

Cambodian Pullout; Redcatchers Withdraw

By Sp4 Andy McCullough and PFC Mark Robinson

CAMP FRENZELL-JONES — After spending nearly two months in the "Fishhook" region of Cambodia, cutting deep into the heart of NVA and Viet Cong supply sanctuaries and eliminating enemy troops, Redcatchers of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf and Delta Btry, 2nd Bn, 40th Arty left FSB Myron for Brigade Main Base June 25, meeting the June 30 pullout deadline.

The Cambodian Campaign was a highly successful operation that will have a long term effect on the enemy's capability. Destruction of his transportation system and loss of huge amounts of supplies will significantly reduce his capabilities to sustain operations against allied forces," summed up Lieutenant Colonel Wood R. DeLeull, Warrior battalion commander.

Discovered Massive Supplies

"We went in with a bang and came out with a bang," exclaimed Captain Thomas D. Moore from Lake Charles, La., 5th Bn, 12th Inf. HHC

Cambodian Photos See Centerspread

commander, summing up the spirit of the Redcatchers.

With that same spirit the Warriors discovered massive supplies in numerous enemy depots. Every Warrior company was accredited with finding a cache of varying size and contents, from 375 tons of rice to nine quarter ton (jeep) vehicles.

Worked Close

"The infantry and artillery worked closer together than I've ever seen before," said Lieutenant Stan Hogue from Mesa, Ariz., Delta Btry's executive officer.

Probably at no time before has a greater mutual admiration

ARVN Eliminate NVA Company

By Sp4 Jon Sweet

PHRUM KREK, Cambodia — Units of the 18th ARVN Div's 5th Cav Regiment and the 7th Vietnamese Airborne Bn, companion unit of the 199th in Long Khanh Province, virtually eliminated an entire NVA company in a fierce six hour battle in a well-fortified hamlet northwest of here near Highway 7.

Braced by 50 caliber machine gun fire from 15 armored personnel carriers, the Airborne, assaulting in squad and platoon formations, made five sweeps through the hamlet leaving 49 enemy dead and detaining 14, including the company commander and plowman officer.

"The hamlet was 900 meters from the road and they could see us coming and were waiting for us," said Major Le Minh Ngoc, airborne battalion commander. "The enemy was fortified in many bunkers and spiderholes. We had no choice but to go in there and get them out by hand."

Four Airborne were killed and 18 more ARVN were wounded, including two Airborne company commanders, as the enemy counterattacked with

been established between two Redcatcher units. Artillerymen saw every day the results of the Warriors, who had enemy contact or discovered enemy caches.

"Almost every time an infantry company would come in from the field at least five to ten of them would come to our gun sections to thank the men for their artillery support," said Hogue.

Kept Redcatchers Busy

"The most remarkable thing about Delta Btry," continued Hogue, "is that, almost all of the men were fresh troops when it came to actual fighting. We had been stable at FSBs Libby and Gladys for about six months and had seen very little real action. But they performed as well as the best fighting men in Cambodia. Now they're definitely seasoned veterans."

Operations in Cambodia kept the Redcatcher busy working for that eight week period, in fact it nearly doubled. Working 16 or 20 hours a day became more of a rule than the exception. While the Warriors were out of the fire bases on various operations the artillery was on constant alert.

Impossible to Relax

"When we got a chance to rest it was impossible to relax. Most of the time we were on an alert status so whenever we tried to get some sleep, we knew that sometime soon we'd be awakened for another mission," explained Private First Class Michael B. Serrano of San Lorenzo, Calif., a member of Delta Btry.

While on operations in Cambodia, Delta Btry fire approximately 650 rounds each day. Daily expenditures fluctuated as, for instance, 1300 rounds were fired during a twenty hour period supporting Warrior elements in heavy enemy contact.

To understand the physical aspect of the artillerymen's job, consider each round weighs

nearly 48 pounds. On an average then, each gun section carried 31,200 pounds of steel daily.

Cambodian Move Stirs Thoughts
There is another side of the story to consider beside the facts and figures. How did the Redcatchers feel concerning the US drive into Cambodia?

"After all the rice and weapons caches uncovered by the Warriors, you know we hurt the enemy," said Specialist Four Robert W. Rowand from Pittsburgh, Pa., an artilleryman with Delta Btry.

"The Cambodian Campaign has done more than take the enemy's supplies, it has broken his morale, his troops and ticket into Vietnam. Everyone did an outstanding job despite the terrain and weather which was very hard to cope with at times. It sure felt good to come back to BMB," declared Private First Class William Warren, an infantryman with the 2nd platoon.

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Leaving nothing for the enemy to use, this D Btry artillerymen drags howitzer ammo boxes to fire. (Photo by SP4 Andy McCullough)

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Cambodia: There and Back

SP4 R. N. Halliday

CAMP FRENZELL-JONES — On April 30 President Nixon announced that he had ordered American combat units operation in Vietnam to launch attacks into selected areas of Cambodia.

The President made clear from the onset that his action was not an invasion of Cambodia: "The areas in which these attacks will be launched are completely occupied and controlled by North Vietnamese forces. Our purpose is not to occupy the areas. Once enemy forces are driven out of these sanctuaries and their military

supplies destroyed, we will withdraw."

The Cambodian offensive began May 1 in the "Fishhook" region of Cambodia, about 50 miles northwest of Saigon and northeast of Cambodia's "Parrots Beak" region which had been attacked several hours earlier by ARVN troops.

The obvious objective of the operation was to seek out and destroy communist base areas capturing or destroying enemy weapons, ammunitions, equipment, supplies, physical installations, foodstuffs and living areas.

During the early days of the

Cambodian Campaign, the Warriors, 5th Bn, 12th Inf came into Camp Frenzell-Jones for a two day stand-down and resupply prior to leaving for Bien Hoa Air Base and on toward Cambodia via C-130 aircraft May 3.

