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"JUNGLE WARRIORS"



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3RD OF 1ST MONSOON SWEEP NETS 23 VIET CONG KIA

Despite heavy monsoon rains and locally severe surface winds gusting to 35 knots, "Jungle Warriors" of the 11th Infantry Brigade killed 58 enemy soldiers, detained 40 suspects and captured ten weapons this week.

In the week's heaviest fighting, "Always First" elements of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry, combined with "Shark" gunships from the 174th Aviation Company, engaged an estimated enemy company October 18, 12 miles south of Quang Ngai City in the Song Ve Valley. The combined elements killed 23 VC and NVA, detained four suspects and captured three individual weapons.

Action began just before noon when the "Shark" gunships observed and engaged a group of approximately 15 enemy soldiers, killing three NVA. A short time later, C Co. 3rd of the 1st, commanded by CPT James O'Herron, killed one VC fleeing their combat sweep in the same area. The action quickened as the battalion's C&C helicopter engaged three evading VC, killing two and detaining the third.

At the same moment, B Co., led by 1LT Larry F. Birchfield, reported contact with a company-sized enemy element across the Song Ve opposite their position and requested gunship support. The company began the engagement by killing two VC soldiers and capturing their AK47's and two hand grenades.

During the course of the afternoon-long battle, the unit accounted for three other VC killed, three suspects detained after receiving automatic (WRAP UP Cont. on page 3)



B-52 BOMBER TEAM VISITS BOMB SITES IN "WARRIOR" AO

Six high-flying B-52 Stratofortress bomber crewmembers took their first close look at the combat areas they have been supporting for the last few months when they visited the 11th Infantry Brigade recently.

Through a joint effort by the 7th Air Force and the Americal Division, the B-52 team from Columbus, Mississippi, was able to observe the effects of their recent bombing missions in the 11th Brigade area of operations.

The six crewmembers, commanded by Major Rod Busby, pilot, were briefed by Colonel John W. Donaldson, Brigade Commander, on brigade operations and missions.

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MINE EXPLODES SP5 SAVES BURNING BUDDY

A quick-thinking Americal Division combat engineer was credited with saving the life of one of his fellow soldiers recently, when the 2-ton dump truck in which they were riding struck an enemy mine planted in Highway 1, just north of Duc Pho.

Specialist 5 Edward Salscheider, a combat construction specialist in the 26th Engineer Battalion's "C" Company, assigned to the 11th Infantry Brigade, was on his way to one of the brigade's battalion fire support bases with SP4 Glenn Villanueva and six other engineers to relieve another combat construction crew when the incident occurred.

"We were about 800 meters outside the Duc Pho city limits," related Specialist Salscheider, "when suddenly the truck erupted in a nightmare of flame and twisted metal."

The force of the blast threw the truck 120 feet and tossed the occupants free of the blazing wreckage. (MINE Cont. on page 3)

COMMAND INFORMATION

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last of a series of articles entitled Customs Laws and You. Today's chapter deals with Communist Originated Merchandise.)

COMMUNIST TYPE MERCHANDISE

Unless you have a treasury license, you are not permitted to purchase or import into the United States merchandise originating in Communist China, North Korea, North Vietnam or Cuba. In addition, most articles which are traditionally in the Chinese mainland fashion, even though they were not actually manufactured there, are not permitted in the United States unless they are covered by a Certificate of Origin.

The Certificate of Origin, which is obtained when the article is purchased, is required to establish the fact that the item was purchased legitimately and did not originate in Communist China. If the item is presented for customs inspection without such a certificate, it will be impounded.

A post exchange or ship's stores (Navy Exchange) bill of sale, adequately describing the articles, is acceptable

to United States Customs officials in lieu of a Certificate of Origin. Consignment sales slips cannot be used as authority for importation.

If the article was purchased on the local economy, the seller should produce an invoice certified by the chamber of commerce of the city where it was manufactured or sold, stating where the articles originated and that it is not of Communist Chinese origin.

SUMMARY

We have described the four legal exemptions from customs duty that are available to military personnel in Vietnam under certain circumstances. Remember that if you fail to comply with

these customs laws, you will be subject to penalties and the merchandise may become subject to being impounded.

There is no need for you to get in trouble

in this type of situation. If in doubt whether or not your purchase is included in a customs exemption, check with your legal assistance officer.

Many of us are scheduled to depart Vietnam soon, and 11th Brigade Reg 55-2 prescribes procedures for the shipment of household goods and hold baggage.

Briefly, each individual is responsible for:

(1) Insuring that his shipment does not contain any restricted or prohibited items;

(2) Furnishing nine copies of his orders, six copies of a complete inventory and the address to his commander;

(3) Insuring that a copy of his orders is in each piece of baggage.

