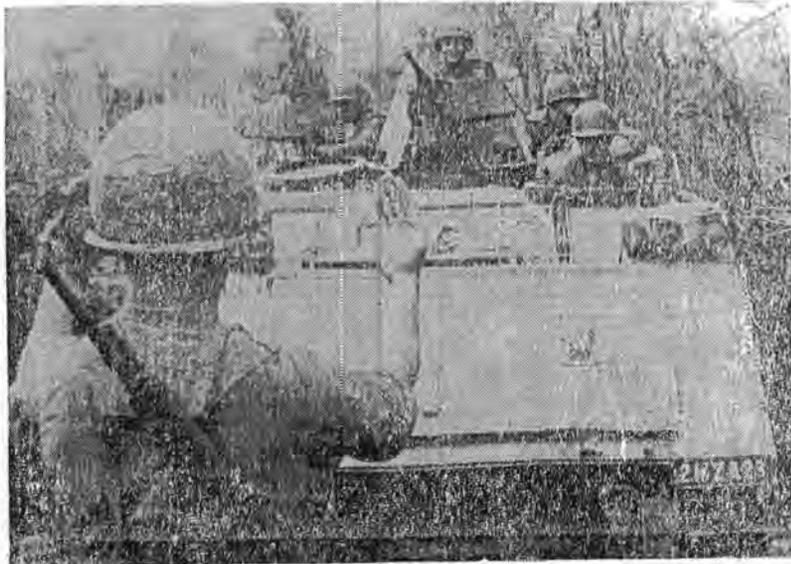


3RD BDE KILLS 596 IN FOUR HOURS



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EASY DOES IT

A 4th Division engineer directs an armored personnel carrier across a narrow bridge in War Zone C during a 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry operation. (USA Photo by Sp4 Bradford Bromley)

OPERATION ADAMS

3/12th Strikes Back At Enemy

Tuy Hoa—Troops of the 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry participating in Operation Adams have struck back at the enemy in Phu Yen Province.

While suffering no friendly losses, troops of the 4th Division, 1st Brigade unit have killed 53 enemy during the past week in the operation which provides the shield behind which Revolutionary Development is progressing.

In a series of combat assaults March 17 near Hill 86, 13 kilometers west of Tuy Hoa, infantrymen killed 28 enemy soldiers.

Hill 86 was the scene of a battle March 9 in which a platoon from the 1st Brigade suffered heavy casualties.

Soldiers from the 3/12th made contact at 11:20 a.m. March 20 with an unknown-size enemy force 27 kilometers northwest of Tuy Hoa. After contact broke at 6 p.m., friendly forces found 19 enemy bodies.

Light and scattered action

Tuesday in the Adams area, 25 kilometers northwest of Tuy Hoa accounted for six enemy killed, 21 suspects detained and 31 weapons captured.

Since Adams was initiated October 26, 472 enemy and 44 U.S. infantrymen have been killed. U.S. forces have detained 1,963 suspects and captured 155 individual weapons.

In Operation Sam Houston in the jungles of the Central Highlands, elements of the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry killed 42 enemy in contact with an enemy company Wednesday.

The Ivy elements in the contact were hit by 82mm mortar, automatic weapons and small arms fire in an area 53 kilometers southwest of Pleiku City in Pleiku Province.

Twenty-seven weapons were captured during the clash.

Tuesday afternoon units of the 2nd Battalion, 35th

Infantry killed 18 enemy when they engaged a North Vietnamese company 66 kilometers west-southwest of Kontum City in Kontum Province.

FROM MAJOR GENERAL PEERS

An Easter Message

The Easter Season should remind us that the mission of the Son of God when he came to Earth was to save humanity. His dedication to his mission is unquestioned for as we know he paid the supreme sacrifice in giving his life that we and others might be saved.

In a most humble way I suggest that our mission here in Vietnam, in a more material sense, may be likened unto His. We are here to relieve the oppressed and to insure that the people of the Republic of Vietnam live in freedom and dignity. Many of our comrades-in-arms have paid the supreme sacrifice to gain this end.

This victory has not yet been achieved and during this Easter Season it is my hope that our dedication of purpose will grow ever stronger as we continue our mission. May God grant us strength and fortitude and offer us guidance in the days to come.

