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Gen. 'Feel Good' Told to Be Quiet

SAIGON — (UPI) — An American field general who told reporters it felt “real good” to kill Communist soldiers has been reprimanded by U.S. military commander Gen. Creighton Abrams, military sources said today.

They said Abrams told Maj. Gen. James Hollingsworth, the senior U.S. adviser in the III Corps Region — the 11 provinces surrounding Saigon — to keep his sentiments to himself.

Hollingsworth, 54, of Sanger, Tex., last Tuesday held a press conference at Chon

Thanh, forward headquarters for the push up Highway 13. Asked how the campaign was going, Hollingsworth said:

“When you can kill the hell out of them out there. Goddammit, you feel real good.”

Hollingsworth is a tough field officer who on an earlier Vietnam tour was deputy commander of the 1st Infantry Division. At that time, he would often fly by helicopter into the thick of battle on missions he referred to as “Zapping Charlie Cong.”