



LETHAL WEAPON—A 1st Cavalry Division helicopter, equipped with a mortar weapons system, lifts off from the 2nd Battalion, 20th Artillery camp on a fire mission. (Photo by PFC Andrew Rust, 1st CAV-IO)

Infantry Captures VC Oxen

DAU TIENG, (4th INF-IO) — Six oxen became the first four-footed "Viet Cong" to surrender to the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 4th Infantry Division on its push through the jungles of War Zone C on Operation Ahina.

The bovine Chieu Hoi were spotted by the Iymen as the oxen broke into a Viet Cong base camp seven miles north of here. Seeing that they were surrounded with no chance of escape, the oxen meekly followed Company A's armored personnel carriers back to the landing zone.

At first an attempt was made to sling the rustled cattle under a CH-47 Chinook helicopter for transportation back to base camp. But the bulldozing ability of the Chinook was not up to the standards set in the "Old West." Finally, Chaplain (Capt.) Robert R. Johnson took command and led the cattle into the Chinook for a calm ride back to base camp.

One ox has already been distributed by the 3rd Brigade Civil Affairs Program to a townsman whose cow had strayed too near the barbed wire one night and had been accidentally shot.

Capt Has Cobra For Bunk Mate

DONG TAM, (9th INF-IO) — As Capt. Horst S. Filtzer slept in his tent in a dry rice paddy near this 9th Infantry Division, 2nd Brigade base camp, he was awakened by something that felt like a heavy insect resting on his stomach.

"Naturally I hit at it to knock it away," he said. "But when I made contact, it wasn't an insect. It was a big cobra. When it rolled off me it struck back, hitting my thumb."

Filtzer, a medical officer with the 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry, grabbed a knife, incised the bitten area, bled it, and applied a tourniquet. He was brought here where he recovered from the bite.

Soldiers from the battalion returned to the camp site the morning after the incident. The four-foot cobra was still there. It will not be sleeping on anything now.

Combat Art Show Set For Pentagon

WASHINGTON, (ANF)—Painting and sketches completed during the U.S. Army-sponsored Vietnam combat art program will be exhibited early this fall at the Pentagon.

The initial results of the art program include 117 paintings and 800 sketches produced by two teams of soldier-artists who have returned from tours in Vietnam. A third team has just completed a similar tour and is expected to add 50 paintings and 300 sketches to the project.

Civilians also are participating. Two civilian artists have completed tours in Vietnam, and three have recently arrived there.

Following the first Pentagon exhibition, some of the art work will be displayed at an Armed Forces art show at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., early in 1968.

The art works received by the Office of the Chief of Military History have been of exceptional

quality. Dr. Lester Cooke, curator of paintings for the National Gallery of Art, has recommended an early showing of the art in one of the national galleries and subsequent touring exhibits throughout the country.

Hard Job Simplified

AN KHE, (1st CAV-IO) — One of the newest pieces of equipment for the 1st Cavalry Division is an explosive device named the "Foxhole Digger."

This mighty-mite explosive, which can "dig" a foxhole in minutes, is not much larger than a can of beer.

The Foxhole Digger is presently in limited use for evaluation

ing sick call starts just like back in the U.S., but there the similarity ends.

Kelly is the senior aidman for the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry, 196th Light Infantry Brigade. "My job calls for me to be ready at any time. There is no such thing as a day off in Vietnam," he said.

