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MODERATE ACTION IN AO

78 ENEMY KILLS

Action was moderate in Southern Quang Ngai Province this week as the "Jungle Warriors" killed 78 enemy, detained 24 VCS, and captured nine weapons.

As the week began, A Company, 4-21 found an old basecamp containing bunkers and cooking areas in foothills seven miles SW of Duc Pho. Action was light on the following day as the Recon element of 4-21 killed an evading NVA in foothills 12 miles NW of Duc Pho, and B Company, 1-20 detained three male suspects in an area six miles S of Duc Pho.

Action continued to be light on the 16th of April as three NVA were killed by C Company, 1-20 in an enemy attack on Bridge 393 near the village of Sa Huynh. The "Sykes Regulars" soldiers held back the attack for an hour until tracks from E Troop, 1-1 Cav. arrived and the enemy broke contact.

The "Jungle Warriors" met with heavy action on the following day as D Co., 3-1 killed ten NVA and C Co., 3-1 killed six enemy in an area seven miles W of Duc Pho. The "Warlords" of F Troop, 8th Cav. killed seven NVA in the same action. Enemy weapons captured included two .51 caliber anti-aircraft guns on tripods.

Action continued to be heavy on the 18th of April as the Recon element of 4- (WRAP-UP CONT ON PAGE 3)



"GIMLETS" KILL NVA BATT. CO

While working near a stream in the mountains 13 miles NW of Duc Pho, D Co., 4-21 ran into a small number of evading enemy soldiers. The "Gimlets" opened fire and killed one.

The dead soldier, immediately identified as an NVA regular, was carrying a large quantity of documents. D Co. recorded the kill and sent the captured

papers to LZ Bronco for further examination. That same day, the 11th Brigade S-2 identified the insurgent as the commander of the 1st Battalion, 2nd NVA Regiment.

"All of the documents had the same name CPT Van Vinh, printed on them," explained Captain (CPT) Gerald W. Simmons. "We believe he was traveling to the 8th Bn., 22nd Reg., for reassignment, because he had orders for that battalion in his possession."

HOI CHANH ATTEMPTS RESCUE

SGT Ly Duc Long, formerly a medic with the 2nd Reg., 3rd NVA Division, threw down his arms recently, and turned himself in to the 2nd ARVN Division at Quang Ngai City under the Chieu Hoi Program.

Just two days later, he proved the sincerity of his action when he risked his life to save two wounded Americans during an ambush, and became a casualty himself in the attempt.

Taken to the Americal Division's 11th Brigade at LZ Bronco, the former enemy soldier told his interrogators that his whole company wanted to Chieu Hoi but were afraid of what the rest of the battalion would do to them. He also agreed to cooperate with the "Jungle Warriors" in convincing his old unit to turn themselves in.

Going up in a helicopter, the 20-year old Long guided the Americans to an area eight miles southwest of Duc Pho, where he said his company had been dug in. Circling the area, he then broadcast a message which said in part:

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COMMAND INFORMATION

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of articles dealing with THE PRESIDENT'S ABM DECISION.)

-----Following are some of the questions asked at the President's news conference:

Q: Mr. President, do you have reason to believe that the Russians will interpret your ABM decision today as being an escalating move in the arms race?

A: As a matter of fact..... I have reason to believe, based on the past record, that they would interpret it just the other way around.

First, when they deployed their own ABM system-----and, as you know, they have 67 missile ABM sites deployed around Moscow---they rejected the idea that it escalated the arms race on the ground that it was defensive solely in character; and second, when the U.S.A. last year went forward on the Sentinel system, four days later the USSR initiated the opportunity to have arms limitation talks.

I think the Soviet Union recognizes very clearly the difference between a defensive posture and an offensive posture.

I would also point this out, an interesting thing about Soviet military, diplomatic history: they have always thought in defensive terms, and if you read not only their political leaders, but their military leaders, the emphasis

is on defense.

I think that since this system now... makes it so clearly defensive in character that the Soviet Union cannot interpret this as escalating the arms race.

ARMS TALKS

Q: In any talks with the Soviet Union, would you be willing to consider abandoning the ABM program, altogether, if the Soviets showed a similar willingness to do so?

A: I am prepared in the event that we go into arms talks, to consider both offensive and defensive weapons. As you know, the arms talks, that at least preliminarily have been discussed, do not involve limitations or reductions. They involve only freezing where we are.

Your question goes to abandoning. On that particular point, I think it would take two to make an agreement.

Considering the defensive deployment of the Soviet ABMS, today their radars, from our intelligence sources, reveal

that they are also directed toward Communist China.

I would imagine that the Soviet Union would be just as reluctant as we would be to leave their country naked against a potential Chinese Communist threat. I see very little hope of abandonment of the entire system, either from their position or ours. I do not think that such a hope, however desirable, will soon be feasible, for it is obvious that

neither of our two countries could look with favor at such a plan.

(NEXT WEEK WE WILL DISCUSS HEAT INJURY: PREVENTION AND CURE.)

