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DSC Awarded To 196th Sgt Who Saved His Platoon

TAY NINH, (196th INF-10) — The Distinguished Service Cross has been awarded to a 196th Light Infantry Brigade sergeant who got his platoon out of a tight spot by charging a VC machinegun bunker, knocking it out, and killing nine Viet Cong.

The nation's second highest award for valor was presented to Sgt. Lester Armstrong of Company C, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry, by Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Harold K. Johnson.

The action for which he was cited occurred as his company had come under heavy enemy fire while trying to assist another unit pinned down by an estimated Viet Cong battalion. Blocking the sergeant's platoon to the

front was a machinegun bunker manned by three enemy. Surrounding the bunker in dug-in positions were six more Viet Cong.

The platoon's machinegunner became entangled in the jungle and could not move forward with the rest of the platoon. Armstrong then rushed through the enemy fire toward the soldier, picked up the gun, and

During the action, Armstrong was wounded in the arm and leg by grenade fragments, but he succeeded in killing the six VC surrounding the bunker. He then directed his fire on the bunker, eventually killing its three occupants and silencing the gun.

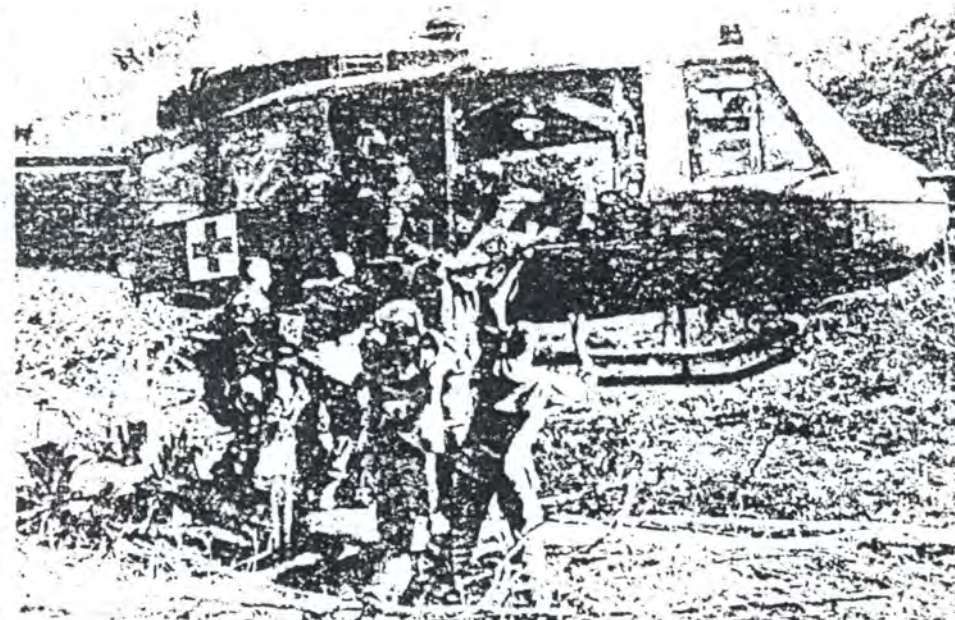
Valorous Unit Award To Avn Bn

VINH LONG, (1st AVN BN) — The Valorous Unit Award has been presented to the 114th Assault Helicopter Company, 199th Combat Aviation (Delta) Battalion, 1st Aviation Brigade.

The 114th was supporting a Republic of Vietnam ground operation in June. It conducted eight aerial assaults into known enemy dominated territory. The members of the unit rescued crews of downed aircraft twice during the day.

More than 123 combat assault hours were flown during the day, with two aircraft hit. Six hundred and forty combat troops were airlifted into the combat area and numerous medical evacuations and resupply missions were conducted.

It is the second Valorous Unit Award for the company. The previous one was awarded for action against the Viet Cong in early April 1965.



