

Platoon Leader Receives DSC



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Honored For Actions During Enemy Attack

CAMP ENARI—First Lieutenant Conrad D. Braun of the 4th Division's 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry recently was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest award for valor.

Lieutenant Braun was cited for his actions February 16 while serving as platoon leader during a search and destroy mission near the Cambodian border.

The lieutenant's platoon was pinned down by a vicious cross-fire from enemy machine guns and moments later the Ivy troops were surrounded by a numerically superior hostile force.

The enemy then initiated a heavy mortar barrage which made it increasingly difficult for the platoon to maneuver and wounded the lieutenant's men.

As the enemy began charging his hemmed-in platoon, Lieutenant Braun called for artillery and armed helicopter support which stopped the effectiveness of the attack.

On several occasions the courageous lieutenant ran out into the field of fire to bring wounded comrades back to safety.

Lieutenant Braun joins Captain Harold V. Floody Jr. as a 4th Division Distinguished Service Cross winner.

Captain Floody earned the DSC for extraordinary heroism last November when he commanded Battery B of the 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery.

In another awards ceremony, Colonel Charles A. Jackson, 1st Brigade commander, was presented the Legion of Merit by General Creighton B. Abrams, deputy commander of U.S. Forces in Vietnam.

Colonel Jackson was cited for distinguished and meritorious service while serving on the Army General Staff in three successive capacities. He was an assistant secretary of the general staff, executive assistant to the deputy chief of staff for military operations and assistant director of strategic plans and policy.



LIEUTENANT BRAUN

'Animals' Search For NVA

VUNG DAT AM — It's an odd animal that prowls 100 miles a day in search of its prey. Such creatures exist in the 4th Division.

The odd "animals" are the armored personnel carriers of the Reconnaissance Platoon, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry and their prey is the equally dangerous North Vietnamese.

Since arriving in country, the "Panther" battalion recon platoon, commanded by First Lieutenant Benjamin E. Maxham (Burbank, Calif.), has covered well over 10,000 miles of Central Highland territory.

"When I took over the platoon in December 1966," said Lieutenant Maxham, "we were operating with gun jeeps and our feet. Since the acquisition of our APCs in February we now cover twice as much ground in almost half the time."

Most of the Ivy men working in the platoon had little previous experience with a mechanized unit and as a result underwent extensive on-the-job training while carrying out actual missions.

They quickly mastered the skills particular to mechanized infantrymen and the enemy quickly learned to give them a wide berth.

"A recon platoon," said Lieutenant Maxham, "is the battalion commander's own maneuver element. When the need arises it can be placed where needed most. In a couple of instances we found ourselves in the battle area before the main elements of the battalion. That's when things can get a little hairy."

Altogether, the platoon has lost 10 tracks to enemy mines and the notorious B-40 rocket. The unit's APCs have been ambushed numerous times but have always managed to turn the tables on the enemy.

"Old Charlie," said Lieutenant Maxham, "will soon learn that a steel 'Panther' is better left alone."

Ivy men Get New Radios

VUNG DAT AM—A small compact transistor radio is expected to become a big hit with the "Red Warriors" of the 4th Division's 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry as they continue their tactical operations in the Central Highlands.

Although the radio itself does not emit soft soothing lullabies or the popular tunes of today, it is designed to bring "music" to the infantrymen's ears as he receives directional instructions and other pertinent data concerning the enemy's whereabouts.

Produced by the Delco Corporation, the new Army-Navy personnel receiver and transmitter was issued recently to the "Red Warriors" as they rotated to the division's Camp Enari base camp for reorganization and resupply.

Replacing the cumbersome battery-tube operated field radio, the two-piece model enables the operator to carry more food and ammunition as it weighs only 29 ounces complete, compared to the 26-pound older model.

In addition to its light weight, the receiver and transmitter is compact enough to fit inside a fatigue shirt pocket.

"The manual states that it is designed to fit the soldier's helmet," explained Staff Sergeant Howard A. Disharoon, battalion tactical commo chief. "However, since there's always a good possibility of losing your helmet or taking it off during a break, we prefer to have the radio operator attach it to his web gear."

"Another fine feature of the new radio is its earplug," continued Sergeant Disharoon. "With this handy gadget the operator is able to listen to the radio at all times in complete security of not having been overheard by the enemy."



COLLECTING BEES

Corporal Gerald E. Coone (De Funiak Springs, Fla.) of the Pathfinder Detachment, 52nd Aviation sits in a rubber tree as he tries to coax a swarm of bees into a homemade beehive made from an old ammo box. There are already two operating beehives at Jackson's Hole, headquarters of the 4th Division's 1st Brigade.

