



CHANGING HANDS— Colonel Judson F. Miller, left, passes the brigade colors and with them the command of the 4th Division's 2nd Brigade to Colonel James B. Adamson in ceremonies Sunday afternoon. Colonel Miller is now serving as division chief of staff. (USA Photo by SSgt. William J. Whitis)

COLONEL MILLER

New Chief Of Staff Receives Silver Star

Plei Djereng — Colonel Judson F. Miller, newly named 4th Division chief of staff and former commander of the 2nd Brigade, has received the nation's third highest award for heroism.

Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander, presented the Silver Star to Colonel Miller during ceremonies Sunday at the 2nd Brigade forward base camp.

Colonel Miller, a native of Oklahoma, was cited for his actions in leading his brigade against a hostile force November 10-13. Without regard for his own safety, the colonel had his chopper land in an insecure landing zone so that

he could establish communications with his commanders.

The following day, he led
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Enemy Uses Gas Against Ivymen

(MACV)—An element of a 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division battalion contacted an estimated 20 enemy Monday at 12:44 p.m. while operating in its tactical area of responsibility.

The enemy fled to the south with the 3rd Brigade infantrymen in pursuit. Approximately a kilometer south, as contact was being reestablished, the enemy used what appeared to be a riot control

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Colonel Adamson Assumes Command Of Ivy Division's 2nd Brigade

By PFC Mike Horsell

Plei Djereng — Colonel James B. Adamson assumed command of the 4th Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade from Colonel Judson F. Miller in ceremonies Sunday afternoon at the brigade's forward command post heliport.

Colonel Miller, brigade commander since last February, has been named division chief of staff, succeeding Colonel William D. McDowell.

Colonel McDowell is now deputy commander of Headquarters Area Command in Saigon.

After the presentation of the Silver Star to Colonel Miller, the 2nd Brigade's colors were symbolically passed to Colonel Adamson by Colonel Miller. Addresses by both men praised the brigade for its outstanding combat record since arriving in Vietnam.

The new brigade command-

er, who was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1944, served with the 4th Division at Ft. Lewis, Wash., in 1956 and was assigned to division headquarters and the 22nd Infantry Regiment.

Colonel Adamson arrived in Vietnam last June to command a Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, advisory team with the 23rd Division of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam.

Early in his career he attended the airborne school at Ft. Benning, Ga., and then joined the 188th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 11th Airborne Division, in the Southwest Pacific.

In 1946 Colonel Adamson attended the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., and upon completion of the course

returned to the 11th Airborne Division. He has also attended the Army War College.

He has served with Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe, and U.S. Army Europe, 1951-56; and Korean Military Advisory Group and U.S. Army Pacific from 1959-66.

Among his decorations are the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Composite platoons of the brigade's Headquarters Company; 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry; 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry; 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry; and 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery, took part in the ceremonies. Music was provided by the 4th Division Band.

Search Of Villages Nets 15 Suspects In Paul Revere V

Operation Paul Revere V has been renamed Operation Sam Houston. It was announced yesterday afternoon.

(MACV)— Operation Paul Revere V continued during the past week in Pleiku Province with "no enemy contact reported.

A company from the 2nd Brigade of the 4th Division conducted a search January 10 of four villages south of Pleiku along Highway 14.

The search netted 15 detainees. Twenty-two air sorties were flown in support of the operation during the day.

Total enemy losses in the combined ground-air operation, which began January 1, include 63 detainees, 28.25 tons of rice captured and 122 huts and 54 bunkers destroyed. Pilots have flown 222 sorties to assist the 2nd Brigade troops.

In Phu Yen Province the Ivy's 1st Brigade continues Operation Adams which was initiated October 26.

Friendly casualties in both Revere V and Adams remain light.



3RD BRIGADE VISITOR

Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor talks with Private First Class Larry R. Coffey of Winston-Salem, N.C., during his visit Saturday to the base camp of the 4th Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade at Dau Tieng. Secretary Resor toured Vietnam to gain firsthand knowledge of activities in Southeast Asia. PFC Coffey is a member of the 3rd Platoon, 362nd Engineer Company, which is attached to the 3rd Brigade. (USA Photo by Sp4 Brad Bromley)

GENERAL WHEELER:

'Best Soldiers I've Seen'

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an excerpt from a speech made by General Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during his visit to Vietnam last week.

