

for mines and booby traps.

Upon completion of the registration, the plane and all its contents were destroyed. The bodies were removed to the rear staging area.

Simultaneously, the truck convoy at the motorcade pick-up point came under heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire, but artillery soon quelled the fire-fight and permitted the task force a routine return to its home base.

Chinook Has Many Tasks

AN KHE, (1st CAV-IO) — The Army's CH-47 Chinook has been called upon to perform all types of missions from hauling pigs and cows to retrieving downed aircraft. In the 1st Air Cavalry Division it's used to haul just about anything.

The latest in the many missions accomplished by the Cavalry Chinooks of the 228th Assault Support Helicopter Battalion was assisting in clearing the barrier line around the "Golf Course" helipad.

Nothing could move the heavy logs from the ditches until someone struck upon the idea of using the Chinook to do the job.

The mission layed on, the powerful CH-47 accomplished it with ease and soon progress on the clearing operation was speeding ahead at a furious rate.

commission under a new program by the Department of the Army.

The Army ROTC scholar 400 four-year scholarships at universities for the academic 1966. The scholarships provide tuition, textbooks, laboratory fees and \$50 a month to high-calibre individuals who intend to make a career of the Army.

Citizens of the United States who have not reached their 21st birthday by June 30, 1966 and who meet the physical qualifications may apply for this scholarship. Applicants must have completed high school or its equivalent.

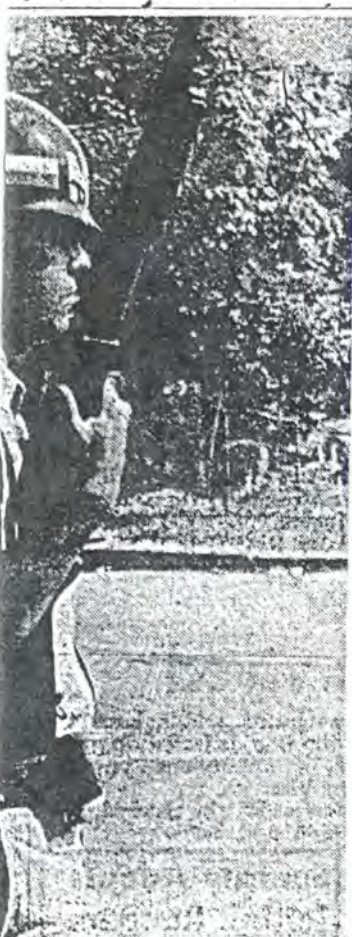
Upon graduation the individual will receive a college degree and an Army commission to second lieutenant. He is then required to serve four years of active duty.

The deadline for submission of applications is March 1, 1966. Interested individuals should contact their unit personnel officer for details and application materials.



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John L. McCulloch's 87th Engineers adopted this neighborly approach, and through the weekly visit of their medical officer, Capt. Payne, came to hear of the traditional four day New Year's celebration that marked the gathering of the scattered family, the visits from friends, and the period of prayer for all Vietnamese.



Steeped in this tradition is the belief that special foods must be served, new clothing must be worn, and no work or business carried on for the length of these festivities. This would be an expense this village could not afford. The Chaplain for the 87th, Capt. Clyde W. Brown, heard of the plight of Thanh Xueng and solicited generous donations from the entire battalion in order to help the village.

Captain Payne and his medical aid team returned to Thanh Xueng with more than medicine and chewing gum; they brought twenty packages of clothes, twenty boxes of toys, and twenty gifts of packaged food. After the usual hour of sick call, the presents were brought out to the central building and allotted by drawings to the heads of households, who beamed from ear to ear.

21-Gun Salute Greets VN Chief At 1st Inf. Div.

DI-AN, (1st INF-10)—A 21-gun salute greeted Vietnamese Chief of State, Lt. Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu, when he arrived at the 1st Infantry Division headquarters here.

General Thieu presented a Vietnamese National Flag to Maj. Gen. Jonathan O. Seaman, Commanding General of the 1st Inf. Div. As the Vietnamese and American National Anthems were played, flags of the two nations were raised in front of the new division headquarters building.