WILLIAM R. PEERS
Major General, United States Army
Commanding

2,500-Man VC Force Dealt Stunning Blow

Tay Ninh—Out-numbered infantrymen of the 4th Division's 3rd Brigade killed 596 members of an estimated 2,500-man enemy force in a fierce four-hour battle Tuesday morning in Tay Ninh Province.

The Ivymen, coupled with air strikes and artillery fire, handed the Viet Cong their worst single battle setback of the year and one of the worst blows of the conflict.

The clash in an egg-shaped dry rice paddy area, 300 by 400 meters, resulted in 31 Americans killed and 109 wounded.

The battalions were alerted Monday of a possible attack by Colonel Marshall B. Garth, 3rd Brigade commander, when he spotted 35 Viet Cong in the open.

He immediately notified Lieutenant Colonel John A. Bender, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry commander, and Lieutenant Colonel John W. Vessey, 2nd Battalion, 77th Artillery acting commander. Both men began preparing for the attack.

The Operation Junction City battle began at 6:40 a.m. with a mortar attack on the position of 450 men comprising the two battalions. The Viet Cong, made up of five battalions, three from the 272nd Regiment and two undetermined, launched an all-out assault at the friendly troops from three directions with the main attack coming from the south.

By 10:15 a.m. the badly battered, VC were hastily withdrawing to the northeast and southeast under attack by U.S. air strikes, artillery fire, ground forces of the

Ivy's 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry and armored vehicles of the division's 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry.

Two mortar rounds, landing within the friendly position, located 27 kilometers northeast of Tay Ninh City and 35 kilometers from the Cambodian border, was the ominous signal that triggered the bloody clash. Some 500 rounds of 82 and 60mm mortar fire were lobbed into the Ivy battalion's perimeter during the battle.

A security patrol was attacked while operating outside the friendly position and seven members managed to make it back inside the perimeter after alerting the battalions of the enemy's location.

The fierce, well-trained

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Gen. Westmoreland Pins Silver Stars On Two Commanders

Saigon—Two commanders who played key roles in Tuesday's 3rd Brigade clash with a reinforced enemy regiment received Silver Stars within 36 hours after the battle.

General W. C. Westmoreland, commander U.S. Forces Vietnam, pinned the nation's third highest medal for valor on Lieutenant Colonel John A. Bender and Lieutenant Colonel John Vessey Wednesday evening at MACV Headquarters in Saigon.

Colonel Bender has been commanding the 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry for 18 months and Colonel Vessey is acting commander of the 2nd Battalion, 77th Artillery.

The two commanders were cited for their outstanding leadership in directing their men during the battle which left 596 enemy dead. On several occasions they both left their command posts and fought side by side with their men.

Both men stated that the victory could not have been accomplished single-handedly but took the cooperation of everyone—airmen, artillerymen, and ground troops.

Aerial Observer Receives DFC For Quick Actions

Plei Djereng—An aerial observer whose quick actions prevented a company from being overrun was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal, recently.

First Lieutenant Ronald L. Hoffer (Atlanta, Ga.), then with Headquarters Battery, 4th Division Artillery, was flying as radio relay with a Civilian Irregular Defense Group company near Plei Djereng last November 12. The unit came under heavy attack and requested support.

Lieutenant Hoffer called for artillery and adjusted it on the approaching enemy. As the enemy surrounded the company, the lieutenant directed the adjustment of all the available fire support to relieve the beleaguered unit.

Twice he was forced to fly back for refueling, but returned to the scene to direct the fires which prevented the company from being overrun by a numerically superior enemy force.

Lieutenant Hoffer also received the Air Medal for active participation in more than 25 aerial missions over hostile territory in support of counterinsurgency operations.

Lieutenant Colonel Elritt N. Nettles, 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery commander, presented the awards.

Lieutenant Hoffer is now the executive officer of Battery A, 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery.



Real Homecoming

By Chaplain (Capt.) Max W. Wilk

The first time a man hears that word he asks the question, "What is DEROS?" The second question a man asks is "When's mine?"

It is a term that holds a great deal of meaning for most of us. It has all the overtones of a family reunion and a Fourth of July picnic. On your DEROS you will return to your loved ones, hopefully, never to part from them again.

We will be more than ready for that big day. No one will

have to urge us to get the necessary shots, fill out the necessary forms, or clear all the necessary offices. We will see to it ourselves with great enthusiasm. Going home means much to us.

You and I also have another DEROS. Though noted in God's Book of Time, neither you nor I have any idea when our departure from life is scheduled.

