

# 11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE

# TRIDENT

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## 11TH BDE WRAP-UP

Action was light this past week as the "Jungle Warriors" killed 32 enemy, detained 22, and captured five weapons.

On Oct. 19th B Co., 1-20, shot a man whom they later found dead in a tunnel. Inside the tunnel they found documents, including a diary. On the same morning the men of C Co., 1-20, engaged 11 VC three miles northwest of Duc Pho killing one. Later FAC directed artillery fire killing two NVA five miles southwest of Duc Pho.

The same Sunday morning the men of D Co., 3-1, engaged and killed one VC wearing black pajamas. An hour later they saw five VC in their old NDP site and directed artillery on them killing one. In the afternoon the Recon Platoon of 1-20 engaged and killed one VC one mile north of Duc Pho. Two hours later A Co., 4-21, killed three VC nine miles south of Duc Pho and captured 3 AK-47s.

Monday, C Co., 4-21 killed an evading VC five miles south of Duc Pho. The same morning C Co., 4-21, found two tunnels. After throwing grenades in they found three dead VC, a carbine and chicoms. In the last action of the day the "Sharks" and a Navy swift boat were supporting a ARVN unit nine miles north of Duc Pho. The "Sharks" killed five VC and captured an AK-47 and the Navy boat killed one VC.

On Oct. 21st B Co., 1-20, was working three miles northwest of Duc Pho and found a tunnel complex and hootch containing 5,000 pounds of rice. Four miles north of Duc Pho the "Warlords" of B Co., 123rd Avn. Bn., killed two VC and an hour later killed one VC two miles north of Duc Pho. The men of D Co., 1-20, killed one VC three miles west of Duc Pho and found documents on him. Later in the day a Ho Chi Minh led them to a bunker where they captured two VC, a and killed two NVA.

On Thursday a LOH from Primo Aviation killed one NVA nine miles south of Duc Pho. B Co., 3-1, killed one VC 18 miles north of Duc Pho. That afternoon C Co., 4-3, set an ambush at their previous NDP and killed one NVA.

On Friday, Oct. 24, the men of B Co., 4-21, found the body of a NVA who had been recently killed by artillery fire.



GENERAL  
VISITS

HAINES  
411

General Ralph E. Haines Jr., U.S. Army Pacific Commander, visited FSB 411 Thursday. He was accompanied by Assistant Division Commander, BG Howard Cooksey and greeted by COL Hugh F.T. Hoffman Jr. CO, of the 11th Inf. Bde. and LTC Leslie Stottle, CO, 3rd Bn., 1st Inf..

While seven gunships hovered over the three-month-old firebase, Gen. Haines received an open-air briefing from LTC Stottle. The site was a high ridge overlooking 3-1's AO. As LTC Stottle described his battalion's past operations, he pointed out the actual terrain where the action occurred. "Over to your left was the scene of three major contacts in July. Then it was a maize of spider holes and enemy positions, today it is a secure area."

Of special interest to Gen. Haines was a combined Vietnamese and Montagnard resettlement village at the foot of hill 411.

Following the briefing Gen. Haines was greeted by four 3-1 soldiers, all natives of Hawaii, the home of the 11th Bde and USAPAC Headquarters. One of the men, SFC Ernest M. Tau has been with 3-1 since the brigade arrived in Vietnam.

Gen. Haines spent most of his hour visit speaking with men on the firebase. Often he asked specific questions about the men's jobs. CPT Joseph Monday, CO, D Battery, remarked; "He was extremely interested in the caliber of my crew."

Many of the "Always First" soldiers found themselves discussing such niceties as R&R and home with the man who commands all army units in the Pacific.



# COMMAND

# INFORMATION

## WAR TROPHIES

Would you like to take one of those war trophies back to the states with you? You can, you know, if you go about it the right way. Of course, there's always the wrong way too. You can try to sneak an unauthorized war trophy out of Vietnam but if you get caught, like most do, you'll be in real trouble.....if not in jail.

