Richards (AT866214), on 15 July they moved to LZ Mellon (AT 805183), and on 21 July they displaced to LZ Buck (AT805320)). Battery A, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery moved to LZ Richards on 10 July.** Battery B, 3d Battalion, 82d Artillery moved to LZ O'Connor on 11 July.

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c. Artillery organization for combat was as follows:

3d Battalion, 82d Artillery (105T) - DS Task Force Cooksey
Batteries **A and C, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery (105T)** - OPCON 3d Battalion, 82d Artillery. 3d Battalion, 16th Artillery (-) (155T) - Reinf 3d Battalion, 82d Arty 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery (-) (8"/175G) - GS

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(d) MUSCATINE.

1. Operation MUSCATINE continued into the reporting period with the 11th Infantry Brigade conducting the operation. The operation terminated on 10 June.

2. Division Artillery supported the operation with Batteries B and D. **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery** providing direct support from LZ Sue (BS 566877) and LZ Uptight (BS 728850), respectively. On 8 May Battery D displaced to LZ Buff (BS 539825). Two 155mm howitzers from the 3d Battalion, 16th Artillery provided reinforcing fires from LZ Dottie (BS 630856) and two 175mm guns from Battery A, 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery provided general support from LZ Dottie. On 31 May the two 175mm guns moved to Hill 54 to support Operation BURLINGTON TRAIL.

3. Artillery organization for combat was as follows:

6th Battalion, 11th Artillery (-)(105T) - DS 11th Infantry Brigade
3d Battalion, 18th Artillery (-) (82/175C) - CSR 6th Battalion, 11th? Arty Battery B (-) 3d Battalion, 16th Artillery (155T) - OPCON 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery.

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(f) CHATTAHOOCHEE SWAMP.

1. Operation CHATTAHOOCHEE SWAMP began on 19 June with elements of the 11th Infantry Brigade and the 2d ARVN Division conducting offensive operations in enemy base area 121 west of Quang Ngai City to destroy enemy elements and extend GVN control in the area. The operation ended on 29 June.

2. Division Artillery supported the operation by displacing **Battery C, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery** to LZ Patch (BS 436535) to provide direct support fires to the maneuver elements.

3. Artillery organization for combat was as follows:

6th Battalion, 11th Artillery (-) (105T) - DS 11th Infantry Brigade

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(h) DUC PHO AREA OF OPERATIONS.

1. The 11th Infantry Brigade continued operations in the Duc Pho Area of Operations.

2. Division Artillery provided support as follows:

a. The **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery** provided direct supporting fires from LZ LIZ (BS 753434) and LZ Thunder (BS 869321) with **Batteries A and C,** respectively. On 17 June **Battery C** moved to LZ Dragon (BS 731528) and on 19 June they displaced to LZ Patch to support Operation CHATTAHOO-CHEE SWAMP. On 17 June **Battery B** moved to LZ Thunder. On 18 June **Battery A moved** to the vicinity of BS 763277 to support operations to the west of the Duc Pho AO and on 24 June they displaced to the vicinity of BS 628340 to support the westward movement. On 29 June **Battery A(-)** moved to LZ Dragon with a **105mm howitzer platoon moving to LZ Liz.** On 1 July **Battery D** moved to the Gia Vuc Special Forces Camp (BS 377265) to support operations in that area. On 18 July **Battery D** displaced to LZ Checker BS 437337) to support the maneuver elements, returning to Gia Vuc on 19 July. On 25 July they moved to the Bato Special Forces Camp (BS 555325). On 4 July **Battery A** moved to LZ O'Connor to support Operation POCAHONTAS FOREST leaving the 105mm howitzers at LZ Dragon.

b. Two 155mm howitzers from the 3d Battalion, 16th Artillery provided reinforcing fires from LZ Dragon. On 21 May the 155 platoon moved to LZ Liz. On 17 June two 175mm guns from Battery C, 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery moved to LZ Dragon to provide general supporting fires in the AO.

3. Artillery organization for combat was as follows:

6th Battalion, 11th Artillery (-) (105T) - DS 11th Infantry Brigade
OPCON
Battery B(), 3d Battalion, 16th Artillery (155T)
3d Battalion, 18th Artillery (-) (8"/175G) - GS

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1. Section I: Operations: Significant Activities.
a. (U) Command:

Colonel Leslie B. Hardy assumed command of Americal Division Artillery on 16 March replacing Colonel Lawrence M. Jones Jr, who departed the command on 16 March 1969.

b. (U) The following units were assigned, attached, or OPCON to Americal Division Artillery:

(1) **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery was assigned on 15 February 1969. LTC James H. Sloan Jr assumed command on 18 March 1969, replacing LTC Edward A. Kelley Jr, who assumed the duties of Executive Officer, 198th Infantry Brigade.**

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c. (C) Operations.

(1) Three named operations were being conducted at the start of the period and were terminated on 28400 February to realign the internal boundaries of the Americal and 2d ARVN Divisions. The Post TET offensive delayed the completion of the realignment.

(2) Artillery Support.

(a) 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery was an organic element of the 11th Infantry Brigade until reorganization of the Americal Division on 15 February 1969. The battalion remained in direct support of the 11th Infantry Brigade after the reorganization and supported operations of the brigade in Operation Vernon Lake II, in the Duc Pho Area of Operations, and the Iron Mountain Operational Zone.

1. A/6-11 supported the operations in the Duc Pho AO from LZ Dragon (BS 730 523) from 1 February to 15 March. On 10 February, two platoons (four Howitzers) were moved to Nghia Hanh (BS 616 640) to support the 1-20th Infantry and moved by air to LZ Cedar Mountain (BS 582 660) on 12 February. On 14 February, the two platoons moved by air to LZ San Juan (BS 634 380), then to LZ Thunder (BS 869 319) on 25 February. The remaining platoon moved from LZ Dragon to LZ Bronco (BS 816 376) on 15 March and was assigned to C/6-11.

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2. B/6-11 initially supported Operation Vernon Lake II from LZ Cork (BS 449 612), moving to Ha Thanh Special Forces Camp (BS 382 705) on 7 February to support a short operation north west of the camp, then returned to LZ Cork on 11 February. On 22 March, the battery moved to LZ Pepper (BS 496 715) to support an operation designed to relieve the enemy pressure on the province capital of Quang Ngai, returning to LZ Cork on 31 March. The battery moved by air to San Juan Hill (BS 634 380) on 13 April to support operations in the southern Song Ve Valley.

3. C/6-11 supported the operations in the southern Chu Lai TAOR from LZ Buff (BS 539 824) and became OPCON to 1-14th Arty on 12 February. On 27 february, the battery moved by air to LZ Manassas (BS 552 666) to support the operations in the Song Ve Valley until 8 March, when they moved to LZ Bronco (BS 811 390 to provide additional support to Duc Pho in the countermortar, counterrocket program. Four weapons were moved by air to Minh Long Special Forces Camp on 10 April to support operations in the Song Ve Valley; moved to LZ Dragon (BS 730 525) on 18 April and to a new fire base, LZ Jeff (BS 686 323), on 22 April to support operations in the southern Song Ve Valley.

4. **D/6-11** remained on LZ Amy (BS 473 536) throughout the period, supporting Operation Vernon Lake II, providing support for the artillery battery at Minh Long Special Forces Camp, and supporting operations to the west of the fire base.

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3. C/1-82, attached to **6-11th Arty**, supported Operation Vernon Lek II with one platoon at LZ Amy (BS 471 524), and operations in the Duc Pho AO with one platoon at LZ Liz (BS 753 432) and one platoon at LZ Thunder (BS 869 318). On 7 February, the platoon at LZ Amy moved by air to LZ Liz.

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m. (C) Logistics. M101 - M102 Howitzer Conversion.

(1) This headquarter was notified in November 1968 that the M102 howitzer would be issued to replace the M101 howitzer. The initial issue was scheduled for February 1969, with the issue order of priority to 3d Battalion, 82d Artillery, 1st Battalion, 14th Artillery, and 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery.

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a. Command:

(1) The following units are assigned, attached, or OPCON:

3d Battalion, 16th Artillery (155T): Attached

3d Battalion, 18th Artillery (8"/175mmSP): Attached

1st Battalion, 82d Artillery (155T/8"SP): Assigned

6th Battalion, 56th Artillery (Hawk): Assigned

Battery G, 55th Artillery (MG): Assigned

3d Platoon, Battery G, 29th Artillery (Searchlight): Assigned to the 108th Artillery Group, OPCON Americal Division Artillery.

251st Countermortar Radar Detachment: Assigned

252d Countermortar Radar Detachment: Assigned

(2) Division Artillery monitors the activities of the direct support battalions of the three infantry brigades.

6th Battalion, 11th Artillery: Assigned 11th Light Infantry Brigade

1st Battalion, 14th Artillery: Assigned 198th Light Infantry Brigade

3d Battalion, 82d Artillery: Assigned 196th Light Infantry Brigade

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b. Operations:

(1) Support Artillery Fires

(a) Heavy artillery support continues to be available throughout the division area of operations. Two batteries of heavy artillery were moved to Minh Long and Tra Bong Special Forces camps to provide heavy artillery support beyond the division boundary and extend the sphere of influence of the division. Both moves required extensive engineer work to make the roads passable for the heavy self-propelled artillery.

(b) Medium artillery continues to be available throughout the division area of operations. In order to provide the support, many of the batteries have had to operate as split fire units. One battery of medium artillery have had to operate as split fire units. One battery of medium artillery continues to operate in direct support of the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry.

(c) Light artillery units made 40 moves during the period, with most of the displacements being made by air. The provisional fourth firing battery in each direct support battalion again provided added coverage for the large brigade AO's.

(d) Artillery ammunition expenditures and percent of observed fires by caliber for the reporting period are as follows:

CALIBER	EXPENDITURES	PERCENT OBSERVED
105mm	168,530	62
155mm	83,750	41
8 in	18,176	30
175mm	11,986	8.8

(2) Division Artillery provided supporting fires for the following operations of the Americal Division:

Operation Vernon Lake II	2 Nov 68 to present
Operation Hardin Falls	2 Dec 68 to present
Operation Fayette Canyon	15 Dec 68 to present
Operation Russell Beach	13 Jan 69 to present

(a) Vernon Lake II

1. Operation Vernon Lake II commenced at 020601 November 1968 with the 11th Infantry Brigade conducting the operation as follows:

2. Division Artillery supported the operation as follows:

a. **B/6/11** moved from LZ Pepper (BS 496716) to LZ Cork (BS 448612) on

2 November, with **one platoon (2 howitzers)** moving to LZ Volunteer (BS348593) on 2 December, and returning to LZ Cork on 13 December, remaining on LZ Cork through the end of the reporting period. **D/6/11 moved** from LZ Pepper to LZ Cork on 2 November, then to LZ Amy (BS473526) on 11 November, remaining through the end of the reporting period. One platoon (2 howitzers) **of A/6/11** moved from LZ Dragon (BS730528) to LZ Cam (BS393502) on 19 November, then to Minh Long Special Forces Camp (BS 536513) on 21 November, returning to LZ Dragon an out of the Vernon Lake II AO on 28 November.

b. Medium artillery. One platoon (2 howitzers) moved from Hill 54 (BT 394144) to LZ Cork and became OPCON to **6/11th Arty** on 14 November. The pla-toon was attached to C/1/82, which was further attached to 6/11th Arty. On 2 January, one platoon (2 howitzers) C/1-82, moved from LZ Liz (BS753432) to LZ Amy (BS471524), remaining through the end of reporting period.

c. Heavy artillery. C/3/18 supported Vernon Lake II from positions at LZ Dragon and LZ Bronco (BS 812396) until 12 December when they moved by road to Minh Long Special Forces Camp, closing on 14 December.

d. Artillery organization for combat:

6th Battalion, 11 Artillery (105T) DS 11th Infantry Brigade

Battery C, 1st Battalion, 82d Artillery (+) (155T) Attached 6/11 Arty

Battery C, 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery (8"/175) GS

(f) Duc Pho AO

1. Operations continued in the Duc Pho AO under control of 11th Infantry Brigade.

2. Division Artillery provided the following support for the AO:

a. A/6/11 moved one platoon from LZ Dragon to Vernon Lake II AO on 19 November, returning to LZ Dragon on 28 November. On 11 December A/6/11 moved from LZ Dragon to LZ Mit (BS730358), returning on 17 December. One platoon moved to vicinity of Nghia Hanh (BS 611625) to support a blocking position on 16 January, returning to LZ Dragon on 22 January. C/6/11 supported the AO from LZ Thunder (BS869318) until 1 January, when a platoon was moved to LZ Charlie Brown (BS928220), returning on 3 January. C/6/11 moved to Chu Lai TAOR on 18 January.

b. C/1/82 provided medium artillery support to Duc Pho AO with battery (-) at LZ Liz (BS757432) and one platoon at LZ Thunder (BS 869318), until 2 January, when one platoon moved from LZ Liz to LZ Amy (BS 471524)

c. Heavy artillery support was provided by C/3/18 from positions at LZ Dragon and LZ Bronco (BS 812397) until 12 December, when the road moved to Minh Long Special Forces Camp (BS 534515) commenced with the battery closing on 14 December.

d. Artillery organization for combat:

6th Battalion, 11th Artillery (-) (105T) DS 11th Infantry Brigade

Battery C, 1st Battalion, 82d Artillery (155T) Attached 6/11 Arty

Battery C, 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery (8"/175SP) GS

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(e) Chu Lai TAOR

1. Operations in the Chu Lai TAOR were conducted by the 198th Infantry Brigade and by the 11th Infantry Brigade when they resumed responsibility for the southern portion.

2. Division Artillery provided support as follows:

a. Direct support artillery moves frequently between several fire support bases in the TAOR in order to provide sufficient coverage and mutual support, and permit flexibility in offensive operations. On 8 Aug, B/3/82 moved from LZ O'Connor to LZ Chippewa (BS4855967) and then returned to LZ Center on 3 Sep. D/1/14, on 22 Aug, moved from Hau Duc (BT048043) to Fat City (BT 439075). A/6/11 moved from LZ Bowman to Hill 54 (BT396143) on 29 Aug and then to LZ Buff (BS539824) on 7 Sep. B/1/14 moved to Hill 54 from Fat City on 28 Aug. On 2 Sep A/1/14 moved to LZ Chippewa from LZ Buff. On 16 Sep Plt C/1/14 moved to LZ Gator (BS571963) From LZ Jane (BS 660758). **B/6/11** moved to LZ Buff from FSB Cork (BS450612) on 23 Sep. **D/6/11** also

moved from LZ Dottie from LZ Chevy (BS428718). On 4 Oct A/1/14 moved to LZ Chippewa from Tien Phuoc. On 9 Oct they moved to LZ Center. C/14 moved from LZ Bowman to Hill 54 on 13 Oct. **D/6/11** moved back to LZ Dottie on 13 Oct from LZ Uptight (BS726857). On 23 Oct C/1/14 moved back to LZ Buff from LZ Sheryl (BT102192).

b. 1/82 Arty became operational in early August, A/1/82 at Hill 54 on 5 Aug, later sending a Plt to Fat City on 12 Aug, returning to Hill 54 on 20 Sep. B/1/82 moved into LZ Gator on 8 Aug, fully operational. Plt C/3/16 moved to Fat City on 6 Aug from Hill 54. D/1/82 became operational at LZ Dottie on 4 Aug. Plt C/3/18 (2-8") moved from Fat City on 7 Aug from LZ Dottie. 7 Sep, Plt A/3/18 (2-175G) moved to Hill 54 from LZ Young. On 23 Sep, B/1/82 returned to LZ Gator from an operation in the 11 Inf Bde AO. On 13 Oct, Plt B/1/82 moved to LZ Dottie from LZ Gator to provide illumination.

3. Artillery organization for combat was as follows;

1st Battalion, 14th Artillery (+)(105T) - DS 198th Infantry Brigade

1st Battalion, 82d Artillery (-)(155T/8"SP) - GSR 1/14 Arty

6th Battalion, 11th Artillery (-)(105T) - DS 11th Infantry Brigade

3d Battalion, 18th Artillery (-)(8"/175G) - GS

(f) Logan Field

1. Operation Logan Field was conducted from 7-12 Oct as the 1-20th Inf moved to the Batangan Peninsula.

2. **D/6/11** moved to LZ uptight (BS726857) from LZ Dottie to provide direct support for the 1-20th Inf.

(g) Champagne Grove

1. From 3-24 Sep the 11th Inf Bde deployed its forces for operation Champaign Grove with three US Battalions and three ARVN battalions to take pressure off the Ha Thanh Special Forces Camp.

2, **C/6/11** moved to Quang Ngai Air field (BS605719) on 4 Sep from LZ Center. On 11 Sep B/1/82 (-) moved to lZ Chevy BS 428714) from LZ Gator. On 20 Sep, B/6/11 moved to LZ Cork (BS 450612) from LZ Bronco (BS 450612)

3. Artillery organization for combat was as follows:

6th Battalion, 11th Artillery (-)(105T) - DS 11th Infantry Brigade OPCON

Battery B(-), 1st Battalion, 82d Artillery (155T) 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery (-) 917G) - GS

(h) Duc Pho AO

1. Operations in the Duc Pho AO continued throughout the reporting period.

2. Several moves were made in order to support several other smaller scale operations. On 7 Aug, **D/6/11 moved** to Minh Long Special Forces AO (BS458466) from Bato (BS555325). On 8 Aug, C/1/82 became operational with four guns on LZ Liz (BS75432) and two guns on LZ Thunder (BS 869318). On 9 Aug **D/6/11** moved to LZ Dragon (BS730529) from Minh Long (BS 548466). **B/6/11** moved to Bato Special Forces Camp (BS 581326) on 14 Aug from LZ Thunder. **A/6/11** moved to LZ Dragon on 30 Aug from Hill 54 and **D/6/11** moved to Ha Thanh (BS 428718) from LZ Dragon. **C/6/11** moved to LZ Bronco on 10 Sep from Quang Ngai Airfield. C/1/14 moved down to LZ Jane (BS 660758) on 13 Sep. On 16 Sep **A/6/11** moved to LZ Dragon, **C/6/11** moved to LZ Thunder, and **B/6/11** moved to LZ Bronco from LZ Buff, LZ Bronco and LZ Thunder, respectively.

3. On 28 Aug, Plt C/3/18 (2-175G) moved to LZ Dottie from LZ Dragon. They moved back to LZ Dragon on 23 Sep. Plt C/3/18 moved from Fat City to LZ Dragon to LZ Bronco with 2-8" guns. From 14-15 Oct C/1/82 (4-155) moved from LZ Liz to LZ Snoopy and back to LZ Liz.

4. Artillery organization for combat was as follows:

6th Battalion, 11th Artillery (-)(105T) - DS 11th Infantry Brigade

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Battery C, 1st Battalion, 82d Artillery (155T)

1st Battalion, 14th Artillery (-)(105T) - DS 11th Infantry Brigade.

(i) Dale Common

1. Operation Dale Common was a short operation form 18-19 Oct with 3-1st Infantry working in the Song Ve Valley (BS 6050).

2. **A/6/11** moved to LZ Bulldog (BS 730528) from LZ Dragon on 18 Oct and returned on 19 Oct.

(j) Vernon Lake I

1. Vernon Lake I commenced on 25 Oct with 4-3d Inf and 3-1st Inf in the Song Ve Valley. On 28 Oct friendly units moved north between Ha Thanh and Quang Ngai Airfield. 1st Cav moved to the AO.

2. On 25 Oct **D/6/11 and B/6/11** moved to LZ Dancer (BS 682402) and LZ Bulldog (BS 637552) from LZ Dottie and LZ Buff, respectively. On 28 Oct, B/1/82 (-), 4 guns, moved to Hill 10 (S 583722) from LZ Dottie and LZ Gator. On 29 Oct, **B/6/11** moved to LZ Pepper (BS 496716) from LZ Bulldog. D/6/11 then moved to LZ Pepper from LZ Dancer on 30 Oct.

3. Artillery organization for combat was as follows:

6th Battalion, 11th Artillery (-)(105t) - DS 11th Infantry Brigade OPCON

Battery B (-), 1st Battalion, 82d Artillery (155T)

c. The 251st and 252d Countermortar Radar Detachments are positioned on LZ East (BT 13102025) and Artillery Hill (BT51580399), respectively. The 251st's primary sector is south down the valley toward the Tien Phuoc Special Forces Camp. The 252d's primary sector is northwest into the Chu Lai rocket belt.

d. The 1st Battalion, 82d Artillery became operational on 8 August 1968. The battalion is employed along Highway# 1 in the Chu Lai area of Operations, except for Battery C which is OPCON to the **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery** in the 11th Infantry Brigade AO.

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1. (C) Section I: Operations
a. (U) Command:

(1) Colonel Leslie B. Hardy commanded Americal Division Artillery during the period of this report.

(2) (U) The following units were assigned, attached or under operational control of to Americal Division Artillery:

(a) 1st Battalion, 14th Artillery remained assigned. LTC Boris Pogoloff assumed command on 15 January 1970, replacing LTC Clifford J. Phifer who commanded through 14 January 1970.

(b) 3d Battalion, 82d Artillery remained assigned. LTC Oscar L. Faulkner assumed command on 21 November 1969, replacing LTC Herbert E. Knight who commanded through 20 November 1969.

(c) **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery** remained assigned, LTC Paul R. Gleave commanded during the period of this report.

(d) 1st Battalion, 82d Artillery remained assigned. LTC Elisco J. Garcia assumed command on 15 December 1969, replacing LTC James M. Compton who commanded through 14 December 1969.

(e) 3d Battalion, 16th Artillery remained attached. LTC Grover A. Dubose assumed command on 15 December 1969, replacing LTC Andrew R. Foster Jr., who commanded through 14 December 1969.

(f) 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery remained attached, LTC William F. Sifford commanded during the period of this report.

(g) Battery G, 55th Artillery (MG) remained attached. CPT Dennis R. Blanton commanded during the period of this report.

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(3) The 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery remained in direct support of the 11th Inf Bde and supported operations in the IRON MOUNTAIN AO.

(a) **A/6-11** gave priority of fires to the 3-1 and 4-21 Inf in the southern portion of the AO. On 4 January 1970, 4 howitzers moved from LZ DEBBIE (BS 869319) to HILL 285 (BS820235) to support a multi-battalion, US and ARVN operations.

(b) **B/6-11** remained on LZ SAN JUAN (BS 634330) during the entire period with priority of fires to the 4-3 Inf. The battery also had the mission of interdicting high speed approaches into the SONG VE VALLEY.

(c) **C/6-11** provided priority of fires to 1-20, 3-1 and 4-21 Inf during the period. On 8 November 1969, 4 howitzers returned to LZ BRONCO BS 8123??) to LZ MAX (BS 761471) to support exploitation of an ARCLIGHT strike. On 16 December 1969, the 3 howitzers returned to LZ BRONCO. The battery attacked numerous personnel targets in the 11th Inf Bde's coastal lowlands which were acquired by the TPS-25 Ground Surveillance Radar and IOS located on OP 3 (BS 754421).