THE WOUNDED GOES ABOARD—1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division paratroopers load a wounded comrade aboard a dustoff helicopter during a med-evac mission near Kontum on Operation Pickett. (Photo by Sp4 Gene Tate, 101st ABN-10)

39th Engr Medics Revive VN Baby

LOC HAI, (USAECV-10) — Medics assigned to the 39th Engineer Battalion recently saved the life of a month-old Vietnamese child by building a device to aid her breathing.

The baby was taken from the Loc Hoi Orphanage here to the medical section of the 39th. She had a respiratory infection that made breathing very difficult. Medics feared she might suffocate if something were not done quickly.

Medics hit upon a solution: a "Croupette Vaporizer" that was

built in 30 minutes from materials on hand. Simple but effective, the vaporizer was credited with saving the baby's life.

Constructed of plywood, the "Croupette" sat on 18-inch legs. A small opening was made in the bottom of the device to allow medicated steam to flow through. Then a sheet of clear plastic was laid over the top to hold steam in while the baby inhaled it. The steam was produced by the dispensary's instrument sterilizer.

Before long, the little girl was well enough to let medics know

she was hungry. How were they going to feed the baby?

This problem was solved by punching a hole in the finger of a rubber glove, making a nipple. Heated milk was obtained from the mess hall. Medics then cut another finger of the rubber glove, filled it with cotton and made a pacifier to satisfy the baby when she was not feeding—which was not very often.

The baby was returned to the orphanage after two days and one night of care in good health.

Lieutenant Marm was a platoon leader when his company was attacked Nov. 11, 1965, by a regiment-sized enemy unit.

After killing four Viet Cong, Lieutenant Marm exposed himself in order to draw the fire of a concealed Viet Cong machine gun. He was wounded, but then charged 30 meters across open ground, hurled grenades at the machine gun's position, and killed some of the eight insurgents manning the weapon.

When his grenades were expended, he continued the momentum of his assault. Armed only

Fast Action Saved 2 On Night Patrol

LONG BINH, (199th INF-10) — While on an ambush patrol recently, Sp4 Roger D. Patton successfully organized the medical evacuation of two of his fellow comrades, saving their lives.

An assistant squad leader in Company A, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry, 199th Light Infantry Brigade, Patton was with his squad on a night ambush patrol a few miles from the brigade's base camp, when noises were

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...like that. Then I read that newspaper story about the secretary in Washington, D.C. who I saved up seven weeks vacation and was coming to Vietnam to volunteer work. That's when it made up my mind to come too." Mrs. Vivian Zalburg, wife of Honolulu Advertiser city editor, Clifford Zalburg, stated her case

responsibilities to keep her tied to home. So she just picked up

Avn Bn CO Wins Medal For Rescue

PLEIKU, (1st AVN-10) — An Army aviation battalion commander who dropped himself into known enemy-infested territory to rescue three crewmembers of a downed chopper has been awarded the Silver Star.

He is Lieutenant Colonel Foy Rice. He had taken over search operations of the downed chopper after a crew before him had failed to locate it.

When he found the wreckage, he tried to get down but could not. He returned to a nearby artillery unit, got a Chinook and pilot, and returned to the scene. He lowered himself 100 feet to where the survivors were. Only three were there because the fourth had gone to search for water and had not returned.

But he did not know about the fourth until he was flying the three to a hospital. One of the survivors, too weak to talk above the chopper noise, was able to write out information about the fourth survivor.

Rice ordered an aerial search for the other survivor before he arrived at the hospital.

The survivor was located and the pilot of the aircraft, Capt. William Jones, hovered about four feet off the ground while one remaining crewmember was helped through the cargo hatch

Zolly, as her friends call her, is native Hawaiian. Although she has lived most of her life in the island state, she is definitely no stranger to international travel, and she is an accomplished artist at pulling up stakes one day to be thousands of miles away the next.

"My husband and I are at that point in life where personal possessions no longer mean so much. We both live so that all that is important to us can be packed in two suitcases, and all the rest can be left behind with no regret."