(USA Photo by Sp4 Norman Johnson)

THROWING GRENADES

Ballplayer Keeps In Shape

By Sp4 Robert Boudreaux
VUNG DAT AM—Most big league ballplayers consider spring training the most grueling phase of the baseball season, but for Private First Class Herman L. Green (Austin, Tex.) it is a matter of life and death. The chunky left fielder for the Rockdale Black Sox, a New

York Mets farm club, is undergoing his spring, summer and winter training with Company B, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry deep in the Central Highlands.

And as if that isn't bad enough, the North Vietnamese are making sure that his throwing arm never gets out of shape.

"He's got one of the best arms I've seen," commented Sergeant Gerald L. Woodley, his squad leader. "Whenever we make contact with the enemy everyone simply hands PFC Green a grenade and he throws a perfect 'out.' If Charlie was within hearing distance I'm sure he would agree."

"I was ready for the big leagues," said the 20-year-old righthander, "but I still had my service commitment, so I decided to get that over with before continuing my baseball career."

"Vietnam is not the ideal training ground, but 'humping the booties' keeps me in shape and Charlie never lets me get my arm out of shape."

Whatever the case, when PFC

Green returns to the diamond the Mets will undoubtedly be pleased with his progress.

With nine months left in PFC Green's Vietnam tour, the Ivy Division and the NVA can look for a few more "outs" thrown by the rifleman.

Recon Platoon Finds Scarves

DUC PHO—While operating in the Duc Pho area the 3rd Brigade Task Force of the 25th Infantry Division has made several unusual discoveries. The latest was 30 red scarves.

While on a search and destroy mission northwest of Duc Pho the reconnaissance platoon of the 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry found the scarves hidden in a small village. First Lieutenant John McRae, platoon leader, called for an interpreter.

The interpreter explained to the infantrymen that the Viet Cong wear the scarves on their arms during mass attacks so that they can identify their men.

Lieutenants Plan To Wed After Tour In Combat Zone

DUC PHO—Life is not a honeymoon in Vietnam, but it may lead to one for First Lieutenant Carl F. Stout and First Lieutenant Mary P. Reis.

On completion of their tours in Vietnam, the two Army officers plan to be married.

Most soldiers in the combat zone are 'troubled because they are halfway around the world from their sweethearts, but you can even be troubled by being 40 miles apart, assures Lieutenant Stout.

Lieutenant Stout is an artillery forward observer in the 3rd

Brigade, 25th Infantry Division near Duc Pho while Lieutenant Reis is serving in the Army Nurse Corps at the 2nd Surgical Hospital in Chu Lai.

Since arriving in Vietnam last December, the two have been able to see each other three times.

The artillery officer and his fiancée met in the officer's club at Ft. Ord, Calif. About the time their romance began to flourish he received orders for Vietnam. The nurse then volunteered for duty in Vietnam.

Chaplain's Corner

Need Help?

By Chaplain (Maj.)
Duie R. Jernigan

On a Saturday afternoon in 1908, Lord Northcliffe, the new owner of the "London Times," was looking over his new property. He saw a little man with a black bag go down a corridor and disappear behind a door. Lord Northcliffe was curious, and banged on the door. He asked the man who he was.

"I'm the man from the bank." Then the little man revealed that for 23 years he had held this job. Each Saturday afternoon he arrived with 1,000 guineas in the bag—approximately \$5,000—and simply sat in the little room to which he was assigned until Monday morning.

Lord Northcliffe investigated this odd provision and discovered it went back to 1815. On a Sunday the word reached the "Times" that Napoleon had been defeated. The editor wanted to cross the Channel.

Ship owners were afraid of French privateers. The only solution was to buy a boat—for cash. But there was no cash on hand, and the banks were closed on Sunday.

Thereafter a provision was made for such an emergency. A man from the bank was kept on the premises with a thousand guineas. His vigil covered the space between banking hours.

The time had come when such an expedient was unnecessary but a man from the bank had kept this appointment for 93 years.

Help which is not available is no help at all. However, Divine help is immediately available. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

There is no way to plan for an emergency. Things go along smoothly with no hitch when all of a sudden the bottom falls out.

These emergencies do not always arise when friends are close by, when finances are available or physical strength is at its peak. But our Lord is never far away.

"Faith," according to one individual, "is not a due bill on the goodness of God but is that instant communication by which we reach him. Faith is not an orphan-in-a-bundle lying at God's doorstep and hoping He will open the door and take him in. Faith is the information that God is at hand and the promises of God are negotiable for this moment."