For those who are God's children that will be the real homecoming. Then we will live with God in peace for ever and ever.

But we receive no advance notice, no warning orders.

Soldier, see to all of your processing now. Make certain your life is in order and stays that way. Go to God now and through His Son secure your permanent DEROS.

Canadians Exchange Letters With Platoon

Plei Djereng—A family from Ontario, Canada, has "adopted" an American infantry platoon.

Members of the Phillips Family from St. Catharines, Ontario, wrote to the 4th Division last October requesting that they be allowed to "adopt" a small unit with which they could exchange letters.

The 2nd Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, was selected, and the family informed.

Captain Charles O'Dell, former Company B commander, said, "The letters from the Phillips Family are most interesting and very encouraging for the men. It gives us a sense of pride and satisfaction knowing that citizens of other freedom-loving countries are supporting our efforts in Vietnam."



Former Ivyman Sends Poem To Show Support

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following poem was sent to Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander, from W. R. Forker (Youngstown, Ohio) who served with the 4th Division during World War I and now corresponds with servicemen in Vietnam.

ONLY OUR DEAD WILL BE FREE

If we lose in our struggle for freedom;
If we fail at the task we must do;
If we shrink from the turmoil of conflict,
Or quit—ere the battle is through...
If we heed not the plight of the vanquished;
If we turn from the brunt of the clash;
If we barter our souls, in our folly,
For the yoke—and the goad—and the lash.

It is we who will envy the fallen
Should we bow to the tyrant's decree;
—Only our dead will find solace;
And only our dead will be free!

In bondage, our loved ones will cower;
Abject and despoiled and depraved;
Our faith and our tenets, "Verboten"—
Our hopes and our children enslaved!
"Old Glory" will be but a mem'ry
As we mourn by liberty's bier;
A once proud and resolute nation,
Degraded and cringing in fear!

Our shrines will be crumbled and broken
And the slaver will scoff at our plea—
—Only our dead will be victors;
And only our dead will be free

From "Speaker's Encyclopedia"
—Braude

'POP' HOLMS

3/22nd's Veteran Medic Receives Second CMB

Dau Tieng—Specialist 4 John "Pop" Holms received the second award of the Combat Medical Badge while Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry was recently massed for the occasion.

Specialist Holms, known by everyone in the battalion as "Pop," received his first Combat Medical Badge while serving during the Korean War. After the war, he left the Army but when the fighting in Vietnam broke out he reenlisted and was assigned to the 3rd Brigade, 4th Division.

He joined the brigade at Ft. Lewis, Wash., while it was preparing for duty in Vietnam.

At 43, the then Private Holms was considerably older than most of the men in the unit. An easily likeable person with a more than adequate knowledge of medicine made him quickly known and respected—from then on he became known as "Pop."

When the 3rd Brigade arrived in Vietnam, Specialist "Pop" Holms was with it. He had seen war and knew what to expect. His disregard for the dangers that would be encountered gave

all the men a feeling of confidence.

Specialist Holms left the 3rd Brigade the day after the awards ceremony to serve with the 25th Division.

2nd Brigade LRRP Members Awarded Medals

Plei Djereng—Seven Bronze Star Medals for Heroism were awarded to members of the 2nd Brigade Long Range Reconnaissance Platoon recently.

Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander, presented the medals during ceremonies at the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry forward fire base.

The medals were earned by the LRRP members for their action February 10 and 25 when they were responsible for foiling an enemy mortar attack on a fire base, and killed three North Vietnamese Army soldiers.

The awards were presented to Specialist 4 Dan L. Davis (Des Moines, Iowa), Specialist 4 James E. Umberger (Pulaski, Va.), Private First Class James R. Hart (West Chester, Pa.), Private First Class Ronald E. Norton (Knoxville, Tenn.), and Private First Class James E. Roberts and Private First Class Harry W. Schreiner, both from Oconomowoc, Wis.

2/77th 'Redlegs' Cited By General

Dau Tieng—The men of Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 77th Artillery, 3rd Brigade, 4th Division, were cited recently by Brigadier General Richard T. Knowles, 196th Light Infantry Brigade commander.

They were praised for their exceptional performance of duty during Operation Cedar Falls while attached to the 3rd Battalion, 82nd Infantry.

General Knowles stated that "The ability of Battery A to shoot, move by helicopter, and communicate during the operation was outstanding. The performance of Battery A contributed immeasurably to a most significant and successful operation...."

