



11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE

TRIDENT

"JUNGLE WARRIORS"



VOLUME 3 NUMBER 13

DUC PHO, VIETNAM

APRIL 4, 1969

"JUNGLE WARRIORS" NET 79 ENEMY KIA

"Jungle Warriors" saw heavy action this week as they killed 79 enemy, detained 32 suspects, and captured nine weapons.

On March 24, D Company, 3-1, detained a MAN with no ID and later killed a VC nine miles SE of Quang Ngai City. A Company, 3-1 killed a VC evading one mile NE of Duc Pho.

On March 25, A Co., 4-21 clashed with an unknown size NVA force and accounted for five kills. The "Gimlets" later accounted for two NVA kills near a river. "Shark" gunships of the 174th AHC killed three evading VC five miles NW of Duc Pho. E Troop, 1st Cav., killed two VC near a lake.

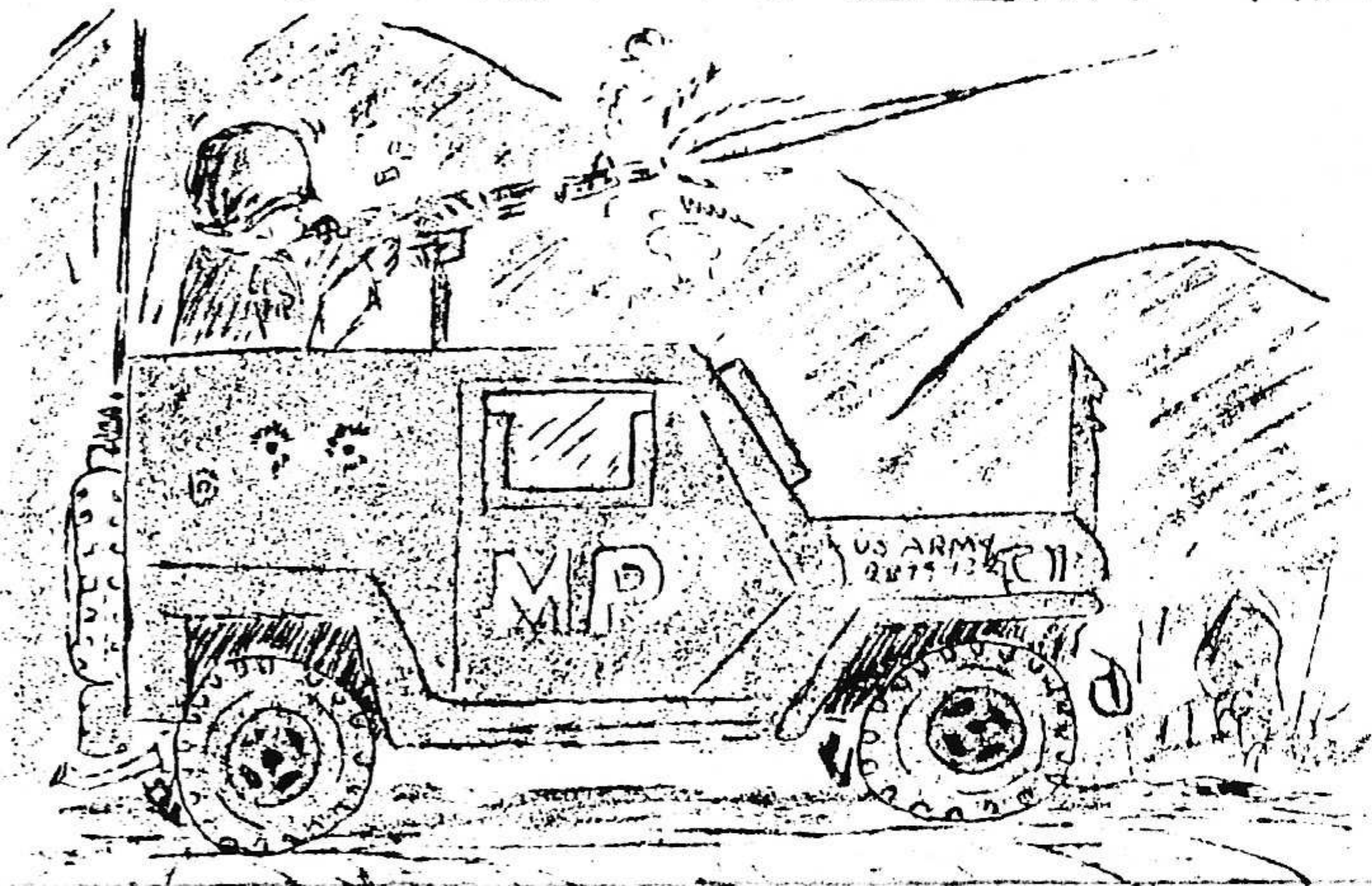
On the 26th of March, A 4-21 accounted for three NVA kills including an NVA officer, and also captured an AK47 and enemy documents. B 4-21 discovered bodies of two NVA who had been killed by airstrikes (WRAP-UP CONT ON PAGE 3)

REACTIONS OF MED TEAM SAVE LITTLE GIRL'S LIFE

Due to the efforts of doctors and medics at the 23rd Medical Battalion hospital on the 11th Brigade's LZ Bronco, a small Vietnamese girl from the village of Duc Pho is alive and well today.