How we respond in the crisis days depends on the kind of faith we develop in those non-crisis days.

Troops Get Another Free Mail Privilege

SAIGON (MACV)—Free postal privileges for U.S. servicemen in Vietnam have now been extended to include tape-recorded messages to foreign countries.

Sound recorded communications having the character of personal correspondence will be airtiled on a space available basis.

Before the recent change, tape-recorded messages could only be mailed free to the United States.



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179th Assault Hel Co

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Sp4 Emmanuel S. Fenech
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Btry A, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
Co B, 2nd Bn, 8th Inf
4th Admin Co
Hqs & Svc Btry, 5th Bn, 16th Arty
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HHC, 4th Div
4th MI Det
HHC, 2nd Bn, 12th Inf
Co B, 2nd Bn, 22nd Inf
HHC, 2nd Bn, 22nd Inf
Co B, 3rd Bn, 22nd Inf
HHC, 2nd Bn, 2nd Inf
Co C, 2nd Bn, 12th Inf
HHC, 2nd Bn, 12th Inf



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RACING THE CLOCK—Mortarmen of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry use all their skill in sighting and aligning an 81mm mortar to a practice session. The mortar team is "expert" which means it can constantly have the mortar ready to fire in less than 60 seconds.

BATTLEFIELD CLASSES

Mortarmen Always Learning

Story & Photo
by
Sp4 John Powers

VUNG DAT AM — Veteran mortarmen attending classes on their 81mm mortar while on the battlefield might seem strange at first thought.

This is not so, warned Staff Sergeant James T. Metcalf (Milo, Maine) as he began giving instructions to the mortarmen of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry.

The classes being held in the battalion's fire base are not aimed at teaching the mortarmen anything they don't already know about their jobs. The crews are highly skilled in their military trade.

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas G. Roselle, battalion commander, started the ball rolling, knowing that learning is a constant process. In war, good should be better, thought the commander, and with that in mind Sergeant Metcalf went to work.

Starting with the mortar broken down in its three main pieces, crews went through speed drills designed to create simulated stress similar to that in actual combat missions.

The book says if the mortar is ready to be fired in 65 seconds or less, the team is "expert." Repeatedly the veteran crews "chewed-up" that mark, and challenged one another for low time.

Mechanical functions of the job become second nature to mortarmen as they daily repeat the steps which send the rounds on the way to the enemy. The drill makes certain the crews are abreast of small details.

The battalion commander stood by as the men set deflection and elevation, referred sights and aligned guns on aiming stakes. All these things the

mortarmen have done many times in training and under fire. Occasionally Colonel Roselle would ask one of the men a question about his job, or more likely a question particular to something another crew member was doing. The man must know

all the facets of firing a mortar accurately and swiftly.

"A lot of these men have come to us from the 9th Infantry Division," observed the commander. "Their attitude and performance has been outstanding. The mortarmen are doing a fine job."



ON A CHAIN?

No, he's not on a chain. The platoon leader, right, has the mike while his radio-telephone operator has the radio. Both are with Company B, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry near Duc Pho. The 3rd Brigade, 25th Division unit is part of Task Force Oregon. (USA Photo by PFC Eric Schmidt)

Sergeant Braves Enemy Fire To Rescue Wounded Soldier

By Sp4 Bob Mirra
LE THIANG—Above and beyond the call of duty are simple words to describe a brave soldier.

But simple words hardly seem to be appropriate in the case of Sergeant Dennis G. Palmer (Jarboro, N. C.), a squad leader in Company B, 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry.

On a muggy morning a North Vietnamese Army battalion attacked the perimeter manned by the men of Companies A and B.

The enemy used mortar, recoilless rifle, rocket, and heavy small arms fire to rake the American perimeter in an attempt to soften it up for the assault. But the companies held their ground even though there were several casualties.

A listening post manned by three members of Company B was told to try and make its way back to the perimeter. After waiting as long as they could, the Ivymen started to make their way back but only two of them reached the perimeter.

Sergeant Palmer could hear the missing man, who had been wounded in the head by shrapnel, crying for help.

Disregarding his own safety, Sergeant Palmer darted down a dry creekbed and reached the half-conscious soldier 100 meters away without being detected.

Seeing that it was impossible for the wounded man to make it on his own, the sergeant picked him up and under intense enemy fire carried him back to the perimeter.

The fighting had grown in intensity as the NVA fanatically tried to breach the lines. Ammunition was running low so an airdrop was requested.

