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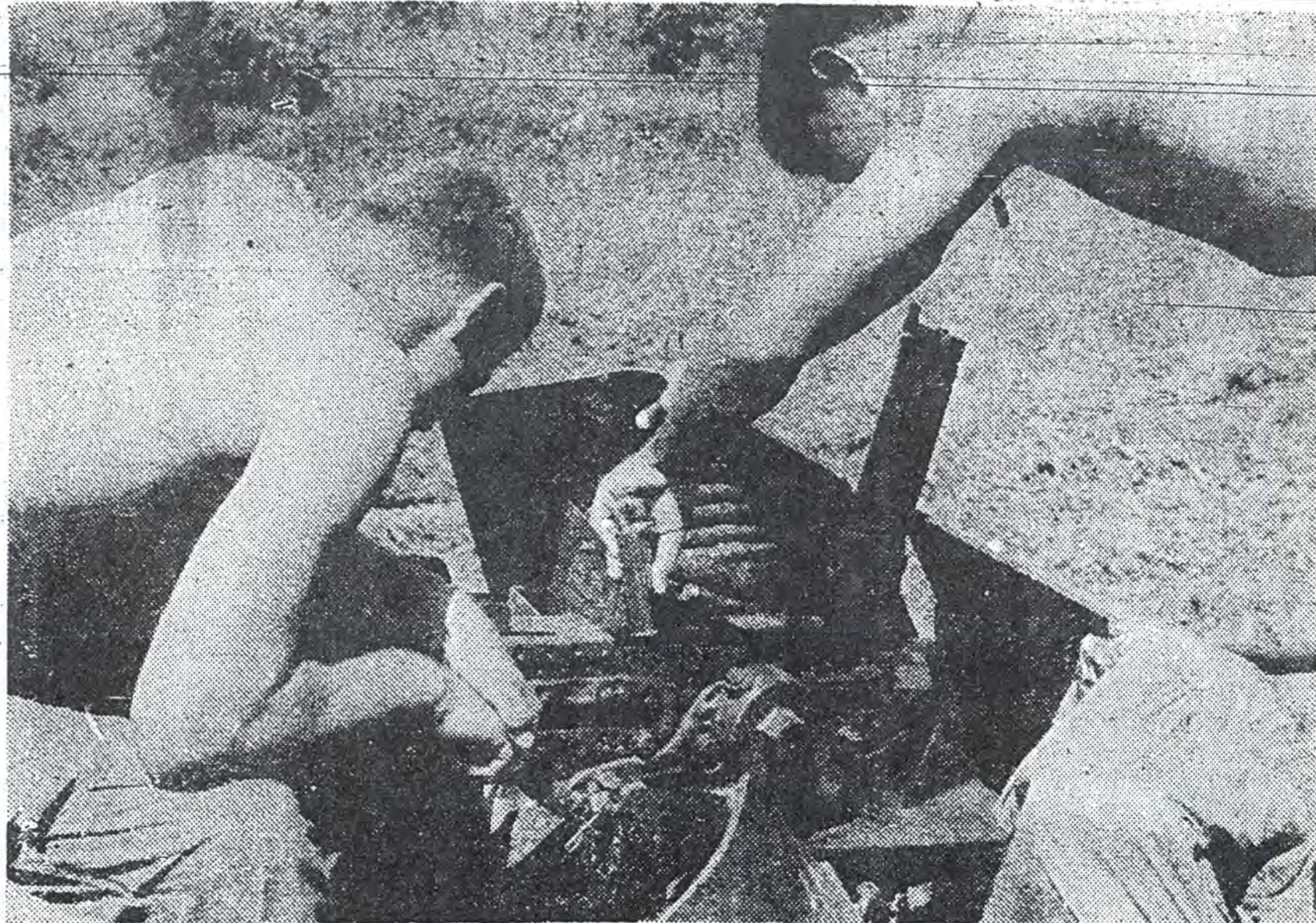
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OIL JOB—A well-used .50 cal. machinegun is oiled by members of B Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st Armored Cavalry during a recent mission west of Chu Lai for the Americal Division.
(Photo by Sp4 Richard Goral, AMERICAL-10)

Bn Reopens Old Dispensary

RACH KIEN, (9th INF-10)—When the 9th Infantry Division's 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry first came here nine months ago, it found many of the buildings left in ruin by the Viet Cong who had fled the village not too long before.

Two of the more important structures were the maternity

ward and adjoining dispensary which were gutted and used as fortified positions by the enemy.

Men of the battalion helped repair the buildings—filling in the holes, painting them, and introducing sanitary conditions.

When the dual medical facilities were ready to open, medical assistance was given by SFC James E. Brown, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, medical advisor.