The girl, suffering from multiple shrapnel wounds, was brought into the 23rd's hospital with a group of Vietnamese civilians injured in a Viet Cong rocket attack on their village. She was treated and put in the Vietnamese ward to await transfer to another hospital in Chu Lai, and was there only a short time when she suddenly stopped breathing.

SP5 Jerry Cooper (Charlotte, N.C.), who was making a routine round of the Vietnamese ward noticed the still chest of the little girl. He picked her up in his arms and rushed her into the A&D (treatment room) where Doctor (CPT) Louis Ellis (Philadelphia, Pa.), (LITTLE VIETNAMESE GIRL CONTINUED ON PAGE 4)



ENEMY MINE, RIFLE FIRE FAIL TO STOP BRIGADE MPS.

It was the afternoon of what had been a quiet day and a convoy escorted by the first platoon of the 23rd Military Police Company in support of the Americal Division's 11th Infantry Brigade, was moving from Sa Huynh to Duc Pho along Highway 1. Suddenly, a jeep, which was the last vehicle in the convoy, hit a command-detonated mine.

Specialist Four (SP4) Peter A. Jewell (Canaan, Maine), the machinegunner on the jeep, was thrown from his vehicle by the force of the explosion. Enemy small arms fire and automatic weapons fire was immediately directed on the jeep. SP4 Mark S. Jordan (Xenia, Ohio), who was driving, stayed behind the wheel of the jeep for a distance of 100 meters before it swerved off the road and landed in a rice paddy. It was only then that he realized that SP4 Jewell was missing.

"I couldn't see Jewell anywhere," the MP said, "Then I looked back at where the explosion had occurred and he was low- (MP CONT ON PAGE 4)

COMMAND INFORMATION

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles dealing with VIETNAM AND SAIGON'S POSITION AT THE PARIS PEACE TALKS.)

Faithful to their atheistic ideology they have sought by all possible means to undermine religious forces. They terrorized and persecuted the Cao Dai, Hoa Hao, Buddhists and Catholics, going so far as to murder the founder of the Hoa Hao religion in cold blood.

Finally, they unleashed a class struggle movement and deliberately sowed hatred and dissension in our society, which had never known conflict between the different social groups.

Putting the communizing of the country ahead of the struggle for independence, the Communist leaders did not even hesitate in 1946 to enter into a pact with the colonialists so as to have a free hand and be able to liquidate the nationalist elements, while at the same time strengthening the machinery of their party.

Under the hypocritical slogan of land reform, they launched on a vast denunciation campaign and massacred hundreds of thousands of innocent compatriots, with-

out even sparing those who had become illustrious in the resistance movement.

In order to disguise their war of aggression, they mobilized their entire Communist propaganda apparatus in the world.....for the purpose of misleading world opinion on the true nature of the Communist war of aggression in Vietnam. They have represented this war as a national liberation movement.

1960 THE
NATIONAL
LIBERATION
FRONT

On December 20, 1960, the so-called National Liberation Front of South Vietnam came into being in Hanoi. The Communist regime of North Vietnam has never ceased to represent the "Front" as a spontaneous, popular organization in South Vietnam...but the irrefutable truth is that the so-called Front acts as a mere screen for the North Vietnamese Communist Party, which is to say an instrument of the Hanoi authorities.

Everyone knows that the "Central Office for South Vietnam" (COSVN) is the brain-center of all political and military activities of the insurgent organization. The COSVN is nothing more than a section of North Vietnam operating in the South compelled to give itself another name: "People's Revolutionary Party."

LONG DAY FOR SHORT TIMERS

In Vietnam 24 hours can seem like a long, long time. This proved to be the case for short timers of A Company, 4-21, as they completed their last day in the field.

The 11th Brigade infantrymen had been operating four miles SW of Duc Pho when they received word that the following day all of the short timers were to be transported to LZ Bronco to prepare for DEROS.

"We were all a little nervous about the area we were in," remarked SGT Baumiller (Pittsburg, Pa.) "Every time GIs had been in the area, they were mortared. Some of the guys dug holes four feet deep."

The short timers' edginess proved warranted because soon after they completed digging in, the enemy mortar rounds came whistling in on their nervous troops.

"I was fixing chow,"
SHORT TIMERS CONT PAGE 4)

(NEXT WEEK we will continue to study the position of the Saigon government in the Paris Peace Talks. Our next topic will be "A TEST FOR WORLD COMMUNISM" and will deal with the invasion by North Vietnam.)

TRIDENT

Brigade Commander
Information Officer
TRIDENT OIC
NCOIC
Editor
Illustrator
Staff Reporters

COL JACK L. TREADWELL
1LT STEPHEN H. COBB
1LT FREDERICK A. PELEATE
SFC GENE MORENO
SP4 DALE REICH
SP5 Lou Fedorski
SGT Dave Deverick, SP4 Don Yost
SP4 Tony Swindell and SP4 Reggie Aspell

The TRIDENT is published weekly under the supervision of the 10 11th Infantry Brigade APO 96217 as an authorized publication. Opinions expressed herein do not necessarily represent those of the Department of the Army.

CAPT. MAX. BY SPS LOU FIDO

LAST WEEK CAPT MAX AND FINLEY AT LEAST WE BELIEVE IT TO BE THEM, FOLLOWED THE PILOT OF THE DOWNED CHOPPER TO A REGROUPING AREA.