I want to say a word or two about our men. As a professional soldier, I expect our leadership to be outstanding, and it is.

General Westmoreland, General Walt, General Momyer and Admiral Ward, their officers, noncommissioned officers and petty officers are providing what I can only describe as superb leadership at all echelons of command.

I take off my hat to the junior officers and the enlisted men. They are magnificent. I'm not one of those who take much stock in the talk about the problems of the young folks of today based on antics by a relatively small number of troublemakers and noisemakers. They get the headlines, undeservingly, mind you.

But in Vietnam, there is cold-cut proof that our youngsters are ready, willing and able to take on a big and a tough assignment and particularly when that task involves the defense of freedom.

In three wars, they are the best soldiers I've ever seen.

We have taken the initiative away from the enemy, he's taken some heavy blows and he's going to get some more.

In my judgement, any hope that the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese may have had of achieving a military victory is gone.

Your Suggestion May Be Worth \$15 to \$25,000

How would you like to win \$25,000? It's easy, here's how.

Many field expedient methods or procedures designed to save lives, manpower, material and money are being used by the men in the 4th Infantry Division that deserve recognition. These ideas may be useful in other parts of Vietnam or service-wide.

The 4th Division is represented on the Incentive Awards Committee in Pleiku. This committee is authorized to give cash awards for ideas

that benefit the military services. Cash awards range from \$15 to \$25,000.

First, fill out your suggestion on a DA Form 1045E (Suggestion Form). Then submit it through your commanding officer to the division G-1.

Your suggestion will be assigned a number by the Incentive Awards Committee and the bottom portion of the suggestion form will be returned to you. You will be kept informed of the status of your suggestion.



EDITORIAL

Honored Profession

A professional is defined as a person engaged in an occupation requiring a high degree of training and proficiency.

More often than not, the term is applied to those engaged in law, medicine, education, theology or athletics.

By the very definition of the word, we in the Armed Forces are in a calling requiring a high degree of training and proficiency.

We also meet other qualifications as members of a profession. The military profession requires specific technical knowledge, has an identifiable doctrine, a complex of institutions peculiar to itself, educational patterns adapted to its own needs, a career structure of its own and a place in society.

The military professional is comparable to other professions in many ways. In the performance of his duties, the military man often needs the dedication of a doctor, the faith of a clergyman, the stamina of an athlete, the knowledge of an educator, the judgment of a lawyer and a patriot's unshakable belief in his country.

Every member of the Armed Forces, whether serving for two or 30 years, is a professional in every sense of the word.

He is a descendant of the Roman Legions that helped bring civilization to the world, the gallant Greeks at Marathon, the stalwarts of Valley Forge, the men of the Meuse-Argonne, the defenders of Wake Island and the embattled heroes of frozen Chosin.

The profession of arms, and the men who follow it, have shaped nations and changed the history of the world. Those who follow that profession in today's troubled world hold not only the fate of our nation in their hands, but that of the free world as well.

As a doctor can help heal the sickness of men, a lawyer or educator the illness of society and a member of the clergy the hurts of the heart, the military professional can help heal the sickness of nations.

Walk proudly, for you, too, are a member of an old and honored profession. (AFNB)

Gen. Westmoreland Impressed With 1st Brigade's Progress

Tuy Hoa—General W. C. Westmoreland, commander U.S. Forces Vietnam, visited the 1st Brigade recently and commented that he was impressed by the rapid progress the unit has made.

The general asked all members of the brigade to work closely with the Vietnamese Regional and Popular Forces.

He emphasized the importance of civic action, pointing out the great opportunity that exists for the brigade to win the confidence of the

Vietnamese people during operations in the area.

On his third visit to the Ivy Division brigade, General Westmoreland was briefed on current operations by Colonel John D. Austin, brigade commander.

The general also expressed his pleasure with the rapid advances made by the Vietnamese Army's 47th Infantry Regiment which operates in conjunction with the 1st Brigade in Phu Yen Province. He praised the ARVN unit for achieving its objectives ahead of schedule.