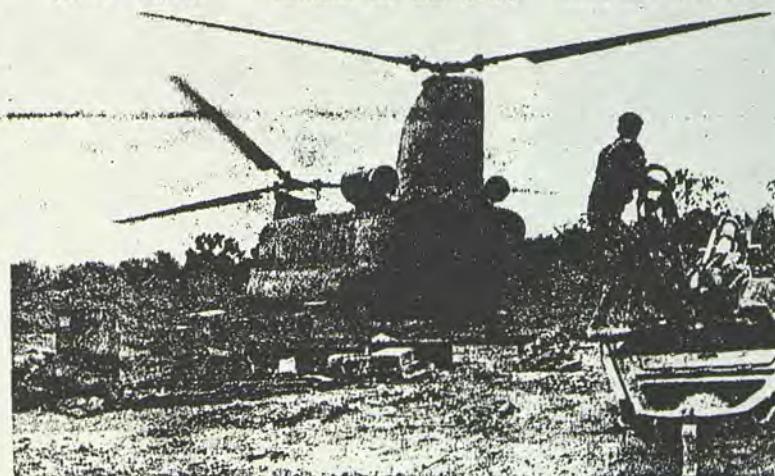
At the same time gun sections of Delta Btry, 2nd Bn, 40th Arty returned to Brigade Main Base from FSBs Gladys and Libby to begin their May 3 drive toward Cambodia to provide fire support for the Warriors.

Over a period of eight days, the Warriors and Delta Btry moved in and out of a variety of fire bases, including FSBs Lee, Buttons and Snuffy. The Warriors, 5th Bn, 12th Inf together with Delta Btry, 2nd Bn, 40th Arty were put under the operational control of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) 2nd Bde.

While at FSB Buttons, countering an enemy rocket attack, Gun Section Two set an unofficial record of rapid fire for the 2nd Bn, 40th Arty by firing 72 rounds within a 12 minute period.

Moving men and equipment, the Warriors crossed the border into Cambodia arriving at LZ Brown in the late evening hours of May 11. Less than six hours after their arrival, in the predawn hours of May 12, a massive NVA attack was launched on their position with coordinated mortar, sapper and ground attack.

Artillery fire, helicopter gunships, fixed wing "Shadow" gunships and Air Force A-37 jets supported ground elements, delivering a devastating return fire as enemy soldiers attacked.



Chinook awaits pick up of a 2nd Bn, 40th Arty 105mm Howitzer among other equipment being moved, as Redcatchers leave Cambodia, meeting the June 30 pullout deadline.

(Photo by SP4 Andy McCullough)

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A Primary Right

This summer many states have scheduled primary elections to determine which candidates will be in the general elections this November.

Most states permit members of the Armed Forces and their spouses to vote in primary elections by absentee ballot.

Unfortunately, far too many people ignore the primaries and vote only in the general elections. This is especially true in the military, where servicemen must take a little extra time to obtain and absentee ballot, thus facing problems not encountered by civilians at home.

Also a serviceman, often does not have easy access to information about a candidate, issues and election dates.

But, military men and women can keep abreast if they make the effort. Every base, every ship, whether overseas or in the United States, has a voting officer who can supply voting rules for your home state, and that all-important Federal Postal Application Card (FPCA) to obtain an absentee ballot. The folks at home can send a newspaper that spells out the local and state issues to be decided upon.

Sure, it takes a little extra time. But it is part of your responsibility as a member of the Armed Forces and an American citizen. It is a small price to pay for a right that people have died to protect. (AFPS)

CPT Bengtson 199th Voting Officer

Camp Frenzell - Jones Captain David Bengtson from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is the Brigade's voting officer.

It is through this office voter information is available for primaries and general election applications for voter registration is a service rendered. Federal Postal Application Cards used to obtain an absentee ballot

are available here to any registered voter.

Battalion level voting officers are in the process of being selected, Bengtson indicated, in order to make voter information available to a greater number of members of the Brigade.

Presently helping CPT Bengtson are Captain John Fox and Lieutenant Phillip Scott, legal assistance attorneys.

27 States Still to Hold Primaries

This summer 27 states and the Virgin Islands will hold primary elections.

Primaries are held before a general election to nominate a political party's candidates for office. In some states, other officials, such as delegates to party conventions, are elected at this time. Dates for primaries are set by the States and vary from state to state. In some, a separate primary is held by each of the principal parties; in

others, only the major political party holds a primary.

Those states yet to have a primary election are: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Nevada.

Also New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming and the Virgin Islands.

Medcap Provides Therapy

By Dave Hauser

FSB NANCY - Had this Vietnamese mother not come to the 4th Bn, 12th Inf, 199th Light Infantry Brigade Integrated Civic Action Program (ICAP) held in Hoa Thuan hamlet several weeks ago, she may never have learned of the help she has since received for her club-footed child.

Help For Child

Accompanying the Eagle Warriors Civic Action Team on this particular Integrated Civic Action Program to the hamlet was Dr. Raymond Martin from Long Beach, N.Y., 4th Bn, 12th Inf battalion surgeon who through the aid of an interpreter questioned the mother about her baby's disability.

"When Dr. Martin suggested to the mother the help that she could receive for the child," recalled SSG James A. Homann, a member of the team, "she appeared very pleased."

Corrective Therapy

The following week an appointment was made by the battalion surgeon and members of the Civic Action Team took the mother and her baby to the orthopedic clinic at 24th Evacuation Hospital at Long Binh to begin the corrective therapy.

Several trips to the hospital over a period of two months to have pressure casts put on the child's legs corrected the impediment. The Eagle Warrior Civic Action Team contributed a small part to the chain of events that now enables a child and its family to have a new outlook on life.

The Chaplain Speaks

Christ Expects More

By Chaplain (CPT) Charles B. Hagearty

such things because you hate sin. To put it another way, even if you are a model soldier with a perfect record of conduct, that's not enough. Is this being unrealistic or hypocritical? I think not.

The great teacher of morality, Jesus Christ, said, "Be ye perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." He also said that what is in the heart will be judged. "If any man looks upon a woman with lust in his heart, he already has committed adultery in his heart." Just looking can do it! As for hypocrisy, God will judge that. Therefore, it is not just what we do that matters. It is WHY we do it that counts and the voice of conscience, which the chaplain tries to be, is often hard to follow.