(d) **D/6-11** gave priority of fires to the 3-1 Inf during the period. On 27 November 1969, 4 howitzers moved from FSB 411 (BS 547730) to HA THANH Special Forces Camp (BS 382701) in support of 3-1 operations south and southeast of HA THANH. On 4 December 1969, the 4 howitzers returned to FSB 411. On 7 December 1969, 2 howitzers moved from FSB 411 to NGHIA HANH (BS 615642) to support combined US and ARVN exploitation of an ARC-LIGHT strike. On 19 December 1969, the 2 howitzers returned to FSB 411. The battery attacked numerous personnel targets south of the SONG TRA KHUC RIVER which were acquired by the TPS-25 Ground Surveillance Radar and IOS located on OP 1 (BS 516778).

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(1) **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery** (105mm towed) remained assigned. LTC James H. Sloan, Jr. commanded during this report.

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(1) Artillery Support

(a) The 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery (105mm towed) remained in direct support of the 11th Infantry Brigade and supported operations in the Iron Mountain Operational Zone. On 1 June, 8-11 Artillery was authorized a fourth battery of six

105mm howitzers. By 1 July the battalion had attained full strength of four batteries of six (M101) howitzers each.

1. A/6-11 remained at FSB Debbie (BS869319) during the entire period and fired in support of the 3-1 and 4-21 Infantry in the southern portion of the operational zone.

2. B/6-11 remained on LZ San Juan (BS634380) during the entire period and fired in support of the 4-3 Infantry. Also the battery had the mission of interdicting high speed approaches into the Song Ve Valley.

3. C/6-11 provided support for 1-20, 3-1 and 4-21 Infantry during the period. At the beginning of the period C/6-11 had two platoons on LZ Jeff (BS689323) supporting operations in the Song Ve Valley and one platoon on FSB Bronco (BS812390). On 4 May, the two platoons on LZ Jeff moved to FSB Bronco, where the battery was located for the remainder of the period. At FSB Bronco the battery was employed in support of 1-20 Infantry and in countering the enemy rocket and mortar threat.

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4. At the beginning of the period, D/6-11 was on FSB Amy in support of the 4-21 Infantry (BS474525). On 4 May, D/6-11 moved to LZ Jeff to assume the mission of C/6-11 as described above. On LZ Jeff the battery remained in support of 4-21 Infantry. On 19 May, D/6-11 was moved to a new fire base, FSB John (BS5422384), to support 4-3 Infantry in an Arc Light exploitation. In order to support 4-3 and 4-21 Infantry operations in the southern tip of the TAOR, the battery was moved on 2 June to FSB Don (BS764277). After completion of this operation on 16 June, the battery moved to LZ Max (BS 760471) to support the 1-20 Infantry in operations along the coast. On 27 July, the battery moved to the "Horseshoe" area to support the 3-1 Infantry at a new fire base, FSB 411 (BS547730). From this position the battery fired south of the Tra Khuc River on personnel targets which were acquired by the Div Arty TPS-25 Ground Surveillance Radar located on OP 1 (BS516778).

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(4) Observation. On 26 July 1969, the **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery employed cartridge**, tactical, CS, XM 629 for the first time. The missions were fired by Battery C in support of Company B, 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry. Two missions were fired using two different methods of fire to determine types of effect.

(b) Evaluation. The first mission was fired on grid BS 813452 at 260735H July 1969. Nature of target was a preparation for an infantry company size sweep. The mission was adjusted using one gun. The first round resulted in a target hit; fire for effect was requested and battery six rounds was fired (36 rounds). All rounds were on target with 10% immediate concentration build up in the target area. The initial area covered was 200 x 300 meters; in five minutes the area covered 200 x 600 meters. Observations made by the supported infantry battalion commander, his S3 said the artillery liaison officer were that

the XM 629 CS round produced a rapid concentration over a large area. Individuals observing the mission requested to evaluate this round in comparison to the 4.2" mortar CS round. All concurred that the XM 629 round is more effective. The second mission was fired on grid BS802473 at 260800 H July 1969. The nature of target was the same, but could not be exploited. This mission required two adjustments to place the round on target. The method of fire was battery, one round, 3 quadrants and 3 deflections, zone sweep (36 rounds). All rounds hit in expected areas except one. Initial coverage was estimated at 80% of the target area saturated with eventual build up to 100% of the area of initial coverage 600 x 800 meter), but the gas lifted rapidly.

(c) Recommendation. Tactical CS round XM 629 can be employed in support of ground operations in this area of operations with at least equal effect as mortar fired CS. Different methods of fire will produce a variety of effects in the target area. When the method of fire is battery fire for effect, immediate build up in the target area is 100% effective, but confined to a smaller area than a zone sweep. In comparison, when a zone sweep method of fire is selected a larger area is covered, but concentration build up is slow and results in approximately 80% coverage. With either method of fire, all persistency and presence of gas will dissipate.

from the 31JAN68 S2/S3 report of the 4/3rd Inf. Bn.

1	0501	(C)	Notified Bde the following: Time of attack-
			0405 hrs; from coord 555873; 15 to 20 rds;
			Lt Mort (60mm); No. injured & extent -
			2 serious (one indiv face inj fm frag, one
			w/side inj fm frag), both indiv fm B Btry,
			6-11th Arty; 2 indiv Co D, 4-3 Inf w/minor
			inj treated at LZ SUE; Dustoff completed
			0435 hrs; End of attack: 0420 hrs.

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11th 'Jungle Warriors' Battle

Enemy In Southern Quang Ngai (cont.)

In all operations, the brigade's infantrymen have been able to rely on quick, accurate and devastating fire by the "On Time" **6th Bn., 11th Arty.**, with its 105mm howitzer batteries spread throughout the brigade area. The unit was especially effective during the two battles of My Lai, when its fast-firing cannoneers blasted nearly 100 of the total kills.

"Sharks and Dolphins" of the 174th Avn Co. at LZ Bronco, and the brigade's own Primo Aviation Ltd. have done yeomen's work throughout the campaigns, flying troops to combat, flying cover with their gunships, finding the enemy through day and night reconnaissance missions and picking up the wounded from the battlefield.

On July 1, the "Jungle Warriors" second anniversary, COL Oran K. Henderson, brigade commander, asked the men of his command to "meet the challenges of the future with the brigade with the brigade's traditional gallantry, devotion and unselfishness."

2-Millionth Round

Gun Blasts; General Laughs

CHU LAI--It was an overcast day, but spirits were high in expectation of the momentous occasion that was about to take place for the men of C Btry., 6th Bn., 11th Arty.

The 105mm Howitzer artillery piece was poised and ready to shoot the two millionth round fired by Americal Division Artillery.

Dignitaries arrived to take part in the launching of the decorated, highly polished ceremonial round. All was ready at the fire support base for the big event.

As MG Charles M. Gettys, division commander, stepped up to the breach of the big gun to pull the lanyard, the gun's team leader was on hand to give final instructions. He wanted the firing to go off without a hitch.

"When the word comes over the radio to fire, all you do is yank the lanyard, sir," the excited sergeant graphically demonstrated.

BOOM!

The slightly embarrassed sergeant had gone a bit too far. With a hearty laugh and a pat on the back for the noncom, the general said, "Thanks sarge."

Story Line Art Graphic by Dave McGown- Sergeant is shown doing a double take after firing 105mm howitzer. Shell marked with "2,000,000th leaves with a loud "BOOM". Partial side view of General Gettys observing the firing.

Radar Checks 'Charlie'

Unit Hits Back Fast

LZ BRONCO--The counter-mortar radar unit high atop Mt. Montezuma here makes the life of a Viet Cong mortarman a dangerous, if not short one.

CWO Charlie Hardaway (Colorado Springs, Colo.), OIC of the 6th Bn., 11th Arty.'s counter-mortar unit and his nine-man crew are in their 11th month of providing target detection for return fire mortars and artillery supporting the 11th Inf. Bde. base defense system.

Total Hard To Assess

During that time the radar unit, working closely with 81mm mortar crews on the hilltop, which are rotated from each of the brigade's infantry battalions, has chalked up 20 confirmed locations, four captured mortar tubes and two confirmed kills.

"This figure may not sound too impressive," CWO Hardaway says, "but we usually can't get anyone to the enemy mortar site until the next morning.

"The infantry checks the sites and usually finds base plate impressions and aiming stakes, but by that time the VC have removed any casualties or damaged equipment. Our kill figure could easily be much higher."

Fast Counter Fire

The radar crew explained that the VC normally work with a pair of tubes, but the radar has picked up as many as six tubes firing at one time in different areas.

"If we can determine the general direction of fire, we can have the data to the guns before the enemy round hits. If we can get immediate clearance, we can have counter mortar fire on the position in minutes," said the veteran of 10 years experience in radar.

The radar unit covers a 360-degree range around Montezuma, and is effective even in the heavy rains.

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River Is Crossed By 'Old Guard' In Initial Thrust

LZ South--The 2nd Plt. pushed off from the grassy beach in rubber boats and paddled across a gently flowing river. This was the first thrust into the enemy dominated area and the initial movement towards collapsing the ever-tightening cordon in the Batangan Peninsula as part of Operation Russell Beach.

The objective lay hidden in the large clump of trees on the western most edge of the unnamed island in the Song (Continued on Page 8) **River Crossing Mission** (Continued from Page 1) Diem Diem. Whatever was on the rest of the flat, cultivated lowlands would have to wait till later.

Vigilant Air Guard

Overhead, a pair of gunships from the 176th Aslt. Hel. Co. circled slowly like watchful hawks, waiting to spit fire at anyone who would attempt to stop the "Old Guardsmen."

The noise of the choppers broke the quiet of the bright, Jan. 16 morning, as the monsoon rains of the days before were forgotten. There was a job to be done, a village to be secured. The "Jungle Warriors" were ready.

A Co., 4th Bn., 3rd Inf., had come into the area three days before, forming a small part of the 11 1/2 mile cordon surrounding the Viet Cong stronghold. To their north they linked up with a company of the 5th Bn., 46th Inf., to the south with the ARVNs.

Leaflets from division psychological operations (PSYOP) teams had been raining down on the coastal plains for three days. They were reinforced by aerial loudspeaker broadcasts telling the people to take up their belongings and pass through the cordon. Anyone who failed to do this would be an enemy of the Government of Vietnam.

Final Briefing

Battalion Commander LTC Jack Davis flew in to give last minute instructions to CPT Benjamin Maxham (Burbank, Calif.), A Co. CO.

The 2nd Plt. was to make the crossing with direct fire support from the 3rd Plt. and a platoon of the 5/46.

The 1st Plt. was to act as a blocking force to the south, while the Weapons Plt. secured the company area, and the Recon. Plt., attached to the company, joined up with the ARVNs.

After a lengthy preparing of the target by "penny-nickle-nickles" (105mm [155mm] guns) and "fat tubes" (8 inch-howitzers), forward observer 1LT Joe Pallischeck (Rochester, N.Y.), **B Btry., 6th Bn., 11th Arty.**, told CPT Maxham the area was ready. The CO picked up the radio-telephone and called in the gunships.

Choppers Comb Area

The chopper duet worked together perfectly, circling the wooded area deliberately, then turning sharply into a dive, pounding the tree line with rockets and miniguns. A PSYOP Helix made one last pass, dropping leaflets, before the infantry advanced.

The time had come. CPT Maxham emphatically gave the word to his platoon leader, 1LT Kenneth Hamlin (Bowling Green, Ohio), "Move out!"

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River Is Crossed By 'Old Guard' In Initial Thrust

Launch Assault

Three squads jumped into their rubber boats and pushed off. Onshore, the staccato of the M-60s began slowly building in intensity until the sound of paddles breaking water was no longer audible.

It was 300 meters from beach to beach, and it took the boats only a few anxious minutes of waiting and watching until one squad landed and set up a base of fire.

The next squad landed and began running inland across the paddies, kicking up spouts of water that looked like enemy rounds hitting close by.

The 176th gunships circled overhead and the M-60s in the woodline, joined by M-79s on the western shore, continued their steady chatter.

Penetrate On Line

1LT Hamlin moved his men swiftly and effortlessly in the classic infantry manner, fire and maneuver, fire and maneuver. Moving on line, they made a reconnaissance of the area by fire.

They passed through and secured the village.

This was a quiet beginning for Americal troops who are expected to see a lot of action in Operation Russell Beach.

Combat In Review

Go By Chopper, Boat, Convoy

Arty Move an Odyssey

LZ BRONCO -- The refrain "in the air, on land, and sea" usually brings to mind the battle hymn of a sister service.

It equally applies, however, to the 11th Inf. Bde.'s 6th Bn., 11th Arty.

The artillery unit utilized all three modes of transportation recently while providing fire support for "Jungle Warriors" of B Co., 4th Bn., 3rd Inf. in an operation in the southern tip of Quang Ngai Province.

C Btry. of 6/11 was airlifted by Chinook helicopters supplied by the 132nd Air Spt. Hel. Co., which transported the men and 105mm howitzers from their primary base at LZ Thunder to LZ Charlie Brown, 10 miles southeast of Duc Pho.

Within 10 minutes after the Chinooks touched down at Charlie Brown, the men had the guns ready for fire missions in which they expended over 200 rounds.

When the operation came to a close, C Btry. packed up for the return trip to LZ Thunder.

Since LZ Charlie Brown is almost completely surrounded by water, LCM-8 "Mike Boats" from the Naval Support Activity located at Sa Huynh were called in to move the men and artillery to dry land and the road to LZ Thunder.

The men traveled the final five miles by convoy.

BIG 4TH, THANKS TO WIFE, RED CROSS

LZ BRONCO-- Independence Day has always been a special occasion for PFC Gary E. Hutton (Laurel, Miss.). Now the day holds more significance to this soldier since he learned his wife gave birth to a son on July 4th.

Hutton, with HHC. 6th Bn., 11th Arty., was overjoyed when he heard the news from Mr. Bill De Putron (San Antonio, Tex.), assistant field director for the Red Cross serving the 11th Inf. Bde.

Happy Call

"My wife was very excited when I talked to her over the phone in the MARS station. "related Hutton. "I guess we both laughed and cried for joy at the same time, we were so happy." About a week later, the Laurel, Miss. chapter of the Red Cross sent Hutton a picture of his wife holding the seven-pound, fifteen-ounce baby christened Gary Scott Hutton.

Combat In Review

Photo Caption: **Chief Of Smoke**

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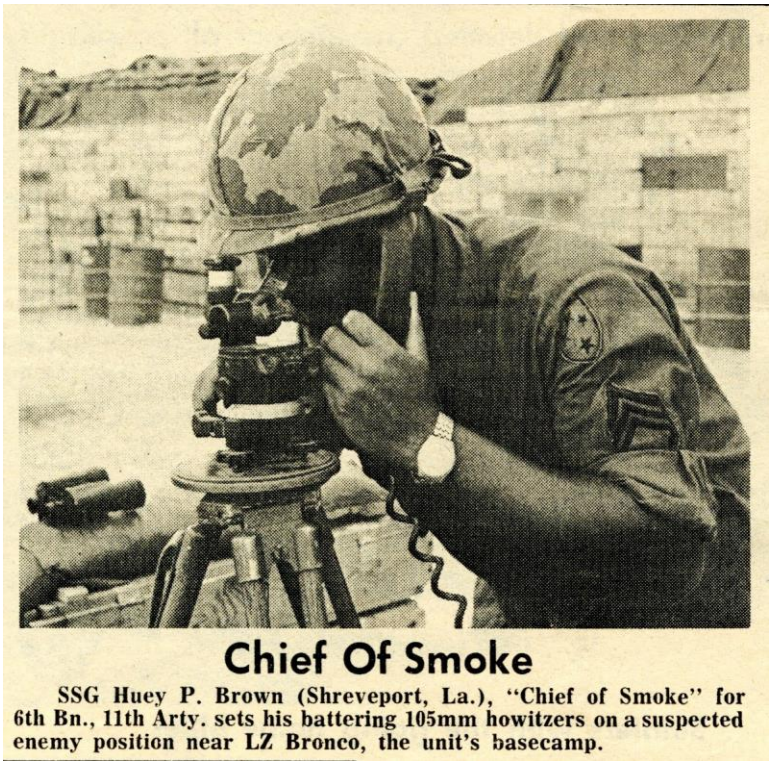

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SILVER STAR MEDAL

SGT George E. Eastman Jr, 196th Bde; PSG Pete Gonzales 19th Bde; 1LT Willie B. Grant Jr, 196th Bde; SP4 John W. Haak, 11th Bde; CPT James P. Hurley, 11th Bde; PFC Melvin W. Murphy, 11th Bde; 1LT Victor D. Ricci, 11th Bde.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

CPT Earl S. Holp, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 William Horvay, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 Steven B. Johannsen, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; CPT John S. Walker, 11th Bde.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

PFC John R. Alsup, 11th Bde; SGT Arturo R. Ariaga, 11th Bde; PFC Dennis E. Besse, 11th Bde; SP4 Jerry W. Boice, Ist Cav; SP4 Herbert Bolden, 196th Bde; PFC Howard G. Bowers Jr, 196th Bde; PFC David L. Brownell, 196th Bde; 1LT William D. Castille, 11th Bde; SGT James E. Chapin, 11th Bde; PFC Lawrence J, Cleary, 196th Bde; SGT Sam Day, 75th Inf (Ranger); SGT Robert L. Devol, 198th Bde; 2LT Mark A. Eidemiller, 196th Bde; **1LT Charles G. Fairchild, 11th Arty**; PFC Charles F. Ford, 11th Bde; SGT David Galliher, 82nd Arty; SGT Homer L. Garrison Jr, 11th Bde; SP4 Daniel B. Girres, 11th Bde; SP4 Charles W. Goodrich, 11th Bde; PFC Dannile Hamlin, 11th Bde; SP4 Bruce N. Johnson, 75th Inf (Ranger); 1LT Kenneth K. Killingsworth, 11th Bde; Peter F. Kuhaneck (2nd OLC), 11th Bde; SSG David E. Lambert, 11th Bde; PFC Robert A. Landis, 11th Bde; SP4 Robert B. Lombardo (1st OLC), 23rd Med Bn; SP4 Michael P. Mann, 11th Bde; PFC Jennings Marshall, 198th Bde; PFC Charles L. Molnar, 82nd Arty; PFC Robert Musthare, 11th Bde; PFC Donald Naughton, 11th Bde; SP4 Harry J. Niedfeldt, 198th Bde; SGT Otto F. Numssen, 11th Bde; PFC Lawrence M. Osment, 11th Bde; SGT Jeffrey C. Peterson, 196th Bde; PFC Richie J. Rowan, 11th Bde; SGT Enrique R. Santos, 196th Bde; PFC William T. Sawatzki, 11th Bde; SP4 Anthony F. Scasino (Ist OLC), 11th Bde; PFC Norman L. Snider; 196th Bde; SP4 Paul D. Stepp, 196th Bde; SP4 Henry M. Stewart, 11th Bde; SP4 Jacob J. Weathersby Jr, 196th Bde; SP4 Roosevelt Wilson, 196th Bde; PFC Gary L. Zellweger, 196th Bde.

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

PFC Dalton J. Adams, 198th Bde; SP4 James B. Bennett Jr, 196th Bde; SGT Eddie D Benson, 11th Bde; SP4 Robert L. Brink, 196th Bde; PFC Patrick R. Burke, 11th Bde; PFC Charles F. Chapman, 82nd Arty; PFC Aubrey K. Gover, Ist Cav; PFC William J. Crubb, 198th Bde; SP4 Kenneth Heath, 14th Cbt Avn. Bn; PFC Steven Holland, 11th Bde; PFC Richard Jones (1st OLC) 11th Bde; **SGT Arthur L. Krumsiek (Ist OLC), 11th Arty**; SP4 Timothy V. Miles, 196th Bde; PFC Larry R. Wimmer, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SP4 Albert Murphy (Ist OLC), 11th Bde; SGT R.J. Odie, 82nd Arty; PFC Roger D. Rice, 11th Bde; SSG Brian W. Riedel, 11th Bde; SP4 William A. Rozar Jr, 196th Bde; CPT Jerry L. Simpson, **11th Arty**; 2LT (Gregory A. Smith, 11th Bde; SSG Charles F. Swaggert, 196th Bde; PFC Walter A. Swain, 11th Bde; CPT John S. Walker, 11th Bde; SP4 Charles R. Woods, 11th Bde; SP4 John T. Wright, 11th Bde.

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SILVER STAR MEDAL

PFC Peter L. Smith, 11th Bde; 1LT Richard A. Williams, 1st Cav.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

PV2 Ricardo Alvardo, 723rd Maint. Bn; 1LT Steven S. Bense-man, 196th Bde; SP4 Ronnie L. Carrol (1st OLC), 196th Bde; SP4 George E. Carter, 11th Bde; PFC Hugh O. Clark, 198th Bde; PFC Peter Cosser, 198th Bde; SGT Dennis P. Davis, 198th Bde; PFC Carl Dean (1st OLC), 11th Bde; SP4 Brian A. Doyle (1st OLC), 196th Bde; SFC Ecolia A. Dunn, 196th bde; PFC Robert J. Fair, 11th Bde; SP4 Abraham Gilbert, 198th Bde; SP4 Robert Goff, 196th Bde; SFC Carlen G. Graves, 196th Bde; PFC Thomas E. Guy, 196th Bde; CPL Leonard Haas, 14th Arty; PFC Gordon L. Harrison, 11th Bde; SP4 Carl R. Harter, 11th Bde; SGT Scott G. Hasselback (2nd OLC), 198th Bde; SP4 John S. Henyan, 11th Bde; 2Lt **Phillip R. Holloway, 11th Arty**; PFC Steven W. Hunt, 11th Bde; PFC Larry D. Keith, 198th Bde; SP4 Randall Kroll, 11th Bde; PFC Robert J. Miller, 11th Bde; PFC William O. Mills, 196th Bde; 1LT Robert J. Monoghan, 123rd Avn Bn; SP4 Fernando Nephi Jr, 123rd Avn Bn; SP4 Richard A. Paddon (2nd OLC), 198th; 1LT Arnold O. Porter, 11th Bde; SP4 Juan S. Santana-Serrano, 11th Bde; SFC Ronald J. Schuller, 196th Bde; 1LT Philip L. Spackman (2nd OlC), 11th Bde; PFC Wayne C. Spencer, 11th Bde; SP4 Edward J. Swain, 123rd Avn Bn; SP4 Larry D. Tabor, 196th Bde; SP4 Kenneth W. Tenney (1st OLC), 196th Bde; PFC Kenneth H. Walker, 11th Bde; SP5 William L. Webb, 11th Bde; SSG Cary T. Whitenack, 11th Bde; SSG Bobby G. Wilds, 11th Bde.

AIR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1LT Gary O. Bently (1st OLC), 14th Cbt Avn; CPT Jeffrey P. Knowlton (1st OLC), 14th Avn Bn.

146 enemy killed
Weekly Recap: action decreases

By SP4 Dennis L. Selby

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO) – During the last week of May there was a noticeable decrease in enemy activity in Southern I Corps with Division units killing 146 enemy soldiers and capturing more than 50 individual weapons.

Geneva Park

While moving toward their night laager position late Wednesday evening, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry encountered five Viet Cong wearing black clothing in the mountainous terrain 18 miles north of Quang Ngai City.

The 198th Infantry Brigade infantrymen opened up on the enemy with automatic weapons fire to kill three and detain one. A sweep of the area produced several packs and several miscellaneous documents.

