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e Fonoimoana (left) and SSgt.
the main course at a Hawai-
e 25th Div.'s recon company.
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Bird Meets 'Bird' Pilot Loses Out

NHA TRANG, (17th AVN-IO)
— Army chopper pilot George Harrison wants to know if you can get the Purple Heart for a bird wound.

Assigned to the 17th Aviation Group's 153th Assault Helicopter Co., 52nd Aviation Battalion, the lieutenant was in a formation of UH-1D's at low level over Vietnam's Central Highlands when he heard a sharp crack and felt a heavy jolt against his leg.

Looking down, Harrison saw broken pieces of his Huey's plexiglass chin bubble splattered over the cockpit floor. He also noticed blood trickling down his leg.

Harrison had been in Vietnam only about a month and said that at that moment he felt certain he'd taken his first enemy bullet.

"I felt that blow on my leg and saw the blood and I was sure I'd been shot," he recalled.

"We broke formation to avoid drawing any more fire, then I looked down again."

Further investigation revealed that it was not a bullet wound the 24-year old aviator had suffered but a direct bird hit. Crashing through the tough but vulnerable chin bubble of the aircraft, a large bird had been cut by the sharp fragments and had then struck Harrison's leg.

Harrison couldn't identify the fowl by species, but smiled when he said, "It must have been one of 'theirs'."

PFC Olive Honored

FORT POLK, La., (ANF)—The field where he trained has been dedicated to PFC Milton L. Olive III, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the Republic of Vietnam.

Maj. Gen. Kelsie L. Reaves, Fort Polk's commanding general, dedicated the field in the 3rd Training Brigade area, where PFC Olive took advanced Infantry training.

A temporary marker at the field bearing the hero's picture, a likeness of the Medal of Honor and the citation was unveiled at the dedication. A permanent bronze plaque will be installed later.

"We at Fort Polk," said General Reaves, "wish to insure the name of Milton L. Olive III will always be remembered by future generations."

PFC Olive's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Olive Jr., of Chicago, Ill., and his grandfather, Milton Olive Sr., of Hattiesburg, Miss., were present for the ceremony.

The Medal of Honor was awarded PFC Olive April 21 for four other soldiers in Vietnam by throwing himself on a live grenade.

Treated Luau

since the Tropic Lightning division came to Vietnam, this was the first large-scale joint training mission.

guard Gets No Mail

When Private Vanguard has sufficient time recorded, he might even get a medal of sorts.

Like any soldier, Charlie always thinks of food. He is fond of C-Rations, but, naturally, he prefers steak. He does not like rice.

So, Charlie Vanguard leads an

ordinary soldier's life in Vietnam, but with one exception. He still doesn't get any mail!

begin once again from Saigon, the men, MSR platoon falls in behind it to return to the base camp. But even now the day is not over. There are weapons to be cleaned and all types of maintenance procedures must be followed.

At last the work for the day is done and the men can relax over an evening meal and take a cool shower.

...izing that the pilot of the helicopter was unaware of the tail rotor failure. Holden quickly flew his chopper into a position to prevent the takeoff, and informed the crew of the failure.

Serious accident number two had been prevented!

Three days later Holden again came near disaster as he was conducting an instrument training flight from Pleiku to An Khe. He and his student were only 60 seconds from GCA approach when

still average five to 10 days. Typhoon and tropical storms will increase significantly, particularly in the Gulf of Tonkin area.

The average daily temperatures will not change appreciably from August to September. The occurrence of fog will increase, with early morning fog normally dissipating rapidly after sunrise. In general, surface wind direction at a particular location will reflect the monsoon dominating the area.

Vietnam Communique

1st Infantry Division — The death toll to communist forces in Operation Amarillo stands at 93. Seven have been captured, and one individual and three crew-served weapons seized. U.S. strike pilots have flown 124 sorties supporting the operation.

25th Infantry Division—Friendly casualties have been light in the week's fighting. Infantry and armor units from the 3rd Brigade Task Force reinforced a Civilian Irregular Defense Group which was attacked 35 miles southwest of Pleiku. The enemy was forced to break contact, and the CIDG casualties were heavy. Six enemy were found dead. Elements of the 2nd Brigade uncovered 742 hand grenades and numerous rifle grenades, mortar rounds, mine fuses and small arms rounds 32 miles northwest of Saigon. Light resistance was met in finding the cache.

173rd Airborne Brigade—In a brief fire-fight in northern Phuoc Tuy Province, an ARVN Ranger unit seized 12 tons of rice, one weapon and one Claymore mine. Later during Operation Toledo in the same region, other elements located three battalion-sized base camps and four supply caches containing 20,000 rounds of small-arms ammunition.

1st Cavalry Division—Operation Paul Revere II has ended but Paul Revere III continues under the control of 3rd Brigade Task Force, 25th Infantry Division. Friendly casualties remain light. The enemy had 809 killed, 104 captured, 78 detained in "Paul Revere II."

1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division—In Operation John Paul Jones, 175 enemy are reported

dead, 33 captured, 63 weapons seized, and light friendly casualties.



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