



UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS,

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SPECIAL!

## HHSB In The Field---

Eighteen "Redlegs" of HHSB voluntarily turned in their typewriters and monkey wrenches Friday evening to investigate a suspected enemy position.

An eagle-eyed cannoneer detected a suspicious character approximately 200 meters outside the wire. He called the Sergeant of the Guard and a recon patrol was hastily organized.

Led by the hefty Battalion Ammo Officer, CPT James Hefner, the 18-man patrol left the safety of LZ Bronco through the wire in front of bunker 63.

Armed with M-79's, sweet 16's and several hand frags, the "Remington Raiders" swept the area in search of the well hidden enemy.

After an hours search, the patrol returned to Bronco. Possibly the most exciting event to take place was a demonstration by SSG Arthur Rendell on proper techniques in throwing frag grenades.

The patrol failed to find the enemy but a good time was had by all...

## Hard Rock Hits 'BRONCO'

Arty Hill was the scene of the most recent Club Show on LZ Bronco. Cannoneers of 6/11 and Gunners of 4/21 Infantry plus other Bronco-based units were entertained by the hard rock sounds of the Singapore Show.

The hour-and-a-half show featured two delectable exotic dancers whose rhythmic vibrations were enjoyed by one and all.

Shortly after their introduction, the attractive Singapore felines changed from their native costumes into go-go minimini suits.

The girls did the bugaloo to music supplied by a bearded five-piece combo who played songs made famous by the Four Tops, Temptations, Jimmy Hendrix and the never-die Beatles. (continued)

"Delta Danglers"

## 6/11 Btry Takes R&R

The afternoon silence is broken by the sound of radio communications between the Fire Direction Center and the Battery Executive Post.

SSG Paul Blackburn alerts the battery that a fire mission is on its way. Combat veteran cannoneers pour from their culverts and man the immaculately clean 105mm Howitzers.

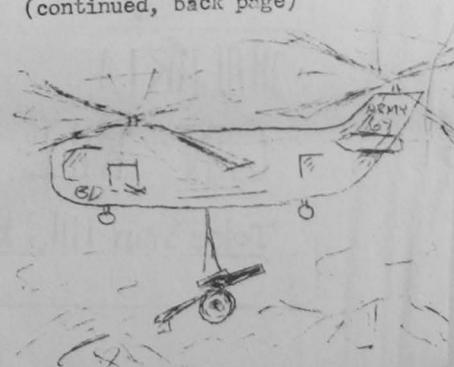
SSG Blackburn, Chief of Smoke, confirms and relays firing data to the gun crews. The Battery Commander, CPT Harold Lance, arrives at the Executive Post and finds the guns "safe and ready."

With the microphone in hand CPT Lance gives the command . . . "Battery--FIRE!" In perfect harmony, the 105's send their regards to "Mr. Chuck."

Moments later, the Artillery Forward Observer contacts FDC and sincerely says, "BEAUTIFUL! Right on target."

Since its inception in mid-68, D Btry has compiled an impressive combat record as 6/11 "jump" battery. The "Delta-Danglers" (a name given because they hang from choppers so often) have more than 15 combat jumps to their credit.

Since May of 69, they have occupied nine LZ's. Their shortest stay was on LZ John for three days. They have been on their present LZ for 1 month and days. (continued, back page)



## 6/11 Man Has Big 4th

As our Nation celebrated its 193rd birthday, PFC Gary Hutton was anxiously waiting to hear from the American Red Cross.

The HHSB driver broke out in a wide grin and a cold sweat when he learned he was the father of a 7 pound 15 ounce boy.

Gary Scott Hutton was born at 10:45 A.m. on July 4th 1969 in Laurel, Miss. PFC Hutton's wife, Dorothy, and the baby are fine.

Mrs. Hutton and Scott are staying with her parents in Laurel until the young Cannoneer completes his tour.



"This is niner two--I'd like to report a dud artillery round, over.  
...Negative that, we prefer not to blow in place!

## CANNONEER

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IN GOD WE TRUST



Oh God, our Help in Ages Past,  
Our Hope in Years To Be,  
Look down upon this Present  
and see our need of Thee -

For in this age of unrest,  
with danger all around  
We need Thy hand to lead us  
to higher, safer ground.

We need Thy help and counsel  
to make us more aware  
That our safety and security  
lie solely in Thy Care -

And as we Fight for Freedom  
make our way and purpose clear  
And in our hours of danger  
may we feel Thy Presence Near.

HELEN STEINER RICE

## SINGAPORE (cont)

The combat proven Soldiers showed little reluctance about "joining in" on such songs as "My Girl," "Hey Jude," and "Let Me Stand Next to Your Fire."

"CANNONEER" wishes to thank the Singapore Show for visiting the men of friendly Duc Pho.

## D Btry R&R (cont.)

When D Btry arrived at their present location, the men thought that a big mistake had been made. Instead of having to dig-in and fight for their lives (as they normally do on a jump) they were greeted by a company of Engineers.

The Engineers were already well-established and for the first time since October of 1968, the men of D Btry eat three hot meals a day and do not have to ration water.

Sp5 Bob Winfield summed up the attitude of most of the men in D Btry. "Being here is just like an extended R&R. We love it," he added.

Winfield has a right to boast. He is the last of the original members of D Btry and has participated in all of their jumps.

One factor remains constant for D Btry, and follows them regardless of where they go; They get the job done ON TIME, SIR!