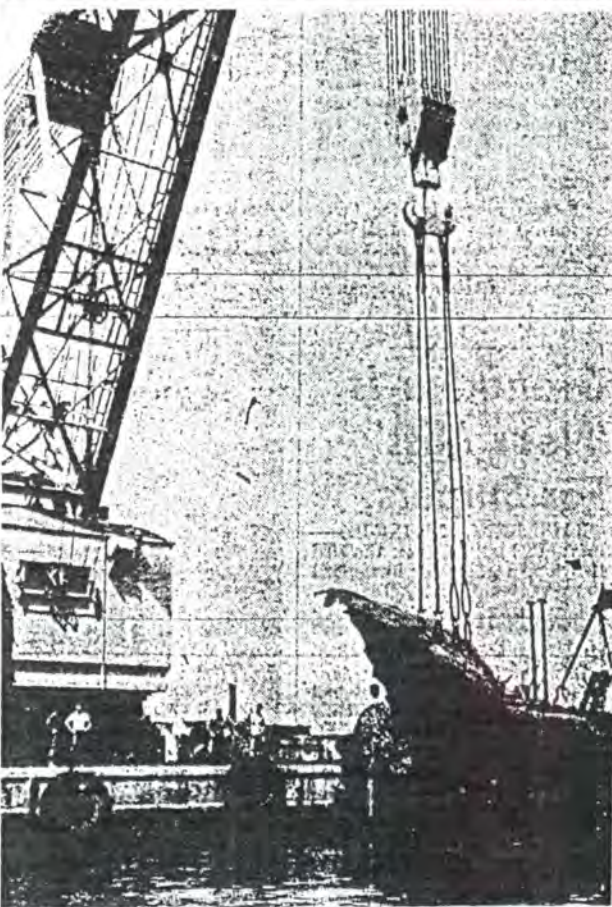
Each morning the men line up for sick call, with the more serious complaints seen first. Sick call back in the U.S. consists of the usual headaches, colds, and sprained ankles, but in Vietnam, the diseases and injuries are as different as can be imagined.

"On an average day I may be called upon to remove the stitches from a man, change a dressing on a wound, or give shots, in addition to the administrative work," Kelly said. "The aidmen try to handle the less serious cases so that the doctor is free to handle the more serious ones. If we didn't help out, he would soon be swamped under."

The aid station here is an all-purpose building. It often serves as an operating room in emergency

purposes. The explosive comes in two charges. The first charge blows the small hole in which the second charge is placed. After the second charge goes off, all that is left to do is to scoop out the loose dirt.

The device is normally used when the ground is too hard to make digging practical or in an emergency when immediate cover is needed.



WORLD-WAR-II-RELIC—A portion of the bow of a Japanese gunboat, buried for 23 years in the Cam Ranh Bay harbor, is surfaced by a 100-ton crane. Divers from the 497th Engineer Company did the underwater preparation for removal. (Photo by USAECV-IO)

things I never dream do before. I've even minor surgery in the it was impossible to get back to the hospital Kelly said.

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CU CHI, (25th) Captain Murray "T" berg learned some when he was called the crew of an armored carrier that had Viet Cong mine.

"Doc," a surgeon Battalion, 5th Infantry treating the crew for ear drums caused by explosion. After examining last man; he assured man that the ear only bruised.

"The ear drum right to me," said "A few hours later returned and inside ear drum must have been so sure after nation turned up not out saying a word cigarette, took a puff nose, and proceeded pretty fair sized puff out his right ear."

The soldier had point and was evacuated hospital.

"It was pretty embarrassing," said Rothberg.

Bay Yie WWII Gunboat

CAM RANH BAY, (IO) — A sunken Japanese gunboat containing live projectiles, small arms ammunition, and mines was discovered in the harbor by the 497th Engineer Army Engineer Company.

The gunboat, lying on its side in the water, was estimated to have been sunk some 23 years ago during World War II. A path of a sheetpile barge being constructed near the wreck.

Before the construction could be continued, the bow of the wreck had to be moved.

A hollow pipe was driven into the sand near the wreck then air was pumped into it. The air forced up and the current carried it away, thus exposing the ship.

Using an oxygen-acetylene torch, the divers cut steel ranging from one inch thick to remove the bow. It was then moved to a barge from its watery grave.

After sand and ballast were removed, live projectiles of the 100mm caliber were found. Also found small arms ammunition (caliber and smaller) and mines. The ammunition was destroyed by a Navy ordnance disposal team.

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SON, (1st CAV-IO)—A at, some fencing ma- masks from ammunition er, and a little imagi- e restoring a school n the Bong Son Plain.

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2, (1st INF-IO)—Pri- Class John Moskin, a l operator, will have ver to the question, you do in the war?"

