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# E WARRIORS KILL 39 DETAIN .54

### "GIMLETS" DISCOVER HUGE ENEMY BASECAMP

"I saw the first building and thought, wow, we're 20th Infantry, led by CPT really into something," said CPT James R. Smith, as George F. Robb, killed one his C Company, 4th Bathalion, 21st Infantry, found a NVA soldier and captured battallon-sized base camp in a draw 20 miles southwest an AK-47 and a US M-1 Carof Quang Ngai City.

The discovery was larger than anybody expected as the C Company "Gimlets" counted 25 buildings, including six that were infinished. The entire camp was invisible from the mir even in a helicopter directly overhead, Included in the camp was an auditorium 200

by 50 feet, with a seating capacity of over 200 people,

One of the training ids was a mock-up of a Tuoy, helicopter made of twigs.

Near one of the unfinished hooches, a cache of 15 weapons was found. The cache included 10 K-44 rifles, three French burn guns, one Browning Automatic Rifle and chag Chicom machinegun,

C Company, 4th of the 21st had been given the (BASE CAMP Cont on page 3) (C&C Cont. on page 3)

Action was fairly light southern week in Quang Mgai Province as the "Jungle 11th Brigade Harriors" killed 39 enemy and detained 54 enemy, suspects. They also accounted for 25 enemy weapons.

An NVA base camp of battalion size was found Hovember 15 by the men of C Company, 4th Battalion, 21st Infentry. The "Gimlets," led by CPT James R. Smith, also discovered a bamboo model of a Huey helicopter being used as a training aid as well as 19 huts and 15 bunkers. In action 15 miles southwest of Quang Nai City, B Company, 1st. Bathalion, 20th Infantry, led by CPT bine.

On a peninsula 10 miles southeast of Duc Pho . members of C Company, 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry, (WRAP UP Cont. on page 3)

### BRIGADE CHARLIE CHARLIE RESCUED AFTER

The 11th Brigade's Command and Control helicopter, commanded by COI, John W. Donaldson, brigade commander, had a close call on a recent operation along the Song Ve. The chopper developed an oil leak and began to lose power, and when the oil pressure reached zero, it was necessary to find a quick LZ. But instead of taking a chance on the NVA-infested areas along the river, COL Donaldson instructed the pilots to try and mairie it to a hilltop a short distance away. The chorpera piloted by CWQ Harry F. Reed and UO Richard J. Pois, finally settled safely on the hillton, two miles cast of the Song Ve, and 30 miles northwest of Due Place

The landing was a field expedient as ille memor mission of searching a blade cut down a tree, enlarging the LZ, Side on the deep draw after a series ground and unhurt, the men about this had to many of air raids. Slowly, about the enemy and get a resource of the carefully, making their The first acti n was taken by Lit Consider, houson,

# COMMAND INFORMATION

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third of a classified documents, and that you are series of articles dealing with the given an efficiency rating. Your secprocedures involved in returning to tion officer or squad leader will give clearing of the mit.)

MAIL ROOM

To be certain your mail is forwarded, you must go to your unit mail room and fill out three locator cards. If these cards are not in the possession of the unit mail elerk, he will have no idea where to forward any mail arriving after your departure.

in all weapons and ammunition that have they will be mailed to your next unit. been issued to you. No government weamission is granted.

ORDERLY ROOM

ing officer. Any discrepancies in your be straightened out here.

sponsible to insure that you have no section property in your possession, Your uniform for travel from Vietnam

RETURNING TO CONUS

NFW TURN-IN

CONUS. This week we will continue with the efficency rating, usually with the assistance of your section NCOIC or squad leader respectively.

FINANCE The finance section will insure that you have been properly paid, have received any advance travel pay required, and that your finance records are up-todate and ready to go to your next unit. When all of this has been completed, you ARMS ROOM will be given your finance records to At your unit arms room you will turn take to your next unit, or in some cases

PERSONHEL

pons or ammunition will be taken back to When everything else has ... been come the United States as souvenirs for pleted, you will take your clearance any other purpose, unless special per- papers to your unit personnel section. They, in turn, will transfer your conduct and efficiency ratings into your At your unit orderly room you will 201 file. A statement of accrued leave turn in your pass, ration card and re- will be made and presented to you for a ceive a conduct rating from the command- check on accuracy, and then your signature. A records check will be mare to living area or in clearing can usually insure you that you have the required records, certificates, dog tags, ID DUTY SECTION OR SQUAD card, and up-dated shot-record neccessary Your duty section or squad is re- to depart your present duty station.

