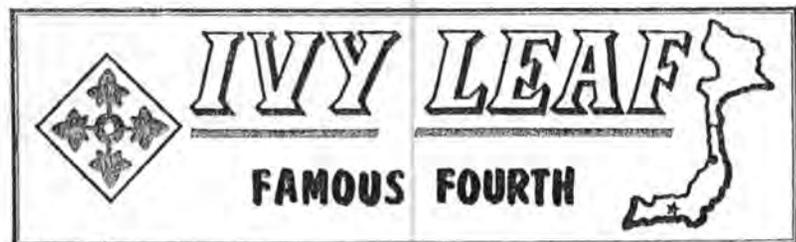


4th, 25th Divisions Switch Brigades

Affected Battalions Retain Designations



SAIGON—The 3rd brigades of the 4th Infantry Division and the 25th Infantry Division have officially switched shoulder patches and unit designations in accordance to a recent order issued by U.S. Army Pacific as announced by U.S. Army Vietnam.

The formal transfer of colors took place last Friday at Duc Pho as the 3rd Brigade, 25th Division ceremoniously became a brigade of the Ivy Division. At almost the same time the 4th Division's 3rd Brigade put on the "Tropic Lightning" patch of the 25th.

The dislocation of the two brigades from their parent divisions came about as a result of the phased deployment of Army forces to Vietnam and was influenced by the tactical situation at the time.

When the 25th Division was sent to Vietnam, its 3rd Brigade was assigned an area of responsibility around Pleiku — some 200 miles north of the division headquarters and the other two brigades.

Separated During Deployment

The Ivy Division deployed to Vietnam a few months later. Its tactical area of responsibility was also in the Pleiku area.

With the 25th's 3rd Brigade already there, the Ivy Division's 3rd Brigade was detached at sea and put under the operational control of the 25th Division, to bring the division back to three-brigade strength.

Both brigades have fought in areas mainly separated from their original parent divisions most of the time. According to USARV the move is expected to establish geographical as well as unit integrity.

Transferred In Place

Maneuver battalions and brigade artillery battalions were transferred in place from one division to the other while retaining their battalion and regimental affiliations.

The Ivy Division's new 3rd Brigade, the "Bronco" brigade, will continue operations with Task Force Oregon in the vicinity of Duc Pho.

The change brings the following new units to the 4th Division: 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry; 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry; 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry; 2nd Battalion, 9th Artillery; 1st Battalion, 69th Armor.

The Ivy Division lost the following units in the switch: 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry; 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry; 2nd

Battalion, 22nd Infantry; 2nd Battalion, 77th Artillery.

Colonel George E. Wear is the commander of the Ivy Division's new "Bronco" brigade.

The change, which has been anticipated since late last fall, alleviates certain administrative problems which existed when the units were geographically dislocated from their parent divisions.

New ADC Promoted To General

CAMP ENARI — Brigadier General Robert E. Connor (Cincinnati) was recently promoted to his present rank during a brief ceremony at the Ivy Division's base camp.

General Harold K. Johnson, Army chief of staff, pinned the single star on General Connor's collar.

The new general just recently joined the 4th Infantry Division as the assistant division commander for support. General Connor was previously a professor of military science at the University of Cincinnati.

The veteran soldier joined the Army in December 1939 since which he has served as an infantry unit commander, personnel staff officer, instructor, operations and training staff officer, and chief of staff.

The general wears the Combat Infantryman Badge, Silver Star, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart and the French Croix de Guerre Ans Etoile DeVermeil.

Chaplains Celebrate Anniversary

CAMP ENARI—Chaplains of the 4th Infantry Division recently observed the 192nd anniversary of the Chaplains' Corps.

During the observance, Chaplain (LTC) William R. Hett, who has served as division chaplain since October 4, 1965, received a plaque of appreciation and a scroll with signatures of all chaplains in the division. Chaplain (LTC) John C. Brady, assistant division chaplain, made the presentation.

The occasion also marked the first time that chaplains from the division's 1st and 2nd Brigades, 4th Engineer Battalion, Support Command and Division Artillery had all been together since the Ivy Division arrived in Vietnam last year.

The Chaplains' Corps was organized July 29, 1775.

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Shaken But Untouched

Ivyman Tells Harrowing Story

By PFC Hugh Massey

LE THANH—A shaken, but otherwise untouched Ivyman told the harrowing story of his platoon during a recent battle with North Vietnamese Army forces in the Central Highlands.

Private First Class John Waldron (Bellville, N.J.) was left pointman with 3rd Platoon of Company C, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry. The unit was conducting a routine search and clear mission about 800 meters northwest of Company C's night defensive position.

PFC Waldron, a veteran of three months in the jungles, saw something moving to his front. He stopped. At the same time, the main element of the patrol spotted unusual movements through the trees a short distance in front of them.