HERE WE ARE GUYS

REGROUPING AREA
CHOPPER CRASHES ONLY

WELCOME

REGROUPING AREA
CHOPPER CRASH VICTIMS ONLY
FIXED WING CRASH VICTIMS TO RICE PADDIES ON LEFT

THIS IS WHERE WE WILL STAY UNTIL WE ARE RESCUED!

SO THIS IS THEIR REGROUPING AREA, LOOKS MORE LIKE A BASE CAMP.

WOW! WHAT A NICE LOOKING PLACE

OKAY NICE

DINNER IS AT TWELVE NOON, SUPPER ABOUT 1700, AND THERE WILL BE A MOVIE AT 1900 HRS. ANY QUESTIONS?

WE ARE SCHEDULED FOR RESCUE AT 0830 TOMORROW SO ENJOY YOUR STAY!

RESCUE SCHEDULE

FLIGHT NO.	TIME	1 DAY
1385	08:00	SA

IS THIS FOR REAL? WHO EVER HEARD OF SCHEDULED RESCUES!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS.

GOSH-A-ROONIE

WHATS BEHIND ALL THIS ANYWAY!

WRAP-UP CONT FROM PAGE 1)
in rice paddies two miles south of QUC.

On March 27, soldiers from C Company, 3-1, killed an evading VC and detained four VCS seven miles south of QUC. Also, "Sharks" killed two evading VC near Highway 1.

On the 28th of March, "Sharks" again saw action as they killed 13 evading VC near a trail six miles SE of Duc Pho. The VC were later confirmed to be a VC sapper squad.

On March 29, C 3-1 detained eight suspects and D 3-1 killed an NVA soldier. (WRAP-UP CONT. ON PAGE 4)

"JUNGLE WARRIORS" COP AMCAL MARCH REENLISTMENT RECORD

The U.S. Army paid out a whopping sum in reenlistment bonuses during March 1969 to "Jungle Warriors" of the 11th Brigade as 30 signed up for another hitch.

"As a result of compiling this record-breaking amount of reenlistments, the 11th has made a clean sweep in Division competition," stated MSG William Chaplic, brigade career counselor.

MSG Chaplic went on to explain that there are three areas of competition within the Division; best brigade; best battalion; and best company.

MSG Chaplic and his assistant career counselor, SSG Paul Loyle, attributed the success of the brigade's program to three basic factors. The first is a strong command support, the second is transportation, and the third is the aggressiveness of the two LCOs in making the program work.

MSG Chaplic and SSG Loyle are working on making April another record-breaking month for the 11th Brigade.

AMERICAN EXPRESS BANKING AVAILABLE TO SOLDIERS HERE

A new American Express International Banking Corporation facility is now available in Chu Lai which provides a check cashing service and allows its users to send their personal checks home instead of having to purchase postal money orders at their own expense.

The checking account is like those offered in the United States except that 5% interest is also earned.

In Vietnam, all Armed Forces personnel, U.S. citizens employed by the U.S. government and departments and agencies are eligible to open 5% checking accounts.

One of the most important advantages to an account holder besides the high 5% interest rate is that there are no service charges based upon the account activity. In order to earn interest the checking account must have a minimum balance of \$100 throughout the entire quarter.

Arrangements can be made to have monthly pay checks deposited automatically into the checking account.

If members can't get to Chu Lai to open an account, they may write to the bank (American Express, MFB, APO 96325) and request application forms and the DD form 1560 which is required also.

(SHORT TIMERS FROM PAGE 2) said SGT Wesley Densmore (Zion, Ill.). "When the rounds started coming in, it didn't take me long to get into my hole."

Luckily, none of the "Ginlets" were injured, and soon the short timers nervously settled down for the night. The rest of the evening was quiet.

"While we waited for the choppers and our last ride, the first two lifts received intense ground fire," said SGT Larry Youngerman (Springfield, Ohio). "We had to change our plans and walk to Hwy. 1 where we were to be picked up and trucked in."

Soon the trucks were there, and the men were finally through with what most of them considered to be their "longest" day in Vietnam. Twenty four hours can truly seem like a long, long time.

(MPS CONT FROM PAGE 1)

crawling through the 100 yards of rice paddies to my position.

When SP4 Jewell reached the damaged jeep, he immediately began firing the M-60 at the enemy position although covered with painful wounds and bruises. Fire from the enemy on both sides of the road was still being directed at him.

While SP4 Jewell manned the machinegun, SP4 Jordan grabbed the radio and began calling for help. Two APCs from E Troop, 1st Cav., answered the call and began pouring devastating fire on the enemy positions. The two MPs then boarded one of the APCs and the disabled jeep was extracted from the rice paddy. SP4 Jewell made SGT E-5 the next day.



(WRAP-UP CONT FROM PAGE 3)

ier near a stream two miles west of Duc Pho. They also captured one AK47 and two Chicom grenades. On the same day D 1-20 detained two NAMS six miles NW of Duc Pho. The "Sykes Regulars" also captured three motorcycles and three unassembled bicycles along abandoned RR tracks.

On March 30th, "Aero Scouts" of the 123rd Aviation Bn. killed 26 VC three miles east of QNC. "Always First" soldiers of C 3-1 killed five NVA near a village six miles north of Duc Pho.

