

Skytroopers repel desperate NVA attack

LZ JAMIE — A desperate attempt by North Vietnamese regulars to storm a firebase was repelled by Skytroopers recently.

The target was this base camp of the 2nd Bn., 7th Cav., 1st Air Cavalry Division. When the sun rose after a furious night, 75 NVA bodies were counted on and around the LZ.

When a trip flare went off near the LZ at 12:45 a.m. no one was surprised. At 1:10 a.m. another trip flare sprang into the night; an observation post reported five individuals lying on the ground. Immediate reaction followed as the area was sprayed with allied artillery and organic weapons fire.

At 2:40 a.m. the men on the LZ knew the attack was for real. Between then and 3 a.m. approximately 200 rounds of 107mm rockets, 60mm and 82mm mortars impacted in the LZ.

In the midst of the rocket and mortar barrage, the crackling of small arms fire was audible. From three sides, the NVA poured toward the perimeter. "Just as the mortars were hitting, sappers blew the wire," said Sgt. Vaughn G. Hood, a squad leader with Co. D. "We opened up with M60s, M16s and claymores; the 2nd Bn., 19th Arty. fired direct fire."

The concentrated enemy fire and the holes in the wire blown by bangalore torpedos allowed the NVA to penetrate the wire and charge toward three of the perimeter bunkers.

"They occupied three bunkers. Our men moved in toward the TOC when they saw they would be overrun. There were at least 12 NVA in each bunker," said Sfc. Durwood L. Potts.

Some of the bunkers had been built with cyclone fence surrounding them. "That fence saved our lives," said Pfc.

Larry M. Huff. "The NVA got up to the fence, tried to blow it, but couldn't. We were able to direct mortar fire on the gap in the perimeter wire and kept firing all night long."

On top of another bunker was Spec. 4 Larry Smet with his M60 machinegun. Only the machinegun and his hands showed over the top of the sandbags as he pumped round after exploding round into the charging NVA. Inside the bunker the Skytroopers manning the firing ports shouted directions through the din.

Meanwhile, with the violent sounds of battle all around, three bunkers were filled with NVA. One bunker was eliminated by direct 105mm howitzer fire. "There were enemy swarming all over the bunkers," said Spec. 4 John W. Brock. "and the 105 just blew them — and the bunker — away."

Another bunker was retaken by the

men of the battalion. "There were still a few NVA soldiers left," said M.Sgt. David A. Vallee. "They threw in frags and when those didn't do the job, we went in and shot them."

Overhead, aerial rocket artillery (ARA) and the Air Force were in constant action. Air strikes and ARA filled the night with sound, and C-119 "Shadow" ships lit the night with their flares. With all their flares were gone and heavy ground to air fire bursting around them, the pilots continued to circle the area using their landing lights to provide the needed illumination.

It was 6:15 a.m. before the enemy had had enough and broke contact. Fifty-three NVA were left behind inside the perimeter and, as Co. D swept around the LZ the following day, they found another 22 enemy bodies.

Old Reliables rout bullish gate-crasher

TAN TRU — This base camp, home of the 9th Infantry Division's 2d Bn., 60th Inf., took on all the aspects of a bullfight ring when a large Vietnamese bull decided to make the area his stomping ground.

It all started when a very small boy decided to lead a very large bull through the camp. In itself this would not usually be cause for excitement, but when a noisy Lambretta arrived on the scene, things started happening.

He charged through the camp in the wake of soldiers who jumped over fences, behind barrels and even onto the beds of moving trucks.

On the prowl for more action, the bull thundered towards Btry. C, 2nd Bn., 4th Arty. Maj. Edwin A. Deagle Jr., the executive officer, had by this time heard of the predicament and was there waiting for the bull.

Advancing behind a barrage of smoke grenades, Deagle began moving the bull south and out of the camp. Deagle might have succeeded had the bull not entangled himself in a fence while trying to escape.

The animal quieted down immediately and his sad eyes seemed to say "Chieu Hoi." Taking pity on the bull, Deagle advanced to lend aid.

About 10 minutes later, as Deagle picked himself off the

ground, two Vietnamese men secured the bull and removed him from the camp.

Enemy loses 51 in day-long clash

DUC PHO — During a recent search and clear mission in an area four and one-half miles south of here, Co. C, 3rd Bn., 1st Inf. of the Americal Division, led by Capt. Boots Blanks Jr., made heavy contact with a battalion-size enemy force.

The 11th Bde. soldiers held their ground and kept the enemy busy while two more companies and armored personnel carriers from E Troop, 1st Cav., moved in for the kill. A total of 51 enemy were killed in the action.