### WHAT IS A WAR TROPHY?

You should already know, by now, that five pounds of C-4 is not going to be considered a war trophy. In the same respect, neither is a communist 122mm rocket complete with launcher. Rather, a war trophy is "any small item of equipment or material taken from hostile forces in armed conflict". The item must have no intelligence value, not prohibited from importation into the U.S., not be prohibited as a war trophy by pertinent laws or directives, and must be authorized and/or registered in accordance with the provisions of MACV directives.

Regardless of what you have heard many items are not war trophies, and cannot be taken back to the U.S. This applies to all automatic and crew-served weapons including the AK-47, regardless of modifications to alter their serviceability (including welding the bolt shut). In addition, ammunition of any type, cartridge cases, primers, destructive devices (including mines and grenades, regardless of whether they are inert or not), explosives, incendiaries, poison gases, or any type of propellant powder designed for use in any firearms, cannot be taken back to the U.S. as war trophies.

The only U.S. weapons captured from the enemy, which can be considered as legal war trophy firearms, are the following: U.S. Rifle Cal. .30, M1903 Series; U.S. Rifle, Cal. .30 M1917; and British Enfield, Cal. .30, M1917.

### THE LEGAL WAY

As we said before, there are two ways to go about taking that war trophy back to the states. The illegal way can and usually does result in serious disciplinary action.

Now that you have decided to keep that war trophy

you can start the paper work for keeping non-firearms as war trophies. First you must complete three copies of DD Form 603-1 for each item. Then each item must be screened. This screening must, be completed within 30 days after obtaining the article, so it's important to start the paper work as soon as possible.

Once your war trophy is screened and authorized you can have it mailed, shipped, included in authorized baggage, or carried personally to the U.S. Articles not accepted as war trophies will not be returned to you.

### WAR TROPHY FIREARMS

War trophy firearms must be screened and authorized in the same manner as non-firearms. In addition two more forms are requested: DD Form 603 and an RVN Export License.

After screening you must complete four copies of DD Form 603. These, and the already authenticated duplicate DD Form 603-1, will then be forwarded to the appropriate registration activity. One copy will be returned to you, retain these forms permanently.

Persons stationed outside the Saigon /Cholon area may obtain an RVN Export license by submitting a request (Annex D MACV Directive 643-2) in duplicate along, with your authenticated DD Forms 603 and 603-1, to the Registration Section, USAH AC, Provost Marshall, APO 96243.

All requests for export license should be submitted at the earliest possible date, but not later than 90 days prior to your departure from Vietnam. The licenses will be mailed to persons outside the Saigon/Cholon area if requested.

In exceptional cases when a war trophy firearm is acquired 60 days prior to your departure the local area Provost Marshall will issue a temporary license.



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## PIG HEADED

Little pigs don't trip high wires. This reasoning recently accounted for one enemy kill for two men of the 11th Brigade recently.

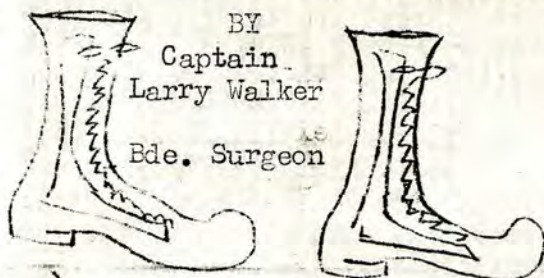
PFC Walter Edmonds (Chickasaw, Ala.) and PFC Richard Brown (Graniteville, S.C.) were standing guard on the defensive perimeter of B Co., 1st Bn., 20th Inf., five miles north of Duc Pho. Just after midnight a trip flare went off to their immediate front.

At the same time they spotted a pig, startled and confused, scurrying around in the area. Leaving nothing to chance, they obeyed their instincts and fired in the direction of the flare.

At first light their suspicions were confirmed when they found a dead VC lying ten yards from their position. He was clad in a new green uniform and carried an AK-47.