Mrs. Zalburg said money is no longer an overriding concern with her and whatever she does here will be on a strictly volunteer basis. "I want to do something to help. Something that will help both our country and the Vietnamese. Perhaps I can do volunteer work for the International Red Cross."

During her visit, Maj. Peter Kama, Civil Affairs officer for the Division's Support Command, and a native Hawaiian himself, acted as Mrs. Zalburg's unofficial escort. He invited her to Christmas Eve dinner with the officers of Support Command, telling her that Mr. Zalburg would be there also.

Mrs. Zalburg said, "I was touched by the kindness the men showed me. When I arrived everyone stood up. I could see that many of them were thinking of their wives and families back in Hawaii and all around the country."

"My husband arrived later, and after dinner, the men presented us with Christmas gifts."

Zolly had a few comments about the Cu Chi base camp. "You can see the touches of home everywhere, and ingenuity,



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Minigun System Added To 1st Avn Bn's Armed Choppers

BIEN HOA, (1st AVN-10) — Could this be "The Year of the Mini"?

The word minify means "shorten or lessen."

The dazzling skirts that delighted London during the summer and hung around to endure the freezing winds of mid-winter Chicago—were definitely shortened and lessened.

However, the "mini" in the new miniguns being used in Vietnam means anything but "lessen."

Army Aviation units in Vietnam employing armed helicopters have started to receive the XM-21 Minigun weapons system. The new weapon, designed to increase the reliability, firepower, and overall destructive capabilities of the armed Hueys, is being installed on the majority of the helicopters flown by the 334th Armed Helicopter Company of the 145th Combat Aviation Battalion 1st Aviation Brigade.

The Minigun system closely resembles the old Gatling gun in that it employs six rotating barrels firing in sequence for a high rate of fire. The system has such a high rate of fire that it would consume most of the aircraft's basic load of ammunition within minutes if it were fired in one long burst. The weapon is fired at interrupted bursts so that the ammunition is conserved and the barrels remain within their heat range.

The system is capable of flexing even further than the older quad mounted M-60 machineguns. It can fire forward, almost straight out from the sides of a helicopter, or straight down to penetrate the thick jungle canopy.

Pilots of the 334th Armed Helicopter Company report that the system is deadly accurate and the high rate of fire makes it "rain lead in a steady stream."

Time Out For Pizza

TAY NINH, (196th INF-10) — "The men of the Go-Go Company have become connoisseurs of C-rations," said Lt. Robert E. O'Brien, as he prepared a "Go-Go Pizza" on a ridge of Nui Ba Den Mountain which Company A 4th Battalion, 1st Infantry,



FEEDING A HUNGRY MINI BIRD—Specialist Four Tony M. Ross (left) and Specialist Jack Smith prepare one of their new rapid firing miniguns for a mission with the 334th Armed Helicopter Company.

(Photo by 145th AVN BN-10)

Six Art Scholarships Up For Army Grabs

WASHINGTON, (ANF) — Six college scholarships for one-year in-the-performing-arts-are-now-being offered to Army entertainers who will still be on active duty when the courses begin next fall.

This is the first time the Army will grant training in the arts at civilian educational institutions to active duty personnel.

"Scholarship winners must remain on active duty at least

two other fellowships. California State College at Fullerton will offer a graduate or undergraduate scholarship in theater arts.

Applications may be made at Special Services offices and must be forwarded by major commands before March 10 to the Army Education and Moral Support Directorate, Office of the Adjutant General, Washington.

1st I Helps

LAI KHE, (1st INF-10) — The McMellon Memorial project was begun by the Big Red One. The project is named after SSgt. N. McMellon, a mess with Company C, 701st Infantry Battalion.

McMellon was a liked children and was trying to help the children of Ben Cat, killed in 1965 by a grenade while driving to deliver presents to children's Christmas party sponsoring.

