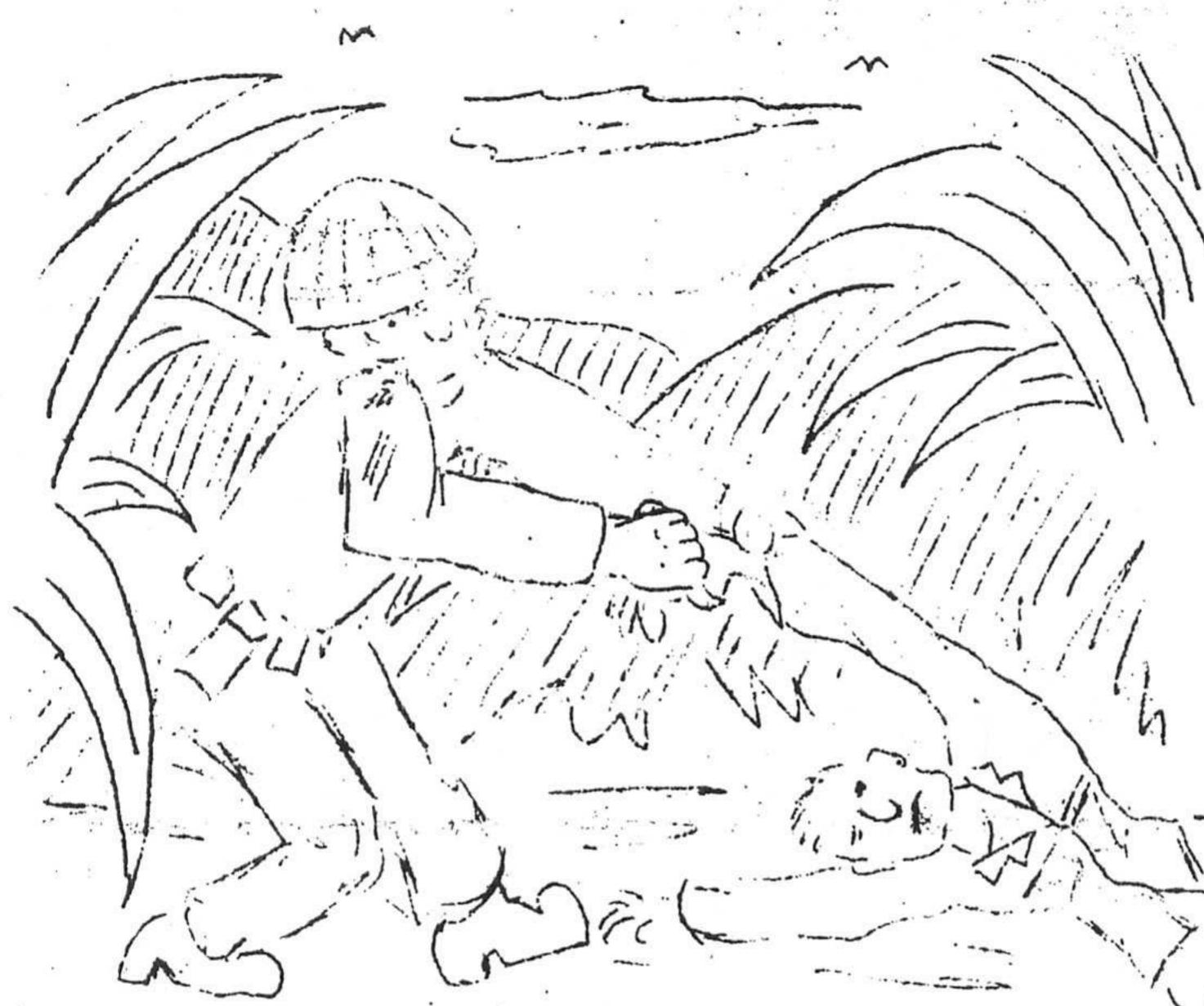


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BRIGADE ACTION HEAVY-69 KIA

Action continued he vy this week in southern Quang Ngai Province as the 11th Brigade "Jungle Warriors" killed 69 enemy, dettined 34 suspects, and captured five weapons.

The he viest action on February 24 was encountered by A Company, 3-1, led by CFT Rodney J. Alligood (San Jose, Calif.), as the "Always First" soldiers killed three VC in an area 18 miles southwest of Quing Ngai. Three more kills were resorted by Helix 33 when an airstrike was put into an area three miles north of Duc Pho early in the even-

ing.

