



# 11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE

# TRIDENT

"JUNGLE WARRIORS"



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## 11TH BRIGADE WELCOMES NEW CO

COL  
TREADWELL  
11TH BRIGADE  
COMMANDING OFFICER

COL JOHN W.  
DONALDSON

In a change of command ceremony March 28, 1969 at 1000 hours, COL Jack L. Treadwell, former Chief of Staff, Americal Division, USARV, took command of the 11th Light Infantry Brigade at LZ Bronco.

COL John W. Donaldson, who relinquished his command to COL Treadwell, will go to Chu Lai to become the Americal Division Chief of Staff.

COL Treadwell entered the Army in 1941 to serve in World War II. During his service as an enlisted man in the war he was promoted to sergeant in 1942. Later, he was awarded the Medal of Honor while serving as a company commander with the 180th Infantry Regiment.

COL Treadwell's military education includes the Command and General Staff College; the Armed Forces Staff College; and the U.S. Army War College.

He studied Liberal Arts at Southwest State Tech (COL TREADWELL Cont pg 4)

## "JUNGLE WARRIORS" SLAY 59

"Jungle Warriors" saw moderate action this week as they killed 59 enemy, detained 20 suspects, and captured five weapons.

On March 17, D Co., 1-20th found a dud 500 lb. bomb and the body of one VC killed by an air strike in an area three miles west of Duc Pho.

On March 18, Recon 4-21st discovered three huts in an area three miles southeast of Duc Pho. In one of the huts, two tons of unpolished rice were discovered. That afternoon, two VCS were detained by an element of E Trp., 1st Cav. 10 miles south of Duc Pho near a lake.

On March 19, C Co., 4-21st drove an NVA force from the perimeter of LZ Amy, killing eight of the insurgents, and capturing two AK50s and one RPG-2.

On March 20, D Co., 1-20th wounded one VC and captured another on the (WRAP UP Cont on page 3)

## COL DONALDSON LEAVES 11TH WITH RECORD OF VICTORIES

COL John W. Donaldson leaves the 11th Light Infantry Brigade with an impressive list of accomplishments to his credit, including a 15-to-1 kill ratio.

While serving with the 11th Brigade, COL Donaldson directed two successful major operations, Vernon Lake I and Vernon Lake II. These operations were conducted from October 25, 1968, to February 28, 1969, and netted 551 enemy kills and 165 weapons. COL Donaldson's "Jungle Warriors" also turned up 81 base camps and destroyed large quantities of VC and NVA supplies.

A five-day battle with NVA forces seven miles northwest of Quang Ngai City, later known as the "Battle of Buff Triangle," was another success for COL Donaldson. He personally supervised U.S. forces on the ground and helped direct numerous air strikes. (COL DONALDSON Cont on page 4)

# COMMAND INFORMATION

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles dealing with VIETNAM AND SAIGON'S POSITION AT THE PARIS PEACE TALKS)

This meeting is a meeting between two sides, the side of the aggressor---the administration of North Vietnam and its auxiliary organizations in the South---and the side of the victim of aggression, that is to say, the Republic of Vietnam and its allies.

The presence of the delegation of the Republic of Vietnam at this meeting does not imply that the government of the Republic of Vietnam recognizes the Communist regime of North Vietnam and the so-called National Liberation Front of South Vietnam.

We hate and condemn war and more than anyone else, aspire to a prompt return to peace in our beloved fatherland.

It is precisely because of this deep aspiration that we are present here, ready to engage in serious discussions with the representatives of the Hanoi Administration, which is directly responsible for this war of aggression against the Republic of Vietnam.

We speak of a peace which must be a

just and lasting peace and not a false and unstable peace which bears the seed of still more murderous conflicts for future generations.

## ORIGIN OF THE WAR

The Vietnamese people were among the first to raise the banner of independence within the movement of liberation of the colonized peoples of Asia and Africa.

But the Communist leaders in the north have turned our national resistance into a war for national communism. They put the sacrifices of the Vietnamese people in the service of Communist expansion in Southeast Asia.

At a time when the situation called for close unity among all of the Vietnamese people to win independence, the Communist leaders did not hesitate to impose an infinitely disastrous party dictatorial policy. Their proclaimed dissolution of the Indochinese Communist Party in 1945 was but a maneuver designed to mislead public opinion because, in fact, the structure of their party organization had remained intact and they used it to monopolize political power and enlarge their dominion all over the country.