EXTENDING, SOLDIER? DON'T FORGET USSD!

Are you losing easy money because of a minor oversight on your part? You may be. 11th Brigade soldiers who have extended their tour in Vietnam have been forgetting to extend their "Class S" allotments also. As a result, the allotments are automatically cut off at the end of their original tour commitment and no more money is entered in the Uniformed Services Savings Deposit program.


But this does not have to happen. By filling out one form, DA Form 1341, you can insure that your savings allotment will continue.

"If continuance is desired," reads DA message 878922, "this action is necessary and the month and year prior to the month of anticipated departure will be the new advance discontinuation date."


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weapons fire, and one K44 rifle captured.

Meanwhile, C Company, who had maneuvered into a blocking position, killed three VC soldiers, one wearing a khaki uniform, another in a black uniform. A short time later, they killed a lone enemy soldier evading. Then, the company recorded two more enemy kills: one who was attempting to recover the first body and another trying to recover equipment.

In other aerial action during the battle, "Shark" gunships killed one more VC during the afternoon. "War Lord" gunships from the 123rd Aviation Battalion, also flying support for 3d of the 1st, killed five enemy.

On October 19, "Sharks" and the brigade command and control helicopter accounted for ten enemy dead six miles south of Duc Pho. Early that day, the gunships observed and killed five evading VC.

Then, Alpha Coy, 4th of the 3rd, commanded by CPT John W. Murphy, moved into the area and detained two VC suspects. One suspect was carrying a lensatic compass. A search of the five VC dead by the company resulted in the capture of a MAS-36 rifle, an M16, a K44, and documents.

Later, the 11th Brigade (WRAP UP Cont. on page 4)

THE PHOTO CORNER

In a short continuation of last week's article which covered film processing, let's take a look today at the processes involved in making the final print.

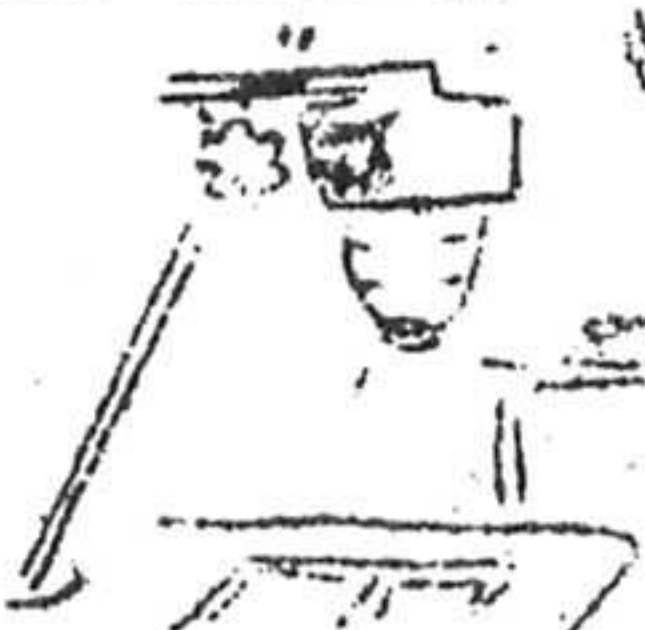
The positive print is made with the aid of either a photographic enlarger or a contact printer. The contact printer is the least used of the two because it only allows you to make a picture the size of your negative. It is usually used to make proof or inspection prints because you can put all pictures from one roll of film on one piece of paper so that they may be easily viewed all at once in the positive form. This way you can inspect the quality and content of your negatives and then decide which ones you wish to enlarge.

The most important piece of darkroom equipment is the enlarger. A standard sized enlarger in the average darkroom can produce a print sized anywhere from just a little larger than the negative to approximately 11X14. Also with the enlarger you can crop out unwanted portions of the picture. With the use of various filters and different types of paper you can create many pleasing effects in your pictures, such as contrast, detail and tonal shades.

The printing process is similar to the process of picture taking. The enlarger acts the same way as the camera except it has its own light source. Instead of letting light in various quantities strike the film plane as in a camera, the enlarger projects light onto the photographic paper in varying quantities and forms a latent image on the paper the same as the negative which is contained in the enlarger.

Processing the print is also handled, for the most part, in the same way as the negative. The same five steps of develop, stop, fix, wash and dry are used, but drying is usually accomplished in a different manner. The print can be finished in several different ways, the most common being glossy or matte.

(You and your camera not getting along very well? Let us know your problem. Address inquiries to: Editor-TRIDENT, Public Information Office, 11th Inf Bde. Representative questions will be answered in this column.