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l, he returned to his mother built of light- the shock.

orning finally came, d shaken Moskin re- bunk. He was sleep- dly when a voice in- a dangerous snake his bed. He roared ck door of the bar- t bag and baggage.

over the night's skin decided that he lucky. "I could have t by lightning, hit by or bitten by the



LONG LEAP—Sky Troopers from the 1st Cavalry Division's Company A, 5th Bat- talion, 7th Cavalry leap off a hovering helicopter as they are air assaulted into the An Lao Valley during Operation Pershing. (Photo by 1st CAV-IO)

Viet Cong Harvesters Put Out Of Business By 196th Infantry

CHU LAI, (196th INF-IO) — The fertile hills and valleys of Quang Ngai Province produce rice which the Viet Cong have been harvesting since the be- ginning of the war.

But recently a 196th Light In- fantry Brigade company, with the help of a Chien Hoi, put one of the harvesting forces out of business.

The Chien Hoi, who was a member of a 16-man guard, sur- rendered to Company B, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry. Through an interpreter he told this story:

"I became a member of a rice production cell in January 1966. Our job was to guard our rice harvesters and to get the rice back to the main supply lines of the North Vietnamese Regular soldiers.

"I gave myself up for three reasons. I was separated from my family and wasn't allowed to go back to see them at all, the communist doctrine interfered with my Buddhist faith, and, although we harvested the rice,

we had very little to eat."

The Chien Hoi agreed to lead Co. B to the harvesting team's camps, and infantrymen were air-dropped into the area the next morning.

As the company moved through the heavily vegetated jungle, it came upon a small camp in which some of the workers lived. A fire was still going, but the enemy had de- parted.

Working their way another 100 yards up the trail, the men came to the main camp where cooking utensils, tools, and es- cape tunnels were found.

The camp was destroyed, and as the company began to leave, the Chien Hoi stopped the com- manding officer and said there

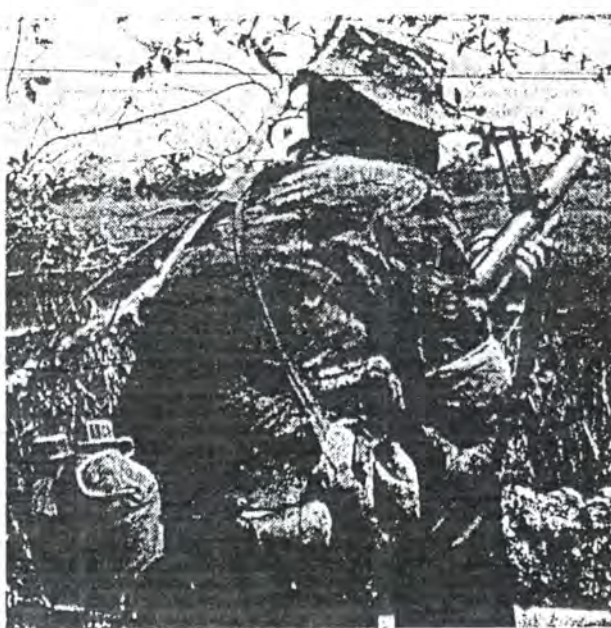
was another base approximately 150 yards up the trail.

He led the company to a per- fectly camouflaged camp where he indicated the guards lived. The camp was next to a stream, which the infantrymen checked for underwater tunnel entrances.

Specialist Four Richard Cor- dano dove into the stream to inspect the banks. He found am- munition, numerous pots and pans, and harvesting tools which had been stored in holes.

"The information the Chien Hoi gave us was very accurate," said Capt. William Leonard, commander of Co. B. "The camps were so well-camou- flaged they would have been virtually impossible to locate without prior information."

CIDG Unit Launches Operation



FIREFIGHT—Sergeant Frank E. Kennemur, a Special Forces advisor with a Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG), fires a M-79 grenade launcher at a tree line that was held by the VC. (Photo by SSgt. V. L. Peters, 5th SFG-IO)

Visitor

BIEN HOA, (173rd ABN-IO)— What does a hospitalized soldier do when he wants his mail, his pay, a clean uniform, personal items, or just someone from his unit to talk to?

Paratroopers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade wait for the daily visit of Sgt. Robert D. Patillo, the brigade's full-time hospital liaison NCO.

