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In the area were a rocket storage area 200 by 300 meters, a sizable room, rocket aiming stakes, and in the bunkers were empty rocket crates. Fifteen fresh graves were found.

An "Hero Scout" recon flight turned up 12 rocket blast holes, well-used trails, two camouflaged huts, five fresh graves, and an apparent enemy training center.

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Co. C, 3-1 Inf. engaged seven VC and killed two a mile northwest of Duc Pho and, in Operation Vernon Lake II, Co. A, 3-1 Inf. killed three VC 16 miles northwest of Quang Nhai.

E Tr. found an SKS rifle and an M-1 carbine seven miles south of Quang Ngai and later found and destroyed a 750-pound bomb.

Co. A, 1-46 Inf. killed seven of 10
VC recorded in the 196th Inf. area.
At 1130, Co. A killed 8 VC
northwest of Tam Ky and, at 191, killed
six of 25 VC engaged three times near
Tam Ky.

Co. D, 4-31 Inf., working 5 miles west of Tan Ky, killed a VC and relocated 23 Vietnamese refugees to Nui Lac Son. Co. D, 2-1 Inf., moved 25 refugees from 22 miles northwest of Tan Ky to Que Son.

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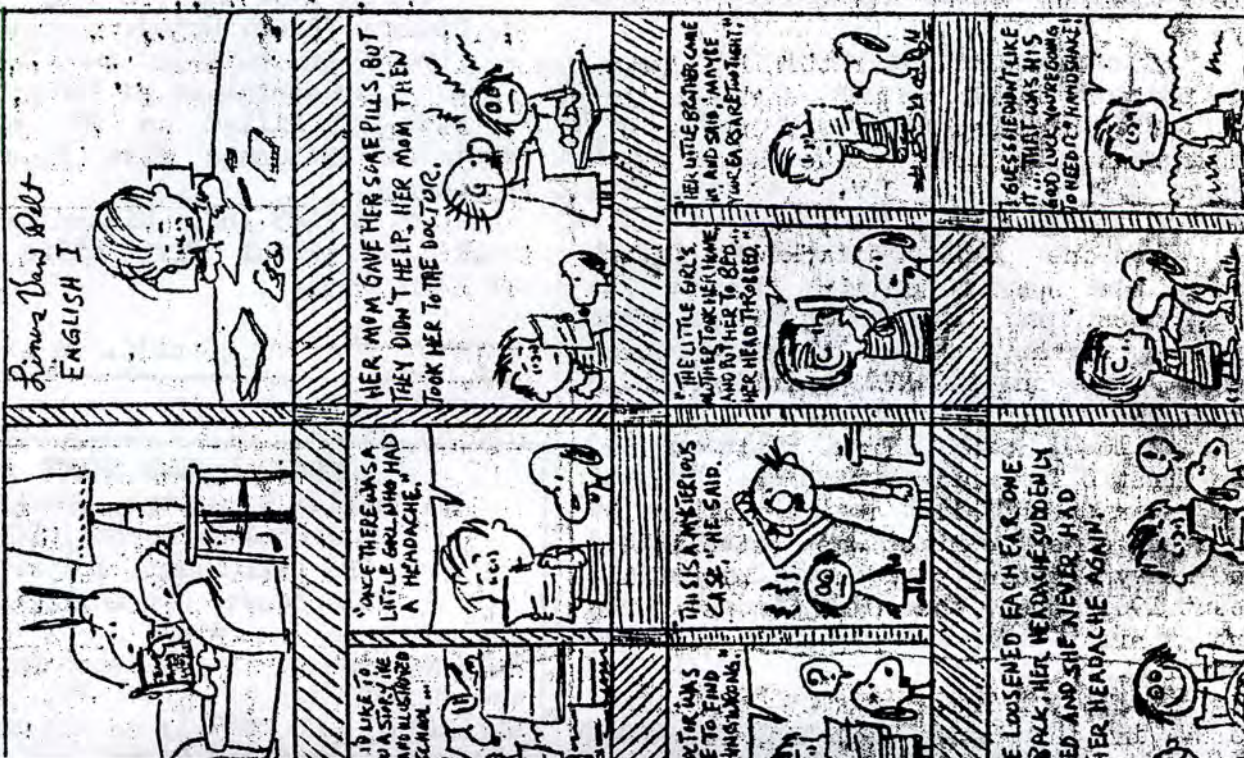
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