The following day while maneuvering in an area 17 miles northeast of Quang Ngai City, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry discovered a bunker that concealed a tunnel exit.

The infantrymen searched the bunker and found eight 57mm recoilless rifle rounds, one sighting device for a machinegun, two AK-7 magazines and a cleaning rod. The company destroyed the equipment.

Frederick Hill

In the Operation Frederick Hill area last Thursday, it was barely dawn when Bravo Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry tangled with a band of three VC. The 196th Brigade infantrymen were sweeping about 14 miles northwest of Tam Ky, when they came face to face with the enemy soldiers.

"Only one was carrying a weapon. He snapped a few rounds at us and started to run," said Private First Class Joseph Jones, Memphis, Tenn., pointman for the platoon.

But the Bravo Company troopers didn't buy it. They replied with a fierce barrage of automatic weapons fire, killing two of the enemy. The remaining enemy escaped, carrying a weapon.

The recon platoon of the 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry decided to attend a Viet Cong garden party the following day, even though they were not invited.

While cutting their way through thick vegetation nine miles northwest of Tam Ky, the point element of the recon platoon heard voices.

"The voices were coming from about 10 meters on the other side of a hedgerow," said Specialist Four Larry Hardin, Steger, Ill., pointman. "Our kit Carson Scout could tell

they were VC by what they were saying. Their weapons were lying on the ground."

The VC were working in a large garden that apparently supplied a battalion of enemy soldiers. The "Legionnaires" crashed into the hedgerow and came face to face with 15 enemy soldiers. "I killed two of them before they even knew what hit (continued on page 6) them." said Hardin. "And we dropped five more as they scattered."

While searching a village 10 miles northwest of Tam Ky, Friday, Alpha Company, 2nd Bn., 1st Inf. discovered 1,000 pounds of rice in a tunnel beneath a hootch.

Shortly before entering the village, the infantrymen spotted one VC. He was engaged and killed by small arms fire.

While on a sweep five miles west of Tam Ky, Bravo Company, 2nd Bn., 1st Inf., uncovered a sapper training site recently. The area consisted of three sections of barbed wire, which was destroyed by the infantrymen.

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Iron Mountain

Forgetting to pull the pin on a grenade cost an NVA soldier his life in a recent action which killed three NVA in the mountains eight miles southwest of Duc Pho.

Alpha Company, 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry observed the three NVA evading to the east, all carrying packs and wearing brush as camouflage.

The ensuing engagement, killed one NVA and a sweep of the area produced the grenade-throwing NVA and the third member of the trio-both dead.

In an action five miles southwest of Duc Pho, Alpha Company, 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry was credited with eight VC killed. Six were found on a check of an area of previous contact. Two enemy were killed at mid-morning by a patrol of Alpha Co. that remained at their company's night defensive position.

One 9mm pistol and three hand grenades were confiscated in the action.

In a "non-action" in the 11th Brigade area recently, Charlie Company, 3rd Bn., 21st Inf. uncovered an 800 to 1,000 pound unpolished rice cache buried in the lowlands four miles south of Duc Pho.

In the same general area, Alpha Co., 4th Bn., 21st Inf. found a dead VC who had been killed by artillery. The enemy was found in the foothills five miles south of Duc Pho. The kill was attributed to **A Battery, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery.**

Gunships of the 174th Aviation Company, flying in support of Charlie Co., 4th Bn., 21st Inf., recently accounted for four NVA dead.

The "Shark" gunships were called to station over the banks of the Song Be River 15 miles northwest of Duc Pho after an element of the company had been engaged by six to seven NVA.

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11th Inf Bde stops sappers

By SP4 Mark Geiser

FSB 4-11 (11th INF BDE IO) - Without an enemy round being fired, "Jungle Warriors" of the 11th Infantry Brigade here recently nipped a midnight sapper attack in the bud, killing 10 VC soldiers and detaining two.

A large number of enemy weapons which included two rocket propelled grenade (RPG) launchers, two AK-47's, one AK-50, one 9mm pistol, 76 CHICOM grenades, 10 RPG rounds, 11 B-40 rockets, and one five-pound satchel charge were seized in the aborted attack on this 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry firebase.

Near Midnight three enemy sappers had advanced through the perimeter wire when a fourth member of the party, with an RPG launcher slung over his shoulder, touched off a trip flare. "I looked in front of me and there were a dozen of them just frozen in place," recalled Specialist Four Jerry D. Parker, Hickory, N.C., of Company D.

With the enemy sighting, the bunker line opened up with rifle and machinegun fire. Hand grenade and claymore mine shrapnel showered the area. Constant illumination, intermingled with accurate mortar fire from the 81mm and 4.2 mortar sections, encircled the perimeter as the soldiers methodically dispatched the intruders in their sights.

After the ravaging fire subsided, the second platoon was called upon to make an on-line sweep of the area. As the infantrymen made their way to the wire, the bodies of two sappers armed with RPG launchers were discovered.

Uncovering no additional bodies or weapons, the search was discontinued until early morning.

Direct artillery fire from D Battery, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery continued to suppress any further enemy activity. Two platoons from Company D continued their push outside the wire uncovering eight additional bodies.

The attacking force had consisted of 14 enemy sappers and supporting riflemen.

According to Captain Harry G. Sheppard, Palmetto, Fla., commanding officer of Company D, "The sapper squad was extremely well armed."

Divarty is on the go come rain or shine

By SP4 G.E. Jensen

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO) - The artilleryman is one of the unsung heroes of war. Next to the infantryman he probably has the most tedious job in Vietnam.

His home for 365 days is the hill. The hill, that in the dry season seems to stand out as the very focal point of the sun's searing rays. The hill, that in the monsoon reaches up to rupture the heavens which pour out their deluge in revenge.

There are no stand-downs or days off in the rear, there is not rear for him. His only break in "tour-365" comes in the form of R&R.

His only link with the rear is the daily re-supply choppers or an occasional convoy where possible. It brings his letters from home, his water to drink and to bath in, and his ammo and "joes". If the choppers don't come, he goes without till the next one can get in.

Many may think that all he does is load a round in the breech of his howitzer and pull the lanyard, but there is a lot more. That is probably the easiest job he has.

However, the rounds come in, by convoy or chopper, he must unload them and stack them in the storage area one by one. He not only unloads projectiles but there is his food, water and other supplies that have to be hustled around the hill.

He also is a mechanic. He has to keep his guns in firing condition by daily cleaning and adjusting.

As if these things are not enough, he must be alert for the enemy at all times, if not incoming rounds then the ever present sapper waiting for a slack moment.

His is a job which is truly not envied. There is the daily sand blastings from the re-supply choppers and if not that there is the mud that adds a pound at every step. A job of long hours, hard work and few rewards.

Photo Captions:

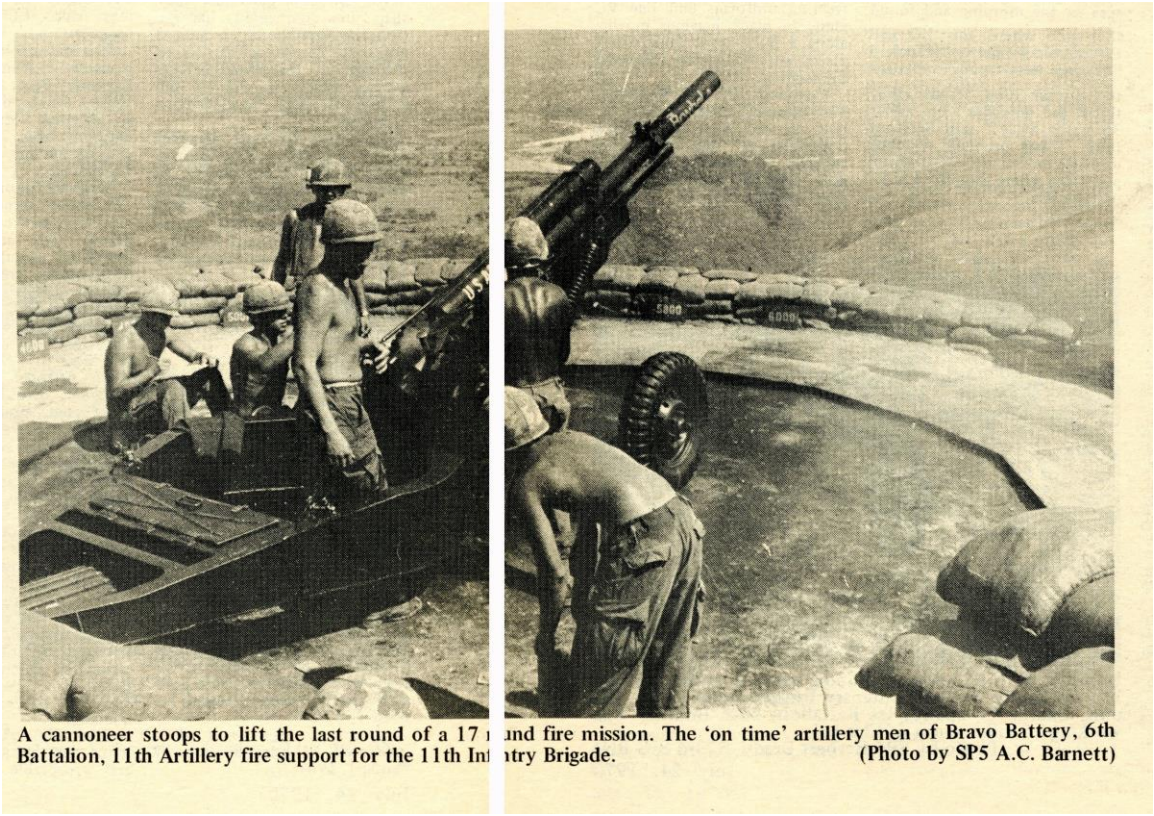
1) In a matter of minutes more than 14,000 pounds of high explosive artillery rounds are off-loaded from a single truck. This isolated fire base is the home of Alpha Battery, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery. (Photo by Divarty IO)

2) This fork-lift operator gently places 100 sets of powder increments in place on the air strip at New Hau Duc. The powder is for the 155mm howitzers at Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 16th Artillery during a recent artillery raid near New Hau Duc. (Photo by SP4 William Hayes)

3) This 105 crew from the 3rd Battalion, 82nd Artillery loads up in preparation for a fire mission. The men were supporting ground troops of the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry in operations north and west of LZ West. (Photo by SSG Tim Palmer)

4) These soldiers of Delta Battery, 1st Battalion, 82nd Artillery exert much effort in their jobs to clean this eight-inch gun. (Photo by SP4 Gerald Paulin)

5) Corporal Lamar Newton, New Orleans, La., of Delta Battery, 1st Battalion, 14th Artillery, tightens the fuse on another "projo" as he refills the ammo pit after a long fire mission. (Photo by SP5 Barnett)



A cannoneer stoops to lift the last round of a 17 round fire mission. The 'on time' artillery men of Bravo Battery, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery fire support for the 11th Infantry Brigade. (Photo by SP5 A.C. Barnett)

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Vol. 3 No. 38 CHU LAI, VIETNAM October 09, 1970

Division Recap

124 enemy killed as action decreases

CHU LAI (AMERICAL - IO) -- Action decreased last week in Southern First Military Region as Americal soldiers killed 124 enemy. The week was highlighted by the uncovering of 9,000 pounds of enemy rice by the 11th Brigade's 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry.

Iron Mountain

Early in the week, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry spotted two VC entering a tunnel while on a routine patrol west of Quang Ngai near the Tra Khuc River. The infantrymen engaged and killed the VC by dropping hand grenades into the opening causing the tunnel to collapse. Later in the day, they engaged and killed three VC after they were sighted carrying packs twenty meters from their position.

The next night, Delta Company engaged five NVA in the lowlands southwest of Quang Ngai City. One enemy was killed and another was wounded.

In the middle of the week, while on a patrol in the mountains southwest of Duc Pho, Company C observed four enemy soldiers taking a bath. The patrol called in for artillery from **Delta Battery, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery.** After the shelling, the patrol observed two dead enemy soldiers being removed from the water.

The following day, while on a patrol along the coast north of Duc Pho, Company D, 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry found an area which appeared to be a prepared cache area. The first and third platoon found approximately 4,000 pounds of rice distributed outside a hut in rice bins and boxes.

At the end of the week, Company B uncovered 1,000 pounds of rice near the coast north of Duc Pho to give the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry a total of 9,000 pounds of rice.

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Division sees light action

By SP4 David Goodrich

Action was extremely light during the week in the Americal area of operations as heavy rains and the New Year's ceasefire period slowed activity in all areas. In all, the troopers under the Southern Cross accounted for 31 enemy kills and a relatively large number of detainees and Hoi Chanhs.

IRON MOUNTAIN

The 11th Infantry Brigade killed 10 enemy soldiers during the week, despite no action during the first three days of the month.

At the beginning of the week, while patrolling the foothills west of Duc Pho, Company D of the 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry engaged and killed one Viet Cong. An AK-47, a pack and 20 pounds of cord were captured.

Through the combined efforts of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry, Company B of the 123rd Aviation Battalion and Tu-Nghia MACV officials, 14 Hoi Chanhs were successfully picked up on December 31st.

Some days later, while working in the lowlands west of Duc Pho, Company B of the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry detained five Vietnamese trying to evade them. The detainees were questioned by an interpreter and evacuated to Duc Pho.

In the lowlands northwest of Duc Pho, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry observed two enemy soldiers evading east of their location. The enemy was engaged with small arms fire killing one and capturing the other, who was wounded in the action. Captured were an SKS, a pistol and one rucksack.

The next day while operating in the lowlands northwest of Duc Pho, recon of the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry observed 15 enemy soldiers. The enemy troops were engaged with artillery fire from **C Battery, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery** and gunships from the 174th Aviation Company.

A sweep of the area of contact revealed two NVA, who had been killed by artillery fire. Continuing the search the infantrymen spotted two Viet Cong which they engaged and killed. A short time later, the unit encountered two more NVA, killing them both. A seventh enemy kill was credited to the 174th Aviation Company.

At the end of the week, Company C, 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry found a total of 11 enemy huts containing an assortment of Viet Cong equipment, during a day sweep in the lowlands west of Duc Pho. The company finished their long day by killing a lone VC who was detected hiding in a tunnel.

In other action, Company A, 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry detained five Vietnamese while recon of the battalion detained two.

Arty hits the spot ;gets 3

By SP4 James Tabata

FSB BRONCO (11th Inf. Bde. IO)

- Persistence on the part of infantrymen and gunships and artillery killed three NVA and routed their comrades from a mountain basecamp northwest of FSB San Juan Hill.

Mountainmen from the 1st Platoon of Company D, 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry found the bodies of three NVA killed by **Bravo Battery, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery.**

The infantrymen pushed through booby traps and mines as well as small arms fire in the first assault on the base camp. "There were signs of fresh enemy activity all the way up this mountain.," said Private First Class Roger Carr of Dover, N.H. "They had the trail booby-trapped and I almost set one off before I spotted the wire."

The men again tried to gain entrance the second time but were involved in another firefight. The artillery and gunships were called in late in the evening, and the unit decided to try another approach.

"The last rounds of artillery landed right in the middle of their perimeter," explained Carr.

This dragon deadly
to unknowing enemy

By SP5 Gregory Wright

CHU LAI (11th Brigade IO) - According to Webster's New World Dictionary a dragon is a mythical monster, usually a high winged reptile which breathes out fire and wreaks destruction.

Enemy forces about 15 kilometers west of Ha Tanh recently learned they have a dragon in their midst which is far from mythical. It isn't winged and it doesn't move, it isn't even alive, but in the firepower and destruction department Firebase Red Dragon is every bit as formidable as the creature whose name it bears.

Located, amid rugged mountains, this hill and its occupant provide artillery support for allied units working in the area, and have long since demonstrated the deadly nature of their guns to the VC and NVA soldiers unfortunate enough to be on the receiving end.

On Aug. 6, two 105mm's and crews of the 4th ARVN Regiment and two from **Battery D, 6th Battalion, 11th** Artillery moved in and prepared for operation on the hill. They were joined two days later by two 155mm's and men of the 6th ARVN Regiment. Soon after arrival, both men and guns were ready for action.

According to Major Broadus (Mobile, Ala.), **6th Bn., 11th Arty.** commander, cooperation is the key word, and men from the different units work well together on the small firebase.

Performance here has been very good so far," said Broadus," "especially in the area of fire support coordination. It's rare to have three separate units working a hill this size, but in this case the idea seems to be working out quite well."

Small and remote though it is, Red Dragon is no less a threat to the enemy or source of welcome for allies. It's not much and the men who serve there might occasionally joke about it or complain, but their guns are ready for anything, day or night.

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SILVER STAR MEDAL

CPT Boots C. Blanks, 11th Bde; SP4 Thomas O. Brown, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; 1LT Terry T. Hodgkinson, 11th Bde; SP4 Michael J. Martin, 11th Bde; PFC Ulyess Richards Jr., 11th Bde; CPT Robert H. Smith, HHC Americal; SGT William Sylvester, 11th Bde; 1LT William H. Vincent Jr, 11th Bde.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

MAJ William M. Price, 14th Cbt Avn Bn.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

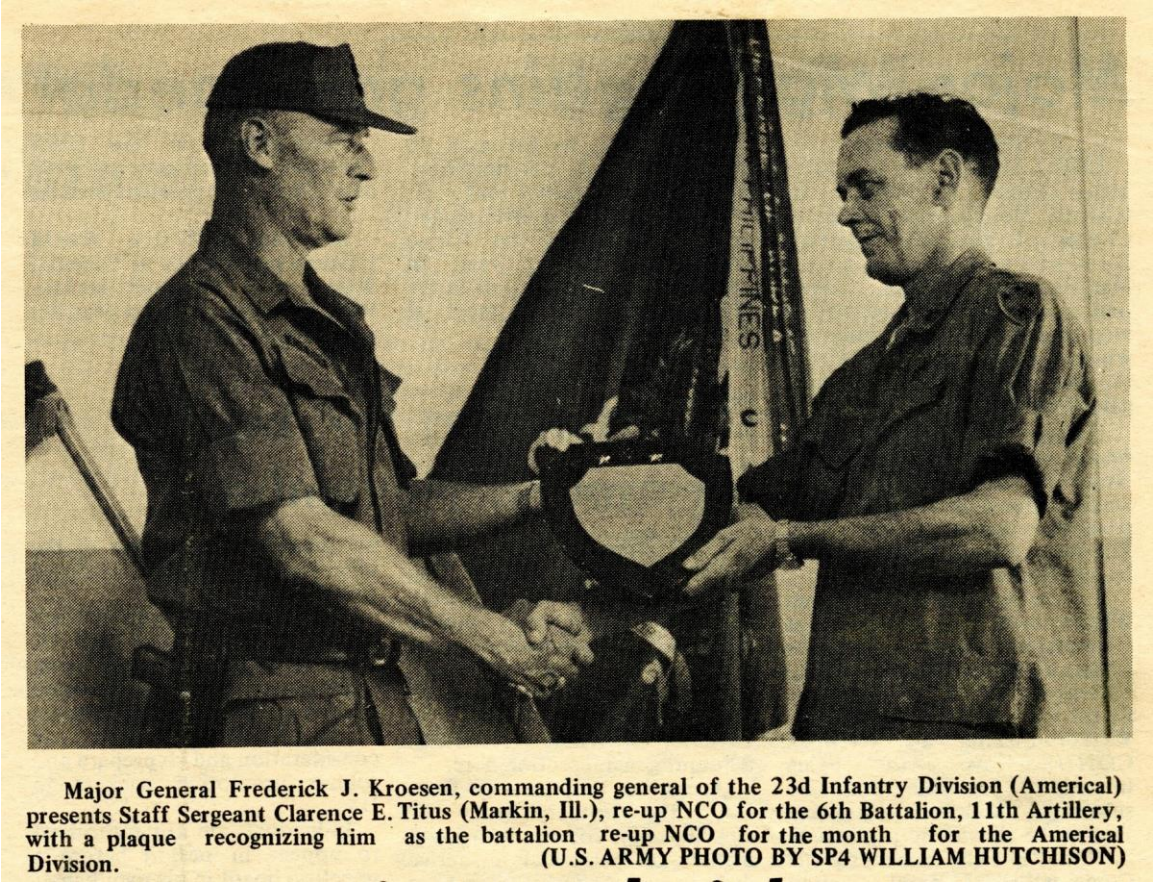
SP4 Larry G. Barnett, **11th Arty**; 1LT Tony G. Bjorn (1st OLC), 11th Bde; SSG Tony H. Blankenship, 196th Bde; PFC Paul W. Critchlow, 82nd Arty; PFC Oscar D. Dean, 196th Bde; SSG Donald P. Fleshman (1st OLC), 196th Bde; SP4 Roy M. Harvey, 1st Cav; SP4 Gregory M. Howard, 11th Bde; PFC William E. King, 196th Bde; SP4 Bill M. McWhirter, 196th Bde; SGT William A. Miller, 196th Bde; PFC Reynoldo Pacheco (1st OLC), 196th Bde; PFC Gary Priest, 16th Arty; PFC Thomas E. Randolph Jr, 196th Bde; SGT Londell Scott (1st OlC), 196th Bde; PFC Ronald Selle, 198th Bde; SP4 Carl R. Sumner (1st OlC), 11th Bde; 2LT Jack G. Starich, 82nd Arty; PFC Sakuji G. Tamaura, 11th Bde; SGT James T. Taylor, 11th Bde; PFC Otto L. Trinka Jr, 1st Cav; PFC Robert Ward, 196th Bde; PFC David E. Williams, 196th Bde; 1LT John D. Zimmerman, 11th Bde.

AIR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

SP4 Thomas M. Arnold (2nd Awd), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SP4 John W. Bond (2nd Awd), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SP4 Michael G. Brown (2nd Awd), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SP5 Francis N. Dailey (4th Awd), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SP4 Michael D. Deahl, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 Dennis P. Ellis (2nd Awd), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SP5 John W. Kimber (2nd Awd), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SP5 Francis N. Dailey (45th Awd), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SP4 Robert J. Shoe (2nd Awd), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SP4 Richard C. Tice.

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

SGT Richard S. Allison, 196th Bde; SGT Juan R. Class, 196th Bde; SGT Wesley D. Davis, 196th Bde; PFC Francis P. Eates, 196th Bde; PFC Ynocencio Y. Gonzales, 198th Bde.



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(Note: in the background is a flag of the Americal Division Crest with a "Philippines streamer attached).

Division Recap: Americal troops kill 260 enemy

By SP4 J. B. Majerus

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO) -- In a week of activity throughout the Division's AO, Americal soldiers accounted for 260 enemy kills in early May.

Frederick Hill

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Iron Mountain

The heaviest action in the 11th Infantry Brigade took place in the mountains overlooking the Song Ve River as "Primo" aviation engaged and killed nine NVA.

The Primo choppers and the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry teamed up to kill three VC and one NVA in the foothills seven miles south of Duc Pho. The Recon element also netted three VC detainees, three carbines and two automatic rifles.

Delta Company of the 4th Battalion accounted for one VC KIA and the capture of his weapon.

