

VIETUAM DUC PHO

A-28 CIA-29 WEAPONS

was light in southern Quang Wai Province as the "Jungle Warriors killed 29 enemy , of detained 28 VCS, and captured 29 weapons.

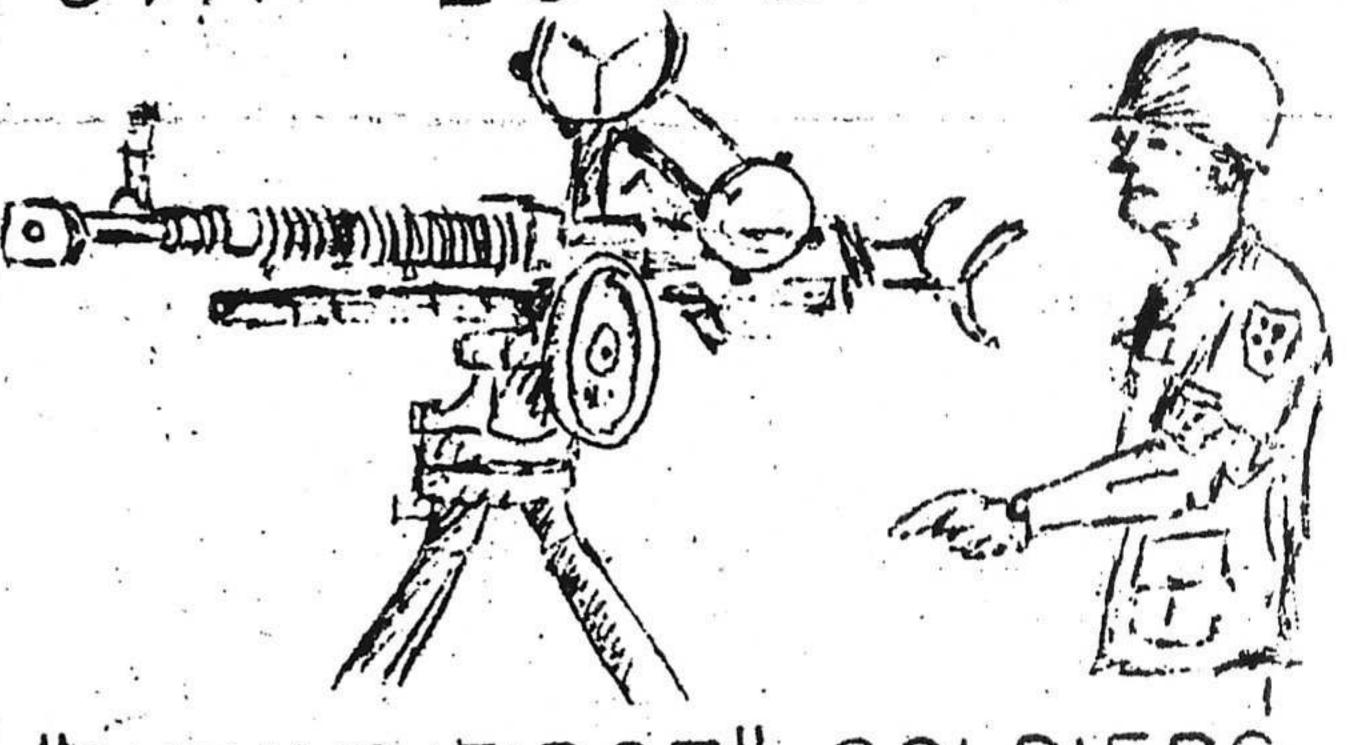
On April 7, B Co., 1-20 killed an evading VC in a village four miles SE of Duc Pho. The "Sykes Regulars" also captured two evading VC near:thore.

Later in the day, A Co. 4-21 killed an evading VC and captured two more in an area 10 miles NW of Duc Pho.

On April 8, A Co., 4-21 of Duc Pho and captured an AK47.

miles east of Duc Pho.

D Co., 3-1 deteined two (WRAP_UP CONT ON PAGE 3)



'ALWAYS FIRST" SOLDIERS CAPTURE TWO MACHINEGUNS

Fierce fighting erupted again in 515 Valley seven killed an evading NVA in files west of Duc Pho as C and D companies of 3-1 and foothills seven miles SW "Aero Scouts" of the 123rd Avn. Bn teamed up to kill 22 NVA and capture two Russian-made 51-caliber antiaircraft machineguns and an SKS rifle.