## COMMUNIST TERROR TACTICS

They savagely murdered illustrious patriots..... They attempted to systematically destroy Nationalist Parties, such as Dai Viet, Viet Quoc..... etc. Faithfully, they tried to destroy our religions.

(NEXT WEEK WE WILL CONTINUE WITH VIETNAM: SAIGON'S POSITION PART II)

## 1/20 RECON SOLDIER EVADES BICYCLING VC ON DARK TRAIL

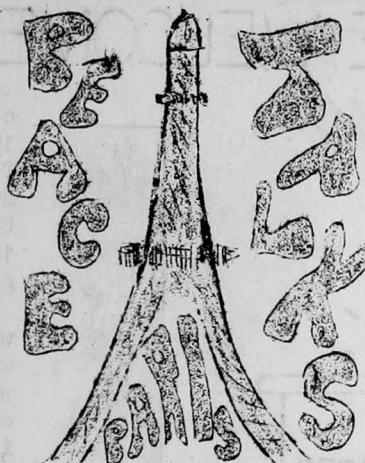
The Recon Platoon of the 1 Bn., 20 Inf. led by 1LT Jackson R. Kurtzman (Hamburg, N.Y.) often runs into unusual instances and dangerous experiences. Recently, however, the "Sykes Regulars" Recon Platoon stumbled onto another rather humorous yet important contact.

The platoon moved off of LZ Liz at 1:00 o'clock in the morning. They used the cloak of darkness to conceal their movement to an ambush site along route 515 six miles north of Duc Pho.

Just before daylight the platoon spotted a VC carrying party of six men on bicycles.

SP4 Charles R. Landreth explained, "I was the third man from the point. It was just getting light. The point man walked out on the trail and almost got hit by a bike. He opened fire and the rest of the platoon followed."

They killed two VC and destroyed the bicycles.



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# CRAPS. MRX.

SPS Lou FEDO

WE LEFT OUR HEROES IN A RATHER BAD SITUATION LAST WEEK, LETS CHECK THEM OUT.

FINALLY WE SPOT A SIGN OF LIFE....



TWO WIERD LOOKING BLOPS EMERGE FROM THE MUDDY QUAGMIRE.



IT LOOKS LIKE TWO FIMILAR FACES, SORT OF ANYWAY.



THE PILOT ENTERS THE PICTURE...

IM GLAD TO SEE YOU MADE IT, FORTUNATELY NO ONE WAS HURT



THE TWO BLOPS FOLLOW THE PILOT...

FOLLOW ME I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE WE ARE SET UP FOR THE NIGHT!



ARE THEY KIDDING US! — CONT.

(WRAP UP Cont from page 1) coast 11 miles south of Duc Pho. Later in the evening, Recon 1-20th killed an evading VC five miles northwest of Duc Pho.

On March 20, A Co., 3-1st detained one VCS in a rice paddy just northwest of Duc Pho.

On March 22, 3-18th Artillery accounted for 14 NVA kills in a stream nine miles south of Quang Ngai City.

D Co. 3-1st discovered the bodies of three NVA three miles north of Duc Pho, on March 23. C Bat., 3-18th, killed 15 NVA in rice paddies 8 miles south of Quang Ngai City in a fierce barrage.

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## AIR FORCE CAPTAIN JONES AWARDED BRONZE STAR W/V

CPT Lewis E. Jones (Bloomington, Ill.) of the 20th Tactical Air Support Group, 7th U.S.A.F., was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" Device for his valorous action from the 17th to the 20th of November in a recent ceremony. Since the medal is only awarded in connection with ground actions, it is extremely unusual for an Air Force pilot to receive the Bronze Star.

While serving as a Forward Air Controller for the 11th Bde. on the 17th of November, CPT Jones was directing an air strike on a known enemy position when one of the jet aircraft was shot down by ground fire.

CPT Jones immediately reported the position of the downed ship and coordinated a successful extraction of the body of one of the pilots.

The body of the other pilot was not found, and CPT Jones personally accompanied Infantry troops in an effort to find the downed pilot. The enemy was still active in the area.

After six hours of unsuccessful searching, during which CPT Jones was subjected to heavy enemy fire, the unit was ordered to end the mission.

**COL. DONALDSON** —

**COL. TREADWELL**

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Forty-six enemy bodies were eventually uncovered by the 11th Brigade soldiers, and many more were believed to have been buried in a large series of tunnel complexes.