Patillo's job keeps him on the move. He's responsible for visit- ing Sky Soldiers in eight hospi- tals in this area every day. The number of patients varies, but Patillo divides his time as equally as possible among them.

"They give me a big smile when they see me coming," says the sergeant. "They all know me. We laugh and joke a lot, and make a point of not talking about their wounds."

Patillo regards getting the men their mail and checking on pay problems as paramount among his duties. His charges ask him for a wide variety of items, including radios, station- ery, cigarettes, and even clean khakis for the paratrooper who is homeward bound.

Patillo finds his job interest- ing. "It gives me a chance to do something different and chal- lenging. They're great guys, and I do whatever I possibly can to keep their morale high."

44th Med Bde Changes COs

TAN SON NHUT, (1st LOG- IO) — The 44th Medical Bri- gade, the Army's first medical brigade to operate under combat conditions, has a new com- mander.

He is Col. Frank W. Tim- merman, who was the surgeon for the U. S. Strike Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. before this assignment. He suc- ceeds Col. Ray L. Miller.

Grenadier Is 'Near Miss' For Snipers

RACH KIEN, (9th INF-IO) — Private First Class Richard Drayton, a grenadier in the 3rd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division, did not recall any "near mis- ses" when snipers opened fire on his unit recently.

But he discovered just how close the sniper rounds had come when he later opened his pack.

During an operation with Company C of the 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry, he was digging into his back pack for addition- al ammunition. What he pulled out was a 40mm grenade neatly pierced by a bullet.

"It really shocked me when I pulled that grenade out and saw what had happened," Drayton said. "If the bullet had struck a shade lower and hit the ex- plosive charge, the grenade would have blown me sky high."

MY AN, (5th SFG-IO) — A Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) unit on local security here launched a search and destroy operation recently against the VC in its operational area.

The CIDG troopers made con- tact with the Viet Cong within two hours after they left camp. Once the contact was made how- ever, the VC tried to break it, backing across the rice paddies from one tree line to another.

After coming under heavy enemy fire, Sgt. Frank E. Ken- nemur, an advisor with the unit, recommended that gun- ships be called in to attack the VC in the tree lines they were using for cover.

Kennemur then accompanied a seven-man assault element to capture the next tree line while the remaining personnel set down a field of fire.

The example of the Green Beret sergeant carried the at- tack another 500 yards into VC territory, resulting in 16 Com- munist killed during the action, 13 from the air strikes. Fourteen structures and eight sampans were destroyed.

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Receives Silver Star

Gunner Saves Downed Crew

DUC PHO, (25th INF-10) — Under heavy fire from two squads of Viet Cong, a downed crew from a reconnaissance helicopter from B Troop, 1st Squadron, 8th Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division owe their lives to the quick action of Sp4 Charles R. Cole Jr., the chopper's door gunner.

For his action, Cole received the Silver Star, the nation's third highest award for valor.

The ship was shot down during a low-level reconnaissance mission near here. It broke into four pieces on impact and caught fire, engulfing the crew in smoke and flames.

Cole helped the pilot from the burning wreckage before the crew was separated by the smoke.

Endangering himself, he began searching for the rest of the crew. He located his wounded crew chief about five feet from the chopper and dragged him to safety.

In an effort to secure protection for the wounded man, Cole ran across an open field under enemy fire to grab an M-79 grenade launcher from the burning craft.

Organizing a defensive position behind a rice paddy dike, he held off the VC for 15 minutes before the crew were rescued by other aircraft.



SILVER STAR WINNER—Specialist Four Charles R. Cole is congratulated upon receiving a Silver Star by Maj. Gen. William B. Rosson. He is credited with saving a crew from a disabled helicopter. Cole is a door gunner with B Troop, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, which is attached to the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division.

(Photo by Sp4 Robert M. Metz, 25th INF-10)

Troops Donate Money For Destroyed Homes

CAN THO, (IV CORPS-10) — Americans in this Mekong Delta city donated 123,660 piasters to assist 71 Vietnamese families whose homes were destroyed in a fire recently.

