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"WARRIORS" KILL 113 DETAIN 72 ENEMY

The 11th Brigade "Jungle Warriors" encountered heavy action this week in southern Quang Ngai Province with 113 kills, 72 detainees, and 11 weapons captured.

On January 20, B company, 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry, commanded by CPT Frank W. Kolezar (Norwalk, Conn.), killed two NVA and detained 22 suspects in an area five miles northwest of Quang Ngai City. A Company, 4/21, led by 1LT Thomas L. Smith (Hicksville N.Y.), operating east of B Company engaged and killed another NVA soldier.

On January 21, B Company, 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry, led by CPT John R. Hill (Winchendon, Mass) located the bodies of eight VC in graves three (WRAPUP cont on pg 3)

"LUCK O' THE IRISH" HOLDS TRUE FOR 174TH HUEY PILOT

For a Huey helicopter pilot named O'Sullivan the "luck of the Irish" is a reality, especially when he's flying the unfriendly skies of Vietnam.

But what kind of luck is it when he's been hit by enemy fire 18 times in six months and forced to land on five of those dubious occasions?

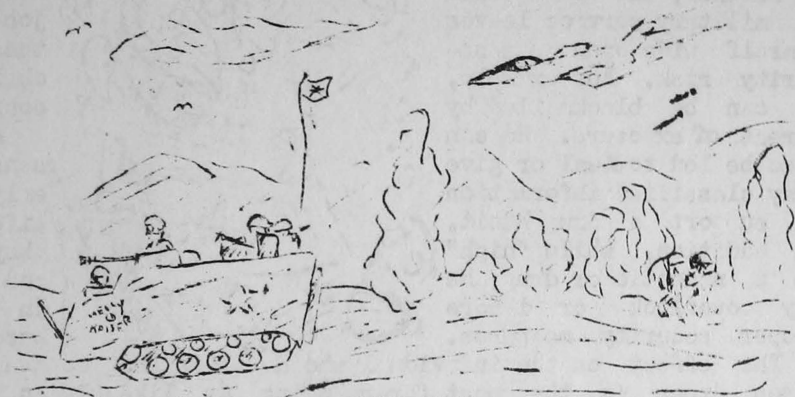
"Good luck," says Warrant Officer 1, John I. O'Sullivan (Brooklyn, N.Y.), a pilot with the 174th Assault Helicopter Company in Duc Pho.

"After all, I've only been wounded once."

Mr. O'Sullivan, who came to the United States in 1960 from Ireland with his parents, still retains his Irish citizenship. He joined the Army in 1962 and worked with a recon element of the 101st Airborne Division until the urge to fly sent him to flight school. Now he's flying with the 174th in support of the 11th Infantry Brigade.

Mr. O'Sullivan's "luck" began to show itself on his first day in country when his helicopter received hostile fire west of LZ Liz and crashed.

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4/21, 3/1 KO NVA BATTALION IN "BATTLE OF THE TRIANGLE"

11th Brigade "Jungle Warriors" of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry and the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry eliminated an NVA battalion sized force recently by quickly executing a village cordon seven miles northwest of Quang Ngai City. Cooperation was the byword as TAC air, artillery, gunships and APC's worked with 11th Brigade infantrymen with the precision of a Swiss watch. The operation which is referred to as the

"Battle of the Triangle;" began as "Gimlets" of A and B Companies, 4th of the 21st and "Always First" soldiers of B Company, 3rd of the 1st Infantry moved close to the village, and began to receive intense small arms, mortar and RPG fire.

"We weren't in the village two minutes before they opened up on us," explained PSG Jose J. Fernandez (Bridgeport, Conn.), "We called in gunships and pulled back so that the airstrikes could come in."

In a matter of minutes the tactical jet fighters were on the scene dropping their explosive cargo with pin-point accuracy. The

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COMMAND INFORMATION

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of articles on marijuana and its uses)

The lives of all the men on a patrol depend on the alertness of the point man. Each member of a fire team is dependent on his buddies for survival in a combat situation. The success of an aircraft mission may depend on the ground maintenance crew whose mind is not dulled by drugs. No one can afford to trust the fate of his unit, helicopter or tank to any man who may be under the influence of marijuana.