The purpose of the project is to complete the McMellon Memorial project which was unable to provide a means for education, and welfare for many children who are

Fewer V On Rive

DI AN, (1st INF-10) — river channels of the Special Zone, which is a vital port of Saigon, one of the hottest Viet cities in South Viet the past year, the 1st Division has been clearing swampy islands of the river while the Navy has been clearing the main channels.

The Big Red One's 18th Infantry completed a probe for the area. Because of the rivers, swamps, and the work was essential to the 1st Division and Naval forces. It proved to be an excellent example of interservice cooperation.

The latest example of work was an all night patrol by members of the 1st Navy Patrol Boat

Staff Sergeant Fred Shart was disappointed in the night's patrolling. He looked at it as a good job but as if the river is in place for the enemy. He marked Boschart. "I VC have learned that way. We'll just have to roll the rivers to out."

Avn Unit Has Pool

NHA TRANG, (1st AVN-10) — Helicopter crews of the 17th Combat Aviation Group's 155th Assault Company, 52nd Battalion, have a flair for civilization despite the rough, board-and-canvas surroundings of their central highland base camp.

The Army unit, famous for its "outh tables" to re-humane combat aviators nearing their stateside rotation dates, recently added a 40-foot square swimming pool to its cultural effects — this one open to roughly 200 troops of various units stationed at Ban Me Thuot, 75 miles northwest of here.

Long on the drawing board, pool plans were finally pushed into the construction phase in early October by 155th commander, Maj. Robert V. Atkinson. It was opened late last month to a formation fly-by of smoke-streaming 155th Hueys.

It is made of a heavy plastic attached to a framework of metal steps, anchored by steel stanchions embedded in cement, all resting on a foundation of packed sand.

Private First Class Robert Spuller, a former YMCA swimming instructor, stands by to prevent non-battle losses among the splashing soldiers.

Planned additions to the eight-foot deep pool include two dressing rooms, a weight-lifting room, and a five-foot wide poolside apron enclosed by a fence.

Captain Has Own Paintings As Souvenirs

BIEN HOA, (173rd ABN-10) — Captain John T. Hoza will have some lasting souvenirs of his Vietnam tour.

The captain, a pilot with the 335th Aviation Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade, is an amateur artist, and when not flying, relaxes with an easel, a pad, and some ink.

Though he has no formal art

training, he decided to stay where I was."

In the meantime, the rest of the company formed a perimeter around the disabled vehicle. The VC broke contact under the pressure of the .50 caliber guns and the rest of the men on Henderson's track dismounted.

A medical evacuation dustoff helicopter rushed in to evacuate the wounded.

Now in the 3rd Field Hospital at Tan Son Nhut, Henderson looks back on the whole thing as an experience. His company commander, 1st Lt. James E. McQuinn, presented him a Purple Heart.

Sp4 Pharr Saves Life

KONTUM, (101st ABN-10) — More people are finding out every day that when the paratroopers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, say they'll help, it means "all the way." Latest to find this out were the nurses of the Minh Quy Hospital in Kontum City.

Specialist Four Mickey Pharr III of Company C, Support Battalion (Forward), was helping other members of his unit repair and clean equipment and buildings at the Catholic supported hospital when a crisis arose. A Montagnard woman with acute abscess anemia needed a blood transfusion.

A quick check of the hospital's meager supplies proved futile. Specialist Pharr volunteered and the woman's life was saved.

LUCKY CHARM—Dallas L. Cox, ex-army soldier. The soldier

704th Handle

PLEIKU, (4th INF-10) — In any tool kit of a maintenance unit, you will find anything from a P-38 to a sledge hammer.

Add a number of individuals to the assortment of equipment and you have a maintenance unit. That is as most of us know about it. Seldom when we call for help, or troubled equipment, do we see the intricate machine motion.

The 704th is primarily responsible for all third echelon maintenance of the 4th Division. They handle all repair inside a specific section's maintenance capabilities. The unit is divided into five companies, two of which are at the base camp. The other three companies are attached to the division's three Brigades. The companies range in size to 350 men. Each company is again broken down into operative sections and maintenance platoons.