FAST ACTION SAVES ENGINEER

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Salscheider, dazed and injured, picked himself up from the ditch alongside the road. "I saw the demolished truck ahead of me," he said, "and stumbled toward it to see if there was anybody left in it. On the way, I noticed Villanueva lying in the ditch. His clothing and hair were on fire so I carried him to a nearby rice paddy and put out the flames by rolling him in the water."

"I was kind of dazed when it happened," remarked Specialist Villanueva. "The first thing I remembered was feeling someone lifting me up and smelling something burning. The next thing I knew, I was in the water."

"If it hadn't been for Ed," he continued, "it would have been a lot worse."

As a result of SP5 Edward Salscheider's quick action and unselfish disregard for his own personal safety, both men are back on the job with the 26th Engineers at LZ Bronco.

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gade aviation officer, took them on a tour of the base camp and later to watch actual operations by elements of the 4th Bn., 3rd Inf., and 1st Bn., 20th Inf., who were executing the type of operation that they have been supporting.

Interested in the effectiveness of their air support during the fighting at Ha Thanh Special Forces camp 16 miles west of Quang Ngai City in early September, the Guam-based crewmen were flown by helicopter to the site of the communist siege. There they talked with

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"WARRIORS" KILL 58 ENEMY

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C and C ship, commanded by COL John W. Donaldson, engaged six VC in the same area. Five enemy soldiers were killed and one suspect was detained.

"Jungle Warrior" soldiers managed to kill six VC and detain six suspects on October 20, in spite of heavy rains and high winds. Most main access roads were rendered impassable by the rain, and air operations were restricted to emergency minimums for most of the day.

In sharp action four miles north of Duc Pho, October 22, B Co., 3rd of the 1st, engaged and killed five VC attempting to hide in a hole in a village. When the "Always First" soldiers searched the hole they found a 60mm mortar, a pistol belt, and two grenades.

Light and scattered action on October 17, 21 and 23 resulted in nine enemy soldiers killed, 16 suspects detained and 1 individual weapon captured by soldiers from the 11th Brigade. On the 21st, elements of the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry, operating 15 miles northwest of Quang Ngai

accounted for three of the kills. The "Sykes' Regulars" C and C ship, commanded by LTC William D. Guinn, observed and killed an evading VC. A short time later, the brigade C and C ship, with COL John W. Donaldson in command, encountered two evading VC. One of the insurgents was killed and the other detained. Late that morning, A Co., 1st of the 20th, led by CPT William Adams engaged and killed a lone VC. The enemy was discovered in a spider hole with a false cover.

In early afternoon action that day, A Co., 4th of the 3rd, under CPT John J. Murphy, detained three suspects just outside the western perimeter of LZ Bronco. The three were carrying ponchos and poncho liners and had a small pack of gunpowder.

Helicopters accounted for all three kills recorded in the 11th Brigade's area October 23. That morning, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry's C and C helicopter, operating seven miles north of Duc Pho, killed two VC who attempted to evade by hiding in a canal. Late in the afternoon "Aero Scout" helicopters from the 123rd Aviation Battalion killed one North Vietnamese soldier wearing a green uniform, a pistol belt and a pith helmet, on a hill 40 miles northwest of Duc Pho.

CAMPAIGNS NOTED

The Department of the Army has designated two more Vietnam campaigns.

The sixth campaign, from January 30, 1968, thru April 1, 1968, will be called "Tet Counteroffensive."

A seventh campaign has been designated beginning April 2, 1968. Its name and termination date will be announced.

Battle stars for these periods are authorized for wear on the Vietnam Service Ribbon in accordance with Army Regulation 675-5-1.

BRIGADE AWARDS

The 11th Infantry Brigade recently presented the following awards for valor to the persons indicated.

SOLDIERS MEDAL:

PFC Don L. Robertson, D-4/21.

SILVER STAR:

CPT Stanley E. Thomas, D-3/1; SP4 Merle E. Cutler, A-4/21; SP4 David M. Kohler, HEC-4/21.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL w/"V":

CPL Curtis W. Gautier, A-4/3.

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL w/"V":

PFC Tommie F. Smith, E Trp, 1st Cav.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL (for service):

1LT Robert O. Colvin, C-1/20.

CREW VISITS BDE

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Special Forces advisors and were presented with souvenir crossbows and spears as a token of appreciation for their seven mile high support. Major Smith then flew them over the areas where their saturation bombing missions had helped combat the built-up forces weeks before.

Having never before seen the type of combat tactics employed by their ground counterparts, the team was surprised to learn that the infantrymen are continually playing a hide-and-seek game with an enemy who does not usually fight in large groups.

After a day of close observation, the crew returned once again to their giant bomber to provide powerful and much appreciated support to the infantrymen's ground battle, with a better knowledge of ground tactics.



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