"We were walking through cane and potato fields in a wedge formation," explained Staff Sgt. Willie T. Helms, 1st Platoon leader. "There were sugar cane fields to our rear, hedgerows to our right, a hill to our left and nothing but open potato fields to our front."

The enemy waited until the Americans reached the potato fields before making their move. "When we got well into the potato fields, we started receiving sniper fire," continued 2nd Platoon leader Lt. Paul H. Yamada.

"We started returning fire, and that's when they threw everything they had at us. We began receiving RPGs, automatic weapons fire, and small arms fire from three sides and suffered heavy casualties. The NVA were dug in with bunkers and spider holes."

"They were all over the place like ants," commented Helms. "Most of the men in my platoon were hit by the first few bursts of automatic weapons fire."

The Americal Division soldiers then called for support from E Troop, who immediately responded with six APCs under the command of Staff Sgt. Gary T. Whitnack. "The first thing we did when we got to the area was to give supporting fire and get the wounded to safety," explained Whitnack.

Early in the action, he suffered facial wounds from an M79 round but refused medical attention and continued to coordinate the APCs with the infantry unit.

After the wounded had been cared for, the tracks were put on line and began sweeping toward the enemy. "We put down a heavy base of fire and then began to move over the enemy positions," Whitnack continued. "As we passed the spider holes, we tossed grenades into them."

"They couldn't have been in the area very long because we conducted a patrol throughout that area just three days before the action took place and there was no sign of the enemy."

Lt. Col. George V. Ellis, commanding officer of the battalion, explained the over-all operation. "The operation developed in textbook form. Although Co. C had suffered heavy casualties, they maintained contact with the enemy and fixed his position while Co. B combat assaulted to the south of the action and Co. D acted in a reserve capacity."

"We were able to box the enemy in a horseshoe type cordon and made it practically impossible for him to maneuver. Contact was made with the enemy at 8:30 in the morning and he was not able to break contact with us until 6:30 that evening, which attributed to the large number of casualties he suffered."

Weapons captured included 4 AK-47s, 2 light Chicom machineguns, 1 heavy Chicom machinegun with tripod, 7 RPG rounds, 20 60mm mortar rounds, and 16 60mm mortar rounds. Enemy packs and other field equipment were also captured.

In summarizing the action Ellis said, "I consider the action to have been very successful. We were able to ward off future attacks against firebases in the area and have the enemy severely."



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THIS POINTMAN, leading dismounted troops of the 2nd Bn. (Mech), 22nd Inf., through thick bamboo in the Trapezoid, comes to the alert when he spots a heavily camouflaged and fortified enemy bunker. Infantrymen of the 25th Infantry Division's 3rd Bde., on a sweep of the area, uncovered more than 250 bunkers.

Cut down on calls

LONG LINE — The number of calls to the Long Line, a Vietnam news service, has dropped sharply since the service was first established. The service was established to provide news to the press and the public. The service was first established in 1968. The service was first established in 1968. The service was first established in 1968.

Vietnam communique

May 26-June 1

Reliables kill 537 VC in Delta

Monsoon rains didn't seem to cut down on enemy activity during the week as several sharp ground clashes highlighted action.

Old Reliables of the 9th Infantry Division made shambles of the Viet Cong, killing more than 500 Red soldiers while operating in the Mekong Delta and southern III Corps Tactical Zone.

A day-long battle erupted in the Americal Division's area of operations near Duc Pho, resulting in 28 enemy slain.

Skytroopers of the 1st Cavalry Division discovered a large food and weapons cache, and in one day's action, killed 21 NVA soldiers.

The 101st Airborne Division's major thrust southwest of Tam Ky, Operation Lamar Plain, had killed 112 enemy by the end of the week.

9th Inf Div

Old Reliables of the 9th Infantry Division experienced heavy contact in their area of operations during the past week, killing 537 enemy soldiers.

Elements of the 9th Division participating in Operation Speedy Express and the Toan Thang III Campaign killed 102 Viet Cong, detained four suspects and captured 21 individual weapons May 28.

Infantrymen, helicopter gunships, artillery and airstrikes teamed up yesterday in three provinces of the division's area of operations to kill the 102 VC.

In Long An Province the same morning Co. B, 5th Bn., 60th Inf. and gunships killed seven VC and captured three AK47 rifles nine miles east of Rach Kien.

Later in the day the reconnaissance platoon of the 3th Bn., 60th Inf. and supporting gunships and air strikes killed 23 VC in a fierce firefight eight miles northeast of Tan An.

Eight more VC were killed in other actions in Long An Province.