The fire, which was accidentally started by a girl helping her mother cook a meal, razed

a congested residential area. There were no injuries, but the families lost all their belongings except the few items they were able to save.

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Westermann, senior U.S. advisor to the 4th Area Logistical Command, was the relief drive's organizer. He contacted American military and civilian personnel in the area and requested voluntary assistance for the burned-out families.

Under his supervision, collection points were established at various locations.

The largest contributor was the 13th Aviation Battalion. Its members gave 55,490 piasters.

In addition to the money, re-

Cav Capt Prevents NVA Win

AN KHE, (1st CAV-10) — A 1st Cavalry Division captain was awarded the Silver Star recently for preventing a North Vietnamese Army (NVA) force from overrunning his unit by calling artillery on his own position.

Captain Donald Sims, Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry was cited for his actions while his company was sustaining casualties during an intense attack from a NVA force.

Seeing the situation was critical, he ran to a vantage point to call in artillery before their position was overrun.

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With all of this preparation we find that moving is much easier than we had anticipated. The Bible instructs us as Chris-

ed in April 1966, sponsors have forwarded building supplies and "hard-to-get" items for use in civic action projects and tools for the maintenance of the An Khe area.

Dr. Palmer started the program after reading an article about Birmingham, Ala., adopting the 1st Infantry Division.

istration Regional Office, they responded in an enthusiastic manner.

The city of Columbia is going all out to make this program a success. Television documentaries have been shown to give the people a better understanding of the project they have undertaken. Bumper stickers have

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4th Inf Div Task Force Gives Charlie Troubles

BAN BLECH. (4th INF-10)—A 4th Infantry Division task force has hit the Phu Bon Province with a little bit of everything and is making it more difficult for the enemy to conduct its operations.

One of the daily patrols from the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry, along with a Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) and Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) forces, uncovered

two battalion-sized enemy base camps near the unit's forward fire base. arms, ammunition, and supplies were captured.

Another patrol located a village which hid 16 M-79 grenade rounds and 28 young Vietnamese men of military age, who were detained for questioning.

At the same time, the 10th Cavalry's A Troop, attached to the battalion, has been patrolling the roads and giving fire support to the infantrymen whenever necessary.

The enemy is also contending with helicopter air assaults and the artillery's 105mm. and 155mm howitzers.

Highway 14, which runs through the province, is dotted with checkpoints where all vehicles are searched for arms and ammunition and the occupants checked for identifications.

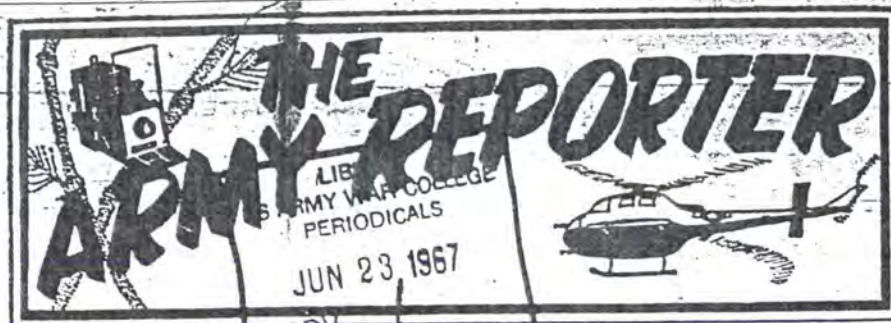
Along with these military aspects of the operation, the battalion's civil affairs team conducts MEDCAP sick calls in the Montagnard villages.

Seneff Promoted To Major General

TAN SON NHUT, (1st AVN-10)—The commander of the 1st Aviation Brigade, George P. Seneff Jr., was promoted to major general at the brigade's headquarters here recently.

General Seneff, a 1941 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, became commander of the brigade and U.S. Army Vietnam aviation officer in February 1966.

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Unit Of 1st Inf Awarded PUC For Hwy 13 Battle

WASHINGTON. (ANF) — A reconnaissance troop rumbled north along Highway 13 in its armored vehicles. Suddenly the lead tank was hit by a command-detonated mine, the signal for an attack by three Viet Cong battalions.