Alpha Company killed two NVA and captured their AKs, 20 60mm mortar rounds and one 60mm base plate. The action took place in the lowlands five miles south of Duc Pho.

The "Shark" gunships of the 174th Aviation Company teamed up with D Battery, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery to kill four VC.

Delta Battery also responded to a call from the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry who had spotted 12 VC and an estimated company of NVA in the lowlands 22 miles northeast of Duc Pho. Artillery stopped five of the NVA and two VC dead in their tracks.

Alpha Company of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry killed one NVA who walked into their position. One 9mm pistol was confiscated in the action 18 miles northwest of Duc Pho.

In the only defensive action in the Americal AO, elements of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry defending Fire Support Base 4-11 smashed two six man VC sapper squads involved in an early morning attack on the hill. Of the 12 sappers, ten were killed, one wounded and one detained.

Alerted by a trip flare, set off by a sapper sneaking inside the perimeter, the men killed five and wounded one of the sappers who attacked at 12:30 a.m.

Two hours later, five sappers were killed and one detained when they attacked from the northwest. Confiscated were six satchel charges, two AK-47's, one AK-50 and three RPG launchers with ten rounds.

Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry accounted for one VC dead. Later Bravo killed four VC and had one rally in action that took place in the foothills three miles north of Duc Pho.

Firing from FSB 4-11, the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery reached out and killed 22 NVA who were seen moving the foothills 22 miles northeast of Duc Pho.

"Warlords" of the 123rd Aviation Battalion accounted for two NVA killed and three civilians detained in the mountains northwest of Duc Pho.

Other units of the 11t h Infantry Brigade killed a total of 22 enemy in scattered action throughout their AO.

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Celebration at 6/11th Arty goes down as EM triumph

Story and photos by 1Lt Fred Vigeant

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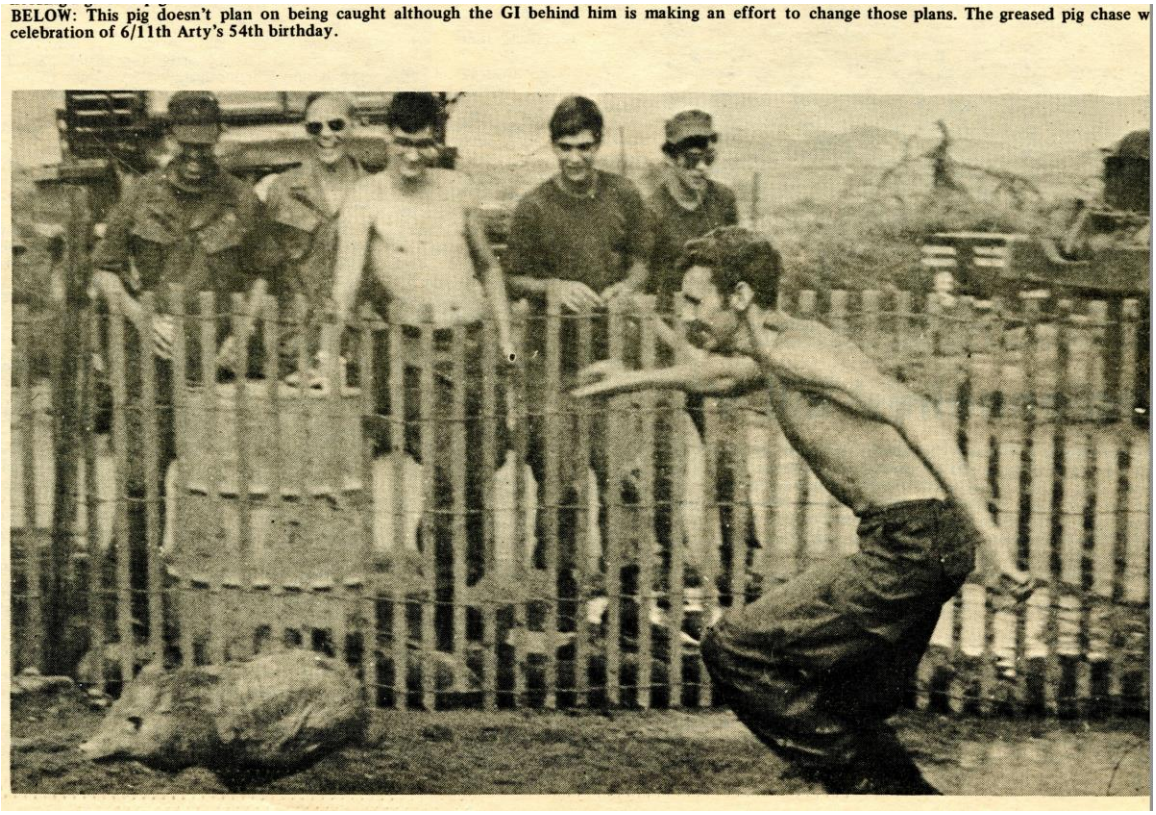

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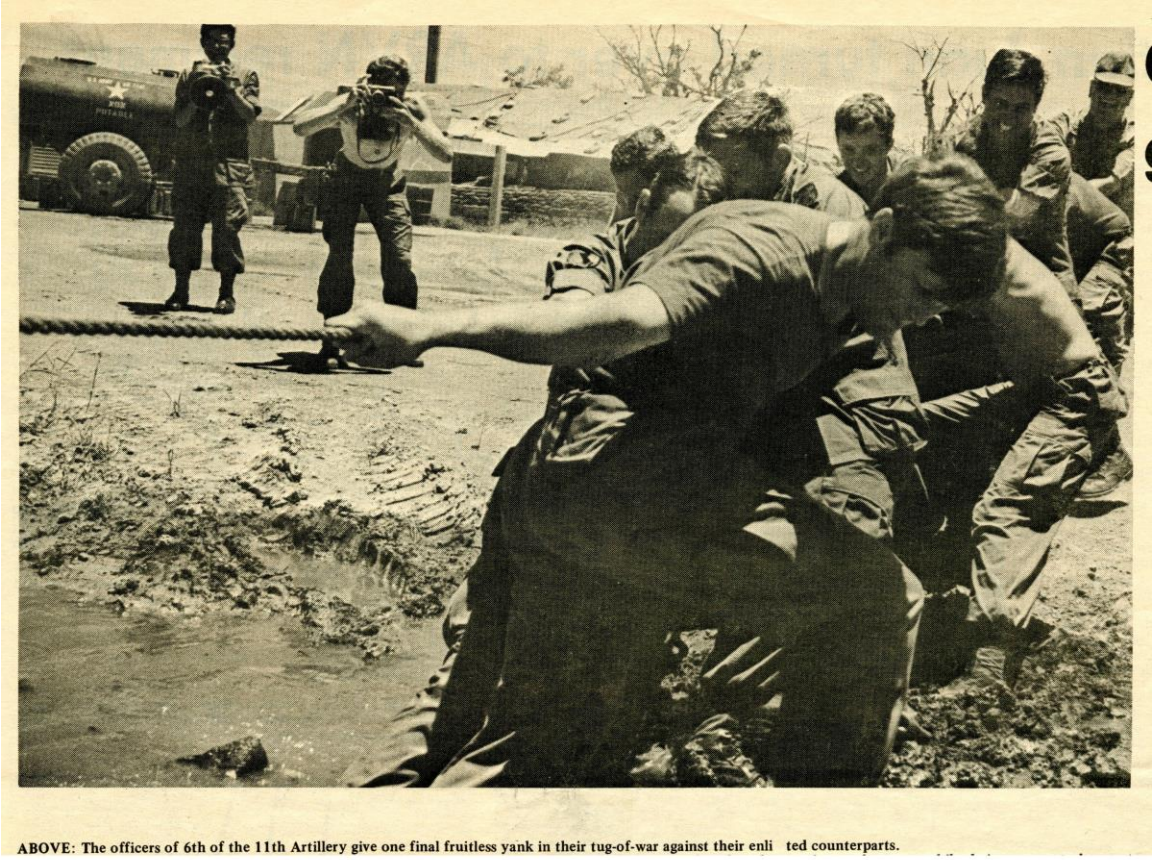

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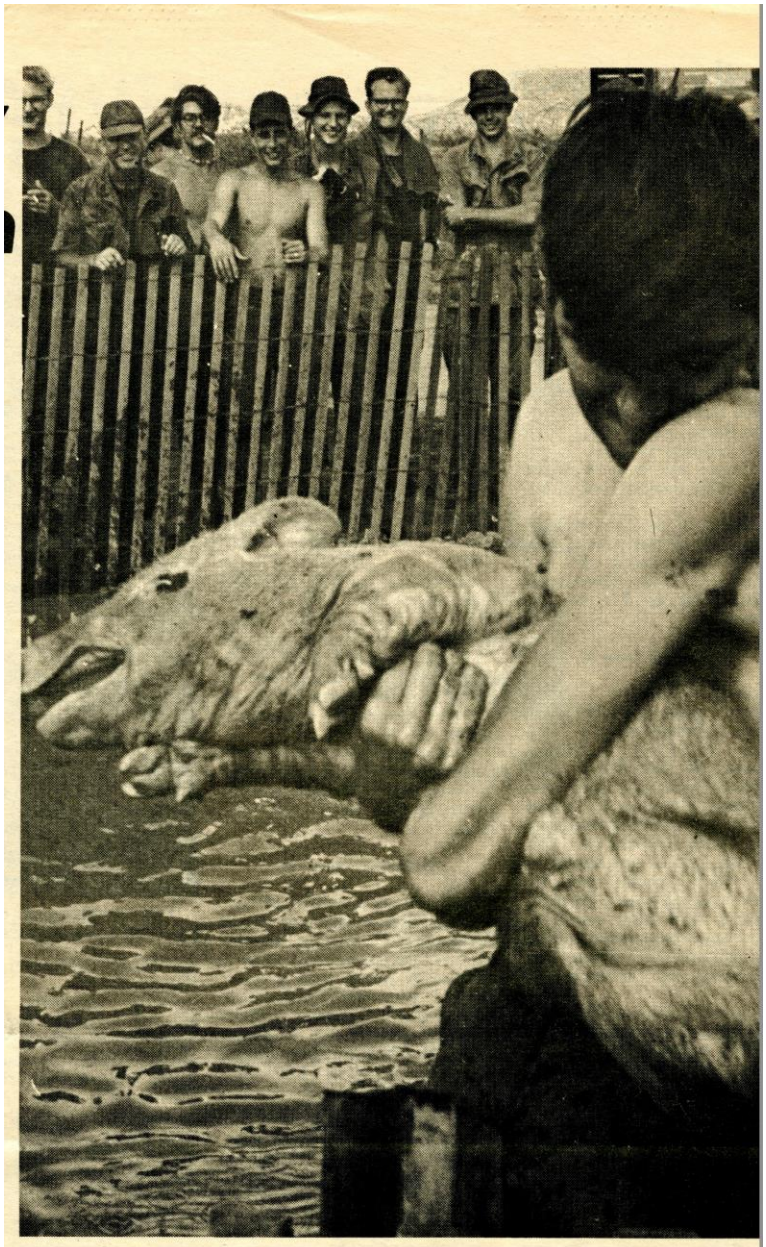

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FSB BRONCO, (23d Inf. Div. Arty.) - "For the officers it was a good day, but for us it was great."

That's how Staff Sergeant George "Bull" white summed up the activities for Organization Day, 6th of the 11th Artillery, which marked the beginning of the unit's 55th year.

Ceremonies started with a brief historical narrative of the battalion by Major James Broadus, after which the men and guests of the 6th of the 11th were invited to a steak and brew dinner by their commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Guy Hobbs.

This completed, the stage was set for the days' important activities; the competitions. Battle lines had been drawn weeks before between the enlisted and commission ranks for the day's action.

The tug-of-war was first. The enlisted men rallied in front of anchor man, "Bull" White, and pulled the officers into a mud hole reserved for the second place team. Officer representation in the three legged race came from Lieutenant Glen Hirabayashi and Warrant Officer Ray Sisko for about 25 yards, where coordination gave way and they literally dropped out. It was one, 100 yards in 20 seconds, by Specialist Five Henry E. Bell and Specialist Four David Masters.

The officers were determined to avenge themselves in volleyball and softball, but not determined enough. They were shut out in volleyball 10-0, and were slammed in softball, 39-4 (called at 4 innings).

In the final event, the greased pig chase, the brass conceded to Specialist Four Vic Abitz, as he stepped into the ring. Abitz, born and raised on a Kentucky farm, can stare down a sow at 50 paces. He did it three times just to stay in practice.

And so went Organization Day at 6th of the 11th: EM's 5, officers 0. But strangely, as the day drew to a close and as the vanquished teams sought to console themselves, one comment that almost always accompanies the losers in their defeat was missing. For some reason not one officer was willing to say, "Just wait 'til next year."

Combat In Review

Quick-Reaction Arty Scores On Targets

LZ BRONCO - Members of the Division's D Co., 4th Bn., 21st Inf., 11th Inf., Bde., load their gear and go on a sweep of an AO near the town of Duc Pho. Their mission is to find "Charlie" and destroy him.

The strongest firepower in the platoon is represented by 2LT Charles R. (Rusty) Dannison (South Haven, Mich.), who plots "delta tangoes" or defensive targets in preparation for the mission-2LT Dannison is a forward observer for **A Btry., 6th Bn., 11th Arty.**

"By plotting likely avenues of approach in advance, I can get fire in on the enemy in no time at all," said 2LT Dannison, "It is the first five minutes of contact with the enemy that artillery can really do a job. The fire breaks up 'Charlies's' plan of action, creates havoc among their forces and puts them on the defensive before they can launch any kind of attack."

The platoon pushed around the base of a hill and came to a valley with heavy brush. After a quick meeting of minds, 2LT Dannison decided to "prep" the valley with artillery fire before proceeding into it.

The temporary halt came around lunch time to everyone grabbed a can of C rations, took off their field gear and settled back for a quick bite to eat while "Arty" supplied the mid-day entertainment.

"Shot in zero five seconds," came the word over the radio from the Fire Direction Center. Wham! A "whiskey papa" on target.

"Drop one hundred and put it on the deck," said 2LT Dennsion. No sooner said than done. One "whiskey papa" on target.

"Great shot, now give me a platoon two by two with Hotel Echo," called back 2LT Dannison. The valley started shaking and the infantrymen started giving their applause.

Meal time over and the valley cleared, the platoon continued their sweep. 2LT Dannison now began the second part of the mission, to aid in the search. Checking "spider holes", blowing up caves and searching for "Charlie", that is part of being a forward observer.

2LT Dannison and his RTO get a little friendly hassling from the infantrymen but they are a solid component of an efficient team. Infantry with artillery at their side is a hard combination to beat! (Div. Arty. IO)

Soldier Earns New MOS

LZ BRONCO -- On the job training Army style! That was the order of the day for four former infantrymen assigned to the division's **C Battery, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery**, on LZ Bronco near the town of Duc Pho.

CPLs Elmer Bennett (Canton, Ohio), Keith Johnson (Cannon Falls, Minn.), Dennis Lyons (Fullerton, Calif.), and SP4 William Kennedy (West Dennis, Mass.) took infantry training in basic and advanced levels only to be sent to Vietnam.

"I had never seen an artillery piece before coming to Vietnam," said CPL JOhnson, who is now serving as a gunner on a 105mm howitzer. "When I first arrived at the battery, I just stood around and watched but before I knew it, I was carrying artillery shells during actual fire missions."

Joined by CPLs Lyons and Bennett, the trio worked to master their new jobs. The OJT continued during off hours as members of C battery gave the newcomers helpful instruction on how the different parts of their howitzers operate and what was necessary to put a round on target.

SP4 Kennedy, also a gunner, was just getting to know his duties after two nights and one day of firing when he was switched to the Fire Direction Center (FDC) where he began new training on the maps.

"When they moved me to FDC I had to start learning all over again," said SP4 Kennedy. "It liked [looked] pretty quiet in there at first." (Div. Arty. IO)

One H&I Round Kills 8

LZ BAYONET--"Is it unusual? Yes, I'd say finding a whole squad killed by harassment and interdiction fire is unique," said CPT John Kenny, 198th Inf. Bde.'s asst. S-2. "Especially if all the weapons found are at the scent."

It happened in the 5th Bn., 46th Inf.'s sector of Operation Burlington Trail.

A company of the "Professionals" was making a sweep through the mountains when it found the eight dead North Vietnamese and their eight weapons.

"One round must have killed the whole squad." CPT Kenny said, "Otherwise the survivors would have policed the weapons and tried to hide the bodies."

Btry, A, 6th Bn., 11th Arty, fired the H&I in support of 198th soldiers working in the area near Chu Lai.

6th Battalion, 11th Artillery

The **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery** was originally organized on June 1, 1917 in the Regular Army at Douglas, Arizona as Battery F, 11th Field Artillery. In November of that year it was assigned to the 6th Division. In March 1921 the unit was reassigned to the Hawaiian Division. It stayed with the Hawaiian Division until October, 1941, when it moved from beautiful Hawaii to Korea and was assigned to the 6th Division. In March 1921 the unit was reassigned to the Hawaiian Division. It stayed with the Hawaiian Division until October, 1941, when it moved from beautiful Hawaii to Korea and was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division.

During World War II, this artillery unit participated in five major battle campaigns and during the Korean conflict, the 6th Battalion of the 11th Artillery participated in eight major campaigns.

The hard-fighting 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery made itself known all over the world, earning the Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation (PYONGTAEK), and Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation (KOREA).

Turmoil in Southeast Asia sent the battalion to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii in March, 1967. After the completion of training, the main body of the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery arrived in Vietnam on December 19, 1967 as an organic unit of the 11th Infantry Brigade.

From the time of arrival in the Republic of Vietnam the men of the "On Time" 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery have taken part in six major campaigns.

Wars are won by teamwork-- Artillery and Infantry are a winning combination; so is the **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery** and the men of the 11th Infantry Brigade.

Gun 1, Battery C, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery, fires support from Fire Support Base Charlie 2. (U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY 1LT WARREN C. MABIE)

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Photo Caption: Gun 1, Battery C, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery fires support from Fire Support Base Charlie 2. (U.S ARMY PHOTO BY 1LT WARREN C. MABIE)

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SOUTHERN CROSS

Vol. 3 No. 39 CHU LAI, VIETNAM October 23, 1970

Division Recap

Week's action nets 98 enemy soldiers

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO) -- Action decreased during the past week as division soldiers killed 98 enemy. Infantrymen of the 11th Infantry Brigade continued to force the enemy to tighten their belts as they captured several thousand pounds of rice. In unusually light action, the 196th Infantry Brigade killed 16 enemy soldiers. The 198th Infantry Brigade also experienced light action with 20 enemy killed.

Iron Mountain

While on a routine mission early in the week along the coast north of Duc Pho, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry, found a small tunnel in the woodline. The infantrymen spotted one VC coming out of the tunnel and detained him. Moments later, the infantrymen observed more VC in the tunnel and engaged them with hand grenades. One VC was killed and two AK-47 rifles captured in the action.

Later, in the same area, Bravo Company uncovered 100 pounds of rice. The rice was found in a hole wrapped in plastic bags.

The same day, artillery fire from **Delta Battery, 11th Artillery,** accounted for three VC killed in the mountains southwest of Duc Pho.

The next day, Delta Company, 1st Bn., 20th Inf., found 700 pounds of rice while on a mission along the coast north of Duc Pho. The rice was evacuated to Mo Duc. The same day, Alpha Company found 500 pounds of rice while on a patrol in the lowlands south of Quang Ngai City.

In the middle of the week, Delta Company, 1st Bn., 20th Inf., received enemy sniper fire after being inserted into the lowlands north of Duc Pho. The infantrymen engaged the enemy and killed two VC who were spotted evading 75 meters away. A short time later the infantrymen engaged and killed two more VC soldiers who were carrying packs. Found in the enemy packs were three hand grenades and medical supplies.

While on a patrol the same day in the lowlands south of Quang Ngai City, Alpha Company heard movement in the treeline across a river north of their positions. Upon spotting a group of enemy soldiers, the infantrymen opened-up with their M-16s killing two.

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Recent Arrivals

The 1st Bn., 82nd Arty., recently arrival from Ft. Lewis, Wash., became operational on Aug. 9. It is a composite battalion consisting of three 155mm Howitzer batteries and one 8-inch Howitzer battery. It is organized as a standard general support battalion for an infantry division. Its role is the same as that of the other two battalions.

Also assigned to Divarty are G Btry., 55th Arty. (Machinegun) and the 251st and 252nd Radar Detachments. The primary mission of the machinegun battery is to provide perimeter protection. The radar detachments give counter-mortar protection and information to further bring first-round accuracy on suspected enemy mortar, rocket, or artillery locations.

The searchlight Plt. of G Btry., 29th Arty., which is attached to Divarty provides illumination for all supported fire bases in the division area.

Important Sections.

Under Headquarters and Headquarters Battery are four important sections. The Ballistic Meteorological Section collects weather data for fire adjustment. The Surveillance Radar Section detects targets moving on the ground up to a range of 18,000 meters. the Aviation Section gives air intelligence, and the Communications Section provides the division commander with an alternate division communication network.

In addition to the units previously mentioned, there are other direct support artillery units which are organic to Americal's three brigades: the **6th Bn., 11th Arty**, with the 11th Inf. Bde; the 3rd Bn., 82nd Arty, with the 196th Inf. Bde; and the 1st Bn., 14th Arty with the 198th Inf. Bde.

Baseball's Big At Bronco
Photo Captions

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By SP4 DEAN POHLAND
11th Inf. Bde.

LZ BRONCO -- Wherever Americans gather it seems baseball is bound to follow, and Vietnam is no exception.

Lately, evening here have been ringing with the sounds of the national pastime, marking the beginning of a full fledge softball league at the 11th Inf. Bde. base camp.

The league is the brainchild of two Americal NCOs who realized the need for some exercise, found a place to play and decided to take the horse by the hide.

Pick-up Games

"A group of us started some pick-up games in a vacant field," said SFC William Cline of Glen Cove, N.Y., in Co. C, 6th Support Bn. "Others started coming around asking for games and pretty soon we had several teams playing just the heck of it."

"The idea for a league," according to 1SGT Charles Webb from Tacoma, Wash., also of Co. C, "came when we realized how many people wanted to organize a softball program. Right now, we have about a dozen teams throughout the base camp,

with several more being organized."

Equipment Lost

What the teams lack in facilities they more than make up in spirit and enthusiasm. This is especially true of the "Tigers" of Primo Aviation, Ltd. because they lost all their equipment when the Primo supply room went up in smoke during a mortar attack a couple of months ago.

League officials plan a play-off within the league and a championship series to determine an overall winner.

"It's a unique league," said Webb. "Here, games can be called not only because of rain and darkness, but also on account of incoming mortar rounds."

New Leaders Join Division

CHU LAI--Eight new senior officers have recently joined the Americal Division. Five a members of the 11th Inf. Bde., while three are serving with the 198th.

The new battalion commanders of the "Jungle Warriors" are **LTC Talbott Barnard, 6th Bn., 11th Arty.,;** LTC Henry Lowder, 3rd Bn., 1st Inf.; LTC William D. Quinn, Jr., 1st Bn., 20th Inf.; LTC Ralph H. Ruche, 6th Spt. Bn.; and LTC Albert L. Russell, Jr., 4th Bn., 3rd Inf.

