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WARRIOR ACTIONS NET 59 KIA'S THIS WEEK



Action continued light to moderate in the 11th Infantry Brigade area of operations as "Jungle Warrior" units killed 59 enemy soldiers, detained 97 suspects and captured three weapons in scattered fighting.

On October 3, "Shark" gunships of the 17th Aviation Company were fired on by snipers hiding in a group of huts 15 miles north of Duc Pho. The gunships responded by destroying six of the structures and killing five VC.

Later in the day, while supporting troops of the 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry, the helicopters killed an evading Viet Cong on a hill two miles east of Duc Pho.

"Always First" soldiers from C Company accounted for four dead VC October 4 in more action near Duc Pho. That morning the company, led by CPT James O'Herron, killed a fleeing (WRAP UP Cont. on page 3)

CAPTIVES FREED BY PILOTS AFTER 3 YRS OF SLAVE LABOR

Helicopter pilots flying aerial reconnaissance missions for the 11th Infantry Brigade recently became liberators of ten Vietnamese laborers who had been prisoners of the Viet Cong for as long as four years.

The pilots, Aero Scouts from the 123rd Aviation Bn. discovered the prisoners 12 miles west of Quang Ngai City when they observed movement in the area. After noticing a group of military age men carrying packs through a rice paddy, the pilots secured the field with their gunships and called in the infantry to check out the personnel.

As the gunships flew overhead, some of the captives waved to them to attract their attention. The Aero Scout infantry element, the "Animals," were inserted and were told by the workers that two VC hiding in the nearby brush were guarding them. The "Animals" apprehended the two suspects and a third VC, the group leader of the work detail designated "T-658 Production Element from Quang Ngai Province," who was working with the prisoners.

The laborers had been assigned the task of (FREED Cont. on page 3)

IT'S THE SAME ALL OVER

U.S. TROOP GETS ITALIAN SHAFT

It has often been said that a man cannot serve two masters. But this old adage had special meaning for PFC Luigi G. Lazzari, of the Americal Division's 11th Infantry Brigade.

At mail call a couple of weeks ago PFC Lazzari, a VHF radio technician in the 11th Brigade's 11th Signal Detachment, picked up an official looking letter from the Italian Consulate General in San Francisco.

Luigi is a Sicilian immigrant to the United States, and as such has received several items of similar official correspondence since he came to America in 1959 with his parents and two younger brothers.

But more than eight years of living in his new country, education in the Detroit school system, marriage to an American girl and induction into the Armed Forces of the United States didn't prepare him for the surprise he got when he read the letter.

"The Italian Consulate General in San Francisco," (DRAFT Cont. on page 3)

COMMAND INFORMATION

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of a series of articles entitled Customs Laws and You. Today's chapter deals with the Official Exemption.)

OFFICIAL EXEMPTION

Under this exemption, any person employed by the federal government who returns to the United States under government orders at the close of an assignment or extended duty outside the territorial limits of the United States, may be allowed free entry of his personal and household effects, including automobiles. This privilege also applies to members of his family residing with him at his overseas post or station. This exemption applies to you if:

- * You are returning under permanent change of station (PCS) orders.
- * You are transferring from one overseas post to another overseas post or station.
- * You are returning from temporary duty station pursuant to evacuation orders (but not on leave orders).
- * Your orders necessitate the return to the United States of your personal and household goods, even though you are not returning to the U.S.

Important points governing the application of the official exemption are:

- a. The articles claimed to be covered by the exemption must have been in your physical possession at your overseas station. This rules out, for example, your receiving the exemption for an automobile purchased in Germany for U.S. delivery while you are stationed in Vietnam. It also rules out grant-

ing you the exemption on a Honda motorcycle ordered for Vietnam delivery but not delivered by the time you leave Vietnam. If this motorcycle is subsequently forwarded to your U.S. address, full duty will be assessed.

- b. The exemption can be used to cover articles and effects shipped prior to or subsequent to your return. To cover articles shipped prior to your return, the articles must be accompanied by a copy of the government orders issued prior to the shipment of the goods. This applies whether the articles are shipped by air, surface or in the mails.

There are special rules concerning the exemption for alcoholic beverages and some tobacco products. You and your dependents who resided with you may each import duty free 100 cigars, a reasonable amount of tobacco products and one wine gallon of distilled spirits provided that:

- * The items physically accompany the person claiming the exemption.
- * Dependents claiming the exemption be 21 years old or over (U.S. civilian employees and servicemen are exempt from this age requirement).
- * Three quarts of the one gallon of liquor must have been distilled or otherwise manufactured and bottled in the United States, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa or Guam.
- * The person claiming duty free entry of the items does not also claim the tourist exemption as a returning resident.

