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## 11TH BDE. WRAP-UP

Action was moderate in Southern Quang Ngai Province this past week as the 11th Brigade's "Jungle Warriors", killed 40 enemy soldiers, detained 46 VCS and captured 5 weapons.

The "Warlords" of B Co., 123rd Aviation Bn. opened the week by capturing a VCS six miles southwest of Duc Pho. He was military age and did not have an id.

The "Warlords" continued operation the next day and killed two VC and captured nine VCS five miles south of here. Nine miles southwest of Duc Pho a team of Rangers from G Co., 75 Inf., working under the operational control of the 11th Bde. killed one VC on their first day of operation and killed three NVA on the second day and captured an AK47, AK56, 9mm pistol and some documents. In a joint operation involving RF and PF forces the "Sharks" of the 174th AHC provided air support to the ground unit and killed four NVA 11 miles northwest of Duc Pho.

Ten miles northwest of Duc Pho a base-camp was discovered by the "Warlords" spotted from the air. A VC was killed as he tried to run from the area. The men of Alpha Co., 4-21, killed one NVA 13 miles south of Duc Pho during their search and clear operations.

The men of Alpha Co., 4-3, sprung a ambush on four NVA 11 miles west of Duc Pho killing two of the enemy. That same afternoon A Co., 4-3 called in artillery on six NVA as they moved into the units old NDP site killing two of the enemy. In the afternoon the men set up an ambush nine miles west of Duc Pho and killed three NVA as they walked into the kill zone.

The Recon element of 4-21, finished off the week's action by capturing eight VCS one mile southeast of here and sending them to Bronco. Early in the afternoon they detained another VCS and sent him in for questioning. Just before dusk the Recon element engaged an NVA and VC force that had been dodging the unit off and on all day long. By accurate small arms fire and artillery and gunship fire the men killed six NVA and four VC during the encounter.



## NEW CO AT 3/1

LT. Col. Leslie J. Stottle Jr. became CO of the 3rd Bn., 1st Inf. as he accepted the "Always First" standard from LT. Col. George Ellis at FSB 411 Friday.

Major General Lloyd P. Ramsey, American CG, noted the progress made under LT. Col. Ellis' command: "A few months ago this was enemy territory, yet today we stand here having this impressive ceremony. LT. Col. Stottle, you can see the results of LT. Col. Ellis' fine leadership and the hard work of this fine battalion you are receiving.

LT. Col. Ellis directed the creation of the forward firebase during July of this year. It was carved from an area controlled by several NVA battalions and was an enemy infiltration route.

As LT. Col. Ellis delivered his farewell address, he suddenly pointed to several infantry men watching the ceremony from a bunker line. "You men standing on top of the hill—take it back to the field—tell them that they are the ones who do the real job out here".

Major General Ramsey presented the departing commander the Air Medal for Valor with 12th Oak Leaf Cluster, the Silver Star with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, and Legion of Merit.

LT. Col. Stottle comes to the 11th Brigade from assignment in Washington D. C. He previously served in Vietnam with the 2nd Bn., 5th Cav. (65-66).

# COMMAND

# INFORMATION

## YOUR RESERVE OBLIGATION

A question frequently asked by many soldiers is: "What is my military obligation after I ETS?"

The answer is fairly simple and it all depends on how much active duty time you have put in. If you entered the Army before you turned 26, you have a six-year military obligation unless you are discharged for some reason before the six years are up.

Therefore, unless they have served six years of active duty most soldiers still have some period of that military obligation remaining after they are released from active duty status. This remaining time is spent in the Army Reserve.

It is simple mathematics to subtract the amount of time you spent on active duty from the six year total and come out with the time you will have to spend in a reserve status. If you were drafted, you'll spend two years on active duty, and will have a four-year reserve obligation. If you enlisted for three years your reserve obligation is three years, and if you enlisted for four years, you have a two year obligation. Naturally, if you extend your ETS, that additional time spent on active duty will be subtracted from your reserve obligation.

But many people are puzzled by the question of what their reserve status will be. They want to know what their chances are of being called up to active duty status. And they want to know whether they might be returned to Vietnam for another tour.

## RESERVE CLASSIFICATIONS

There are two types of reserve units: Ready Reserve and Standby Reserve. In most cases, you will be required to spend some time in each before your six-year obligation is fulfilled.

Ready Reserves are subject to active duty call-up in any emergency declared by the President or Congress. Ready Reserve units hold weekly meetings, and spend two weeks each summer on active duty for training.



