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MORTAR SQUAD—Infantrymen from the 25th Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade assigned to Task Force Oregon, lob mortars into enemy positions three miles north of Duc Pho. The men are part of a multi-brigade force now in action in Quang Ngai and Quang Tin Provinces. (Photo by PFC Freddie Duncan, 69th SIG BN)

4th Inf, Montagnards Finish Construction Of Council House

PLEIKU, (4th INF-10) — Official dedication ceremonies of the newly-constructed Montagnard council house here turned into a regular luau recently as the neighbors of the 4th Infantry Division and Iyymen met in a spirit of friendly cooperation.

Montagnards served their locale fare: roast goat (which was sacrificed to native gods for the success of the building), roast chicken and their famous rice-wine. The Iyymen responded with American delicacies, a banquet table overflowing with frankfurters, sausage links, shrimp,

open, hundreds of Montagnards abandoned their rice wine to guzzle the American beer and soft drinks being offered inside. The table was stripped in 15 minutes.

Although the festivities officially ended at noon, throngs of Montagnards and Iyymen lin-

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PATCHING UP A HUEY—Maintenance teams are responsible for providing maintenance support in the field on aircraft such as this 117th Assault Helicopter Company UH-1 Huey near Khanh Duong, 35 miles west of Nha Trang. The 117th, part of the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion, flies all over the northern half of Vietnam in support of the 4th Infantry Division, the 101st Airborne Brigade's 1st Brigade, the 173rd Airborne Brigade, the Republic of Korea Marine Brigade, and the Vietnamese Marines. (Photo by 1st AVN-10)

Saigon Support Group Moves To Aid Operation Manhattan

CAMP RANIER. (1st LOG-10)—The Saigon Support Command's 29th General Support Group moved into this small base camp 50 miles northeast of Saigon in an attempt to double the camp's logistical capacity for Operation Manhattan.

Within one week, in addition to building up a three-day basic supply level for the operation, the 100 men of the 29th's Forward Support Area (FSA) increased the capacity of each of the camp's supply facilities by at least 50 per cent.

This support command is providing food, construction materials, petroleum products, and ammunition for the 4th Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade, elements

of the 1st Infantry Division, and the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, which are among units in "Manhattan" engaged in clearing the Viet Cong from the Ho Bo Woods.

To accomplish this rapid build-up and continue to supply more than 6000 men, the FSA operates 24 hours a day.

During the build-up phase and during the first few days of "Manhattan," the FSA received an average of 200 tons of ammunition per day by air. Ammo conveyed here by the command's 48th Transportation

Group averages 500 tons a day. On one of its busiest days, the FSA received more than 1000 tons of munitions, according to Pace.

Sick Bird Treated

DAU TIENG. (4th INF-10)—"Doc's" had some strange cases

35th E Upgrad

QUI NHON. (USA) Combat engineers of the Engineer Battalion have recently completed grading of Route 19 transportation artery from Pleiku to the south of Qui Nhon.

It took the engine three weeks of arduous work under the burning floodlights of the upgrading job. At the time they placed over 100 cubic yards of fill sandbags. As a result of these efforts, Route 19, formerly a big dirt road, can now support approximately 100 tons of dry weather.

With dump trucks from nearby laterite covered by 1st Lt. Champion Jr. and Michael R. Welch, the Engineer Battalion's 6th constructed three miles of 300, 750 and 1,000 length. These bypass the many heavy crossing the streams to do so without damaging existing bridges.

In combined operation the 19th Engineer 554th Float Bridge they also reinforced bridges and the approach others.

The importance of it was in evidence soon

Army Memos

NEW HELIPORT—Described by Brig. Gen Charles M. D. "finest in Vietnam," a new heliport has been recently built by Company C of the 19th Battalion and the 544th Engineer. The 16-pad facility, near Qui Nhon, will be the base for the 196th Aviation Company of the 14th Aviation Brigade, which supplies nearly all of the Chinook helicopters in the II Corps zone.

MORE WACS—The enlistment strength of the Women's Army Corps (WAC) will increase during a 24-month period beginning 1 January 1968. The current annual objective is 4000, but the next two years an objective of 12,000 WACs. The Army will augment its recruiter force and will offer reenlistment options to a

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