"When we first opened the units, we treated only a few patients a day, and the medicines we needed had to come from U.S. supplies.

"But those things have now been changed. We got it started and the Vietnamese took over from there," said Bowman.

The maternity ward now has a Saigon school-trained mid-wife who has delivered more than 60 babies in the ward. The Vietnamese woman teams up with the District Health worker and treats as many as 600 patients a week at the dispensary.

"The wards are now self-sufficient," said Bowman. "Medicine is supplied by the Vietnamese in Long An, and my help isn't in dire need any more."

The 17-year-old mid-wife regularly instructs expectant mothers on sanitation. Health programs have become top priority in the village.

"They are now capable of administering excellent service to the Rach Kien and surrounding district populations," concluded

Bowman, "and the facilities favorably compare with similar facilities in larger, more secure areas."

"It really frightened me," Clae said. "I grabbed my weapon and motioned for the man to move towards me." The old man moved forward and simultaneously another man sprang to his feet.

"The Chieu Hoi railler has been an extremely effective source of intelligence," according to Capt. Larry Garlock. "In many cases they took us to places impossible to find without a lead."

Vietnam Communique

Americal Division—The daily pressure on the enemy in the I Corps Tactical Zone has been applied by Operations Wheeler and Wallowa which have been merged into one operation, now named Wheeler Wallowa. Latest reports show 865 enemy killed in the 37-day old Wallowa and over 1000 enemy deaths in Wheeler. Americal units have killed over

6500 enemy in less than seven months.

4th Infantry Division—Elements of the 1st Brigade and the 173rd Airborne Brigade have killed 527 enemy during an 11 day period in the vicinity of Dak To. One hundred three of those were killed during one day's actions by elements of the 173rd. Besides the 527 enemy killed, the

cumulative reports for the Dak To area show 101 individual and 25 crew-served enemy weapons captured. U.S. forces have sustained 76 killed in action and 368 wounded in the 11 days.

101st Airborne Division—A company air assaulted into an area west of Tam Ky during Operation Wheeler and almost immediately made contact with an NVA company positioned in a well-fortified hut complex. Eleven paratroopers were killed and 18 wounded. In other scattered actions, 16 enemy were killed.

1st Cavalry Division—Elements of the 3rd Brigade killed 35 enemy during Operation Wallowa in Quang Tin Province. The action began with an early morning air assault by three companies while two troops of armored cavalry moved across to the landing zone (LZ). The enemy was found in well prepared camouflaged positions during sweeps from the LZ. In addition to the 35 enemy killed, 13 individual and four crew-served weapons were captured. Five U.S. soldiers were killed and 27 wounded during the action.

9th Infantry Division—Operation Coronado IX was initiated recently by elements of the 2nd Brigade and the Navy's Task Force 117. The multi-battalion search and destroy operation is centered in an area 60 miles south of Saigon in Dinh Tuong Province.

1st Infantry Division—The heavy fighting in the Loc Ninh area near the Cambodian border continues. The 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry killed 66 VC during a day's sweep through a rubber plantation.

23th Infantry Division—Five miles northeast of Loc Ninh, a battalion of the 3rd Brigade, 23th Infantry Division killed 28 enemy during a two-hour battle.



Indy 500 Winner In RVN

BEARCAT, (USAECV-10)—The 93rd Engineer Battalion was recently entertained by Rodger Ward, two-time winner of the Indianapolis 500—in the 1959 and 1962 races.

During a tour through the company area, Ward gave several speeches on personal experiences as a race car driver.

"Very few people have an opportunity to completely fulfill life's ambitions, but I have had this opportunity in racing," Ward said.

A question and answer period was held at each stop and most of the questions concerned the new turbine engine racer. Ward commented, "I'm sure that next year's Indianapolis 500 winner will be driving a turbine engine car. The speed of next year's cars should surpass the 170-mile per hour mark."

Flexible, Mobile Unit

Aero-Rifle Plat On Call

OASIS, (4th INF-10)—Although a small unit, the 1st Brigade's aero-rifle platoon has proven invaluable whenever a quick reaction force is needed for any task.

A part of D Troop, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry, the platoon is primarily called into action when a small concentration of enemy troops is spotted and a flexible and quickly mobile unit is needed to make contact or act as a blocking force to hem the enemy in.

"We also are inserted into an area that needs detailed ex-

amination or reconnaissance," said SFC Clyde Dellinger, platoon sergeant.

"Because D Troop has quite a few scout helicopters, we work closely with them, on call at all times should they find something that requires on-the-spot investigation."

The Aero-Rifle Platoon is the only such unit in the 4th Infantry Division.

"Security is another one of our frequent jobs," explained SSgt. Archie Warchesiak. "If a helicopter should go down out in the jungle, we're sent in to secure the area."

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