Ready reservists are assigned to units through which they can take part in career development programs and they receive pay for the period they spend on active duty for training. All members of the National Guard are in units of Ready Reserve.

Standby Reservists are subject to be called for active duty only in the event of declared war or national emergency declared by Congress. Except for this

they serve no further active duty. Standby Reserve units do not hold regular meetings, nor do they attend summer training camp.

## WHERE YOU FIT IN

Under normal conditions the following reserve obligations apply: If you serve two years on active duty, you are subject to two years on Standby Reserve. If you spend four years on active duty, your reserve obligation would be two years in a Standby unit.

## VIETNAM VETERAN

As a veteran of Vietnam, however, you receive special consideration. You will not be involuntarily assigned to a Ready Reserve unit for drill purposes. That is, no weekly or monthly meetings. You may, however, be expected to attend the summer camp for active duty training.

## EARLY OUTS TOO?

Many soldiers are taking advantage of Vietnam tour extensions to qualify for early separation from active duty (up to 150 days). Others, without extension, will leave active duty earlier than they would had they not served in Vietnam.

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**-PRAYER-**

Chaplain (MAJ) Clyde J. Wood  
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A giant of English literature, Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote:

"...More things are wrought from prayer  
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore,  
let thy voice  
Rise like a fountain for me night and  
day.  
For what are men better than sheep or  
goats  
That nourish a blind life within the  
brain,  
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of  
prayer  
Both for themselves and those who call  
them Friend?  
For so the whole round earth is every  
way  
Bound by gold chains about the feet of  
God..."

We have a great privilege in prayer. Prayer is communication with God. It is a two way conversation. We pray and await God's answer. As Tennyson phrased it, "...things are wrought by prayer..." The world can be changed and circumstances can be changed by God.

Jesus said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you..."

Perhaps people talk about prayer more than we pray, yet we are exhorted to "Pray without ceasing" by the Apostle Paul. The world may not dream about the changes that are wrought by prayer, but it is a fact that the world is changed by prayers of Faith.

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**SPARE YOUR RELATIVES NEEDLESS GRIEF**

Numerous hoax calls to relatives of personnel serving in Vietnam have been reported in recent weeks. These hoax calls have caused considerable anguish and discomfort to the next of kin who are unaware of Department of the Army, notification procedures. The hoax call is malicious and relate primarily to false reports of death, missing and AWOL desertion, or other related matters concerning personnel status.

**SPARE YOUR RELATIVES THIS GRIEF.** Advise them now that they may be the recipient, of such a contemptible call, and that any such telephone call concerning your status should be immediately recognized as a hoax.

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**FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS**

Five "Jungle Warriors" were presented wrist bracelets as a token of esteem and to symbolize their recent induction as honorary members of the village of Ba Long in the Ba To, District.

The five officers taking part in the ceremony were, LT. Col. Robert Fernandez CO of the 4th Bn., 3rd Inf., MAJ. Joseph A. Phelps Bn S-3, and CPTs Joseph S Fagin, Bn. Surgeon, Anthony J. Farnelli, CO, E Co., 4th Bn. 3rd Inf. and Joseph A Monday, Artillery Liason.

The host of the simple Montagnard ceremony was assistant District Chief, MAJ. Dinh Enh.

MAJ. Enh, a Regional Force company commander conducted the ritual on a six foot-high stilt platform which houses his family.

The officers removed their boots before climbing to the top of the platform where they then sat down and exchanged pleasantries with the village chief as they sipped rice wine through hollow reeds leading from a vase in the middle of the platform.

Five young Montagnard girls sat between the men and as the bong of an ancient chime sounded the girls placed the bracelets around each man's wrist. Standing up, each man downed a cup of rice wine signifying the ritual was concluded.

MAJ. Phelps, who worked with the Montagnards on his first tour in Vietnam, commented afterwards, "This particular mixture of rice wine was a lot less potent than the other batches I've tasted. The ceremony was beautiful for its' simplicity."

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If your status requires notification to your loved ones, your Army does not use the telephone. Notification is made by a personally delivered message by Army representatives, where identity can immediately be verified; or, by Western Union telegram which can be verified with the Western Union office from which received or, by correspondence directly from the Department of the Army.

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What effect does this have on their reserve obligation?

Does this mean that a draftee who receives a five-month early out---serving only 19 months on active duty---will have to spend four years and five months as a reservist.