On February 25 B Company, 1/20, commanded by CPT John R. Hill (Winchendon, Mass.), accounted for five kills and detained a total of seven suspects.

E Troop, 1st Cav. also saw action as they captured three VC seven miles south of Quang Ngai. They also captured an SKS and an M-1 carbine from the insurgents. . . .

ine 3/1, command and control helicopter, com-(WR.P UP Cont on page 3)

Soldiers from an Americal, Division platoon may have walked into one of the enemy positions which has been responsible for the rocket and mortar attheks which have hit LZ Bronco recently.

The platoon from Compa any B, 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry, lod by SGT Dean W. Moehring (Naperville, Illinois), was on a recon by force patrol four miles northwest of Duc Pho.

.. As the platoon come upon a village, heavy enemy fire greeted them from three directions. The MVA had been trying to keep their positions undetected.

Their efforts were, however, totally in vain. SGT Mochring spotted one of the enemy in a hedgerow. Twice he yelled "lai day" at the man. It was at this time that the enemy opened up.

The front of the platoon was charged by five of the enemy, but these men were quickly disposed (B1/20 Cont on page---4)

VERNON LAKE II COMPLETED

Since the beginning of Operation Vernon Lake II, the 11th Brigade's "Jungle Warriors" have continued to crip le the enemy by killing large numbers of him on the battle field, denying him sanctuary by uncovering his basecemps, and diminishing his ability to fight by finding and destroying his war material.

Sweeping the coastal lowlands and probing through mountainous jungle in southern I Corps, "Jungle Warriors" of the 11th Bdc. have amassed an impressive list of their efforts against the enemy.

Since the inception of Operation Vernon Lake II on Jovember 1, 1968, 143 WW and 313 VC have been eliminated. Six confirmed WVI. and four confirmed VC have been captured in action during that time.

Also, 139 personal weapons, including Chinese, (VERLON LIKE II Cont on page 2)

COMMAND INFORMATION

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second gum. The most outstanding trainees article in a series dealing with THE selected for NCO positions, which they ENEMY YOU FACE.)

The enemy has received varying degrees of military training and intensive political indoctrination. Until he sees otherwise, he is convinced he is fight- the older efficers commanding NVA and ing to liberate the South Vietnamese people from "U.S. aggression."

HOW IS HE TRAINED?

By American standards, the enemy had it easy in basic training. The best trained are NVA regulars. They receive about 30 days of basic training, although this period may have been shortened, as in Qui's case, due to recent manpower shortages caused 数/ by heavy casualties in the South.

The NVA recruits train- 31 | w ing usually includes about 15 hours of instruction on a basic North Vietnamese weapon. He is taught how to achieve a sight picture to achieve a sight picture the weapon.

training -- when possible. However, many sponsible to the Secretary of Defense, VC receive only theory in classes and who is responsible to the President, who

instruction on the light machinegun, re- is answerable to the Vietnamese Commun-

assume immediately after completing training.

Most of the older officers commanding NVA and some VC units are veterans of some VC units are veterans of the French-Indochina war. The younger offi-

Mor have feers have been chosen from civilian ranks on the basis of family standing or educational achievement.

All officers attend a. military academy where they are taught tactics, principles of guerrilla warfare, and fundamentals fof weapons and leadership. MAll officers and "enlisted" men receive "political "training" in North Vietnamese ideology.

> HOW IS HE ORGANIZED? In accordance with Com-

munist doctrine, the miliand how to field strip, load and fire the NVA, this is quite similar to the the rifle. Some soldiers may fire three organizational structure of the U.S. or four rounds, but most only "dry fire" Army. The supreme tactical military authority in the U.S. is responsible to Viet Cong recruits undergo similar the Secretary of the Army who is reget practice in actual battles. is also head of the political structure. Exceptional trainees are selected for At the highest level, the NVA military coilless rifle, mortar or heavy machine- ist Party, called "Lao Dong" in the North.

Viet Cong activities (Next week we will contin-

(VERNON LAKE II Cont from page 1) French, and vintage American carbines were captured are controlled by the Natfrom enemy troops, while three crew-served weapons ional Liberation Front. were found.

Two ammunition caches were uncovered as operations ue with THE ENEMY YOU FACE continued which contained 1,253 mortar rounds, 43 PART II)

RPG-7 rounds, 196 rockets, 115 57mm recoilless rifle rounds, 83 hand grenades, and 23,665 rounds of small arms ammunition.