"Although there were many animals around, we thought the wire was a bit too high for a pig to trip. So we opened up," explained Edmonds.

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## YOU'VE ONLY GOT TWO

Tropical immersion foot is seen in those soldiers who spend hours with their feet in water. After 24 to 48 hrs of constant wetness, the skin becomes white and wrinkled. There is a decrease in the blood supply to the skin and a disruption of the integrity of the hardened outer layer of the skin. When subjected to the trauma of prolonged walking the feet swell with fissuring and maceration of the compromised skin. There is progressive pain and secondary bacterial infection. The soldier who now finds it difficult to walk must be evacuated.

Treatment involves drying of the feet bed rest for several days with minimal weightbearing and treatment for secondary infection. Prevention demands regular, periodic drying of the feet.

## SOLDIER AID ORPHAN

A fourteen year old orphan boy has a chance to obtain an education thanks to two brigade soldiers. SGT James A. Lay (Atlanta) and SGT Douglas Walton (Toledo Ohio) with Brigade Operations Section, took it upon themselves to see that their young helper, Huyhn Tan Bieu, went to school.

Bieu was orphaned two years ago when his parents were killed by the VC. Rather than go to an orphanage, Bieu began working on LZ Bronco. He is living with a family in Duc Pho.

Bieu has helped SGT Walton at the rifle range and as a general helper for both men for the past year. "He is such a nice kid and so intelligent that we wanted to do something for him," said SGT Lay. SGT Walton attempted to adopt Bieu, but was stymied when he discovered Bieu was too old according to adoption regulations.

The men then decided to do the next best thing by sending Bieu through school. It wasn't long afterward that Bieu was enrolled in the Duc Pho District School. In addition to the cost of schooling, the men provide \$30 a month for the boy's room and board.

Although SGT Walton recently rotated to the states, he will continue to share the cost of the youngster's education. SGT Lay hopes to establish a fund to provide for Bieu's education after his departure in March. The men intend to help support him until he obtains a college education and long-range plans call for Bieu to visit them in the states.

Bieu is in his last year of elementary school and has a lot of education ahead of him before the dream can be realized, but the youngster shows an abundance of enthusiasm and determination. "I only wish they taught English," was the eager student's comment after his first two weeks of school.

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### LIEUTENANT OF THE WEEK

1LT John Sabo (Lansing, Ill.) was honored by the 11th Bde. CO and staff Wednesday as "Lieutenant of the Week".

The project is designed to let the platoon leader in the field gain a staff level perspective of the brigade's operations.

1LT Sabo received individual briefings from each of the staff sections. Later he toured "Arty Hill" and accompanied COL Hugh F.T. Hoffman Jr. to San Juan Hill.

At a brief ceremony following the evening meal, COL Hoffman presented 1LT Sabo an engraved lighter and expressed gratitude for the work of the men in the field.

1LT Sabo became XO of A Co., 1st Bn., 20th Inf., this week. Formerly he was platoon leader of A Co's 3rd platoon.

He is a graduate of Infantry OCS and holds a BA in Psychology from Hope College at Holland Michigan.



A favorite expression of President Nixon is, "I want to be perfectly honest with you." The question, What is truth? has been asked through the generations of mankind. We still debate as to what constitutes the standard whereby truth is gauged. Perhaps our discussing it could help us to utilize truth more.

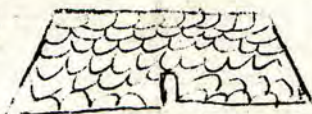
I once read an article where the author said that you could leave the truth alone, but that you had to keep adjusting a lie. A storekeeper late one day was asked by a woman if he had any chickens. He said, "Yes!" She said that she'd like to see one. Since he only had one, he reached into the ice barrel and pulled it out by the legs. She asked to look at another one. He dropped the chicken back into the barrel, scrubbed it around in the ice and pulled it back out with the breast in front to make it look larger. She said, "I'll take both of them."