Further, the drug abuser in military service leaves himself wide open as a security risk. For example, he can be blackmailed by threat of exposure. He can also be led to steal or give away classified information to support a drug habit. In addition, while "high" on a narcotic or drug, he may overlook or ignore proper security measures.

The effect on the individual who abuses drugs is the most far-reaching point to consider. The desire to abuse drugs is entirely inconsistent with the desire for individual freedom. The abuser no longer has a choice. Torn down physically and mentally-sometimes permanently-his time, money and energy are wasted. His only care or purpose is to secure his supply of drugs. His interest in all about him is gone; he loses contact with normal society and even-

tually excludes himself from society altogether.

It is in this light that drug abuse has something to do with you. If you are urged or tempted to experiment with narcotics, hallucinogens, depressants or stimulants, your commander in the service and your future employer in civilian life will look upon you as a person who lacks emotional stability and respect for the law. In addition, thousands of dollars worth of Veterans Administration benefits, in the form of education payments, home loan insurance and on the job training are lost to the ex-serviceman discharged from the service by courts-martial.

Any man with common sense knows that used properly, drugs contribute to life. Used improperly, they bring harm to the user and those who rely on him. In the military, a drug abuser is a threat to the life and to the morale of his comrades. As likeable an individual as he may be, in a combat zone he is truly more your enemy than your friend. Back in the States, he will be a drag on his friends, his family and his community. It is very difficult to admire such a man. It would be tragic to become one.

Our hope for the future rests in the younger generation and their ability to grow into mature citizens of strong moral character. Marijuana has no place in the vision of a greater America.

(Next week we will begin a series dealing with veterans benefits entitled WHAVER YOU'RE READY GI BILL BEHOLD THESE ARE TREASURES)

MORE VET BENEFITS

The Veterans Administration (VA) reminds veterans separated from service after January 31, 1955, that they now are entitled to one and one half months of educational assistance-up to a maximum of 36 months-for each month of military service.

A law that became effective in December liberalized the Post-Korean G.I. Bill limit of one month of educational assistance for each month of service for veterans with at least 181 days service.

The VA especially urges Post-Korean veterans who did not return to school because they could complete only a couple of years under the old formula to contact the nearest VA office.



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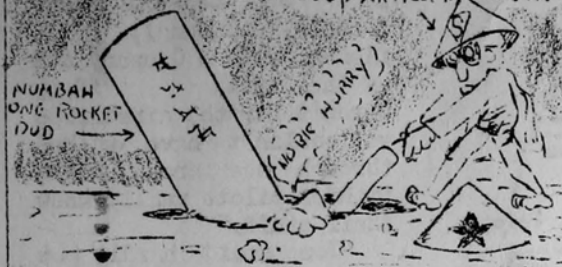
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CAPT. MAX. ^{BY SPS LOW FEUD}

WE LEFT CA CHUWA WITH A DUD ROCKET ON HIS HEAD... OR EXCEDRIN HEADACHE NO. 12.

COME ON CA CHUWA, G.I. CALL IN BEAUCOUP ARTILLERY SOON.



THE GUNS OF THE NEW JOYZEE TURN TOWARD LZ LINUS TO FIRE ON THE DREADED DUD.....



ONE 2,000 LB ROUND SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THEM.

ROGER THAT..... FIRE!



YOU GUESSED IT WE ARE GOING ON NEXT WEEK!

1/20 RECON FINDS 4 VC BODIES

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miles northwest of Duc Pho. The Recon Platoon of 1/20 found the bodies of four VC they had engaged in earlier action.

On January 22 "Ginlets" of A Company, 4/21, killed one evading VC seven miles northwest of Quang Ngai. Infantrymen of B 4/21, found six enemy killed by artillery seven miles northwest of Quang Ngai City and detained two VC.

In other action, "Shark" gunships of the 174th Assault Helicopter Company killed two evading VC in separate actions 10 miles west of Quang Ngai City.

On the 23rd of January, B Company, 4/21, killed two NVA and captured an AK47, two R&G rounds, seven rockets, a Chi Com machine gun, 30 60mm mortar rounds and other miscellaneous equipment.

