

4th Division Honors Its Fallen Comrades

Camp Enari — The 4th Infantry Division conducted a Memorial Day service in honor of its fallen comrades Tuesday morning in front of division headquarters.

With both the American and Vietnamese flags flying at half-staff, Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander, addressed the assembled soldiers.

The general pointed out, "Those of us in the 4th Infantry Division and all other American military personnel

in South Vietnam are here to deter another form of communism. Here I refer to Hanoi's communism and its intent to deprive the people of South Vietnam of their liberty and their right of free expression. In this sense each of you is a crusader—a crusader of the oppressed and a protector of those who would be taken over by aggression.

"Memorial Day," continued General Peers, "means many things to many people.

To me it means my uncle who gave his life in Europe in World War I in assisting our British and French allies in maintaining their—and our—freedom.

"It also means my very close high school and college friend who gave his life in the U.S. Army Air Corps over Berlin in World War II. And it further includes those with whom I fought and who gave their lives in the American cause in the jungles and

mountains of Burma and China in World War II.

The division commander concluded by saying, "Collectively, we, in the 4th Infantry Division have an obligation to uphold. It is a debt which we owe to those of this division who have fought and have died here in South Vietnam.

"It is our obligation to insure that their loss was not in vain; that we will continue our efforts in behalf of the Vietnamese people;

and that each of us, in our own way, dedicate himself to the freedom and security of our own people as well as that of other free people throughout the world."

Lieutenant Colonel Herbert A. Robinson, division adjutant general, and Major Howard M. Hupe, assistant adjutant general, then read a roster of soldiers from the 4th Division's 1st and 2nd Brigades and the 25th Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade who were killed in Vietnam.



PIGGY-BACK STYLE

Specialist 4 Donald Van Hook (Manchester, Ga.), an advisor from the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, working with the 4th Division, helps a disabled Montagnard villager to an awaiting helicopter from the 52nd Aviation Battalion, as the villagers move from one of their villages to the Government of Vietnam-protected Edap Enang resettlement area. (USA Photo by PFC Steve Frye)

CIVIC ACTION IN REVERSE

Montagnards Landscape Area For Engineers

By Sp4 James E. Brunko

Camp Enari — Fifteen Montagnards from the village of La Son recently volunteered to landscape the area in front of the 4th Engineer Battalion Headquarters to show their appreciation for the civil affairs activities and projects carried out in their village by the men of the 4th Engineer Battalion.

The villagers landscaped a 1,700 square-foot area, supplying all the plants, flowers, and shrubbery necessary for the project.

The actual landscaping is unique in that the plants

and flowers have been planted so as to form two engineer castles and two 4th Division patches. The enthusiastic villagers worked for two days on the project.

The Montagnard "civil affairs" team was led by Mr. Le Unn, mayor of La Son, Mr. Vo Hua, chief of police, and Sergeant Ichs, an Army of the Republic of Vietnam soldier and the battalion's interpreter.

It was obvious that, as Sergeant Ichs put it, "The villagers were pleased to show us how skillful they were with their tools and

hands."

Second Lieutenant Marion E. Dickerhoof (Trinidad, Colo.), the battalion civil affairs officer, added, "The officers and men of the 4th Engineer Battalion were honored to have the people of La Son show their feelings in such a pleasant and colorful way.

"The growth of the plants and flowers can be likened to the friendship existing between the people of La Son and the soldiers of the 4th Engineer Battalion which has and will continue to grow and blossom," said the lieutenant.



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1st Brigade Companies Kill 133 Enemy In Two Battles

Saigon— The heavy fighting of the past week in the Central Highlands has tapered off.

Units of the 4th Infantry Division's 1st and 2nd Brigades now report only light, sporadic contact with the enemy as they continue to conduct Operation Francis Marion.

Ivy troops from the 1st Brigade battled enemy forces May 24 and last Friday before contact eased off. A total of 133 enemy were killed in the two battles.

At 4:12 p.m. May 24, Company B of the 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry, located 58 kilometers west-southwest of Pleiku, took heavy small

arms, mortar and approximately 70 rounds of rocket fire.

The battalion's Company C linked up with Company B after a long march through thick jungle and steep hills.

