



Helicopters swoop down as infantrymen from the 3rd Brigade prepare to assault an area in the central highlands during (Photo by Sp4 Dale V. Sutphin, 25th INF-IO)

VN 36th Rangers Americans In Zone C

formed, there has never been a case of Viet Cong infiltration.

The battalion is constantly on the move and security conscious in everything it does.

The 36th Rangers have worked with several American divisions and have proven that they are a loyal, capable combat force.

"We try to leave a favorable impression with Americans, and I think we've impressed all the

divisions we have worked with," said Capt. John Parker, the unit's Senior American advisor.

Every soldier who wears the tiger suit with a snarling tiger head on a yellow shield on his left sleeve attempts to convey the slogan of the 36th Vietnamese Ranger Battalion.

Translated into English, their motto is "Fierce in War, Generous in Peace."

9th Inf Div Interrupts VC Tea Party

RUNG SAT, (9th INF-IO) — Six enemy soldiers were enjoying their morning tea when some unexpected guests arrived — a platoon of 9th Infantry Division.

As a result of the get-together the 2nd Platoon, Company C, 4th Battalion, 47th Infantry confiscated two tons of rice, almost 2,000 rounds of .45 caliber ammunition, three cases of other ammunition, and a foot-locker full

of training documents.

The booty was found in one of the largest base camps yet discovered in the mangroves of Rung Sat.

The camp was laced with a sophisticated system of tunnels and bunkers and included huts for transient housing.

The discovery was made recently when the platoon, led by 2nd Lt. Jack R. Benedick set

up a silent stake-out on one of the many salt rivers.

The platoon leader sent one squad out to recon the area and almost immediately the sound of automatic weapons fire shattered the silence.

The squad had crashed the tea party of six enemy soldiers. When the rest of the platoon moved up to reinforce the squad, the enemy fled.

LOG Improves R&R At Vung Tau Center

VUNG TAU, (1st LOG-IO) — Thousands of U.S. soldiers who have taken a three-day rest and recuperation leave at the 1st Logistical Command operated Rest and Recuperation (R&R) Center here might find it hard to believe, but the center is getting better every day.

"Right now we're in the midst of a major revonation," said SFC Thomas E. Curry noncommissioned officer in charge of the center. "We're adding a bit of color to the rooms with a fresh paint job, new curtains and bedspreads, a new bar and game room on the roof of the annex, acoustical tile and indirect lighting in the bar and dining room."

A swimming pool and an 18-hole miniature golf course are scheduled to be built in the near future. Four additional pool tables and two more ping pong tables also are on order.

The center, operated by soldiers of the Saigon Support Command's 53rd General Support Group, accommodates 260 servicemen during each three-day R&R period.

"Our objective here is to give servicemen a relaxing place where they can forget the war for three days," said Curry.

"The remodeling job and the other improvements we are making are intended to make R&R here a more enjoyable experience," commented Maj. Vaughn C. Ross, officer-in-

charge of the facility.

Among the many attractions of the center is a fully air-conditioned dining room that offers five choices for breakfast and a choice of three entrees for lunch and dinner. "The dining room operates as a field mess, but you've never seen a field mess like it," said Curry.

One of the biggest drawing cards is the beach, which fronts on the South China sea. Special Services provide beach chairs without cost, and the Beachcomber Club is a popular gathering spot for swimmers.

Vung Tau is the only in-country R&R Center.

'Playboy' Annie Adopted

PLEIKU, (1st AVN-IO) — Bikini-clad Miss Annie Fanny, the queen of "Playboy" magazine, is now flying missions daily with the Huey crews of the 170th Assault Helicopter Company.

The 170th adopted the lady as their new emblem and her abundant curves now grace the front of each aircraft.

Smiling infantrymen from the 4th Infantry Division, supported by the 170th, have been observed coming up to the aircraft for closer looks, snapshots, and a few have even been noticed talking to her.

The men of the 170th are not jealous of all the attention Annie is receiving. They take great pride in being able to bring joy and happiness to the battle-weary troopers. They only ask in consideration of those desiring to have their picture taken with the blond, buxom gal — please do not pinch.

In correspondence from Playboy, the editors have announced their pleasure of Annie's adoption and wished each man in the company the best of luck.

