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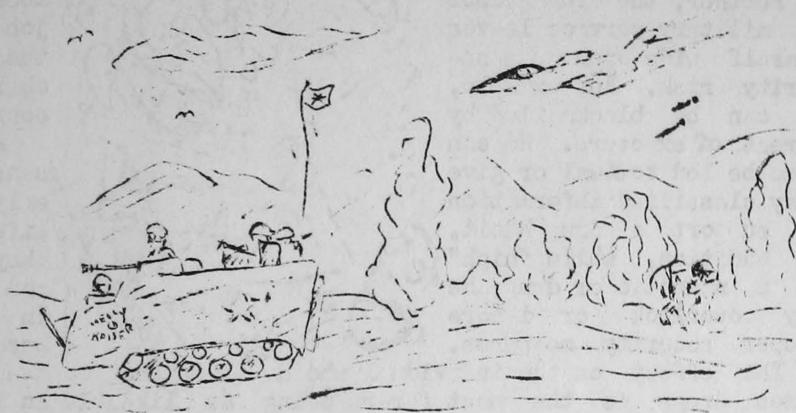
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"WARRIORS" KILL 113 DETAIN 72 ENEMY

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)



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 by-word 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 (BATTLE cont on pg 4)

"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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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 WHEN EVER YOU'RE READY GI BILL BENEFITS ARE THERE)



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 I.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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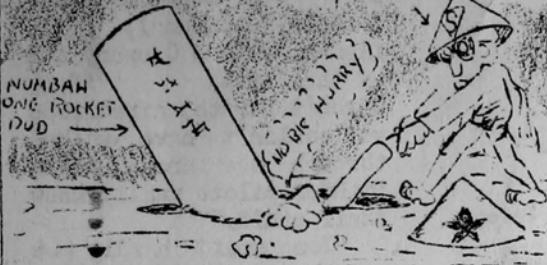
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CAPT. MRX.

BY SP5 Lee FEDO

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

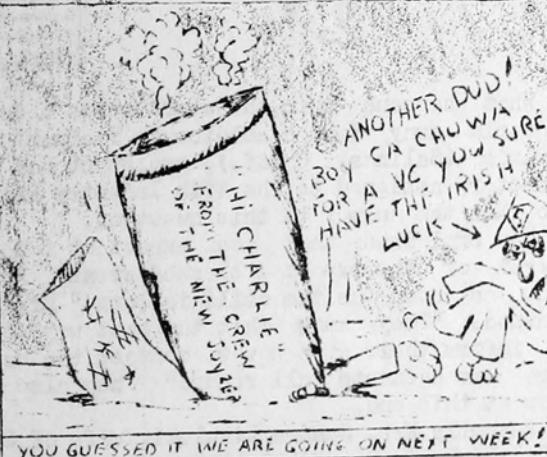
COMIN ON CHUWA, G.I. (IN) IN BEAUCOUP ARTILLERY SOON.



THE GUNS OF THE NEW JOYZEE TURN TOWARD LZ LINUS TO FIRE ON THE DREADFUL DUO.....



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



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 "Gimlets" 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 RPG 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 "scrapes" (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

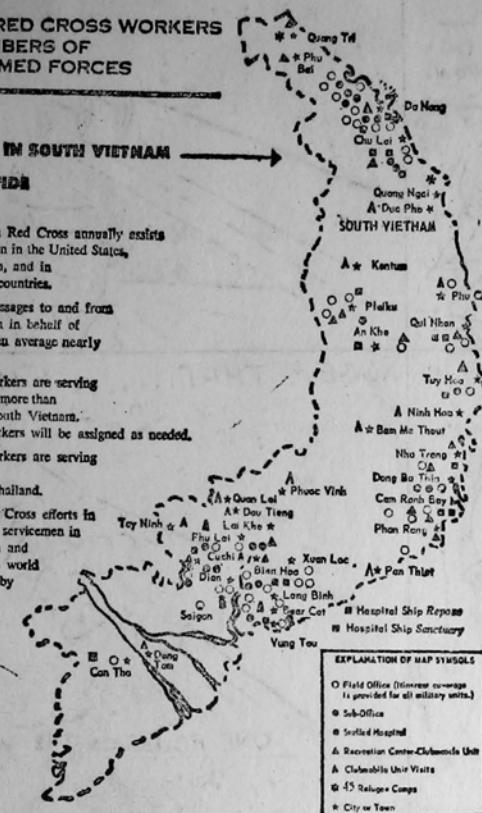
The American Red Cross annually assists
3 of 3 U.S. servicemen in the United States,
South Vietnam, and in
30 other foreign countries.

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

320 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 in
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 American 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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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 airstrikes, artillery and 50 caliber fire from the tracks," remarked PSG Rick Snoderly (Pocatello, 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 airstrikes 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 DP and moved (BATTLE cont on page 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)

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from the time of arrival
SP4 Kikulski had been notified 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," Edwards 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 Affiliated 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 Operation 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 attackers, but as he did, two VC jumped him from behind. 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 "didi!" into his ears.

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

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CONCENTRATED ARTY, AIR MAKE SHORT WORK OF NVA

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into the area preceded by artillery fire from the 6/11 artillery and AICs from B Troop, 1/1 Cavalry discovered a landscape so covered with craters that it resembled 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 VC wounded and detained, five crew-served and four individual 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 position for an attack on Quang Ngai City. It is also believed that there are several similar units operating 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 Tsapei is living proof that it pays to develop talent — as well as beauty. Corinna was easily spotted by talent scouts and signed to 20th Century-Fox's New Talent School.

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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.

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."