

Paul spotted a man moving towards them. Paul watched him for about 30 seconds, saw the outline of a weapon and fired seven M-16 rounds into the figure.



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SING—Cavalrymen from Troop B, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 1st cross a stream in the An Lao Valley during a search and destroy (Photo by 1st CAV-IO)

2nd Highest Medal Posthumously Given To 183rd Avn Pilot

TAN SON NHUT, (USARV-IO)

—Captain Louis G. K. Chock, a pilot with the 183rd Aviation Company, 223rd Combat Aviation Battalion, has been posthumously awarded the nation's second highest award for valor in combat, the Distinguished Service Cross.

Chock was killed when he turned his light reconnaissance aircraft into an attack plane while trying to protect a Vietnamese Army convoy.

He was escorting the convoy when a Viet Cong battalion unleashed a vicious attack, pinning the convoy troops down so that they could not establish a perimeter.

Chock called for supporting artillery and air strikes, but realized that more immediate action was necessary to save the convoy. Although his aircraft was only armed with four mark-

ing rockets, he elected to attack an insurgent strongpoint and draw fire from the besieged convoy.

The enemy position was destroyed on the second pass. On the third pass, aimed at another enemy position, his aircraft was raked by gunfire, mortally wounding him.

Chock's actions enabled the Vietnamese force to maneuver into an organized defense and repel the Viet Cong force.

Crew Head Cited For Heroism

TAN SON NHUT, (USARV-IO)

—Specialist Four Robert L. Hice of the 134th Aviation Company, 222nd Combat Aviation Battalion, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for the part he played in bringing in safely a crippled twin engine transport plane.

Hice was acting as crew chief and flight engineer on the plane, when, immediately after take-off, one engine of the plane was disabled and had to be partially shut down.

While the plane maneuvered for a landing, Hice made visual checks of the engine, kept the pilot informed of its performance, and prepared the passengers for an emergency landing.

Due to a violent storm over the airfield, landing was prohibited and the malfunctioning engine had to be completely stopped.

In the turbulent air, Hice monitored the engine instrument readings so that the pilots could concentrate on controlling the underpowered craft.

The effort of Hice and the pilots paid off when the plane, flying through clouds by instruments, and coming under enemy fire, made a safe landing at Vung Tau, 50 minutes away from Soc Trang.

173rd Airborne 'Tunnel Rats' Escape Enemy Death Trap

BIEN HOA, (173rd ARN-IO)—A recent exploration of a tunnel complex by five "tunnel rats" of the 173rd Airborne Brigade nearly turned into disaster.

While on a recent operation, a tunnel complex was found by a Sky Trooper who, while eating C-rations on a break, noticed some earth close to him was moving. Investigation revealed a concealed entrance to a tunnel.

That same day, survey teams of the 2nd and 4th Battalions, 503rd Infantry, working from opposite ends of the same tunnel, forced 42 VC to the surface and captured them.

Through interrogation it was learned that more VC remained hidden in branch tunnels and adjacent rooms.

The next morning, five Sky Troopers and a "Chuoi Hoi" went into the tunnel for further exploration. As the men came to the end of a long corridor, they discovered a trap door.

Although air was becoming scarce, and their compass wire had run out, they decided to press on. Removing the trap door, and leaving it open, the tunnel rats dove deeper into the complex.

Shortly after the last man went through the door, he heard a heavy thud, and as he looked back, saw the door being closed by VC.

ARVN-Cav Team Up

AN KHE, (1st CAV-IO)—Joint operations between the 1st Cavalry Division's 2nd Brigade and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) during Operation Thayer II accounted for 39 enemy killed, 16 captured and numerous caches of rice, weapons and equipment.

