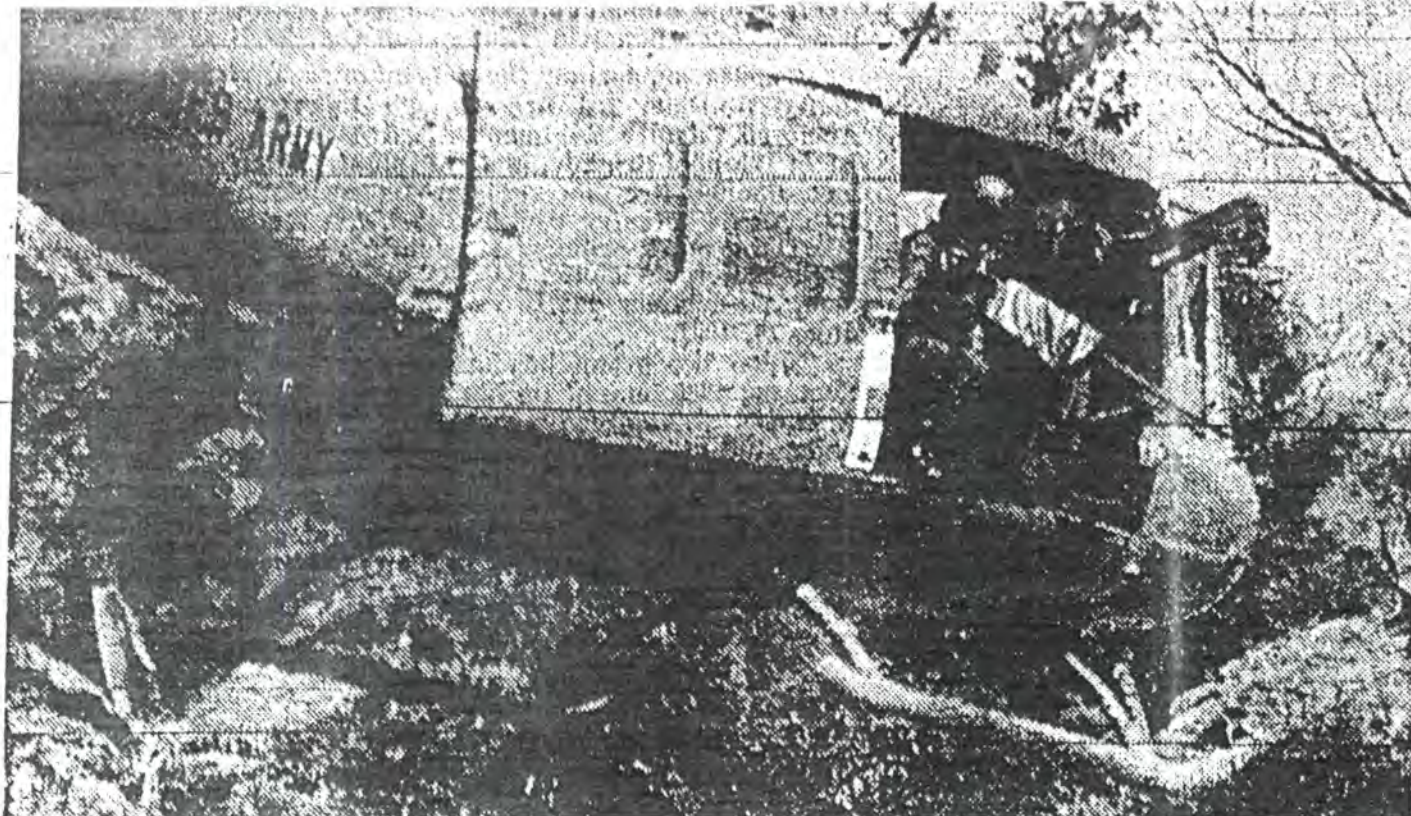




ON THE WAY—A medical evacuation helicopter lifts out of a landing zone in the An Lao Valley after picking up wounded 1st Cavalry Division men.

(Photo by Sp4 Marc Davies, 1st CAV-10)

Montagnards Aided By US Girl Scouts

PLEIKU, (4th INF-10) — The 4th Infantry Division has been conducting civic action programs for neighboring Montagnard villages here in the central highlands since its arrival in country.

Some 9000 miles away, in Niantic, Conn., a group of Girl Scouts has joined the civic action program to help the Montagnards.

Three troops of Girl Scouts, under the leadership of Mrs. William Klim, the wife of Maj. William Klim, Headquarters Company, 4th Infantry Division, began a drive to collect clothing, toys, soap, and various other articles in December.

