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2/5 GETS NEW BOSS 1/5 IN ALPHA KILO

On the 20th of May at LZ Uplift, LTC Robert D. Stevenson relinquished his command of the 2d Battalion, 5th Cavalry to LTC Joseph C. McDonough in a brief ceremony.

One of the five companies of the battalion watched as LTC Stevenson was presented the Bronze (CONT PAGE 7)

On 17 May the entire 1/5th Cav packed its bags in Operation Pershing and loaded back to the An Khe area for a much needed (CONT PAGE 3)

1/77 ARTILLERY CHANGES C.O.'S

At LZ Uplift on May 13th, LTC Arthur Kelly relinquished his command of the 1/77th Artillery Battalion to Major George R. Dawson during an awards and change of command ceremony.

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ARTY SPOILERS WRECK ENEMY MORTAR PROBE

The Viet Cong's mortar attack launched against the 2d Brigade at LZ Uplift recently was ambushed by the fire from two artillery-fire support positions executed by the men of the 1/77th Artillery. Consequently, the enemy withdrew and left many an unfired round behind.

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BDE STAYS IN PHU MY

During the past two weeks, the 2d Brigade has continued its mission of searching, clearing and screening in the Phu My District area in support of the Revolutionary Development project. Contact with the enemy has been scattered and sporadic.

On the 17th of May, the 1/5th Cav, commanded by LTC James (CONT PAGE 8)

2/12TH FINDS CONG CACHE

The 2/12th Cav, commanded by LTC William J. "Buck" Buchanan, in recent weeks has continued its mission of company search and destroy operations north of the An Lao Valley.

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2/5TH MAKES AMPHIBIOUS LANDING PAY

Last week during Operation Pershing in the area south of Bong Son, the 2/5th Cav made another first in the application of the Airmobile Concept. On two separate occasions A and C companies made night amphibious landings from landing vessels of the 1098th Boat Company, 1st Logistics Command, Qui Nhon.

The mission was to board the boats at night and to then move (CONT PAGE 4)



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2/5TH WATER ASSAULT

by
water to a village complex along the South China Sea coast. This village was believed by intelligence to be a depot for the infiltration of men and supplies into South Vietnam from Communist North Vietnam. After making their landing under the cover of darkness, the company cordoned the village and at first light, swept through and searched the enemy village. In both cases, large numbers of suspects were detained and packs uncovered. On both occasions, the men of the 2/5th Cav caught the unsuspecting enemy asleep in their seemingly secure areas.

On the 8th of May, A Company, commanded by CPT George B. Lee of Montgomery, Alabama landed by sea, and cordoned and searched the hamlet of Tan Phung. Many detainees were picked up and after the sweep of the village, a medcap team from the Navy and a Psywar team from the 2d Brigade was brought in and a sick-call held.

On the 9th of May, C Company, 2/5th Cav, commanded by CPT Donald Markham of Fort Worth, Texas, was given the mission to make a night landing in order to cordon and sweep the village of Lo Dieu, a small village on the coast of the South China Sea. The village was chosen for the search because it is nestled on the coast next to a rugged range of mountains southeast of Bong Son. Cut off from land by the rugged mountain range except for a small strip of rocky shore, its location made it ideal for the infiltration techniques of the NVA.

It was late in the evening when the company met with the LCN's (the landing craft) on the beach southeast of Lake Dam Trao. At this time the company split into two parts and was taken aboard the landing craft which pitched and yawed in the rag-



ing surf. It was a tricky maneuver, but the Cavalrymen turned sailors accomplished it without a hitch. Accompanied by Navy "swift boats", they inched their way up the coast to their destination.



At 0300 hours on the morning of the 10th, the craft crept into the shore, landing the men in total silence and darkness. One landing boat landed to the north of Lo Dieu and one to the south. They then proceeded to set up a perimeter cordoning the village. As the men strung out, preparing for the long night and the wait for dawn, it became apparent that there would be a gap of some 200 meters between the two elements. In order to close the gap, CPT Markham called for artillery support from the Navy destroyer, U.S.S. Bush lying off the coast. Almost immediately, the Navy gunners began to put the five inch rounds in the Company's hip pocket. All night long, the raval gunfire continued to pound the gap.

At first light the next morning the company searched the village and found five NVA dead from the company's intermittent fire and raval artillery. They believed they had caught an NVA pack company loading up for the trek inland. The NVA who had tried to escape the cordon during the night were without weapons, but had equipment, packs with food, medical supplies, ammunition, even AK-47 magazines.

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2/5 ASSAULTS

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Captured in the village were 12 confirmed POW's, 10 CD's plus the 5 NVA KIA. Much intelligence was confirmed and new intelligence discovered when the detainees were interrogated by the 191st Military Intelligence teams at LZ Uplift after they were evacuated. Several of the captured POW's sought to escape the cordon by sailing their fishing craft, but were turned back by the



Navy's swift boats.

Later that day, CPT Markham went aboard the Bush to see in person the men and officers who had supported him so ably during that long night. Views were exchanged and both considered such joint maneuvers to be most effective in halting the flow of supplies to the NVA and VC in Binh Dinh Province.

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