Cottonbalers Work with RFs

By David Schaffer

TAHN LINH - One of the primary goals of the 199th is Vietnamization, the training of our Vietnamese counterparts in the use of modern weapons and tactics. Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf has been working in a program with the 720th and 710th Regional Forces Companies near Tahn Linh. Alpha Co has learned that their program has proven one of mutual learning, and that the RF's have provided them with invaluable experience.

"The Regional Forces in this area had not worked with US personnel since 1966," said Captain Oswaldo Izquierdo, Alpha Co commander from Puerto Rico. "Even our tactics have changed since then, so part of our mission is to update the tactics of the RF's by 'on the job training'."

With every platoon of Alpha goes a platoon of RF's, with leaders of both platoons sharing the responsibilities and coordinating the missions.

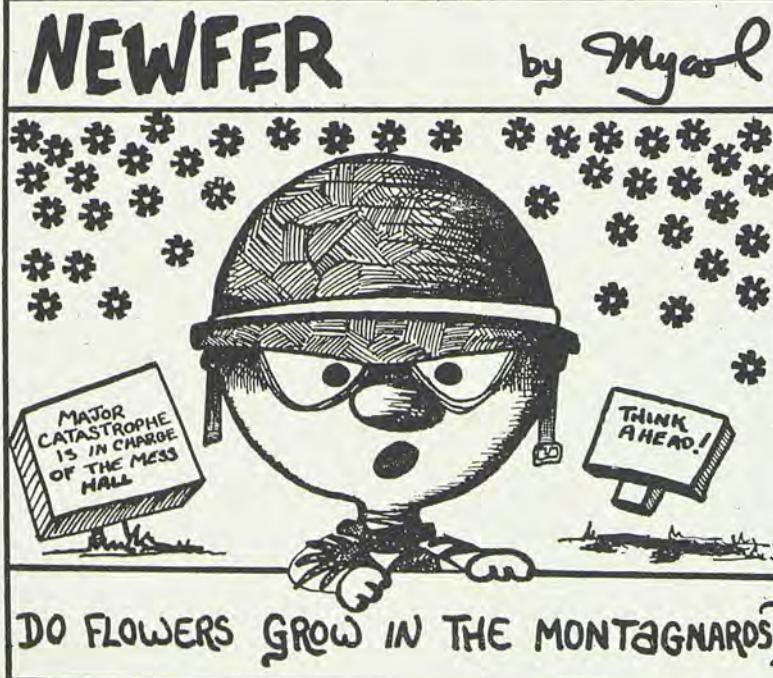
"Our working relations have proven excellent," said CPT Izquierdo. "They help us out when they can, and we help them out when we can."

The tactics which Alpha Co has contributed to the RF's training deal with noise and light discipline. The RF's, on the other hand, have been able to show the Cottonbalers things they hadn't noticed before.

"They know the country, the terrain features," said CPT Izquierdo. "They see and sense things often long before we could spot them."

One display of the cooperative spirit between Alpha Co and the RF's came during a river crossing recently. An RF soldier, carrying a radio and gear, floundered and went under. Private First Class David McKee from Boston, Massachusetts, jumped in and brought the soldier to safety. PFC McKee has been put in for the Soldier's Medal.

It has been a rewarding experience for all," said CPT Izquierdo. "We have learned a lot from these Regional Forces soldiers.



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Awards and Decorations

The awards presented the men of the 199th Infantry Brigade are justly earned and are a small reward for the outstanding job done. The men have shown great devotion to the Brigade and to their comrades in their units. The men's actions reflect credit upon themselves, the 199th Infantry Brigade and the United States Army.

Bronze Star Medal (Valorous)

3rd Bn, 7th Inf: CPT Osawido A. Izquierdo; 2LT James A. Jacquin; 1LT Ronald A. Gordon; SP4 Kenneth W. Naul; SP4 Claus M. Assatianian; SP4 Francis J. Matthews; PFC Allen A. Soyer; PFC Larry H. Latham; SP4 Dennis J. Boryla; SGT Belford C. Miller; SP4 Kenneth L. Swanson; SP5 Michael F. Gutknecht; SGT Stephen D. Miller; SP4 Roger Q. Oaks; PFC Robert E. Holloway; SFC George C. Holewyne; SP4 Okey M. Lanham; SP4 Lawrence D. Ward; SGT Rickie D. Marshall; SGT John E. Garvin; SGT Charles R. Watkins; SGT Thomas E. Kroger; SGT Barry M. Giles; SP4 Thomas K. Buchmann; PFC Robert L. Polasek; SGT Thomas D. Martin; SP4 Randolph Thompson; SP4 Franklin Strikeleather.

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2/40th Arty: MAJ James C. Jewell; SP4 Jan F. Wojtanowski.

2nd Bn, 3rd Inf: 1LT Philip M. Harloff; PFC Charles R. Goldsmith; PFC Richard H. Bruce; PFC George J. Mock; SGT James E. Warner; SP4 Michael E. Waltz; SGT Curtis E. Holden; SGT James A. Ikard; SP4 Pat M. Korish; PFC Wayne R. Linden; PFC Charles C. Cole; SP4 John C. Saltz; SP4 Harvey Clark Jr; SP4 Bernard B. Brantmeier.

5th Bn, 12th Inf: 1LT Roger J. Kolberg; SSG Richard I. Laus; PFC James Phillip; PFC Raymond J. Burgess; SP4 Thomas J. Wilder; PFC Ronald Sacra; SP4 John G. Gierlach; SGT Christian Edwards; PFC Merl S. Taylor; SP4 Bernardo O. Anaby; SGT Kenneth A. Richey; 1LT Larry D. Shump.

M Co, 75th Rangers: PFC Manuel W. Williams.