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Sgt. William L. Smeltzer

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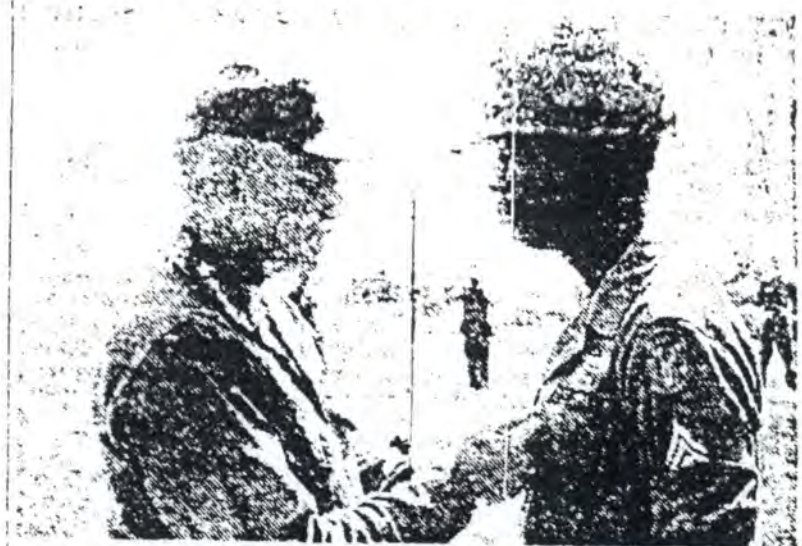
SSgt. Edward N. Passmore

SFC Joseph E. Register

SFC Michael G. Sayer

SSgt. Hugh C. Thompson

SSgt. Jonah R. Turner



SECOND HIGHEST AWARD — General Harold K. Johnson, Chief of Staff, pins the nation's second highest award for valor, the Distinguished Service Cross, on Sgt. Lester Armstrong's fatigue jacket. Armstrong, of Company C, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, was credited with wiping out a VC machinegun bunker and killing nine enemy.

(Photo by Lt. Ambrosio Sarmiento, 196th INF-IO)

Piaster Control Urged

TAN SON NHUT, (USARV-IO)

— Servicemen in Vietnam are being urged to impose self-limitation on piaster spending.

The Vietnamese economy is being hurt by so many Americans spending money on local goods and services. The effect is that businessmen are upping their prices out of the reach of the Vietnamese. In short, they are having to compete with Americans for the things they want to buy on salaries that are not equal to the serviceman's.

Servicemen have several ways to cut piaster spending, while at the time, save money. An increase in the deposits with the Uniformed Services Savings Deposit System leads the list. This is the one with the 10 per cent interest.

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Common Sense Avoids Accidents

Recently we've done a lot of talking about different types of traffic accidents and how they could have, and should have, been avoided. We in the Military Police sincerely feel that any and all accidents can be avoided if human beings would only use the sense they were born with.

In a couple of our cases, deaths occurred because drivers failed to properly judge clearance. To avoid repetition we didn't explore too many of these accidents but our files show that over 50 per cent of our fatal traffic accidents are caused when trucks 2 1/2-ton and larger are changing lanes or making turns.

The details of these accidents don't make very entertaining reading. They're not dramatic but they are gruesome reading. There's no big buildup, no high speed chase, no stormy weather, nothing unusual at all.

He moves around the corner and as he makes his turn, the side of the truck squeezes out more and more space to the right. Some poor guy walking or cycling along side gets hit by the side of the truck and falls under the rear axle. There normally isn't too much left of him.

You know he shouldn't have been there to begin with. You're right. He shouldn't have, but he was and he's dead and you still don't have an excuse, since it needn't have happened.

What could have been done? Could the driver have gone slower around the corner? Could he have put a mirror on his right side? Could he have leaned across the cab and looked out his right window? Could he have sounded his horn to warn people as he made the turn? Could he have done any or all of these things?