Several rounds of machine gun fire were the signal to take cover. PFC Waldron and the platoon returned the fire for about five

minutes. Then, an unusual calm enveloped the damp jungle air.

PFC Waldron called out to the rest of the platoon to see if everybody was all right—everybody answered.

Then, as if the quiet calm was the lull before the storm, "all hell broke loose," according to the 20-year-old pointman. Mortars, rockets and heavy automatic weapons fire filled the air.

"They were crawling through the grass four or five feet from us," PFC Waldron said. "That part of the jungle is so thick that four or five feet might as well be four or five miles."

Most of the action was coming from the rear and left flank which meant that the enemy had broken through the platoon and headed toward the company perimeter. Waldron picked up his radio and alerted his company of the surging NVA troops.

The Ivyman proceeded to wipe

out a company of the NVA's 32nd Regiment.

The task of clearing a landing zone followed. Dead and wounded were airlifted out of the area. PFC Waldron, who was the only one of his platoon untouched, chose to remain with the rest of the company.

SSG Goes To Assoc Meeting

CAMP ENARI—Staff Sergeant Edward T. Smith was the 4th Infantry Division's official representative to the reunion of the National 4th (Ivy) Division Association at Charlotte, N.C., last week.

SSG Smith is from the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery which has the highest percentage of members in the association. A total of 417 Ivyman from the artillery battalion, over 90 per cent of the unit's strength, are members of the organization.

SSG Smith, a 105mm howitzer section chief with Battery A, is well qualified to describe the war in Vietnam from a soldier's viewpoint because his unit has been in the field for nearly a year.

The 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery supported the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry on the coast in Phu Yen Province and is now with the infantry battalion in the Central Highlands.

The representative from the "Fighting Fourth" took two 15-minute movies to the reunion to show Ivy veterans the 4th Division's role in Vietnam.

Lieutenant Colonel James R. Lay, who has completed his Vietnam tour after serving as commander of the division's 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry and division G-3, planned to attend the opening day ceremonies at the reunion.

Nicknames For New 3rd Brigade

- 3rd Brigade ...
- "Bronco"
- 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry ...
- "Golden Dragons"
- 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry ...
- "Cacti Green"
- 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry ...
- "Cacti Blue"
- 2nd Battalion, 9th Artillery ...
- "Mighty Ninth"



CAN YOU TELL US WHERE?—ILT Howard Lawson (Monticello, Ark.), a platoon leader with the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, interrogates a lone Montagnard encountered during a recent patrol on Operation Francis Marion. (USA Photo by SP4 Mick Harsell)

Warning From Hong Kong: Don't Bring Weapons

SAIGON — Strict enforcement of regulations regarding the importation of weapons into Hong Kong and the possession of passports is now in effect.

Hong Kong government authorities have stated that a person caught bringing a weapon into Hong Kong will face criminal prosecution. The maximum punishment upon conviction is

three years imprisonment and it has been indicated that no appeal from the U.S. government will be accepted.

Also according to Hong Kong authorities, all persons in civilian attire who arrive at Hong Kong aboard R&R aircraft are required to have current, valid passports in their possession.