Unfortunately the ammo

crates fell far outside the perimeter and again it was Sergeant Palmer who came through.

With heavy fire coming in from all sides, he rushed out three times to drag in the badly needed ammunition. Then he ran from position to position distributing ammunition, directing fire and giving encouragement to his men.

Evacuation Hospital Opens In Highlands

PLEIKU—Another "first" has come to the fast-growing Pleiku region of the Central Highlands.

The 71st Evacuation Hospital opened its doors May 29 to receive its first patient, Private First Class John T. Cullen (Rockaway, N.Y.) of the 4th Division's 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry.

The evacuation hospital, the only one in the Central Highlands, is designed for a 400-bed capacity but is presently only operating at an 80-bed capacity. It is anticipated that by the end of this month all wards will be completed and operational.

The medical unit was alerted for overseas deployment in March 1966 and arrived in Pleiku last November 24.

The RMK-BRJ Construction Company began construction of the hospital complex in December and finished work in March. The 937th Engineer Group then assumed the project of completing the 71st Evacuation Hospital and April 10 saw the hospital personnel move into their permanent home.

Organized in October 1925 at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., the 71st Evacuation Hospital served as a unit of the Organized Reserves until October 1933 when it was withdrawn and allotted to the Regular Army as an in-

active unit.

After the outbreak of World War II the unit was activated as a motorized unit and served in the New Guinea and Luzon campaigns. It was reorganized in July 1943 as a semimobile unit and in 1945 it received the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation for service in the Philippines.

Following the war the unit was inactivated at Tokyo. It was again activated in June 1963 at Ft. Campbell, Ky., and last November, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Phillip Welch, arrived in Vietnam.

The 25-acre medical facility has a total of 65 buildings, including surgical and recovery wards. At present it is operating chiefly as a recuperation facility, but will be able to start its surgical capability next month.

Men Trap 30-Pound 'Criminal'

By Sp5 Al Seagroves
VUNG DAT AM—A thief is a thief—or is he?

Men of the 4th Division's 2nd Brigade seemed to think so recently when they started missing cigarettes, various food items, chewing gum, blankets, ponchos and other personal articles.

As their losses rose and there was no break in the constant thievery, the men set out to catch the criminal in action. Armed with sticks, stones, clubs and bayonets, they proceeded to drive the criminal from their midst.

After hearing several reports from eyewitnesses, Platoon Sergeant Alexander B. Heidel (Wartburg, Tenn.), acting first sergeant of 2nd Brigade's Headquarters Company, decided to bring the culprit to justice.

Armed with a specially-built cage-trap made by Specialist 4 Frank Bennet (New York), Sergeant Heidel put his plan into action. The bait was prepared and everything was set for the night's vigil.

Suddenly word came that the criminal had been spotted under a tarpaulin in broad daylight. Sergeant Heidel rushed to the scene.

Within minutes the criminal had been caught and placed behind the protective bars of the specially-built cage.

Hoping to keep the 30-pound thief with little beady eyes and a black-and-white ringed tail as their mascot, the men have named the culprit "Rip Raccoon."

Montagnard-Vietnamese



MEMBER OF VIETNAMESE MEDCAP TEAM GIVES YOUNG VILLAGER HIS DAILY DOSAGE OF VITAMINS.



VIETNAMESE MEDIC ADMINISTERS AID TO A MONTAGNARD MAN AT EDAP ENANG RESETTLEMENT AREA.

EDAP ENANG—Prospects of a better life for the Montagnards living in a massive resettlement area west of Pleiku are looking better every day and a great part of that optimistic outlook is due to the work of a Vietnamese lieutenant and his civic action teams.

Second Lieutenant Vo Van Khoa (Ban Me Thuot) of the 21st Civic Action Company, 20th ARVN Psychological Warfare Battalion, leads a combined Montagnard-Vietnamese civic action group at the resettlement area which makes daily MEDCAP's and goodwill visits to several of the 46 villages comprising Edap Enang.

There are 18 Vietnamese and 10 Montagnards in the lieutenant's group which is divided



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The object of the haircuts is to cut down on lice.

Powdered milk is distributed among the families as is any clothing which may have been provided the Edap Enang staff. On each team there is an "education" man who offers advice on many subjects, including health, house building, security and the latest developments in the Edap Enang project.

The civic action teams also show films at night and distribute anti-Viet Cong literature.

Lieutenant Khoa has received high praise from the American advisors of Thanh An District working at Edap Enang.