For the purposes of the exemption, bona fide gifts regardless of their value, that you have purchased for family or friends are considered to be items of personal use, and thus the exemption may be claimed. (NEXT WEEK: Combat Zone Exemptions.)

A JOB IS WAITING FOR YOU

Are you getting 'short', and wondering what kind of job is waiting for you back in the States? To help returning Vietnam veterans find jobs, the government has begun a new computerized job placement program called Vietnam Era Veterans Employment Referral Program (VEVERP). This program enables all service veterans to make a single application for temporary or permanent government employment anywhere in the U.S.

Persons looking for temporary jobs with any federal agency can register within a period of 10 months after ETS. This program is limited to the first five GS grades and coordinates employment with education.

Persons trying for permanent government jobs have four months to apply, beginning two months before ETS, and will be referred only to vacancies within the Defense Dept.



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VC near a village, six miles northwest of LZ Bronco. Later in the day, a C Co. platoon, led by 1LT Frederick W. Long, killed three evading enemy near Highway 515, six miles west of Duc Pho.

A village cordon operation conducted by 4th Bn, 3rd Inf, seven miles southeast of Duc Pho October 5 netted 11 enemy dead, "Old Guard" soldiers from A Co., led by 1LT Robert F. Callahan, killed eight VC in a firefight near a trail as the operation began. C Co., commanded by CPT Grady Middleton, killed two insurgents as they attempted to evade the roundup. A Viet Cong killed by artillery fire the night before was found by B Co., under CPT Jimmy R. Davis, near hootches in the village. A total of 29 suspects were detained in the operation.

In separate actions October 5 and 6, C Co., 3/1, killed ten enemy soldiers. The night of October 5, an ambush patrol led by SGT Clive W. Wang spotted a group of Viet Cong walking along Highway 515, seven miles northwest of Duc Pho. The "Always First" soldiers opened fire, killing two of the VC. The patrol also cap-

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THE PHOTO CORNER

Flash photography, both indoors and out, is a big aid in increasing the versatility of your camera. Indoor shots, of that new addition to the family or of a group of friends over for the evening, are shots that are important to us. It would be a shame to have them spoiled because the color was washed out or the film was overexposed.

Determining a flash exposure is done with the use of a Guide Number. This number is found in the Flash Picture section of the data sheet which comes packed with the film. To find the correct Guide Number, simply pick the shutter speed you wish to shoot, usually determined by your camera flash synchronization, and then look across the chart under the type of bulb you are using.

Now that you have your Guide Number, divide the distance your subject will be from the camera into the Guide Number and this gives you your f stop. For example: you are using Plus X film and want to shoot at 1/60 second with a number 5 flash bulb. The Guide Number on the Plus X film data sheet is 110. If your subject is 10 feet away from the camera your f stop is 110 divided by 10 or f/11. If you were 15 feet from your subject the f stop is 110 divided by 15 or 7 1/3 and you would use f/8.

Flash can be used outside when you are shooting a subject with heavy shadows or one in open shade. In this case you would simply set your camera for the normal outdoor exposure and use your flash. This is called fill-in flash or synchro-sun.

By the same token, there are times when you may want to add a little shadow to your picture. In this case you would figure your exposure the same as you did indoors. It gives the effect of sun on a cloudy day and is called synchro-daylight.

(You and your camera not getting along very well? Let us know your problem. Address inquiries to: Editor-TRIDENT, Public Information Office, 11th Inf Bde. Representative questions will be answered in this column.)

PRISONERS GAIN FREEDOM

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planting and transporting rice to the Viet Cong unit in the area. At night they were bound hand and foot and were fed a minimum subsistence diet of rice, only rarely getting meat or vegetables. Medical supplies for the captives were non-existent, regardless of sickness or injury.

One Vietnamese woman had been a prisoner of the VC since August, 1964, though most of the laborers were captured in 1965. The most recent addition to the T-658 Element was captured in August of 1967.

The prisoners were political captives. One laborer's husband was a National Policeman. A young man's brother was a Popular Forces soldier, and a third prisoner was captured after he informed GVN officials of a Viet Cong unit in his village.

The freed Vietnamese workers were in happy tears at the prospect of going back to their homes after the long, hard experience. To insure that they did not once again fall prey to Communist terrorist tactics, some vowed to move their families to secured GVN Revolutionary Development housing areas.

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the letter began, "has been asked by the Military Authority in Palermo to adjust your military status in Italy."

Mama Nial Luigi could not believe his eyes. What he was reading was the equivalent to our classification notification prior to being drafted into the Italian Army.