E TROOP 1ST CAV HAS REAL ARTIST

A trooper from E Troop, 1st Cav., PFC Gary Tarter (Middletown, Ohio), has shown what a little paint and ingenuity can accomplish.

PFC Tarter has a reputation among his fellow soldiers as an artist, and deservedly so.

With scavenged paint, shaving brushes, and even sticks, he has decorated a large number of E Troop's APCs in a professional manner.

His APC paintings will rival almost anything done with conventional brushes.

(VN GIRL CONT FROM P. 1) and Doctor (CPT) Milton Dorf (New York City) were working.

"At first I couldn't understand what had happened to her," CPT Dorf stated. "When we examined her, however, we found a small shrapnel wound in her chest that was hidden by her shirt."

While one of the doctors gave the little girl a heart massage, medics put a tracheal tube down her throat to keep the air passages open. CPT Dorf injected a stimulant directly into her heart.

"We had only a few moments to start her breathing again," CPT Dorf explained. "And we were cutting it pretty close. She fortunately recovered."

PRO BOWLER NEW O-CLUB MGR.

For SP4 Brian Clarke, bowling has been a delightful and rewarding pastime since he was nine years old. The 21-year old soldiers, who is manager of the officer's club for the 11th Brigade, has many "strikes" to his credit as both an amateur and a professional bowler.

As a sophomore in high school, Clarke played in a state championship tournament sponsored by the Youth Bowling Association and took first place.

Clarke turned "pro" after his freshman year in college and studied under the guidance of Sam Baca, a national figure in professional bowling.

Joining the Professional Central California Bowler's Association, he won close to one thousand dollars in six months and was beginning to get warmed up when he was inducted into the Army.

The most memorable moment of his short career was when he won \$240 in a five-game sweep in which he averaged 225 points per game.

"I've bowled as high as 299 in practice when the pressure is off," said Clarke. "My biggest problem is getting away from the number seven pin tap. I bowl left-handed and frequently I'll put the ball right in the pocket, but the seventh pin won't go down because of my curve."

The Army capitalized on SP4 Clarke's bowling proficiency when he was a basic trainee at Ft. Bliss, Texas. "I won the 1st Brigade's singles and doubles competition and got plenty of practice in the afternoons before the Fort Bliss tournament," he stated. "Our team took first place overall."

3-1 SOLDIERS DECORATED

MAJ Virgil W. Oglesby (Lakeland, Fla.), former S-3, XO, and acting CO of 3-1; CPT Willie F. Williams (Burlington, N.J.), former CO of B Co., and SP4 Mike R. Belardi (New York), a rifleman with D Co., were recently awarded Silver Stars for their courageous actions while serving with the "Always First" battalion.

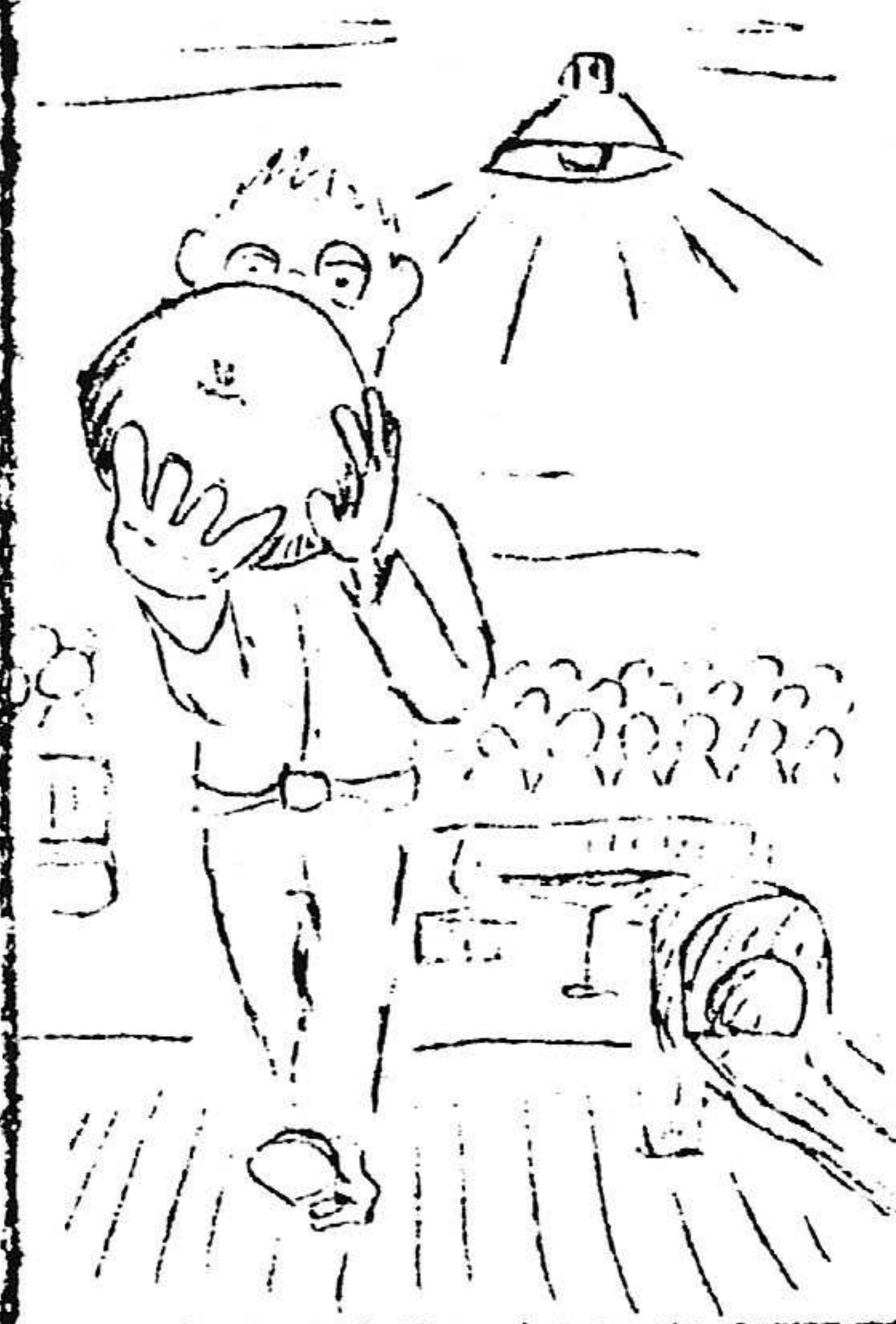
MAJ Oglesby, currently serving as assistant G-2 for the Americal Division, won the award for his actions during an enemy attack on LZ Cork.