Army Commendation Medal (Valorous)

3rd Bn, 7th Inf: PFC Charles E. Mortel; SP4 William H. Mosteller; SP4 Curtis M. Pitsenbarger; SP4 Danny L. Martin; SSG Richard L. Malcom; SP4 Kenneth W. Naul; SP4 Thomas J. Smith; SP4 Daniel E. Gray; SP4 Kenneth D. Novak; SSG Richard F. Walz; SP4 Joseph D. Murphy; SP4 John R. Milton; SSG Richard F. Williams; SP4 Charles B. Weaver; PFC George A. Smith; PFC Charles H. Reynolds; SGT Jerry R. Kimbrough; SP4 Gregory R. Hanson.

D Trp 17th Cav: SGT Thomas L. Eckrote; SP4 Ken C. Swain; SP4 John W. Thalison; SP4 Wyatt R. Lemanske; PFC Jim D. Adkins; SP4 David C. Watts; SSG Milton N. Cater; SP4 Edward Childs; SP4 Billy R. Allen; SP4 Rober G. Worth; SGT Stephen A. Jelton; SP4 Kenneth Smith; PFC Ernest D. Allen; SP4 Jackie L. Judy; SP4 Louis R. Kieffer; SGT Roger L. Baker; PFC Frankie J. Laitkep; SP4 Del R. Heinmann; SP4 Vincent L. Schaefer.

4th Bn, 12th Inf: SP4 Grady Shields; SP4 Richard A. Penry.

HHC, 199th: SP4 William V. Watson

2nd Bn, 3rd Inf: SGT Dan L. Rhodes; SP4 Douglas R. McCormick; SGT Allen R. W. Rix; PFC Harvey E. Perry; SGT Foster B. McLane III; SP4 Wendall R. Taylor; SP4 Glenn W. Hucack; PFC Chester R. Robertson; PFC Samuel Jackson.

5th Bn, 12th Inf: 2LT William D. Rose; SP4 Gary M. Chalsma; SP4 Ronald E. Slover; SP4 John P. Shindler; SP4 Daniel M. Smith; SP4 Zane J. Barnett; SP4 Donald E. Cassidy; SP4 Ronald Callahan.

Drug Rehabilitation

By Mycol

CAMP FRENZELL - JONES-In recent weeks a new approach for people with drug problems has been introduced into the Brigade.

The program, headed by Specialist Four Rick Tieden, offers a method for those who realize that they have a drug problem and want to help themselves. They are assured that in no way will legal action be taken against them if they choose to participate. All records are kept in the strictest confidence.

Tieden, 24, from Minneapolis, holds a BA in Psychology and Social Psychology from the University of Minnesota. Arriving in Vietnam in January, he was assigned to the 199th.

After working several months in the 7th Support Dispensary as the Brigade "social worker," he became aware of a drug problem within the Brigade. Working with the Human Relations Program last March he submitted a paper dealing with the problem of drug misuse. He also recommended a program to be followed.

A man seeking help will find Tieden a dedicated and sincere individual. After an interview with Tieden, the man will be examined by a medical doctor and treated accordingly. The program continues with group sessions and discussions about problems caused by drugs.

Specialist Tieden said, "The success of this program is ~~entirely dependent upon the~~ motivation of the individual, and all means possible to insure the individual that he will be handled medically, and not legally, is of the essence.

"All too many times an individual who needs and wants help is fearful of being handled administratively and ending up in prison. If we can convey our true sincerity regarding this matter, I believe we can gain some positive results." If you need help, you can contact Specialist Tieden by seeing him at the 7th Support Dispensary (Charlie Company) or by calling 5030.



Soldier inspecting a cache of 2,000 bicycles found east of FSB Myron.

(Photo by PFC Mark Robinson)

In the Field

Brigade Summary

June 15

An element of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged two enemy at 30 meters with small arms and automatic weapons fire 20 miles south of Xuan Loc. There was no return fire from the enemy soldiers and both were killed and one M-16 and one AK47 captured.

Fireball aircraft 558, Nighthawk, engaged five trucks being guarded by a soldier while on patrol 25 miles east of Xuan Loc, killing the soldier and destroying the trucks.

Later that night Fireball 558 engaged a sampan with four enemy, killing three.

June 17

On operations 30 miles east of Xuan Loc, elements of the 87th Engineers Co found six bunkers approximately six months old and destroyed them.

Element of Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, while searching an area 20 miles south of Xuan Loc, found one dead enemy soldier.

June 18

While operating in an area 20 miles south-southeast of Xuan Loc, elements of Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged and killed two enemy with a mechanical ambush. The Old Guardsmen also captured one AK-47, one K-54 pistol and three rucksacks.

June 19

In continued operations 20 miles south-southeast of Xuan Loc elements of Alpha Co 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged an unknown number of enemy with a mechanical ambush killing one enemy, and capturing one AK-47, five AK-47 magazines, one mortar sight and one diary.

Operating in an area 40 miles east of Xuan Loc, an element of Eagle and Bravo companies, 4th Bn, 12th Inf found and destroyed six bunkers with overhead cover.

June 20

Elements of Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, while on an operation 20 miles south-southeast of Xuan Loc, found three cooking hootches and 22 B-40 rockets, two 82mm mortar rounds and 15 rocket boosters.

June 21

A support element of the Brigade, Charliehorse 17th Air Cav, sighted and engaged 10 enemy 45 miles east of Xuan Loc.

ARVN Task Force 333

By SPS James Sheehy

TAY NINH - Task Force 333, composed of elements of the 5th ARVN Cav, 18th ARVN Div and ARVN Airborne units, was one of many allied operations within Cambodia. Its units have fought with Redcatchers in Vietnam and the tactics they carried with them into Cambodia were reflective of this.

The 5th Cav is a member of the 199th's companion unit in Long Khanh Province. Its men have trained and worked opposite the Brigade in many situations, and recently they were employing the knowledge obtained from these past experiences in a new operation.

Conducting sweep operations recently 15 miles inside of Cambodia, the Cav produced an impressive record of 30 enemy

Loc. LRP's were inserted into the area and found six bodies and recovered individual equipment.

June 22

Operating 25 miles south-southeast of Xuan Loc, elements of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf were engaged by 12 to 15 enemy at 25 meters with B-40 rockets and small arms.

