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DUC PHO, VIETNAM

light in was southern Quang Ngai Province this week as the "Jungle Warriors" killed 13 enemy, detained 18 suspects, and captured four weapons.

As the week began, the Recon element of 1-20 detained two VCS in an area seven miles NW of Duc Pho. /!/ The suspects had no IDs. Later the same day, A Co., 3-1 detained two suspects in an area four miles SE of Duc Phos

On the following day, E Trp., 1st Cav., detained seven suspects in an area three miles south of Duc Pho among hootches; and a Co., 3-1 held three VCS LEADS 4/1

1/20 AMBUSH NETS 3 KILLS of Duc Pho. The unit

abbut of an AK47 with a ly seven men. pistol a pouchful of documents, and then withdraw al of troops with no casulalties. All these feats were accomplished by the 1st platoon of the Americal Division's B Co., 1st Battelion, 20th Infantry, 11th Brigade on a night ambush.

The "Sykes Regulars, " led by ILT Lawrence G. Koenig (Tampa, Fla.), moved from the company's night position to an amhill where a large trail ran north and south about eight miles NW of Duc Pho. (CONT ON PAGE 3)



HOI CHANH" QUITS FIELD

TO BASECAMP

three miles south of Duc. 11th Brigade soldiers of A Company, 4th Battalion, (WRAP_UP CONTINUED ON P.3) 3rd Infantry, led by CPT Ambrus D. Carnes (Brownwood, Texas) recently discovered a large enemy basecamp with the aid of an NVA "Hoi Chanh" in an area fives miles W

The unit was on a routine search and clear mission Three NVA killed, the when it made contact with an NVA force of approximate-

collapsable stock, a 9mm The resulting firefight lasted only a few minutes before the enemy force broke contact. As the "Old Guard" soldiers began to move again, they were startled to see a young NVA in full uniform, carrying an AK47, Mirestly in front of them on the trail.

The soldier made no effort to resist the American force: Apparentity he had decided to "Chieu Hoi" to the Americal Dividion soldiers, and teld CPT Carnes, through an interpreter that he would direct him to an area where approximately 200 NVA were located. He said he believed the others would surrender.

The unit cautiously followed the NVA as he walked along the trail pointing out broken sticks used as trail markers that indicated an empty elemy basecamp was nearby.

After struggling through thick foliage and rugged

bush site at the base of a terrain, the element emerged upon a battalion-size enemy basecamp on the side of a hill.

The men got on line and began sweeping through the abandoned basecamp checking for mines and booby traps (BASECAMP COLTINUED ON PACE 4)

COMMAND INFORMATION

soldiers is: "What's my military obligation after I ETS?"

The answer is fairly simple----it all Reserve. depends on how much active duty you've put in. If you entered the Army before called for active duty only in the event you turned 26, you have a six-year mili- of declared war or national emergency tary obligation unless you're discharged declared by Congress. Except for this

six years are up.

There, unless they have served six years of active duty, most soldiers still // have some period of that military pobligation re- NV maining, ter they are re- W leased com active duty remaining 10/ status This time a spent in the Army Reserve.

It is simple mathema. tics to subtract the a- Co mount of time you spent on /() active duty from the sixyear total and come out with the time you will () have to spend in a reserve status. If you were draf- two ted. you'll spend two two ted. you'll spend two You will not be inted, you'll spand two year obligation. Naturally, if you ex- mer camp for active duty training. tend your ETS, that additional time For those who receive five months spent on active duty will be subtracted early-outs from Vietnam, their reserve from your reserve obligation. status is credited with having the full

But many people are puzzled by the regular active duty obligation. question of what their reserve status will be. They want to know what are the chances of them being called back to active duty. And they want to know if it is likely that they might be returned to Vietnam for another tour.

RESERVE CLASSIFICATIONS

There are two types of reserve units: Ready Reserves and Standby Reserve. In most eases you will be required to spend some Brigade Commander time in each before your Information Officer six-year obligation is TRIDENT OIC fulfilled.

Ready Reserves are subject to active duty call- | Senior Correspondent up in any emergency de- | Illustrator clared by the Congress or the President. Ready Reserve units hold regular active duty for training. Ready Reservists are assigned to units through

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This week we'll discuss which they can take part in career YOUR RESERVE OBLIGATION.) velopment programs and they receive pay A question frequently asked by many for the period they spend on active duty for training. All members of the National Guard are in units of the Ready

Standby Reservists are subject to be

// no further active duty. Standby reserve units do not hold regular meetings, nor do they attend summer training camps.

WHERE YOU FIT IN

Under normal conditions, the following reserve obligations apply: If you serve two years on active duty, you are subject to two years in the Ready Reserves and two in the Standby Reserves, and so on down the line in proportion of your time spent on active duty.

As a veteran of Vietnam however, you receive . the

years on active duty, and will have a cial consideration. You will not be infour-year reserve obligation. If you voluntarily assigned to a Ready Reserve enlisted for three years, your reserve unit for drill purposes. That is, no obligation is three years, and if you weekly or monthly meetings. You may, enlisted for four years, you have a two- however, be expected to attend the sum-

RESERVE ASSIGNMENT

Your assignment to a reserve unit is not made until 90 days after your separation from active duty, and you will be notified. Failure to attend camp may result in return to active duty.

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(WRAP_UP CONT FROM PAGE 1)
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The 6-11 Artillery killed two VC the following
day as they crossed a
stream in an area two
miles east of Duc Pho
while A Co., 4-3 discovered 950 pounds of rice in
an area 11 miles west of
Duc Pho.

