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11 Receive Bronze Stars

Eleven Bronze Star Medals with "V" device, including six "impact" awards, were presented to Regional Forces soldiers and ARVN Rangers recently.

Major General F.K. Mearns, commanding general, CMAC, made the presentations in back-to-back ceremonies held at 5th Ranger Group and Binh Chanh District Headquarters.

RANGER HEADQUARTERS

Soldiers of the 5th Rangers were recipients of four of the "impact" awards for actions occurring on 24 February.

Aspirant Nguyen Huu Khang, 3rd Platoon, Reconnaissance Company, 5th Ranger Group, was leading his element in a waterborne patrol when it received intense hand grenade and small arms fire from 5VC concealed in nipa palm on the northeast bank of the canal. Aspirant Khang led his platoon to a decisive closing with the enemy. Later in the day, the platoon again came under fire and Aspirant Khang bravely led his platoon to a total victory. Results of these two actions were 9 VC KIA, 4VC captured, 7 AK47's, 600
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New Unit Formed for CMAC Artillery

CMAC IQ—A new unit, the Capital Target Acquisition Battery (Provisional), officially came into existence February 23 at CMAC.

According to orders published by CMAC the stated mission of the battery is to "provide general target acquisition by means of flash ranging and operational control or attached counter-battery and ground surveillance radar."

Simply stated, it means that the Capital Target Acquisition Battery has control of the operation of the CMAC flash towers and radar sites that are used

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to spot rocket or mortar attacks on Saigon.

Captain George Woolsey, the battery commander, explained that the unit is split into a flash platoon and a radar platoon. He said "The flash platoon consists of the men in the flash towers, but the radar platoon is mainly a headquarters element. Most of our radar is manned by units under our operational control."

The new battery will have its own supply and motor sections plus communications and targeting sec-
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