The Old Guardsmen returned fire with small arms and called in artillery, Nighthawk, light fire teams and Dustoff. One infantryman was wounded and four enemy were killed; two B-40 launchers, two B-40 rockets and two AK-47 rifles were captured.

June 23

Elements of Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged 10 enemy, killing one. Artillery, FAC and helicopter supported the ground elements during the contact.

June 24

Old Guard elements of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, operating in an area 15 miles southeast of Xuan Loc, engaged two enemy with small arms fire, and claymores killing one enemy.

Warriors, 5th Bn, 12th Inf and 2nd Bn, 40th Arty began leaving FSB Myron in the "Fishhook" region of Cambodia to meet the June 30 pullout deadline.

June 25

The last elements of the Warriors 5th Bn, 12th Inf left FSB Myron (Cambodia) joining the rest-of-the-Warriors and Delta Btry at BMB.

June 26

Cottonbalers of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf were engaged by four enemy while on operations 25 miles south-southeast of Xuan Loc. Artillery, light fire teams and helicopters supported the Cottonbalers, killing one enemy.

June 28

Operating 28 miles south-southeast of Xuan Loc, elements of Delta Trp, 17th Cav engaged six enemy at 60 meters with small arms, automatic weapons fire and Sheridan canister fire. There was no return fire and one enemy was killed.

June 29

A Recon element of 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged five enemy at 50 meters, 45 miles east of Xuan Loc with small arms and automatic weapons fire, killing one enemy soldier.

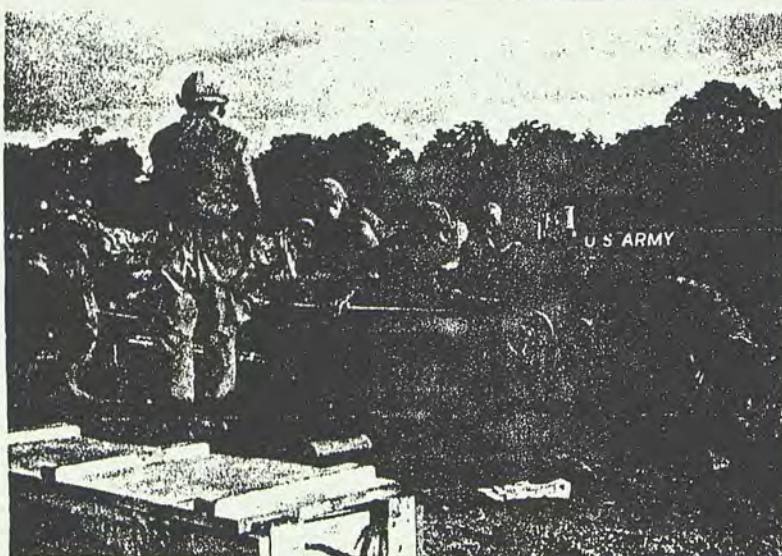
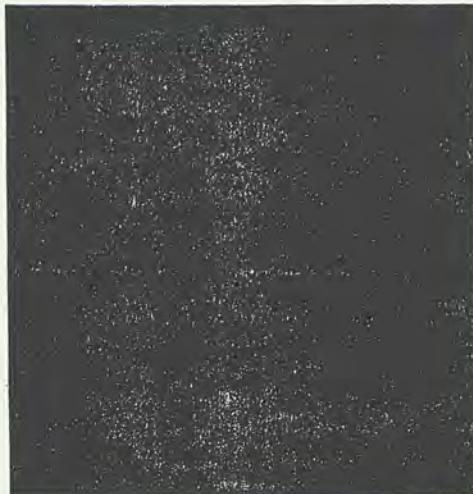
killed and 15 suspects detained. "We use no new or special plans," explained Lieutenant Tram Duc. "Everything we do in this area we have learned from the 199th's 17th Cav when on operations around Xuan Loc."

Everything the ARVN's did was basically the same as used by their US counterpart's operations. Sweeps, ambushes, patrols and even radio procedure follow closely to American guidelines.

"We have learned much from our friends in the 199th," said Duc. "Now we have confidence to continue on our own. All that

we have been taught, we put to use. I am proud to have had training from the Redcatchers."

Redcatchers in Cambodia



Incoming! Men of 2/40th Arty's D Btry race to position for direct fire at LZ Brown.
(Photo by SP4 Andy McCullough)



COL Selton talking with troopers of LZ Brown shortly after the NVA attack of May 12.
(Photo by SP4 Todd Weber)

CAMP FRENZELL - JONES
- While the damage inflicted upon the NVA and VC operating from their former Cambodian sanctuaries was being assessed by the Allied command, American troops withdrew from Cambodia for the June 30 pullout deadline.

At a glance the Cambodian Campaign was an unprecedented success. If one wants to calculate munitions losses in terms of usage, perhaps the enemy has been deprived of five to nine months' supplies. An estimated 20-25% of depot stocks or munition were captured or destroyed, leaving enough stocks to continue recent level of activities, but inflicting severe local shortages.

The enemy's problems with munitions has been made infinitely more difficult. He will need three to four months to effectively reorganize his routes, depots, and logistics planning.

It is believed the enemy will not be at a loss for rice, being able to take it from the Cambodians. However, a problem exists in distribution. Enemy units, once they exhaust the stocks that remain undiscovered, will be unable to operate for extended periods of time in unpopulated areas.

The most important results probably lie in the intangible areas. Although the enemy probably still have adequate stocks of munitions, the enemy soldier who runs out of ammunition will not appreciate this. The prospect of better times when the Cambodian rice begins moving forward may make scant impression on the soldier living on 100 grams a day. Most important is the setback that hopes for victory must have taken.