UNIFORM

that you are no longer signed for any is short-sleeved khakis. 'Upon your ar-

rival stateside, you will be issued a set of greens POLICY if that is the uniform being worn at your next Personnel returning to CONUS will find that many duty station.

unit supply rooms are now truned in at a Central Is- Last week in our secsue Facility. The CIFs are found at the 90th Replace- tion dealing with supply, ment Battalion, located at Long Binh, and the 22nd Re- we stated that all issue items will be turned in at

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COL JOHN W. DONALDSON

ILT STEPHEN H. COBB

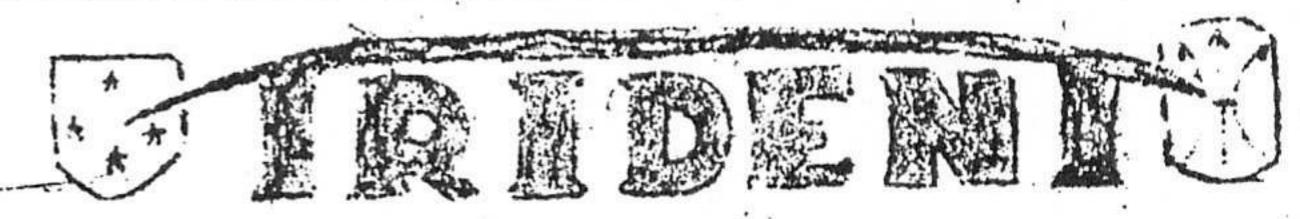
placement Battalion, located at Cam Ranh Bay. Organizational property, including scrial numbered your unit supply area. items, will be turned in at the unit supply room. This is incorrect. See

This will include: weapons, rucksack, poncho liner, NEW TURN-IN POLICY on this bayonet and scabard, mosquito net, M-17 protective page for details. mask and items specified by the unit.

All other items will be turned in at the Lent al Issue Facility. Units will make sure those departing the last of a series for CONUS on PCS orders have the following equipment: returning to CONUS.

camouflage helment band. pistol belt, barracks bag, waterproof clothing bag, wool blanket, waterproof. match box, jungle boots, collapsible canteen, plastic canteen, intrenching tool carrier, first aid pough, jungle fatigues, camouflage helment cover. collapsible canteen cover, canteen cover, field mess fork, intrenching tool, helmet liner, field mess knife, nylon-coated poncho, field mess spoon, field pack suspenders.

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way up the steep draw, the "Gimlots" found the wellconcealed camp near a stream.