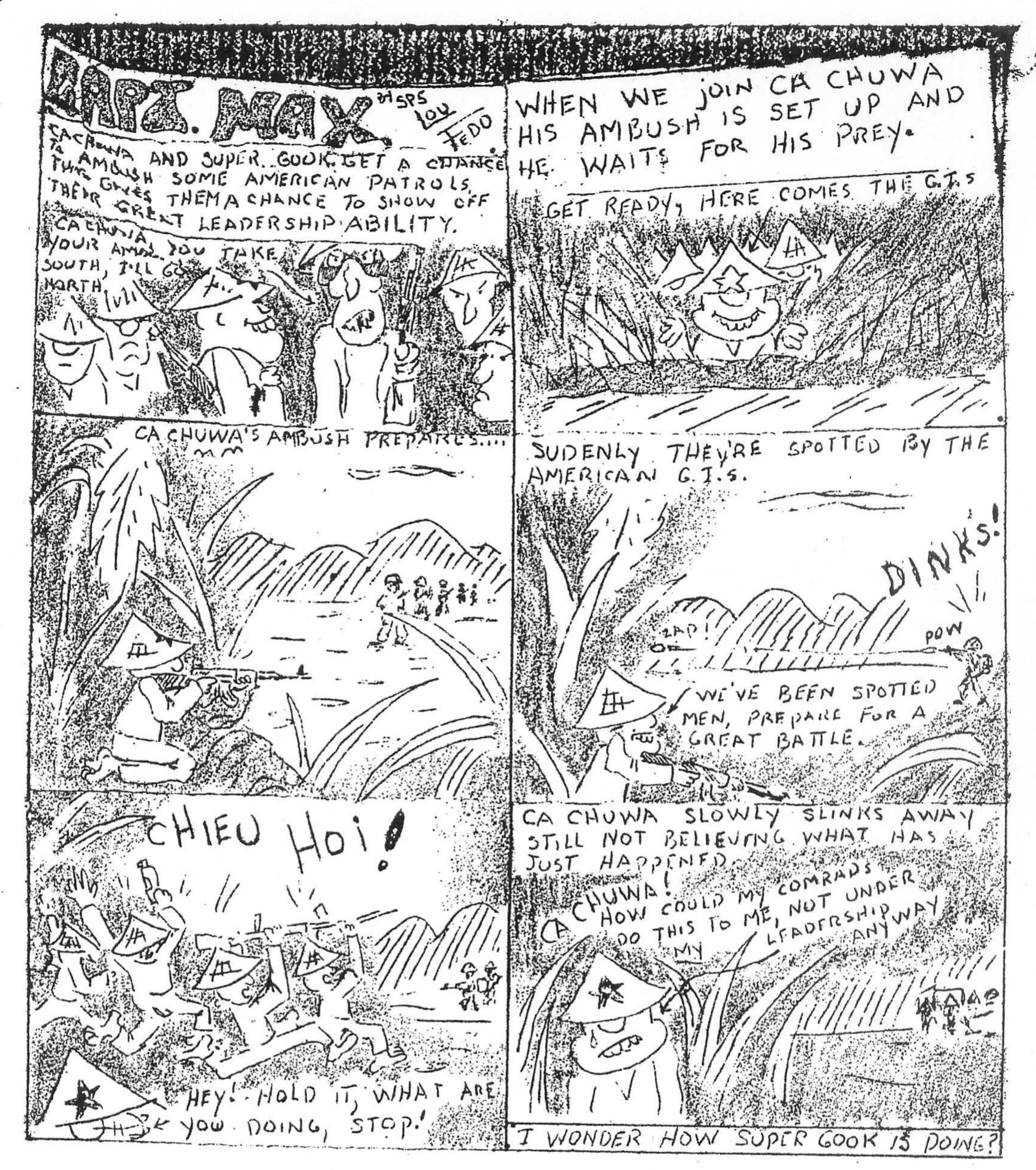
The enemy found himself hard-pressed in other areas also. The "Jungle | "Warriors" uncovered 121 tons of rice and one ton of salt, 964 uniforms, one POW camp, 76 bicycles, 578 bottles of medicine, 28 bottles of plasma, two cases of instruments, three forms, two typewriters, seven sewing machines, and other assorted equipment.

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THE "MOUSE" THAT ROARS

The tiny, egg-shaped Light Observation Helicopter (LCH) of Primo Aviation Ltd. has now become the "mouse that roars."

Used extensively in the 11th Infantry Brigade's Area of Operation for Visual Reconnaissance (VR), and often harassed by enemy sniper fire, the Primo ship is now answering "Charlie" with fire from a 7.62mm minigun.