Since COL Donaldson took command of the Brigade, over 1,826 enemy kills have been recorded by the "Jungle Warriors," which produced the 15-to-1 kill ratio. Fifteen NVI and 19 VC have also been taken as POWs.

COL Donaldson has involved himself in joint operations with the 2nd ARVN Division and has worked to rid southern Quang Ngai Province of VC influence. His efforts were instrumental in preparing plans for a Joint Tactical Operations Center, and he has responded vigorously to the 1969 GVNI Pacification Program.

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(COL TREADWELL)

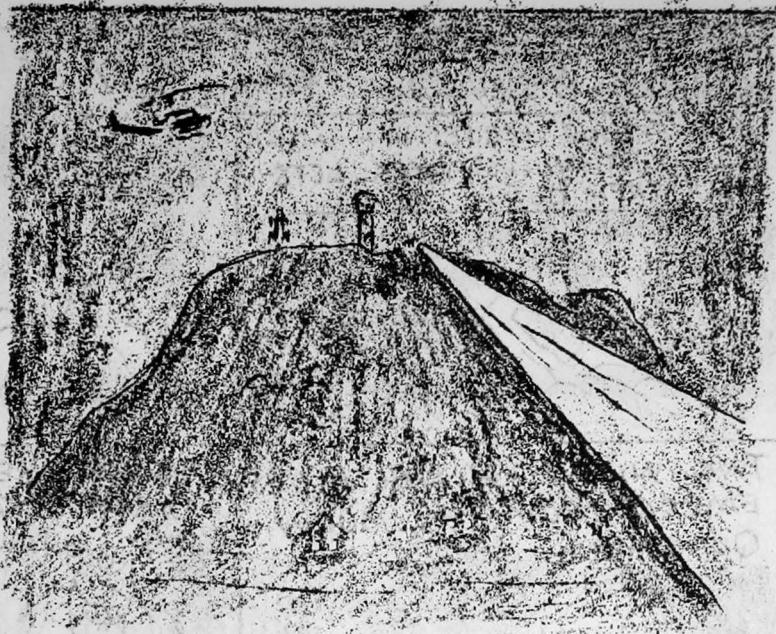
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chers College at Weatherford, Okla. in 1938-39. The Colonel also studied at the University of Omaha where he majored in Political Science, and also at the University of Georgia.

During his career in the Army, COL Treadwell has served as Staff Officer, College Supply, CGSC, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.; HQ Commandant, HHD, 7/26 A&U, Eniwetok, M.I., War Plans Officer, F&A Div., HQ, USAEUR; Battalion Commander, AAC, 1st Bn., 509th Inf., USAEUR; Spec. Asst. to Asst. Division Commander, 8th Infantry Div., USAEUR; Chief of USAIC, Training Evaluation and Test Group, HQS, USAIC Ft. Benning, Ga.; Brigade Commander, HQS Co., 197th Infantry Brigade, Ft. Benning, Ga., Chief of Staff, Americal Division, USARV; and now, Commanding Officer, 11th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Div.

COL Treadwell and his wife, Charlotte, have three daughters.

(COL TREADWELL Cont on P6)



## XENON SEARCHLIGHT FOILS ENEMY MOVEMENTS AT NIGHT

A well-known tactic of the enemy we face in Vietnam is the use of darkness as an auxiliary weapon for surprise and security.

Numerous devices have been developed in an effort to nullify this enemy advantage. One of the most effective of these devices is the jeep-mounted 23-inch Xenon searchlight.

SSG William R. Hobkirk is the NCOIC of the searchlight battery from the 21st Artillery that scour LZ Bronco at night.

The 23-inch Xenon searchlight is operated by a crew of two men and can be used for acquiring targets by illuminating suspect areas, marking targets for aerial rocket artillery and other armed helicopters, and can also be used to adjust artillery fire.

The searchlight features both infrared and visible illumination and the intensity of the light beam can be increased from 125 million to 150 million candle-power. The rated range of the searchlight is 4,000 meters; however, under favorable conditions, targets at a range of 8,000 meters can be illuminated.

## 174TH TEST PILOT PERFORMS EMERGENCY MEDEVAC FOR TWO

An 11th Brigade 174th AAC test pilot recently performed an emergency MEDEVAC mission while on a routine test flight near LZ Bronco.

WO1 Thomas Reinshagen was piloting his helicopter in the traffic pattern at LZ Bronco when his crew chief, SP5 James Simmons alerted him to an explosion which took place on Highway one, approximately one half mile north of Duc Pho.