Pilot's Daring Act Saves Men, Planes

CAN THO, (IV, CORPS-100)—Thanks to the quick reaction of Capt. Charles Banks, a pilot assigned to the 221st Aerial Reconnaissance Company, the lives of six Americans and several million dollars worth of airplanes were saved.

Banks had just completed an aerial reconnaissance mission over the Delta and had parked his plane, an O-1 or Bird Dog, at the western end of the airfield on the outskirts of this city. While talking to his platoon sergeant and several other men, he saw a Viet Cong rise up from the tall grass that surrounds the end of the field and throw a hand grenade that landed between himself and two 5000 gallon tankers full of jet fuel and aviation gasoline.

Seeing the immediate danger to his men, Banks jumped on the grenade to shield the blast from his men. He then looked and saw his men had taken cover, looked up the grenade from under his body, and threw it back toward the VC, where it exploded.

When asked how long he had been on the grenade, he said, "Six or eight seconds, but it seemed like a lifetime. The fact that it was a home-made grenade was the only thing that saved me," he said. "If it had been a U.S. grenade, I wouldn't be here now."

If the grenade had exploded where it was thrown by the Viet Cong, and Banks had not jumped

on top of it, the blast would have set off the gas, possibly killing the men in the area as well as destroying 12 aircraft parked on the flight line.

Tribesmen Relocated

KONTUM, (101st ABN-10)—A Montagnard village of 106 tribesmen was relocated and placed under Government control at their request recently by elements of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

During Operation Pickett, Company A, 1st Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry, found two Montagnard women working near a stream in the unit's area of operation. After questioning by a Vietnamese interpreter, the women admitted the location of their village in the mountains and the presence of 26 possible Viet Cong and nine weapons.

That day the company surrounded the village and after a thorough search, captured the nine weapons and numerous small caches of ammunition, and detained the VC suspects.

The entire tribe of 106 men, women, and children expressed a desire to be moved to a secure area away from the VC infested jungles.

The following morning, the battalion's Company C moved into the village and brought out the tribe to a clearing where the Montagnards were airlifted by helicopter to Kontum.

escape routes.

Engineers, guarded by 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry trucks, shed through the matted grass and vegetation along the roadside, and worked with mine-sweeper teams to relieve the threat of antitank and antipersonnel mines. In the critical stretches, trees and vegetation were removed for about 100 yards on each side of the highway.

By the operation's end, 73 VC had been killed, four captured, and almost seven tons of rice and 1500 pounds of salt had been evacuated or destroyed. The 1st Brigade suffered only light losses in vehicles and personnel.

In one episode of the operation, an experienced and far ranging reconnaissance patrol checked out a suspect area adjacent to the Song Be River, searching for VC base camps, transport routes, storage locations, and troop concentrations. After three days of stalking and searching, the patrol, led by Sgt. Cleetus Sanders, observed two VC columns—nearly 200 men—moving down a jungle trail. A dry river snatched alerting the VC, the patrol hit them swiftly and heavily with all its firepower. Despite the volume of weapons of the VC, 50 of them were brought down.

The platoon leader, Lt. Robert G. Pasour, in a chopper hovering near the firefight, decided to extract his men with the aid of the gunships of the 178th Assault Helicopter Company, 11th Aviation Battalion.

A fire team from Troop D, 1st Battalion, 4th Cavalry held the VC at bay while patrol members SSgt. Melvyn Finnegan and Sp4 Kenneth Good, Ralph Harriman, and Robert O'Malley clambered up the ladders of the waiting helicopters. There were no Big Red One casualties.

Operation Bismarck has ended, but road clearance and security patrols continue to ensure the safety of resupply convoys rolling north.



MOVING TREES THE EASY WAY—Staff Sergeant William L. Hutcherson, a member of Company A, 326th Engineer Battalion, lights the fuse of a TNT cutting charge on a tree while helping clear a landing zone during the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division's Operation Pickett. The engineers move with the brigade's units to provide support.