The two companies, along with artillery, gunship helicopters and air strikes, turned back the North Vietnamese ground attack after the enemy had assaulted their perimeter. The enemy broke contact at 5:50 p.m.

U.S. troops found 35 enemy bodies and captured six rifles, two B-40 rocket launchers and five B-40 rocket rounds. Five infantrymen were killed and 14 wounded.

A multi-company force from the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry battled an unknown-size force of NVA regulars last Friday.

Company C, sweeping Hill 521 just to the west of Chu Coungot Mountain, 53 kilometers southwest of Pleiku City, engaged the enemy at 8:55 a.m.

From 9:50 to 10:25 a.m.

Company B in the same area reported taking enemy mortar fire from the south of its position.

Artillery and air strikes were called in as the U.S. infantrymen linked their defensive perimeters to hold back repeated charges by the enemy. The enemy broke contact at 12:12 p.m.

The results were 98 NVA and 10 U.S. personnel killed, 54 U.S. soldiers wounded and 20 individual and 10 crew-served weapons seized.

3rd Brigade Units Begin Diamond Head

Saigon — Units of the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division are conducting Operation Diamond Head in Tay Ninh Province, it was announced Sunday by the U.S. Military Assistance Command.

No major contact has been reported in the multi-battalion operation which was initiated May 18 in an area 26 kilometers north-northwest of Tay Ninh City.

Two enemy and 14 U.S. infantrymen have been killed and nine U.S. soldiers wounded. Ivy troops have captured three individual weapons and detained three suspects.

Diamond Head is under the operational control of the 25th Infantry Division.

The "Ivy Leaf," which has been published in Saigon, is in the process of moving to a printing plant in Tokyo. The next issue is tentatively scheduled to appear June 11.

COMMANDER'S NOTE:

Stop That Thief

I can recall from my earliest days of service that old barrack's adage that if you can't trust your buddy with your wallet, you can't trust him with your life.

Here in Vietnam this adage has been brought home again because we are in a situation where each day you must trust your buddy with your life. But there is still the question, can I trust him with my wallet?

I'm sorry to say that the division has experienced a significant number of larcenies of private property and money. In most cases the larceny occurred wherein an individual's wallet was stolen from his clothing during the night or was taken from a bunk or unsecured container in a billet area.

The world would be better off without thieves—all kinds—whether they steal wallets or whole countries. Collectively we are fighting the latter here in Vietnam and collectively each of the us can fight the wallet thief too.

First, each of us must be sure we do not tempt the petty thief by leaving valuables where they can be stolen without really trying.

Keep your money secure on your person or locked safely away when you are sleeping. Large amounts, like your savings for R&R, should be banked, held on account by the finance office or locked in the company safe.

Second, beware of strangers in your barracks. Make it your business to find out who he is and whom he may be visiting.

And, third, report any suspicious activity on the part of any individual.

Be alert, the thief is waiting for his chance. Don't let him strike in your barracks, but if he does, let all of us make it our business to catch him so he gets what he deserves.

W. R. Peers
Major General, United States Army
Commanding

Farewell, Đông Nam Á

Today's issue of "Ivy Leaf" is the last published by Đông Nam Á in Saigon.

The 4th Division's weekly newspaper is joining other military publications from Vietnam which have moved to Tokyo as part of the project to reduce piaster spending and stabilize the Vietnamese economy.

It is with deep regret that we leave the employees of Đông Nam Á who have printed "Ivy Leaf" since its birth last November. Their complete cooperation has enabled the "Ivy Leaf" staff to bring its readers the latest possible news each week.

With this the 30th issue, we express our sincere appreciation and say a sad farewell to the employees of Đông Nam Á.