There was a sapper attack launched against the fire base, preceded by a mortar and rocket barrage. Observing that the CO's bunker had taken a direct hit, MAJ Oglesby left his covered position and maneuvered in the midst of a heavy volume of fire to the bunker.

Finding the CO wounded, he immediately administered first aid and assumed command of the battalion. He assured that all enemy forces were repelled from the perimeter and reorganized the unit's defenses.

MAJ Oglesby then directed the medical evacuation of the wounded and personally assisted in helping casualties aboard the helicopters.

CPT Williams, currently the battalion's S-1, was leading his men of B Co. on a combat sweep across rice paddies near Binh Thanh when the second platoon came (SILVER STARS CONTINUED ON PAGE 6)



NEW CAMPAIGN RIBBONS FOR VIETNAM SERVICE

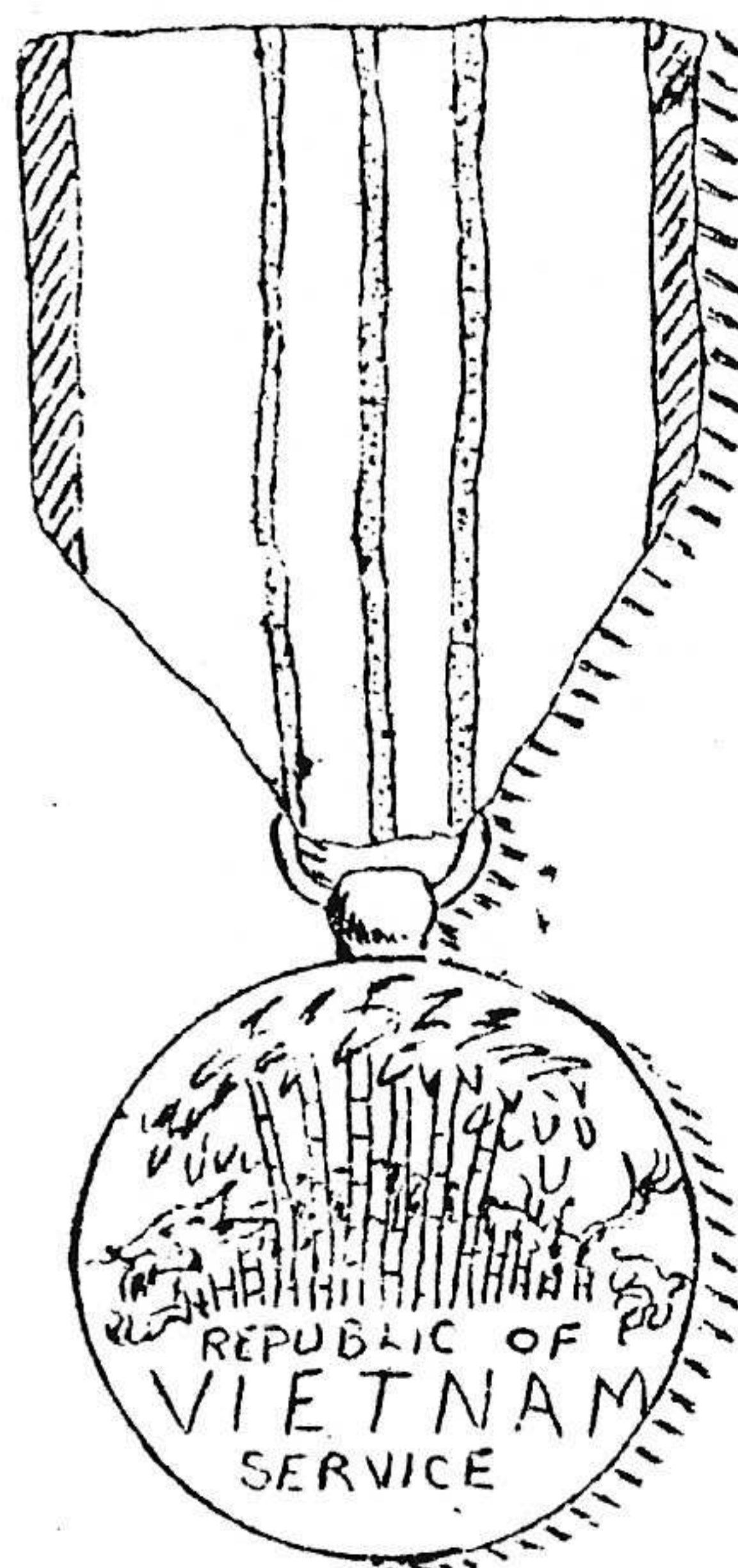
WASHINGTON—Department of the Army has announced the following campaign designations for service in the Republic of Vietnam.

