



**TIGHT FIT**—A U.S. Army dustoff helicopter sets down on the landing pad of a converted Navy armored troop carrier to take on a patient.

## Army-Marines Team Up To Relocate VN Refugees

**CHU LAI (USA)**—The Army and the Marines are working hand-in-hand in the Chu Lai area and the combination is producing impressive results.

An example of this joint effort has been the recent refugee resettlement movement at Son Tra I, the largest such program undertaken to date by the 196th Light Infantry Brigade.

The 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry of the Brigade, and the 2nd Platoon of B Company, 3rd Amphibious Tractor Battalion, 1st Marine Division, teamed up to make the entire northeast area of the peninsula a free

fire zone.

Villagers were moved from Tuyet Diem I to Son Tra I by Landing Vehicle Tracks, commonly known as AMTRACKS. The Marine unit—commanded by Second Lieutenant Brannon N. Gooch—loaded the people and their belongings on amtracks and moved them to the new location in matter of hours.

As people arrived with their cattle, tools, thatched roofs and other household goods, they were resettled. Each family was given a plot of land. The people also received medical treatment, food and Red Cross packages

from the Vietnamese Cultural Drama team from Saigon.

Lieutenant Gooch's platoon has been providing direct support to the 196th Brigade since May and has helped in other missions as well as this most recent one. "We have been called in to perform water patrols and to participate in sweeps on islands," he said.

AN UNIQUE team of Army medics has Captain Albert Abbey, physician.

In explaining his work, Captain Abbey said that he has sufficient medical knowledge to handle routine and emergency cases right in the field and serve as an on-the-spot

## 1st Air Cavalry Helps

**AN KHE (USA)**—Abraham Cohen, an obstetrician, doubted that he would have much chance to practice his speciality after being summoned into the Army.

But today, Captain Cohen, of the 1st Air Cavalry Division, is practicing obstetrics in the village of An Khe near the base of the cavalrymen. And he has saved the lives of mothers and babies who would not have survived difficult deliveries without his help.

South Vietnam has only one medical school and few obstetricians. An Khe, a relatively large village and district capital, has only a midwife who helps with births. Many of the village women do not even have a midwife.

Captain Cohen has delivered 50 babies monthly since he came to Vietnam in January. The average age of two babies a month is two months, to be delivered by the Forward Air Controller section.

"I simply can't imagine

## Forward Air Controller Trims A Hustling Hedge

**DAU TIENG (USA)**—Two Viet Cong who went to great pains to make themselves and their bicycles look like one big bush made one costly mistake near Dau Tieng recently.

They planted the bush in the middle of a road.

"I was flying back from a mission," said Lieutenant Wendell M. Wilson, a Forward Air Controller for the 19th Tactical Air Support Squadron stationed at Dau Tieng, "when I saw a big bush in the middle of the road leading northward out of the plantation."

"The camouflage was beautiful and if they had been off to the side I would have never spotted them," he said. "I had

to look twice as it was."

As Lieutenant Wilson flew overhead, the two VC stayed on the road for several minutes and then decided to move to the side.

"It was really funny watching this bush skitter off to the side. I could see the man in the back because his covering only went down to his knees and I could see his legs moving under the bush."

An airstrike was called by Wilson and within minutes, F-100 fighters were over the target strafing the area.

"When they were through, the area around the road looked like it had the measles," said Wilson.



**NEW BOOTIES**—Holding cans of talcum powder as he helps this small girl into her new booties, Captain Wendell M. Wilson, Forward Air Controller, 19th TACAS, Phouc Thanh village, eight miles northwest of Da Nang, Vietnam.