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PSgt. Paul D. Hardman—Co A, 1/8th Inf
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PFC Robert H. Reinke—Co C, 2/35th Inf
PFC James H. Hopson—Co C, 2/35th Inf
PFC Daniel J. Newman—Co C, 2/35th Inf
Sp4 Andrew T. Castella—Co A, 2/35th Inf
Sp4 Richard Tarkington—HHC, 1/22nd Inf
Sp4 Juan P. Aviles—Co C, 2/35th Inf
PFC Dennis B. Stockwell—Co C, 2/35th Inf
PFC William E. Lund—Co C, 2/35th Inf
PFC Johnnie M. Mayo—Co C, 2/35th Inf
1st Lt. Michael G. Sudborough—Co C, 2/35th Inf
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PFC James R. Prestwood—Co C, 1/12th Inf
PFC Roy W. Chamberlain—Co A, 2/35th Inf
SSgt. Johnny W. Gould—Co B, 2/8th Inf
PFC Boyd G. Garner—HHC, 2/35th Inf
Sp4 Danny D. Rhoads—Co A, 2/35th Inf
Sp4 James P. Perrone Jr.—Co A, 2/35th Inf
Sp4 Elbert P. Blackburn—Co B, 1/12th Inf
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Posthumous Bronze Star Medal

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Air Medal For Heroism

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Air Medal

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Sp4 Ricky L. Corneliusen—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
Sp4 Richard R. Cullen—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
Sp4 Albert W. Ekstrom—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
Sp4 David B. Farrington—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
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PFC Robert E. Dorsey—HHC, and Bde, 4th Div
PFC Ernest A. Price—Co A, 1/12th Inf
PFC Miles E. Moore—Co C, 1/12th Inf
2nd Lt. Jerome W. Steele—Co C, 3/8th Inf
PFC Russell D. Buckert—Btry A, 4/42nd Arty
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A LITTLE HEART GOES A LONG WAY

Captain Neville Colburn (Honolulu), bottom, civil affairs officer, and Specialist 4 Dan W. Campbell (Warsaw, Ind.), a medic, both members of Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry, wash the infected leg of a Montagnard with hydrogen peroxide on a MEDCAP mission while operating in Phu Bon Province. (USA Photo by Sp4 Norman Johnson)

Seven Communication Specialists Keep Radios Constantly Humming

By Sp5 Al Seagroves

Oasis — Smoke signals may seldom, if ever, be used in the dense jungle of the Central Highlands, but communication specialists with the 4th Division's 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry are keeping it well in mind for emergency purposes.

"I thought I would have to go back to the old system many a time," explained Specialist 4 Pete J. Raineri (Arlington, Va.). "Only trouble is when Charlie is around sniping at you, you're not about to start a bonfire."

Though enemy fire and mortar attacks are of deep concern to the radiomen, they must keep their radios humming at all times.

"On several occasions we have found ourselves crawling to and from a stalled generator or repairing a broken lead-wire with lead flying all around us," remarked Specialist 4 Samuel E. Ruffing (Lorretto, Pa.).

Maintaining a constant radio watch 24-hours a day,

the crew of seven operates four different radios — each on a different net. Communications between the battalion command post and the division's 2nd Brigade Headquarters is of the utmost importance as is keeping a line open to the battalion's line companies.

"These two radios are a must," related Specialist 4 Bobby G. Sexton (Arlington, Tex.). "However, the system itself must be complete to be effective as we receive intelligence spot reports and resupply requests from the field units."

In addition, they also serve as radio-telephone operators aboard the control and command helicopter whenever the battalion is on tactical operations or assault. During such a move they help coordinate and control helicopter lifts into and out of the landing zones.

Upon arriving at their new destination, the radiomen quickly set up their communication, laying lines to the different units within the battalion's fire support base and start to work on the command bunker.

"Our job has its ups and downs just like everybody else's," comments Private First Class Robert Heymanowski (Buffalo), "but whenever we get set up and get

settled into our routine we have plenty of time to rest up."

Other members of the seven-man radio crew are Specialist 4 William D. Butella (Portvue, Pa.), Specialist 4 William Crawford (North Hollywood, Calif.), and Specialist 4 Raymond L. Beech (Salem, Ohio).

2nd Brigade LRRP Members Elect To Extend Tours

Oasis — As each individual nears the end of his tour of service in Vietnam he is faced with a question about his future. Should he or should he not extend in Vietnam?

As he thinks more and more about it, he begins to realize there are many factors involved. Perhaps the primary concern is his own personal feelings; what he will obtain from extending and how his extending will affect his future.

Some have already faced this question and have decided to return to the United States to complete their service obligation.