A day raid on a bunker complex 11 miles northwest of Cai Be in Dinh Tuong Province by elements of the 2nd Bn., 39th Inf. resulted in 44 bunkers being destroyed and eight VC being killed.

25th Inf Div

In an action which lasted throughout the day May 30, infantrymen of the 25th Infantry Division swept into a suspected Viet Cong position and in a series of firefights, air strikes and artillery strikes, killed 23 VC.

A gunship from the 116th Assault Helicopter Co. received fire while flying over the Ho Bo Woods 10 miles northwest of Cu Chi.

Calling on the 2nd Bn., 12th Inf., on patrol nearby, the gunship led an attack on the position.

A sweep in the early afternoon turned up 14 VC bodies. The sweep also showed that there were several VC cornered in the area. Air strikes were called in and were followed by a heavy artillery barrage.

Several of the VC tried to shoot their way out of the trap in tactics which would have been a credit to John Wayne, but unlike the "Duke," they lost. Eleven more VC were killed in the ensuing firefight.

A final sweep at dusk turned up one .51 caliber machinegun, 10 AK-47 rifles and a Rocket Propelled Grenade launcher.

1st Cav Div

Skytroopers of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) discovered a large food and weapons cache and killed 21 NVA soldiers in actions May 28.

Working with a Light Observation Helicopter (LOH) of the 1st Infantry Division, approximately 12 miles southeast of Tay Ninh, troopers of the 227th Assault Helicopter Bn. were flying a reconnaissance mission when the LOH received ground fire. A Cobra gunship pounded the suspected enemy position with rockets and miniguns. Two NVA soldiers were reported killed.

Twenty-five miles east of Tay Ninh, a

Cobra gunship from the 229th Assault Helicopter Bn. spotted the movement of an unknown size NVA force in the vicinity of a bunker complex. The crew fired rockets and machineguns into the area, and reported killing two NVA soldiers.

A Huey crew from another element of the 229th, approximately 16 miles northeast of Tay Ninh, reported killing three NVA soldiers when the chopper received ground fire.

A 1st Squadron, 9th Air Cav, chopper operating 25 miles southeast of Phuoc Vinh also received ground fire from an unknown size enemy force. The chopper crew laced the enemy with machinegun fire, reportedly killing three NVA soldiers.

On May 25, elements of the 1st Bn., 5th Cav. discovered a large food and munitions cache while sweeping an area 20 miles west of Quan Loi.

An additional 11 NVA soldiers were killed May 26 by Skytroopers in other actions.

Americal Div

A fierce day-long battle erupted in the Americal Division's 11th Light Inf. Bde.'s operational zone May 31 two miles north of Duc Pho near Highway One.

"We were moving up the river (Song Tra River) bordering some rice paddies then veered north just as we had done for the past two days," said Lt. Frank Jacobs, the forward observer for Co. C, 1st Bn., 20th Inf. "We began to move towards thick vegetation near some grave mounds when all of a sudden all hell broke loose. They were throwing heavy automatic weapons fire at us plus grenades, Rocket Propelled Grenades and

60mm mortar rounds. The hot action made it difficult for the dustoff ships to get into the area."

The company, pinned down by the NVA force, radioed for aid while the infantrymen held their ground.

As the fighting increased, Armored Personnel Carriers of E Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st Armor Cav. moved in to give aid as Co. D, 1st Bn., 20th Inf. was combat assaulted to the area, aiding the infantrymen in killing 28 enemy.

1st Inf Div

Ten VC were killed, 14 bunkers destroyed and more than 2,000 pounds of rice was captured in light actions for Big Red One infantrymen May 27.

Co. B, 2nd Bn., 28th Inf., sweeping the jungles 18 miles west of Lai Khe, located 2,000 pounds of rice and destroyed four tunnels and two sampans. The sampans were sunk as the company crossed the Rach Lon River.

M Troop, 3rd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, under operational control of the 1st Division, found and destroyed four bunkers 13 miles east of Hen Cat. The structures contained seven Claymore mines, 530 small arms rounds, three hand grenades and 30 pounds of rice.

The VC kills came in many small actions which also netted the infantrymen five individual weapons.

4th Inf Div

A day-long battle May 31 in the relatively open area 11 miles southwest of Kontum resulted in 54 NVA soldiers killed as 4th Infantry Division infantrymen and the NVA forces battled into the night.



THICK JUNGLE vegetation surrounds a point man as he begins an early morning patrol with fellow members of the 101st Airborne Division.

Fighting began at 9 a.m. when Co. B, 1st Bn., 12th Inf. after being airlifted into the area, ran into heavy automatic weapons, small arms and B-40 rocket fire from an NVA force well-entrenched in bunkers.