The answer is NO. For the purposes of determining your reserve obligation early outs are not counted. You are credited with having spent your full regular active duty obligation on active duty. In other words, a draftee will spend two years as a Ready Reserve and two years as a Standby Reserve, whether he spends 19 months or 24 months on active duty.

### RESERVE ASSIGNMENT

Your assignment to a reserve unit is not made until 90 days after your separation from active duty. The Army takes administrative action to place you in the appropriate reserve unit. You will be notified as soon as this action has been taken and your assignment made.

A word of warning is in order, however. Failure to report for summer training could result in disciplinary action that could put you back on active duty for whatever time remains in your six-year obligation.

So, after your ETS, what? In most cases you will serve in the Ready Reserve for one or two years and may attend two weeks of active duty training each year. You won't have to attend weekly or monthly drill meetings, unless you request to. Then it's two years in the Standby Reserves and you will have fulfilled your military obligation to your country.

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## NEW BDE. CHAPLAIN

The 11th Brigade now has a new Brigade Catholic Chaplain-CPT John E. Watterson. Chaplain Watterson entered the service on Jan. 10th 1966 and previously has served at Fort Benning with the 199th Light Infantry Brigade.

Chaplain Watterson has already spent eighteen months in Vietnam serving the personnel of the 199th Brigade at Long Binh and the 8th Transportation Group at Qui Nhon. This tour of duty was from Nov. 66 to June 68.

From July of last year until August of this year he was associated with the 1st Armored Division at Fort Hood. He then volunteered for his second tour in Vietnam and will be serving the men here in the Brigade.

WELCOME TO THE 11TH BRIGADE, SIR!!!!



## "OLD WEST" TACTICS

Resurrecting the classic "Old West" tactic of the ambush in the pass, a team of Rangers recently used similar techniques, killing four NVA.

The Rangers from G Co., 75th Inf. camouflaged in the traditional "War Paint" set up on the banks overlooking a trail nine miles S.W. of Duc Pho. The route is a popular thoroughfare for supply-toting VC and NVA soldiers.

Deviating only slightly from the techniques of the western plains, the Ranger elements used radios instead of smoke signals to alert their team members of the approaching enemy. A small radio-equipped group watched each end of the trail preventing any NVA from escaping.

Armed with both knives and firearms the four-man ambush squad sprung from the five foot embankment and silently dispatched the unsuspecting enemy.

When the situation required using rifles, an extraction was necessary since the team's position had been given away.

Leaving the extraction choppers which were loaded down with NVA equipment and weapons SSgt Robert J. Pruden, the team leader, summed up the men's feelings, "They usually try to spring an ambush on us but we turned the tables, giving them a taste of their own tactics, but silently."

## UP COUNTRY



# ARMY 31 NEW MEXICO 14 ARMY WINS DEBUT NAVY AND AIRFORCE LOSE

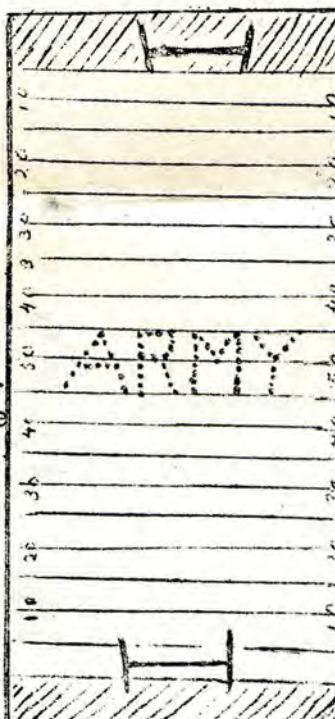
ARMY opened its 1969 football season with a 31 to 14 rout of New Mexico.

Using a second quarter surge after a scoreless first period, ARMY tallied three times as the hapless Lobos managed only one touchdown.

An alert ARMY secondary picked off one pass, blocked one kick and caused one fumble to score the three touchdowns.

ARMY used its aerial attack to score the final touchdown in the third qtr.

ARMY travels to Vanderbilt this week to seek its second straight victory of the season. Vanderbilt was a 42 to 11 loser to Michigan last week.