Others like Specialist 4 Charles H. Dintelman (Highland, Calif.), Specialist 4 Ronald E. Norton (Andersonville, Tenn.), Specialist 4

Military Policemen Faced With Variety Of Duties In Field

By Sp5 Al Seagroves

Oasis — Playing cops and robbers may be an ideal game to a couple of nine-year olds, but when the game becomes reality in the jungle of the Central Highlands it is another matter.

Instead of cap pistols, red bandannas and fake holdups, the men of the 4th Military Police Company's 2nd Platoon, located at the 4th Division's 2nd Brigade Oasis base camp, are faced with an entirely different problem.

Not only do the men have to be on the alert for a surprise enemy mortar attack, but they also have to be on watch for any hidden enemy snipers that may be lurking along their patrol route.

Keeping these possibilities in mind, the military policeman goes about his daily routine of controlling traffic, checking vehicles, aligning convoys, investigating unlawful acts and insuring military discipline.

In addition to these duties, he also provides 24-hour security to the brigade's tactical operations center.

Chosen to set an example of discipline for his fellow soldiers, he is called upon to mark the beginning and ending of each day as he raises and lowers "Old Glory."

"Having trained at the Army's Military Police School, Ft. Gordon, Ga.," explains First Lieutenant Lee C. Lockett (Abilene, Tex.), "my men are highly trained

in military law, traffic circulation control, town patrolling, fundamentals of criminal investigation and the art of self defense.

"A prerequisite that each individual must have," continued the lieutenant, "is the ability to work constantly with people, aiding them in their personal problems and strife as well as an interest in the job."

Two Men Surrender To 2/22nd Patrol During Manhattan

Dau Tieng—"I was point man, said Specialist 4 James R. Carmichael (Little Rock, Ark.), "and had worked the patrol to within 10 meters of the bank of the river. Just then I heard some noise in the brush, and heard somebody yell, 'Chieu Hoi, Chieu Hoi.'"

Specialist Carmichael and the rest of the 10-man patrol from Company A, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry, were clearing the west bank of the Saigon River on Operation Manhattan.

The patrol immediately dropped and prepared itself in a half-moon defense. Two Chieu Hoi ralliers came out of the woodline with their hands up and knelt down.

While Corporal Bill Flynn (Lansing, Mich.) and the rest of the patrol covered them, Specialist Carmichael and Specialist 4 Wayne Vinyard (Cincinnati) went forward to secure the two men.

Interrogation revealed the two ralliers were part of a six-man group which had been trying to escape the 3rd Brigade encirclement for several days.

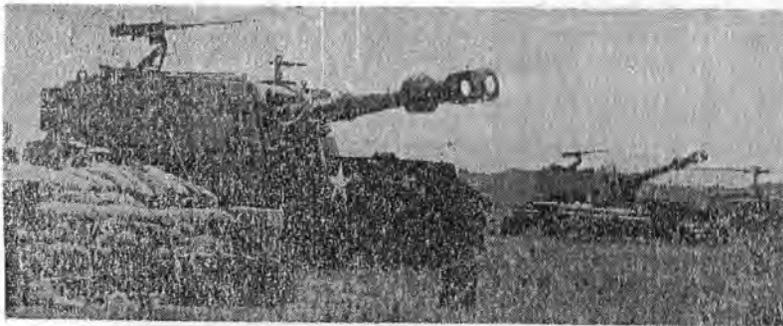
Indian Heads Identify 2/12th 'White Warriors'

Tay Ninh—The 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry "White Warriors" now situated in Tay Ninh and outlying fire support bases have a new way of distinguishing themselves.

As an added incentive towards achieving pride in their unit, each member of the battalion has the head of an Indian warrior painted on the side of his camouflage cover and the butt of his weapon.

A different color distinguishes one company from another as Headquarters Company displays black, Company A, red, Company B, green, and Company C, blue.

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HOWITZERS BRING SMOKE

Self-propelled 155mm howitzers from Battery A, 5th Battalion, 16th Artillery support the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry during search and destroy operations in Phu Bon Province. (USA Photo by Sp4 Norman Johnson)

IN SUPPORT OF IVYMEN

Enemy Harassment Fails To Stop Work Of 20th Engineer Battalion

By Sp4 Robert Boudreaux
Camp Enari — "...The battalion came ashore under savage artillery, mortar, rifle, grenade, machine gun and small arms fire..."