(Photo by PFC Luis Callender, 101st ABN-10)

162nd Copperheads Kill VC From Air

PHU LOI, (1st AVN-10)—The Copperheads, armed platoon of the 162nd Assault Helicopter Company, 1st Aviation Brigade, accounted for 25 confirmed Viet Cong killed in recent action north-east of Lai Khe.

A fire team composed of Capt. John W. Barry, fire team leader, Capt. Edson Brock, Maj. William Giese, platoon leader, and Maj. Brendan Swindell, maintenance officer, were covering a landing zone northeast of Lai Khe for the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry when Barry's aircraft, a UH-1B, received fire from an enemy position.

This was reported to the ground commander in his command and control aircraft which investigated the reported location and also received fire. The ground com-

mander reported a VC force and ordered the fire team into action. The team immediately covered the area with fire, routing the enemy and reducing the fire from that position. A body count confirmed 15 enemy killed.

Two days later, the same fire team, with the exception of Maj. Gerald W. Kirklighter, 162nd commanding officer, who was replacing Swindell, was providing direct air support to a Military Assistance Command, Vietnam unit outside of Tan An, when Army Republic of Vietnam troops reported they were receiving heavy fire. The fire team was dispatched to the area where they remained on station until they had used all their ammunition. Friendly troops came back that night confirming 10 Viet Cong killed. During the same operation, the fire team sighted an enemy sampan and quickly destroyed it.

Sgt Gets SS For Saving 3

PLEI DJERENG, (4th INF, 10)—A 4th Infantry Division platoon sergeant who, among other things rescued three wound-



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long With the help of the 25th Infantry Division's 65th Engineer Battalion, it was not long before the road became passable and a better, much stronger bridge was built. The Manchus also placed two companies along the road to stop the VC from halting and harassing transportation.

into the field to retrieve the citizens. He ran 150 meters and led the children to the friendly lines. He returned to help two older citizens who had fallen behind.

After he was assured of the citizens' safety, Grigg led his platoon in an assault on the enemy positions and routed the enemy from their entrenchments.

Sergeant First Class Paul G. Jackson, a platoon sergeant with

bring more destructive fire on the enemy forces.

Despite the heavy volume of fire being directed on him and despite his platoon sergeant's repeated requests for him to pull back to a covered position, he remained in the position for more than two hours until his weapon jammed.

When Jackson withdrew to friendly lines, he had fired some

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Vietnam Communique

Recent interest has been focused on the truces that marked the holiday season. The Christmas truce saw 23 reportable incidents among all the services, with 24 over the New Year period.

The major Army units and reportable incidents are as follows:

1st Infantry Division—Reported eight incidents, all with light or no casualties except for one incident at the Di An base camp which a squad suffered heavy casualties from a platoon-size enemy force.

101st Airborne Division — Two incidents reported with light friendly casualties.

11th Armored Cavalry Division — No incidents reported.

25th Infantry Division — Five incidents on record, all with light or no friendly casualties.

172nd Airborne Brigade — One incident, with light friendly casualties.

4th Infantry Division—Two incidents reported, one with no friendly casualties and the other with light friendly casualties.

1st Cavalry Division — Four were reported, with light or no friendly casualties.

196th Light Infantry Brigade—No incidents reported.

Just after the truce ended, an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Division uncovered 10 tons of paddy rice and 3070 pounds of sacked coffee in Long Khanh Province. Two tunnels were also located.

In Operation Thayer II, a company from the 12th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division engaged an un-

determined enemy force in the light resulted in 15 enemy killed, Kim Son Valley. A 20 minute fire with no friendly casualties.