RE-UP FACTS

Another Tour Offers Chance To See World

By SFC William R. Swanson
Career Counselor

One of the great things about the Army is the opportunity you have to get around, to see parts of the world you might never be able to afford in civilian life.

You can meet new and stimulating friends, learn how other people live, be in on interesting national events, and vacation in exotic places.

There's a chance to gain valuable travel experience, the kind you can build on for the rest of your life.

It's a chance to be on a post where your friends or family are close by, or where you have a special interest in the area. For example, there are numerous posts you can choose from where the hunting and fishing are excellent.

Perhaps the big city is for you. There are many posts in or near large metropolitan areas. If family housing, general living conditions, and recreation areas are your prime concern, a wide choice of posts also offers the best of these things.

Few men realize the many fine opportunities a second tour can provide to the person who is looking for a better way of life and a better place to live.

A reenlistment option lets you choose the stateside or overseas duty station you want where there is a vacancy and requirement for your grade and MOS.

This option is limited only by the post's need for your grade and MOS and the overseas area's requirement. If you qualify for an opening, you'll get it.

When you decide on another tour and pick a specific duty station, a telephone call can determine the availability of an opening on the post or overseas area you've selected. See your career counselor for full details.





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Radio Audience Deluges Soldier With Letters

Plei Djereng — Specialist 4 Vernon Babcock of Arcadia, Neb., recently received a bag full of mail.

Specialist Babcock, a chaplain's assistant with the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, was deluged by 45 letters.

When asked if he knew all the people who had written him, the specialist said, "No, only about 15 of the letters were from people I know."

Explaining the rest of the letters he said, "My fiancee in San Rafael, Calif., sent my name into a San Francisco radio station and it was broadcast on the air."

The letters were from people of all ages and included messages of "hope you are well" and "best wishes in the new year."

When asked if he intended to answer all the letters, Specialist Babcock replied, "Yes, because these are people who took time out to write me, a stranger, so I will take time out to answer all of them."



MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

Ivymen from Company C, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, place logs around their foxhole to provide better protection from the enemy during Operation Paul Revere IV. (USA Photo)

Men Of 2/8th's Company B Adopt Orphaned Bear Cub

Plei Djereng — A black bear cub lives in a C-ration case in the orderly room of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry.

The foot-long cub came to the company under rather tragic circumstances. A reinforced rifle squad on patrol apparently took the cub's 250-pound mother by surprise.

When the Ivymen first saw her, she was within six feet of them and charging. Members of the squad, in self defense, were forced to shoot her because there wasn't time to get out of her way or to scare her off.

The men then heard a

Gas

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gas against the Ivy troops.

The gas had no serious effects on the Ivymen and there were no friendly casualties. Protective masks were not required.

Two of the enemy were killed.

The contact was made in an area 60 kilometers north-northwest of Saigon in Binh Duong Province.

strange crying sound, almost like a baby. After searching through the brush they found the cub who, they believe, had been clinging to its mother's neck.

Private First Class Richard J. Martinez of Houston wrapped the cub in a poncho and carried it back to the company's forward fire base. He said the cub was no trouble on the way back even though "it cried a little. Most of the way it was asleep."

Medics provided the company with a rubber glove so the bear could be fed. A finger with a tiny hole in the end served as a nipple through which the orphaned animal was given condensed milk.

After a two-day stay at the fire base, the cub was airlifted to Company B's orderly room at the 2nd Brigade forward command post.

The baby bear's future is uncertain. The men of Company B want to keep it as long as they can and they are arranging for it to get shots to protect it from diseases.

They know, however, that the day will come when it will be too big to keep at the company's orderly room.

With this in mind, the men are trying to learn the procedures necessary to export a bear.

If a zoo wants the cub and Company B has good luck with the paperwork, the bear may soon be entertaining children in the United States.

BY IVY AVIATORS

Villagers Introduced To Baseball, Jazz

Dragon Mountain — American jazz, baseball and a helicopter ride were all part of a very successful civic action mission recently undertaken by the 4th Aviation Battalion.

The villagers of Plei De Lom were introduced to the two American forms of entertainment, baseball and jazz.