After presenting the flag to General Seaman, General Thieu said: "This flag will fly side by side with the flag of the United States of America in Vietnam until final victory is achieved."

General Thieu was accompanied by Lt. Gen. John A. Heintges, Deputy Commander, MACV.

Viet Cong Left Empty-Handed

AN KHE, (1st CAV-10)—"Flying Horsemen" of the 1st Cavalry Division left the enemy empty-handed recently as they snatched a disabled helicopter out of Viet Cong infested territory, and safely back to its home base.

As two Huey gun ships laid down a hail of bullets, Army engineers from Company A, 8th Engineer Battalion landed in a troop ship and began preparing to rescue the downed chopper.

The security squad of the unit established a tight perimeter while a demolition team checked the area and the chopper for boobytraps and mines.

After the aircraft had been cleared and the slings rigged, an Army CH-47 Chinook lifted the disabled Huey skyward, and returned to the First Team's home in the central highlands.

Having made only sporadic contact with the enemy, the engineers scrambled aboard waiting troop-carriers and flew back to their home base.

CARTOONIST AWAITS IDEAS—Stars and Stripes Art Director George Stewart is still waiting for ideas for cartoons from soldiers in Vietnam. All George needs are a few ideas, he will do the art work. Suggestions should be addressed to Mr. George Stewart, Pacific Stars and Stripes, Post Office Box 110, U.S. Forces APO 96503.

GERMAN VIET CONG?—A member of the 1st Logistical Command has his doubts about advice he received from an American fifth grade student. The letter addressed to "Any Soldier in Vietnam" said he hoped the recipient would "hurry and win the war and kill all the Germans."

"IT'S A SMALL WAR!"—Such was the reaction of PFC Jule Davis Jr. of the 16th Inf., 1st Inf. Div. when he discovered that he had been in the same unit as his half-brother for two months without knowing it. Davis met Sp4 James Davis, his brother, last week, upon going the Battalion Communications Section for some batteries. Jule Davis is a door gunner for the 16th.

APRICOTS TO ARTILLERY—The 1st LOG transports it all. During the month of December the Logistical Command unloaded more than 232,000 short tons of supplies and equipment at South Vietnamese ports. Cargoes ranged from apricots to artillery.

FAVOR GRANTED—On Dec. 18 THE ARMY REPORTER printed a letter from Miss Mary Velat of St. Louis University. Miss Velat has received over 50 letters thus far and although she is more than happy to answer all it will take time . . . be patient please.

SKYCRANES PAY FOR THEMSELVES—Four CH-54A Skyranes, built by Sikorsky Aircraft saved, during their first three months of operations in Vietnam, downed aircraft worth twice the cost of the heavy lift helicopters. The four craft, operated by the 478th Avn Co, retrieved a Douglas A1E Skyraider fighter bomber, a DeHavilland CV-2 Caribou transport and 45 helicopters ranging in size from the 2,000 pound Bell OH-13 to the 18,000 pound Vertol CH-47. Their estimated total value was \$15 million. The Skycranes capability has also been used to airlift artillery, bulldozers, trucks, jeeps, ammunition and supplies. They have helped to unload CONEX containers from ship to shore. Special detachable pods have been designed for use as the 1st Cav Division's CG's command post and a mobile surgical unit, capable of speedy mercy missions into and out of combat areas.



PRETZEL WITH A BIKINI—An Australian "Digger" twists with Pat Wordaworth, otherwise known as "Big Pretzel," wearing a minute bikini which really impressed the Aussie who watched the performance at their camp near Bien Hoa.

Sp4 William S. Seippel, 716th returned to duty. The military in the right shoulder and left leg as he battled the Viet Cong terrorists at Metropole BEQ.

(Photo by 89th MP-PIO)

Magazine's r Playmate 02nd Inf.

1st-10)—Thanks to Uncle Sam's 1st Battalion (Airborne) 502nd Infantry Brigade 101st Airborne Division's Diana Willis, Playboy Magazine's

Diana wrote to Playboy asking if ever get the chance to become a few photos which upon appraisal sent to Chicago for tests. The small

article accompanying Diana's gatefold which explained her route to success, and Sp4 Oddvar Breiland, both paratroopers, wrote to her, cheering her charm and

the two troopers received a letter that she has an 18 year old brother he too was in Vietnam. "Now," she said a whole battalion to worry about, of you."