Returning the fire, the infantrymen dug in and called for air strikes. Three air strikes blasted the NVA positions but the fighting continued. At noon, Co. D, 1st Bn., 12th Inf. was brought in to reinforce Co. B. Fighting continued the rest of the day but by nightfall had diminished to sporadic firing.

199th Inf Bde

Light action involving Redcatcher units May 28 resulted in six NVA soldiers and one VC killed.

Elements of the 4th Bn., 12th Inf. working with elements of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment 30 miles east-northeast of Saigon attacked a NVA force of unknown size. Six NVA soldiers died in the ensuing firefight.

Three VC in a sampan drifted under the guns of Co. D, 5th Bn., 12th Inf. 10 miles west of Saigon. One VC was killed in the firefight.

11th ACR

A surprised VC patrol and an equally surprised 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Pink team met on a trail May 26 with the initial element of surprise turning against the VC.

The Pink team, a Light Observation Helicopter and a Cobra gunship, was returning from a mission when the pilots spotted five VC on a heavily wooded trail six miles northeast of the Blackhorse base camp at Long Gao, five miles south of Xuan Loc.

"I don't know who was more surprised, us or the enemy," said Lt. Robin Wetzel, the Cobra pilot. "The five enemy soldiers were walking down the trail like they owned it. We soon put a stop to that."

The five VC were killed and their weapons captured by the Cobra crew.

101st Abn Div

First Bde, headquarters of the 101st Airborne Division, brigade infantry and support elements and tons of logistics have been airlifted from Camp Eagle, eight miles south of Hue, to Tam Ky, 100 miles south of Hue in preparation for Operation Lamar Plain. The operation, which was initiated May 10, is centered in an area 10 miles southwest of Tam Ky. The participating forces have the mission of capturing or destroying enemy forces, material and installations within the operational area. As of May 30, 113 enemy had been killed.

By mid-afternoon of May 16, other artillery, infantry and Aerial Rocket Artillery elements had arrived at Tam Ky, giving the brigade its combat capability.

1st Avn Bde

Monsoon rains and low hanging clouds were experienced in northwestern II Corps May 28, but not enough to stop Cobra gunships of the 52nd Combat Avn. Bn., 17th Combat Avn. Gp. from silencing a rocket position 1/2 mile south of Dak To.

Around noon, the Cobras of the 361st Avn. Co. (Escort) took to the skies.

"We were on a standby mission at Dak To, just waiting for someone to get into trouble," said WO Don Lautonschlaeger. "About five miles southeast of Dak To, I monitored an emergency radio transmission from Dak To. They were taking incoming rockets."

WO Mark Clotfelter, who also picked up the call, said, "I saw several flashes come up from the south side of the rocket ridge (one-half mile south of Dak To)."

The aircraft commander of the wing ship, WO J. Allen Porter, explained that an Air Force Forward Air Controller dropped a marking round and the two Cobras rolled in behind it, unloading 3,500 pounds of firepower, silencing the enemy activity.



CONCENTRATING HARD on what he can see ahead, Sgt. Gary Goodfellow of Co. C, 1st Bn., 501st Inf., 101st Airborne

Division moves forward with rifle ready during an early morning reconnaissance patrol north of Hue.

Trap enemy company

82nd Airborne slices up Red bunkers

CAMP RED BALL — Woe to those who stay in their bunker complexes when the 3rd Bde., 82nd Airborne Division slices in from nowhere with a surprise air assault.

One such operation happened on a morning when Co. A of the 1st Bn., 508th Inf. air assaulted into a suspected enemy stronghold. Once disembarked in the area nicknamed "Top Cat," the soldiers were harassed by a lone sniper. The troopers eliminated the sniper with little trouble and proceeded further into the hot, swampy area.

Immediately the Americans

made contact with an estimated company size force of NVA. Capt. Jeffery White ordered his men back into a defensive position while calling in gunships. With the combination of both Co. A and the gunships they killed 11 more of the enemy.

During this time Co. B was air lifted into a blocking position to the south of "Top Cat." With Co. A to the north, and Co. B to the south, the NVA were trapped.

As soon as Co. B deployed from the choppers, booby traps hampered their search, but, taking few casualties, the men moved forward. During this

time Capt. Token Patterson, commander of Co. B called for medevac.

Selecting a suitable LZ they waited for the chopper to land and take the wounded to safety, but as the medevac came in seven NVA opened up with light weapons from the brush line. Gunships were again called in, killing all seven.