Throughout the afternoon, a small group of musicians from the Ivy Division's band kept the village reverberating with the sounds of Art Farmer and other jazzmen. From their attention and expressions, the villagers enjoyed the music.

The children joined the American soldiers in a game

IN HUNTER-KILLER MISSIONS

Platoon Commander Plays Decoy Role

By PFC Mike Harsell

Plei Djereng — "It gives you a funny feeling. It really does."

That was the answer given by Captain Donald M. Frierson of Coden, Ala., when asked how it feels to be a decoy.

Captain Frierson, commander of the Aero Weapons Platoon, Troop D, 1st Squadron of the Ivy Division's 10th Cavalry, pilots his "Huey" helicopter as the "hunter" in hunter-killer missions. His ship flies at 200 feet inviting enemy fire from the ground.

A mile behind come the "killers," two gunships following at treetop level so they can't be seen. When Captain Frierson draws fire he drops a smoke grenade to mark the spot and the two

killer ships close in.

Asked why he gets the job as the decoy, Captain Frierson says, "I'm the commander of the Aero Weapons Platoon. I couldn't give the job to anyone else. I wouldn't feel right."

Captain Frierson added, "We have just started using this system. We haven't yet received fire but other units have used it effectively. We know it's a good system and it's just a matter of using it where there's a lot of enemy activity."

He continued, "On these flights we do everything that's against good judgement. We're not supposed to fly that low. But, we're a most inviting target to Charlie. When he fires, I drop the smoke and its all over for him."

AT 2ND BRIGADE FORWARD AREA

Attack Interrupts Evening At Movies

By Sp5 George Beldler

Plei Djereng — An evening at the movies at the 2nd Brigade command post was interrupted recently by a 15-minute mortar attack.

Shortly after 8:15 p.m. two mortar rounds landed causing troops in the brigade camp to dive for their foxholes and bunkers.

Private First Class James Stiffler (Irvona, Pa.) and Sergeant Henry Dziekon (Chicopee, Mass.), both as-

signed to Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, were sitting on their bunker when the first round landed about 100 meters behind them. As they ducked into the bunker, another round hit 10 feet from where they had been sitting.

About that time another explosion was heard and as the bunkermates looked up through the dust and dirt they could see stars where a sandbag roof had been seconds before. An 82mm mortar had hit their fortress and pierced the overhead cover.

Sergeant Dziekon's only complaint was that the round had destroyed his only comfort items in the bunker—an air mattress and a case of pop.

Lieutenant Philip Gibbs (Altamant, N.Y.), assigned to Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery, had a bit more to complain about.

The first round, which landed behind Sergeant Dziekon's bunker, had made a direct hit on the 24-year-old officer's tent, completely destroying everything inside.

The tent had been vacated by Lieutenant Gibbs only minutes before the round landed.



TIME TO LEAVE

Soldiers from the Ivy Division's 2nd Brigade fill in their trenches before moving out during an operation in the Central Highlands. (USA Photo)

ARVN Liaison Team Coordinates Joint Operations With Division

Dragon Mountain—Promoting close cooperation and coordination between the Ivy Division and its Vietnamese allies is the mission of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam liaison team attached to the 4th Division at the Dragon Mountain base camp.

Directing the liaison effort for the Vietnamese Army is Major Le Thon, group leader of the liaison personnel.

In addition to his team at Dragon Mountain with the Ivy Division's Headquarters, Major Thon also has detachments out with the Ivy's

1st Brigade at Tuy Hoa and the 3rd Brigade at Dau Tieng.

Major Thon's office maintains close contact with division intelligence and logistics personnel and with local officials to coordinate joint combat operations and civic affairs missions.

Vietnamese decorations and awards presented to U.S. troops of the Ivy Division are based on recommendations forwarded by Major Thon and Vietnamese commanders in the area.

Major Thon has been an

ARVN officer for 13 years. Prior to his call into the armed services, he was a district chief of Quang Nam Province in the Da Nang area. He has served as a judge advocate, a regimental commander, and chief of Task Force III in I Corps.

In 1964-65 the experienced major served in the dual role of assistant sector commander of II Corps and deputy province chief of Tuyen Duc Province.

Major Thon, who joined the 4th Division in his present capacity in October, holds a degree in French letters from the University of Saigon.