Perhaps you are saying, "Chaplain, you still haven't told me what truth is. Can I? Is this something that will have to be worked out by individuals? This is the reasoning of many people who have groped with the problem down through the centuries. I don't feel that I should start an article on truth unless I had an answer as to what truth is.

Truth is a standard. This standard is Jesus Christ. The Bible says in John 1:14, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (And we beheld His glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth." One who knows Him knows the truth.

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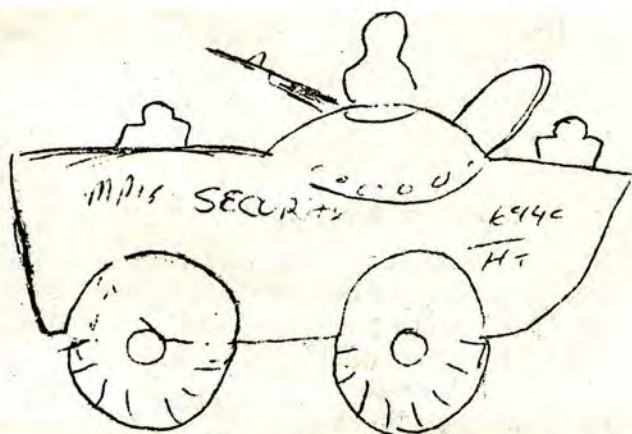


CPT William D. Williams, CO, 26th Eng says to check your plumb bob twice a day in accordance with Americal regulations. Otherwise you might find several tons of sand and wood about your head and shoulders.

The monsoon rains create shifting of terrain which may collapse a bunker. The plumb bob is merely a weighted string suspended from the ceiling which measures shifting of the structure in relation to a fixed point on the floor. The point should be a chalk circle the size of a C-ration can.

If you notice that the bob has moved to the outer edge of the circle it means your bunker has moved too.

The next procedure is simple: get the hell out of there and call the engineers. They will be more than glad to inspect the structure. It's easier than having the Doc trying to mend your structure.



## HELL ON WHEELS

The legendary role of the gun jeep for highway security on the treacherous stretch of Highway One between Sa Huynh and Quang Ngai City is over.

The highly maneuverable but vulnerable gun jeep, in long use as a convoy security vehicle, has been replaced by the stronger and more versatile V 100 Armored car. Two of these vehicles are now employed by Americal Division military police of the 1st Platoon, 23rd MP Company, to provide security for convoys carrying vital supplies for the 11th Infantry Brigade.

A twin mounted electrically fired pair of modified M-60 machineguns adorn the turret hatch of this strange 17 faceted vehicle. Two M-16 rifles and a M-79 grenade launcher carried by three shotgun riders protrude ominously out of the side portholes.

Impregnable to small arms fire, the semi-amphibious V 100 can traverse rivers or pound roads at a smooth 50 miles-per-hour, making it an ideal vehicle for convoy escort duty.

With the hatches closed, the crew of five (the armored car commander (ACC), driver, and three shotgun riders), can, quickly and effectively maneuver the armored car against hostile fire.

While the shotgun riders fire through the portholes, the ACC can use the cross-haired periscope, coaxially calibrated with the machineguns, as a firing sight. The turret revolves 360 degrees so that maximum fire can be brought to bear in any direction. The crew has received no formal training on the new vehicle, but they have developed confidence in their "aquatic duck" on the hazardous road which they travel every day.

One unique feature is that the vehicle will travel 50 miles on punctured tires before fully deflating. This means the vehicle need not be abandoned and can be redeployed to a better firing position without losing its effectiveness.

Specialist four Don Straub (Hanover, N.J.), feels quite secure in the new vehicle. "It gives us a new feeling of security to know we have the armored protection with the means to retaliate quickly and effectively."



## COWBOYS LAST EAGLES

## RAMS CRUSH PACKERS

### REDSKINS AWAIT IN AMBUSH

The Dallas Cowboys continue to operate their high scoring offense with two starting rookies and a playing reserve. None of the three were expected to play this season, but are now proving their worth.

