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Blood-Stained Leaf Leads To Five VC

CU CHI, (25th INF-10) — A blood-stained leaf and a glimpse of a man darting into a hedge-row led to the detention of five Viet Cong suspects recently during a 25th Infantry Division search and clear operation.

Elements of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 25th Infantry were moving to secure a night base camp when aerial observers spotted a man crashing into a hedge-row.

Captain Charles A. Springer maneuvered two platoons to surround the hedge-row, they began

to personally search the bushes.

Within minutes, Springer came upon a spider hole concealed with bamboo and mud. Nearby, he detected a branch smeared with fresh blood stains.

Peering into the hole, he noticed a VC pistol belt and web gear, stepped back, and fired into the hole.

A moment later the pistol belt came flying from the hole, followed shortly by a VC with his hands raised.

An interpreter questioned him and the VC admitted he knew the location of several more enemy.

He then led the 2nd Brigade soldiers to a small house, where they found two men hiding amidst furniture piled on top of a bunker. They also detained two women living in the house.

Plan R&R In Hawaii Carefully

LONG BINH, (USARV-10)—Persons planning R and R to Hawaii should not make firm plans to meet their families there until they are assured of having a confirmed allocation, a bulletin from the Adjutant General's office, United States Army, Vietnam said.

The bulletin said there was also a possibility of flight delays or cancellations causing some risk in R and R rendezvous even if the military member has a confirmed space.

The Adjutant General's office suggested that all persons taking R and R and planning to meet their families advise their dependents of the possibility of delays or cancellations.

Every effort is made to advise the Hawaii processing center of all flight delays and schedule changes. Dependents should check with the R and R center at Ft. DeRussy upon their arrival in Honolulu.

Standby space on Hawaii R and R flights is extremely limited, the bulletin continued. "Standby or military leave personnel who make plans to meet their families in Hawaii do so at their own volition, and risk, since there can be no assurance that seats will be available."

SEARCH AND DESTROY—Paratroopers of the 4th Battalion, 503rd Infantry, pass through a village enroute to their area of operation. The 173rd Airborne Brigade soldiers were searching for Viet Cong known to be in the area.

(Photo by Sp4 Paul V. Butler, 173rd ABN-IO)

3 Hour Wait Pays Off

Patrol Ambushed Entering Village

PHUOC VINH, (1st INF-10)

—A Viet Cong patrol trying to enter the village of Ninh Than for the fourth consecutive time in as many days was caught in an ambush of the 1st Bat-

talion, 28th Infantry recently.

Obtaining information that the enemy element had been entering the village, 1st Lt Richard Cronk said, "We sent out elements of Company D, and the reconnaissance platoon to set up the ambush. The men from Co. D set up around a road intersection and the recon men moved to a site near the village entrance."

"We had been waiting for three hours and were just about to give up when Cronk spotted seven VC approaching," said PFC Thomas Torres.

Private First Class James Morris sprayed the area with his machinegun, pinning down

one of the enemy while the others fled. Cronk and PFC Bernard Ryan maneuvered the platoon into a cautious pursuit.

The VC, however, did not give up trying to get in the village. Circling the village the enemy element attempted to enter again only this time the recon platoon halted them.

As the men from the 1st Bn., 28th Inf., pursued the fleeing enemy, they came under fire from where the VC had entrenched themselves on a high knoll. Artillery was called in and the enemy fire was silenced.

17th Cav Arrives

CAMP ENARI, (4th INF-10) —The 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry arrived at this 4th Infantry Division base camp recently, bringing its resources of three air cavalry troops, one cavalry troop, and a maintenance detachment to the division, now engaged in Operation MacArthur.

The new squadron was activated at Ft. Knox, Ky. in November of last year, and consists of approximately 1800 men and officers.

Flanking ...

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within hand grenade range of the enemy. Then, on Isenga's command, grenades were lobbed into each enemy position. Any NVA that came out firing was caught by M-16 rounds.

Firing from the NVA positions died suddenly. Isenga took the radio handset, "Six-two, this is five-niner. Come on up."

Charlie's Rations

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stole the limelight by making all the finds—19 foxholes and, later, a large supply area containing 20 tons of salt and six caches of rice totaling about 50 tons.



DARK OF NIGHT—Rushing to beat the dark night, paratroopers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade make their camp. The men are from E Troop, 17th Cavalry, who were on a convoy mission during a recent search and destroy operation.

(Photo by Sp4 Paul V. Butler, 173rd ABN-IO)

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