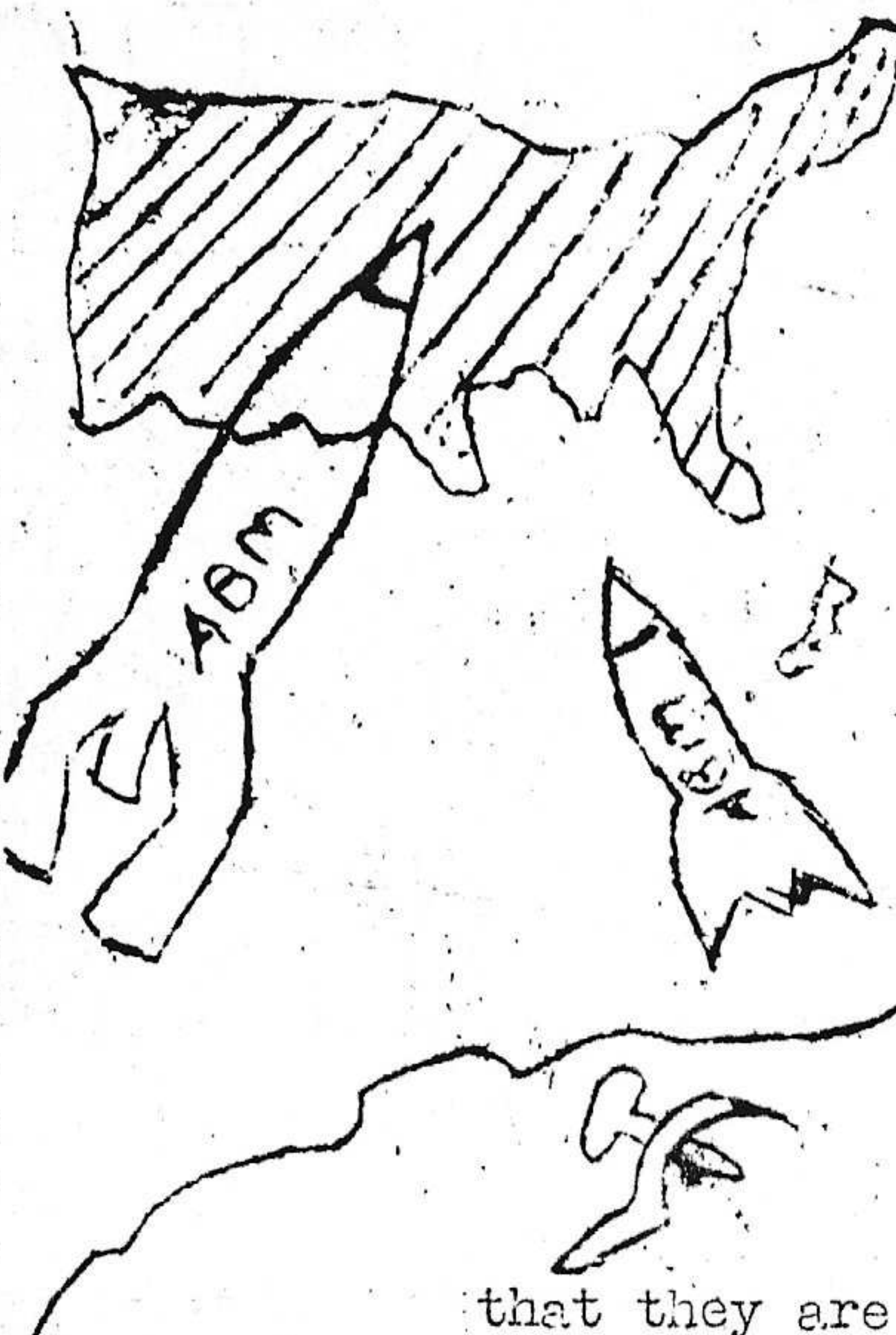
CPT BREEDEN'S WIFE FETED

The wife of CPT Kenneth R. Breeden (Lawton, Okla.), CO of E Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st Cav., has been named by the Fort Sill Officers Wives Club as their nominee for the Military wife of the Year Award.

Club officials stated that Mrs. Breeden was selected for the nomination because she best exemplifies the military wife.

Mrs. Breeden is a young wife with a husband in Vietnam, three small children, ages six, four, and two, to care for and is still willing to give her time and energy for the betterment of both the military and civilian communities.

She is publicity chairman at the Wive's Club.



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TO BE CONTINUED

(WRAP-UP CONT FROM PAGE 1)

21 killed 12 enemy and detained one VCS during a sweep four miles NW of Duc Pho. All of the enemy were green uniforms.

The next day, the Recon element of 4-21 made contact with a large enemy force and called in numerous air strikes. The action netted 15 enemy killed by air and took place 12 miles W of Duc Pho. On the same day, C Co., 1-20 killed one evading VC in an area 12 miles S of Duc Pho.