On April 9, B Co., 1-20 The battle began as the "Warlords" of B Co., 123rd detained four suspects and received heavy anti-aircraft fire as they flew reconkilled an evading VC among naissance missions in the valley. The "Cobra" gunhootches six miles SE of ships returned fire immediately, killing seven enemy.

Due Pho. E Troop, 1st Cav The "Always First" D Co. in the vicinity was dekilled an eveding VC two ployed overland to the contact area and killed nine of the enemy and captured the SKS rifle.

C Co., led by CFT John C. Blanks, was airlifted on a suspects while working in combat assault to the scene. They secured a downed an erea six miles SE of LOH and assaulted the enemy machinegum emplacements Duc Pho in the same day. with the first and second platoons of the company.

3FC Willie T. Helms, the 1st platoon leader, praised his CO, CPT Blanks, for the manner in which he led his men against the wellled every inch of the

3-1, stated, "The 30 to 40 heavy weapons company. It entrance to the lowlands.

"GIMLETS" FIND CACHE

Storming into the Song Ve Valley 16 miles north- fortified positions. "CFT west of Duc Pho, soldiers from C Company, 4-21 uncov- Blanks is the greatest! He ered a large weapons cache recently.

"C Company, commanded by CPT Wyland Hopkins, was way." The final talley for combat assaulted into the area after Vietnamese intel- C Co. was six NVA killed ligence sources reported that NVA soldiers were using and two enti-aircraft guns villages there as a resting stop after crossing the captured. mountains. A major supply route of the enemy CPT John Walker, S2 for was also suspected to be in the same area.

After reaching their destination, C Company began NVA were probably members making wide sweeps to flush out the hiding enemy, but of the 22nd NVA Regiment's no contact was made.

"We didn't find any soldiers," said 1LT Stephen P. is believed, the weapons teacock, 4th Platoon leader, "but we found plenty of were being used to secure 1 COMBAT ASSAULT CONTINUED ON PAGE

COMMAND INFORMATION

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the secondin a tack in the 1970's, or in an accidental series of articles dealing with THE attack from any source.

1. The Soviets have already deployed an nuclear forces defend not only ourselves ABM system which protects to some de- but our Allies as well. The imperative gree a wide area around Moscow. We will that our nuclear deterrent remain senot have a comparative capability for cure beyond any possible doubt requires

Union is continuing their
ABM development, directed either toward improving this initial system, or more likely, making substantially better secondgeneration ABM components. 2. The Soviet Union is continuing the deployment of very large missiles with warheads capable of destroying our hardened MINUTEMAN forces.

The Soviet Union has also been substantially increasing the size of their submarine-launched ballistic missile force. 4. The Soviets appear to

be developing a semi-orbital nuclear weapons system.

the Chinese threat against our popula- the threat which will supplement our tion, as well as the danger of an acci- regular intelligence assessment. Each dental attack, cannot be ignored. By phase of the deployment will be reviewed approving this system, it is possible to to insure that we are doing as much as reduce U.S. fatalities to a minimum lev- necessary, but no more than that requirel in the event of a Chinese nuclear at-

PRESIDENT'S ABM, DECISION.)

The gravest responsibility which I The following is illustrative of re- bear as President of the United States cent Soviet Activity: is for the security of the Nation. Our over four years. We believe the Soviet that the U.S. must take steps now to in-

sure that our strategic not become vulnerable to a Soviet attack.

FROM CONFRONTATION

TO NEGOTIATION In making this decision, I have been mindful of my pledge to make every effort to move from an era of confrontation to an era of negotiation. The program I am reccomending is based on a careful assessment of the doveloping Soviet and Chinese threats to us.

I have directed the President's Foreign Intellicence advisory Board---a

non-partisan group of distinguished ci-In addition to these developments, tizens --- to make a yearly assessment of ed by the threat existing

at that time. Moreover, we will take maximum advantage of information gathered by various groups involved. (NEXT WEEK: MORE ON THE THE ABM SYSTEM. WE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE RUSSIAN REACTION.)



BRONCO RUNWAY BEING PAVED

A giant resurfacing project is now underway on the 3,800-foot airstrip here on LZ Bronco. Seabees from the 58th Mobile Construction Battalion in Chu Lei, ut PRESIDENT'S DECISION ON ilizing tons of heavy equipment and mountains of cement and sand, are nearing completion of their mas. sive task.

"We'll use about 64,000 bags of cement before we finish the runway, " explained E01 William E. Deaton a heavy equipment opera- Brigade Commander tor, first class. "It is Information Officer n't bad though, because we TRIDENT OIC have a machine that . rips the bags open and separ- Editor ates them from the cement | Senior Correspondent for us.