While moving out once again Co. B stumbled into a mass of tunnel complexes, and while doing so also ran into the battered NVA force trying to flee the area. This time four air strikes were called for and when

the smoke and dust cleared away, 20 enemy lay dead. Thirty-eight NVA were slain by the Red Devil's that day while turning up close to 100 bunker complexes and one field hospital.

In addition, 6,700 pounds of rice, anti-tank mines, 82mm mortar rounds, one French light machinegun and numerous other weapons and munitions were found.

While taking few casualties themselves the unit did lose one of their Kilt Carson Scouts. He was killed by a booby trap while lifting a tin cover hiding a tunnel.

4th Inf troop hits enemy unit with wall of fire

PLEI MRONG—Five miles north of here 4th Infantry Division cavalrymen from C Troop, 2nd Squadron, 1st Cav., clashed with an estimated NVA company and killed 40 enemy soldiers.

The pitched battle began late in the afternoon, as the cavalrymen began to knock down bamboo thickets to improve fields of fire for their night location.

Twenty-five yards away, NVA soldiers, fortified in their night location of camouflaged bunkers and a network of spider holes, initiated contact with a hail of B40 rockets, CHICOM grenades and small arms fire.

C Troop's 2nd platoon reacted quickly as Staff Sgt. Charles Sokolik countered with 90mm canister rounds and a barrage of .50 and .30 caliber machine gun fire.

"I swung my 90mm in an attempt around to neutralize their largest volume of incoming fire," said Sokolik. "Then I aligned my platoon elements and fired in mass."

As C Troop's 2nd platoon began knocking enemy soldiers down with a wall of automatic weapons fire, the 1st and 3rd platoons maneuvered through the thick jungle undergrowth to outdistance and hammer away at the enemy flanks while mortarmen zeroed rounds of 81mm high explosives at the NVA company's midsection.

Contact was broken by the NVA unit as they fled north.

A sweep through the area by Co. C, 2nd Bn., 35th Inf., along with the C Troop cavalrymen, discovered the bodies of 40 NVA soldiers.

9th guns perforate 32 NVA

TAN TRU — Third Brigade soldiers of the 2nd Bn., 60th Inf. utilized the firepower of 155mm self-propelled howitzers and 40mm dusters in a direct fire role to account for 32 enemy dead two miles south of Rach Kien.

The infantrymen came into contact with an NVA platoon while on air mobile operations. The NVA opened up on them with 60mm mortars and at least two machineguns.

Out of respect for the enemy firepower, the unit's commanding officer, Lt. Col. Fred K. Mahaffey, moved his troops into a cordon while artillery and Air Force jet fighter strikes pounded the area.

"After the air strikes were completed, my company began moving in," said Co. B commander Lt. Henry Reed. "We drew fire from the enemy," he went on, "but my men moved in regardless and blew four or five bunkers." A check of the blasted bunkers revealed four enemy dead, an AK47 rifle and a machinegun.

"We were taken under fire again," said Reed. "This time we moved back and let the 155s and dusters go to work. That was the most beautiful sight in the world."

Following the direct-fire artillery barrage, Co. A moved into the contact area. The enemy again resisted. Co. A killed four NVA and withdrew, calling in Stogie gunships of B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cav. and gunships of the 240th Assault Helicopter Co.

According to Reed, "These strikes knocked out at least one enemy mortar position."

After the gunship runs, the soldiers again moved out. Co. B picked up another kill while Co. D and the Recon Platoon killed one each. Three enemy dead were credited to the air strikes.

All ground elements except Company D withdrew early in the evening. The remaining company maintained a vigil through the night.

Co. D killed 10 more and discovered nine additional bodies, three each being credited to Btry. C of the 2nd Bn., 4th Arty., Air Force jets and the gunships.

Injured MPs save crew of chopper

LONG BINH — Three Military Police men (MPs) recently saved several soldiers from a fiery death when, despite heavy fire and wounds, they pulled the men from a burning helicopter during an enemy ambush of a 1st Infantry Division convoy.

The MPs from Co. C, 720th MP Bn. were part of a six-man armored escort team which regularly accompanies the huge truck caravan from here along QL 13 to the Quan Loi base camp complex.

Recently, when the convoy was nearing its destination some 55 miles north of Saigon, an unknown size NVA force opened fire on the trucks with automatic weapons and rocket propelled grenades (RPGs).

"We were near An Loc when I heard an explosion and saw a mushroom of flames in the middle of the convoy," explained the

driver of the MP V-100 Commando Car which escorted the convoy. "I radioed the NCO in charge of the convoy and told him it was under attack and that we were going forward to provide support."

As the MP's V-100 reached the ambush zone, it was hit by two RPG rounds, setting the vehicle on fire and wounding the three-man crew.