"He's a real go-getter, one of

the finest lieutenants I've seen," said Captain Grineley Curren (Atlanta, Ga.), assistant district advisor at Thanh An. "He's really kept the Vietnamese portion of the civic action program going full speed at the resettlement area."

The 29-year-old lieutenant is a former physics and mathematics teacher at Ban Me Thuot High School. He began teaching after his own high school years at Dalat and a year at Pedagogy School.

Lieutenant Khoa entered the service three years ago and was commissioned after nine months of officer candidate training. He also attended the Vietnamese Psychological Warfare School in Saigon where he graduated first in his class.

Story & Photos by Capt. Ed Ciliberti



TEAM GIVES AID AND NECESSARY MEDICINES TO AN EDAP ENANG VILLAGER.



VIETNAMESE MEDCAP WORKER CUTS YOUNGSTER'S HAIR.



MEDICAL EVACUATION

A helicopter hovers over a landing zone at the fire support base of the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry to extract wounded Iyemen after a recent encounter with the enemy in the Central Highlands. (USA Photo by PFC Steve Fry)

Forward Medical Clearing Unit Saves Lives Of Countless Men

By PFC Jerry Redding

LE THANH—The primary advantage in having a forward medical clearing company is that it is much closer to the area of conflict.

By having medical facilities in the forward area, wounded soldiers are able to receive attention quickly which sometimes means the difference between life and death.

The 1st Brigade Forward

Medical Clearing Company, commanded by Captain Don Mitchell (McKinney, Tex.), brigade surgeon, is staffed by four officers and 26 enlisted men.

The primary duty of the unit is to give emergency treatment to battle casualties in the brigade's area of operations. The company serves not only the troops of the 1st Brigade, but also Civilian Irregular Defense Group personnel and men of other units operating in the vicinity.

There is one dustoff helicopter assigned to the clearing company for use in evacuating casualties from the battle zone to the company itself. In case of heavy contact, the helicopter is joined by medical evacuation aircraft from the 4th Medical Battalion at Camp Enari which will ferry men from the clearing company to the hospital at the division base camp.

Each medical evacuation helicopter can carry four litter or eight ambulatory patients. They are also equipped to hoist a wounded man to the chopper while it hovers. This is sometimes necessary due to the triple-canopy jungle which makes clearing a landing zone impossible.

The company also has one ambulance platoon with six vehicles. These are used to transport non-emergency cases to division medical facilities at Camp Enari by a daily convoy.

Facilities for caring for casualties include six identical treatment areas. These areas allow six men to be treated at the same time. Full laboratory and X-ray capabilities and blood and oxygen are available.

The 1st Brigade Medical Company is well equipped to handle any emergency in the area. However, because of the nature of the facilities, it is not set up to give medical care requiring a long convalescent period.

There are 40 beds in the ward tents but they are kept open as much as possible because of the unpredictability of casualties coming in from the field.

All wounds requiring a recovery period of over four days, or wounded personnel requiring additional surgery are evacuated to the rear as soon as possible.

During heavy contact in the area, the wards fill up quickly with wounded. These are sent

to the rear immediately after being screened and given emergency treatment.

In the words of Captain Mitchell, "Patients are stabilized here, then sent to the rear for definitive care."

The secondary concern of the 1st Brigade Medical Company is to provide sick call for troops in the area. Fifteen-hundred men went on sick call during the past month.

The company has charge of stockpiling necessary supplies for both its own use and the use of battalion aid stations.

Captain Henry Hammer (Binghamton, N.Y.) is the dental surgeon attached to the unit with the responsibility for the care of teeth in the 1st Brigade.

The work is tiring and consumes long hours during heavy contact but the men of the 1st Brigade Forward Medical Clearing Company are saving the lives of countless men.

'Gruesome' Trio Brings New Sound To Highland Troops

By Sp4 Robert Roudreaux
CAMP ENARI—The Iyemen of the 4th Division, accustomed to being jarred awake by the truculent shriek of "Goonood Moorning Vietnam," now are literally laughed awake by three happy-go-lucky soldiers

from the Ivy's Information Office.

"Until recently," said Specialist 4 Robert Kholos (Los Angeles), spokesman for the "Gruesome Threesome," "the men in the field were not able to receive the programs from Armed Forces Radio over their transistor radios. Since then, there has been a boost in power output and the subsequent broadcast of our own show especially tailored for the Iyemen."

Troupe Sings About Happy Hoi Chanhs

DUC PHO — It's sing-along time as the Quang Ngai cultural-drama team makes its appearance in the Duc Pho area.