The minigun, which is specially designed for the LOH, is attached to the side of the aircraft and by the quad 50s located on weighs about 240 pounds with ammunition. An electric LZ Cork. motor and six rotating barrels make it capable of C Company, 3/1, found a pouring out 2,000 to 4,000 rounds per minute, and it small hospital about two can be mounted on the aircraft and ready for action in less than 30 minutes. The minigun can be removed from that contained the LOH and replaced without having to be re-bore cots, trays, assorted medsighted.

TLT Richard A. Fraser (Casper; Wyoming), a pilot TLT Richard A. Fraser (Casper, Wyoming),
th Primo Aviation Ltd., explained that the minigun
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(WRAPUP cont from page 1) manded by LTC William J. McCloskey, discovered the bodies of four VC killed by artillery on February 26. The rest of the brigade saw light action as they accounted for four more kills that day.

On February 27 the same 3/1 command and control helicopter discovered the bodies of five VC killed

miles south of Duc Pho blankets, icine, seven new coffins and several other items.

On February 28 eight VC (RAPUP cont on page 6) ...

GIANT MACHINES BLAST ROCK

The 73rd Construction by CPT hen eth E. Johnson-(Auburn, Mas..), located at. LZ Lowboy on the I Corps-II Corps border, operates a multi-million dollar operation in support of the 11th Brigade.

The 73rd is paving Hichuay 1 from the border north to the village of lio Duc. At LZ Lowboy, they. operate a quarry, rock-\ crushing complex, and asphalt michine that furnishes the pavement for the

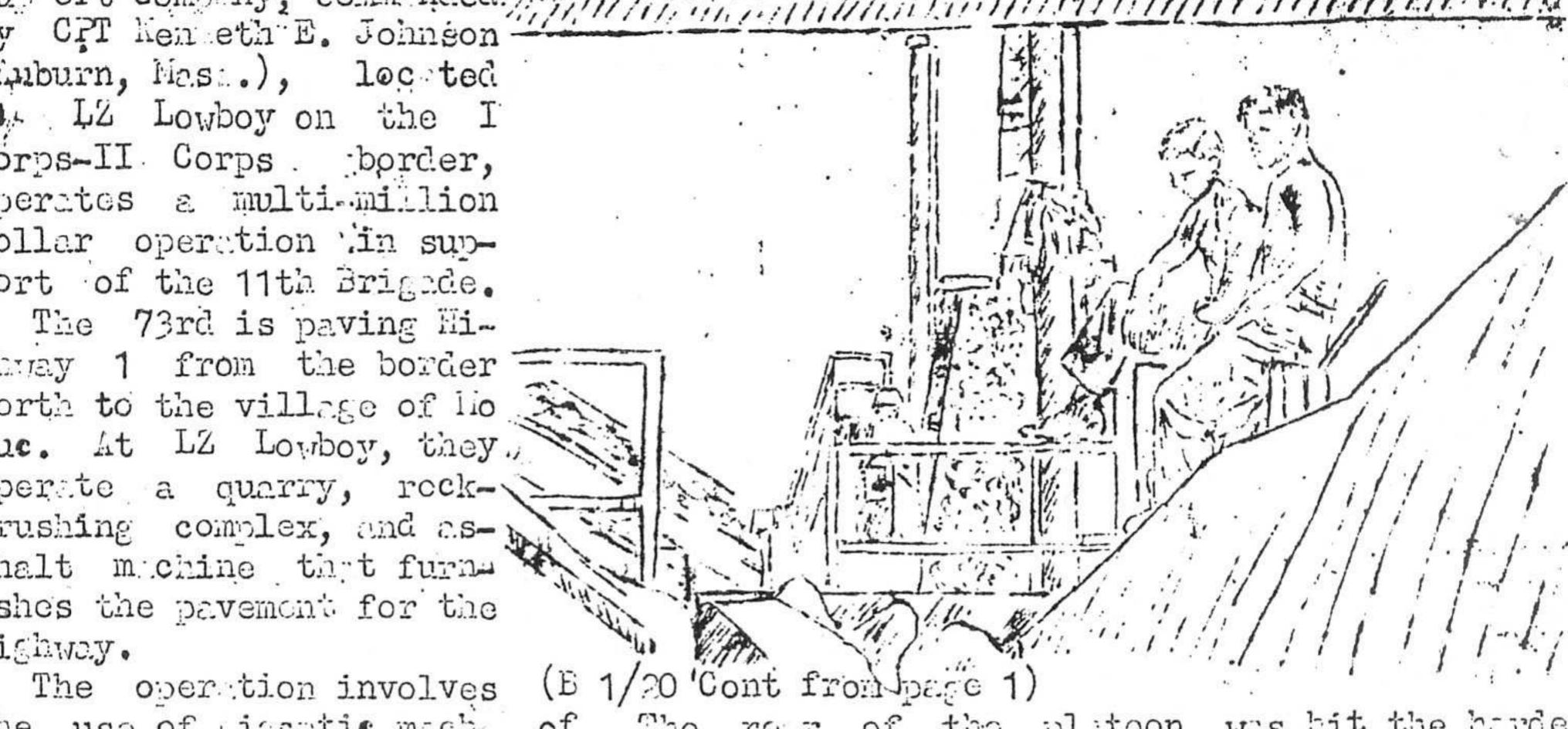
the use of figantic machside of LZ Lowboy and erv. rock. After the rock is weamon because of his injuries. while the rest goes to an 1-50 medine un as he ran off.