"There were flames everywhere," the V-100 NCO in charge recalled, "we were all hit and didn't have time to grab our weapons. We just got out of there as fast as we could and took cover in some elephant grass by the side of the road."

They stayed in the grass, unarmed and wounded, for some time. A light observation helicopter made an unsuccessful attempt to get them out. "The enemy fire was

getting worse all the time so all we could do was lie there and hope," the driver explained.

Shortly afterwards another chopper, a Huey, landed about 20 feet from the MPs.

"We started crawling for the chopper when it got hit by a grenade and started burning," the NCO explained.

"We got up and got the men out of the chopper but the flames really made it rough. One of the door gunners was still strapped in and his clothes were on fire. Our driver ran over, got him out and dragged him away," the V-100 NCO continued.

They all stayed down in the grass until a 1st Infantry Division armored task force moved in and drove the enemy off, ending the five-hour battle which left 14 of the enemy dead.

TV happenings

Schedule supplied by AFVN

Monday, June 16

1300 Test Pattern Music
1345 Sign On News
1400 Ed Sullivan
1500 Bonanza
1600 Baggett
1700 GE College Bowl
1730 Gentle Ben
1754 What's Happening
1800 Jackie Gleason
1900 Evening News
2000 Kraft Music Hall
2100 Gunsmoke
2200 Late News
2215 Joey Bishop Show

Tuesday, June 17

1300 Test Pattern Music
1345 Sign On News
1400 Sports
1600 Gunsmoke
1700 Richard Diamond
1730 Honey West
1800 Jerry Lewis
1900 Evening News
2000 Weather
2030 Carol Burnett
2100 Star Trek
2200 Late News
2215 Spade & Martin
2330 Perry Mason

Wednesday, June 18

1300 Test Pattern Music
1345 Sign On News
1400 Movie
1530 American Sportsman
1630 Star Trek
1728 What's Happening
1730 Minkes
1800 Red Skelton Hour
1900 Evening News
2000 Dean Martin
2100 Mission: Impossible
2200 Late News
2215 Sports

Thursday, June 19

1300 Test Pattern Music
1345 What's Happening
1400 Carol Burnett
1500 Dean Martin
1600 Mission: Impossible
1640 Let's Speak Vietnamese
1700 Information
1730 Wide Wide World
1800 Hollywood Palace

1900 Evening News
2000 Jonathan Winters
2100 Big Valley
2200 Late News
2215 Baking

Friday, June 20

1300 Test Pattern Music
1345 Sign On News
1400 RB Jonathan Winters
1430 RB Big Valley
1500 RB Rowan & Martin
1700 The Big Picture
1730 Information
1800 Don Rickles Show
1830 The Detectives
1900 Evening News
2000 Glenn Campbell
2130 Wild Wild West
2200 Late News
2215 Tonight Show

Saturday, June 21

1300 Test Pattern Music
1345 Sign On News
1400 Jerry Lewis
1430 Wild Wild West
1500 Glenn Campbell
1630 Billy Walker's Country
1700 Lawrence Welk Show
1730 Let's Speak Vietnamese
1830 Beverly Hillsbill
1830 Nashville Vietnam
1900 Evening News
1930 Get Smart
2000 High Choppard
2100 Game Of The Week
2130 Hall Time News
2300 Late Movie

Sunday, June 22

1100 Test Pattern
1145 Religious Hour
1245 Early News
1300 Pro Bowlers Tour
1400 Poetry Special
1430 21st Century
1500 Since Wars Began
1530 Information
1630 TBA
1730 Window on Vietnam
1745 In Town Tonight
1800 Ragues
1900 Evening News
1930 Information Special
2000 Ed Sullivan
2100 Bonanza
2200 Late News
2215 Let's Speak Vietnamese
2235 Late Movie

Howard Hughes pays MARS bill

CAMP EVANS — Christmas came early on a hot night to hundreds of United States Armed Forces personnel serving in the Republic of South Vietnam when the Nevada mystery millionaire, Howard Hughes, treated servicemen throughout Vietnam to a free call home via MARS (Military Affiliate Radio Stations).

One of the lucky soldiers here at the home of the 9th Infantry Division's 3rd Squadron, 5th Armored Cav., was Spec. 3 Alphonse Ranni.

Ranni was happy to learn of his good fortune while placing a call to his parents at the Navy Seabee MARS station.

"It was a nice gesture by Mr. Hughes. It showed the boys over here that people back home really care," Ranni said. "I'm sure he doesn't need it, but if I'm ever in Nevada, I'll throw my business his way."

And so Howard Hughes made servicemen in Vietnam happy.