E01 Deaton went on to Staff Reporters explain that once the original matting was removed, the dirt runway had to be After this was accomplished, sand and cement were authorized publication. AIRASTRIP CONT DIN P. 4) ' i of the Army

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4/21 AREA IMPROVES on April 10, A Co., 4-21 killed three VC on the ed-

New buildings have recently been constructed on IW of Duc Pho. The Recon "Gimlet Hill," the home of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry.

The construction includes a new stand-down area, a direction tower for the helicopter pad, an S4 building, Duc Pho. D.Co., 1-20 on a picnic area, and a mail room.

Most of the construction is being done by the men miles NW of Duc Pho, kilof 4-21 with the help of C Co., 26th Engineers.

The mail room was constructed in order to do away two others. with all company mail rooms and to enable the mail to On April 11, the Recon be handled more efficiently in one building. Only 4-21 killed an evading VC four mail clerks are now needed to process the entire battalion's mail.

The mail room itself meets government security regulations in that it has a separate section surrounded 25 years of age near by heavy link fence where accountable mail is stored. village seven miles south A package wrapping service is also available at the of Duc Pho. "Gimlets" mail room which permits soldiers in the On April 12, the Recon field to send packages home.

Because of its high degree of efficiency, the new evading VC near a stream Lombined mail system permits mail to be delivered to 15 miles IW of Duc Phote NEW CONSTRUCTION ON CIVILET HILL CONT ON PAGE 4)

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ge of a village 13 miles element of 4-21 killed another three VC near a stream 12 miles west of the edge of a village five led one VC and detained

near a stream 14 miles NW of Duc Pho. C Co., 4-21 killed an evading VC about

element of 4-21 killed two/ (WRAP_UP CONT ON PAGE W)

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"We will finish one half of the runway and begin on the other half," said E01 Deaton. "The completed half will then be available for aircraft."

The Seabees are being aided by Army convoys which bring in cement from Qui Nhon. The cement and other materials are shipped from the Seabee's home base in California.

When the Seabees com- struction, will be uplate their work on LZ will also be used as Bronco they will move on ments into the unit. The "Gimlets" are

"When we leave here we might start working on a bridge, a road, or a hospital," explained EO1 Deaton with a smile. "We build just about anything imaginable."



(WRAP-UP CONT FROM PAGE 3)
The same soldiers later killed enother VC in rice paddies 15 miles NW of Duc Pho. On the same day, C Co., 4-21, working in an area 12 miles south of Quang Ngai City, discovered a large weapons cache containing 26 weapons.

On April 13, A Co.,1-20
detained two VCS while
working in rice paddies
three miles north of Duc
Pho. The Recon element of
4-21 engaged and killed an
evading VC near a stream
12 miles NW of Duc Pho.

(NEW CONSTRUCTION ON GIMLET HILL COMT FROM PAGE 3)
the soldiers in the field the same day in which it
is received at "Gimlet Hill." The mail is broken down
at the mail room according to platoons and is sent out
on resupply helicopters.

The stand-down area on "Gimlet Hill" consists of permanent-type buildings and has a wide variety of recreation facilities, including a basketball court, badminton and volleyball courts, and horseshoes.

The recently constructed S4 building was completely constructed by the "Gimlets" and closely resembles a stateside office. The building features wood paneling and separate cubicles for each of the members of the S4 section.

The "Gimlet" picnic area, which is still under construction, will be used by soldiers on stand-down and will also be used as an area for welcoming replacements into the unit.

The "Gimlets" are also planning the construction of many more buildings in the near future. Speaking of the construction, 1LT Jack W. Sparks stated that the "Gimlets" are "determined to establish the best possible conditions for their troops."

build just about anything 26 WEAPONS UNCOVERED

(4-21 COMBAT ASSAULT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) evidence that they must have been there only a short time before.

As 1LT Peacock's platoon scoured the village, they found several NVA packs, an NVA hammock, assorted clothing, and bloodstained rags. On the outskirts of the same village, the Fourth platoon soldiers found symmetrical excavations apparently designed to launch large rockets against local cities and firebases.

On the third day of the operation, the "Gimlets" found a large weapons cache which consisted of four MAS 36 rifles, 12 K44 rifles, five M-1 rifles, one M-1 carbino, one M-2 carbino, 2 BARs, 1 160 machinegum, two 55-gallon drims of rice, four B-41 rockets with charges, 10 Bangalore Torpedoes, 147 ChiCon blasting caps, and assorted small arms ammunition, including linked belts for the M-60.