The week ended with heavy action as Helix 33, working with 1-20 killed 11 enemy along the coast 13 miles SE of Duc Pho. The air strikes also destroyed 19 structures.

In the afternoon, D Co. 4-21 killed one NVA 12 miles west of Duc Pho, and destroyed several bunkers.

PFC DERBY SKATER

Soldiers of the Americal Division come from various backgrounds and many had unusual professions in civilian life.

PFC Robert Dancell (San Francisco) of the 11th Brigade's 4th Bn., 3rd Inf., is one such soldier. He was a professional Roller Derby Skater before entering the Army.

PFC Dancell considers the Roller Derby to be "A highly competitive body-contact sport." He became interested in it through previous skating experience and televised Roller Derby matches. He attended a training center in 1963 and skated professionally in 1965.

Under contract with the Original Derby League, PFC Dancell played for the Honolulu Hawaiians, the San Francisco Bombers, the Mid-West Pioneers, and the New York Chiefs.

A pro-Roller Derby club is composed of a seven-man and -woman team. Separate competitions for each of the teams are held between opposing clubs. The five players in the rink are comprised of two "Jammers," two "Blockers," and a "Pivot Man."

PFC Dancell attended San Francisco City College and was a student of pre-medicine and accounting before leaving school to travel about the country with his team.

(NVA HOI CHANH CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

"Dear friends, all of the cadre in the NVA have lied. They brought us to South Vietnam to die from attacks, lack of food, and medical supplies. Word of your death does not reach your families.

"Dear friends Nam, Lang, Huong, Chanh and Dung, I know you are unhappy, sick, hungry, thirsty and want to leave the NVA. You will receive good treatment and your needs will be taken care of if you turn yourselves in. If you follow me, you will be very happy."

The next day, Long volunteered to accompany B Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry, commanded by CPT Willie F. Williams, which was going into the area the Hoi Chan had pointed out.

Leading an element from B Company down a well-worn trail, Long pointed out several empty bunkers along the sides which were heavily fortified with dirt and stone. Several hundred meters from the suspected enemy location, Long halted the element and warned them of the enemy presence directly ahead.

As the B Company soldiers approached the location cautiously, the NVA suddenly opened up on them, pinning them down. Spotting two American soldiers laying in the line of fire, Long jumped from his cover and attempted to drag the soldiers to safety, but he was cut down by the NVA fire.

"We were a little suspicious of him at first," said First Lieutenant Thomas E. Petty, 3rd platoon leader, "but he kept leading us to signs of recent enemy activity. When we had two men hurt, he went right in after them. The guy was a gutsy little fellow."

"It really surprised me how cooperative he was," noted Specialist Four Edward A. Marchinoski, squad leader in the 3rd platoon. "He volunteered to walk point all day, and really went into action when we were hit."

Recovering in a Chu Lai hospital, the former NVA soldier said that he wants to return to the field and help convince his old comrades-in-arms to turn themselves in to the allied forces.

"GIMLET" CLERKS WORK FIELD

The men of the 11th Brigade's 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry Reactionary Force are in effect, "Combat Clerks" with the accent on "Combat." When the normal working day is over, the "Gimlets" don their combat gear and head for the field.

The Reactionary Force is platoon size and is led by Sergeant First Class David Link. The platoon is composed of men from the S1, S4, Communications, and Motor Pool sections of 4-21 and operates in the same manner as a regular infantry platoon, conducting frequent patrols outside the perimeter of LZ Bronco, and occasionally setting up ambush positions. The platoon is made up of two squads and carries the usual weaponry of an infantry platoon, including M-60 machineguns and M-79 grenade launchers.

While performing his duties as leader of the 4-21st Reactionary Force on LZ Bronco during a recent mortar attack, SFC Link earned the Bronze Star with "V" Device for dragging two of his men who had been wounded to a bunker.

Aside from its field duties, the platoon helps to defend the bunker line on LZ Bronco when an alert is sounded and is also responsible for the defense of the TOC of the 4-21st in the event that an enemy attack should occur.

BRIGADE RE-UPS SET RECORDS

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

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

"Always First" soldiers of 3-1 took the best battalion, while C Co., 4-3 captured the company slot.

"Additionally," MSG Chaplic said, "the results of the Brigade's performance in the reenlistment program has clinched the first place spot for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 69 Commanding General's Award, with a total of 60 reenlistments during the three month period to beat out all other Brigades in the Americal Division."

Half of the sixty total reenlistments were obtained by MSG Chaplic and SSG Boyle during the month of March, 1969, an outstanding record.

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

All pet dogs on LZ Bronco are now required to wear tags indicating that they have had rabies shots according to the Military Police. All dogs not wearing these tags will be destroyed.

Pet owners can have their dogs vaccinated every Monday morning at 1000 by the installation veterinarian at the 59th Infantry Scout Dog kennel. After vaccination, the veterinarian will issue a receipt to the owner and file another copy of it.

Military Police advise all pet owners with unvaccinated dogs to keep them chained or penned up until they can take the animal to get its shot.