On April 25, A 3-1, working 12 miles south of Duc Pho, detained one VCS. In other action that day, C Co., 19th Eng., on a mine sweep 13 miles south of Duc Pho, killed one VC and captured his M-14. At 2300 hours, B Co., 1-20, engaged and killed three evading VC. The co. captured an AK47 and a pistol in the action.

On the next day, A Co., 4-3, working in an area five miles SW of Duc Pho, killed another evading VC. (WRAP_UP CONT ON PAGE 4)

(AMBUSH CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

The L-shaped ambush was sprung just before midnight after two groups of NVA had walked toward the soldiers and both times turned and walked away.

"The NVA were known to be in the area and we were hoping that this trail was a primary route of travel," said 1LT Koenig.

"Voices could be heard in the dense night and it sounded like there was a carnival going on. Two NVA came down a trail to my right chasing a pig and shining their flashlights," said SSG Melvin Bone (Athens Ga.), the rear security guard for the platoon.

working 12 miles south of Duc Pho, detained one VCS. bush site, the ambush was sprung, and we killed the In other action that day, three. We stripped the bodies of weapons and gear," C Co., 19th Eng., on a said SP4 Alan Houghton (Muskegon, Mich.). The platoon mine sweep 13 miles south withdrew from the area to a small hill and set up secof Duc Pho. killed one VC urity for the night.

and captured his M-14. At "We kept the documents and weapons but destroyed 2300 hours, B Co., 1-20, all the other gear since it would be too much of a engaged and killed three burden to carry the rest to the top of the hill. I evading VC. The co. cap- was surprised to see packages of Kool-Aide and a small tured an AK47 and a pistol transistor radio with the battery wired and taped to the back of the radio the same way we do in the field On the next day, A Co., when we run out of regular batteries," said 1IT 4-3. working in an area Koenig.

The documents were translated and the NVA was identified as a company executive officer. Included in the documents were instructions for shooting planes.

YOUNG NVA HOI CHANH SHOWS WAY TO LARGE BASECAMP

(NVA HOI CHANH COLTINUED FROM PACE 1) as they went.

The camp consisted of 35 large, well-constructed hootches, 30 bunkers, a large kitchen with many tables and a well, and even a bulletin board.

Bits of food were scattered around the camp and fresh ashes from campfires indicated that an enemy reinforced platoon or company had probably been there the night before.

Enemy documents were found in the camp. One document was an autobiography written by a member of an

NVA transportation and supply unit.

CPT John R. Blanks (Macon, Ga.), the S-2 of 4-3 said "The NVA soldier was very cooperative. We could have never found the camp without his help because it was so well camoflauged and was located in such rugged terrain. He was a God-send."

While being questioned, the NVA stated that he had left his home in Than Hoa, North Vietnam with the 95th NVA Battalion in September and moved down the Ho Chi

Minh Trail into South Vietnam.

He said that he had been recuperating from malaria in an NVA hospital for a period of three months and was upset by the fact that he was not paid for the

time he had spont in South Vietnem.

The NVA continued that his unit had been located in the area where he was captured for a period of three days. He believed that the NVA were going to set up a hospital in that area but was never officially informed by his unit's mission.

Join an American PSYOPS team in order to try to con-



MONTAGNARDS GETS MEDCAP

The Montegnard, village of Ba To, 16 miles southwest of Duc Pho, received medical treatment for the first time when a team from the 4th Battalion, 3rd

Infantry recently conducted a MEDCAP there.

Wasser (Boston, Mass.), the five-man team treated the ills of well over 40 patients during the four-hour mission. They performed physical exams, gave penicillin injections, and passed out soap and medicine to the people gathered in a small village courtyard.

This area has been virtually untouched by American troops," CPT Walt 1. Shannon (Plattsburg AFB, N.Y.) explained. "We intend to keep providing desperately needed medical attention for these people, and to al-

so teach them hygiene.

Security was provided by members of Special Forces Tam A-106 located just outside the village.

(WRLP UP Cont from Page 3)

On the next day, A Company, 4-3, working in an area five miles SW of Duc Pho found an enemy basecamp containing 35 bomb sholters and a mess area for 50-60 men. Later in the same area, the "Old Guard" soldiers engaged five evading VC. The action resulted in two VC KIA. Later in the day, B Company, 3-1 killed an evading VC in an area one mile, SE of Duc Pho. The VC was wearing black pajamas.

on the 27th of April, an NVA wearing full field uniform and carrying an AK47 decided to "Chien Hoi" to the soldiers of A Co., 4-3, and led them to an enemy basecamp. In the final action of the week, D Co., 3-1 detained one VCS six miles north of Duc

pho.

SUN-BAKED HILL BECOMES LZ JEFF

A tall, sum-baked hill, located nine miles westsouthwest of Duc Pho, recebtly became the newest
fire support base in the
11th Infantry Brigade's
Area of Operation. Known
as LZ Jeff, the hill is
presently under construction by members of the 421- battalion and C Co.,
6-11 Artillery.

Work began on the 22nd of April when D Co., 4-21, was flown to the LZ, indicated on the map as hill 451. The purpose of establishing this fire base is to support nearby infantry units of 4-21 with supplies and artillery fire in Operation "Iron Mountain."

According to 1LT Thomas L. Domin (Cleveland, Ohio) 4-21 battalion S-2, enemy movement has ben prevalent in the area for some time.

"Everything indicates that they are there," he stated. "We expect to find a lot of basedamp areas and caches, and we expect to make contact very soon.

Support for Iron Mt. comes from 6-11 Arty. On Jeff and Bronco, and ARVN 105, on LZ Jeff.