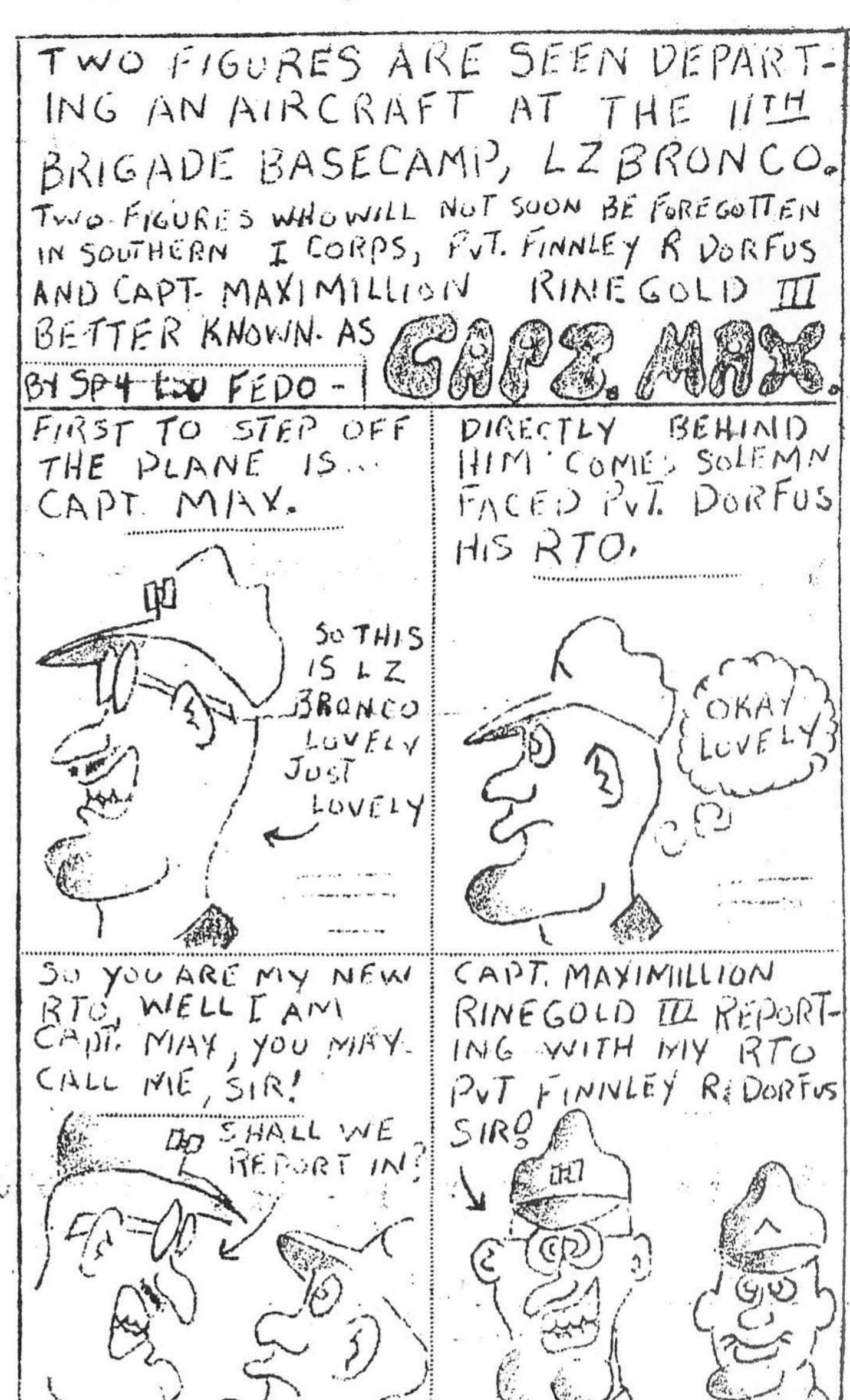
Thinking of the size of the camp, SP4 Donald K. Mann, the CO's RTO commented, "It was tremendous. I didn't think it could be that big!"

Looking around, SP4
John F. Parsons, a rifleman with the CP group
said, "It's the biggest
enemy basecamp I've seen
in the 11 months that I've
been in Vietnam."

After discovering the camp, C Company spread out and began to report its findings bit by bit. A mess hall next to the rive er was found early in the search.

Warming fires that were still warm were Coun throughout the camp. Then came the auditorium, replete with the Huey model, ma) boards drawn in sand to show terrain features, a clock with an NVA star, training aids, plaques, propaganda, khaki uniforms, 15 Chicom grenades, decuments, packs and wet K-44 and AK-47 rounds were in ammo boxes in the huge classroom.

Reflecting on the size of his discovery, CPT Smith said, "I've never seen anything this bill not even at Fort Benning."



### CHOPPER RESCUE A SUCCESS

(C&C Cont. from page 1)
Brigade S-3, who called in the "Aero Scouts" of the 123rd Aviation Battalian. Within minutes they were on the scene.

Shortly after the "Aero Scouts" arrived, a group of beople suspected as NVA soldiers began to climb the mill and approach the dewned chopper. They were discouraged from continuing their course by CPT Joe Rhinehart, Assistant Brigade S-2, who threw several hand grenades down the hill in their direction.

Soon after this incident, a forward air control plane and tactical jet fighters arrived to patrol the area and to insure the safety of those on the ground.

Finally, two squads from the reconnaissance element of the 1st of the 20th arrived, under the command of LTC William D. Guinn. He personally directed the defense of the operation by setting up a defensive perimeter with his men.

The rescue was successfully completed an hour and five minutes after the chopper went down. LTC Hanson said everyone was impressed by the efficiency of those involved in the operation.

(WRAP UP Cont. from pg 1)
under, the command of CPT
Grady Middleton, contured
three military age men who
attempted to evade them.
One of the men had a false
identification card.