surfacing.

miston from one of the big wizzing just over diesel engines powering herd." the rock crusher is the FFC Barnes rected to

Since parts for such own m chine sho to febricare these parts.

73rd Engineers keep work- try and trop the enemy. ing-...it's still a long (B 1/20 Cont on page 5) way to no Duc.



of. The roor of the plateon was hit the hardest. ines which take the (ran- One man, SP4 Joe Garlinger (Bryant, Indiana), was ite blasted from the hilly at the rear of the plation and was seriously wounded in the initial burst of fire. He kept his wits about

shes it into various-sized him and played dold since he ws unable to fire his

crushed, some of it is fed While he played possum, an AVL solier came upon into the asphalt maker, him, removed his watch from his wrist and picked up

form the road bed. For PFC John I. Barnes (LOE Cont from page 3) The 73rd has the res- ing everywhere. I hit the fore with just the M-60." my

by 1LT John J. Burrous Jr. (Lyonis, Massachusetts) It's a big job, but the set up a blocking force to

The asphalt machine is (Butler, Illinois) it was was added to provide the fed this rock (similar in his first time out in the LOH with more. Obviously size to erevel), and costs field on a patrol. "It happy with the minique he it with a tarry substance all has ened so fast," he said, "We now have about' to form the sphilt rod exclaned. "All of a sud- four or five times more from the bullets were fly- coverage than we had be-

ponsibility of maintaining ground. It was the first. The weapon is amazits own equipment, which crecking from an AK-47, ingly accurate and really is often a big task. The and it soomed they were comes in handy on Vits when we receive fire from the ground.".