Sponsored by the Joint U.S. Public Affairs Office, the troupe travels about the countryside of Quang Ngai Province singing folk songs of happy Hoi Chanhs.

The songs tell of former Viet Cong soldiers who have returned to the government of Vietnam and are now reunited with their families and enjoying peaceful and productive lives.

Working closely with American and Vietnamese fighting units, the cultural-drama team moves into an area known to be Viet Cong infested. The team teaches the people its songs and conducts sing-alongs in an effort to win over the families of VC who in turn will influence communists hiding in the area.

In addition to stories about former VC, the songs include instructions on how to return to the government and the advantages, including training programs, available to those who return.

Under the direction of Melvin W. Carlton, the troupe will be in the Duc Pho area for approximately three weeks. During that time, the performers will pay a visit to the tactical command post of the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. In this performance they don't anticipate any converts to the Chieu Hoi program but will provide entertainment which will be welcomed by the Bronco Brigaders.

"Especially tailored isn't the word for it," commented Specialist 4 Mick Harsell (Missoula, Mont.) who considers himself the more sane of the three. "The idea originated while we were putting together a 'Focus' (television show accenting the 4th Division) program and the topic of poor radio transmission was brought to our attention."

Private First Class Bill Scally (Los Angeles), engineer and disc jockey, built the broadcast studio from electronic parts gathered all over Vietnam from "Saigon to the DMZ."

According to PFC Scally, "All three of us were in the radio business prior to coming into the service, so this program is right up our alley. In the near future we hope to expand and produce a jazz program for that segment of our audience."

"The response to our show has been nothing short of fantastic," continued Specialist Kholos. "Everyday we receive cards from such items as C-ration boxes and ammo cartons requesting favorite tunes played. But, due to the limited number of albums available we can only play what we have."

"Right now we're primarily concerned with ironing out the bugs in the program and expanding the variety of music. Soon everything should be 'up-tight.'"

Whatever the case, a new sound has come to the Central Highlands and if the initial response is any indication of acceptance then "the best is yet to come."

Mortarman's Foot Trouble Still Unsolved

DUC PHO — Private First Class Leslie Thomas has had a problem with his feet for years. The problem is that they will not quit growing.

The young soldier of Company B, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry has had trouble fitting his size 14 feet since he entered military service.

In civilian life he was able to get shoes by having them custom made, but in basic training this was not the case. The only shoes that they were able to fit him with in basic were low-quarter dress shoes. These had to suffice for the 6-foot, 3-inch soldier until he was into his second week of advanced infantry training.

When PFC Thomas reached the 3rd Brigade Task Force, 25th Division in Vietnam he was required to exchange his state-side combat boots for jungle boots.

The mortarman's feet once again gave his supply sergeant headaches. The best pair of boots that the sergeant was able to come up with was size 13.

This pair of boots has served PFC Thomas, after considerable breaking in, for the last seven and a half months.

As all good things must come to an end, so must PFC Thomas' boots. So once again he is faced with the problem of acquiring a new pair.

The big-footed 3rd Brigade trooper has not been surprised that they haven't arrived yet. "If they don't send me some size 14s soon, they had better send some 15s," he said.



TWICE A DAY, EVERYDAY

Specialist 4 John M. Miller (Bakersfield, Calif.) of Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry cleans his weapon during a lull in the day's activities in the Central Highlands. The 4th Division unit is participating in Operation Francis Marion.

(USA Photo by Sp4 Norman Johnson)

APCs Clear Landing Zone In 10 Minutes

VUNG DAT AM—Thanks to Company A, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry's armored personnel carriers, the job of clearing a landing zone is faster and is done with much less effort.

The man who was most appreciative recently was Staff Sergeant Phelix Perez (Guam).

A platoon sergeant with Company A, Sergeant Perez and his men were breaking trail west of the Oasis for the rest of the company.

While the platoon plowed through the thick Central Highland jungle, Sergeant Perez's arm was broken when it was pinned to the side of a truck by an overhanging branch.

His men immediately started clearing a landing zone for a dustoff helicopter. With ease the APCs pushed down trees and bushes and within 10 minutes the area was clear.

"I am sure glad we have these APCs," said Sergeant Perez. "It would have seemed like an eternity if the men would have had to chop that landing zone with a machete."

Tanks Of 69th Armor Play Vital Role



A TANK FROM THE 1ST BATTALION, 69TH ARMOR IS READY TO GREET THE ENEMY ON HIGHWAY 19 EAST OF PLEIKU.