The new "Brave and Bold" leaders are: LTC Reed E. Davis, Jr., XO, of the 198th; LTC Edward A. Kelly, Jr., CO, 1st Bn., 14th Arty.; and LTC William C. Stinson, CO, 1st Bn., 52nd Inf. Both Colonel Kelly and Colonel Stinson are on their second tours in Vietnam.

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SOUTHERN CROSS

Vol. 1, No. 9 CHU LAI, VIETNAM October 11, 1968

Allies Battle At Ha Thanh

By PFC KENNETH AINSLIE
11th Inf. Bde.

LZ BRONCO--The village of Ha Thanh swallowed up in a valley 18 miles west of Quang Ngai City, has become the object of persistent harassment by combined Viet Cong NVA forces.

The small village is the site of a Special Forces camp which plays a strategic part in protecting Quang Ngai City from infiltrating NVA units from the west. Hampered in troop and supply movements through this valley, the communists have begun an attempt to eliminate the Green Beret barricade. For this purpose, estimated battalions-sized enemy units have dug in around the tiny fortress.

Allied Units

But allied units in the area have been quick to react to the situation, and a combined force of Civilian Irregular Defense Group soldiers (CIDG), Mike Forces, Popular Forces, Regional Forces, a handful of Special Forces advisors, and 11th Inf. Bde. liaison personnel have joined in the camp's defense.

Situated nearby to reinforce the camp with fire support are elements of the 6th Bn., 11th Arty., and 3rd Bn., 1st Inf.

The build-up of communist forces around Ha Thanh continued on a steady scale until the NVA assaulted a strategic OP protecting the camp.

Before Dawn

Before dawn, an estimated NVA company attacked and overran Outpost 4 about one and one-half miles west of the main camp. Air strikes throughout that day and the next keep the enemy pinned down and prevented their effective use of the captured OP.

Then on the third day, after three infantry assaults had been repulsed, the outpost was recaptured late in the afternoon by Mike Forces and Special Forces troops. The counted 23 NVA bodies numerous AK-47s, rocket launchers, and machineguns.

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Joint Artillery

"American and Vietnamese artillery have done a tremendous job of picking up targets we sighted visually and through intelligence," said CPT Joe Rhinehart, "Jungle Warriors" liaison at the camp. "We have discovered numerous mortar and bunker positions and have been able to depend on this close support to eliminate them."

See Photos Below

The enemy continues harassing Ha Thanh, but the situation has improved. The valley and the gateway to Quang Ngai City is still threatened, but the enemy knows that the allied forces are ready to fight. An photographer on the spot to record the fighting remarked, "Now I have a small idea of how those Marines at Khe Sanh must have felt."

Photo Captions-

(1) Vietnamese, CIDG soldiers pass through the village of Ha Thanh on their way to reinforce a recently recaptured outpost near this strategic position west of Quang Ngai City.

(2) A Popular Forces soldier has made certain that he left nothing behind, including his family, as he travels to the outpost. (Photos by !LT Stephen H. Cobb, 11th Inf. Bde.)

(3) HOVERING HUEY--A division soldier guides the landing of an 11th Inf. Bde. helicopter at the strategic Special Forces Camp of Ha Thanh west of Quang Ngai City. (Photo by Michael Reckeweg, 11th Inf. Bde.

Recaptured Howitzer
Fires Back At VC

LZ BRONCO--"Back to Charlie, compliments of the 'Old Guard'" read the inscription on the artillery round. It was being sent to the enemy through the barrel of the 105mm howitzer that the 4th Bn., 3rd Inf., recaptured from the Viet Cong recently.

The weapon was at LZ Chevy, fire support base for Operation Champaign Grove, and MG Charles M. Gettys was on hand to pull the lanyard.

The general remembered a similar ceremony involving the **11th Inf. Bde.'s 6th Bn.**,

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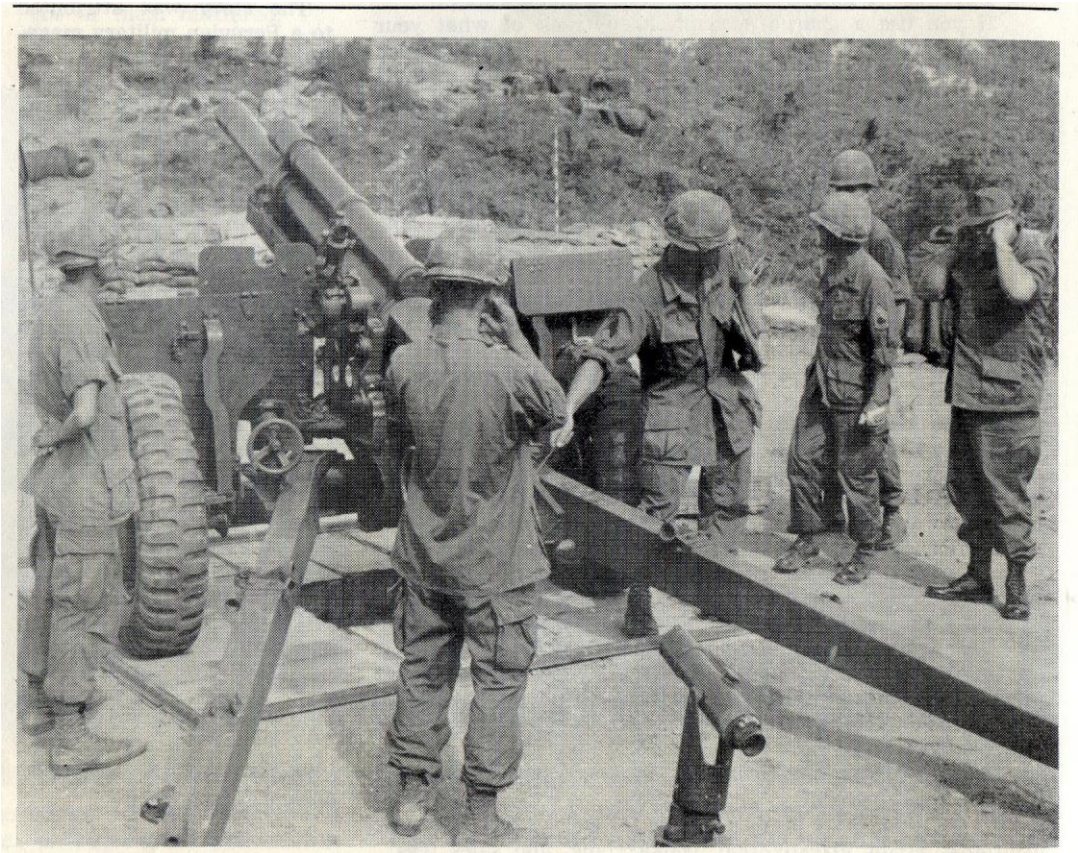
11th Arty., in late August. At that time, SGT. Gerald L. Smith, a gunner in the battalion's C Btry., accidently fired Division Artillery's two millionth round while briefing the general on how to operate the gun.

So the general asked for SGT Smith. "You did such a fine job firing the two millionth round that I would like you to fire this one," he said with a grin. And once again, SGT Smith stepped up to the howitzer grabbed the lanyard, and fired the round, assisted by General Gettys.



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A W A R D S & D E C O R A T I O N S

BRONZE STAR WITH "V" DEVICE

PFC David A. Allis, 11th Bde; SP4 Richard A. Anastasio, 11th Bde; SP4 Ellwood K. Anderson JR, 11th Bde; SP4 David F. Ayers, 11th Bde; SP4 Jack G. Baker, 11th Bde; 11th Bde; PVT Lawrence Batiste, 11th Bde; PFC Ronald E. Baysinger, 196th Bde; SP4 Michael L. Bourgoine, (2nd OLC), 11th Bde; 1LT Wesley R. Bradford, (1st OLC), 198th Bde; CPT Donald E. Bradley, (1st OLC), 196th Bde; SGT Cliff M. Branum, 196th Bde; PSG Billy J. Bridges, 11th Bde; SP4 Walter W. Broad (1st OlC), 11th Bde; SGT Thomas F. Campo, 75th Inf (Ranger); PFC Michael G. Chandler, 11th Bde; SP4 Harry J. Chaskey, 11th Bde; SP4 Michael J. Claffey, 251st FA Rad Det; SP4 Raymond J. Clare, 328th RR Co; SSG Gerald W. Coleman, 196th Bde; 1SG Walter L. Copeland, 196th Bde; SP4 Robert F. DiMarino, 328th RR Co; CPT William J. Donsbach, 196th Bde; PFC Brian A. Doyle, 196th Bde; SP4 Stephen A. Drolet, 11th Bde; SGT Raymond D. Edwards (1st OLC), 11th Bde; SSG Jerry W. Emmel, 14th Arty; SSG Wayne P. Freebersyer, 196th Bde; SP4 Anthony N. Frisina, 196th Bde; SP4 Michael B. Fusillo, (1st OLC), 11th Bde; 1LT Terrance Gallagher (1st OlC), **11th Arty**:

SP4 Ray D. Gesick 198th Bde; MSG Richard Gist, 82nd Arty; SGT Guillermo G. Conzales (1st OLC)196th Bde; SSG Eran C. Gutierrez, 196th Bde; SSG Richard A. Haas, 11th Bde; SP5 Ronald A. Hagen, 196th Bde; CPT Archibald L. J. Hall (1st OLC), 198th Bde; PFC Barry Hedberg, 11th Bde; PFC John J. Hendley, 196th Bde; SP4 Manuel P. Herrera Jr, (1st OLC), 196th Bde; SP4 Frank M. Hersey, 11th Bde; SGT George P. Hill (1st OLC), 196th Bde; PFC James D. Holland, 11th Bde; SP4 Terry F. Hollar (1st OLC), 196th Bde; SP4 Roger C. Huset, 11th Bde; PFC Glenn D. Jackson, 11th Bde; SP4 Michael E. Jolley, 196th Bde; PFC James A. Kaiser, 196th Bde; SP4 Gregory J. Kind, 11th Bde; 1LT Garold Koopman, 82nd Arty; 1LT Steven R. Kosach (2nd OLC), 11th Bde; SP4 Samuel K. Maeha Jr, 11th Bde; SGT John L. Manwaring (1st OLC), 198th Bde; PFC Rodney C. Martin, 11th Bde; PFC James L. McGee, 11th Bde; PFC John H. Menning, 198th Bde; SP4 Joseph M. Middenfdorf, 196th Bde; John C. Mikell, 11th Bde; PFC Fred R. Mills Jr, 196th Bde; SP4 Sammie L. Mitchell, 11th Bde; SP4 Johnny L. Morton, 196th Bde; SGT Milo E. Miski, 198th Bde; SP4 Robert J. Peake Jr, 11th Bde; SGT Tim A. Peterson (1st OLC), 196th Bde; SP4 Heskia H. Powell, 11th Bde; SP4 Jack A. Price, 11th Bde; SP4 William H. Rakita, 198th Bde; CPT James T. Rand, 14th Arty; CPL Ollie C. Reamy, 75th Inf (Ranger); SP4 Mark G. Redlein, 196th Bde; PFC James S. Sartwell, 11th Bde; CPT Stephen F. Sendobry Jr, (1st(OLC), 196th Bde; SP4 Gerald W. Smith (1st OLC), 11th Bde; 1LT Larry D. Smith, 1st Cav; SP4 Douglas P. Steele, 196th Bde; SP4 Thomas B. Stewart, 11th Bde; PVT Paul R. Strotman, 11th Bde; SP5 Gary D. Tait, 16th Arty; PFC Johnny F. Taylor, 14th Arty; SP4 Robert J. Taylor Jr, 11th Bde; 1LT Arthur E. Teele Jr (1st OlC), 11th Bde; SGT Clifford B. Tholen Jr, 11th Bde; SP4 Francisco Torres-Gonzalez, 196th Bde; SP4 Dan R. Vaughn Jr, 196th Bde; MSG Dale L. Vincent, 11th Bde; SGT Donn R. Westfall, 196th Bde; SSG William J. White, 11th Bde; SGT Richard F. Wiege, 14th Arty; PFC Ralph C. Wilder, 198th Bde; SGT Major D. Wilderson, 11th Bde; 1SG Donald K. Winter, 11th Bde; 1LT Kenneth A. Kilke, **11th Arty**.

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SILVER STAR MEDAL

PFC Larry Banish, 196th Bde; SP4 Thomas O. Brown, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SP5 Carlos E. Cancel, 198th Bde; PFC John S. Driggers, 11th Bde; LTC Robert Fernandez, 11th Bde; PFC Glyn E. Haynie, 11th Bde; MAJ Wilbur C. Hogan III, 26th Engr Bn; SP4 James S. Upton, 198th Bde; PFC Andy J. Urquidez, 198th Bde.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

WO1 James L. Ackels, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; CPT James J. Adams, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; CW2 Richard C. Chichowski (2nd OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 Byron H. Disney, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 John E. Elliott, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 James W. Evanson, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 Jerry M. Hart, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; 1LT Gary E. Hickman, 123rd Avn Bn; WO1 Steven E. Hill, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 Eric S. Kilmer, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 Marion T. Knoles, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; CPT Russell Lay, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 Frederick T. Morreall, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; 2LT John I. O'Sullivan (3rd OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; MAJ Wilford A. Phelps, 11th Bde; AO1 Arthur K. Sheppard, 123rd Avn Bn; CPT Theodore J. Shisen, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; CW2 Francis M. Tolle Jr, 14th Cbt Avn Bn

SOLDIER'S MEDAL

MAJ George E. Batcheler, 11th Bde; PFC Donald E. Biesecker, 11th Bde.

BRONZE START MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

SP4 George W. Anthony, 11th Bde; SSG George Beach (2nd OLC), Co G (Ranger), 75th Inf; PFC Robert P. Bleier, 196th Bde; (*Note- This was Rocky Bleier of NFL championship Pittsburgh Steelers who served in the 3-21st Inf in 1970)
PFC Charles R. Boruff, 196th Bde; SGT Steven R. Castile, Co G (Ranger), 75th Inf; 1LT Robert N. Chestnut, 1st Cav; SP4 John C. Elcock, 198th Bde; SP4 Juan F. Flores, 196th Bde; SP4 James J. Goodson II, Co G (Ranger), 75th Inf; 1LT William S. Haynes Jr. **11th Arty**; SP4 David G. Heiner (1st OLC), 11th Bde; CPT Darrell T. Henderson, 123rd Avn Bn; 2nd LT Kenneth L. Kemmish, 196th Bde; CPL Robert P. Mack, 11th Bde; PFC Roger D. Quinn, 11th Bde; SP4 David W. Samolinski, 26th Engr Bn; MAJ Richard F. Smith, 196th Bde; 1LT Albert J. Weller (1st OLC), 82nd Arty; CPT John M. Wicke, 196th Bde; SSG James A. Wilson Jr (2nd OLC), 196th Bde.

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AIR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

PFC Rolland A. Beglau, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SP5 Ernest C. Coffia (3rd Awd), 14th Avn Bn; WO1 Douglas A. Doers (2nd Awd), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; 1LT Mark E. Fisher (3rd Awd), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 Gerald W. Forbes (27th Awd), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; 1LT Thomas H. Gates (3rd Awd), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; CPT David Grieger (30th Awd), 14th Avn Bn; WO1 Lee A. Hyden (2nd Awd), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; PFC Richard M. Learned, 123rd Avn Bn; CPT James G. Mikesell, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; PFC Vincent Milotta Jr, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 Michael Pickles (3rd Awd), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; PFC Vernon S. Roach (2nd Awd), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; **CPT Jerry L. Simpson (2nd Awd), 11th Arty**; SP4 Richard S. Turja (2nd Awd), 14th Cbt avn Bn; SP4 Henry C. Van Horn Jr. 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SP5 Lawrence E. Whalen (2nd Awd), 14th Cbt Avn Bn.

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

PFC Thomas R. Casteel, 196th Bde; SP4 Thomas J. Gatie, 196th Bde; SGT Robert D. Heavel. 123rd Avn Bn; 1LT Darrell T. Henderson, 123rd Avn Bn; PFC Gerald J. Hort, 198th Bde; PFC Billy D. Northcott, 11th Bde; SGT Donald R. Rahm, 55th Arty; 1LT Billy R. Robbins, 635th MID; SP5 John P. Siciliano Jr (1st OLC), 14th Cbt avn Bn; SGT Bruce W. Wilson Co G (Ranger), 75th Inf.

OBLITERATE NVA TROOPS IN BUFF TRIANGLE AREA

DUC PHO-Supported by devastating air, artillery, gunship, and APC barrages, 11th Inf. Bde. soldiers. smashed an NVA battalion-sized force seven miles northwest of Quang Ngai City, killing 45 NVA and destroying mammoth tunnel complexes.

Executing a village cordon tabbed "Buff Triangle," elements of the 4th Bn., 21st Inf. and 3rd Bn., 1st. Inf. swept through the region after a week of fighting enemy troops concentrated in the area.

NVA Open Up

Action began when the "Jungle Warriors," moving close to the village, received intense small arms, mortar and RPG fire from the enemy,

"We weren't in the village two minutes before they opened up on us," said PSG Jose J. Fernandez (Bridgeport, Conn.), acting platoon leader of the 1st Plt., A Co, 4/21. "We called in gunships and pulled back so that air strikes could come in."

Fierce Barrages

In a matter of minutes, the tactical jet fighters were on the scene dropping their explosive cargo with pinpoint accuracy-so close that the infantrymen could hear shrapnel whizzing overhead.

"You could hardly get your head out of your foxhole for all the air strikes, artillery, and 50-caliber fire from the tracks, (H Trp., 17th Cav., 198th Bde.) "remarked SGT Rick Snoderly (Pocatello, Idaho), platoon sergeant of 2nd Plt., B Co., 3/1. "They really knocked the hell out of the place."

As the 11th Bde. soldiers set up a cordon which sealed the fate of the trapped enemy force, artillery and air strikes continued to pulverize the area throughout the day.

During the night, continuous flares illuminated the area to preserve the integrity of the cordon.

Pitted Like Moon

The next morning, after artillery fire from the **6th Bn., 11th Arty. p**repared the area and ACAVs of B Trp., 1st Sqdn., 1st Cav. swept through the Jungle Warriors" moved in.

They discovered a landscape so covered with craters that it resembled the surface of the moon.

The infantrymen found huge interconnected spider holes in each of the hedgerows, some extending 40 feet deep.

1LT Thomas L. Smith (Hicksville, N.Y.), commander of A Co., 4/21, described it as "the biggest set of tunnels I've ever seen. According to the engineers, they are even bigger than the tunnels found on the Batangan Peninsula." (Continued)

Fortified Bunkers

"They were really dug in," said SP4 Dean Bonde (Portland, Oregon), an RTO with B Co, 4/21. "Some of their bunkers had steel doors on them that even a direct hit with a 106mm recoilless rifle wouldn't blow."

In addition to the 45 confirmed kills, it is suspected that as many as 200 enemy dead are in the collapsed bunkers.

Intelligence reports indicated that the decimated NVA battalion was a forward fighting element in position for an attack on Quang Ngai City.

Too Many Don't Spoil Broth

Arty Cooks A Saucy Bunch

By SP5 John Rananauskas

LZ LIZ--Was that a cook's hat on the head of the soldier carrying a 105mm round?

When not in the kitchen, SP5 William Vega (new York), first cook from C Btry., 1st Bn., 82nd Arty., takes the time to learn the artilleryman's job. Vega feels his cross training is important "Because someone has to take over" if a cannoneer becomes a casualty.

Two cooks are members of a reactionary force, called into action if a forward defense lien is penetrated. Perimeter guard is performed nightly by all five combat chefs.

When not in a gun pit or on the perimeter, Vega reverts to his primary duty, preparing food. Cooks for C Btry. put an extra effort in their mess hall procedure.

"We have cook-outs every Sunday afternoon, tactical situation permitting," commented SP4 Garry Messner (Wooster, Ohio). "Usually we have steak but when we can't get it, we prepare chicken or hot dogs and hamburgers."

Even personal resources are occasionally substituted in the absence of sufficient equipment.

"We're using refrigerators belonging to mess personal to make ice for cold drinks," added mess sergeant SFC Jackie M. Lancaster (Gadsden, Ala.).

Weary cannoneers can look forward to coffee or cold drinks accompanied by a snack after a night fire mission.

In addition, SFC Lancaster's "white hats" prepare one hot meal daily for members of the **6th Bn., 11th Arty.**, manning a radar observation post on a nearby mountaintop.

The morale of the artillerymen is greatly influenced by the food he eats; the cook is responsible for it, but at the same time an artillery cook's mess hall is not alway[s] his castle. (Americal IO)

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

SILVER STAR MEDAL

SGT Ronald R. Barth, 198th Bde; MAJ George E. Batcheler, 11th Bde; SGT John D. Boyd, 26th Engr. Bn; 1LT Harvey S. Browne, 196th Bde; WO1 Robert M. Combs, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SGT William D. Conklin, 11th Bde; CPT Robert T. Frank, 11th Bde; 1LT John R. Edwards, 198th Bde; SP4 Mark L. McMillin, 23rd Med Bn; SGT Roy D. Nix, 11th Bde; PFC Christopher B. Osgood, 11th Bde; SGT Ronald L. Sailors, 11th Bde.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

LTC Julian F. Wagner, 198th Bde.

SOLDIER'S MEDAL

PFC Kerry H. Good, 11th Bde.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

SP4 Ellwood Anderson (1st OLC), 11th Bde; PFC Thomas J. Barnett, 11th Bde; SP4 Allen J. Bivens, 196th Bde; SGT Clinton L. Bowen (Ist OLC), 196th Bde; SP4 Charles D. Bennett, 14th Arty; PFC Charles L. Bradley, 198th Bde; SP4 John D. Brown, 196th Bde; PFC Patrick R. Burke, 11th Bde; PFC Salvadore E. Casteneda, 196th Bde; SGT David G. Chupp, 196th Bde; PFC Richard L. Deadmond, 198th Bde; SP4 Donald R. DeLong, 196th Bde; SGT Michael T. Dewane, 14th Arty; SP5 William D. Dill (Ist OLC), 14th Arty; **1LT Richard L. Domaster, 11th Arty**; 1LT Charles E. Dyer (2nd OLC), 11th Bde; SP4 Larry M. Edwards, 198th Bde; SGT Leonard E. Fater, 11th Bde; SP4 William J. Foley, 26th Engr. Bn; CPL Jeffrey H. Green, 14th Arty.

This little boy gets his tonsils checked by Captain William J. Casper of the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery as Sergeant Lam, the interpreter on the MEDCAP tells him to open wide. The people are from Twin Village, just out side of Duc Pho. (Photo by PFC Ron Mumford)

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SILVER STAR MEDAL

SGT Jerry W. Collins, 198th Bde; PFC Donald G. Naughton. 11th Bde; SP5 Robert A. Whitcomb, 11th Bde.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

WO1 Kelly C. McHugh, 14th Cbt Avn Bn.