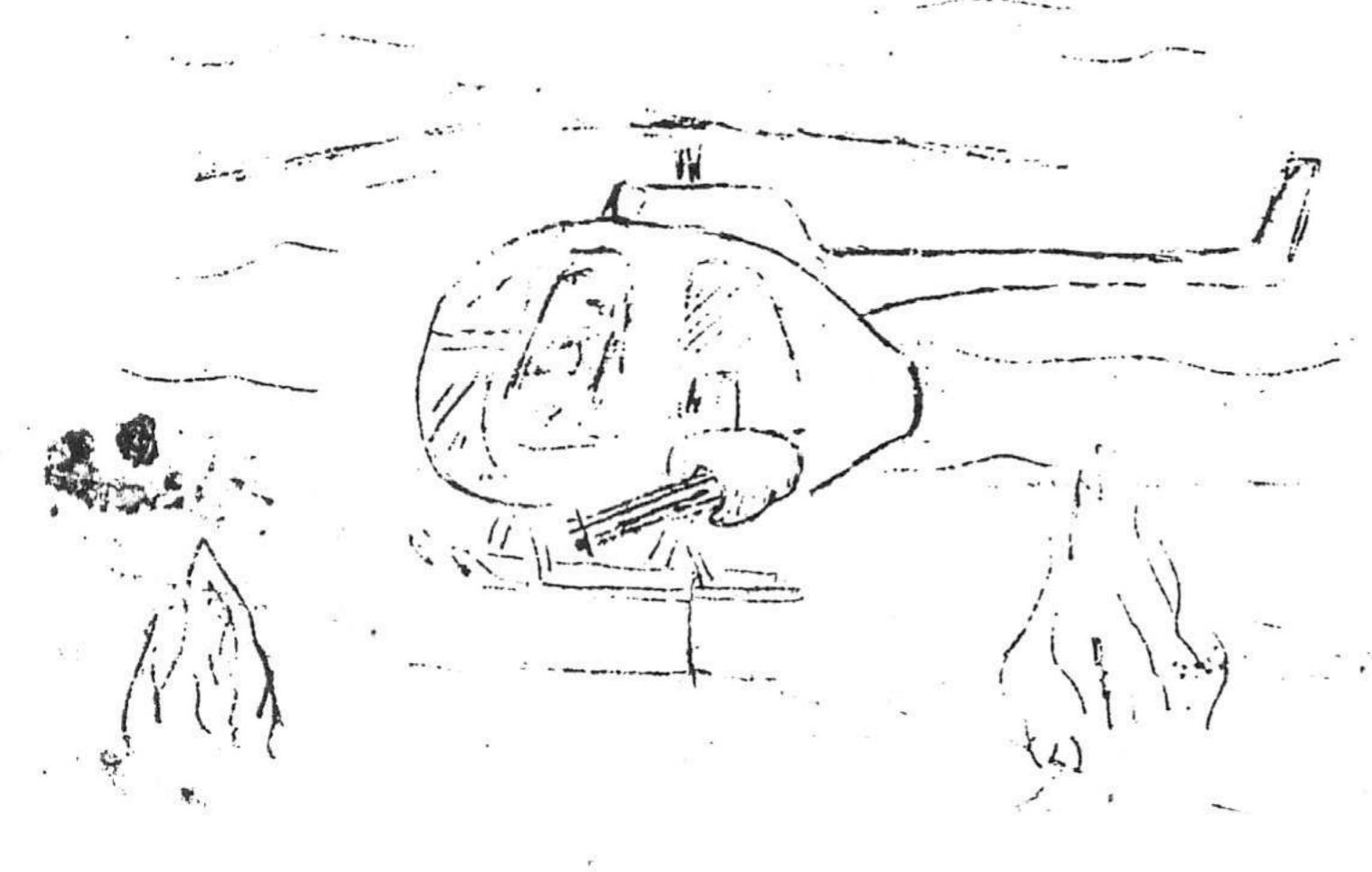
Whenever the pilot size of a man's torso. the situation like a vet- sots a target, he simply eran, setting up a nec- edjusts an electric arm to specialized equipment are essary rear security. his front until he has his scarce, the 73rd has its The Reson platoon led sights on that target. An electric motor adjusts the mini un at . the same . time and 'allows the pilot to return fire almost immediately.

> The motor and the sighting device are the only parts of the system that work electrically; everything else works machanically.

The LOW's "mouselike" quietness enables the ship to sneak up on the unsuspecting enemy. Coupled with the minigun, the combination promises to be a de dly one.

1Li Fraser system as crownle free, ctive."

describes "simple.



METEORQLOGY SECTION GIVES WEATHER DATA TO 11TH BDE ARTY

Changing weather conditions in southern I Corps sometimes make life difficult for Americal Division artillerymen who support the 11th Brigade. The men of the meteorology (METRO) section, located on LZ Bronco, have done a great deal to lessen the problem.

METRO's constant examination of the atmosphere provides the 6th Bn., 11th artillery elements. get.