The battery also received a compliment from the helicopter mission commander who lifted the battery into the objective area at the start of the operation. He said the unit was the best prepared and had the best rigged equipment he had seen.

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Top Soldier Of Week Serves As CG's Aide

Dragon Mountain — If you walked into the office of 4th Division Sergeant Major Thomas J. Tobin (Waukegan, Ill.) recently you were probably startled to find a young private first class seated behind the desk.

The young man was PFC Raymond Alvarado (Norwalk, Calif.) of Company A, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry, the general's enlisted aide. He previously had been selected by his battalion as its outstanding soldier.

"The general came up with an idea," said the sergeant major, "whereby every week an outstanding soldier will be chosen from a different unit.

"His specific duties will be to accompany the general on a tour of the tactical area whenever possible, to post the general's flag whenever he is in the office and carry out the various duties of a general's aide.

"The responsibility of car-

rying out the program was delegated to me, and I set up a program whereby the award, given only E-4's and below, will be rotated between brigades and battalions of the Ivy Division. The 1st Battalion, 69th Armor and the 3rd Brigade, 25th Division are also included."

PFC Alvarado, the first soldier to be so honored, seemed awed by the whole experience.

"I had no idea," said the infantryman, "of the complexities involved in running an entire division in a tactical area. You don't get much of a picture of it during company level and battalion level operations."

Specialist 4 Ronald O. Johnston, Company B, 124th Signal Battalion, and Specialist 4 Preston L. Simpkins, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry, 25th Division, have also been selected for the honor.



PUT 'ER IN THERE, ACE

A gunner from the 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery lines up his aiming posts for upcoming aerial delivery of "mail" for Charlie while another member of the section pulls a little first echelon maintenance on the artillery piece. (USA Photo by SSgt Bill Whitis)

1/22nd's Company B Establishes Unusual Combat Casualty Record

By Capt. Jon L. Sampson

Plei Djereng— The men of Company B, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry have established an unusual record for an infantry company in Vietnam.

In three major operations and nearly eight months in the combat zone, they have suffered no casualties due to enemy causes.

This may sound like the company has been kept in the rear acting as "Palace Guards," but this is far from the truth.

On Operation Seward dur-

ing September and October, the battalion was under operational control of the 101st Airborne Brigade and was responsible for road security on Highway 1 South from Tuy Hoa to Vung Ro Bay.

Company B conducted daily patrols in the surrounding mountains and was credited with five VC killed, without having a shot fired at it.

During the operation, the 2nd Platoon of Company B accompanied the first road convoy to open Highway 1 from Ninh Hoa to Tuy Hoa since 1953. This mission resulted in one detainee without a friendly casualty being sustained.

Operation Paul Revere IV found the company moving through the jungles of the Central Highlands on a search and destroy operation close to the Cambodian Border. The company was continually on the move throughout the month of November without stopping even in a fire base.

Though continually finding fresh signs of North Vietnamese activity, the Ivymen from the unit continued to move without having a shot fired at them.

The operation continued until the end of the December. During the operation, Company B was credited with killing eight and detaining five NVA, and capturing an assortment of AK-47's, SKS's, light machine guns, rocket launchers and other equipment, all without being taken under fire.

The company's role in the

current Operation Sam Houston has resulted in a continuation of the unbelievable record. The Ivymen have patrolled, made helicopter assaults into suspected VC areas, and moved toward the Cambodian border in January and February with the same results, not a hostile shot being fired at them.

The record finally ended on the last day of February when an NVA sniper fired a single shot which nicked Private First Class Joseph C. Leday in the right arm. The wound was slight and evacuation was not required.

What does Company B think is the cause for this outstanding record? The officers and men of Company B maintain it is a direct result of good training and working together as a team, coupled, of course, with a lot of good luck.

1st Bde's 1/8th Moves Four Times In 17 Days

Plei Djereng— A possible 4th Division record was set recently by the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry of the Ivy's 1st Brigade when it moved four times in 17 days.

Three times the battalion moved by convoy. Tanks, armored personnel carriers, and armed helicopters provided security for the moves. The last move was conducted with "Huey" and "Chinook" helicopters.

On all four moves the battalion was accompanied by Battery A, 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery.