SOLDIER'S MEDAL

SGT Werner H. Hunley, 198th Bde; SP4 Stephen M. Hanson, 198th Bde; PFC Herbert Moses, 196th Bde; PFC James Randazzo III, 198th Bde; SGT Steven R. Wells, 198th Bde.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

PFC Carlton E. Baker, 523rd Sig Bn; SP4 James L. Brandt, 196th Bde; SP4 Charles F. Beton (1st OLC), 11th Bde; SP4 James F. Carr, 11th Bde; SP4 Harry J. Chaskey (1st OLC), 11th Bde; PSG Daniel G. Connolly, 26th Engr Bn; SP4 Clinton L. Culley (1st OLC), 11th Bde; PSG I.J. Elder, 196th Bde; SGT Roger J. Grazioplene, 196th Bde; 1LT Leon R. Griffin, 11th Bde; SP4 John S. Henyan (1st OLC), 11th Bde; **2LT John M. Herlong, 11th Arty**; PFC Steve N. Holland, 11th Bde; SP4 Larry A. Hunt, 196th Bde; SP4 Junior A. James, 196th Bde; SGT Edward L. Kaywork (2nd OLC), 196th Bde; PFC Thomas J. McCobb, 11th Bde; MSG John S. Pallatin (1st OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; PSG James F. Price, 196th Bde; PFC Earl F. Remmerty, 11th Bde; PFC Truman M. Scales, 11th Bde; PFC James A. Skaparas, 11th Bde; SP4 Richard C. Soehgen (1st OLC), 11th Bde; PFC Barry L. Spring, 11th Bde; SSG Craig C. Taylor, 196th Bde; PFC Jacob G. Tekac, 11th Bde; PFC Robert C. Vitlae, 198th Bde; 1Lt James Whalen (1st OlC), 196th Bde.

AIR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

SP4 Jimmy L. Bailey, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; CPT William D. Bristow (2nd OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 Michael C. Callahan (1st OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SP4 Edward Carrington Jr. (1st OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 John D. Graves (27th OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 Robert L. Heck (31st OlC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SP4 James M. Hiler (1st OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 Richard L. Johnston, 123rd Avn Bn; SP4 Robert J. Lacy, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SP5 Larry W. Maitland (2nd OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; **CPT Joseph A. Monday, 11th Arty**; MAJ James A. Rakowitz, 26th Engr Bn; WO1 Richard T. Stuhmer (1st OLC), 123rd Avn Bn; 1LT Steven J. Van Hole, 26th Engr Bn; CPT John S. Walker Jr (13th OLC), 11th Bde; SP5 John R. Wiklanski (1st OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn.

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

SGT Lonnie D. Miller, Co G (Ranger) 75th Inf; SP4 Robert W. Larson, Co G (Ranger), 75th Inf; SP4 Joe W. Dodson, 11th Bde; SSG Jose A. Santiago Jr, 11th Bde; SP4 Efran A. Martinez, 11th Bde; 1LT John G. Marceau, 196th Bde; 1LT Bruce M. Draudt, 196th Bde; CPT John S. Walker (1st OLC), 11th Bde; 1LT Phillip E. Jackson, 196th Bde; SP4 Robert L. French, 196th Bde; SP4 Marcelo A. Cruz (1st OLC), 11th Bde; SP4 David L. Copple (1st OLC), 82nd Arty; PFC Gerald W. Daise, 82nd Arty; 1LT Peter F. Kochel, 11th Bde; PFC George R. Johnson, 11th Bde; SP4 Jeremy P. Conover, 196th Bde; **PFC Michael Christensen, 11th Arty.**

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

LTC Robert B. Longino, 196th Bde; Cpt Kenneth R. Lamision Jr., 1st Cav; 1LT John. Berns, 1st Cav; 1LT Phillip L. Spackman, 11th Bde; **1LT Kenneth A. Zilke, 11th Arty**; 11th Bde; 1LT Paul Yamada, 11th Bde; 1LT Jerry J. Josey, 196th Bde; CW2 Valentine Royal, 251st Rad. Det; CW2 Dennis J. Lord, 123rd Avn. Bn; WO1 John M. Blair, 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; WO1 John I. O'Sulllivan, 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; PSG Jose J. Fernandez-Delgado, 11th Bde; SFC Neol P. Farmer, 1st Cav; SFC Charles E. Broadhead, 196th Bde; SFC Harold D, Winger, 196th Bde; SGT Johnathon A. Neil, 11th Bde; SGT Thomas L. Drier, 11th Bde; SGT Ronald M. Olsen, Spt. Cmd; SGT James V. DeRosa, 1st Cav; SGT Carl M. Johnson, 196th Bde; SGT Michael J. Kollen, 1st Cav; SGT Gary L. Reynolds, 198th Bde; SP4 Gerald H. Penn, 198th Bde; SP4 John C. Stricklin Jr., 196th Bde; SP4 David A. Barnett, 11th Bde; SP4 Edward E. Floyd 198th Bde; SP4 Joseph E. Meredith, 1st Cav; PFC Sammy L. Graham, 11th Bde; PFC Vincent Taylor, 196th Bde; PFC Michael J. Mills, 11th Bde.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

CW2 Gilbert W. Snow, 123rd Avn. Bn; SGT Charles G. Price Jr., 523rd Sig. Bn; SGT Steven M. Sherbundy, 11th Bde; PFC Dennis H. Lafcrest, 16th Arty.

SOLDIERS MEDAL

LTC Herschel E. Cbapman, 11th Bde; LTC Richard M. Gecoma, 196th Bde; MAJ Ronald C. Metcalf, 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; CPT John M. Henry, 1st Cav; 1LT Roger L. Mothersbaugh, 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; LT Robert D. Tormey, 123rd Avn. Bn; 1LT William D. Bristow Jr., 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; WO1 Jerry W. Herman, 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; WO1 Thomas Downs, 123rd Avn. Bn; WO1 David B. Haugen, 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; WO1 Robert J. Haynes, 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; WO1 Wayne D. Clark, (1LT OLC), 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; WO1 Phillip S. Lee, 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; WO1 Thomas G. Melin, 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; WO1 Richard K. McLean, 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; WO1 Glen E. Goff Jr., 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; SP4 Robert Allison, 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; SP4 Antonio K, Taylor, 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn.

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BRONZE STAR With "V" DEVICE

CPT William T. Isaac, (2nd OLC), 11th Arty; CPT Jerry W. Lindsay, 198th Bde; CPT Foster W. Jenkins, 82nd Arty; 1LT George G. Beall, Spt. Cmd; 1LT David L. Rumsey Jr., 56th Arty; 1LT Edward P. O'Conner, 196th Bde; 1LT Loren C. Wardell Jr. 1st Cav; LT Robert J. Youngs, 11th Bde; 1SG Van B. Kadlec, (1st OLC), 196th Bde; SSG Darmel M. Pack, 82nd Arty; SGT Frank Yanez, 196th Bde; SGT Paul D. Bonnell, 14th Arty; SGT Rodney R. Dillman, 11th Bde; SGT George E. Edwards, 196th Bde; SGT Joseph Green, 196th Bde; SGT Michael W. Lewis, 11th Bde; SGT Donald L. Mann, 11th Bde; SGT Ronald C. Bleazard, 1st Cav; SGT Law-ence J. Ranek, 11th Bde; SGT Russell G. White, 82nd Arty; SP4 Robert R. Blanusa, 16th Arty; SP4 Ernesto R. Borges, 198th Bde; SP4 Wilbert L. Croom, 11th Bde; SP4 Thomas Hall 196th Bde; SP4 John K. Henning, 196th Bde; SP4 Alan T. Blado, 196th Bde; SP4 Clyde R. Rosin, (Ist OLC), 1st Cav; SP4 Johnny M. Cruz, (1st OLC) 11th Bde; SP4 Zola R. Jones, 51st Inf, Spt. Cmd; SP4 Jerry W. Ferguson, (1st OLC), 11th Bde; SP4 Ronald Diotaiuto, 196th Bde; SP4 Robert M. Geissler Jr., 196th Bde; SP4 John E. Eads, 196th Bde; SP4 Robert E. Kooi, 198th Bde; SP4 Alvin C. Merzke, 16th Arty; SP4 John E. Schultz, 75th Inf. Spt. Cmd; SP4 John J. Schwall 198th Bde; SP4 Robert R. Sedlmeyer, 75th lnf. Spt Cmd; SP4 Joseph L. Vann, 11th Bde; PFC Kenneth W. Tenney, 196th Bde; PFC Gary L. Bishop, 14th Arty.

AIR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1LT William D. Bristow, (Ist OLC), 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; WO1 Thomas Bell, 11th Cbt Avn. Bn; WO1 Walter E. Peck, (9th OLC), 14th Cbt, Avn. Bn; SSG Juan R. Rios-Rivera, 11th Bde; SGT Johnny Ronc, (32 OLC) 123rd Avn. Bn; SP5 Lawrence J. Silva Jr., (3rd OLC), 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; SP5 Phillip R. Varnum, 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; SP4 Alvin M. Fugate, (1st OLC), 123rd Avn, Bn; SP4 William E. Swinford, 14Th Cbt. Avn. Bn; SP4 Richard J, Conover, 14Th Cbt. Avn. Bn; SP4 Wayne E. Hawk, (1st OLC), 123rd Avn. Bn; SP4 Jerry L. Mitchell, 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; SP4 Richard C. Sear, 14th Cbt, Avn. Bn; SP4 Dennis R. Potter, 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; SP4 Lee E. Hayworth, (1st OLC), 123rd Avn. Bn; SP4 Steven R. Cundy, 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; SP4 John C. Gruidl, (1st OLC), 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn; SP4 Tommy Hobbs, 14th Cbt, Avn. Bn; SP4 Billy L. Parsons, (1st OLC), 14th Cbt. Avn. Bn.

Division Recap

Weekly action--division counts 82

By SP4 David P. Goodrich

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Iron Mountain

Bronco action was moderate this week as men of the 11th Infantry Brigade killed 26 enemy soldiers.

The Night Hawks of the 123rd Aviation Battalion started out the week as they received small arms fire while flying over the foothills west of Quang Ngai City. Searching the area, they spotted, engaged and killed two VC.

Later in the day while reacting to a radar, the 'Night Hawks' spotted two more VC in the lowlands west of Duc Pho. The results of the ensuing action were two dead VC.

Later in the week, a light observation helicopter from the battalion spotted a lone VC over the foothills southwest of Duc Pho. The LOH engaged and killed him.

In the same area, the "Blues", an aerial rifle platoon of the battalion were inserted. The platoon rapidly engaged and killed two enemy soldiers.

Early in the week, while patrolling the lowlands southeast of Duc Pho, a recon element of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry found one Viet Cong inside a tunnel. He was asked to come out but he refused. The tunnel was destroyed resulting in one VC killed.

The next day, reacting to a radar sighting, the men of F Troop, 7th Cavalry [sic-8th Cavalry] checked an area in the lowlands northwest of Duc Pho and spotted three VC. They engaged the enemy resulting in three Viet Cong dead.

During a patrol of the foothills west of Duc Pho, the 69th Rangers engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in three enemy dead.

While on a search and clear mission in the foothills northwest of Duc Pho, Company B of the 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry engaged one NVA. He was killed.

Elements of the 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry, working with the 70th Rangers, an ARVN unit, observed a small size enemy force int he foothills northwest of Duc Pho. After receiving fire support from the **6th Battalion, 11th Artillery**, the infantrymen swept the area finding four VC killed in action. Also found was a shotgun, an AK-47 and 35 huts. After investigating the area, the huts were destroyed.

A light observation helicopter teamed up with the fire support from the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery to kill two NVA and one VC over the foothills west of Quang Ngai City.

Patrolling the foothills of Duc Pho, G Company of the 75th Rangers, a long range patrol unit engaged two enemy soldiers, killing both.

On the last day of the week, a gunship from the 174th Aviation Company spotted and engaged a lone VC in the lowlands west of Duc Pho, killing him.

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Hains Visits Firebase

LZ 411-While gunships hovered over the three month old firebase, GEN Ralph E. Haines Jr., the USARPAC Commander received an open air briefing from LTC Leslie J. Stottle Jr., commanding officer of the 3-1st Inf. The site was a high ridge overlooking the battalion's area of operation. As Colonel Stottle described past combat operations he pointed out the actual terrain where the action occurred. "Over to your left was the scene of three major contacts in July. Then it was a maze of spider holes and enemy positions, today it is a secure area."

Resettlement Village

Of special interest to GEN Haines was a combined Vietnamese-Montagnard resettlement village just below the firebase.

Following the briefing, the General was greeted by four 3-1st Inf. soldiers, all natives of Hawaii, the home of the 11th Bde. and USARPAC Headquarters. One of the men, SFC Ernest M. Tau (Honolulu, Hawaii) has been with the 11th Bde. since it was deployed from Hawaii in December 1967. The others were SP4 Thomas Yosjikawa (Honolulu, Hawaii), PFC Richard Hobagasi (Hilo, Hawaii) and PFC MacDonald Bagoon (Honolulu, Hawaii).

Caliber of Crew

GEN Haines spent most of his hour visit speaking with the men on the firebase. Often he asked specific questions about their jobs. **CPT. Joseph Monday (West Bend, Wis.) CO of D Btry 6-11th Arty. remarked, "He was extremely interested in the caliber of my crew."**

Many of the soldiers found themselves casually discussing such niceties as R&R and home towns with the man who commands all the Army units in the Pacific. (11th Bde IO)

Proud Men Serving Our
Action
Army
SFC Fenton
M. Edwards
Career Counselor
Spt. Cmd.

Photo Caption: By MSG H.A. Bonesio
(Note Right column cut off when xeroxed.)

Division troops was represented by the "Topkick" of C Co. 26th Engr. Bn., 1SG Alva Cox, while from the same organization SSG William Singfook and SP4 Charles F. Lewis, HHC , SSG Wanice Walls, A Co., SP4 Carl F. Kij. D Co, from 1st Cav., S? John Gildroy, A Trp., SP4 Eugene Jackson, B Trp., SGT William Wasson, C Trp.

Support Command had MSG Leroy Dix, 23rd Admin Co., SSG Elbert J. Wilkerson, Hq& Band, SP4 Douglas Stroup, Hq&A ? 723rd Maint. Bn, from the 23rd Sup. & Trans Bn., SFC Frank Procesll, and MSG John Aro, HHC, MSG Richard Herman and S? Angel Rivera, A Co., SP5 Fidel S. Babuta and PFC Stephen Raper, B Co.

Division Artillery retains SSG Richard Acre and PFC Sanfo?rd Cowart, C Btry., PFC William Reener, D Btry., 1-14th Arty., P? Billy Henley and PFC Robert L. McMillian, Btry., **PFC Kelley Snyder, D Btry., 6-11th Arty**-SFC Alberto S. Zayas, C Btry., 3-1? Arty-SGT Victor W. Rafner and PFC Jesse Edmond, HHB, P? John Holden, B Btry., 3-16th Arty; 1SG Conrad F. Lushbaugh and SGT John Morgan, HHB, MSG John B. Roth, HH&SB, PFC E? Olsen A Btry., 1-82nd ARty.

The 16th Combat Aviation Group keeps SP6 Max Bates, 178th ASHC, SP4 Oscar M. Bryant, F Trp., 8th Cav., SFC James Wyc? B Co., 123rd Avn Bn.,SFC William Jackson and PFC William? Case, D Trp., 1-1st Cav.

The 11th Infantry Brigade reenlistees are PFC Timothy Co? A. Co., PFC Vernon W. Jayne and Pual D. Pruitt, B Co., SP5 Den? Gildersleeve, PFC Gary Lawrence and PFC Carl E. Parker, Co., 3-1st; from 4-3rd Inf., SP5 James D. Anderson and PFC ? W. Lark, HHC, PFC Davey Miller, A Co., PFC Dwight Aide? B Co., PFC Ed C. Colter, C Co., PFC Charles L. Sener and P? George Mitchell, D Co., SSG Donald May, E Co.; from 1-20th Inf., PFC Dana R. Young and PFC Daryl L. Elmer. B Co., PFC Rob? Hernandez, Co. C., PFC Eddie Wilcox, D Co.; from 4-21st SP4 Je?? R. Wright, HhC, PFC Norman B. Haldeman, B Co., PFC J? L. Mitchell, PFC Donald E. Norris, PFC Emmet Anderson, P? Jerry Jenkins, D Co., PFC Larry Ashley, PFC Jimmy Stewart E?

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Photo Caption: Loud Support
The crew of Gun 1, C Btry., 6th Bn., 11th Arty. fires from Fire Support Base Charlie 2 in support of troops operating in the area.

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Counter-Mortar Unit Picks Off VC

LANDING ZONE BRONCO, Vietnam (Special)
-The counter-mortar radar unit high atop Mt. Montezuma here makes the life of a VC mortarman a dangerous if not short one.

CWO Charlie Hardaway, Colorado Springs, Colo., officer-in-charge of the **6th Bn., 11th Arty's** counter-mortar unit, and his nine-man crew are in their 11th month of providing target detection for return fire mortars and artillery supporting the 11th Inf. Brigade base defense system.

During that time the radar unit, working closely with 81mm mortar crews on the hilltop which are rotated from each of the brigade's infantry battalions, has chalked up 20 confirmed locations, four captured mortar tubes and has two confirmed kills to its credit.

"This figure may not sound too impressive," Hardaway says, "but we usually can't get anyone to the enemy mortar site until the next morning. The infantry checks the sites and usually finds base plate impressions and aiming stakes, but by that time the VC have removed any casualties or damaged equipment. Our kill figure could easily be much higher," he added.

The radar crew explained that the VC normally work with a pair of tubes, but the radar has picked up as many as six tubes firing at one time in different areas.

"If we can determine the general direction of fire, we can have the data to the guns before the round hits. If we can get immediate clearance, we can have counter-mortar fire on the position in no time at all.

"The radar we use was originally designed for conventional warfare where there are definite battle lines," explained Hardaway, who has 10 years of experience in radar.

"Over here, where there are no fronts we have a more difficult time locating the direction of the target. We overcome this by using what is called a 'BC' panoramicsocope," he added.

The radar unit can cover a complete 360 degree around Montezuma and its effective even in the heavy rains.

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Fierce Fire Fight

Americal Troops Slay 52 Reds

S&S Vietnam Bureau

CHU LAI, Vietnam – Troops of the Americal Div., encountering their heaviest fighting in four months, killed 52 enemy soldiers in a series of sharp actions Monday, division officers reported.

In the largest contact, eight miles south of Quang Ngai, a division soldiers killed 27 communists during a fierce exchange of fire. No U.S. casualties were reported by the U.S. Command. *(Historian Note: The 174th AHC gunships claimed 27 probable kills in actions that resulted in seven 174th AHC helicopters receiving hits. 2 aircraft were to be extracted at first light. D/1/20 & B/1/20th Inf Bn were being medevaced and securing downed helicopters. C/6/11th Arty provided artillery fires).*

A half-mile to the north, three Americans were killed and seven wounded in a ground action in which enemy losses were not known.

[Historian note: If time is available the news stories that often did not credit the specific units can be determined by looking through S2/S3 and other reports. In this report I was able to identify some of the units that participated in these actions.]

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Photo Captions: Out to block Communist approaches to coastal lowlands during the Vietnamese presidential elections, troops of the Americal Div.'s 3rd Bn, 1st Inf., and **6th Bn., 11th Arty.** – both 11th Brigade units- took up new positions atop a hill 15 miles southwest of Quang Ngai. At top, artillerymen fire at an enemy position. At bottom, Pfc. Ken Curry has a good view of the valley below during his morning shave. (S&S Photos by PO 3.C. Robert Joffee)

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Photo Caption: Standing Tall for Standdown

GIs of the **6th Bn., 11th Arty.,** clean the unit's artillery pieces at the Americal Div.'s standdown center at Chu Lai along the South China Sea. The battalion was ordered to standdown Oct. 6 and was officially dissolved Oct. 9. (UPI Photo).

GI Pullout Reaction

The Question Is, Who's First?

By SPEC. 5 BILL ELSEN
S&S Staff Correspondent

SAIGON – American servicemen will believe it when they see it.

Accustomed to the frustration of oft-dashed hopes they'll go home "early," troopers passing through the vast Tan Son Nhut in-country air terminal here Monday afternoon were waiting to hear more about President Nixon's announcement that 25,000 American troops will leave Vietnam by Aug. 31.

Servicemen representing the Army, Navy, and Air Force were queried, and all immediately asked, "Who's going?"

"We always hear rumors about withdrawal," said Army S. Sgt Mike Mackie of Huntington Beach, Calif., a firing battery chief with the 6th Bn., 11th Arty., near Duc Pho. "This sounds like a step in the right direction."

"I wonder where these 25,000 will come from?" said Navy Petty Officer 3.C Bruce Tasso of Vineland, N.J., a Seabee from Da Nang. "The Army will probably go first."

"The news is hard to believe," said Navy Quartermaster 3.C. Bill Edney of concord N.H., who works with the Command and Coastal Surveillance Force at Cam Ranh Bay. "I'll be glad to go home, but I can't see us going just yet."

Just which troops these actively in combat or support forces will be going home has yet to be revealed here. Popular opinion among the combat troops, through, is that they won't be leaving first.

"Most of the guys figure the support troops will go first," said Air Force S. Sgt. Walt Zimmer of Huntinton Station, N.Y., a jet engine technician at Da Nang AB.

Maybe not, said Capt. Samuel Lightfoot of Hollywood, Fla., a surgeon for the 6th Bn., 15th Arty., at Tay Ninh in the hotly disputed Cambodian border area.

"People say clerks will go home first," he said. "But who will that leave when it's time to process out everyone else? Those guys are important too."

One thing Lightfoot is sure about is that he won't be among the first to go.

"Not too many physicians are going to see a drop of any kind," he said.

Several others were pretty certain they wouldn't be going anywhere soon either.

"We're Air Force, and we're the guys who have to move everyone else home," said Airman 1.C Vince Trezzo of New York City, a passenger service agent at Tan Son Nhut.

"Sure would be great through, if they'd grab guys out of the field first," said fellow agent Sgt. Eugene Pryor of Cleveland, who has served here 20 months, including field time as an advisor.

Spec. 4 Willie George of Gary, Ind., enroute to the 3rd Bn., 197th Arty., near Phu Loi, was certain as can be that he's here for the full 12-month tour.

"I'm a cook," he said. "Now can you see them sending home the cooks?"

16Nov69-Photo Caption - **Firequacker**

Meet the latest replacement in C Btry., 6th Bn., 11th Arty., Americal Div. He's Pvt (E-2) Charlie Duc. Charlie, who stands four inches tall and weighs in at 17 ounces, managed to pass the units' physical even though he's flatfooted. The men at Landing Zone Bronco, where Charlie is assigned as mascot, claims he's the only E-2 in Vietnam who's also a full bird (USA Photo Spec. 5 Bud Dotson).

19Mar70-.....**Headlines**.....

ACCUSE 14 OFFICERS

My Lai Charges Hit 2 Generals

Photo caption - Lt. Gen. William R. Peers (left), Secretary of the Army Stanley A. Resor, and Army Chief of Staff Gen. William C. Westmoreland announced the findings of a probe headed by Peers into the alleged My Lai massacre. Fourteen officers have been charged as a result of the probe. (AP)

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The Army Tuesday instituted court-martial proceedings against 14 top ranking officers, including the present superintendent of West Point for allegedly covering up "a tragedy of major proportions" at My Lai.