Chicken Saved From Doom Becomes Troop B's Mascot

Plei Djereng—A chicken saved from doom named "Charlie" and then renamed "Charlene" was a mascot for Troop B, 1st Squadron of the 10th Cavalry.

One morning after the 4th Infantry Division unit had arrived near Plei Djereng, Montagnard villagers were passing by an area without barbed wire that was going to be the perimeter of the cavalry troop's forward area camp.

One Montagnard came over to a group of troops and asked if they would trade a shirt for his chicken.

The Ivymen, eating C-rations at the time, had visions of a chicken dinner. Specialist 5 Lawrence O. Clayton (Carson City, Nev.) got out a fatigue shirt and made the trade.

Seeing that the man had no shoes or pants, a couple of other troops donated a pair of boots and pants to the villager who gratefully shook their hands and happily left.

When Sergeant William Crum of Troop B's 1st Platoon heard that his men had made the trade and were going to cook the chicken, he advised against the plan because the bird looked underfed and he didn't know if it would be edible.

Specialist Clayton reluctantly took the chicken outside the perimeter and let it go, hoping it would go back to the village, only 300 meters away.

But, the chicken came back to the troop area. The cavalymen then decided to

keep it as a pet and called it "Charlie."

"Charlie" stayed near the 1st Platoon tents for a long time and was present for all formations that were called. The chicken managed, however, to get out of all details, according to Private First Class John F. McElmeel, a platoon member.

"Charlie" quickly became "Charlene" when two eggs were found under the mess hall floor where the fowl made its home.

Men of the platoon had to give up their mascot when the division implemented a new regulation that allows only dogs as pets. "Charlene" was returned to the villagers.

3/12th Physician Treats 15 Soldiers, Civilians Daily

Tuy Hoa—Like the general practitioner of old, Captain Donald E. Christensen of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, physician for the 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry, believes in being near his patients.

Captain Christensen maintains his quarters and his treatment facilities at the battalion's forward command post and logistical center. This enables him to save his non-emergency patients two or three days of time which they might normally spend traveling to the battalion's base camp facilities.

Last month the captain, who is the only doctor within a 25-mile radius of the battalion's location, averaged 15 patients daily including Vietnamese civilians and Vietnamese and American soldiers.

During the same month he gave over 2,900 immunizations to assure that the battalion's infantrymen were up-to-date on their inoculations.

Captain Christensen proudly wears a cross which identifies him as a Vietnamese doctor.

When he is able to get away from his battalion office, he goes down the road to the Phu Tan-Tuy An Dispensary and helps the local health worker. He has also assisted the doctor of the nearby 47th Republic of Vietnam Army Regiment.

CAREFUL, CHARLIE

1/12th Told Of Attack On Civic Action Team

Plei Djereng—Careful, Charlie, the "Red Warriors" are hot on your trail.

It seems Charlie did not realize who he was messing with when he recently fired about 15 mortar rounds at a civic action team that was working near the village of Phi Monu Quen in the Central Highlands.

Though no casualties resulted from Charlie's mortar attack, the civic action team related its experiences to the "Red Warriors" upon returning to camp.

After learning of the attack the "Red Warriors" obtained a pinpoint position on a map as to where the action took place. Then the Ivy Division's

1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, went into action.

"Red Warriors" from Company B formed a platoon-size reconnaissance patrol and searched the area.

The "Red Warriors" searched every conceivable hiding place as they crossed through dense jungle and marshland. Finding a few broken twigs, several footprints and other meaningful items left behind, they knew Charlie had been there.

After four or five hours of continuous searching, the reconnaissance patrol returned to the camp.

No, not this time, Charlie, but be careful for one of these days the "Red Warriors" will have you in their trap.

ROBRUCHA IN VIETNAM...



"YOU AND YOUR @###&&?# FRIENDLY GAME OF POKER WITH THE NATIVES."

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2/22nd Commander Personally Helps Capture Three VC

Dau Tieng — Lieutenant Colonel Richard W. Clark, commander of the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry, is a rather small man who smokes cigars, speaks in a moderate voice and has recently gotten into the personal habit of bagging Viet Cong.