With heaven, was passed through in the photos she included, by saying she was on her way to wood, but as soon as she could write more photos she would.

ously awaiting another letter...

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'Ghost Riders' Test Landing Platform

AN KHE, (1st CAV-10) — The "Ghost Riders" of the 1st Cavalry Division's Company A, 4th Aviation Battalion are currently testing a jungle landing platform that may be the answer to deploying troops in areas where thick foliage makes it impossible to land a chopper.

Among the many uses envisioned for the platform which nestles in the tops of dense jungle trees, is as a landing platform where helicopters can land and discharge or load troops or cargo.

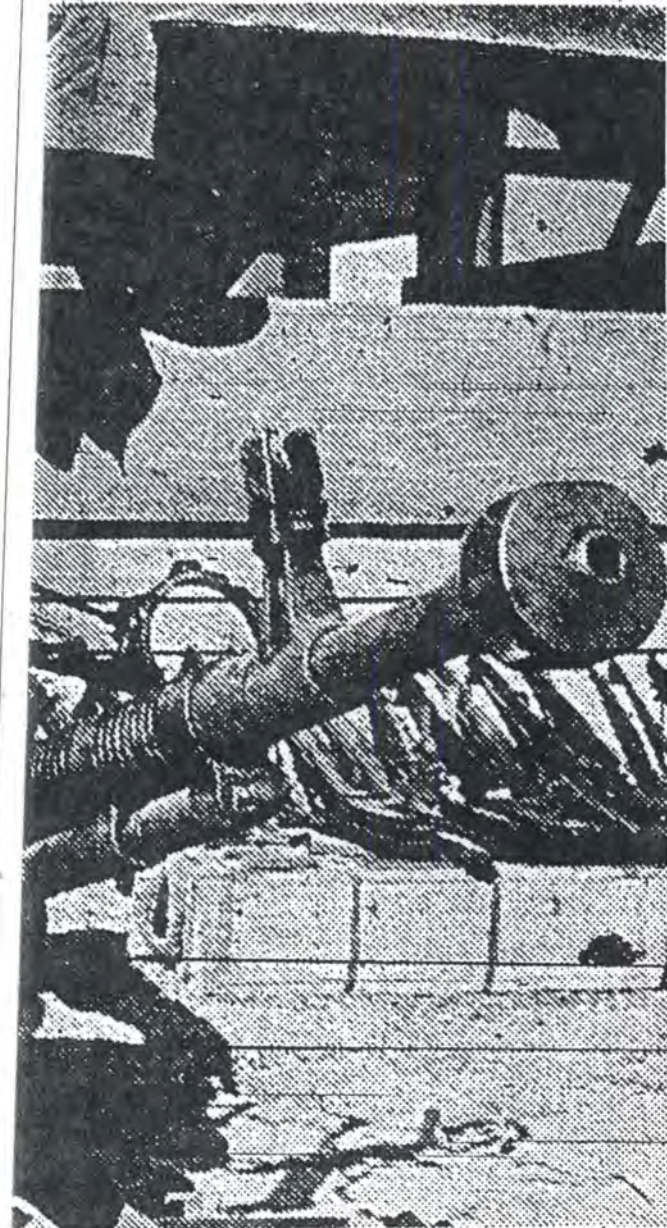
The platform also has the capability of allowing several soldiers to rappel to the jungle ground simultaneously.

Manufactured by the Aircraft Armament Company, the test, supervised by personnel of the Limited War Laboratory of Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., is being conducted west of the "Golf Course" helipad area in simulated combat conditions.

G.I. Generosity

SAIGON, (1st LOG-10) — Nguyen-Tan-Su, 16, of Cholon, Vietnam, is back in school again thanks to the generosity of two American soldiers serving with Saigon Logistics Area, 1st Logistical Command.

The soldiers, Sp4 Patrick B. Cence and PFC Robert J. Masters, of the 578th Ordnance



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by Martin Stuart-Fox, UPI)

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