Craig Morton, Dallas reserve QB, has thrown nine touchdown passes. He is averaging 11.96 yards per completion and has passed for 622 yards in four games.

Rookies Calvin Hill, Dallas' number one draft choice, and QB Roger Staubach continue to complement the Dallas attack. Hill has punched out 349 yards in 64 carries for a 5.5 yard average. QB Roger Staubach guided the Cowboys to two convincing victories when Morton was hurt.

The Cowboys have visions of an NFL championship and a berth in the Super Bowl. However, they face a serious challenge with the inspired Washington Redskins, who boast a 3-1-1 record.

Washington has the league's leading punter, Bragg, 19 boots for a 46 yard average, Brown (FB) is fifth in league rushing with 239 yards. Jurgenson, Washington's QB, is second in passing with eight TD's and 846 yards. Taylor (HB) is second in pass reception with 19 and Long (end) is tied for fifth with 17. Rounding out the Washington attack is kicker Knight, third leading league scorer.

The ultimate question is can the Cowboys survive the Redskin's attack and then weather the Ram defense.

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### NFL STANDINGS AS OF 24 OCTOBER 1969

#### EASTERN

#### WESTERN

#### Capital Division

W L T

Dallas 5 0 0  
Washington 3 1 1  
Philadelphia 1 4 0  
New Orleans 0 5 0

#### Coastal Division

W L T

Los Angeles 5 0 0  
Baltimore 3 2 0  
Atlanta 2 3 0  
San Francisco 0 4 1

#### Century Division

#### Central Division

Cleveland 4 1 0  
New York 3 2 0  
St. Louis 2 3 0  
Pittsburgh 1 4 0

Minnesota 4 1 0  
Green Bay 3 2 0  
Detroit 3 2 0  
Chicago 0 5 0

### CHAMPIONSHIP EYED BY FANS

The "fearsome foursome" of the Los Angeles Rams spent last Sunday in the Green Bay backfield enabling the Rams to win 34-21. The Green Bay line was porous and sieve-like. The "fearsome foursome" crashed through and dropped Green Bay QB Bart Star ten times. In one series of three plays, Green Bay FB Jim Grabowski lost five yards, Green Bay HB Travis Williams lost four yards and QB Bart Star was dropped for a loss of seven.

With an exceptional defense the Rams rolled to a 20-0 lead in the first half. Roman Gabriel extended his passing string to 167 passes without an interception. Bruce Gossett, the league's second leading scorer continues to boot field goals and extra points through the uprights.

An unbeaten record of 5-0 is causing the fans' mouths to water - with thoughts of a National League Championship and the right to play in the Super Bowl.

Ram coach George Allen, who was rehired on the insistence of the fans and players, needs that Super Bowl spot. The Rams have thrice suffered through fine seasons only to lose to the Baltimore Colts each year. However this appears to be the "Year of the Ram."

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HOW THE TOP TEN FARED ON 15 OCTOBER 1969

1. Ohio State (4-0) beat Minnesota 34-7
2. Texas (5-0) did not play
3. USC (4-0-1) tied Notre Dame 14-14
4. Penn State (4-0) beat Syracuse 15-14
5. Arkansas (4-0) did not play
6. Missouri (5-0) beat Okla. State 31-21
7. UCLA (6-0) beat California 32-0
8. Tennessee (5-0) beat Alabama 41-14
9. Florida (5-0) beat N.C. 52-2
10. Notre Dame (3-1-1) tied USC 14-14

### TOP TEN COLLEGES IN THE NATION RATED BY UPI AS OF 23 OCTOBER 1969

1. .... OHIO STATE
2. .... TEXAS
3. .... TENNESSEE
4. .... ARKANSAS
5. .... UCLA
6. .... PENN STATE
7. .... MISSOURI
8. .... SOUTHERN CAL
9. .... LOUISIANA STATE UNIV.
10. .... FLORIDA





UNTIL CHRISTMAS.