STEADFAST and LOYAL



Chaplain's Corner Responding To God's Call

Army Commendation Medal

- SP4 James E. Spice Co A, 4th Med Bn
- SP5 Walter J. Martin Co A, 704th Maint Bn
- SP4 Derry D. Johnson HHC, 4th Inf Div
- SP4 James C. McDonald Co C, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
- SP4 James G. Stankiewicz HHC, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
- SGT William E. Crider Co C, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
- SP4 Harold D. Higgins Co C, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
- SGT John D. Henry HHC, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
- SP4 Merlin R. Stoddard HHC, 4th Engr Bn
- SP4 George A. Novotny HHC, 4th Engr Bn
- SP5 James E. Custer Co B, 4th Engr Bn
- SP5 Percy L. Suter Co B, 4th Engr Bn
- SP4 David P. Stalter HHC, 4th Inf Div
- SP5 Calvin H. Miller HHC, 1st Bn, 69th Armor
- SGT Leonard R. Kennedy Trp B, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav
- SSG Levi Moore Co D, 725th Maint Bn
- SP4 Norton T. Johnson Hq&Svc Btry, 2nd Bn, 9th Arty
- CPT Harold L. Hunter HHC, 2nd Bde, 4th Inf Div
- SP5 Gary L. Lloyd HHC, 4th Inf Div
- SGT Michael E. Gibson HHC, 2nd Bn, 8th Inf
- SP5 Louis N. Farrell Co C, 124th Sig Bn
- SP5 Karl D. Anderson Hq&Svc Btry, 5th Bn, 16th Arty
- SP5 Wayne A. Duerfeldt Co C, 124th Sig Bn
- SGT Elmer Snell Co C, 124th Sig Bn
- CPT Samuel J. Kowal 170th Aslt Hel Co, 52nd Cbt Avn Bn
- SP4 Eugene C. Kukuk 4th Admin Co, 4th Inf Div
- 1LT James A. Helbert HHC, 4th Inf Div
- SP4 Jerry H. Waggerman HHC, 4th Inf Div
- SP5 Alex Lisachenko HHC, 2nd Bde, 4th Inf Div
- PFC Donell Cambell Btry B, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- PFC Richard P. Olson Hq&Svc Btry, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- SP5 Elwood Holliday Jr. HHC, 4th Inf Div
- SP4 Stanley O. Holliday Co A, 2nd Bn, 8th Inf
- SP4 Eric R. Carlson Co C, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
- SP4 Jerry W. Hacker Co C, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
- SP4 Salvador Sanchez Co C, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
- SP4 James R. Spade Co C, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
- SSG William W. Lines HHC, 1st Bn, 69th Armor
- SP4 William H. Hawkins Co B, 1st Bn, 4th Inf
- SP4 James M. Biebuyck Co C, 1st Bn, 14th Inf
- SGT Jerry A. Carey Co C, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- SP4 Alan A. Duryll 119th Aslt Hel Co, 52nd Cbt Avn Bn
- 1LT Lawrence K. Connor HHC, 1st Bn, 35th Inf
- CPT Franklin G. Peterson HHC, 52nd Cbt Avn Bn
- SP5 David L. Walker Co B, 4th Engr Bn
- SSG Merle M. Coulson Co B, 4th Engr Bn
- PFC Robert C. Taylor Hq&Svc, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- SGT Charles L. Beaver Co C, 1st Bn, 14th Inf
- SP4 Manuel Eskamire Btry B, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- PFC Lorenzo G. Lopez Btry B, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- SP4 Michael H. Vaughn HHC, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
- SP5 Harrison W. Kohler Co C, 1st Bn, 14th Inf
- SP4 Frederick W. Vickers Btry A, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- SFC Israel M. Mendoza Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- CPL George C. Saunders 4th Admin Co, 4th Inf Div
- SP5 Arthur R. Wettle 4th Admin Co, 4th Inf Div
- SP5 John P. Prosek Btry D, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
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- SSG Harold L. Pierce HHC, 3rd Bde, 4th Inf Div
- SGT Gary F. Phillips 4th Admin Co, 4th Inf Div
- SP5 William Schwarzwalder Co B, 4th Avn Bn
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- SP5 Howard A. Anderson 119th Aslt Hel Co, 52nd Cbt Avn Bn
- CWO Gerald E. Nash Btry B, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- SP4 Samuel K. Hines 155th Aslt Hel Co, 52nd Cbt Avn Bn
- SP4 Albert F. Prvos 170th Aslt Hel Co, 52nd Cbt Avn Bn
- SP4 Ryszard Sieradzki Co B, 2nd Bn, 8th Inf
- SGT Billy Romero Co A, 3d Bn, 8th Inf
- PFC Donald Gallagher Hq&Svc Btry, 4th 42nd Arty
- SSG James A. Strayhorn Btry A, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- SP4 James F. Donavon 4th MP Co, 4th Inf Div
- PFC Joseph F. Maimone Co A, 3d Bn, 12th Inf
- 2LT Roger E. Emory Co A, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
- SP4 Charles W. Belew HHC, 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div
- SGT Jerry C. Romero HHC, 52d Cbt Avn Bn
- SP5 Richard F. Neilsen