"Always First" soldiers of B 3/1 accounted for seven dead NVA 25 miles northwest of Duc Pho. "Shark" gunships of the 174th killed a VC north of Duc Pho.

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"We were hit with small arms fire and grenade frags," he said. "When we tried to fly out of the area we lost power and went down."

Mr. O'Sullivan says that he probably holds the record for "scraps" (being hit by enemy fire) in the 174th. He has been recommended on three different occasions for the Distinguished Flying Cross and once for the Soldiers Medal, which proves his willingness to take chances.

He is one man who really believes in the "luck of the Irish."

MARS CALL INFORMS G.I.
OF VISIT BY STORK AT HOME

**AMERICAN RED CROSS WORKERS
SERVE MEMBERS OF
THE U.S. ARMED FORCES**

IN SOUTH VIETNAM

AND WORLDWIDE

The American Red Cross annually assists
2 of 3 U.S. servicemen in the United States,
South Vietnam, and in
30 other foreign countries.

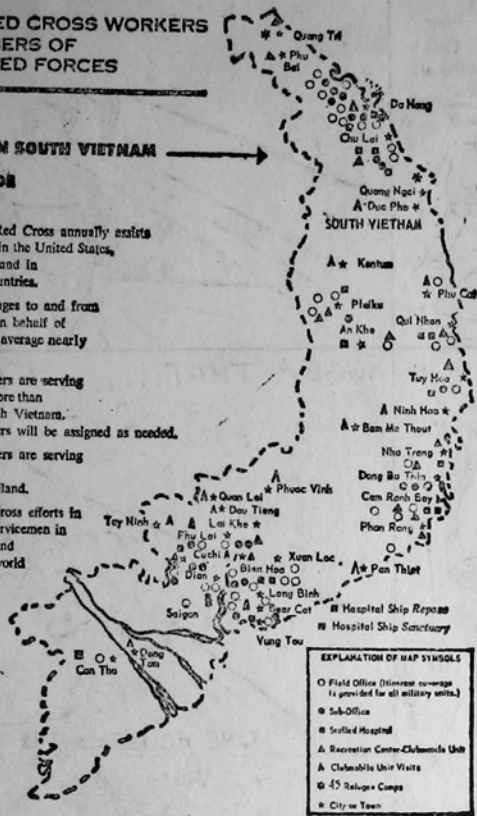
Red Cross messages to and from South Vietnam in behalf of U.S. servicemen average nearly 2,100 a day.

370 Red Cross workers are serving
U.S. troops at more than
60 locations in South Vietnam.

Additional workers will be assigned as needed.

26 Red Cross workers are serving
U.S. troops at
9 locations in Thailand.

American Red Cross efforts
behalf of U.S. servicemen in
South Vietnam and
throughout the world
are supported by
volunteer and
career workers
in chapters.



What happens when the stork makes a delivery half a world away from a soldier in Vietnam? Mr. Norman Edwards (Salinas, Calif.), assistant Red Cross field director assigned to the 11th Infantry Brigade in Duc Pho, has the answer to this question.

He explained that most expectant fathers make no secret of the expected blessed event. "They want to know as soon as the child is born," Mr. Edwards explained. "They know that the best way to do this is to inform their wife how to contact the Red Cross and have arrangements all ready." They also let Edwards know at this end.

Recently Mrs. Sandra Kikulski, wife of Specialist 4 (SP4) Richard G. Kikulski a wireman in the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry's communications platoon, gave birth to a seven pound, 10 ounce baby girl, Sharen Marie, some 11,000 miles away from her husband in Chicago, Illinois.

SP4 Kikulski's mother immediately notified the local chapter of the Red Cross which in turn notified the national headquarters in Washington, D.C. From here a priority wire was put through to the Americal Division Red Cross director in Chu Lai who again relayed the message to Edwards in Duc Pho.

In less than 24 hours
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(BATTLE Cont from page 1)
airstrikes were so close
that the infantrymen could
hear the shrapnel whizzing
over head.

"They were really putting it on the money," said SP4 Leonard Marks (Mobile, Alabama), a rifleman with B Company 4th of the 21st. "If it

weren't for the airstrikes we couldn't have walked through the area. Those fighter pilots really knew their stuff."