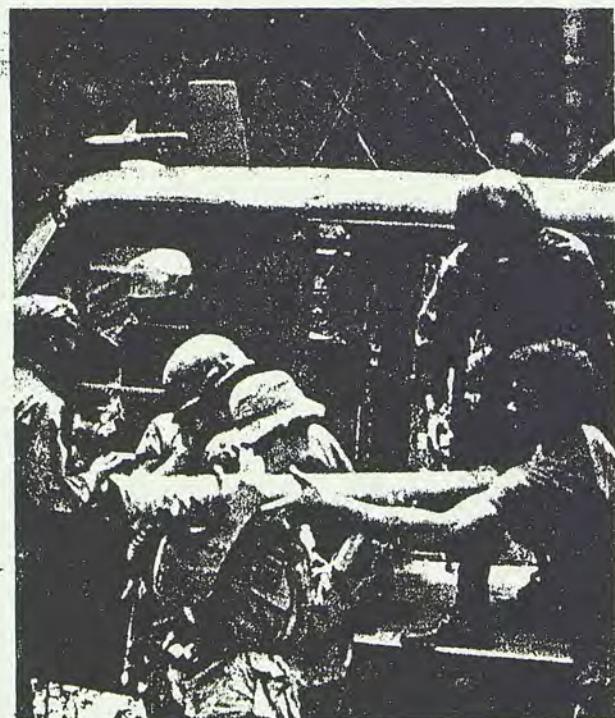
The cumulative results of combined US and ARVN troops operating in Cambodia (through June 30) indicate that 4,784 enemy soldiers have been killed. In addition, 9,115 individual weapons, 1,283 crew-served weapons and 5,319 tons of rice have been captured or destroyed.

These totals are exclusive of those predominantly ARVN operations continuing or concluded in the "Parrot's Beak" area, SeSan base area and the Mekong River Corridor.

US casualties in all Cambodian operations as of June 26, was 338 killed and 1,529 wounded.



Warrior captured



Doorgunner assists Warriors 5/12 to load Huey near FSB Myron. The cache with enemy munition, found in a massive cache near FSB Myron. The cache rounds and 157 mortar rounds (Photo b)



ior 'Doc' Lloyd Jones, of Bravo 5/12, holds one of the 11 Chicom radios used on June 10 operations around FSB Myron.

(Photo by PFC Mark Robinson)



Tired soldier resting on cases of 102mm and 107mm rockets, waits for another chopper to extract cache, found east of FSB Myron.

(Photo by PFC Mark Robinson)



ache included 252,000 AK rounds.

(Photo by PFC Mark Robinson)



Alert and ready for possible contact, Warriors of Bravo 5/12, eat their chow with watchful eyes.

The Warriors killed 4 in action earlier that day.

(Photo by PFC Mark Robinson)



After an award ceremony, GEN Bond talks of future objectives to men. (Photo by SP4 Peter Nagurny)



GEN Bond shortly before assuming command of the 199th. (Photo by SP4 Jerry Poindexter)



GEN Bond conversing with friend and associate COL Beckner. (Photo by SP4 Peter Nagurny)



ARVN soldier receiving congratulatory handshake on a job well done. (Photo by SP4 Dave Hauser)

General Bond's Last Letters

Reprinted from an Associated Press news release by H.L. Schartz III. Brigadier General William Ross Bond, the commander of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade, was killed in action April 1, the first US general to die in ground combat in Vietnam. The following are excerpts from letters to his wife Theodora, who made them available.

"I scarcely know where to start to give an insight into the role of our Brigade. I believe it best to route out the shape in totality and then you will have a feel for countless details I shall pour at you..."

"My troops are in the jungle, formidable jungle that clings to the sides of two main roads and surrounds the rubber plantations. The jungle is triple-canopy. You can see perhaps three to five yards on the ground and in this fantastic growth the enemy builds

incredible bunkers in which he lives, operates from and controls his people. This jungle covers an area larger than from Baltimore to Annapolis to Fredericksburg, Va. and I search it constantly by sections by means of particularly brave infantrymen..."

In the minutest detail, Bond describes deployment of major elements of his 3,000-man brigade.

"The rifle companies go out from the bases and patrol in the jungle and look for the enemy. They remain out about 5 to 10 days. It's tough. We supply them and visit them by chopper in tiny clearings. Sometimes not at all. When they make contact they shoot to eliminate. We kill about 30 to 1. The great trick is to find the enemy in the jungle silently and efficiently..."

"These men, as I wrote, are magnificent—so brave and so uncomplaining and so dedicated to their task. I have no disciplinary troubles to speak of. Fantastic."

"Today was a bit more quiet than yesterday when we had to kill about 30. They are tough and mean and dedicated. So far this month, I am proud to say we have had only six men killed. I try desperately to lose as few as one can. They are so wonderful and alive and gallant."

"With the dry season here I hope to open up some roads which have been closed since 1960. Highway 2 from the south. This will bring fish and other seafoods north by truck overnight and cut the price of fish in my province 25 to 40 percent perhaps. At least the Vietnamese tell me this. Correspondingly, rice and vegetable crops will move freely in the area and provide a market for the local farmers and over a period of time greatly expand the economy."

"I went to the hospital to see some 20 people I have there. They stay about a week and then are flown to Japan and thence to the United States. The morale of the men in the hospital defies description. They just grin and bear it, from ghastly wounds to less serious ones."

"Just had the first trooper killed in the brigade this month. Damn. Hit in the stomach with a bullet, deep, deep in the jungle, yesterday late. We got him out with an ambulance helicopter and hook. We took him to a hospital and surgery. A magnificent effort but he died from shock and surgery. Very sad. We did kill two of them. But that is not enough for me..."

"The interesting thing in longer terms is what assignment they will give me when this is over. One does not ask. One simply hopes..."

"The other day, yesterday, I visited a civilian hospital here in Xuan Loc, 180 beds. A terrible place, simply terrible... This province is large in size and small in population with 120,000 people. It has one hospital with 180 beds and four doctors only in Xuan Loc... The doctor rate is appalling. Somehow you would believe the government of the United States would do more in this field... I believe we should start a school—medical—in some medical city and really turn out a modest number each year. The medical school in Saigon simply cannot meet the demand. Above all one deplores the dirt and the appalling lack of facilities and equipment. Their eyes follow you around, mute, questioning, hoping for some assistance. We do what we can. It is most difficult."

Bond was not a member of either political party. In keeping with a tradition among many career US Army officers, he never voted in a presidential election.

