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D B FREE JUMPS TO FSB 411

Sunbaked clay is whirled into a dusty frenzy as a bulky "Chinook" helicopter hovers over the waiting 105mm Howitzer. Marble-sized stones and clods of dirt are flung in a 15 meter radius as the chopper applies power and carefully lifts the gun from its resting place.

Men on the ground "pop smoke" near a neatly laid stack of 105mm ammunition. A second "Chinook" lands nearby, and combat proven cannoneers file into the waiting bird. With all aboard, the chopper lifts off and hovers over the netted ammunition. A goggle-clad man "hooks" the valuable cargo to the passenger laden aircraft and another Artillery "jump" is underway.

"Jumping" from one LZ to another is old hat to the men of Btry D, 6/11. Known as the "Delta-Danglers," the cannoneers have more than 16 combat jumps to their credit.

Their most recent move began a short time ago when 1SG Eldon Perrine and seven EM landed on Hill 54, west of Quang Ngai City.

Heavy foliage and large rocks, 120° temperatures, plus daily enemy mortar attacks, made working on the new LZ miserable and almost impossible.

But through "hard-core" determination and a keen awareness that the job must be done, the advance party began its task of clearing firing positions for the battery's guns.

Using entrenching tools, picks and back-power, the men leveled the rocky ground. In the course of a few days, the untamed hill (continued, back page)

HHSB TO OPEN DAY ROOM

Redlegs of HHSB will soon be enjoying the facilities of a newly constructed Day room. The building is located behind the Arty Hill Chapel.

Spl4 Davis Pons and PFC's Larry Bouillon and David Twomey are project engineers on the building.

Once completed, the combination day room recreation room will house a ping-pong table, TV, magazines and letter writing facilities. A full-sized pool table has been requisitioned and should be delivered in the near future.

To complete the building's interior decor it is hoped that a series of appropriate pictures and paintings can be procured. Anyone with artistic ability is urged to contact 1SG McClary. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

FOR SALE...CHEAP!

1940 FURD

Has only 127,000 actual miles. Body in good shape, except for minor bullet holes.

Runs good, occasionally, downhill! See the "good guys" at Bn Motor Pool. They have many "hot" ones just like this "peachy" '40 FURD.

Know the FACTS; MALARIA CAN KILL

Malaria has been a significant problem to American military operations throughout the 20th Century. It was the most serious health hazard encountered by American troops in the South Pacific area during World War II where approximately 100,000 men were infected with the dreaded disease. It is currently the greatest health threat to American troops in the Republic of Vietnam.

Malaria is transmitted to man through the bite of infected female Anopheline mosquitos. Eleven to fourteen days after being bitten, an individual may begin to experience symptoms of malaria which may range (continued, back page)

Presidential Citations

6/11 Authorized Unit Awards

As a member of this battalion, you are authorized to wear three Presidential Unit Citations. When the opportunity presents itself, you should wear these decorations and be proud to serve in such a highly decorated unit.

The ribbons are worn on the right side of your uniform above the pocket and name tag. You may wear these decorations as long as you are a member of the battalion.

The first decoration is the Presidential Unit Citation. The ribbon is framed in gold leaf with a dark blue center. It was awarded to 6/11 for extraordinary heroism in battle.

The second decoration is the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. The ribbon is framed with gold leaf. The seal of Korea appears in the ribbon's center on a white background bordered by bands of green and red. It was awarded for service in the Republic of Korea.

The third decoration is the Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation. The ribbon is framed with gold leaf. Equal bands of red, white and blue form the center of the ribbon. It was awarded for service in defense and liberation of the Philippines during WWII.



PHILIPPINES



KOREA



PRESIDENTIAL

The unit citations should be worn in the order indicated above with the Presidential Unit Citation closest to the left sleeve of your uniform. They are worn only with Class "A" uniforms.

'D' BTRY Jumps (cont)

began to take on the appearance of an LZ. With the firing positions cleared, the suntanned cannoneers turned their attention to the construction of personnel bunkers.

Seventeen days after the initial occupation by the advance party, the remainder of the battery moved to the hill. In astonishment, the newly arrived personnel marveled at the work completed by their comrades. Especially pleasing were the hot steaks served in the LZ's mess hall.

The efforts and accomplishments of the advance party proves once again that the battery's motto is a reality: "We've been doing so much with so little for so long that now we can do anything with nothing!"



I have met several men on LZ Bronco who did not know when religious services are held at the Artillery Hill Chapel. They are scheduled at:

0900	Each Sunday	Protestant
1130	Each Sunday	Catholic

We would like to see more of you present in church this Sunday.

Did you know that the shortest verse in the Bible is "Jesus Wept?" This is not the least in meaning or concern. He wept because of indifference. This is still a major problem. Jesus is concerned. Let us be!

MALARIA CAN KILL (cont)

from subtle personality changes and vague feelings of discomfort to shaking chills, high fever and profuse sweating.

Two primary types of malaria are of importance to US troops in RVN, vivax and falciparum. Vivax was until recently the most prevalent in South Vietnam. However, falciparum malaria, which generally is the more sever form, has assumed greater importance among US Soldiers for two reasons.

First, falciparum malaria is prevalent among NVA troops and with their movement in this area, this strain has spread widely. Secondly, certain strains of falciparum malaria are resistant to the orange malaria tablets we take weekly. For this reason, the smaller white tablets are taken daily for partial protection against this type of malaria. (AIO)

For more information about malaria and what you can do to protect yourself, read the next edition of "CANNONEER."

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DURING JULY '69