Purple Heart

- SP4 Wurlin C. Overton Jr. HHC, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- SP4 James K. Whitley Co A, 2nd Bn, 8th Inf
- MSG Bruce C. Johnson HHC, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
- PSG Louis E. Baker Co C, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- SSG Joseph Allesie Co B, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- SSG Paul C. Baker HHC, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- SSG D. C. Bell Co C, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- SSG Walter C. Bowlin Co B, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- SSG Donald A. Bredeson Co C, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- SSG John M. Cabeen Co C, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- SP4 Gary A. Blitch Co C, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- SP4 Joshua Bolton Jr. Co C, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- SP4 Lloyd L. Brown Co C, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- SP4 Michael D. Burgess HHC, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- PFC Steven G. Abbey HHC, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- PFC Edward E. Allen Co B, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- PFC James K. Anderson Co C, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- PFC David L. Arnold Co C, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- PFC Joseph W. Baker HHC, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- PFC Ronald F. Bamberger Co C, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- PFC Glen Bartley Co A, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- PFC Stephen W. Bebee Co A, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- PFC Thomas Beher Co B, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- PFC Herman Bowers Co A, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- PFC Charles Bowie Co B, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- PFC James R. Bozarth Co B, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- PFC Dale G. Broyles Co C, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- PFC Robert W. Burgess Co C, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- PFC Joey C. Burrow Co C, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- SGT James R. Carter Co B, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
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- SGT Larry B. Lester Co A, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
- SGT Foris McCrary HHC, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
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- PFC Clifton R. Brown Co C, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
- SP4 James T. Brown Co A, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
- PFC Keely W. Cooper Co B, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
- PFC Frank F. Corona Jr. Co A, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
- PFC Douglas R. Flowers Co A, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
- 1LT Richard L. Saver Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- SGT Jerald C. Cook Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- SGT Eugene S. Kritser Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- SGT George E. Olsen Jr. Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- SSG Omer W. Lithrell Jr. Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- SGT Ross M. Rembert Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- SGT Harold E. Scott Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- SGT John P. Scervo Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- SGT David Vigliotti Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
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- PFC Wayne P. Johnson HHC, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- PFC John C. Merkt Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- PFC Willie C. Nalls Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- PSG Douglas E. Norgaard Co A, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
- PSG Donald F. Gayle Trp-B, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav
- SGT Clyde C. Marr Co B, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
- SGT Thomas E. Curtis Co B, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
- SGT Jessie L. Cospier Co B, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
- SGT Thomas E. Hamby Co C, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
- SGT Ronald D. Eicher Co C, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
- SGT Lyle K. Harrison Co B, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
- SP4 Tom H. Ogdon Jr. Co B, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
- SP4 Marray Price Co B, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
- SP4 David L. Needler Co B, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
- SP4 Michael J. Wernert Trp B, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav
- SP4 Joseph H. Burrell Jr. Trp B, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav
- SP4 David L. Gainey Trp B, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav
- SP4 Daniel G. Prado Co C, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
- SP4 Roger M. Wood Co C, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
- SP4 Donald L. Duvall Co C, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
- SP4 James A. Inglis Co C, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
- PFC Victor M. Badillo Trp B, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav
- PFC Larry J. Keyser Co B, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
- PFC Orlando R. Marquez Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- 1LT William D. Tyler Co C, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- PSG Paul T. Kawamoto Co B, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- SSG James F. Mills Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- SGT William R. Davis Co C, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- SP4 Alfred G. Perks Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- SP4 Robert W. Labonte Co B, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- PFC John T. Raeskowski Co B, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- PFC Dennis E. Riley Co B, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- PFC Donald N. Benefield Jr. Co C, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- PFC Milton E. Capps Jr. Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- PFC Michael J. Bozek Co C, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- PFC Kenneth A. Kruger Co C, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- PFC Rob R. Young

By Chaplain (MAJ) George Ambrose Jr.

Usually in the morning reveille reminds us that it is time to awake and start a new day. This bugle call at sunrise signals the first military formation of the day. Every soldier in his right mind wants to make reveille. He wants to be present for duty when the roll is called.

Whenever there is church call how do you respond?

Well, you can say "Gee, I want to go but I am just too busy." Some say, "Oh boy, I don't have to go to church so I'll forget it."

As we well know when reveille gets our attention, formation is the next move. In this formation we listen and then follow through with the order of the day.

A story is told about a mother who was calling her little girl into the house for dinner. It was late in the evening. This mother yelled, "Oh Jane! Oh Jane! It is time to come in for dinner." Well, Jane responded by saying, "Oh God! Do I have to. Mommy?" She said, "No, you don't have to, but I wish you would come in now. Dinner is on the table."

You see, God doesn't force us to respond to His call. He leaves the decisions up to us. I am always happy to see men respond to God's call.

Be on the lookout in the Daily Bulletin, over the radio, or wherever it may be. If you respond to God's call you'll be glad that God's known for His special ability to give us grace, strength, and patience to make that DEROS. Also God is able to keep you now and forever.

Mailing Explosives Prohibited

SAIGON—U.S. servicemen in Vietnam have been endangering the lives of their families and fellow Americans as well as violating regulations, according to Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, by mailing live explosives home.

Servicemen are reminded that MACV Directive 643-2 prohibits the mailing of war trophy firearms and items of explosive ordnance.

Customs declarations on parcels must show complete and accurate descriptions of the contents of packages.

According to MACV officials, all cases of violation will be referred to criminal investigation agencies and disciplinary action will be taken in appropriate cases.



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VILLAGERS HAVE A DISCUSSION BEFORE SCATTERING THROUGH PLEIKU.



RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE THE TRIP TO PLEIKU.

6th Bn, 29th Arty Provides Transportation

Villagers Get Monthly Ride To Town

LE THANH — A lone Montagnard man stood beside the road waiting. As the 2½-ton truck drove into sight, he shouted toward the village nestled in a clump of rubber and banana trees 300-meters from the road.