## TOP TEN

1. Ohio State 0-0
2. Penn State 1-0
3. Texas 1-0
4. Arkansas 1-0
5. So. Cal 1-0
6. Oklahoma 1-0
7. Georgia 1-0
8. Notre Dame 1-0
9. UCLA 1-0
10. Florida 1-0

## COLLEGE TEAMS

Ohio State claimed the top rating by virtue of their depth in all positions and they are the defending national champions. TCU will be the Buckeyes first opponent this week. Penn State, who pulverized Navy 45 to 22 takes on Colorado. Colorado beat Tulsa 31 to 16. Penn State, ranked second, has to keep playing ball as Texas Coach Darrel Royal has his Longhorns hungry for higher ranking. Texas is ranked third and plays Texas Tech this weekend.

Fellow coach Frank Broyles of Arkansas is moving his team toward another shutout as the Razorbacks take on Tulsa after shutting out Okla State U. 39 to 0.

Southern Cal survived a scare late in the game to pull out a 31 to 21 win over Nebraska. Oklahoma rolled to a 48 to 22 win over Wisconsin and this week takes on Pitt.

## SINFUL

## VICTORS

"A brief firefight followed with C. Co. comming out the sinner"  
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## CHASING NOSTALGIA AND 714

714? 714?  
Homerun Baker received his nickname by hitting two homeruns in one game and all season he only hit 8. That was in the era of the dead ball.

When the ball became a better ball to hit, the saying "Singles don't buy Cadillacs but Homeruns do", became more appropriate.

But the ultimate homerun hitter was Babe Ruth, who with his booming bat helped build Yankee Stadium. He is a symbol of the homerun crown. In his career he hit 714 homeruns.

Every homerun slugger since his day has been compared with the Babe. Can anyone break Babe Ruth's record?

Many of the challengers will fade or their careers will be shorten by mishap, but there will be a group who will pursue the goal.

Such men are Willie Mays, who hit his 600th homer of his career recently and Hank Aaron who has 552 career homers. However both men have played in the big leagues for fourteen years.

Willie Mays, thirty-four, has hit only 13 homers this season and there is speculation on his retiring at the end of this season.

Hank Aaron has hit forty-two this season and is given the best chance to beat Babe Ruth's record. He still would need four seasons of forty homers to break the record. Aaron is also thirty-four.

Such a tradition as the total of 714 will some day crumble and the breaker will be treated both with respect and a special coolness

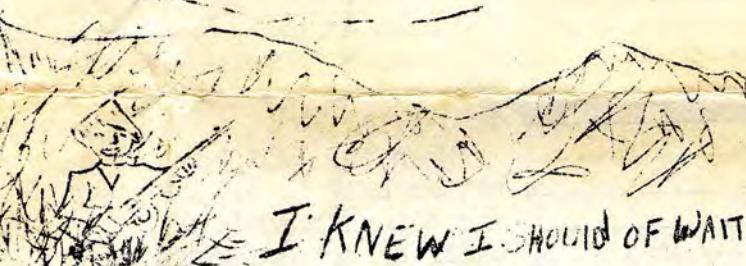
For the nostalgia of the past is linked with the figure 714. For the sports fan will root for sluggers Mays and Aaron to break the mark of 714 and silently hope that they do not.

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\* 1969 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE FOR U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY  
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SEPT	20	NEW MEXICO	HOME
SEPT	27	VANDERBILT	AWAY
OCT	4	TEXAS A&M	HOME
OCT	11	NOTRE DAME	YANKEE STADIUM
OCT	18	UTAH STATE	HOME
OCT	25	BOSTON COLLEGE	HOME
NOV	1	AIR FORCE	HOME
NOV	8	OREGON	AWAY
NOV	15	PITTSBURGH	HOME
NOV	29	NAVY	PHILADELPHIA

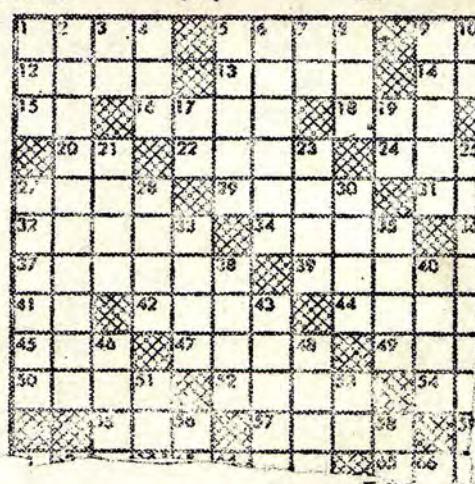
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Auditions for the 11th Brigade Chorus will be conducted at 1900 hours on October 3rd at Bronco Chapel.  
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