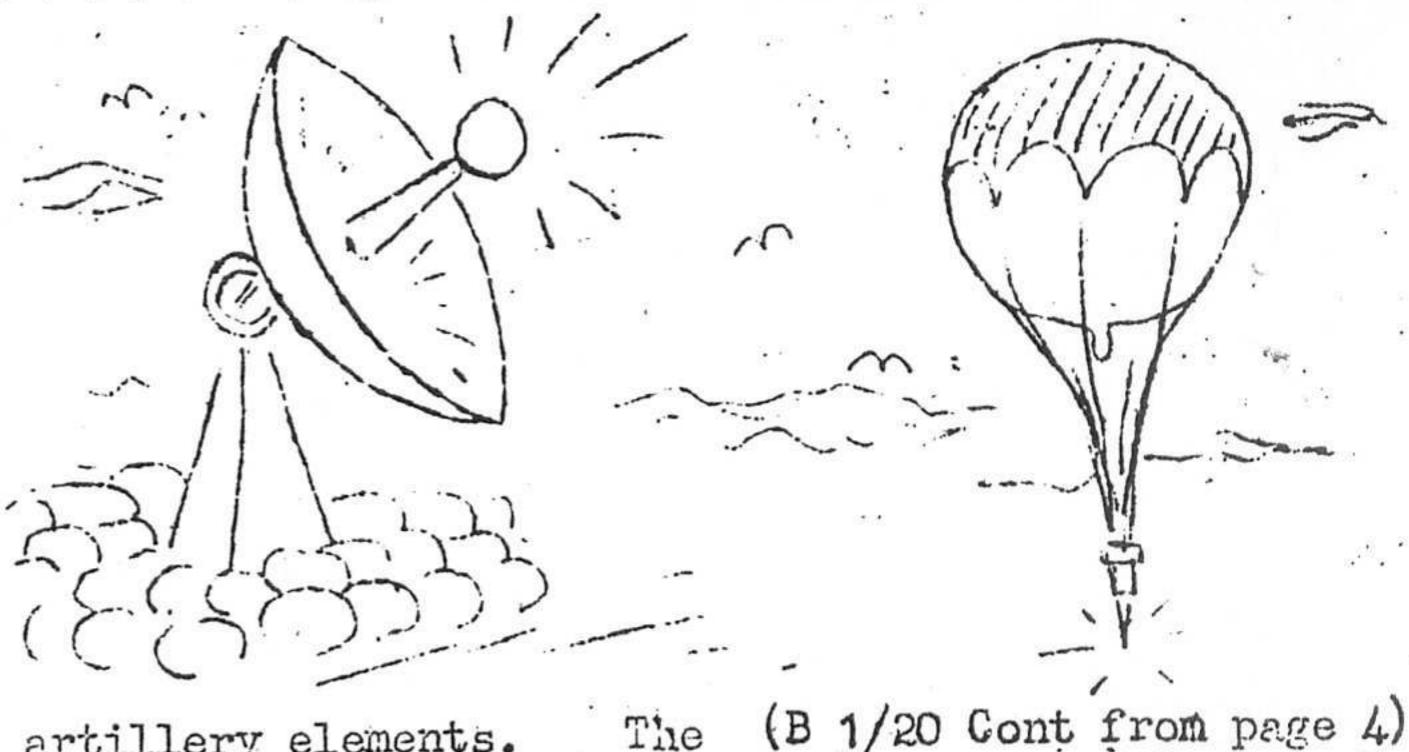
the 101 Airborne Division, ditions.

heads the team explains their targets from a set its function.

"Our main purpose is to data that includes temper- can provide." fect."

giving humidity, temperature, and atmospheric presure.

The FILTRO men then go and later pass it onto the



The Arty, with needed data to Fire Direction Centers The rest of Company B put their rounds on thr (FDCs) of the almonents led by 1LT William D. then use the data to Castille (Port Arthur, The team is part of the adjust their rounds to Texas), quickly moved out 2nd Bn., 11th Arty., of the varying weather con- to aid their men.

but sup orts the 11th Bde. "Without our data, "ex- called in on the enemy. SP5 Robert L. Beattie pained SP5 Beattie, "The Shark cunships from the (Moorhead, Minn.) who betteries must compute 174th AEC worked over the weather standards. •f This, of course, doesn't tillery also pounded the support firing bitteries give them the up-to-date in this area. We gather information our section

ature, wind direction and How important is it for speed, and atmospheric the artillery units to get density up to 25,000 the latest we her information?

HETRO sends us a bol- "Quite important, "says loon with a radiosonde SF5 Beattie, "During bad surgents. attached. This transmits weather the difference bea signal bock to the team tween our computations and with the trocks. At one the weather stundards can change the target as much as 1,500 meters."

SF5 Beattie says, "Withto work charting the data out us an error of 15,000 meters can occur."

Eight air strikes were area. Artillery from the 1st Battelion, 82nd Arenemy.

Six ARCs from E troop, 1/1 Cavalry moved out with the company. Company-B. from the 3rd Bat-. telion, 1st Infantry was also CAd into the area to try to cordon the in-

. CO. B. 1/20 pushed on point contact was made about 10 to 15 meters The from a trench line. enemy's he vy fire Was. with answored in return the heavy fire from "Sykes Regulars."

SGT During the fire, Patrick Herringa (Cadilac, Michigan) moved into the trench line. In the trench line he spotted one dead NVA solcier and a RPC-7 rocket launcher with a round still in it. He picked up the launcher and moved bock to his men.

The final count of MALT "Lis showed that 11 were killed. CPT Alfred Webb (La. Jolla, Calif.), the battalion's S-2 officr. wling away. They were as big as I am and were wearing steel pots with camouflage covers, uni-TOBOTforms and heavy their ation covering bodies.