Men, women and children were streaming towards the truck as it ground to a halt at the edge of the road. The villagers carried baskets filled with vegetables, sugar-cane and live chickens.

The truck belonged to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery. Private First Class Eugene W. Eddleman (Perryville, Mo.) sat in the driver's seat as Captain Steve G. Branchi (Mt. Airy, N.C.), the battalion's civil affairs officer, stood gesturing and shouting to the village chief.

Monthly Shopping Trip

Today was the day for the villagers of Plei Toung to make their monthly trip to Pleiku. It was a chance for them to sell their pro-

duce and handicraft while buying rice and other staples unavailable in the village area. The trips are undertaken by the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery's civil affairs section to enable the villagers to make the otherwise almost impossible trek to the Pleiku marketplace from the Jackson Hole area.

Travelling by convoy, the artillery truck arrived in Pleiku during the late afternoon where it discharged its cargo of Montagnards and produce for an evening of bartering.

As the Montagnards dismounted the truck, they immediately scattered throughout the marketplace to begin their bartering.

Early the next morning, the 2½-ton truck returned to the marketplace. The Montagnards loaded 100-pound sacks of newly purchased rice and other supplies onto the big truck. Then, jostling and bantering, the villagers climbed aboard for the long ride back to Plei Toung.

After The Journey
Arriving at the village, the brawny backs of the

artillerymen joined the bandy-legged mountaineers in unloading the heavy rice sacks.

Village children darted around the sweating men as wives and husbands greeted one another proudly after the long journey to the outside world. Meanwhile, the bags of rice lying beside the road assured full stomachs for everyone in Plei Toung for the next month.

Story and Photos
by
SP4 Jerry Redding



UNLOADING THE RICE BOUGHT IN PLEIKU.



THESE VILLAGERS AWAIT TRANSPORTATION BACK TO THEIR HOMES.

Company A Return



THIS PROPAGANDA SIGN READS 'TRY TO KILL THE ENEMY.'



A PLATOON LEADER GETS THE LATEST WORD FROM HIS COMPANY CO



WHEN COMPANY A GOT THE WORD TO MOVE OUT THEY REALLY HUSTLED AS THEY SEARCHED FOR THE ENEMY AND HOPED FOR ACTION.

ns From Ia Drang

Story by SP4 Mick Harsell
Photos by SP4 Lewis Sauls

VUNG DAT AM—After 29 days of searching for the enemy in and around the Ia Drang Valley, Company A, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry returned to the "Regulars' " fire support base for a few days of relative rest. In the preceding 29 days, the company had found no enemy but plenty of evidence of past battles and signs that the enemy had been there in force almost a year ago were uncovered.

Company A found several old hut complexes that may have been enemy base camps according to Captain Raymond Crawford (Dayton, Ohio). "We found one 30-hole tunnel complex," the captain said. "Some of the tunnels were 15- to 20-foot long."

NVA bodies were also discovered. The enemy casualties had apparently been caused by air strikes, according to CPT Crawford.

"There had been a large force there at one time, possibly a reinforced battalion," CPT Crawford continued. "We found mess halls and even four typewriters in one tunnel. The typewriters had been completely destroyed but they could still be recognized as typewriters. The complex was at least eight to ten months old."

One man had to be picked to act as a "tunnel rat" and the job fell on Private First Class Michael S. Burns (Bloomington, Ill.).

"I guess I was the smallest man," said PFC Burns. "I took my M-16 and a torch and crawled in. I always had somebody watching to help me, but you kind of get that funny feeling in your stomach. If there's a VC in there he might get you first."

The tunnels were of varying sizes. Some were just one man "spider holes" while others had bamboo floors and may have been sleeping quarters for 30 or 40 men.

Near the tunnels a tree was found with a message carved into it. "I copied it down and sent it in to brigade," CPT Crawford recalled. "They translated it as 'try to kill the enemy.'"

The last day of the mission may have been the hardest for the men. They were in position some 8,400-meters from the fire support base. The word came down at 7 a.m. that they would have to be in the firebase that day.

Sergeant John McCreedy (New Castle, Pa.) was at the head of the column fighting its way through the thick jungle.

"It was tough going," SGT McCreedy commented. "We had to chop our way through the whole way. We got into the firebase about 4:30 p.m."

How did he feel about being on point that long?

"Point's good," the sergeant said. "You keep alert up there. I was so mad at the brush we were going through, I just kept chopping."

"The men were glad to get back for a well deserved rest," remarked CPT Crawford. "They'd been out a long time, but their health and morale were still good. We could have stayed out longer."



A REST BREAK IS OVER AS THE MEN SADDLE UP AND MOVE OUT.



MEN FROM COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION, 22ND INFANTRY, SURVEY A CRUDE ENEMY HOCH FOUND IN THE IA DRANG VALLEY.

MANDER.