AFL STANDINGS  
AS OF 24 OCTOBER 1969

What did you do in civilian life sir?

### MARS OPERATORS NEEDED

The 11th Inf Bde MARS Station has openings for two operators. Prerequisites are either an operator's license or a working knowledge/interest in radio. Interested personnel should contact Duc Pho 110.

#### Eastern Division

	W	L	T
Houston	3	2	0
New York	3	2	0
Buffalo	2	4	0
Miami	0	5	1
Boston	0	6	0

#### Western Division

	W	L	T
Oakland	5	0	1
Kansas City	5	1	0
San Diego	4	2	0
Cincinnati	3	3	0
Denver	3	3	0

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle

#### ACROSS

- 1-Wine cup
- 4-Greeting
- 6-Vapid
- 11-Lifted
- 13-Sums
- 15-Latin conjunction
- 16-Raise
- 18-Near
- 19-Symbol for tellurium
- 21-Couple
- 22-Memorandum
- 24-Danish island
- 26-Places
- 28-Born
- 29-Figure of speech
- 31-Narrow opening
- 33-Physician (abbr.)
- 34-Having its own character
- 36-Periods of time
- 38-Manuscript (abbr.)
- 40-River in Africa
- 42-Commonplace
- 43-Test's instrument
- 47-Helps
- 49-Mountain lake
- 50-Prophet
- 52-Insect
- 54-Parent (colloq.)
- 55-School for
- 56-Name
- 57-Name
- 58-Name
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- 62-Name
- 63-Name
- 64-Name
- 65-Name
- 66-Name
- 67-Skill

#### DOWN

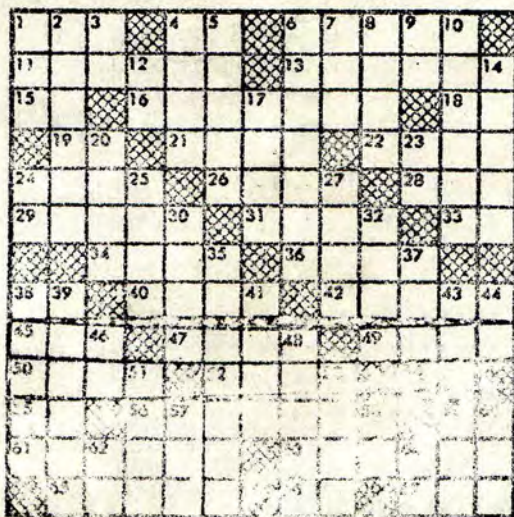
- 1-Exist
- 2-Substance



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- 39-Slumbers
- 41-Girl's name
- 43-Dealer
- 44-Printer's measure
- 46-Exist
- 48-Turkish island
- 51-Foray

- 53-Tissue
- 57-Nahoor sheep
- 58-Roman gods
- 60-Worthless leaving
- 62-Artificial language
- 64-A state (abbr.)



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BIRTHS

Pfc. Walton D. Russ, G1/82  
Arty, Houma, Ala., boy,  
6 lb. 2oz., on 17 Oct. 1969

Pfc. David Hauck, D, 4/21  
Bedford, Pa., girl, 5lb. 9oz  
on 18 Oct. 1969

Cpt. Richard D. Triujillo  
HHSB 6/11 Arty  
Sandia Base, N.M. boy, 6lb.  
13oz., on 19 Oct. 1969

Lt. Craig Smoot, C, 26th  
Engr. Bn., Mineola, N.Y.,  
boy, 7lb. 13oz., on 10 Oct.

Pfc. Gary Bush, C 1/20  
Gallatin, Texas, girl,  
on 11 Oct. 1969

Pfc. Willaim K. Harris, A,  
3/1, Honolulu, Hawaii,  
girl, 6lb. 1oz.,  
on 11 Oct. 1969