In a fierce six-hour battle the soldiers routed the VC and began a month of fighting that would earn the Presidential Unit Citation for the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division.

President Lyndon B. Johnson recently awarded the citation for extraordinary heroism to the squadron for its role in preventing a Viet Cong division from closing Highway 13 and overrunning Binh Long Province.

The 1st Squadron's Troop A met the three enemy battalions on June 8, 1966, while moving to the vicinity of An Loc to conduct area reconnaissance and offensive operations.

On June 30, Troops B and C, operating north of An Loc on Highway 13, were hit by a Viet Cong regiment. The cavalrymen engaged the attacking force at point-blank range and held their ground until the scattered enemy survivors fled the battlefield.

On July 9, Troops B, C, and D, with continuous air and artillery support, broke the attack of a reinforced VC regiment.

"The conspicuous gallantry and the extraordinary heroism of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry,

ties," the Presidential Citation said.

The men of the 1st Squadron are building on the courageous tradition of a unit that traces

Search Nets VC Supplies

CU CHI. (25th INF-10) — It was a sweltering hot day. The men of the 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry kept pushing deeper and deeper into the Boi Loi Woods on a search and destroy mission.

They had been enduring the same drudgery and searing heat for the past several weeks on the 25th Infantry Division's Operation Manhattan.

The Tomahawks were patrolling an area which had long been notorious for hiding Viet Cong. It was not long before the Tropic Lightning soldiers made enemy contact.

First came the staccato, eerie ring of machinegun fire, then the crackle from a sniper's weapon, and finally the ear-blistering explosions of claymore mines.

"We immediately buttoned our hatches and opened up with our .50 cal. machineguns," said Sp4

its service back to the Civil War and the Indian Wars. The squadron received decorations from France and Belgium for its action during World War II, as well as the Distinguished Unit Citation.



'Unarmed' Choppers Kill Nine Viet Cong

LONG THANH. (9th INF-10) — A platoon of aviators from the 9th Infantry Division's 3rd Squadron, 5th Armored Cavalry killed nine enemy recently while flying bubble-topped "unarmed" helicopters.

Responsible for direct support missions such as adjusting artillery or air strikes, the little three-passenger choppers do not usually see much action.

But while supporting the 4th Battalion, 47th Infantry during a two-day battle in Dinh Tuong Province, 45 miles southwest of Saigon, the chopper pilots and passengers of Troop D's Scout Platoon used the birds as gunships, grenade launchers, and even dive bombers to rack up their kills.

The first report came in mid-afternoon of the first day when Capt. Kent D. Converse, pilot, spotted a group of enemy soldiers running across a clearing.

He swooped down into a low-level firing pass while his passenger, 1st Lt. Wayne Lovell, opened up with an automatic rifle. Three enemy were killed.

The chopper took eight hits from a .30 cal. machinegun but managed to limp back to the division's 2nd Brigade base camp at Dong Tam, 20 miles east of the battle site.

Later that day Converse cranked up another chopper and headed back to the battle. While performing a resupply mission, enemy ground forces opened fire on his ship. Passenger Sp4 Jerry Cressman returned the fire with an automatic rifle and killed one of the enemy soldiers.

Meanwhile another chopper, piloted by 1st Lt. Henry H. Roll, zeroed in on an enemy position while his passenger, 1st Lt. Rick Stetson of the division's Long Range Reconnaissance Platoon, shot down two enemy.

Another enemy kill was chalked up late in the afternoon when the scout platoon leader, Capt. Carter D. Brooks, "bombed" one enemy with a hand grenade.

Shortly after noon the following day, Converse spotted another enemy force heading for a wood line. His passenger, 1st Lt. John L. Swanson, used his M-79 grenade launcher, killing one of them.

The last kill was made by Brooks and his gunner, Sp4 Rudi Mayr, when they swooped down on one enemy.

Soldiers Find VC, Python

LE THANH. (4th INF-10) — Four recondos from the 4th Infantry Division were wandering through the jungle not far from the Cambodian border when they stumbled upon a group of North Vietnamese Army (NVA) soldiers and a menacing python.

The enemy troops had the