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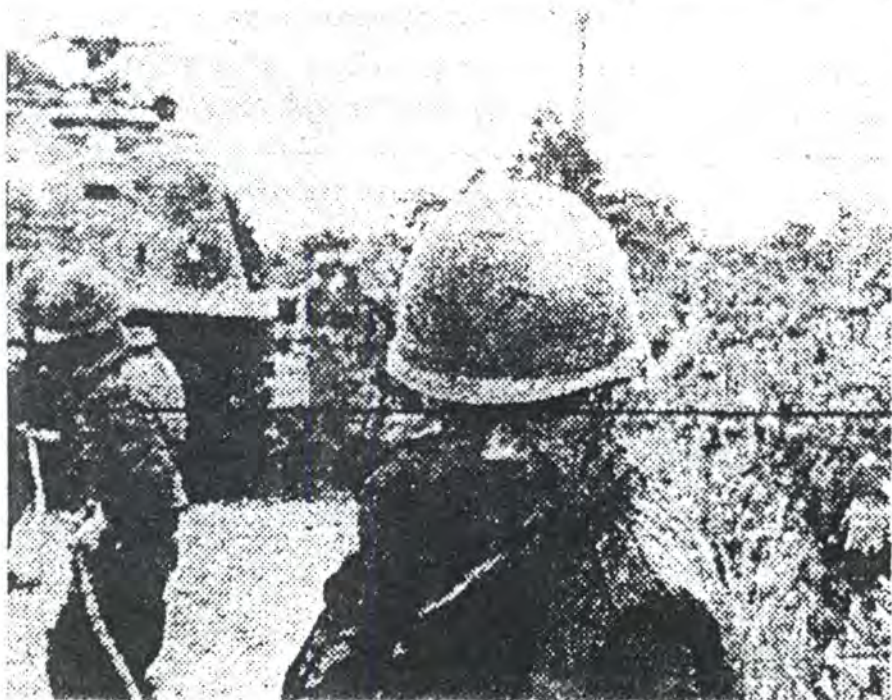
officer, recommended that sol-
diers be given medical instruc-
tion. Walker notified the Divi-
sion's Support Command Head-
quarters of his plan and started
the ball rolling.

Operations Sergeant Ed Weaver
programmed the course and the
first group of trainees attended
the five-day school with enthusi-
asm. "We bring in five at a
time," said Weaver. "There are
40 men to go through the course,
but since an interpreter is need-
ed, we teach small groups so
that interest is kept on the two
men giving the lessons. They are
here for four hours a day," he
added.

During the course, the soldiers
are instructed on artificial respi-
ration, transportation of sick and
wounded, personal hygiene, and
treatment of burns and wounds.

As an incentive, Walker plans
on selecting the four best men
and later giving them an ad-
vanced course. "We feel that it
is quite necessary that these peo-
ple have a good background in
first aid," he said. "They can
pass this knowledge on to the
villagers of their hamlet."

Nguyen Dux Hung, the inter-
preter, stressed that the mem-



Kills Tiger From Air

Specialist

PLEIKU, (4th INF-10) — A
captain and specialist assigned to
D Troop, 10th Cavalry, recently
encountered a bit more than a
routine return flight from Plei
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sion's Dragon Mountain Base
Camp.

Captain James S. Hicks was
piloting an OH-23 helicopter to
this headquarters with Sp5 Ray-
mond E. Frederick as a passen-
ger when a large animal was
noticed moving across the junc-
gle's floor far below.

The animal, a 250-pound tiger,
was moving in the direction of
a nearby Montagnard village.

Realizing the danger to the
villagers, Captain Hicks hovered
his craft over the striped rene-
gade setting the stage for a uni-
que big-game hunt. Leaning from
the door of the OH-23 chopper,
Specialist Frederick stopped the
cat 300 meters from the village's
edge with the first burst of fire
from his M-16 rifle. Then they
landed and finished off the
wounded tiger.

The tiger was later hauled back
to the base camp on a Huey heli-
copter.

A specialist assigned to the
cavalry troop, employed as a
taxidermist prior to entering the
army, began preserving the prize
at the heliport.

Aside from saving the Mon-
tagnard—villagers—from—harm,
Specialist Frederick, who was ac-
tually responsible for killing the
tiger, will have one of the more
unique Vietnam souvenirs.

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