Ivymen Dedicate Spillway At Montagnard Village

Plei Brong Ro'ngol —

The civic action team of the 704th Maintenance Battalion, Team 8, 41st Civil Affairs Company and the residents of Plei Brong Ro'ngol recently dedicated a spillway which was built to provide an abundant water supply for the villagers.

The spillway was completed after eight days of work. It was built with cement, sand, steel reinforcing and bamboo piping. R. Morrison Knudson Construction Company donated most of the materials used and the rest of the materials were "rounded up" by the civic action teams.

The Montagnards were most appreciative. The village chief said, "We can keep this spillway all our lives and never forget your help. Many thanks."

The dedication was attended by Lieutenant Colonel William R. Gilbanks (Colorado Springs, Colo.), Sergeant Major Carl M. Schoening (Galveston, Tex.), Captain Harry R. Peterson (South Bristol, Mo.), Specialist 5 Walter J. Martin (Lenapah, Okla.), Specialist 4 George W. St. Pierre (Pawtucket, R.I.), Specialist 4 Allen W. Traikill (Downey, Calif.), Private First Class Noe C. Ruiz (Fort Stockton, Tex.) and Private First Class Charles L. White (Charleston, W. Va.), all of the 704th Maintenance Battalion.

Also Captain Raymond E.

Crawford and First Lieutenant Andrew C. Lattu (Millbrae, Calif.) of the 41st Civil Affairs Company; Major Charles L. Laakso (Los Angeles), district advisor, Advisory Team 21, Military Assistance Command Vietnam; First Lieutenant Nguyen Van Duong, district chief, Army of the Republic of Vietnam; and First Lieutenant Nguyen Hai Thanh, assistant district chief, ARVN.

Company C Engineers Join 3rd Bde In Junction City

Dau Tieng — After six months of being separated from its unit, Company C, 4th Engineer Battalion has been reunited with the 3rd Brigade, 4th Division.

Company C, commanded by Captain Carl Scyple, moved from the Dragon Mountain base camp at Pleiku, where it had been since its arrival last September in Vietnam, to join the 3rd Brigade in Operation Junction City.

The work of the company has brought several very significant changes to War Zone C.

The 1st Platoon, commanded by Lieutenant Walter H. Petrie, has been doing road clearing and construction work on Route 22 going north from Tay Ninh to Cambodia

and on Route 20 going west from Route 22 to Lo Go.

On Route 22 the platoon members have cleared 15 kilometers north of Trai Bi pushing back the jungle for 50 meters on each side of the road. The work was done by bulldozers, demolitions, power saws, and two Rome plows which were borrowed from the 46th Engineers.

At Dau Tieng the 2nd Platoon is constructing a cement "batch" plant which will efficiently make and distribute large quantities of cement.

The 3rd Platoon has been broken down into demolition teams and attached to infantry units of the 3rd Brigade. These teams are doing demolition work whenever it is needed.

Base Camps, Supply Dumps Uncovered In War Zone C

Dau Tieng — As elements of the 3rd Brigade, 4th Division sweep through clearing the northern areas of War Zone C, several large VC base camps and supply dumps are being unearthed.

Believed to be a sizeable complex of the Central Office, South Vietnam (the highest level enemy headquarters in the Republic of Vietnam), these camps have furnished good-size caches of ammunition, new tools and a variety of products vital to the Viet Cong war efforts.

Hundreds of yards of black cloth for uniforms were found still rolled on the bolts and bearing Chinese factory labels.

The larger base camps apparently house a permanent element of an organized female auxiliary, most likely a seamstress team that used to make and repair VC uniforms. Chinese manufactured sewing machines and even an old model Singer have been found in excellent working condition.

In past search and destroy missions, there has been evidence that there was an occasional woman present in the base camp from items of clothing and personal effects left behind.

More recently uncovered camps have produced larger quantities of female pajama-

type garments, new unworn pink and blue cotton sweaters, and under-garments.

Military intelligence translated Vietnamese writing on three handkerchiefs found amid the deserted sewing. On

all three, the seamstresses had embroidered their unit identification in one corner.

One of the handkerchiefs bore an inscription in red thread, "A gift to the heroes who kill the Americans."

Medic Treats Wounded Despite Intense Fire

Plei Djereng — "No time to think—just do your job."

Private First Class Salvador LaBarbera (Falconer, N.Y.) is a medic serving with Company A, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry. He knows his job and has proven himself under the worst possible conditions—when the firing was so heavy there was no time to think.

