

The soldiers of Company B greatly assisted this squadron in providing the brigade fixing force in this operation. "El Paso 11." The result of your instantaneous and heroic response to the immediate tactical situation was more than 238 Viet Cong killed with very few friendly casualties.

"During this battle the men of Company B fought in the manner emulating the finest tradition of the 2nd Infantry in the Battle of Chickamauga.

"It was a privilege to have your unit attached to the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry during the operation."

"My appreciation for a job well done."

During this period, the two 1st Infantry Division units experienced one of the most violent ac-

145th Avn Bn Given DUC

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The President has awarded a Distinguished Unit Citation to the Army's 145th Aviation Battalion and attached units.

The citation is for "exceptional gallantry" in action near Dong Xoai, Republic of Vietnam, in June 1965.

The President also awarded a Presidential Unit Citation to a battalion of South Vietnamese infantrymen for "extraordinary heroism" in Quangtri Province, RVN, from August 1964 to October 1965.

largest helicopter assaults was made upon the enemy shortly after contact was made. Over 100 division soldiers won Silver and Bronze Star Medals for bravery during the fierce battle.

'Harmless' Bird Dog Guides Marines To VC Target

NHA TRANG, (17th AVN-10) — Viet Cong machineguns spit a steady stream of tracers past the little airplane. Twice, mortar rounds with time fuzes exploded at its flight altitude.

But two Americans in their harmless looking O-1 Birddog had bigger guns to aim, and they droned on at 90 mph through the worst the enemy could offer.

Warrant Officer Norman MacPhee, a spotter pilot for the 17th Combat Aviation Group's 220th Reconnaissance Company, had just lifted off the runway at Da Nang that day when a radio call pre-empted his routine recon mission.

He and his Marine Corps observer, Capt. James Tully, were to assist a Marine rifle company then under heavy enemy fire 20 miles to the southwest.

Arriving over the battle area, the pair saw mortar rounds being fired on the US positions. They circled the scene and found VC on three sides of the friendly force.

Tully called artillery to pound one enemy position while MacPhee summoned airstrikes. With the artillery suppressing enemy

MORE ROKS ARRIVE—Colonel Reder Schell (center), United States Military Advisory Group, Korea, and his staff of the 1st Logistical Support Group, Republic of Korea Army, march ashore at Nha Trang. (Photo by IFFV-10)

fire, two helicopters slipped in to resupply the company with ammunition and evacuated three wounded Marines.

As the copters cleared the area, fighter-bombers arrived on station.

MacPhee fired rockets to mark the area of heaviest VC activity, and controlled the strike until the jets had expended their deadly cargo.

Ordering more strike aircraft,

the pilot continued to circle and spotted an estimated 100 Cong bringing up heavy weapons through an assault trench. Tully called in armed UH-1B helicopters to hammer the trench line and clear the area.

The chopper strike was followed by another jet strike on the positions not yet neutralized. Later as the VC withdrew, 78 enemy bodies were counted in the wake of the aerial shelling.

NCO's Son Honored

FORT MONMOUTH, N.J., (ANF) — The son of an Army non-commissioned officer has become the first teenager to receive a Patriotic Civilian Service Award for Heroism from the Secretary of the Army.

Edward J. Frejosky, 18, son of Sergeant Major and Mrs. John E. Frejosky, was presented the award by Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Rienzi, Fort Monmouth commandant.

Stanley R. Resor, Secretary of the Army, authorized the award for the youth's actions in the

aftermath of a May 5, 1965, plane crash in the Sagami-hara family housing area at Kanagawa, Japan.

"His brave and unselfish actions, in light of his age (then 17)," read the citation, "set him aside and apart from any other individual."

Frejosky was credited with carrying two badly burned infants from the flaming debris and actively assisted evacuation and first aid efforts through the night.

His father said that when Edward finally came home "he had discarded one shoe because it had caught fire and his hands were scorched."

The plane struck several buildings before crashing into a parking lot. At the height of the fire gasoline tanks of the cars in the lot exploded and rounds of ammunition from the place periodically went off.

DFC Awarded To CWO Carsten

TAN SON NHUT, (USARV-10) — For heroism while participating in aerial flight CWO Warren C. Carsten has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Upon entering an operational area, CWO Carsten's aircraft received intense hostile fire. This fire remained constant throughout the rescue mission they were on, which required low level and low speed flying in order to land in a small landing zone.

Carsten flew over several Viet Cong emplacements and successfully landed his helicopter. While on the ground, his helicopter was subjected to intense hostile fire from three sides.

'Too Busy ...'

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Upon reaching the filming personnel carrier, he climbed on top of the vehicle and helped evacuate the wounded. Returning to track, he fought for the remainder of the battle.

Commenting on the fierce battle that raged for about three hours, Sergeant Horres exclaimed, "It was a hell of a fight. I was a bit nervous at first, but when something starts, you are too busy to be scared."



SF-'Strikers' Route VC

(Continued From Page 1) Vietnamese Skyraiders and USAF

Bird Meets 'Bird'

Pilot Loses Out

NHA TRANG, (17th AVN-10) — 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.

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WELCOME WAGONS—Paratroopers of Company C, 1st/503rd, had coffee at American Red Cross stands after returning to Bien Hoa.

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Milestone Passed In Vietnamese Aviation History

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CAN THO, (1st AVN-10) — A ceremony in this Mekong Delta capital today marked a milestone in Vietnamese aviation history. For the first time a group of Vietnamese Air Force pilots have begun training in U.S. Army Aviation tactics in Vietnam. Their classrooms are the rugged UH-1D Hueys of the 1st Aviation Brigade's famed 13th Combat Aviation Battalion.

Brigadier General G. P. Seneff, Jr., CG of the 13th's parent 1st Aviation Brigade, presided over the ceremony at which the Vietnamese pilots, members of the 211th and 217th CH-34 Squadron, VNAF, were introduced to Col. Jack Dempsey, Commander of the 13th Battalion, and to their new instructors. Half of the group

will train with the 121st Assault Helicopter Company at Vinh Long, while the remainder train with A Company of the 502nd Aviation Battalion at Soc Trang.

The program of instruction will consist of missions flown by the airlift platoons of the Assault Helicopter Companies, from resupply flights to combat missions. They will also receive an orientation on armed helicopter operations. All of the VNAF pilots have received basic aviation training with the U.S. Army, and all are qualified in the VNAF's H-34 Choctaw chopper. Similar training sessions will get underway later in the month, as additional classes report to units of the 1st Brigade's 12th Combat Aviation Group.

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