Aid Troops, Keep Road Free Of VC

CAMP ENARI—The 1st Battalion, 69th Armor is playing a vital role in operations conducted in the Central Highlands.

Attached to the 4th Division, the unit is one of two armor battalions currently operating in Vietnam. The 69th Armor, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Paul E. Williams (Springfield, Va.), is supporting Operation Francis Marion.

In addition to assisting battalions in assault operations, the armor battalion also has the mission of securing approximately 25 miles of Highway 19E.

The highway is the major supply artery from the coast to the Central Highlands and the battalion is responsible for keeping it open to traffic.

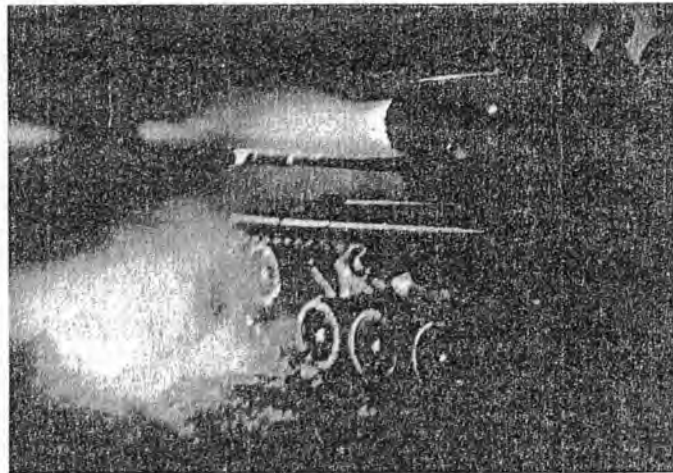
The unit quickly realized that one of its most deadly weapons was the canister rounds and since then many of the enemy have felt its devastating power.

The 1st Battalion, 69th Armor has proven that it can operate with stunning speed, shock action and firepower in the mountainous jungle of the Highlands.

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TANKS OF 69TH ARMOR SIT IN NIGHT POSITIONS ON HIGHWAY 19.



ZEON SEARCHLIGHTS ELIMINATE DARKNESS FOR 69TH ARMOR TANKERS.



MEDIUM TANKS OF 1ST BATTALION, 69TH ARMOR PATROL HIGHWAY 19, A VITAL SUPPLY ROUTE BETWEEN QUI NHON AND PLEIKU.

'Regulars' Relax At Fire Base

VUNG DAT AM—You can be sure when Company C, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry pulled into its new fire base recently, the men were ready for a rest.

The "Regulars" had been on the move for 38 days. There was no contact, but there was plenty of action.

"The enemy was there all right," said Sergeant George Mackey (Sapulpa, Okla.), the 1st Platoon's weapons squad leader. "This guy Charlie will follow you. If he catches you in a mistake, he'll jump on you fast."

Specialist 4 Kenneth A. Spoonhour (New Cumberland, Pa.) added, "The enemy can tell if you're on the ball. They know how you're moving, if you're digging in, about security. They know..."

Several times during the five weeks in the field, Company C linked with sister Company B for sweeps and nightly stops.

The enemy was watching the "Regulars." Banana peels and half-eaten pieces of fruit were found wherever the infantrymen moved. Punji stakes indicated someone other than animals had consumed the fruit.

"We do dig in, always, and we don't relax," explained Captain James P. Stapleton (Ocala, Fla.), company commander.

"Moving the way we do, loaded down, and for long periods, is rough, for sure," continued the captain. "The men who came here from other units were actually amazed. It's hard work being an infantryman, but we don't let up."

Before Company C heads out again there will be some hot chow, a few cold beers and even a dip in the stream next to the fire base site. There will also be perimeter guard at night and recon patrols during the day as there can be no real rest for infantrymen in Vietnam.

Division Association Still Seeks Members

CAMP ENARI — The membership drive for the National 4th (Ivy) Division Association is continuing.

The association is open to all persons who are or have served with any unit attached or assigned to the 4th Infantry Division. Annual dues are \$4.

The association, which has 13 chapters spread throughout the United States, publishes a quarterly magazine, "Ivy Leaves," which covers the organization's activities and is sent to all members.



FIRE HYDRANT IN VIETNAM?

Lieutenant Kevin Porter, a platoon leader with the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Infantry takes time out for a refreshing bath during search and clear operations through villages in the Michelin Rubber Plantation. (USA Photo by Sp4 Brant Olds)

Advisory Team Puts Village On Its Feet

DUC PHO—The sign over the door reads, "We have done so much with so little, we can now do anything with nothing."