COUNTING THE SPOILS—"Dragoons" of the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry tally the vast amount of weapons and ammunition taken by the battalion after a recent fight with a large NVA force on a hill later named "The Dragoon's Den." (USA Photo by SP4 Norman Johnson)

Near 'The Dragoon's Den'

Over 180 Dead NVA Found

LE THANH — It was a beautiful day, unlike any other day of the current monsoon season. The sun beat down penetrating the thick jungle canopy. The early morning mist had all but vanished. The men of Company B, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry, under the command of Captain John Boule (Monroe, La.), went about their business undisturbed. Soldiers were laughing and joking, forgetting the war for a few moments. Others searched their grimy rucksacks for C-rations and dry cigarettes. CPT Boule's radio sputtered incoherently as it had most of the morning.

Just before noon, CPT Boule received a call. He was to maneuver his company 400 meters to the south and reinforce Company C, his sister unit.

Quickly and without confusion, the "Dragoons" gathered themselves together and began their column south. Company C was battling an estimated North Vietnamese Army battalion. CPT Boule kept in constant radio contact with Captain William Pratt (Edinburg, Tex.), commander of Company C.

Artillery began splattering the enemy concentration and gunships aided in the assault. Several were deployed to Company

By PFC Hugh Massey

B's current position. They began flying wide circles around the company raking the area with heavy fire. This prevented enemy forces from attacking the unit as they raced to Company C's aid.

"Here they come," one thankful Ivyman yelled as "Bouie's Boys" began positioning themselves around the perimeter. Ten minutes later, American firepower slammed into the NVA ranks.

Several days later, the same elements which had fought for that monsoon drenched hill, counted over 180 dead enemy bodies, 10 POW's, more than 50 individual and crew served weapons, 8100 rounds of small arms ammunition and two B-50 rocket launchers.

One soldier from Company C said it for all his buddies, "This hill should be named 'The Dragoon's Den'."

Young SGT Finds Job 'Lonely & Frightening'

By SP4 Robert Boudreaux

VUNG DAT AM—Sergeant Albert P. Gesualdo (Newark, N.J.) is not old enough to vote in his native state, yet his decisions have the finality of life or death to the seven members of his rifle squad.

Only two members of the 20-year-old leader's squad have had combat experience. The remainder are replacements filling positions vacated by rotating "Red Warriors" of Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry.

For SGT Gesualdo, himself a veteran of combat in the Mekong Delta and the Central Highlands, it is the first time in his life that he has had the responsibility of looking after someone other than himself.

"A squad leader is a lonely and sometimes frightening job," said the young sergeant. "When, for example, you go on an ambush patrol and something breaks loose it's up to you to make the right decision fast."

SGT Gesualdo relies heavily on the advice of his machine gunner Specialist 4 Marvin L. Marshall (Chicago). SP4 Marshall is a veteran of three of the "Red Warrior" battalion's fiercest battles.

Recently, the company had set up its patrol base on a hilltop and prepared for what seemed a quiet night. However, things did not remain quiet for long. As everyone settled down for a few hours of rest a burst of automatic weapons fire followed by blasts from claymore mines and grenades shattered the silence. Instantly everyone was in his defensive position with eyes and ears straining to locate the enemy.

SGT Gesualdo moved up and down his line of men, reassuring them that everything was okay. More shots rang out from the opposite side of the perimeter.

"Don't fire until you see something to shoot at," cautioned the sergeant.

His men nervously held their fire waiting for the enemy to make their move. Within minutes, artillery rounds from the battalion fire support base began dropping around the company's perimeter. "Spooky soon arrived and the night sky became bright as the plane dropped flares over the company.

Somewhat the night passed and as morning dawned a sleepy-eyed SGT Gesualdo checked his line for the last time then sat down for a breakfast of C-rations.

"Someday," sighed SGT Gesualdo, "the only decision I'll have to make will be what brand of gas to put in my car. Until then I've got a squad to look after."

Arty Fire Decisive As 6,562 Shells Pelt Large Enemy Force

By SP4 Jerry Redding

LE THANH — Elements of the 1st Brigade recently got into one of the biggest fights since the 4th Division moved into the Highlands. With a North Vietnamese Army body count of 181, the battle was also one of the unequivocal victories for the "Fighting First."

When in contact with an enemy force, estimated as battalion-size, supporting fire plays an increasing role in determining the outcome of the battle. Supporting artillery during the re-

cent battle sent a total of 6,562 rounds screaming down on the enemy from five locations.

From the 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry firebase, the closest artillery to the fighting, Battery C, 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery and Battery A, 5th Battalion, 16th Artillery pounded suspected enemy positions during the contact, throughout the night and the next day. Battery B, 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery and Battery C, 5th Battalion, 16th Artillery gave 155mm, 175mm and 8-inch support from Due Co.