The habit started when the Ivy Division battalion was on its first operation of the new year near its

rubber plantation base camp at Dau Tieng.

Colonel Clark was riding in his G-23 command and control ship when he spotted two VC lurking in the area. Under his radio direction, the men of Company B killed one of the enemy soldiers but the other VC slipped through the ground search.

The 44-year-old commander requested the chopper's pilot to land the craft and the officer then moved to the spot where he saw the enemy soldiers moving and found the second VC hiding in a camouflaged position. The enemy was captured along with a large cache of rice.

Approximately two hours later with Company C in the lead, Colonel Clark spotted two more VC from his helicopter. He directed the chase by air and then decided to land once again.

With his M-16 rifle in hand, he moved to an approximate position he had seen one VC dive into and flushed him out. The 3rd Platoon of Company C found the other man nearby.

In all, the battalion killed one VC, captured three more and rounded up several documents, one carbine, one hand grenade, and 20,000 pounds of rice, 8,000 of which was polished.

1st Brigade Gives Its Final Salute To Maj. Gen. Collins

Tuy Hoa — "It has been my privilege and pleasure to command you," Major General Arthur S. Collins Jr., former commander of the 4th Division, told the 1st Brigade during a farewell parade.

The review, which included units representing the line battalions and support troops of the brigade, was the brigade's final salute to General Collins, who has taken up a new position in the Pentagon.

The general, in the ceremony, praised the men of his command, saying they were the best soldiers he had ever seen.

General Collins said, "This was evident during your training period at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and has been borne out on the Vietnam battlefield."

G-5 Section Assists Minh Kuy Hospital

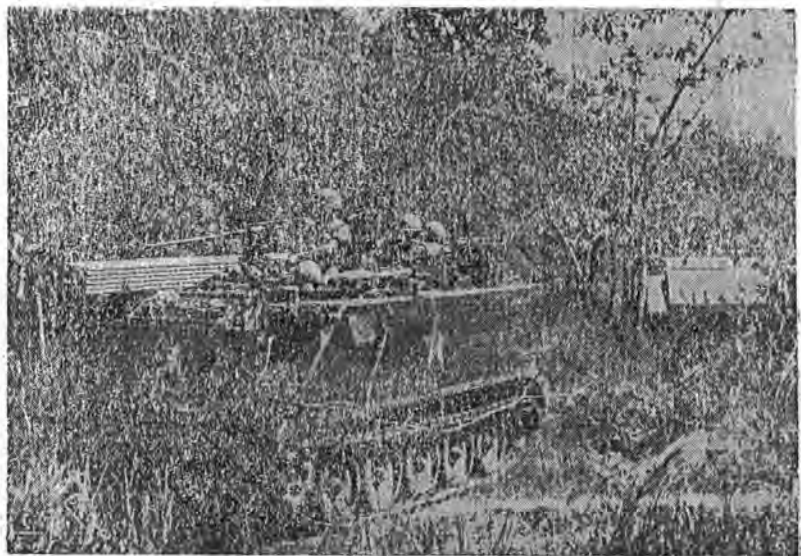
Kontum — The mission of civil affairs covers a broad spectrum of actions. Some are routine, some are bizarre.

A recent mission involved bringing supplies to the Minh Kuy Hospital in Kontum which has been working to improve the health and win the confidence of Montagnard people.

The hospital, operated by Dr. Patricia Smith of Seattle, had exhausted its stock of several critical items and appealed to the 4th Infantry Division for items to satisfy its immediate needs.

The project was turned over to the G-5 office which responded by sending 200 pounds of badly needed medical supplies.

Keep driving for safety—it pays. Forethought is the mark of the careful man. A little common sense can save a big expense.



MOVING ALONG

Members of the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry, move their armored personnel carriers cautiously through dense foliage in search of the elusive enemy. (USA Photo)

Viet Cong Make Costly Mistake By Trying To Ambush Troop C

By Sp4 Gary M. Silva

Dau Tieng — A small force of hard core Viet Cong made a fatal mistake against an equally tough unit of the 3rd Brigade.

The VC tried to ambush the men of Troop C, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry. Their error cost them three dead and two wounded and captured.