The camera-shy Hughes was not available for comment.

Find your name in giant treasure hunt

The following people have unclaimed personal property being held at the Long Binh Personal Property Branch.

Achenbach, Garland
Adam, Leroy
Adams, Jerry D.
Adams, Joseph C.
Ali, Albert P.
Altman, James C.
Alton, Richard
Ambrasio, Allen F.

Amrhein, Charles
Anderson, Lynn A.
Anderson, Raymond
Anderson, R. L.
Anderson, W. T.
Andrews, Ray L.
Andrews, William R.
Aponte, Jose A.
Arns, M. C.
Aubrey, Ronald O.
Aulrey, John W.
Ayer, Robert H.
Baird, Allen G.
Baines, Ralph P.
Baker, George H.
Banton, Robert M.
Barker, Donald G.
Barker, James R.
Barnes, Melvin
Barnum, James R.
Baron, Harold L.
Bartum, Jerry
Bates, William Jr.
Battie, Olive S.
Baxter, John G.
Beatz, D. L.
Beaman, H. D.
Beahler, James C.
Beil, James
Benitez, William
Benson, Bruce
Beranek, Charles S.
Bergeson, G. R.
Bernardino, Orlega
Beyer, Carl
Biernat, Walter
Bigley, John

Blais, William F.
Blais, Leo J.
Blanchard, Daniel
Blawie, R. P.
Blavine, Caron
Blythe, Glenn A.
Bogendick, Frank B.
Boles, Columbus
Borman, Dean
Borton, C. A.
Boudreau, Robert
Bourke, Stephen
Bowers, George
Bowers, Larry W.
Brandon, Charles
Brantley, Paul F.
Braul, D. A.
Braxton, Harley
Breuche, F. M.
Brewer, Van B.
Britton, John A.
Brooks, Robert
Brown, Herbert C.
Brown, Robert
Brown, T. C. M.
Bruce, Valere L.
Bryne, G. A. D.
Bulatz, Jerry J.
Burchfield, Charles E.
Burgess, Larry W.
Burns, John R.
Bush, Charles
Buall, Paul H.
Byrd, Myrd
Byrd, Raymond A.
Cogler, Richard D.
Colwell, Terrell D.

Colhoun, William
Collison, Henry T.
Coppin, Robert
Crombers, Wilbert
Cronan, Earl E.
Cushman, Earl W.
Custion, L. B.
Chin, Henry Y.
Christensen, John
Christopher, Thomas
Clement, James H.
Climan, Victoria
Collins, J. E.
Collins, Terry L.
Collins, Tommy C.
Compton, William C.
Conlon, Dennis
Conway, J. P.
Coulter, Renee
Cox, Allen
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Nice talk

In your daily dealings with the Vietnamese, you'll find it rewarding to know something of their language. Here are some phonetic phrases you should know:

Today—Home nigh
Tomorrow—Nigh my
Yesterday—Home kwa



SHE LOOKS RIGHT AT YOU as if she could read your mind. This is Ena Hartman, a young starlet who seems to have everything she needs to succeed in motion

pictures. Look for her, and those big brown eyes looking right through you, at your local theatre.

Swarm foils 198th Inf Bde

Bees put 'sting' on Americal

LZ BUFF — A platoon of the Americal Division's 198th Inf. Bde. found bees in their bonnets recently while working in an area they are likely to remember with a sting.

While participating in a cor-

don operation in the rugged mountains west of here, Co. A of the 1st Bn., 52nd Inf. had a platoon hidden in the triple-canopy forest for security when a swarm of hornets assaulted them.

"We had just been resupplied on the side of a mountain," said the assistant RTO, Pfc. David Herring, "and we were about to move out when they hit."

"A man somewhere in the back sat right on them," explained Herring, and was stung seven times. Within seconds the 'NVA hornets' had the platoon dangerously scattered and running for cover.