C1/20 REPELS NVA SAPPERS

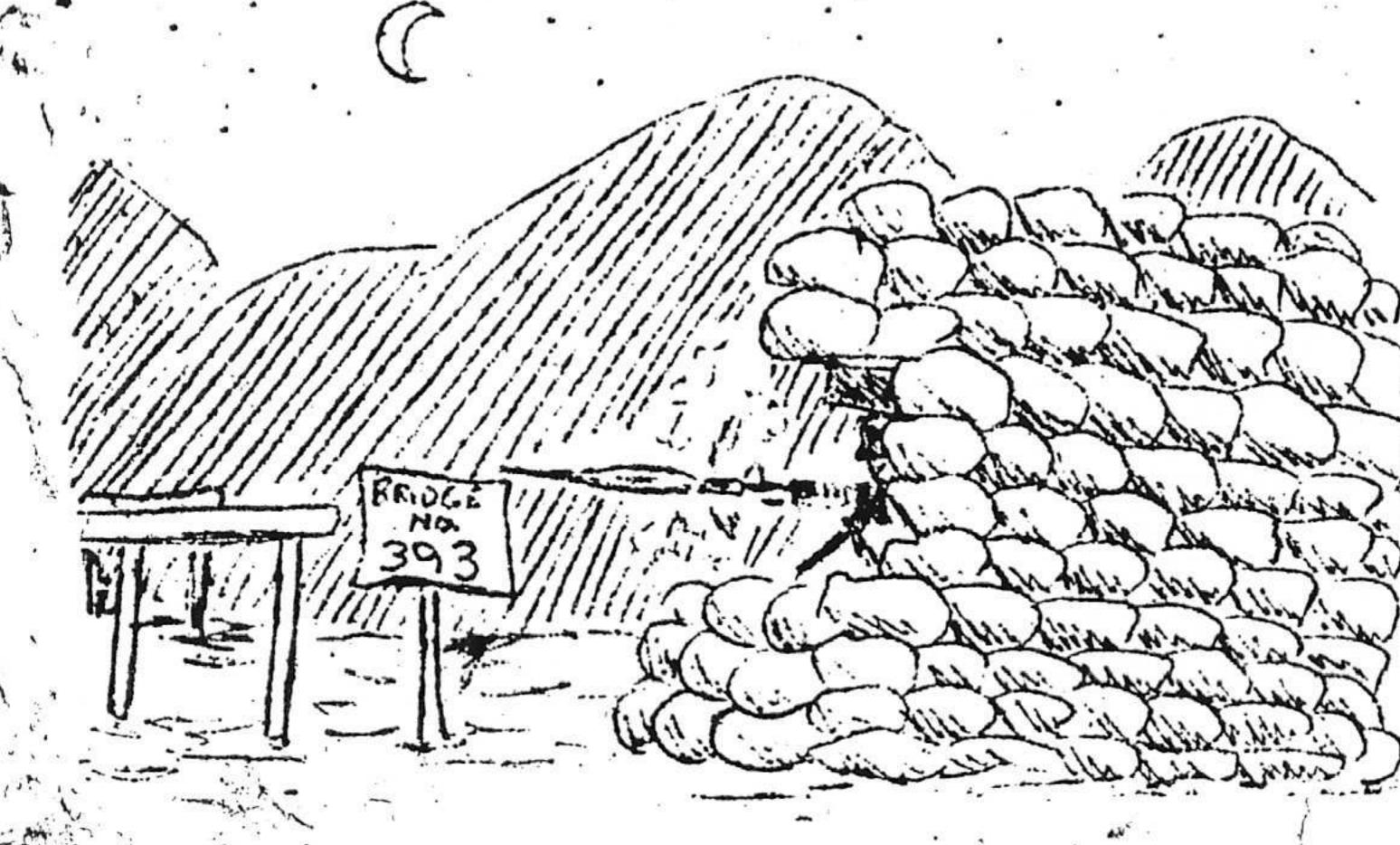
On April 16th at 1:30 a.m., an estimated platoon of NVA sappers attacked Bridge 393 near the village of Sa Huynh. The sappers, armed with satchel charges, RPG's, hand grenades and small arms, were repelled by 15 members of the second platoon of C Company, 1st

Battalion, 20th Infantry, who were securing the bridge.

soldiers held back the attack for an hour until tracks from E Troop, 1st Cavalry arrived and the enemy broke contact.

SFC James Polk, the platoon sergeant, jumped from his bunker at one time during the fighting and killed three advancing NVA with steady bursts.

a Czech VZ58F, similar to the K-44 rifle.



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