

Ivy-Vietnamese Units Join In Successful Enemy Hunt

BAN ME THUOT — A week of cooperative effort between the 45th ARVN Regiment and 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, was successful both in furthering the war effort and in building mutual friendship and respect between the men of the two units.

"It was a very good cooperative effort," said Colonel Joseph S. Sulenski of Chicago, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry. "The ARVN's were successful in killing seven and detaining several, and we recovered a large cache of weapons and ammunition."

"The entire action was successful in keeping the VC off balance in this area."

Some elements of the two allied units worked very closely together, even setting up a combined firebase, Landing Zone Loyal. The officers and men of Company A, Company C, and the 4.2 mortar platoon had an opportunity to meet their allies on a sustained basis.

"They are extremely good on these 105s," said Specialist 4 Thomas Jones of Detroit, referring to an element of the 232nd Artillery, ARVN.

"It was just like having Americans with us," continued Specialist Jones who is in the

4.2 mortar Platoon. "One man played the guitar well and knew a lot of American songs. The fire support was some of the best."

Captain Le Huu Thach of Saigon, commander of the 232nd Artillery, emphasized that his men also enjoyed sharing the firebase.

"The commanding officer and enlisted men all helped us with many things. Your platoons helped clear our battery area. Some enlisted men came here and talked with us."

"We shared equipment. We even cooperated in formations to gather up the trash."

"I have never seen a more security conscious group," said Captain Walter L. Corey of Concord, N.H., commander of Alpha Company. "There was perfect military courtesy and friendship at all levels of officers and enlisted men."

The forward observer attached to Alpha Company, First Lieutenant Russell T. Owen of St. Louis, Mo., had a number of opportunities to observe the ARVN artillery in action.

"Battery C," stated Lieutenant Owen, "is as efficient, fast and accurate as most comparable American units I have seen in Vietnam."



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Uncover Enemy's Arsenal

HIGHLANDER HEIGHTS — The Reconnaissance Platoon of the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry discovered an enemy cache of AK47 rounds and other ammunition while moving to participate in a cordon and search of a village ten miles southwest of Kontum City.

Included in the find were 11,000 rounds of AK47 ammunition, six B41 rockets, 11 B40 rockets, 25 82mm mortar fuses and 16 82mm mortar boosters.

While approaching the village, the platoon discovered a bunker complex. The platoon leader, 1st Lieutenant Paul E. McGunnigle of La Verne, Calif., put Private First Class Victor Figueroa of Santurce, P.R., out as an OP while the bunker complex was being searched by the rest of the platoon.

Private First Class Figueroa noticed two unusual looking holes near his position and decided to check them out. Poking in one of them with a pole, he felt some plastic and called Lieutenant McGunnigle. Except for ten of the B40s, the whole cache was found in these two holes.

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