On November 16, A Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry, led by CPT Rodney J. Alligood, accounted for 15 enemy kills in three morning clashes near the Song Ve River, 15 miles northwest of Duc Pho. They also captured four enemy weapons and detained 15 suspects.

That same day C Company, 4/21, uncovered a weapons cache 25 miles nowthwast of Duc Pho. It contained 10 Statistics, 3 burp guns, one Parading Authoritic Riefle and one Chicom ma-(VRAP UP Cont. on page 4)

# "SHARKS" IN ACTIONIMA

(WRAP UP Cont. from page 3)

chine gun. The c che also included a Chicom gas mask, a VC uniform, and various documents.

In afternoon action, C Company, 4/3, killed two evading VC and detained two suspects in four separate incidents ten miles southwest of Duc Pho.

In other actin, Reconnaissance. Platoon, 1/20, led by 1LT Ronald D. Hopper, killed one VC and contured an AK-47 and an SKS in two separate incidents 25 miles northwest of Duc Pho.

"Shark" helicopter gunships of the 174th Aviation Company killed 5 VC in an early norning clash after an estimated enemy company attacked Duc Pho November 17. Victnamese Popular Forces accounted for 5 other enemy kills. Later in the day the gunships killed two more

evading enemy in the same area.

On November 18 the 11th Brigade encountered Light enemy contact. However, A Company, 1/20, under the command of CPT William Adams, found two huts containing over ten thousand rounds of small arms ammunition, 634 mertar rounds, 22 B-40 rockets, and a 175 artillery round. The entire cache was destroyed that afternoon. Earlier in the lay the Reconnaissance Platoon, 1/20, a made a big discovery of enemy supplies. This time the cache included 100 US bedsheets, 60 combat packs, 270 enemy uniforms, 100 mosquito nets, four Chicom grenades, and several pounds of medical equipment.

Later in the day, B Company, 1/20, found a battalion size base camp believed to be a POW camp. Brave Company, 1/20, under the command of LLT Jeseph Krohn, also found an enemy base camp. It contained 150 first cid kits, 15 bettles of malaria pills, and several

cases of canned milk.

November 20th, B Company, 3/1, led by llT Larry F. Birchfield, accounted for two VC kills in two sep- field and work uniforms arate engagements near the Song Ve River west of Duc beginning July 1, 1969. Pho on Movember 20th. On Highway 1, two miles south of Duc Pho, D Company, 19th Engineers, detained a mil- authorize the issue of one itary aged male. He was found to be carrying four re- of the subdued, blackcoilless rifle rounds, seven 60mm nortar rounds, and 15 exidized brass buckles to trip Flares.

## VC AMBUST EACKFIRES buckle may be worn as it

Charlie picked the wrong time and the wrong place Friday, when he ambushed a mine sweep term from C Com- The DA message states. pany, 39th Engineers, 12 miles north of Duc Pho on that Andividuals will not Highway 1. Before the firefight finally subsided, four armored personnel carriers from E Troop, 1st Cav, the buckle with personal "Shark" gunships from the 174th Assault Helicogter

Company and an 8-inch self-propelled gun from the 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery had arrived on the scene to assist the engineers.

The 8-inch gun was being transported to Chu Lai, when it happened upon the ambush sight. Lowering the gun to zero elevation, they began blasting the enemy positions away. The devastating. point-blank fire from the 8-incher combined with M-60 and 50 caliber fire from the AFCs and the aerial support of the "Sharks" was too much for the enemy. The close teamwork resulted in 14 VC killed and five wounded.

The 11thInfantry Brigade recently presented the following awards to the persons indicated.

SILVER STARE

CPT Barry D. Gasdek, D-4/21.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL WAVE Pro Jerry W. Owens, B. 4/21.

LEGION OF MERIT: LTC James A. Franklin. HHC-11th Brigade; LTC Ralph R. Rusche, 6th Spt. Bn.

### NEW BLACK BELT BUCKLE

A black, open-race belt buokke has been authorized ' for waar on all U.S. Army. field and work clothing.

Department of the Army Message 183664 states that the subdued buokle will be mandatory for weer with

Current regulations all male officers and enlisted personnel. The becomes available.

NO PERSONAL FUNDS

be required to purchase funds.



THE SILENT TYPE .- Britt Ekland is mighty easy on the eyes: in the Warner Bros. picture "The Bebo."