



THE LIFTER...

A "Chinook" helicopter hovers over a 4th Division howitzer which will be airlifted into a combat zone. This is just one of many roles for the helicopter. (USA Photo by Sp4 John Mahoney)

FORMER MODEL, RACE-CAR DRIVER

Miss Michele Ray Visits 2nd Brigade

Plei Djereng — Fatigue-clad Miss Michele Ray, former fashion model and professional race-car driver, recently visited Ivy troops in the 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division forward area.

Miss Ray, now a freelance writer, created quite a stir in the jungle encampment.

The 28-year-old French woman, accompanied by German and French press representatives, utilized the brigade's command post as a base of operations while tra-

veling to the isolated forward areas in the vicinity.

Miss Ray bolstered the morale of the men wherever she went. She accompanied them on patrols, shared their C-rations with them, even spent nights at some Ivy outposts.

The female journalist, her pigtailed blowing in the cool breezes, boasted of having driven from Alaska to the southern tip of South America and across Africa in the pursuit of her news career.

Men Move Battery 100 Miles In 11 Hours

Plei Djereng — Moving artillery batteries in South Vietnam is an everyday procedure, but when a battery commander moves his unit over 100 miles in 11 hours, that draws attention.

Captain Howard Meck, commander of B Battery, 5th Battalion, 16th Artillery, moved his entire battery plus a portion of another from the coastal city of Qui Nhon to an area 30 miles west of Pleiku to support Operation Paul Revere IV in the Central Highlands in approximately that time.

The battery, made up of 155mm support equipment, left Qui Nhon by convoy at 7:15 a.m. and moved to the 4th Infantry Division's Dragon Mountain base camp where it was met by munition and

mess trucks. Then the convoy continued on to its new location.

At 6:15 p.m. the battery was setting up its emplacements and operations of the unit in the new area were running as planned.

Captain Meck said, "I attribute the the swiftness of the move to my men who cooperated 100 per cent, and to the fact there were no major delays or conflicts."



AT LISTENING POST

Two 2/22 Troops Remain Silent While VC Probe

By PFC Gary M. Silva

Camp Martin Cox — It was a miserably cold and rainy night as Company A, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry of the Ivy Division set up to protect a perimeter defense 15 miles from its base camp on a search and clear operation near Saigon.

About 200 meters out, Private First Class Lewis Cordova of Liberal, Kan., and Private First Class John Pazoga of Chester, N.Y., had volunteered to man a listening post on the fringe of the jungle.

The heavy rain was constant and both men had only a poncho to lie on to ward off snakes and the numerous leeches that infested the swampy, dark area. Earlier, two men had reported to the medics with snake bites and everyone in the company had been burning leeches off their bodies. PFC Cordova and PFC Pazoga were on edge.

Around 2 a.m. both men thought they had heard something near their post. They strained their eyes against the darkness and tried to listen over the sound of the rain striking the jungle.

Six Viet Cong came within sight.

A call to Sergeant William A. Boody (Philadelphia), their squad leader, told of the probe and the men asked for instructions.

"They don't know our exact location," Sergeant Boody said. "Don't hit them unless you have to," he cautioned.

"If you hit, em," the sergeant said, "get back here fast."

PFC Cordova and PFC Pazoga waited. They kept losing sight of the figures lurking around them.

The two men sweated it out. The VC were within their sights a number of times, but the Americans remained quiet.

Finally, out of uncertainty and desperation the enemy started throwing rocks in the company's general direction with the hopes of drawing some fire. All remained quiet.

"One rock ricocheted off something and hit me in the back," PFC Cordova said later.

The Viet Cong eventually fell back into the jungle. Drenched and muddy from the night's vigil, the two men returned to the perimeter at daybreak.

"I was sure glad when it got light," PFC Cordova said. "I had a leech on me the whole night, but couldn't burn him off because of the light restriction."

Both men grabbed a box of C-rations, sat back down in the wet grass and took up a new position as daytime guards.



...THE LIFTED

Private First Class Howard Mosley of Cameron, N.J., a cannoneer with Battery B, 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery, is ready to hook up his howitzer to a hovering "Chinook" helicopter. The air mobility of this weapon has been of great assistance in the artillery's role in Vietnam. (USA Photo by SSgt. William J. Whitis)

3rd Brigade Begins Medical Assistance Program For Vietnamese

Camp Martin Cox. — It was a "Red Cross" day for some 200 townspeople of the village of Phouc-Nguyen when the 3rd Brigade of the Ivy Division launched its initial medical assistance program.

Captain Gene Godwin, surgeon for the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, together with representatives of the brigade's civil affairs section, treated the ailing Vietnamese for three hours.

Cuts, bruises and pneumonia were the chief complaints of the native patients who all seemed eager to avail themselves of the Ivy-men's treatment and care.