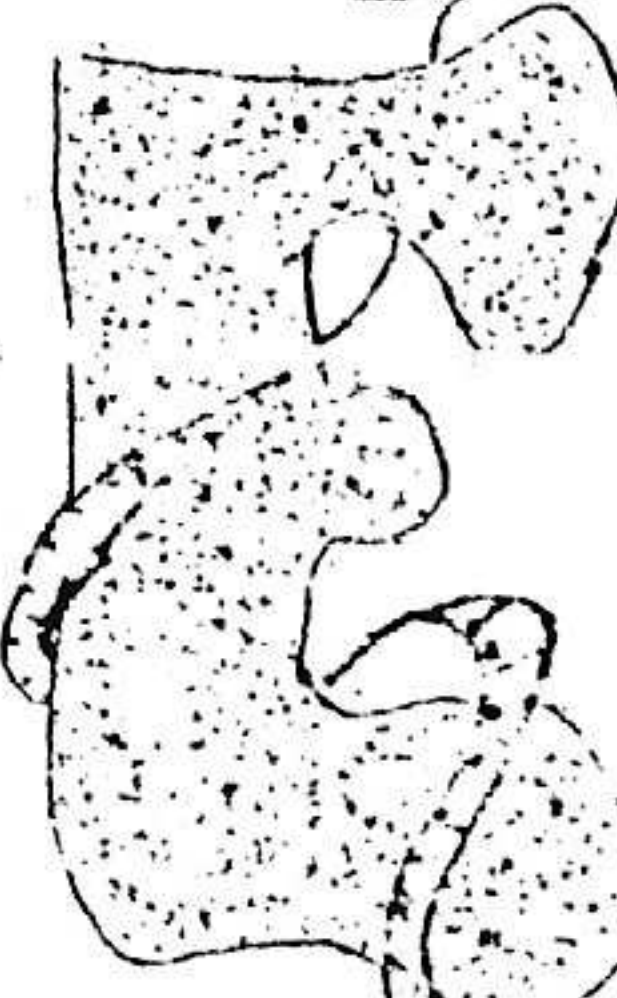
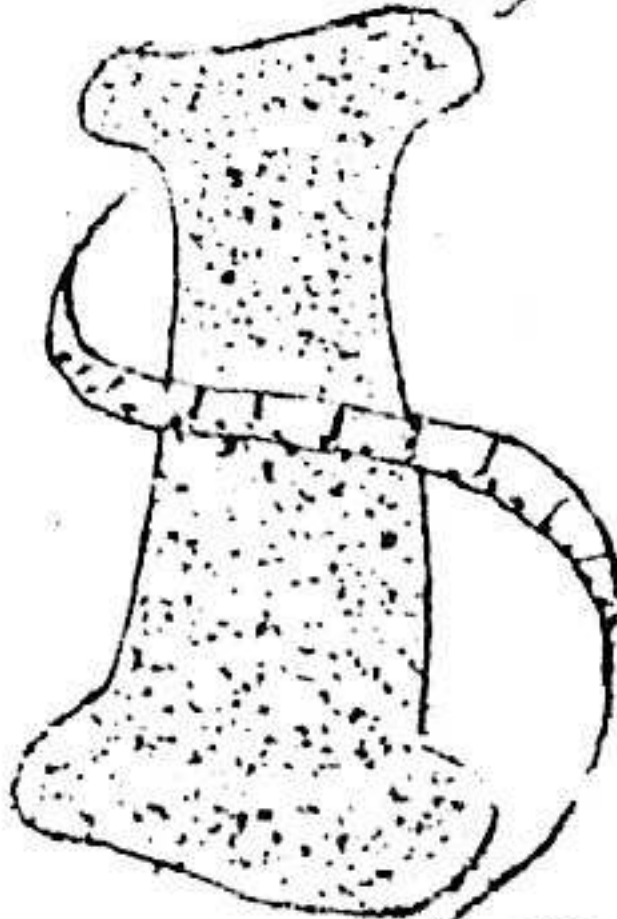
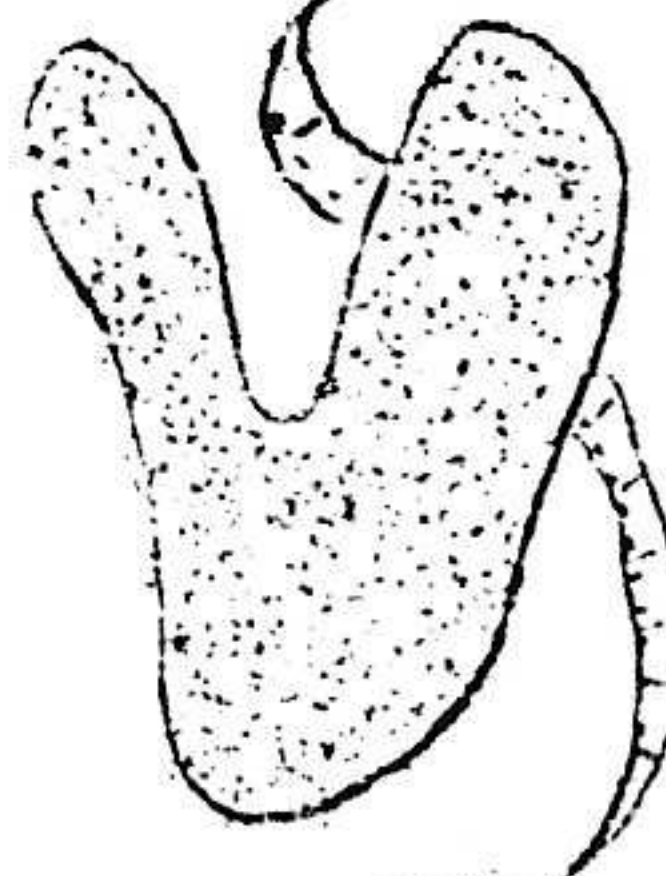
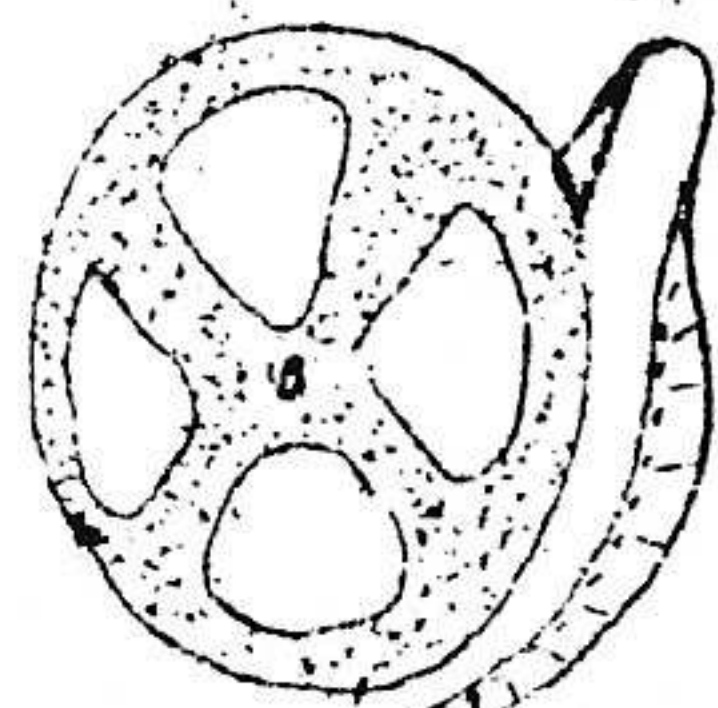