To a friend high in the Pentagon—who made a March 31 letter available to the Associated Press on condition his name not be used—Bond spoke of deep concern for the Army's immediate image:

"The Army of the 70s will have to be particularly and sharply professional, as we all know. It is the Army that your son and his contemporaries will inherit and run. In 1980, you will be three years retired and me, maybe before that."

Bond was killed the next day.



A moment of decision. (Photo by ILT Louis Day)

Artillery Softball Champs

By SP4 Andy McCullough

CAMP FRENZELL-JONES — Headquarters and Service Btry of the 2nd Bn, 40th Arty, recently defeated Delta Co of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf, in a best-of-three game series of slow-pitch softball to become the official 199th softball champions. — The tournament, sponsored by the Brigade Special Services Division, brought to a close the annual Brigade softball season.

Coming into the series sporting a commendable 10-2 win-loss record, the 2/40th Cannoneers had a formidable foe to face in the 4/12th Warriors, who boasted an unblemished regular season record of 12 wins and 0 losses. If there were book makers at the 199th Bde, there is little doubt that the Warriors would have been the betting favorites before the tournament.

But the Cannoneers paid no attention to the record book. In the first inning of the first game, they blasted away for 7 runs and went on to win it, 15 to 8. Not to be denied, the Warriors bounced back swinging, showing their own brand of tenacious fighting. 2/40th Arty was ahead 11 to 8 going into the top of the sixth inning when 4/12th Inf pounded out 4 runs to take the lead. The final score: 4/12-12; 2/40th-11.

With the series tied at one and one, the two teams took their warm-up tosses and last minute infield practice. Coming to bat first, the Warriors failed to score. Refusing to follow suit, the Cannoneers exploded in the bottom half of the first inning with 5 big runs. Such an early barrage of runs appeared to be the formula of victory for the artillery, for the infantry never could retaliate. 2/40th put icing on the cake in the final inning by executing a snappy double play for the last two-outs, winning the game 9 to 3 and taking the series 2 to 1.

The 199th Bde Installation Coordinator Lieutenant Colonel Bruce B. Bailey, representing Commander Colonel Robert W. Selton, and Special Service Director Lieutenant Charles T. Hatch presented the trophies immediately following the final game. Receiving trophies for finishing in the runner-up positions were C Co, 7th Support Bn, of the Alpha League and Hq and Hq Co 199th Bde, of the Bravo League. Next, the trophy for second place in the brigade was awarded to D Co 4th Bn 12th Inf. Saving the best in the tournament for last, LTC Bailey presented the 199th softball championship trophy to the victorious Cannoneers of the 2nd Bn, 40th Artillery.

The DOD policy to release enlisted men up to three months early to attend college has been revised to include men who desire to attend vocational or technical schools.

To qualify a man must:

— Show he has been accepted for enrollment commencing with a specific school term in a fulltime resident course of instruction of no less than three months' duration at a recognized vocational or technical school.



Here is beautiful Sally Geeson, star of American International Pictures the 'Oblong Box'. Wouldn't you like to play in an 'Oblong Box' with Sally.

Warrior is a Former Ski Jump Winner

By SP4 Dave Hauser

FSB NANCY — When Milton Taylor's high school coach told him to "hang it up" because he wasn't pushing himself hard enough to overcome the fear that accompanies ski jumping, he did.

Specialist Four Taylor from Woodinville, Wash., a mortarmen with the Eagle Warriors of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf was not about to quit. He had started at the age of six as an ice toboggan racer, but after an accident he learned skiing and liked it so well that he went on to win the Pacific Northwestern Ski Jumping competition his freshman and sophomore years of high school.

Now It Was In His Blood

By this time ski jumping was in his blood. The challenge from his coach made him work even

harder. He pushed himself like he never had in the past and qualified for the US Intercollegiate meet in Idaho, beating eighty opponents by a twenty point margin to bring home the trophy and most important, to show his coach he "could make it."

Today Taylor is the holder of five medals and has won a total of 36 trophies.

Greatest Feeling

Like a true ski jumper, Taylor describes the sport as one that gives the participant one of the greatest feeling in the world. "But," he admits, "it can definitely scare you! The real great fear in ski jumping is that you can get hurt, or killed." Taylor explained, "but to be a good skier you have to overcome this."

The ninety meter hill is the

most common in a ski jumpers competition course. "Coming down two hundred meters and taking off into a 15 to 20 foot jump at speeds of 70 miles an hour," Taylor described, "can definitely put a scare into you."

Glides Through The Air

Upon leaving the jump the skier's movement must be straight out as he soars at high rates of speed. "The idea of ski jumping is to ride the air. A champion ski jumper wins depending upon how quick he is in the take off and in his first 15 feet into the air."

Taylor compares ski jumping to what a bird must feel while in flight as it glides through the air. "It depends upon your ability. You have to square yourself away. It isn't like sky diving where you can depend on your chute."

A Third In National Competition

Taylor's brother is a ski jumper as well as a sky diver, who served with the 101st Airborne in Vietnam as a paratrooper. Taylor said his brother prefers ski jumping because of the skill and courage it takes.

In addition to the two medals Taylor won in the Pacific Northwestern ski jumping competition, he won a third medal in the 1966 Junior Nationals competition and went on to qualify for the Winter National Ski Jump Championship at Wesley, Wisconsin in 1967 after training with the Minnesota Central Ski Team. His efforts paid off, taking a 5th in competition against some of the same skiers that went on to compete in the Olympics.



LT Olson, Bravo 5/12, dashes for nearby cover as bullets start flying in contact near the cache site. (Photo by PFC Mark Robinson)

'Jump TOC' Saves Time

By SP4 Jerome Wadian

FSB MACE — One of the most arduous, yet necessary, tasks of moving into a new firebase is the building of a secure, tactical operations center (TOC) and maintaining good communications in the process.

This is particularly true during the monsoon, because of the effect of the rain on vital communications equipment. Recently, the 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf solved most of those problems with the introduction of a fully equipped, completely portable "Jump TOC."