Troop C, commanded by Captain Kenneth Gregory of Plymouth, Mich., was on a

routine road clearing operation about a mile from the brigade's base camp early one evening.

An armored cavalry assault vehicle suddenly received small arms and automatic weapons fire. An anti-tank rocket barely missed the vehicle and tore into a rubber tree.

Immediately Staff Sergeant James C. Braddon of Columbus, Ga., and Private First Class Perry B. Gill of Sacramento, Calif., his driver, returned the fire with a .50 caliber machine gun and a M-14 rifle.

Specialist 5 John L. Everett of Knoxville, Tenn., a gunner, moved up in his M-48 Patton tank and fired 11 canister rounds directly into the enemy positions. He killed two and wounded two more.

An armored personnel carrier, commanded by Sergeant Gary G. Guthrie of Boones Mill, Va., followed the tank into the fight. A hidden VC rose from a roadside ditch and began pumping semi-automatic fire into the side of the track.

Unable to tilt his .50 caliber or M-60 machine gun at such a close angle, Sergeant Guthrie lobbed a grenade over the side, knocking the VC out of action. Another wounded VC staggered from the woods and surrendered, but he later died.

The brief clash, the troop's first taste of action since its October arrival in Vietnam, netted one Chinese anti-tank weapon with three rocket

loads, two automatic weapons, two semi-automatic rifles, and numerous grenades and documents.

1st Brigaders Attend Program At Orphanage

Tuy Hoa — Approximately 250 U. S. military personnel and Vietnamese civilians attended a Chuong Vaughe Noel Program at the Lac Thien Orphanage in Tuy Hoa.

Students attending the orphanage presented the program in the school auditorium which was decorated for the occasion with colored streamers and bunting.

The festivities started with a flag-raising ceremony, followed by songs, dances, and skits performed by the elementary grade pupils.

A four-piece combo from the Dang Duc Tuan Catholic High School in Tuy Hoa provided the musical accompaniment.

At the end of the entertainment, Sister Therese-Antoine, director of the orphanage which is sponsored by the 4th Division's 1st Brigade, presented certificates to students who had excelled academically during the school year.

Chaplain (Captain) Thomas J. Tolentino (Bronx, N.Y.) and Chaplain (Captain) James J. L. Johnson (Marlin, Tex.) were among members of the brigade present.

The school has an enrollment of 700 elementary students and 150 high school girls.



T-I-M-B-E-R

Before bedding down for the night, members of an engineer squad from Company G, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, clear fields of fire during recent action in the Central Highlands. (USA Photo)



MEDAL FOR COLONEL — Major General William R. Peers, commander of the 4th Division, pins the Silver Star on Colonel Judson F. Miller during ceremonies Sunday at the 2nd Brigade's forward command post heliport. (USA. Photo by SSgt. William J. Whittis)

Colonel Miller Receives Silver Star

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the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, in heavy fighting until a secure perimeter was established. During this time he

continually exposed himself to fire which inspired his commanders and men.

Before assuming command of the 2nd Brigade last Feb-

ruary, he served with Headquarters, U.S. Strike Command, Florida. Other assignments have been with 4th Cavalry Group, Europe; 82nd Airborne Division; 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, Korea; Army Armor School, Ft. Knox, Ky.; and 14th Cavalry Regiment in Germany.

The new chief of staff, who wears senior parachutist wings, has attended the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. Colonel Miller takes pride in the fact that he acquired a bachelor of arts degree and masters degree—all on off duty hours while in the Army.

His previous decorations include the Bronze Star for Valor and Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, European Theater Ribbon with five battle stars, Korean Campaign Medal with six battle stars, and the Purple Heart.

Civic Action Team Treats 126 Villagers

Tuy Hoa—The beating of a bass drum may bring forth various emotions to many people.

To some, it brings back memories of half-time ceremonies at an exciting football game; others may envisage exotic rituals in deepest Africa.

But to the inhabitants of the small hamlet of Phuoc Khanh west of Tuy Hoa, a drumbeat recently announced the arrival of Civic Action Team 9 from the 1st Brigade.

The hamlet does not have a loudspeaker system. Therefore, when a town meeting is desired, one of the hamlet officials beats on a drum to summon the villagers to the "town square."