Maj. Gen. Samuel W. Koster, who was commander of the Americal Division in Vietnam at the time of the reported My Lai massacre, was accused of "dereliction in the performance of his duties" and "failure to obey lawful regulations." He is now superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

The same charges were filed against Brig. Gen. George H. Young, Jr., the assistant division commander, and Col. Oran K. Henderson, who was commanding the division's 11th Inf. Brigade.

In addition, Henderson was accused of "false swearing" and "making a false official statement."

The charges were announced at a Pentagon news conference at which results of an inquiry conducted by Lt. Gen William R. Peers were released.

The Peers inquiry was ordered Dec. 24. In closed hearings beginning Dec. 2, it took 20,000 pages of testimony from 400 witnesses.

Peers told the news conference that his investigation "clearly established that a tragedy of major proportions occurred thee at My Lai on that date."

Until Tuesday, 10 military men had been charged in connection with the actual incident, three captains, one lieutenant and six enlisted men.

The most serious charges have been brought against 1st Lt. William L. Calley, leader of the platoon that swept through My Lai in search of Viet Cong snipers on the day of the massacre. Calley is accused of premeditated murder of 102 South Vietnamese civilians.

Calley is scheduled for court-martial trial starting May 18 at Fort Benning, Ga.

Among others charged is Capt. Ernest L. Medina, 33, commander of Company C, of which the Calley platoon was a part. Charges were brought against Medina last week. He is accused of four counts of murder, among other things.

When asked whether his investigation established that "there was a cover-up," Peers said, "no." But he added "there was testimony and evidence that either wittingly or unwittingly, information was suppressed." (Continued)

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Army Secretary Stanley Resor and General William C. Westmoreland, Army Chief of Staff, who jointly ordered the Peers investigation, made a brief appearance at the start of the news conference.

Resor read a statement in which he said the officers were being charged in connection with "failure to investigate and report" the massacre. He urged that they be considered innocent until proven guilty.

Also charged as a result of the Peers' investigation were:

Col. Robert B. Luper, 47, of Federal, Ark., the onetime commander of the 6th Bn., 11th Arty. who was charged with failure to obey a lawful order.

Col. Nels A. Parson, 49 of Toledo, Ohio, former chief of staff of the Americal Division, who was charged with failure to obey lawful regulations and dereliction in the performance of his duties.

Lt. Col. David C. Gavin, 39, of Stafford Springs, Miss., former district senior advisor of Son Tinh district, who was charged with failure to obey lawful regulations and dereliction in the performance of his duties, and false swearing.

Lt. Col. William D. Guinn, Jr., 41 of Greenville, Tn., onetime deputy province advisor in Quang Ngai province, who was charged with failure to obey lawful regulations and dereliction in the performance of his duties, and false swearing.

Maj. Charles C. Calhoun, 39, of Greenville, S.C., who was serving as executive officer and operations officer of Task Force Barker and who was charged with dereliction in the performance of his duties and failure to report possible misconduct to proper authorities.

Maj. Robert W. McKnight, 36, of San Diego, Calif., former operations officer of the 11th Inf. Brigade, who was charged with false swearing.

Maj. Frederic W. Watke, 36, of Omaha, Neb., onetime commander of Company B, 123rd Aviation Bn., who was charged with failure to obey lawful regulations and dereliction in the performance of his duties.

Capt. Kenneth W. Boatman, 27, of Ralston, Neb., an artillery forward observer at the time of My Lai, who was charged with failure to report possible misconduct to proper authorities.

Capt. Dennis H. Johnson, 34, of Oakland, Calif., formerly with the 52nd Military Intelligence Detachment, who was charged with failure to obey lawful regulations.

Medina, of Pico Rivera, Calif., former commander of Company C, who was charged with mis-prision of the felony. The charge is against a person who allegedly has knowledge of the commission of a felony by another person and who conceals that knowledge. Making a false entry in an account book for the purpose of concealing a felonious theft committed by another or intimidating a witness of a felony are examples of a positive act of concealment.

Capt. Thomas K. Willingham, 25, of Allenhurst, N.J., then a 1st Lt. in Company B, 4th Bn., 3rd Inf., one of three units in Task Force Barker, who was charged with making false official statements and misprision of a felony.

The army said that all of the officers charged, except Medina and Willingham, had been ordered transferred to headquarters of the 1st Army at Ft. Meade, Md. A spokesman said their physical moves have not yet taken place.

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There will now be what are called "Article 32" formal investigations under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and then Lt. Gen. Jonathan Seaman, 1st Army commander, will decide on the basis of these grand jury type investigations whether there will be courts-martial.

The field investigation was conducted shortly after reports that possible slayings of civilians had occurred. But his investigation resulted in no action.

A year later, in April last year, a former soldier, Ron Ridenhour, wrote members of Congress about rumors he had heard. Ridenhour's reports were forwarded to Army headquarters here and a full investigation began which has culminated in 10 former members of Task Force Barker being charged. Another 27 men still are under investigation in connection with the alleged massacre.

The Peers board was appointed on Nov. 24 and was ordered to investigate the nature and scope of the original Army field probe, to determine "the adequacy of the investigations.... the subsequent reviews and reports within the chain of command, and possible suppression or withholding of information by persons involved in the incident."

Hearings began Dec. 2 and about 400 witnesses both in the United States and Vietnam were interrogated by the panel, made up of combat experienced officers below the rank of colonel, Peers, the only general on the panel, led troops for 30 months in Vietnam.

The three-star general told newsmen he is confident that the outcome of his inquiry, and certain recommendations made for tightening reporting and other procedures, "will prevent an incident of this sort ever again occurring."

Asked about the character of the area in which the incident occurred, Peers called it "a hotbed of Communism" dating back to the 1930s.

Peers said under questioning that he does not regard what happened in connection with the My Lai incident and the filed investigation as typical of all officers of the U.S. Army-"far from it," he said.

The "Hook and Star" was a monthly newsletter published by and for personnel of the 3rd Battalion 18th Field Artillery Battalion then part of the 23rd (Americal) Infantry Division in the Republic of Vietnam. (Copy obtained by C 4/31st Inf. Bn. veteran James B. Simms and Mike Crutcher a veteran of E & HHC, 1/5 Cav, 1969-70 1st Cav Div. May 2014.

3d BATTALION 18TH ARTILLERY **HOOK & STAR** 28 April 1969

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We heartily welcome C Battery 6/11th Arty to LZ Crunch...but not their helicopters. We've considered painting signs on the roofs saying "if you can read this, you are about to become and artillery incident. Someone sent to the states for seeds, so we could plant flowers in all the dirt the choppers have blown into our hootches. Two boxes of morning-glory seeds arrived.....but before we could plant them.....the guys from the 23 S&T ate them.

6TH BATTALION, 11TH ARTILLERY

Hawaii Viet Nam

On Time, Sir !

History Of The 6-11 In Viet Nam

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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History of the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery in the Republic of Vietnam

On 19 December 1967, the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery arrived in Quin Nhon, Republic of Vietnam. Arriving from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, by sea transport, the battalion became a unit of the 11th Infantry Brigade of the Americal Division.

Under the command of LTC Robert Luper the 6th of the 11th undertook the task of getting squared away on fire bases and dispersing equipment and personnel to their assigned stations. Headquarters for the battalion was established near the town of Duc Pho which is 46 miles south of Chu Lai--- the location of the Americal Division Headquarters.

Upon arrival, the battalion was composed of a Headquarters Service Battery and three firing batteries. The headquarters battery was located on Fire Support Base Bronco, Alpha Battery was located on Landing Zone Liz, Bravo Battery fires were directed from Fire Support Base Bronco and Charlie Battery occupied LZ thunder which was later changed to LZ Debbie. After two months of operation in the 11th Infantry Brigade area of operation, the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery added a provisional battery composed o four M101A1 105mm howitzers. The new battery, Delta Battery, took position on a secured LZ in the mountains south of Duc Pho. The guns and personnel to man them were taken from Alpha, Bravo and Charlie batteries. Six months later, Delta gained full recognition as being a permanent firing battery in the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery.

In order to give the Infantrymen of the 11th Brigade fast, accurate artillery support, the 6th of the 11th had to become as mobile as the infantryman and move where he moved. In 1969, the battalion traded their old split-trail M101A1 howitzers for the new, more mobile M102A1. Through the coordination with Army aviation units, big CH-47 "Chinook" helicopters sky-lifted the guns of the "ON TIME" 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery to locations close enough to infantry units to insure the artillery support that every fighting man in the field should have. These shy-lifts soon became known as "Artillery Jumps". After three years in the Republic of Vietnam the battalion is accredited with over 150 Artillery Jumps. Delta Battery, having made a large number of the jumps has earned the name of the "Delta Danglers" by constantly seeing their artillery pieces "dangle" under the blades of the "Chinook" aircraft.

In early April, 1968, Operation Norfolk Victory was undertaken by elements of the 11th Infantry Brigade and supporting fires came from the guns of the 6th of the 11th Artillery. During this operation, the American units succeeded in completely destroying the enemy's major base of operations and capturing enormous weapons and munitions caches.

During the period 4 – 24 September 1968 the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery fired support for three battalions and one Cavalry Troop of the 11th Infantry Brigade in an operation called Champagne Grove. Concentrated enemy forces capable of rapidly massing to division size and launching a major attach on Quang Ngai City prompted this action. This single operation resulted in over 450 enemy dead.

The biggest and most successful operation of the year was Vernon Lake II (2 November 1968 through 28 February 1969). The operation was conducted in an area which preliminary intelligence indicated was a massive VC/NVA resupply and consolidation region. The operation resulted in the capture of large quantities of VC/NVA supplies, thereby putting an additional burden on an already overtaxed supply system. Vernon Lake II also resulted in the capture of large amounts of enemy ammunition and weapons, thereby reducing the enemy's short term combat effectiveness and increasing his long term logistical problems. Supply and consolidation locations which previously had been virtually uncontested were subject to systematic harassment and attack. This action demonstrated to the enemy, as well as to the general population of Southern Quang Ngai Province, the ability of the friendly forces to conduct operations in what had been considered VC/NVA sanctuaries. Supporting fire from the guns of the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery combined with the efforts of the 11th Infantry Brigade in making Vernon Lake II the most successful operation ever undertaken in the 11th Brigade area of operation.

Since the arrival of the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery in the area around the town of Duc Pho, there have been many changes in battery locations and in the command structure. The battalion is now under the command of LTC Robert H. Kleinfelder and Major George R. Keech, Battalion Executive Officer. Alpha Battery is situated on Fire Support Base Debbie and is commanded by Captain Craig V. Silcox, Bravo Battery is located on Fire Support Base San Juan Hill and is commanded by Captain Warren W. Higgins. Charlie Battery's home is Fire Support Base Liz and is commanded by Captain James P. Spencer. Delta Battery is located on faraway Fire Support Base 4-11 and is commanded by Captain Patrick D. Connor. Headquarters and Headquarters Service Battery is located on Fire Support Base Bronco and is commanded by Captain Henry E. Marsolais.

"Not all are privileged to be Field Artillerymen".

---T.W. Dunn
Lt. Gen. U.S.A.

(NOTE: Re-typed from original document provided by
Dennis Burt – January 2006)
http://www.6-11artillery.org/history.htm

"Redleg" CO
Ends Viet tour

When Major James C. Broadus told his men to blow away an enemy target, he meant every word. Broadus is finishing his Vietnam tour as commander of the biggest combat artillery battalion in the Army, the 3d battalion, 82d artillery.

Both the battalion and its commander are unusual. Most artillery battalions specialize in one size of gun, while the 3/82d has batteries of every artillery caliber in the U.S. arsenal, operated by the largest Fire Direction Control Center in Vietnam.

Major Broadus is completing his second tour in Vietnam. The first time around, in 1966-67, he was Corps Operations Officer in the J3 (joint 3) staff at MACV, where he kept situation maps and made briefings on III Corps, keeping such persons as General Westmoreland advised on the regional situation.

He started his second tour as installation commander on Firebase Rawhide, which has since been abandoned. He organized the batteries working there, and was for 32 days, the "Mayor of Rawhide."

From Rawhide, he became the executive officer of the **6th battalion, 11th artillery on LZ Bronco, in the** 2d [sic 23d] Inf. Div. (Americal) and in July became the commanding officer of the 6/11th as a major filling a Lt. Colonel's position.

When the Americal was deactivated in late 1971, Brigadier General McDonough, the new commander of the 196th Infantry Brigade, personally asked Broadus to assume command of the 3/82.

Broadus found that it took a "good day's work" to operate this super-sized battalion, and "It tested the coordination abilities of everybody involved."

He chose the best officers and NCO's he could find from units standing down elsewhere, forming a hand-picked crew to run the battalion. With these men to help, he decentralized control, giving the battery commanders more responsibility.

Broadus feels that he has shown that it is possible to run a "beefed up" unit like this, and that his men can go anywhere in the world and use the experience gained in this operation.

After 16 active years in the Army, Broadus finds he still enjoys artillery because of the espirit de corps attached to this high-standards outfit. He also discovered that artillery can be fun for people who enjoy mathematics, and feels that the best beginning for a "Redleg" is a "good grocery store arithmetic background."

He holds a B.S. Degree in Accounting, and a Master's in business administration. Since joining the army he has been a Forward Observer, Battery XO, and instructor at Ft. Sill, and of course, twice a battalion commander.

The often-smiling artillery leader says he enjoyed this tour, and "I enjoyed having one battalion down south, but never dreamed I'd have another one up here. If it weren't for being away from my family, I'd like to stay on.

After spending some hard-earned leave time with his family in Fairfax, VA, Broadus will assume his next position in the office of the Comptroller of the Army in the Pentagon, Washington D.C.

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TODAY's WORLD SCENE

WASHINGTON—President Richard M. Nixon and his family helicoptered to Camp David, Md. for a brief weekend vacation.

HAVANA-Cuban government officials announced that a mutual extradition treaty is being worked out between Mexico and Cuba for the return of airline highjackers.

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CLOTHING CHANGE

Effective last week, civilian clothes are now authorized for optional wear by all personnel on R&R aircraft flying out of the country.

The only exceptions to this are flights destined for Hong Kong or Taipei where the appropriate military uniform must still be worn.

Americal Division stresses that this civilian clothing must be suitable to the occasion and must not bring discredit upon the United States.

This change is effective only from Vietnam departure points.

'SWING' BATTERY MOVES AGAIN

The 1st Bn., 82d Artillery's own swing battery is on the move again.

Bravo Battery, which had been holding forth at LZ Gator, now finds itself in the middle of the third operation in seven months.

Four of its 155mm guns are now located at LZ Snoopy where they are serving as reinforcements for the **6/11th Artillery** during the current Tet holiday season.

The latest operation is serving as a test of resourcefulness for Bravo which finds itself sharing a 20x40 foot postage-stamp-sized area with Co. C, 39th Combat Engineers.

Joining the artillerymen and the engineers in their close quarters are barrels of Permatex, road signs and 10,000 barrels of diesel fuel. The Fire Direction Control Center has set up shop in a series of conexes squeezed between the road the engin-

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PEOPLE AND THINGS- Battery commanders, who were working with a short supply of cannoneers for several weeks, are breathing easier thanks to **a 30-man infusion from the 6th Bn., 11th Artillery last Friday.** If nothing else, it will give the men in the line batteries someone new to talk to. For example, Charlie Battery has gotten PFC TERRENCE GROVES of Konawa, Okla., who worked as a "rough neck" on an oil drilling rig before coming into the service last May....Last week's Pan-Tell carried an article about two members of Headquarters Battery who were aspiring undertakers. Alpha Battery has now gotten in the game with PFC MELVIN TOMLINSON of Albany, Ind. who is a graduate of the Kentucky School of Mortuary Science, Louisville, Ky.

.....Republican Minority Everett Dirksen's hometown of Pekin, Ill. is now represented in the 1/82d Artillery by JOHN WYSS, who has been assigned to Bravo Battery....The CHU LAI USO, which operated on a limited basis during the recent Tet holidays, played host to a pair of television stars. One was SABASTIAN CABOT, co-star of the top-rated series "Family Affair", while the other was TROY DONAHUE, a long-time favorite of the female set.

CHARLIE EXCELS IN GUN CHECK

Charlie Battery came through its latest gunnery checklist with flying colors according to a report received from Lt. Col. James H. Sloan, commander of the **6th Bn., 11th Artillery.**

Col. Sloan who directed the inspection, noted that in his opinion and that of his S-3 officer, Maj. John K. Solomon, Charlie Battery is "the most professional unit in the 11th Brigade area of operations.

He also pointed out that the battery had made a remarkable improvement over its last inspection in November when it compiled the lowest score of all the batteries in the area.

The report went on to note that the inspection (which did not include C Battery facilities at LZ Thunder), the unit posted "excellent" ratings in all four categories of the check.

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PEOPLE AND THINGS—Headquarters Battery's orderly room added another clerk last week when PFC EDWARD COLLINS of Pasadena, Tex. joined the unit. He had previously been assigned to Ft. Bragg, N.C.....Charlie Battery's fire Direction Control picked up SP4 Dale Robert Bilyeu of Cottage Grove, Ore. after he was infused from the **6/11th Artillery**.....Several new arrivals were noted at delta where CPL RUSSELL JOE KEEN was infused from the 3/18th Artillery. SP4 DWIGHT ATKINS of Wichita Falls, Tex., a former student at East Texas State University was a new addition from the states. Other newcomers were SP4 MELVIN PINKNEY (Ridgely, Md.) and SP5 ROGER E. YOUNG (Salem, Ore.)

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IT'S HAPPENIN' BY SP4 DICK SHEARER

AND STILL THEY COME—The large infusion between the 1/82d Artillery and the 2/138 Artillery (Phu Bai) continued last week.

As mentioned in the last week's Pan-tell, most of these men are National Guardsmen from Northern Kentucky who were called to active duty last May.

Some of the new group included SP6 HOWARD K. YATES (Cecelia, Ky.), a first cook who has been assigned to Headquarters battery.

SP4 STEVEN RICE (Burntwood, Ore.) has joined Charlie Battery as a mechanic while SP4 DONALD W. TINGLE (Bedford, KY.) will be filling the same position with Headquarters Battery.

Joining the battalion from the 6/11th Artillery last week was PFC JOHN T. TIPTON of Glenwood, Ga. Tipton, assigned to Headquarters Battery Fire Direction Control, attended Georgia Southern College before entering the Army last March.

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PAN-TELL **MONEY ORDER CHANGE: SEE PAGE 2**

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FIVE MEN JOIN PROMOTION PARADE

The 1st Bn., 82d Artillery added five more sergeants last week with the arrival of the final E-5 promotions for September.

Two men from Delta Battery and another who had been with the battery were among the promotees.

The two still with Delta are Thomas P. Lovett and Winford Coleman of Lima, Ohio and Pikeville, Ky., respectively, arrived in Vietnam in May. Both are gun chiefs.

The other is Thomas R. Gamble who left last week for reassignment at Ft. Lewis, Wash. He served with both the 1/82d and the **6th Bn., 11th Artillery while in Vietnam.**

Another gun chief, William A. Herschlag of Omaha, Neb. was promoted at Bravo Battery. Herschlag joined the battalion last December from Ft. Knox, Ky.

The final promotee was Robert B. Johnson of Lakeville, Minn., the wire chief with the Battalion Communications Section. Johnson, who came to Vietnam with the 1/82d in July, 1968, is currently home on a 30-day extension leave.

The latest group of promotions raised to 16 the total of E-5 stripes awarded during September.

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PAN-TELL **NEW S-3 OFFICER SEE PAGE 4**

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PENICK, WALKER PROMOTED TO E-4

An Alpha Battery field wireman and a Bravo Battery gunner were listed among the 1/82d Artillery's promotees to Specialist 4 last week.

The wireman is SP4 Wayne Walker who has been with the battalion since last November.

The gunner is Terrance L. Penick of Louisville, Ky., who came to Vietnam in October, 1968. He was assigned to the **6th Bn., 11th Artillery** before joining the 1/82d last February.

The battalion will not hold a monthly promotion board for personnel seeking E-5 status.

Instead, promotions to E-5 are being made from the battalion's promotion list, which includes personnel who appeared before the board in earlier months.

BRIGADE WRAP-UP

In light action this week the "Jungle Warriors" accounted for 25 enemy killed. One .51 caliber machinegun, two carbines, one AK-47, one automatic weapon, and six grenades were confiscated.

5 July 1970: Artillery and 4.2 mortar fire from FB-4/11 **(D 6/11 Artillery)** accounted for three VC killed when they were observed moving near the firebase. The action which included one automatic rifle confiscated occurred in the low-lands NW of Duc Pho. Co. C 4/31 engaged and killed one VC in the lowlands south of Duc Pho. One carbine was confiscated in the action.

6 July 1970: Co. B 4/21 uncovered one carbine while searching a bunker complex they had discovered in the foot hills south of Duc Pho. The bunkers were destroyed by artillery. Recon 4/21 engaged and killed a single VC they observed moving in the mountains south of Duc Pho.

7 July 1970: In the only action of the day, Co. D 4/3 discovered one VC body while working in the mountains SW of Duc Pho. The kill was credited to artillery.

8 July 1970: Co. C 1/20 accounted for one VC killed by claymores in the lowlands north of Duc Pho. Warlords accounted for two VC killed in an engagement with an unknown size enemy force in the mountains west of Duc Pho. One grenade was confiscated in the action. A USAF Phantom jet strike was credited with two VC killed in the mountains west of Duc Pho, while Primo Avn. accounted for two VC killed and one detained while working in the lowlands north of Duc Pho.

9 July 1970: Recon 4/21 accounted for one VC killed on a hillside south of Duc Pho, while Co. B 4/21 killed one VC and confiscated one AK-47 in the lowlands south. Company D, 3/1, killed four VC while working near the Song Tra Khuc River NW of Duc Pho.

10 July 1970: Co D. 1/20 engaged four VC who were spotted by the element's Kit Carson Scout. One of the enemy was killed in the action which occurred in the lowlands north of Duc Pho. In an evening engagement with five VC, Co. D accounted for two of the enemy soldiers killed. The action, which occurred in the lowlands north of Duc Pho, saw three packs and four grenades confiscated. Working in the lowlands SE of Duc Pho Co. D 4/21 uncovered a .51 caliber machinegun. Co. A (WRAP UP CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR) 3/1, and E Troop, 1st Cav. accounted for two VC killed while working together on the Song Tra Khuc River NW of Duc Pho.

11 July 1970: Co. D 1/20 engaged and killed one VC in the lowlands north of Duc Pho. One grenade was confiscated in the action.

BIRTHS

1LT Theodore Prince, 369-xx-xxxx, Co. D, 4/3 Boy, 6 lbs. 3 oz., 28 June.

PFC Gordon Pooley, 126-xx-xxxx, Co. A, 4/3, GIRL, 7 lbs 12 oz., 30 June.

PFC Earit W. Powell 379-xx-xxx, Co. B, 1/20, BOY, 8 lbs. 5 oz. 2 July.

PFC Larry D. Olsen, 499-xx-xxx, Co. D 4/21, Girl, 7 lbs. 4 oz. 9 July

SGT Ralph Woods, 254-xx-xxxx, **A Btry., 6/11, Arty** Boy, 7 lbs. 5 oz., 10 July

SP4 James K. Holder, 419-xx-xxxx, 174th Avn., BOY, 6 lbs., 14 oz., 9 July.