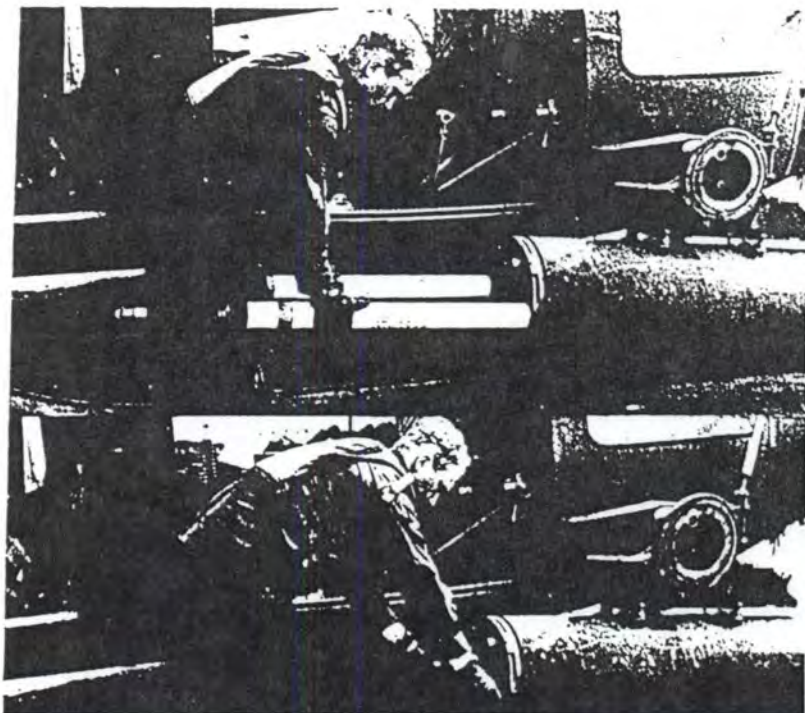
"We started popping smoke, thinking it would keep some of the hornets away," Herring said. "Some of us jumped into the smoke and sat still. We watched one guy running past with a big cloud right behind him — he was getting stung."

The soldiers had air added problem in that they had to remain silent during the entire attack. Deep in enemy territory, they could not chance making noise. Their position had been compromised already by the smoke, and they had to try to leave the area.

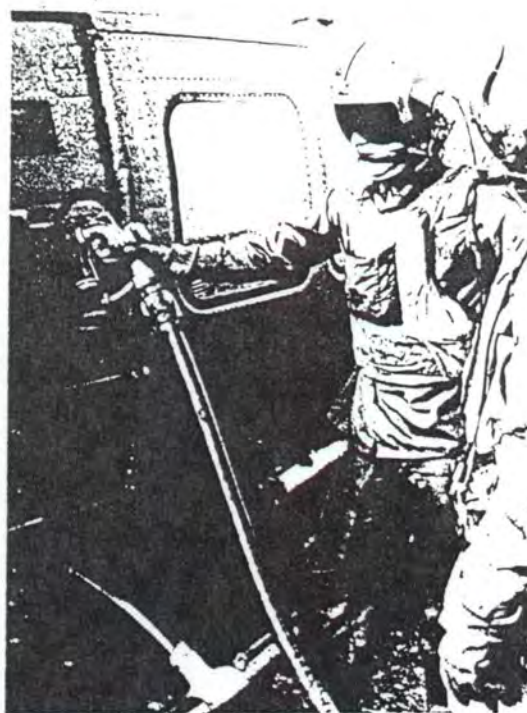
There was apparently no way to rout the enemy — the platoon was at the hornets' mercy. The only thing left to do was to call the resupply helicopter.

When the chopper dove down to pick the platoon up, its powerful downwash proved to be just what it took to blow the 'NVA hornets' away.

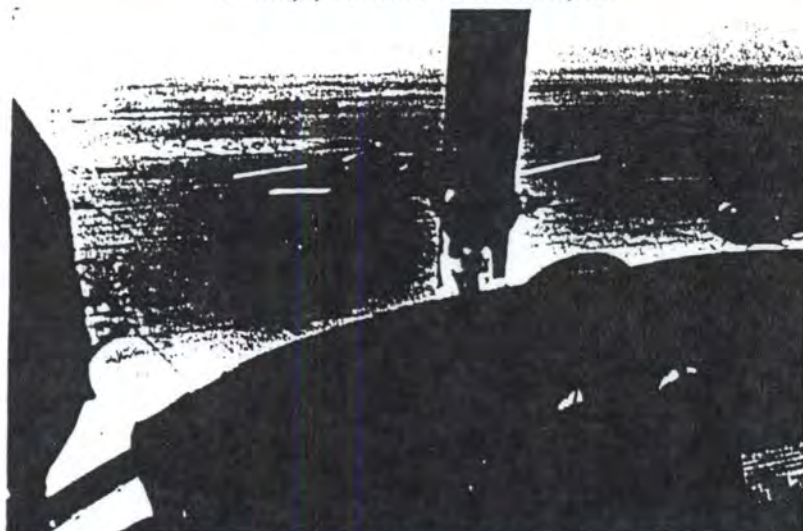
Aviator works hard during combat assault



Gunship pilot loads rockets into pod.



Fill 'er up and check the oil.



Choppers approach landing zone in tight formation.



Cigar-chomping pilot watches for Charlie.



Smokey makes protective run around choppers touching down.