The civic action team conducted a sick call for 126 of the villagers and treated cases which included minor skin infections, worms, bronchial ailments, colds, and fevers.

The team attempts to give each patient who receives medical treatment a bar of soap. According to Sergeant James H. Hudson (South Charleston, W. Va.), team medic, "dispensing soap is the first stage in aiding the country villagers in promoting sanitation and cleanliness."

He added, "In the village of An Phuoc we noted an

approximate 90 per cent reduction in infections and skin diseases after we had given soap to the villagers."

The sanitation program lays the ground work for medical progress in the rural villages. Contact teams from local hospitals are training selected villagers as aidmen to assist in diagnosing illnesses and treating the sick.

Each time the civic action team visits a village, its members are apprehensive and alert for the presence of any Viet Cong who may be in the area.

The medical assistance program is one means by which VC propaganda is fought. When the inhabitants find out that the medicine they receive actually helps them to recover, they place more confidence in the team.

Captain Richard G. Jones (Alexandria, Va.) and his team conduct five or six sick calls a week. A marked improvement has been noted in the villages which are visited on a regularly scheduled basis.

Other team members include First Lieutenant Sigfrid R. Karlstrom (Seattle), Second Lieutenant Bruce D. Bell (Eugene, Ore.), and Sergeant Truong-To Ha, the team's Vietnamese interpreter.

Two 1/22nd 'Regulars' Awarded Bronze Stars

Dragon Mountain—Two Bronze Stars and eight Purple Hearts were awarded to members of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry "Regulars" during a recent ceremony at the division base camp.

Sergeant Larry T. Felton and Specialist 4 Jerrold Banfe of Company A received Bronze Stars for Valor for actions during Operation Paul Revere IV.

First Lieutenant Louis E. Dinetz, Sergeant Daniel L. Schempp, Specialist 4 Donald R. Hale, all of Company B, and Corporal Charles L. Harbison Jr. of Company C received Purple Hearts for wounds received during Paul Revere IV.

First Lieutenant Bernard F. Wolpers, Specialist 4 Robin D. Wibbens, Private First Class Roberto Torres, and Private First Class Robert L. Donner, all of Company C, received Purple Hearts for wounds received during search and destroy operations near Tuy Hoa.

Sergeant Felton, a squad leader, distinguished himself during the night of November 10 while participating in a search and destroy operation near Plei Djereng.

As his unit was moving back into a company perimeter after being attacked by a large force, Sergeant Felton came across a seriously

wounded comrade 200 meters from the perimeter.

Without regard for his own safety, Sergeant Felton elected to stay with the wounded man, even though he knew the area was infested with enemy forces.

Once the firing diminished, he carried the critically wounded soldier back to safety through the VC-infested area. It took him three hours to carry the soldier back to the perimeter in the darkness.

Specialist Banfe distinguished himself the same night while serving as a medic for Company A.

When his unit was hit with heavy mortar fire and a small arms attack, he courageously exposed himself to intense hostile fire in order to treat the wounded around the perimeter and bring the critically injured back to the aid station.

Throughout the night, the medic continued to treat the wounded. His actions were responsible for saving the lives of three critically wounded men who were later evacuated.

The medals were awarded by Lieutenant Colonel Leonard A. Morley, battalion commander.

AT 1ST BRIGADE

Operators Handle 1,100 Calls Daily

Tuy Hoa—"Busy, Sir." It's an often heard phrase at Headquarters, 1st Brigade. But it attests to the heavy workload handled by the switchboard operators at Tuy Hoa.

The five operators, members of the 1st Army Signal Center Platoon, Company B,

124th Signal Battalion, log an average of 1,100 calls a day. During the peak hours of operation, the men handle at least 100 completed calls an hour.

The record-holder for calls completed so far is Specialist 4 John Rothmund who tallied 156 calls in one hour December 19.

The operators' job is complicated by the fact that their switchboard has only a 60-line capacity.

"But," says First Lieutenant John Dunston, platoon leader, "these operators should be commended for a job well done under difficult conditions."

The men are Sergeant Woodrow Robinson, chief operator, and operators Specialist Rothmund, Private First Class Harold Hobby, Private First Class Ronald Dewitt, and Private First Class Rodney Anderson.

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