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AVDF-AT 7 July 1968

SUBJECT: Artillery Items for Command Emphasis

SEE DISTRIBUTION

1. Some artillery battalions of the Division are experiencing high deadline rates for FADACs and FADAC generators. Recently, one battalion had as many as four out of five FADACs down at one time for various causes.

2. Addressees are encouraged to review their FADAC maintenance procedures with a view toward improving operational readiness of FADAC. The following are suggested measures to improve maintenance programs:

a. Each unit should use a preventative maintenance checklist for each FADAC assigned (Example at Inclosure 1). This should be checked periodically by the battalion commander and/or the members of his staff on visits to the battery FDC's.

b. Maintenance requirements should be doubled during the dry season because of the large amount of dust. One artillery battalion requires the oil to be changed in the FADAC generators every two or three days. Their deadline rate for generators is very low. Other periodic maintenance such as cleaning of filters should be done more frequently than indicated in the associated maintenance manuals.

c. When a FADAC must be evacuated to the 723d Maintenance Battalion, at least one of the artillery battalion FADAC maintenance personnel should accompany it. This individual can assist 723d Maintenance personnel in determining and eliminating the cause of deadline. The most important benefit of this program would be the experience gained by the artillery
battalion FADAC maintenance personnel. Many of the problems found by 723d Maintenance Battalion could possibly be eliminated at the organizational maintenance level. Liaison with the 723d Maintenance Battalion has been effected in order to support this program.

3. The following are some of the results experienced by one artillery battalion with an aggressive FADAC preventative maintenance program:

a. The four FADACs assigned to the battalion logged 724 hours of operation in the month of June.

b. The battalion FDC FADAC has logged 2,207 hours of operation with only 30 minutes of down time since issue in August 1967.

4. This letter is required to be on file in each battery and battalion FDC together with previously published "Artillery Items for Command Emphasis".

Inserted here are entries related to the 6/11th Artillery Battalion from the Americal Division S2/S3 logs for May 1968. All 50 months of the Division S2/S3 reports are online at the AmericalFoundation.org website. They are also available at the Texas Tech. University Vietnam Archive web-site in the Americal Division Portal.

Unit	btry	Date	Entry	Text
6/11 Arty	B	680507	89	(Delayed) 11th, Atlantic City, Movement 08 May 68: A-4-21 Inf – 140 PAKS, 4 sorties, LZ Bronco; D-3-1 Inf, -110 PAKS, 4 sorties, LZ Dragon; B-6-11 Arty – 60 PAKS, 3 105mm tubes, 23 sorties.LZ Sue. All LZs are PZs.
6/11 Arty	B	680508	29	Air Movements: 1 plat D-1-6 fm East to West PZ 0747 – LZ 0800 Complete. D-3-1 fm Dragon to Ryder off 0717 closed Ryder at 0824H. B-1-20 Ryder to Ross – complete at 0827H. B-6-11 Sue to Ross 1st 3 lifts off 0630-0755, 4th and 5th off 0800, 6th lift off 0815H, 7th lift off 0952H, 8th lift 0934H – lift of B-6-11 – 1011H CA C-1-6 1st lift PZ 0755 – LZ 0850 LZ Cold. 2d lift PZ 0915 – LZ 0930 LZ Cold. A4-21 Bronco to Ross PZ 0955 – LZ 1100. CA B-1-20 Ross to BT019269 1st lift PZ 1012 – LZ 1015 LZ Cold CA A-1-20 1st lift PZ 1042 LZ 1045 – 2nd lift PZ 1042 – LZ 1059
6/11 Arty	C	680518	10	11th C 6-11 ARTY vic BS810343 at 0810 C BTRY moved into firing position
6/11 Arty	A	680518	33	11th 3-1 & A-6-1 vic BS765276 location of The ARTY Btry & 3-1 Bn CP
6/11 Arty	A	680518	44	FSE A-6-11 vic BS763277 at 1130H A Btry moved to a new location to support operation by #-1 [3-1] in 11th RZ. Unit is laid and ready to fire
6/11 Arty	C	680518	65	FSE C-6-11th has closed LZ Thunder
6/11 Arty	A	680520	14	11th A-6-11 Arty, vic BS747375 at 0900H fired a mission vic above coord at 25 VC in open, Res: 2 VC KIA, arty observer confirms the 2 KIA's
6/11 Arty	A	680523	48	11th CPT Henderson on the morning of 24 May the 3/1st FSB will be moved to BS837326 and will consist of Bn CP, B-3-1 and A-6-11 Arty, Direct coordination has been made by the 3-1 CO and the CO of the Ba To SF Camp. necessary air support will be requested on afternoon of 23 May 68
6/11 Arty	A	680524	52	11th CPT Henderson vic BS637326 at 1133H CP of 3-1 closed new location at 1133H, Arty CA-6-11 is moving now and is about half completed. A/6/11
6/11 Arty	A	680524	64	Div Arty A-6-11 vic BS62773409 has 5 tubes w/unk number HE rds, beehive ammunition: 30, closed 1430, Unit is laid and ready to fire, has not completed registration
6/11 Arty	A	680524	65	11th vic BS637326 A-6-11 Arty closed, new 3/1 base at 1600. R-3-1 closed at 1630H
6/11 Arty	D	680529	33	11th D-6-11 vic BS538824 at 1032H move complete 1032H
6/11 Arty	A	680529	44	11th A-6-11 Arty at 1145H All tubes have completed movement to LZ Dragon. They have approx 9 sorties of ammo left to move.

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Unit	btry	Date	**Entry**	Text
6/11 Art	*All	690516	**66**	(C) 11th Bde, CPT Clary, B/1-20 Inf, BS755379 at 1845H. B/1-20 receiving hvy SA, AWF, and H/gren f rest Bn size en unit. En in bunkers and trench line, request G/S. Approved by G-3, 11th Bde will retain guns until pulled by Div. 2115H, B/1-20 puller back into NDP, will try and keep enemy in place. Res: 1xKIA - B/1-20, 1xKIA - 6-11 Arty.
6/11 Art	HQ	690521	**16**	(C) 11th Bde, Sgt Otto, HQ/6-11 Arty, LZ Bronco at 0300H. Rec 4xrds 60mm mort. Res: 3xUS WIA (M).
6/11 Art	A	690523	**40**	(U) 11th Bde, Sgt Otto, A/6-11 Arty, BS851369 at 1140H. Eng 3xVC evading. Res: 3xVC KBA.
6/11 Art	C	690523	**41**	(U) 11th Bde, Sgt Otto, C/6-11 Arty, BS836386 at 1140H. Eng 1xVC evading. Res: 1xVC KBA.
6/11 Art	*All	690529	**60**	(C) 11th Bde, LT Hotary, B/3-1 Inf, BS919255 at 2030H. B/3-1 Inf in contact at this time. Rec RPG and SAF. Total of 4xWIA, Co Commander has been hit. 1xWIA (E) fr B/3-1 and 3xWIA (E) fr 6-11 Arty, 1xWIA (M) fr B/3-1 Inf.
6/11 Art	*All	690531	**69**	(C) 11th Bde, Sgt Winkler, C/1-20 Inf, BS814423 at 0800H. #1. Rec hvy SA/AWF and M-79 rds fr UNSEF. Rtn fire, adj arty, Helix on station. #2. 0955H, rec SAF and unk no. of RPG rds. Res: 6xWIA (E), 1xUS KIA, en force est to be an NVA platoon. #3. 1020H, rec SA, RPG rds, E/1 Cav (1 plat) moved into area to reinforce. Res: 4xKIA, 10xWIA (E). #4. 1215H, rec hvy AWF and unk no. of mort rds. #5. Contact broken at 1930H. Res: 1xNVA KIA, 8xUS KIA, 21xUS WIA (E). KIA's: 5 fr C/1-20, 2xfr 6-11 Arty, 1xfr HHC/1-20. WIA (E): 17x fr C/1-20, 2xfr 6-11 Arty, 2zfr HHC/1-20. Notified: C/S, G-3, G-2, III MAF, LT Bishof 010300H.

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Unit	btry	Date	Entry	Text
6/11 Arty	D	700507	98	11th Bde, Sgt Ward, E/3-1 IOS, FSB 411, at 1920H vic BS466740, obsr 20xNVA mov S. Eng w/arty D/6-11. Res: 18xKBA probable. 1950H, vic BS504734, obsr flashling lights. Eng by D/6-11 & E/3-1 mort. Res: 4xKB mort, 3xKBA probable.
6/11 Arty	D	700508	12	(DELAYED) 11th Bde, CPT Robinson, OP #1, BS517799 at 070630H May 70. ARVN elm fr OP #1 swept the area of contact around the perimeter. Res: Fnd 3xVC KIA (credited to 174th Avn), 2xVC KBA (credited to D/6-11 Arty) & 2xVC KIA (credited to ARVN unit).
6/11 Arty	D	700508	161	11th Bde, CPT Robertson, D/6-11 IOS, BS516712 at 1815H, obsr & eng w/arty 22xVC. Res: 22xVC KBA probable. Last light VR flown in area obsr numerous trails. VR compl 1915H due to darkness.
6/11 Arty	D	700509	89	11th Bde, Sp Lichtey, D/6-11 IOS, BS454766 at 1935H, eng 60-70xNVA w/packs & wpns. Res: 44xNVA KBA probable, will fly 1st light VR tomorrow.
6/11 Arty	D	700510	6	11th Bde, MSG Henderson, D/3-1, Hill 411, (en grid) BS519721 at 0225H. Rec 12x82mm mort rds (HE & 1xCS) which impacted vic arty, 4.2" mort, mess hall & TOC. Rtn fire w/arty & 4.2" mort on suspected en grid. Res: 2xUS WIA(E) (1xD/6-11 & 1xD/3-1) & 4xUS WIA(M) fr D/3-1. Ntfy XXIV Corps, SFC Harmon at 0420H.
6/11 Arty	D	700510	28	11th Bde, Sgt Norris, D/6-11th Arty, BS459768 at 0803H. IOS obsr 8xNVA wearing green uniforms. Eng w/arty & cdt VR w/neg res.
6/11 Arty	D	700512	85	11th Bde, Sgt Ward, D/6-11 & D/3-1, BS616642 at 1805H, rec 2x82mm mort rds. NCD.
6/11 Arty	D	700523	12	(DELAYED) 11th Bde, Sp Amaro, D/3-1, BS579627 & (en grid) BS582631 at 222300H May 70. Heard voices & what sounded like 60mm mort fire. Eng w/arty fr D/6-11 w/unk res. Swept at first light w/neg findings.
6/11 Arty	A	700526	81	11th Bde, Sgt Zimmer, A/4-21, BS853283 at 1130H. Fnd 1xVC KBA. Credit given to A/6-11th & C/1-82d Arty.
6/11 Arty	D	700529	125	11th Bde, Sgt Ward, C/3-1, BS555636, (en) BS540626 at 1907H, eng 4xVC, 1xw/poss mort tube. Eng at 150m w/M-60 MG. VC, mov W to E, rtn fire. Eng w/81mm mort. Res: 1xVC KIA. Numerous blood trails leading W. Blocking fire fired by D/6-11 Arty on en grid, will sweep tomorrow.
6/11 Arty	D	700530	103	11th Bde, Sgt Ward, D/3-1, BS560761 at 1640H, rec hvy SAF fr BS560760 & BS569753. Rtn w/SAF. Firing stopped at 1650H. While crossing river, rec AWF fr the N. Unit still had 10xindiv on S side of river. Req G/S. Eng BS569753 w/4.2" HE. Eng BS570760 w/arty fr D/6-11 Arty. G/S on sta at 1710H, on resupply msn, ship rec SAF. Eng grids BS557767 & BS558768 w/arty. G/S rec poss .30 cal MG fire fr BS558768. Resupply ship at 30', 50-60xknots, neg hits.

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Unit	btry	Date	Entry	Text
6/11 Arty	A	710502	38	11th Bde, Sp Rodland, Duc Pho (V), BS812379, (en) BS795372 at 1938H. Rec 5x82mm rds w/NCD. Arty fired on suspected en loc. At 1950H Bronco at Phase 3 alert. Radar put on to the contact area w/mort fired by MACV and arty by A/6-11 at Bronco. At 1958H Bronco put on condition 2 by Bde CO. At 2025H Bronco on normal status. (Info only)
6/11 Arty	A	710510	75	Div Arty, SSG Raulerson, FSE, 1115H-1815H. Ref contact and .51 cal pos in Song Ve Valley. Following were arty msns: BS594515 C/3-18 fired 76x8" rds, BS595516 B/1-82 fired 154x155mm rds and A/6-11 at BS594515 fired 145x105mm rds. B/1-82 had 8-10xsecondary explosions.
6/11 Arty	D	710512	63	11th Bde, LT McGruder, D/6-11 Arty, BS539732 at 121935H. 1xUS injured (non-battle) by carriage of 105mm howitzer recoil. Res: 1xleg broken below knee w/several blood vessels exposed. D/O compl to 91st Evac at 2015H. Service practice, gun jumped off base plate. LT McGruder, 2100H.
6/11 Arty	A	710523	54	11th Bde, Sgt Lane, C/3-1, BS630575, 231520H. Fd 1xgrave w/1xNVA KBA, grn unif, neg unit ID. Body 3xweeks old. Credit A/6-11 Battery.
6/11 Arty	C	710524	89	11th Bde, SFC Moore, OP3, 242310H, BS786507. Radar sighted 9-10xpax mov E at 9000m to NE. Fired arty. C/6-11 fired 24xHE 105mm rds.

Below is a listing of the men who died in Vietnam serving with the 6/11th Artillery Battalion:

lname	fname	mname	suf	rank	mos	age	incident	casdate	event	utm	btry
ANDERSON	MILLARD	RAY		SP4	13A10	18	05/24/1969	24-May-69	ENGAGEMENT 10 KM S-SE OF DUC PHO 19690524	BS838292	B BTRY
ARMES	BOBBY	WAYNE		CPL	13E40	23	08/03/1969	03-Aug-69	MEETING ENGAGEMENT 9 KM W-NW OF QUANG NGAI AFLD 19690803	BS523754	A BTRY
BARBARE	JAMES	MICHAEL		CPT	5119	26	09/05/1968	05-Sep-68	9 KM E-NE OF HA THANH AFLD 19680905	BS475729	HQ & SVC BTRY
BEHM	DANIEL	LOUIS		SP4	13A10	21	01/24/1970	24-Jan-70			A BTRY
BOUSHELE	GARY	RAY		SP4	13E20	22	10/27/1969	27-Oct-69	JEEP GOING TO LZ CHARLIE BROWN AMBUSHED, 11 KM NORTH OF TAM QUAN CITY 19691027	BS918235	D BTRY
BRADLE	JAMES	DENNIS		SP5	76Y20	23	08/11/1970	11-Aug-70			HQ & SVC BTRY
BRINEGAR	BARRY	LYNN		CPL	36K20	19	02/08/1971	08-Feb-71	TRUCK HIT MINE 7 KM N-NW OF DUC PHO 19710208	BS768437	C BTRY
DESORMEAUX	HARRY	HENRY		SGT	13B40	20	05/17/1968	17-May-68	NEAR LANG SA YO 7 KM S-SW OF DUC PHO 19680517	BS785307	B BTRY
DUNBAR	ROY	WILLIAM	JR	1LT	1193	21	05/16/1969	16-May-69	MEETING ENGAGEMENT, 6 KM WEST OF DUC PHO 19690516	BS755379	C BTRY
EVANS	RUSSELL			CPL	13A10	20	05/31/1969	31-May-69	CBT ASLT BUNKER COMPLEX 4 KM NORTH OF DUC PHO 19690531	BS811429	C BTRY

GARDNER	**RICHARD**	**GEORGE**		**1LT**	**1193**	**23**	**04/24/1970**	**24-Apr-70**	BOOBY-TRAPPED HAND GRENADE WHILE SEARCHING HUT 6 KM W-SW OF DUC PHO 19700424	BS760360	C BTRY
HARRIS	**RANDALL**	**LYNN**		**CPL**	**94B20**	**18**	**02/08/1971**	**08-Feb-71**	2 1/2 TON TRUCK PULLING WATER TRAILER HITS MINE 7 KM N-NW OF DUC PHO 19710208	BS768437	C BTRY
HINCKLE	**JAMES**	**NELSON**		**SP5**	**13E20**	**20**	**03/02/1968**	**06-Mar-68**	MINE ON PATROL 9 KM S-SE OF DUC PHO 19680302	BS845305	HQ & SVC BTRY
HOOD	**ERNEST**	**ERVIN**		**SP5**	**94B40**	**34**	**01/24/1968**	**24-Jan-68**	TRUCK HIT MINE ON QL1, 7 KM NW OF DUC PHO 19680124	BS775442	A BTRY
HUFSCHMID	**ROBERT**	**GEORGE**		**MAJ**	**71193**	**28**	**11/02/1968**	**02-Nov-68**	82MM MORTARS, LZ CORK 11 KM S-SE OF HA THANH AFLD 19681102	BS449611	HQ & SVC BTRY
JACKSON	**ABRAHAM**			**SSG**	**13B40**	**37**	**01/31/1968**	**31-Jan-68**	MORTAR FIRE, LZ SUE 6 KM S-SW OF BINH SON 19680131	BS566877	B BTRY
JEFFERSON	**BILLY**	**RANDOLPH**		**CPL**	**36K20**	**21**	**10/07/1968**	**07-Oct-68**	SE CORNER OF ALLIGATOR LAKE 8 KM SE OF LIBERTY BRIDGE 19681007	AT977465	C BTRY
JONES	**RANDOLPH**	**ROBERT**		**SP4**	**11B10**	**19**		**19-Jan-68**			A BTRY
JUAREZ	**MATEO**			**SGT**	**13E40**	**31**	**11/22/1970**	**22-Nov-70**	BOOBY-TRAPPED MORTAR	BS582757	D BTRY

									ROUND 5 KM NW OF QUANG NGAI AFLD 19701122		
KAYSER	**RUSSELL**	**WILLIAM**		**CPL**	**36K20**	**20**	**01/06/1970**	**06-Jan-70**	GRENADE ACCIDENT, 2 DNH 2 INJ, HILL 411, 7 KM WEST OF QUANG NGAI AFLD 19700106	BS540730	HQ & SVC BTRY
KELLY	**ERIC**	**MELVIN**		**SP4**	**13E40**	**20**	**04/10/1971**	**10-Apr-71**	9 KM S-SW OF DUC PHO 19710410	BS775307	A BTRY
LARSON	**FRED**	**DUANE**		**PFC**	**13A10**	**20**	**04/24/1970**	**24-Apr-70**	BOOBY-TRAPPED HAND GRENADE WHILE SEARCHING HUT 6 KM W-SW OF DUC PHO 19700424	BS760360	C BTRY
LOVE	**DARRELL**	**STEVE**		**CPL**	**13E20**	**24**	**11/02/1968**	**02-Nov-68**	82MM MORTARS, LZ CORK 11 KM S-SE OF HA THANH AFLD 19681102	BS449611	B BTRY
MARTER	**EZRA**	**BUDD**		**SGT**	**13B40**	**22**	**04/01/1970**	**01-Apr-70**	SAPPER ATTACK ON BUNKER 9, LZ BRONCO AT DUC PHO 19700401 Operation Iron Mountain	BS812383	C BTRY
MEAD	**DALE**	**WALTER**		**PFC**	**13A10**	**21**	**02/08/1971**	**08-Feb-71**	2 1/2 TON TRUCK PULLING WATER TRAILER HITS MINE 7 KM N-NW OF DUC PHO 19710208	BS768437	C BTRY

ORN	**DEAN**	**RUSSELL**		**1LT**	**1193**	**23**	**03/11/1969**	**11-Mar-69**	MORTAR/GRND ATTACK, NEAR VINH BINH (1) 2 KM N-NW OF DUC PHO 19690311	BS797395	HQ & SVC BTRY
PALMER	**DAVID**	**LESLIE**		**PFC**	**13A10**	**20**	**05/12/1970**	**12-May-70**	B/T 155MM ROUND, 5 KM SW OF DUC PHO 19700512	BS782344	B BTRY
PERKINS	**WILLIE**	**JAMES**		**SSG**	**16K20**	**25**	**04/02/1969**	**02-Apr-69**			HHB
PHILLIPS	**MICHAEL**	**LEON**		**1LT**	**5193**	**25**	**06/13/1968**	**13-Jun-68**	MID-AIR UH-1D/O-2A 12 KM NE OF QUANG NGAI CITY 19680613 (Helicopter UH-1D 66-01016)	BS718818 (VHPA grid = BS718802)	HQ & SVC BTRY
POST	**THOMAS**	**FRANK**		**CPL**	**13E40**	**23**	**09/03/1968**	**03-Sep-68**	SNIPER FIRE ON NDP 5 KM WEST OF QUANG NGAI AFLD 19680903	BS560720	A BTRY
PULLEN	**THOMAS**	**RICHARD**		**SGT**	**13A10**	**22**	**07/31/1968**	**31-Jul-68**	BOOBYTRAP 2 KM S-SE OF MO DUC AFLD 19680731	BS737528	C BTRY
RAJALA	**STANLEY**	**ROBERT**		**CPL**	**13A10**	**23**	**08/08/1969**	**08-Aug-69**	CMD-DET MINES APPROX 7 KM N-NW OF QUANG NGAI AFLD 19690803	BS543750	A BTRY
SWICK	**ROBERT**	**MICHAEL**		**1LT**	**1542**	**49**	**06/06/1968**	**11-Apr-96**	LZ THUNDER, 8 KM SE OF DUC PHO 19680606	BS872325	
TAKETA	**KEN**	**HARRIS**		**SGT**	**13B40**	**22**	**07/27/1971**	**27-Jul-71**	HEAD-ON COLLISION ON HWY QL-1, 4 KM S-SE OF MO DUC AFLD 19710727	BS761482	C BTRY
VILLARREAL	**MICHAEL**			**SP4**	**13E40**	**20**	**11/16/1968**	**16-Nov-68**	MEETING ENGAGEMENT 10 KM E-NE OF	BS620558	A BTRY

									MINH LONG AFLD 19681116		
WEST	**STANLEY**	**EUGENE**		**SP4**	**63B20**	**21**	**09/24/1968**	**24-Sep-68**	TRUCK HITS MINE VICINITY HA THANH 19680924	BS395705	D BTRY
WIDOMSKI	**DANIEL**	**ALBIN**		**1LT**	**1193**	**22**	**02/26/1969**	**26-Feb-69**	10 KM S-SW OF QUANG NGAI AFLD 19690226	BS570627	HQ & SVC BTRY
WRIGHT	**JAMES**	**ALFRED**		**SP4**	**13E40**	**21**	**05/31/1969**	**31-May-69**	CBT ASLT BUNKER COMPLEX 4 KM NORTH OF DUC PHO 19690531	BS812428	B BTRY
WRIGHT	**ROBERT**	**CARROL**		**2LT**	**1193**	**22**	**01/02/1970**	**02-Jan-70**	NDP ON HILL 285, 10 KM SOUTH OF DUC PHO 19700102	BS821286	A BTRY