Company A moved from its forward fire support base into the dense Central Highlands jungle. "The first day out was uneventful," commented the 21-year-old medic, "like a walk in the park."

Shortly after the 4th Division unit moved out the following morning, the point squad sighted enemy movement to its front.

"It wasn't long 'til we knew we were in trouble," said PFC LaBarbera. "The point squad was attacked and

everyone was under heavy fire. Soon the point was cut off and I moved up with a squad to help them out.

"We reached them and set up a heavy base of fire. I tried to help the injured. There were quite a few wounded—some seriously. One guy was hit four times, but he's okay now. He's in Tokyo or the States.

"We carried the injured with us when we pulled back to the company. Their firepower (the enemy's) was unbelievable. The worst we've ever experienced. Lead was flying everywhere. When Company C arrived in support—four hours later—firing slackened off.

"There were numerous acts of heroism that morning. I don't know the guys' names because there wasn't much time and besides, I'm new in the company."

PFC LaBarbera wasn't wounded during the action although his bag, containing field dressings and medications, was hit several times by enemy rounds.

"It was four hours of hell out there," related the former civil engineer. "Of course it went by fast. No time to think—just do your job.

"You know the life expectancy of a medic isn't too good out here, but I'm going to fool them. Next year at this time I'll be home skiing."



ADJUSTMENT

Specialist 4 Sean Montez (Puerto Rico) fastens his pack harness during a break in the battle with the enemy west of Pleiku. His unit, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry, 4th Division, is battling Charlie in Operation Sam Houston. (USA Photo by Sp4 Rich Obermaier)

'Red Warriors' Battle Four Hours With NVA

Plei Djereng — "Red Warriors" of Company A, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, killed 47 North Vietnamese Army Regulars and detained three more recently while moving to an objective in the Central Highlands.

The four-hour long battle began when the Ivymen started down a heavily wooded hill and into a small ravine below.

"We had just reached the bottom," related Sergeant First Class Marcelo D. Padilla (Vallejo, Calif.) platoon sergeant of Company A's 1st Platoon, "when one of the men spotted an NVA moving in the brush."

Unable to see him, Sergeant Padilla asked for the enemy's position, but before he could get a reply he saw one behind

a tree and another to his left.

Keeping under cover, Sergeant Padilla crawled behind a log and took aim with his M-79 grenade launcher. The first round landed short, but the next was right on target.

He then noticed movement to his left and knew that the moving twigs and branches meant more NVA. During the next few minutes Sergeant Padilla managed to knock out four enemy positions.

Still receiving heavy enemy fire from the NVA force, the men moved back up the hill for a better tactical position.

"The enemy kept right on coming," explained Second Lieutenant William P. Fisher (Charleston, W. Va.), leader of the 2nd Platoon, "but we managed to hold our own."

"Company C had nearly linked up with us. Charlie then decided he had enough," added Sergeant First Class Robert F. Wright (Tacoma, Wash.), platoon sergeant of the 3rd Platoon.

For the remainder of the day and all through the night the NVA probed the lines with sniper fire to no avail.

A sweep of the surrounding area the next morning located 47 enemy dead and 25 AK-47's and four light machine guns.

VC Force Battered

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and well-equipped VC charged several times from three directions penetrating the perimeter and overrunning command posts. Each time they were forced back by the courageous efforts of the battling Ivymen.

The VC were able to overrun a U.S. Quad 50 position and were preparing to train the big gun on friendly forces when U.S. artillery wiped out the enemy and the weapon.

Sighting mechanisms on several howitzers were damaged by hostile fire and the cannoners employed direct fire to repel the onrushing enemy. At times they were firing at VC within 75 meters of the guns.

A wall of steel from supporting artillery pieces was fired within 35 meters of U.S. troops in the northeast and east area of the perimeter to turn back the swarms of charging black-clad VC.

Numerous times the VC

were hit, would retreat to the protection of the nearby wooded area, and shortly return bandaged up and ready for more action.

"Chinook" helicopters resupplied the U.S. troops with ammunition during the battle.

The 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry had moved into the location Sunday morning by air assault and encountered small arms and automatic weapons fire.

Two artillery rounds, which were command detonated while helicopters were hovering over the prepared landing zone, destroying three aircraft. There were eight U.S. killed and nine wounded from artillery fragments and small arms fire.

The Ivymen, after Sunday's attack, were able to prepare their perimeter and all was quiet until just before dawn Tuesday.

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