"You could hardly get your head out of your fox-hole for all of the air-strikes, artillery and 50 caliber fire from the tracks," remarked PSG Rick Snoderly (Pocatella, Idaho), 2nd platoon, B Company, 3/1. "They really knocked the hell out of the place."

Between the airstrikes, the Forward Air Controller kept constant artillery fire on the target.

After pulling back to allow airstrikes to pound the enemy positions, the 11th Brigade Infantrymen set up a cordon which sealed the fate of the trapped enemy force.

Artillery and air-strikes continued to pound the area throughout the day. As nightfall approached, continuous illumination was kept on the area to preserve the integrity of the cordon.

The next morning, the "Jungle Warriors" left their ADP and moved (BATTLE cont on pg 5)

JIMMY SNOW SINGS GOSPEL
TO "JUNGLE WARRIORS" ON LIZ

LZ Liz, an 11th Infantry Brigade fire base just north of Duc Pho, recently was visited by singer-minister Jimmy Snow and his group. Members of the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry and 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery were treated to a two hour program of country gospel music.

Jimmy Snow, who is the son of the famous country and western singer Hank Snow, is no stranger to Vietnam. Jimmy accompanied his father on a tour of Vietnam in 1966.

The 1966 visit kept the Snow tour confined primarily to the Mekong Delta area. This time the Jimmy Snow group which includes his beautiful wife and three more male members will visit all of Vietnam. They will venture from the Delta up to near the DMZ.

Jimmy, a minister of his own church in Nashville, Tenn., volunteered his services because he and his (JIMMY SNOW Cont on page 6)

(HONEY Cont from page 4)
from the time of arrival
SP4 Kikulski had been not-
ified and was passing out
cigars.

The notification that
Edwards received listed a
telephone number to call
at the hospital. "It was
a picture book case," Ed-
wards stated. They even
gave us the room number."

With this information
Edwards set up a priority
telephone call to his wife
and new mother through the
Duc Pho Military Affil-
iated Radio System (MARS).
Within 35 hours after the
birth, the new parents
were talking to each
other. This situation is
the rule rather than the
exception at LZ Bronco.

Edwards says that the
MARS station here is one
of the finest in Vietnam.
They are also one of the
only stations that will
label such calls as SP4
Kikulski put through as a
priority call.

The MARS station had
put about 13 such calls
in January.

CONG BONGED BY PSG PEREZ IN ABORTED KIDNAP CAPER

The Viet Cong made a
big mistake when they
tried to kidnap PSG
Enrique Perez (Caparra
Heights, Puerto Rico),
during a recent sapper
attack on LZ Cork, a fire
support base in the 11th
Infantry Brigade's Opera-
tion Vernon Lake II.

PSG Perez leads the 1st
platoon, A Company, 3rd
Battalion, 1st Infantry
operating off LZ Cork, and
his hefty, six-foot frame
carries 200 pounds.

While PSG Perez sat in
his bunker one night on LZ
Cork the sappers attacked
with satchel charges, Chi-
Com grenades, and 60mm
mortars.

PSG leaped from his
bunker to fight the at-
tackers, but as he did,
two VC jumped him from be-
hind. The VC, who were
wearing only black shorts
and tee shirts, grabbed
him by the right shoulder
with a strong grip,



and left leg, throwing him
off balance. As the pair
of VC attempted to drag
PSG Perez down the hill,
they screamed "didid!" into
his ears.

The rain-slick hill,
however, foiled their at-
tempt to keep the sergeant
off balance and under
their control. Suddenly,
they all began rolling
wildly down the hill to-
gether.

(KIDNAP Cont on page 6)

CONCENTRATED ARTY, AIR MAKE SHORT WORK OF NVA

(BATTLE Cont from page 4)

into the area preceded by artillery fire from the 6/11
artillery and APCs from B Troop, 1/1 Cavalry discov-
ered a landscape so covered with craters that it re-
sembled the surface of the moon.

In a scene of devastation, the infantrymen found
interconnected spider holes in each of the hedgerows.

1LT Thomas L. Smith (Hicksville, N.Y.), commander
of A Company, 4th of the 21st, 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."