They concluded their canvassing in January. With funds col-

lected from their troops, the Girl Scouts and their leaders paid a \$90 postage fee and the bundles were on their way to the Montagnard villagers.

Upon arrival of the packages, two civic action teams of the 4th Aviation Battalion, led by Lt. Thomas F. Rountree, Company A, and WO Gerald O. Douglass, Company B, sorted the items.

Recently the two groups visited the villages of Plei Le Lann and De Ko Drah with 34 boxes of articles and distributed an item or two to each member of every family.

Dolls, clothing, games, soap, combs, and candy were received by the villagers with broad smiles and deep bows.

In return, the village chiefs presented the teams with gifts of baskets, cloth, and native artwork which will be publicly displayed in Niantic.

Surgeon Instructs Viet Girl

CHU LAI, (196th INFO-10) — Captain Marvin H. Stein, the battalion surgeon for the 3rd Battalion, 82nd Artillery, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, has begun a medical training program for a midwife in Tri Binh village, Quang Ngai Province.

Stein discovered the village girl, Nguyen Chi, while conducting a MEDCAP there. Nguyen Chi had delivered many babies, but she responded eagerly to the advice and instructions offered to her by the "bac-si" and his assistants, Sp4 Rodney Armistrout and PFC Dennis McCann.

Nguyen Chi was presented with a midwife kit and other supplies to aid her in treating the people of the village. She has learned the latest techniques to treat the various infections and ailments common to the Vietnamese.

Clothes Given By Sunday

Infantry Division leap from a chopper and move operation. (Photo by Mr. Hong Song Chan)

APCs Force

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Elements of the 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry are also taking part in the operation.

Vietnam Communique

1st Infantry Division — The 1st and 3rd Brigades are engaged in Operation Billings in an area 45 miles north-northwest of Saigon. During the first three days of the operation, 65 enemy and seven infantrymen were killed. Two companies from the 3rd Bde. were attacked by a battalion force from the Viet Cong 9th Division after the operation was six days old. After four hours the enemy broke contact, leaving 222 dead. Thirty-three Americans were killed and 107 wounded.

9th Infantry Division — The 2nd Brigade has terminated Operation Chapman. The operation was conducted in the Rung Sat Special Zone 16 miles southeast of Saigon. Final results for the operation were 23 enemy and 12 infantrymen killed. Captured were 32 individual weapons, 4000 rounds of small arms ammunition, 318 mortar rounds, and 129 tons of rice. The brigade immediately initiated Operation Great Bend, a continuation of "Chapman." In the 1st Brigade's Operation Akron, southeast of Bien Hoa, 23 enemy and one infantryman have been killed.

11th Armored Cavalry Regiment — During Operation Akron, a regimental command post 14 miles from Phuoc Le came under heavy enemy mortar and recoilless rifle fire. Eight minutes later the enemy attacked the northern perimeter with a battalion-sized force. After an hour of contact, the enemy left, leaving 45 dead. The cavalrymen had eight dead and 31 wounded. Thirteen suspects were detained and 18 individual weapons captured. In Operation Kitty Hawk the cavalry has reported light contact with the enemy. Thirty-seven enemy and 26 cavalrymen have been killed. Units working with Task Force

Oregon have opened Highway 1 between Duc Pho and Chu Lai for the first time in two years.

101st Airborne Division — Working under Task Force Oregon, the 1st Brigade is continuing Operation Malheur II in Quang Ngai Province. During scattered small unit contacts, the paratroopers killed 17 of the enemy while the brigade lost three men.

1st Cavalry Division — Operation Pershing has accounted for 32 more enemy killed. During scattered contacts, the cavalry has detained 158 suspects and captured six individual weapons.

5th Special Forces Group — The Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) and their Green Beret advisors reported 12 contacts with the enemy during one day of operations. The enemy forces lost 59 while seven suspects were detained and six individual weapons were captured.

Free World Forces — The Republic of Korea (ROK) Whitehorse Infantry Division initiated Operation Horse Head II south of Tuy Hoa in Phu Yen Province. The search and destroy operation has accounted for 31 enemy killed, one suspect detained, and seven individual weapons captured.



Correction

The credit lines for the photographs on pages one and two of the June 3, 1967, issue of THE ARMY REPORTER should have read respectively: Photo by Sgt. Howard Blanco, 4th INF-10, and Photo by Sp4 Jerry Craighead, 4th INF-10. Both men are assigned to Company C, 124th Signal Battalion.