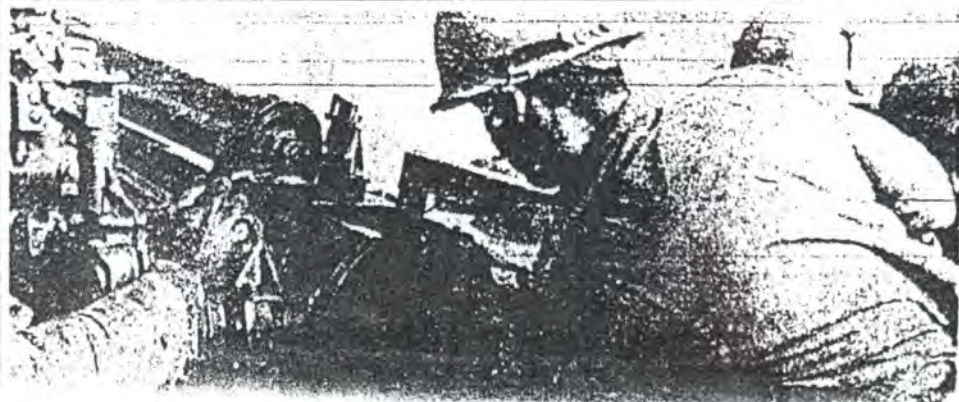
These joint operations usually take from one to three days, and consist of sweeps through the numerous valleys of the rugged coastal highlands.

With U.S. forces acting as a blocking force, ARVN troops sweep down the valley forcing the Viet Cong to flee their shelters

and drive them towards the waiting Cavalrymen.

With support from helicopters, artillery, aerial rocket artillery, gunships, naval gunfire, scout dog teams, and reconnaissance by the 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, these operations are proving highly successful.

In addition to the 40th and 41st ARVN Regiments and the ARVN Airborne Task Force, Regional and Popular Forces, and Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) forces of the area are participating in sweeps with cavalry battalions in the mountains.



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his captors on a search for food.
In retaliation, the informer led
two platoons of the Wolfhounds to
the tunnel in which he had been

clothing.

(Photo by 1st Lt. John H. Hensley, 101st ABN-1)

'Sniffer' Hunts Out Viet Cong

PHAN RANG, (101st ABN-10)—Should Charlie ever get in a sweat-over approaching 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division paratroopers, it could be the last time he does.

A new human detection device known as a "people sniffer" will detect the ammonia in his perspiration and alert the patrol using the device.

The people sniffer operator acts as point man during movement through the jungle, carrying only the heavy people sniffer and his weapon. A sensory device in the sniffer detects any body odor in the air and alerts the operator.

The sniffer at present is being used by Company B, 2nd Battalion, 327th (Airborne) Infantry. Although the use is limited, SP4 Alvin C. Brenegar, an operator of the unique machine, cited two incidents in which the instrument proved its worth.

"On one occasion another platoon moved out before us and the sniffer alerted us of their presence. One other time we were about 100 meters from a village when I detected the inhabitants on the detector," he said.

Million Miles

LONG BINH, (1st LOG-10)—The 58 trucks of the 1st Logistical Command's 534th Transportation Company (Medium Truck) have been driven more than one million miles supporting Free World Forces in Vietnam.

"Most of our miles were driven on combat support convoys," stated 1st Lt. Edward T. For-

Army Memos

PRESIDENT JOHNSON—The President has announced his intent to nominate fellow Texan Eyerett Hutchinson to be Under Secretary of the newly-created Department of Transportation. Hutchinson's appointment must be confirmed by the Senate before he can take office.

DOD STATISTICS—Latest figures reveal that 6711 U.S. service personnel lost their lives through hostile forces actions from Jan. 1, 1961 to Jan. 7, 1967. An additional 1134 lost their lives through hostile actions.

ARMY QUARTERMASTER SCHOOL—The Fort Lee, Va., school has received the U.S. Army Distinguished Service School award for more than 50 years' outstanding contribution to education and training of armed forces personnel. The presentation was made by the commanding general, USCONARC, Gen. Paul L. Freeman.

ON THE JOB TRAINING—Army nurses and staff personnel of the 1st Logistical Command's 8th Field Hospital are providing on-the-job training for Vietnamese nurses from Khanh Hoa Hospital, a nearby civilian facility.

AN/PRC-8, 9, 10—Three field radios have been replaced by a small, lightweight model designated as the AN/PRC-25. The new radio is transistorized and boasts a 3.5-mile range. It will be used extensively in forward combat areas.

NEW HOSPITAL—One of the largest hospitals outside the United States is slated for completion about April 1 at Cam Ranh Bay. It is currently being enlarged from 280 to 400 beds and will include a 100-bed Casualty Staging Unit similar to the one now in use at Da Nang.

FAA IMPOSES NEW JUMP RULES—To provide additional safety factors, the FAA has announced new safety regulations pertaining to parachute jumping. The new regulations go into effect March 1. Included among the new rules is a regulation that requires all aircraft to have two-way voice radio communicating equipment whenever jumping operations are to be conducted in "controlled airspace."

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