GIMLETS ON SAN JUAN SERVED IN CUPA IN 98 TOO

Seventy-one years later, the "Gimlets" of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry are once again on San Juan Hill. But this time the fighting is not in Cuba and the war is much different from the one with Spain.

I med for the hill which earned the Congressional Mcdal of Conor for six "Gimlets" in the Sp. mish-Americam war, LZ San Juan Hill is one of the 4th of the 21st's fire support bases. It is located 12 miles west of the 11th Drigade's base camp at LZ Bronco.

Along with LZ Manassas and LZ Cedar Mountain, LZ San Juan Hill reflects the proud history of the now Americal Division "Gimlets".

Cedar Mountain saw the 21st Infantry's first test cer, said, "I saw them the states. in bottle during the war between Managsas, for which the "Gimlets" newest fire support base was named, was the scene of bitter fighting for the 21st Infantry in the war between the st tes.



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iers had been killed by 6/11 artillery.

discovered the trio to be

draft dodgers.

kill was recorded by. E the right one though." of Duc Pho.

"Gimlets" of B Company, 4/21, working in an area soldier and captured his AK-47 and pack on March 2. four bags of small arms ammunition.

MEDAL WINNERS HEADING HOME

Two soldiers of the 3rd their excavation project. cord of awards.

Joseph F. Piotrowskí "Charlie" had holed up. valor and service during and was plenty eager to talk." Brigade.

""V" Device; Bronze Star have had a heck of a headache. for Service; Army Commendation Medal for Achievement; and three Purple Hearts.

Thomas A. Hartman, D Company, served as a Radio Talephone Operator for the talion commander and as a platoon ser-

awarded the Sil-Bronze Star Device; Army Commendation Medal for Achievement; Hearts; and the Air Medal with 11 Oak Leaf Clusters.

WRAPUP cont from page 3 "SYKES REGULARS" DIG boddes were discovered in UP TRICKY VIETCONG an area 18 milés SW of. UP. TRICKY VIETCONG

Quang Ngai City by the 3/1 . The expression "digging Charlie out of the area" command and control heli- became an accurate description of what a company of copter. The enemy sold- 11th Brigade soldiers were forced to do recently.

"Sykes Regulars" of Company A, 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry made a combat assault in an area 12 miles. D Company, 1/20, de- northwest of Duc Pho. As the last helicopter dropped tained three military aged it's troops they began receiving sniper fire.

males in an area 10 miles The 11th Brigade infantrymen, led by CPT David W. north of Duc Pho and later Walsh (Colton, Calif.), moved toward the sniper, kil-

ling one VC and capturing his SKS rifle.

Another sniper carrying a BAR was spotted. Fire from 6/11 artil- fire brought on this insurgent wounded him, causing lery killed eight VC on him to drop his weapon as he ran for a tunnel.

March 1, 18 miles SW of "Their were several tunnels in the area," explained Quang Ngai City. Another 1LT Leo C. Beachwell (Princeton, New Jersey). "I found

Troop, 1st Cav at 0700 in 1LT Beachwell had crawled into a tunnel, poking aan area five miles north round with a long stick. As he was about halfway in one of the tunnels the stick was grabbed from his hand. "I took this as my cue to move out of the hole," the platoon leader said.

nine miles south of Quang A grenade was thrown into the hole as soon as LLT Ngai City, killed an NVA Beachwell crawled out, but the VC refused to leave his position. A CS grenade was thrown into the hole. The

sniper still refused to budge.

They also accounted for Finally two bangalore torpedoes were placed in the two Chicom grenades and tunnel by SP4 Charles W. Veatch (Des Moines, Iowa), the company's demo man. "We figured that this should do the trick," SP4 Veatch said. "I don't know how he stayed in there, but he did."

Their efforts thwarted in every attempt, CPT Walsh called for the old stand bys, entrenching tools, showels and picks. The Captain's group went to work on

Battálion, 1st Infantry, As they dug they found the tunnel had two entronare leaving their battal- ces. The evader had not escaped, however. As they ion with an enviable re- continued to dig they found that there was another hole at the bottom of the tunnel. This is where

(Oakford, Pa.), who served CPT Walsh explained that the WC had gotten into the as a platoon sergeant with hole and then covered the hole with a board. "The B Company, was awarded a little guy had a wound in each leg and was scared to total of eight medals for death," CPT Walsh stated. "He was carrying documents

his tour with the 11th "It was certainly worth the effort to get that guy out of there. There is no telling what valuable in-He was awarded the Sil- formation we may get out of him. I think he was ver Star; Bronze Star with pretty happy to get out of the hole too. He must