"I couldn't tell what it was from 200 feet so I broke out of traffic control and made a low pass," Mr. Reinshagen said. "When I was over the area I could see that a bulldozer had hit a mine and was overturned in the road. I saw two men lying beside it and picked them up," the pilot explained.

Mr. Reinshagen then landed his helicopter on the highway near the overturned bulldozer and waited while the two wounded soldiers were loaded onto his ship.

The two soldiers were engineers from the 19th Engineer Battalion who were performing routine operations.

## ARMOR OFFICER TAKES COMMAND OF 3/1

Assuming command of the 3rd Bn., 1st Inf., LTC Walter L. Pritchard comes to LZ Bronco after serving as Commandant of the Americal Combat Center. He succeeds LTC William J. McCloskey, who is now an advisor to an ARVN Ranger Battalion in III Corps.

LTC Pritchard, who is an Armor officer, graduated from West Point and served with the Third Armored Division in Germany.

He holds an MA from Columbia University, and served as an instructor at West Point.

In Vietnam he has served as executive officer of the 2nd Bn., 1st Inf., 196th Inf. Bde.

## AMERICAL YEAR BOOK PUBLISHED SOON

The 11th Brigade has been visited this week by Mr. Terry Reynolds who is doing research for a new book about the Americal Division.

The book which will be published by the Vietnam Military History Publishing Company and will be written by Edward Hynoff a prize winning historian and war correspondent, can be ordered now. The initial price will be \$6. This pre-publication price will save the buyer \$4.

Reynolds has been visiting troops in the field gathering information to complete research before publication date.

## RANGER PATROL DISCOVERS ROCKET LAUNCHERS IN CAMP

An Americal Ranger Patrol from Co. "G," 75th Rangers, recently discovered a large enemy base camp six miles southwest of LZ Bronco and may have put some rocketeers out of business at the same time. LZ Bronco has been the target of several rocket attacks since the post-TET offensive began.

The Ranger team, led by SGT Ronald M. Olsen, noticed signs of enemy presence as soon as it touched down on the designated landing zone.

The Ranger team moved down one of the trails until it came upon a large hut complex, consisting of about 16 structures. Moving on, they discovered two more hut complexes which had been recently inhabited.

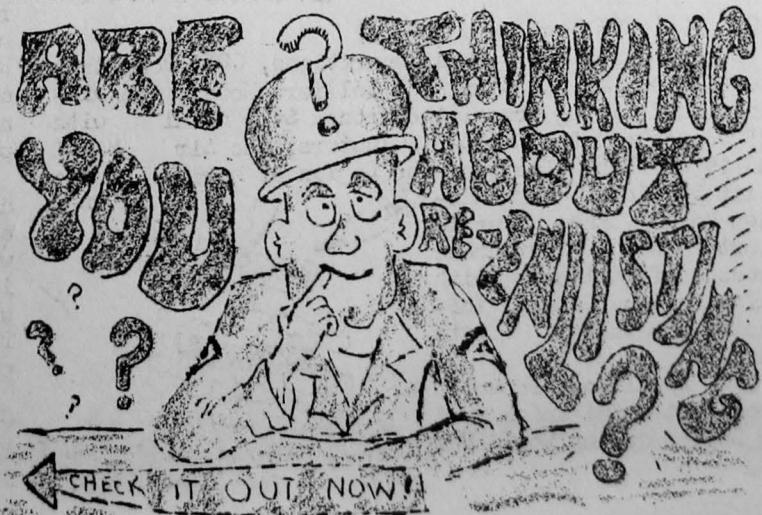
After searching the area the team moved to the top of a nearby hill. Here they discovered two trees, each about 15 feet long and hollowed out for probable use as rocket launchers. SGT Olsen and his men quickly destroyed the objects, which were pointed directly at LZ Bronco.

As the team moved out, they spotted three VC and opened fire on them as they fled. Soon, the team began receiving heavy enemy fire. They called for extraction, and "Shark" gunships came in to pound the enemy positions.

SP4 Schultz, relaxing after the experience, said, "The rocket fire came within 40 meters of us, but I was really glad to see them come."

## RE-UP COUNT ALL THE WAYS

If I'm an E-1 to E-6 I can re-up for an overseas area of my choice. From E-1 to E-9 (no CSM), I may re-up for a stateside post of my choice with a stabilized 12-month tour (This I like!). But then I may go for a tour in my hometown with ARADCOM, or shall I re-up for a change? Guess I'll go and see the 11th Brigade experts MSG CHAPLIC and SSG BOYLE. I might even call them at DUC PHO 163.