In the short seven months that Captain Peter R. Bankson has served as subsector advisor in Duc Pho District, the community has undergone a considerable change.

Once firmly in the grip of the Viet Cong, Duc Pho has gained its freedom and is rapidly learning the ways of democracy.

Working hand-in-hand with the district chief, Captain Bankson's five-man advisory team of the Military Assistance Command Vietnam has helped the village get on its feet. Schools, refugee camps and private homes are rapidly going up. As many as 30 to 40 homes are built a week.

Improving the small police force was a real feat. It was the first Vietnamese law in many parts of the district in years.

"Security was definitely our biggest problem," said Captain Bankson. "Before the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division moved into the area it was next to impossible to reach the local villages and hamlets. Each time

we ventured out of the compound we faced the possibility of attack by VC in the area."

Now with the security provided by the infantrymen, the team has been able to expand its operation in helping the Vietnamese.

Staying in the background, the team assists the district chief in his plans to improve the people's lives through the teaching of modern farming techniques and self-government.

The sign over the door of the MACV compound will soon be changed to "We've done it."

1st Brigade's Portable PX Visits Troops

LE THANH — "Don't call us, we'll call you" is the policy of Captain Joseph Pisano (Lynchburg, Va.) when it comes to the post exchange facilities within the 1st Brigade area of operations.

Captain Pisano, officer-in-charge of the brigade exchange, recently performed a first when he and his men brought the exchange to the forward fire base of the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry located south of 1st Brigade headquarters at Jackson's Hole.

The "portable PX" was hauled in an Army storage container by convoy to the forward fire base and remained there all day. Captain Pisano estimated that 350 troops took advantage of the unprecedented undertaking.

"I think the troops really enjoyed its convenience," said the officer. "I think this will turn out to be a successful project which will benefit the whole brigade."

The idea originated with Captain Pisano several weeks ago when the brigade's new permanent PX opened its doors at Jackson's Hole. Extensive planning followed and everything was soon ready to go.

Future plans call for the PX to visit each forward fire base every two or three weeks.

31 ENEMY DEAD

NVA Force Makes Too Many Mistakes

LE THANH — North Vietnamese soldiers made a series of deadly mistakes in a recent engagement with Companies B and C of the 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry near the Cambodian border.

Companies A and B had been hit hard the previous day. Now Company C was out on rotation from the fire base, replacing Company A. A landing zone was cut at the site of the previous day's battle.

Company C secured the area while Company A loaded on helicopters for the flight back to the fire base.

Meanwhile, Company B moved toward a small hill approximately 800 meters away to establish a new perimeter. Company C was to follow as soon as Company A was safely extracted.

Unknown to the Ivymen, there was a NVA camp near the area selected by Companies B and C. The enemy apparently thought the Americans were going to use the landing zone for a defensive position for another night.

The NVA were caught flat-footed when Company B flushed one of their listening posts on the way up the hill, killing one enemy soldier.

At this point the NVA made another serious mistake. They had been taken by surprise by the Ivymen's movement. Now they assumed that Company B was the only element moving in their direction.

When Company B reached the summit of the hill it began to dig in on its half of the planned two-company perimeter. Almost immediately the Ivymen were hit by mortar and small arms fire.

Then the NVA made a third mistake. They struck Company B from the front.

By now Company C was close behind Company B. The men of Company C broke into a run as the sounds ahead indicated a fire fight. The gap between the two friendly units was quickly closed.

Large rocks on the hilltop provided cover for the Ivymen who returned fire. Artillery and aircraft joined to intensify the enemy's problems.

Before long the NVA realized that they had tackled something much larger than anticipated. Contact was broken within an hour.

A sweep of the area was not made that night. But before darkness fell, a patrol went out to collect resupply ammunition which had fallen outside the perimeter. In the small area that the patrol members covered looking for the ammo, they found 31 NVA bodies.

4/42nd Artillerymen

Get New Commander

VUNG DAT AM—Lieutenant Colonel Roy L. Dickerson (Atkinson, Neb.) assumed command of the 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery in a recent ceremony at the unit's fire support base in the Central Highlands.

The new commander accepted the colors of his battalion from Lieutenant Colonel Jack C. Woods (McLean, Va.) in the brief ceremony. The exchange was witnessed by Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander, and Colonel Joseph F. H. Cutrona, Division Artillery commander.



MOBILE SPEAKER

Private First Class Bobby E. May carries a loudspeaker system on a search and destroy mission with the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. Psychological operations teams use the speakers with Vietnamese interpreters when approaching a village.

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