

Latest Viet Callup Depletes Reserves

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The hurry-up shipment of another 10,500 combat troops to Vietnam cuts deep into a strategic reserve of fulltime soldiers which senior military officers say has been dangerously depleted.

These officers say privately they believe at least one division should be called up from the Army National Guard to bolster the strategic reserve in the United States for swift deployment around the world.

The question of the call-up of group reserve units is under study and no decision has been reached. But pressure for such a call-up is rising.

Military officers in the Pentagon express belief further ground force deployments to Vietnam will be necessary and that the current buildup objective of 525,000 will be raised. This also is under study.

A Congress member who declined to be identified said the dispatch of more troops to Vietnam in addition to the 10,500 would be announced shortly. "They're already programmed," he said.

Three days after the Viet Cong opened their devastating city of offensive, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara told newsmen "we believe that the American forces there at present are adequate."

In the interim, Gen. William C. Westmoreland sent out a call for more ground troops, in view of that offensive and the continuing North Vietnamese threat to attack the Khe Sanh stronghold in northwestern South Vietnam.

Either McNamara was overruled or has changed his mind since his Feb. 1 statement that U. S. forces in Vietnam are adequate.

Civilian officials at the Pentagon dispute the idea U. S. mili-

tary strength is being stretched perilously thin. They say there are nearly one million men—not counting reservists—in uniform in the United States who could be drawn on for overseas deployment.

But senior officers argue such numbers are misleading, since a large part of this total is in basic or other training or performing rear-area functions.

Key elements of the strategic reserve, these officers say, are the combat-ready regular Army and Marine divisions in the United States.

There were 10 such divisions in this country in July 1965 when President Johnson ordered a major build-up of American ground forces in Vietnam. Eight of them were Army divisions, two were Marine.

There are four Army divisions in the United States—and one of them is losing a brigade of highly trained paratroopers to the Vietnam war.

The Army has begun to form another division, the Sixth Infantry, at Ft. Campbell, Ky., but this outfit will not be combat-ready for about nine months.

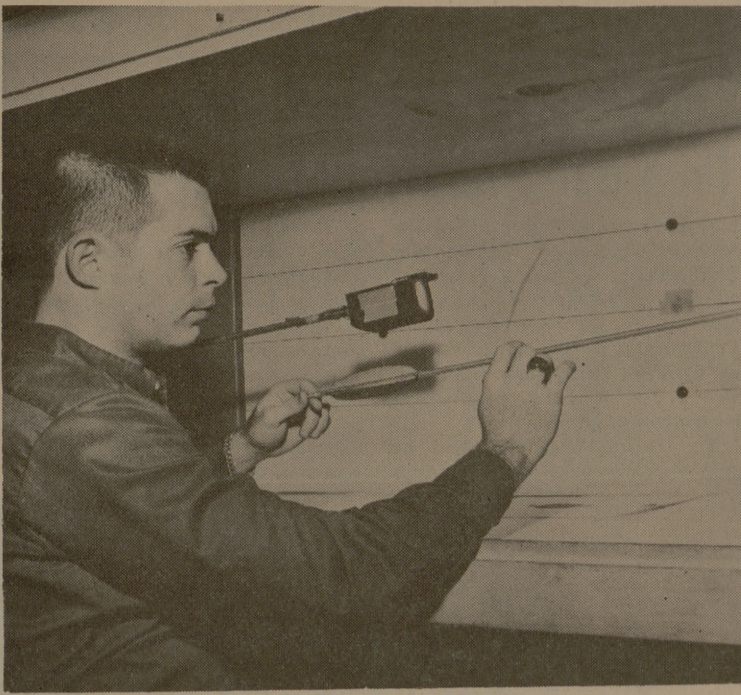
After the new deployments to Vietnam, the Marines will be down to a little more than one division in the United States.

Marine officers long have urged a call to active duty of the Fourth Marine Division, the Corps' reserve element.

The Marines claim their reserve division and its associated air wing could be ready for deployment about 30 days after call-up.

This combined ground-air unit totals about 48,000 men.

The Army has a 150,000-man force of first-line reservists and guardsmen who for two years have been undergoing extra training and are supposed to be fit for deployment eight weeks after being mustered.



AERODYNAMIC ARROW

Barry Phillips of Corpus Christi prepares an arrow for airflow tests in the Aerospace Engineering Department's two by three foot wind tunnel. The Texas A&M senior found that a new fletch shape reduces arrow drag and promises archers more range and accuracy.

Aggie Archer Hits Target With Aero Engineering

A Texas A&M student's accuracy with the bow and arrow may improve as the result of his aerospace engineering studies.

Barry L. Phillips of Corpus Christi, archer of three years experience, used aerodynamics methods and a wind tunnel to study improved arrow feather design.

Data the senior aerospace engineering major acquired provided sufficient reason to change the fletch design of his arrows.