The "Jump TOC" is seven sheets of corrugated steel bolted together in a pear shape with wooden sides. Inside its 12'x12'x8' interior is shelf space for radio equipment, tables, map boards, footlockers, cabinets and everything else needed for an efficient planning and operations center.

Best of all, whenever Old Guard units begin to work out of any of the half dozen firebases around MACE, a Chinook helicopter comes in, drops a cable, and the "Jump TOC" is ready to go to the distant base, already fully equipped.

There is no more squeezing of radios and operators in three quarter ton trucks or hours of back-breaking labor in building a bunker. The structure is there within minutes with only sandbags needed for completion.

Specialist Four Clary Sech from Dayton, Ohio, Radio - telephone - operator, agreed that it was a "nice setup." He noted further that the "sandbags were still as heavy, but there were a lot fewer to fill and the end product was an excellent place to work, especially during the rainy season."

"Jump TOC" was built by the first squad, first platoon, 87th

Engineers. "We can build and outfit one of these buildings in two to three days," explained Specialist Five Freddy Robinson of Muskegon, Mich. "They are really pretty simple to build if you have the materials on hand," elaborated Specialist Four James Sears of Honesport, Mass.

As proof, the engineers went out and built a similar structure in less than three days.

"This one doubles as a briefing room and BOQ," stated the designer of the original "Jump TOC," Master Sergeant Robert Haney, operations sergeant of the Old Guard. This is about the tenth TOC designed for the Old Guard by the Boulder, Colo. native.



Enemy munitions captured by elements of Warriors 5/12 near FSB Myron. (Photo by PFC Mark Robinson)

Cambodian Summary-

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By daybreak the camp's only mortar had fired its total ammunition supply. The last mortar round was fired just prior to 5:45 a.m. as the enemy withdrew, leaving 50 of their dead behind with heavy blood trails from the berm leading back into the jungle.

Later that day Major General George E. Casey, commanding general of the 1st Air Cav, arrived at LZ Brown to present impact awards to Warriors of Blackfoot and Comanche Companies for heroism during the attack.

In the early days of May a battalion of the 18th ARVN Div encountered fierce fighting in the "Parrots Beak" area of Cambodia, killing 49 enemy and detaining 32 suspects over a two day period.

The fighting began when ARVN soldiers approached a small hamlet near Svay Rieng and received fire from an estimated enemy company.

After a three hour battle, 17 enemy were found dead and 29 suspects captured. Continuing the next day the ARVN battalion encountered an estimated Viet Cong battalion. Gunships, Vietnamese Air Force air strikes and artillery were called in leaving 32 dead enemy and three suspects detained.

Units of the Vietnamese 318 Task Force made four significant contacts with elements during the first 18 days inside Cambodia including an eight hour long contact in which 120 Viet Cong were killed near Kampong Travek.

Elements of the 18th ARVN Div's 5th Cav Regiment and the 7th Vietnamese Airborne Bn virtually eliminated an entire NVA company in a fierce six hour battle in a well fortified hamlet northwest of Phnum Krek.

While operating in Cambodia the Warriors continually found cache after cache. One was a massive rice cache of 375 tons was found May 17, while patrolling in the "Fishhook" region near FSB Myron.

Elements of the 3rd platoon of Alpha Co made the initial find May 17, uncovering a weapon cache of 24 new SKS rifles. The next day the 1st platoon of Alpha Co seized one of the largest food caches since

the beginning of the Cambodian Campaign. Over 250,000 pounds of rice was discovered in a heavily camouflaged storage area near the first find.

Subsequent sweeps of the area produced more rice bringing the total find up to 375 tons. Also found were more than 187,000 AK-47 rifle rounds, 324 B-41s with boosters and other arms and munitions.

Pausing for a promotion ceremony May 18, Brigade Commander Colonel Robert W. Selton pinned the insignia of colonel on Warrior commander, David A. Beckner at LZ Brown.

Again in ceremonies, this time held at Fire Support Base Myron May 26, the Warriors became the first unit to conduct a battalion change of command since allied military forces entered Cambodia.

Colonel Robert W. Selton, Brigade Commander, passed the warrior battalion colors from outgoing commander Colonel David A. Beckner to Lieutenant Colonel John W. Crance.

Continuing to overrun NVA supply sanctuaries in the "Fishhook" region of Cambodia, the Warriors uncovered a stockpile of motor pool supplies June 3. Elements of Blackfoot Co found nine quarter ton (jeep) vehicles in another nearby cache site.

Dakota Co members discovered in a thickly vegetated jungle a cache of 2,000 bicycles.

On June 8 Warriors of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf conducted their second Cambodian change of

command in a ceremony held at FSB Myron. Brigade Commander Robert W. Selton accepted the battalion colors from outgoing commander Lieutenant Colonel John W. Crance and passed them to Lieutenant Colonel Wood R. DeLeuil, the new Warrior commander.

Blackfoot Co found a massive cache June 10 containing over 252,000 rounds of AK-47 ammo, 1,138 60mm mortar rounds, 45 107mm rockets, 2,325 rifle grenades, 6,660 15 volt batteries and large numbers of other supplies, arms and munitions.

The next day Blackfoot Co found 312 B-41 rockets and other assorted munitions. Dakota Co found 27,000 rounds of AK-47 ammo, 676 rifle grenades and other equipment.

In keeping with the June 30 deadline of removing all US troops from Cambodia, the Warriors and Delta Btry began to dismantle FSB Myron June 22. Over the next few days the Redcatchers left Cambodia returning to Brigade Main Base May 25.

Eliminate—

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"I deployed the rest of my armor around the hamlet," said Lieutenant Colonel Tran Van Thoan, 5th Cav commander. "There was no way the enemy could have escaped; he was surrounded."

The cavalry and airborne units, part of III Corps' Task Force 333, captured one mortar launcher, a B-41 and two B-40 rocket launchers, a radio, two light machine guns, 10 AK-47s, three SKS rifles, a loud speaker used for political warfare and other supplies.

US air strikes and ARVN Medevacs supported the operation.