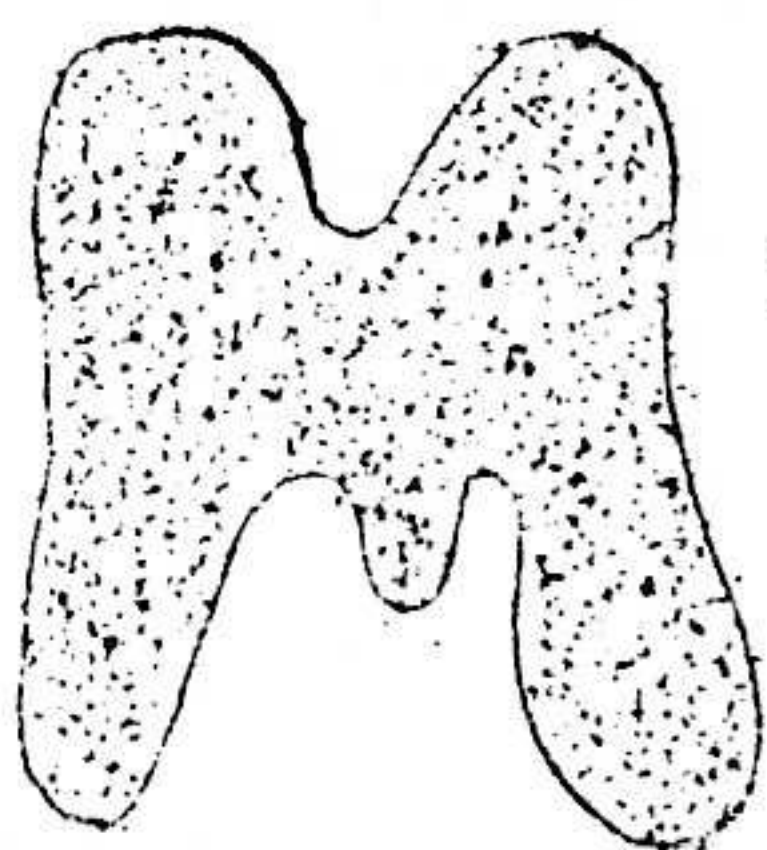
The Seventh Campaign is terminated as of June 30, 1968, and designated Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase IV.