Battery A, 6th Battalion, 14th Artillery, located at Plei Djereng, sent volleys of 175mm shells crashing into the enemy ranks. The 175mm's from Battery E, 6th Battalion, 14th Artillery, located at Vung Dat Am, were also called in. From 1st Brigade headquarters at Le Thanh, 8-inchers from Battery D, 5th Battalion, 16th Artillery rained steel on the NVA.

Coordinating this barrage, which lasted from the time of the initial contact until the next day, were Captain Joel S. Baker (Schenectady, N.Y.), 1st Brigade adjutant fire support coordinator, and Captain Paul E. Titus (Marysville, Calif.), artillery liaison officer with the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry.

Fire missions were originally called in on sighted NVA and as counter mortar fire. "Blocking and denial" missions were fired as the contact withered to keep the NVA boxed in a known area to prevent escape. Throughout the night and the next day, harassment and interdiction missions were fired at suspected points of NVA regrouping.

Every gun available hurled its message of destruction during the battle.

CPT Baker, commenting on the reaction of the field commanders to the artillery support, had this to say: "They told us that we gave them all the support they needed and that it was placed just where they wanted it."

After the last smoke-shrouded round was launched, while artillerymen wiped down their guns and stacked fresh ammunition, miles away infantrymen tallied the results of the conflagration. And it's certain that a large percentage of the NVA KIAs could be attributing to the big guns of the artillery.

Choppers Necessary To LRRPs

VUNG DAT AM — A team of long range reconnaissance patrol members blended into the jungle foliage as they listened for the sound of incoming helicopters. Soon, swooping from above the treetops like a hoard of dragonflies, five choppers were on the scene and in minutes the LRRP members were airborne.

It was the completion of one of the many joint missions conducted by the 4th Aviation Battalion and the Ivy Division's reconnaissance elements. While the nature of the missions vary one thing remains constant. The insertion and extraction of the Ivyman are done by helicopter.

"We've had nothing but outstanding support from the slicks and gunships," said 2nd Brigade LRRP platoon leader First Lieutenant James R. Bradley (Woolridge, Va.). "We haven't had a ship hit since we began operating, even though we've frequently extracted teams while they were in contact with enemy forces."

The lieutenant explained that on each mission three gunships accompany the extraction slick. Hovering above the action, supervising the insertions and extractions in the command and control ship is 1LT Bradley and Platoon Sergeant Carl Littlejohn (New York).

"Without the service of the helicopters," commented 1LT Bradley, "the LRRPs would, for all practical purposes, be out of business."

Fast Reacting APCs Dash In Combat Help

VUNG DAT AM — "Fast reacting" is the most apt phrase used to describe the companies of the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry. Since the battalion became completely mechanized in May of this year, the battalion has proven many times that its Armored Personnel Carriers mean mobility.

When the battalion's Company B was sent recently to assist another 4th Infantry Division unit their APCs were on the road just 20 minutes after they received the first call.

"I was in the company command post when I got a call that 3rd of the 8th was in heavy contact," stated First Lieuten-

ant Richard Eaton (Wakefield, Mass.). "They told me to call battalion when we were ready to go. I called them back 12 minutes later."

The mechanized company raced west on Highway 19 and soon came into the battle area.

"Contact had been broken an hour and a half before we reached them and our side had killed a lot of NVA," commented 1LT Eaton.

The quick dash to assistance wasn't wasted, though, as 1LT Eaton explained later: "We made them a much stronger force. The enemy would have had a Hell of a time if they tried again."

S&T Changes Commanders

CAMP ENARI — Lieutenant Colonel David A. Deville (Fort Wayne, Ind.) has assumed command of the Ivy Division's 4th Supply and Transport Battalion.

LTC Deville succeeds Lieutenant Colonel J. Peter Jacques as commander of the battalion.

During the change of command ceremony at Camp Enari, Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander presented LTC Jacques with the Legion of Merit and Major Herbert L. Aycock, departing battalion executive officer, with the Bronze Star.

Major Robert G. Haltiner (Rio Grande City, Tex.) has assumed duties as battalion executive officer.

In Duc Pho

3rd Brigade Helps Build School System

DUC PHO—Continuing its all-out effort to help the people of Duc Pho District, the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division civil affairs section, working with Civil Operations for Revolutionary Development Support, has drawn plans and begun work on the district's first public school in over two years.

During the past years, the people have been dominated by the Viet Cong. Upon the arrival of the 3rd Brigade last April, the civil affairs team found that establishing a school system was an important project. They took to their task with as much zeal as the infantrymen who have loosened the district from the grip of the VC.

Plans were drawn by First Lieutenant John Dickerson (Newport News, Va.), the civic action engineering officer, and work began, with over 5,000 handmade bricks and lumber, on the five-room school house.