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

Results of the cordon were 45 enemy dead, including
40 in the village, one NVA prisoner of war, one VCS
wounded and detained, five crew-served and four indi-
vidual weapons captured. Also captured were 17 60mm
mortar rounds, 10 RPG rounds and 550 small arms rounds.
11th Brigade Infantrymen are still digging in the
area, as 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 posi-
tion for an attack on Quang Ngai City. It is also
believed that there are several similar units operat-
ing in villages on the coastal plain west of Quang
Ngai City. Now however, the 11th Brigade has severely
crippled the enemy's chance for a big offensive.



LOVELY — Corinna Tsoupi is
living proof that it pays to de-
velop talent — as well as beau-
ty. Corinna was easily spotted
by talent scouts and signed to
20th Century-Fox's New Talent
School.

(Jimmy Snow Cont from pg 4) troupe wanted to show their thanks to the men over here. His congregation includes such famous people as Johnny Cash and Ernest Tubbs.

There are moral themes to most of Jimmy Snow's music. "I try to give the men a message with each of my songs," he says.

"The last time I was here," Jimmy explained, "I never knew where I was going to sleep from night to night. This time I've had excellent accommodations. Times have changed."

The Biggest audiences the group has played for was about 1200 people and the smallest was about 50. Jimmy remarked that he would much rather play the small fire bases where the men seldom get any entertainment.

Jimmy showed his enthusiasm in a 2 hour show for the men.

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On January 24, "Always First" soldiers of B 3/1 accounted for five NVA killed, two VCS detained, and the capture of one AK-47, one Chicom machine gun, and one ammo belt. Infantrymen of C 3/1 killed one NVA seven miles northwest of Quang Ngai City. "Gimlets" of A 4/21 killed two NVA, captured one Chi Com machine gun and found the bodies of one VC and one NVA.

On January 25 "Always First" soldiers of C 3/1 killed two NVA and discovered the bodies of two VC 31 miles northwest of Quang Ngai City. "Sharks" of the 174th Assault Helicopter Company killed an evading VC three miles northwest of Duc Pho. The Recon platoon of the 1/20 detained six VC suspects in the same area. Aero Scouts of the 123rd Aviation Battalion killed two VC and detained one five miles west of Quang Ngai.

On January 26, "Always First" soldiers of 3/1 accounted for 13 kills. In the southern Quang Ngai area D Company killed two VC and four NVA. The Recon platoon killed two NVA in the same vicinity. A Company, 3/1 killed three VC 20 miles southwest of Quang Ngai City. A lone NVA kill was scored by B Company eight miles northwest of Quang Ngai. Four VC kills and the capture of an M-16 were recorded by A 3/1 west of Quang Ngai.

(KIDNAP Cont from pg 5) and they stopped near the perimeter wire.

About half way down the hill, PSG Perez lost his weapon, and the struggle turned into a hand to-hand combat match. The husky sergeant pummeled the VC with his fists, and they staggered under his blows. When the trio began receiving fire over their heads from AK-47s, PSG Perez broke away from his would-be captors and crawled back up the hill. The VC were either unwilling or unable to follow him.

"When the AK-47s began firing," PSG Perez explained, "I thought more were coming to help the VC who grabbed me, and it was getting time to clear the area."

The morning sweeps of the area revealed that 20 VC had penetrated the wire on LZ Cork, and were supported by several 60mm mortars.

NCO & EM OF THE QUARTER AWARDS PRESENTED

On January 27, the awards for NCO of the quarter and EM of the quarter were presented to Sergeant Omer E. Peak of H.H.CO. 11th LIB and SP/4 Ronald Castiglione, of Company C 4/21, 11th LIB.

Both Sergeant Peak and SP/4 Castiglione went before revue boards at Brigade level and were chosen as the outstanding soldiers of the Brigade.

The soldiers were presented engraved cigarette lighters 100 dollars in cash, and a certificate of appreciation.

The men had been chosen to receive the awards for their "perseverance, dedication to duty, and professional competence while rendering meritorious service in support of the counter insurgency effort in South Vietnam."



FEBRUARY SWEETHEART — Vivacious Chris Noel of AFRTS and Columbia Pictures fame jumps for joy at the thought of being someone's Valentine this month. In case you're not the lucky one, you can see Chris in her latest picture, "For Singles Only."