The Eighth Campaign is designated Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase V. It extends from July 1, 1968, to November 1, 1968.

The Ninth Campaign is designated commencing November 2, 1968. The name of this campaign and the termination date will be determined and announced at a later date.

All members of the U.S. Army who are serving or who have served in the Republic of Vietnam and contiguous water or air space in accordance with paragraph 74.2, AR 672-5-1 are authorized to wear a battle star on the Vietnam service ribbon for service in Vietnam during the periods of the designated campaigns listed above.





THE SCENE: Movie time at the outdoor theatre on our favorite LZ. Troops are sitting on helicopter blade-seats, chairs, and piles of beer cans waiting for tonight's thriller. Our hero is diligently threading the machine, being encouraged by his buddies in the audience.

AUDIENCE: Hey Glotz, what's the flick?

GLOTZ: That's for me to know and you to see...
(Laughs at his great wit)

AUDIENCE: Aw, come on, man, what's the flick?

GLOTZ: O.K. It's Bunny and Crud!! (Laughs again)

AUDIENCE: Hey! That's O.K. Bunny and Crud. (Hoots, yells from the audience)

GLOTZ: O.K. Shaddap! I can't get the sound adjusted. (Turns on machine)

MACHINE: (With picture completely out of focus) RRR-ZAAP KLEEEK CRUNCH GRIND

AUDIENCE: Hey man! That thing's in Hindustani or something! Fix it man!

GLOTZ: Shaddap! I'm doing the best I can!
(Brings machine into sharp focus)

AUDIENCE: You sure are, man! Look at that—the thing's upside down!

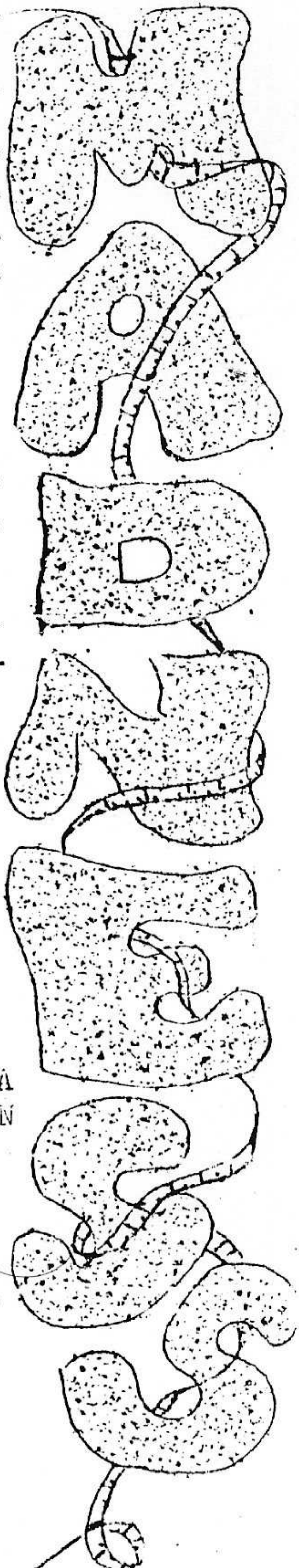
GLOTZ: (Shutting off machine) Shaddap!! If you think you can run this #%%&!!#\$ machine any better than me, come on and do it or else shaddap!! (Begins changing reels)

(DELAY OF FIFTEEN MINUTES DURING WHICH BEER AND SODA SUPPLIES ARE REPLENISHED. AUDIENCE SETTLES DOWN AGAIN AND HERO TURNS ON THE MACHINE.)

MACHINE: (In sharp focus, man facing good-looking girl, speaks to her) GRUNCH...GRIND..... SCREECH.....So you're Bunny?

AUDIENCE: (Applauding wildly) Hey! He did it! He did it! Good ole Glotz got 'er fixed!

GLOTZ: (Blushing under this praise raises his hand in thanks, knocks machine off the stand, completely ruining it.)



3 SILVER STARS AWARDED TO "ALWAYS FIRST" SOLDIERS

(SILVER STARS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5)

under heavy enemy fire. The initial burst wounded several men and the rest of the platoon was pinned down.

CPT Williams quickly organized a squad-sized element and led an assault on the enemy positions. He engaged the enemy at point-blank range, killing at least one. He then carried two of the wounded to safety.

SP4 Belardi's Silver Star was won during action at the village of Binh Thanh. After his platoon came under intense fire, he maneuvered to where he could engage the enemy with hand grenades. After killing several, he put down a volume of suppressive fire so that his wounded squad leader could be evacuated.

More than 100 soldiers of the "Always First" battalion were decorated recently in Chu Lai as the companies rotated on stand down. Award presentations were made by MG Lloyd Ramsey, Americal Division CO, COL Jack Treadwell, 11th Bde. CO, and LTC George Ellis, 3-1 CO.

LTC Ellis was the recipient of an award also recently as COL Treadwell presented him with his second award of the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

OLD GUARD GETS NEW CO

Lieutenant Colonel Robert N. Fernandez recently took command of the "Old Guard" soldiers of the 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry.

He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1953 and his last assignment was at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he served as the G-1.

LTC Fernandez also graduated from the Army language school for Arabic and served as an Arabic interpreter in Saudi Arabia.

He has four children, two sons and two daughters.