## LZ DRAGON RUN

BY U.S. AND ARVNs

Combined U.S. and Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) operations depend upon a strong spirit of cooperation and teamwork. An example of this is present on LZ Dragon, now being manned by both ARVN and U.S. personnel.

The firebase consists of a combined ARVN and American forces TOC, a motor pool, and artillery battery, two mortar batteries and a recoilless rifle.

The reason for placing LZ Dragon under the control of combined U.S. and ARVN forces is to help the ARVN's become more able to assume the responsibility of operating their own firebases. This type of combined American and ARVN cooperation is a most important breakthrough in establishing team spirit and a good working relationship between American and ARVN forces.

The Second ARVN Division has also combined forces with the American Division on many other occasions. Most recently they participated in Operation Russell Beach on the Batangan Peninsula.

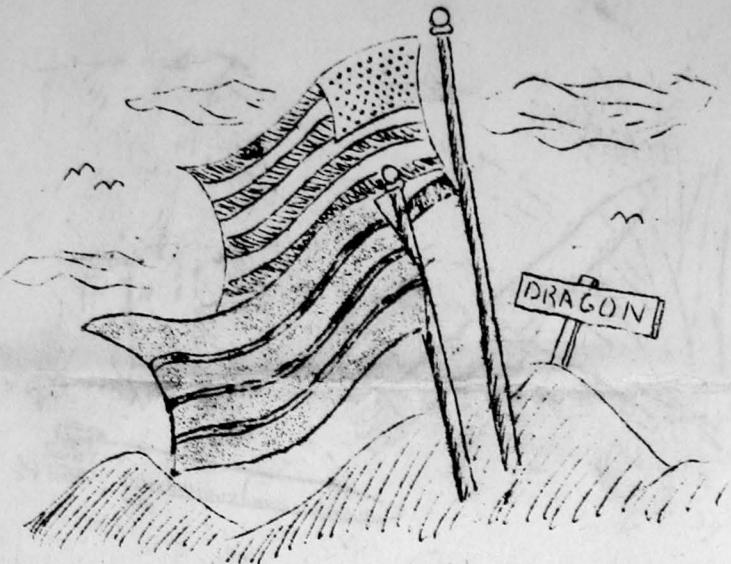
As a result of the cooperation, the ARVN's will become more proficient in defeating the enemy.

## COL DONALDSON'S AWARDS CITE HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Among his awards and decorations, COL Donaldson counts the Silver Star; the Soldiers Medal; the Distinguished Flying Cross; the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device and two Oak Leaf Clusters; the Air Medal and 19 Oak Leaf Clusters; the Legion of Merit; the Joint Services Commendation Medal; the Purple Heart; two Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry with Palm; and the Combat Infantryman's Badge with Star.

COL Donaldson graduated from West Point and served in Europe during World War II.



## MEDAL OF HONOR AND OTHERS HELD BY COL TREADWELL

COL Treadwell has a long and distinguished record of service to the Army and to his country. He has been awarded The Medal of Honor; the Distinguished Service Cross; the Silver Star Medal; the Legion of Merit; the Bronze Star Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster; the Purple Heart Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters; the Army Commendation Medal; the Good Conduct Medal; the French Croix-de-guerre with Gold Star; the Combat Infantryman's Badge; and the Senior Parachutist Badge.

COL Treadwell's career includes enlisted service from January 1941 through March 1944, and commissioned service from 23 March 1944 through the present, a total of over 20 years.

## COURAGE, SKILL TRADEMARK OF DUST-OFF PILOTS AND CREW

"Doctor Control, Doctor Control, this is Redleg Charlie, request a dust-off. Repeat, request a dust-off, do you hear me, over?"

"This is Doctor Control, I hear you loud and clear," comes the reply. "Redleg Charlie, I need your coordinates, number of personnel to be evacuated, and status of security in the pick-up zone."

So begins a typical MEDEVAC mission at the "B" Co., 23rd Medical Bn. hospital at LZ Bronco. From the Doctor Control room, a commo bunker manned 24 hours a day, RTOs pick up initial calls from the field and relay them to the pilots.

Dust-off pilots fly at all hours of the day, and night to pick up wounded American soldiers, even under bad weather conditions. They display great experience and courage.

Dust-offs also serve ARVN and other civilians who have been injured by the Viet Cong.