Those are hardly the words one would expect to hear of an engineer battalion, but for the 20th Engineer Battalion they are typical.

For the above action, which took place during the Normandy Invasion, the unit was awarded the French Croix De Guerre.

Since the organization of the unit in August 1917, the 20th has served and earned streamers in such campaigns as Algeria-French, Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy and Northern France. During the Korean War the combat engineer battalion served as stateside support in a deactivated status.

In the latter part of 1965, the unit, now under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Gilmore (Montgomery, Ala.), prepared to leave for duty in Vietnam.

The engineers arrived in-country January 1, 1966, at Cam Ranh Bay from Ft. Devens, Mass. Since then, they have been deployed throughout Vietnam building roads, airstrips and taking part in combat support projects.

Last October they joined the 4th Division at its base camp near Pleiku.

Since coming to its Central Highlands home, the "Build and Fight" Battalion has been building roads throughout the mountainous jungle region west of Pleiku and helping construct the Ivy Division base camp.

First Lieutenant Vernard Caples (Hampton, Va.), unit S-2 officer, commented on some of the 20th's activity

since joining the Famous Fourth. "We have been deployed all over Vietnam in our combat construction capacity, so no area is entirely new to us.

"The Highland area, however," continued the lieutenant, "has presented more building problems than any other region in Vietnam. Not only are the areas difficult to get to, but there is always constant harassment by the enemy."

The bulk of the work accomplished by the 20th Engineers since joining the Ivy Division has not been

in field of of actual combat construction.

Located at the southern end of the base camp, the battalion has constructed a small lumber yard complete with saw mill. Here all of the prefabricated buildings are cut and the sections assembled. Also handled by the battalion is much of the road construction being accomplished in and around the base camp area.

"We're comfortable here," said Lieutenant Caples, "the Ivy Division is one of the best combat units we have supported."

Bravo Bear Enjoys Life Of Leisure

By PFC Steve Frye

Oasis — Sleeping in trees is fine in the daytime but when the sun goes down the first sergeant's bed is much more comfortable.

Bravo, a Malaysian sun bear, seems to feel quite at home in the bed of First Sergeant James A. Moore (Waynesville, N.C.).

Bravo, named after Company B of the 4th Division's 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, was found by the unit's 2nd Platoon while on patrol in the vicinity of the Oasis several months ago.

When the men of Company B found Bravo, his mother had been killed and the small cub was left all alone to survive in the jungle.

Besides taking over the first sergeant's bed, one of Bravo's favorite habits is plundering in the first sergeant's desk.

"Bravo will eat anything that a soldier will eat," said Staff Sergeant Charles W. Turner (Anniston, Ala.). "Bravo's favorite meal is honey but he also likes a beer or two once in a while."

Sergeant Turner has been appointed as a sort of godfather to the mascot, although

all the men of Company B pitch in to help take care of the bear.

"Yes, Bravo has left his mark on everyone," said Sergeant Turner, "and I do mean mark," he added grinning.

All the men of Company B agree that Bravo has been a great morale booster. His playful ways resemble that of a small boy.

Bravo has experienced two mortar attacks and came through without a scratch. He has also been airborne. The scenery from the helicopters seemed to interest Bravo in his younger days, but now that he is six months old, he would much rather be at the office creating what disturbances he can manage.

Plans have been made to transport Bravo to the Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle. All the necessary paper work for shipping the bear has been completed and Bravo has been given a clear bill of health by a local veterinarian.

"All the fellows hate to part with Bravo, but they hope that he'll have a happy home at the zoo," said Sergeant Turner.

Engineers Push Forward With Road Construction

Le Thanh—A combination of dense underbrush, muddy

roads and enemy mines faces an engineer company building Highway 14B west of Pleiku near the border.

But Company C of the 20th Engineers is determined to overcome these obstacles, and has practically succeeded.

Supporting the 1st Brigade, 4th Division, Company C must install 17 culverts along the route to provide drainage during the rapidly approaching monsoon season.