When he recovered from his initial shock, Luigi went into action. "I had an idea what the problem was right away," he said. "When the family arrived in the United States, I was too old to be included in the automatic naturalization that children receive when their parents..."

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ARTILLERYMAN'S WALLET RECOVERED BY FARMER

A wallet lost in the fields or roads of Vietnam might as well be forgotten. The chances of its recovery are slim.

Or so thought SP4 James H. Richardson, mail clerk in "Charlie" Battery, 1st Battalion, 2nd Artillery, after losing his wallet along Highway 1, south of the 11th Infantry Brigade's base camp at Duc Pho.

SP4 Richardson had just delivered some mail to a post office south of Duc Pho, and was returning to his quarters when he noticed a wallet lying on the road. He picked it up and found it contained a wallet joggled out of his pocket and bounced out of the jeep.

"I didn't discover that it was gone until late that night," he said. "After making routine checks and inquiries, I just gave it up as lost."

But three days later SP4 Richardson was notified that his wallet had been recovered. According to 1LT Frederick R. Salandi, MAOV advisor at Duc Pho, a local Vietnamese farmer, Nguyen Phung, found the wallet while working in his rice paddy near his house. Thinking that it might belong to one of the Americans who had come through that area

recently, he turned it over to MAOV authorities. LT Salandi contacted the 11th Brigade MP's, who in turn notified SP4 Richardson.

"I was really surprised to see it again," said Richardson. "Everything was intact, including \$6.50 in MPG, 100 piasters, an oil credit card and my ID card."

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Luigi spoke to personnel in the office of his unit Judge Advocate, and then to his commanding officer who drafted a letter of reply to the Consulate General clarifying the situation.

CHUCKLE Things were straightened out just in time for Luigi to meet his wife, a second generation Sicilian, on a seven-day R&R leave in Hawaii. When he told her what had happened they both had a good chuckle.

BIND "I had heard of people being drafted while serving in Vietnam," Luigi said, "but never anything like this. A guy would definitely be in a bind."

1/20 'REGULARS' BATTLE VC NEAR QUANG NGAI CITY

Captured two grenades and a Chi Com hand grenade. Later that night the infantrymen killed an evading VC in the same area.

The next day, C Co., working with Vietnamese National Police, killed seven Communist soldiers in tunnel fighting, three miles north of Duc Pho. Five VC were killed with hand grenades in one tunnel when they refused to surrender. Two more enemy were killed in another tunnel when they resisted demands to surrender. Two suspects were detained in the action and a number of home-made hand grenades, a poncho and uniforms were captured.

October 7, soldiers from 1st Bn, 20th Inf, killed 11 enemy soldiers in actions near Quang Ngai City. "Sykes' Regular" infantrymen, operating with Aorr Scouts from the 123rd Aviation Bn, killed five evading Viet Cong in two contacts nine and 11 miles northeast of Quang Ngai.

A Co., 1/20, commanded by CPT William Adams, engaged and killed three evading enemy soldiers among rice paddies ten miles northeast of the province capital. The company also discovered a munitions cache containing four 82mm mortar rounds, five 82mm fuses, and four shotgun shells hidden in mudbunkers during that action.

While sweeping through a village 11 miles northeast of Quang Ngai, B Co., 1/20, led by CPT George F. Robb, killed three VC that same day.

On October 8, in two separate actions north of Duc Pho, "Always First" soldiers killed two VC and captured two weapons. B Co., 3/1, led by 1LT Larry S. Birchfield, engaged one enemy soldier, followed him to a bunker three miles north of Duc Pho and killed him with hand grenades. The soldiers found an M1 carbine in the bunker. That afternoon seven miles northwest of Duc Pho, C Co. troops killed an evading enemy and captured his AK-47, a pack and a canteen.

BRIGADE AWARDS

The 11th Infantry Brigade recently presented the following awards for valor to the persons indicated.

SILVER STAR:

PSG Charlie A. Harris, B-4/3.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL w/"V":

SP5 Jack R. Roberts, D-3/1; CPT John P. Nolan, B-3/1; LTC Henry I. Lowder, HHC-3/1; PFC Gerald T. Rudolph, A-1/20; SGT Kenneth R. Ramsey, E-4/3; SGT William V. Lewis Jr., D-4/3; SP4 John M. Miller, HHC-4/3; SGT James D. Chambers, E-4/3; SGT Steven D. Beers, D-4/3; 2LT Lawrence Matthews, A-4/3; PFC Quenton L. Broom, D-4/3; SSG Wayne O. Patterson, D-4/3; SP5 Paul L. Baker, HSB-6/11; SSG James J. Ellis, MPA.