"I'm anxious to try them out on the range," Phillips remarked. He's been taking final examinations the last week.

Feathers on the back end of an arrow stabilize the projectile in flight, acting as an airplane rudder to guide it. Extending five-eighths of an inch from the shaft, the three feathers impart spin through a slight twist in mounting (much like the rifling of a gun barrel) and also resist air passage, called drag in aero parlance.

"Origin of and reason behind many archery practices have been lost," the Brazos Bowmen Field Archery Club member noted. "One such practice is the use of only

two basic fletch shapes — shield and parabolic — and the minimum fletch span."

He studied fletch drag and span factors in the Aerospace Department's two by three foot subsonic wind tunnel and reported results in a problems course instructed by Prof. Charles A. Rodenberger.

In wind tunnel tests of the three fletch designs, he found the

elliptical shape caused less drag and that feathers could be shorter than the prescribed five-eighths of an inch.

"The elliptical shape should give me a little greater range and more accuracy at short distances," the 22-year-old said.

TO DETERMINE 170 feet per second arrow velocity with a 50-pound bow, he shot arrows at a timing device manned by Max Adams, department technician. Wind tunnel velocity was matched to give field-condition tests.

Phillips, son of a Corpus Christi elementary teacher, said he hopes to get into subsonic aerodynamics work after graduation in May.

The son of Mrs. Maxine Phillips, (5726 Kerry, Corpus) graduated in the top fifth of the 1963 Carroll High class and attended Del Mar Junior College two years.

Phillips' archery interest has taken him to the Longhorn Club meet in Houston and the state tournament at Corpus Christi. His wife Becky also pulls a bow.

"If I ever have the time and money to go hunting and fishing, I'll have trouble going by myself," he smiled. "Becky loves it."

Chicks Displayed In NFFA Exhibit

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Just 50 baby chicks in the Memorial Student Center display window.

The chicks are being displayed in observance of National Future Farmers of America Week, Feb. 18-24, Dr. Herman Brown, faculty advisor for A&M's chapter, said.

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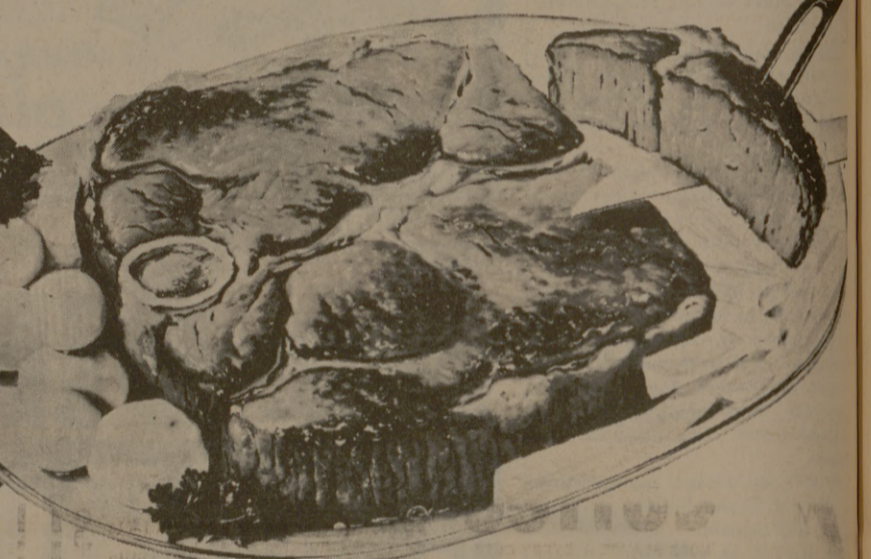


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VIETNAM SERVICE DECORATIONS
Army Lt. Col. Herman E. Schubarth (left) and Capt. Roy L. Taylor were pinned with combat decorations by Col. Jim H. McCoy at Texas A&M University. The commandant presented the Legion of Merit and Air Medals to Colonel Schubarth and the Bronze Star Medal to Captain Taylor.

Army Officers Get Medals For Heroic Vietnam Service

Vietnamese service decorations were awarded two Texas A&M military personnel Wednesday for combat duty in Southeast Asia.

Lt. Col. Herman E. Schubarth, recently assigned officer-in-charge of the advanced section, Military Science Department, received the Legion of Merit and Air Medal.

The Bronze Star was awarded Capt. Roy L. Taylor, assistant adjutant in the commandant's office. Both officers are assistant professors of military science.

Colonel Schubarth, 39, was intelligence officer and executive

officer of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) at An Khe and Bong Son. The former Shreveport high schools PMS was cited for intelligence management and forces consolidation through the Legion of Merit.

A transportation unit commander, Captain Taylor served with the 529th Transportation Company at Phan Rang and was also operation officer of the 36th Transportation Battalion in Vietnam. The Bronze Star is one of the U. S.'s top four medals for combat valor.

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