The company does all phases of the road construction. Crawler tractors with specially sharpened tree cutting blades cut down the trees and underbrush that must be removed to widen the road. A bulldozer follows leveling the ground and shaping the roadbed.

Captain Wade M. Mertz Jr. (Vermilion, Ohio), company commander, is certain that the road will be completed according to schedule.

"We have met with obstacles on previous assignments," the captain said, "and the men have always come through with flying colors. I don't see why we won't with this project."

The road is expected to be completed within the next three weeks.



'RECON BY FIRE'

Private First Class Wayne W. Brewer (Comstock Park, Mich.) of the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry aims his M-60 machine gun as he "recons by fire" a suspected North Vietnamese position. The Ivy unit was exploring a NVA regimental base camp which it recently overran. (USA Photo by Sp5 Jerry Craighead)

LRRPs Silently Watch Every Move Of Enemy

By Capt. Lee F. Hardy Jr.

The helicopter hovered low over the small jungle clearing. Four camouflaged-clad figures jumped quickly from the aircraft and ducked off into the underbrush.

Four men alone in the jungle, armed reconnaissance specialists—these are the men of the Ivy Division's Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol

teams. Members of the LRRP teams are highly skilled, hardened combat veterans who have been chosen for their prowess as jungle fighters.

They receive intense training in all aspects of their jobs at the Ivy Division's Training Center, and only the best are sent on to the Special

Forces Recondo School at Nha Trang. Graduates of this grueling course make up the division LRRP teams.

Their job is as simple as it is dangerous. They are the commander's eyes deep in enemy strongholds. Their mission is to seek out enemy units and positions and report strengths, weaponry and directions of movement.

They search for the enemy without attempting to engage him, just to report his actions for artillery and air strikes and for the commander's

planning purposes.

For several days, the LRRP team must live deep in the jungle, sustaining itself with what it carries. Its members report on enemy supply points, availability of water, types and density of vegetation, trail networks as well as enemy movements.

Since they are deep in enemy territory most of the time, the LRRP members must play the enemy's game. They sleep when he sleeps, move only during the hours when he normally moves,

and try to make themselves as inconspicuous as possible.

Although contact with the enemy is avoided, some head to head meetings cannot be prevented. In this case, the LRRP teams break off as soon as possible, call in artillery support and await extraction from the area.

Extraction is by chopper... quick and professional. They return to the base, make their reports and make preparations for their next venture into the enemy's backyard.

Photos by Sgt. Howard Blanco



GERONIMO!—Private First Class Richard Wright (Streator, Ill.) of the 4th Division's 1st Brigade Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol leaps from a "slick" helicopter as the recon team prepares to enter the enemy's lair. The action took place during Operation Francis Marion.



HIT IT!—During a probe of enemy terrain, Private First Class Leon N. Roberts (San Antonio), left, and Private First Class John Hyers (Massapequa, N.Y.) head for cover after they were spotted by North Vietnamese in the area who gave chase. The primary job of the men of the 4th Division's 1st Brigade Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol is to recon and not engage the enemy unless absolutely necessary.



WHISPERING DIRECTIONS—The Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol team of the 4th Division's 1st Brigade lays and waits in the jungle of the Central Highlands for artillery fire to blast a North Vietnamese position. Private First Class Thomas Lara III (San Francisco), right foreground, directs the artillery fire by field phone during Operation Francis Marion.



KEEPIN' LOW—Specialist 4 Donald Rinehardt (Burlington, N.J.) of the Ivy Division's 1st Brigade Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol calls into his command post about enemy activity in the jungle north of Pleiku. The recon team was participating in Operation Francis Marion in the Central Highlands.



EXTRACTION UNDER FIRE—While 4th Division gunships and artillery fire zero in on the enemy's position, a "slick" helicopter hovers to extract members of the 1st Brigade Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol after they had located an enemy element patrolling an area north of Pleiku. Private First Class Thomas Lara III lends a helping hand to his comrade, Private First Class Richard Wright, as Private First Class William Campos (San Francisco) keeps a sharp watch for the onrushing enemy.



WHAT LIES AHEAD?

The engineers of Companies D and Headquarters, 4th Engineer Battalion conduct a sweep for mines on a road leading from the Special Forces camp of Plei Me to the 4th Division's Camp Enari. In an operation that took five days, the engineers leveled and graded the road, making it ready for passage during the coming monsoon season. (USA Photo by Sp4 Richard Obermaier)

1/22nd 'Regulars' Rest At Division Base Camp

Camp Enari — Elements of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry returned to the 4th Division's Camp Enari for the first time in more than five months recently for a seven-day period of rest and refitting.

Beginning with Company C the units flew individually from their isolated forward fire support base to begin their week of relaxation on a rotation basis.

Inspections were scheduled during the morning hours for both men and equipment. Worn or missing articles were replaced. Vehicles, weapons and radios received a thorough preventive maintenance check.

Command information classes pertaining to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, income tax requirements and piaster control were given.

The "Regulars" were extended all possible privileges during the week. Passes were issued as frequently as possible. Company parties and floor shows provided

evening entertainment.

Post exchange personnel cooperated with the program by admitting only 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry personnel during predesignated hours.

"The purpose of the rest and refitting period was obvious," commented Captain James B. Stapleton Jr., Company C commander. "Morale has gone up immeasurably. It's almost like having a new unit."

3/12th Companies Withstand Attack By North Vietnamese

By PFC Jerry Redding

Le Thanh — Company A, 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry was expecting something to break all night.

The Ivymen had been suddenly diverted to join Company B which had already received heavy sniper fire while setting up a perimeter for the night.

Upon arriving they immediately set about digging in for the night. Since Company B had already established a perimeter, the men of Company A merely extended it by constructing their own circular perimeter attached to Bravo, forming a figure eight.

The night was clear and warm. Hardly a breeze stirred the elephant grass where the men lay waiting in their bunkers. A small stream ran through the gently sloping valley in front of them.

Years of erosion had turned the stream bed into a small gully. Beyond that, 50 meters away, the treeline cast dark shadows in the moonlight.

All night long they waited. With the light of morning would come inaudible sighs, at least they could see what they were shooting at, if the occasion presented itself. And it would, if not today, then tomorrow or the next day.

Specialist 4 Wayne E. Dixon (West Collingswood Heights, N.J.) wandered across the perimeter to the Company B portion of the line. He had finished his breakfast of C-rations and was looking for a buddy.

In his pockets were several new pictures from home. Specialist Dixon pulled the pictures out of his wallet as he sat down, propped against his buddy's bunker.

Elsewhere men were still eating, savoring the last drops of hot coffee, packing their

gear, and getting ready to tear down their bunkers. Suddenly, according to Specialist Dixon, "We heard them dropping mortars down the tubes."

"I took off for my foxhole as fast as I could go. I didn't bother to pick up my pictures; just got out of the open and started firing as fast as I saw a target."

Specialist Dixon, a grenadier with the 1st Platoon, continued, "I carry 60 grenades with me; three hours later, when the fighting stopped, I had only 25 left."

Soon after the attack started the rain began to fall. The low cloud ceiling which brought the rain made air support impossible. But, the men of the 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry fought doggedly, holding their positions for two hours.

"They were close, at times

only 15 to 20 meters away. We could see them, creeping up through the grass, hurling grenades at our positions. We were fortunate in our bunker, we just kept firing and no one got close enough to hurt us," Specialist Dixon recalled.

As soon as the rain stopped, the jets came in, spraying the area with bullets and bombs. The NVA began to pull back, their taste for battle dulled by the tenacity of the 3/12th infantrymen and the jets, Skyraiders, and gunships.

The infantrymen of Company A began to breathe easier.

"Yes, I even had time to retrieve my pictures from the other side of the perimeter," added the smiling Specialist Dixon. "Then it was back to work, mopping up, just like after every battle."



WASHDAY MIRACLE

Specialist 4 John S. Ashworth (Largent, Tenn.), 81mm mortar squad leader with the Ivy Division's Company A, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry finds time during a lull at the battalion's fire support base to wash his fatigues. Scenes such as this are common throughout the forward area where the 4th Division is presently engaged in Operation Francis Marion. (USA Photo by Maj. Daniel R. Zenk)

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