The high school, which will accommodate 250 students, is being built entirely by Vietnamese masons, carpenters and laborers under the supervision of its designer, 1LT Dickerson.

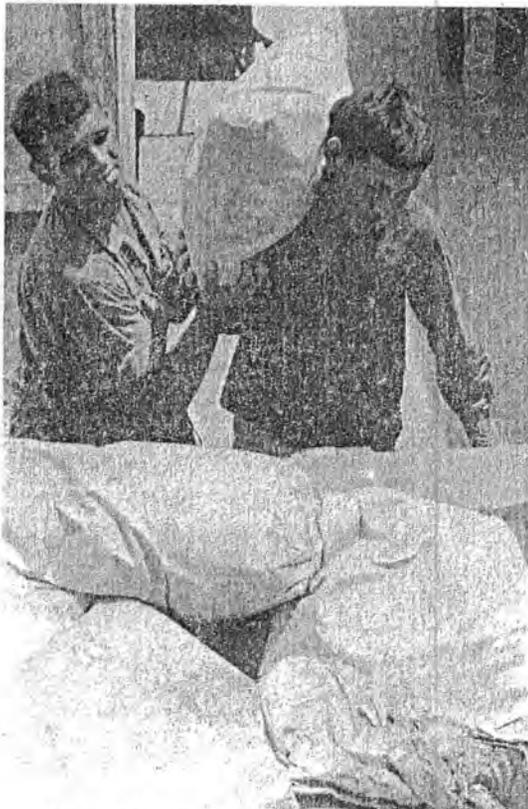
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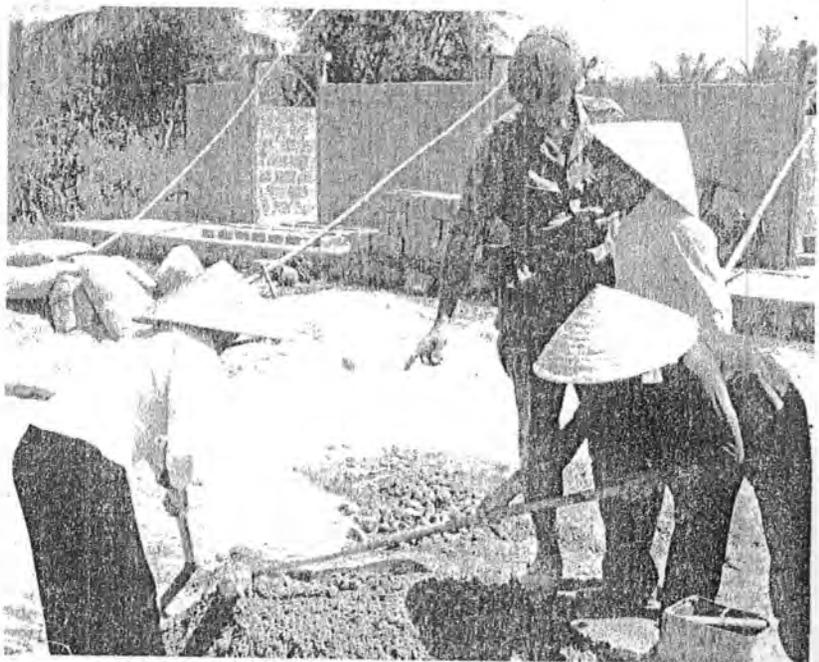
VIETNAMESE MAKE THEIR OWN BRICKS TO BUILD A HIGH SCHOOL.



A DUC PHO VILLAGER BUILDS THE WALLS OF THE NEW SCHOOL.



AN IVYMAN HELPS A VIETNAMESE LOAD CEMENT.



1LT JOHN DICKERSON SUPERVISES THE CONSTRUCTION.



WET JOURNEY—Mortarmen from Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry cross a monsoon-swollen stream while carrying their 81mm tubes during Operation Francis Marion in the Central Highlands. (USA Photo by SP4 Robert Boudreaux)

Didn't Know The Odds

Squad Surprised By NVA Platoon Pulls Out To Return With Company

LE THANH — "We were only a few meters into the woods when everything opened up on us," recalled Specialist 4 Ron Snyder (Albion, Pa.). "Four of my best buddies were killed instantly and there were only five of us left fighting for our lives."

A nine-man patrol from Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry had been doing some short range reconnaissance when they encountered an estimated reinforced North Vietnamese Army platoon. The squad was a few hundred meters from their company. Somehow the enemy managed to surprise the Ivymen.

"My helmet was shot off at first contact," said Specialist 4 Joe Bauer (Blackwood, N.J.). "I was diving for a rock pile when it was hit. Talk about being scared!"

The Ivymen found the nearest cover and began returning fire immediately to the numerically superior enemy force. Some other squad members couldn't help.

Ordered Pull Back

The brush was too thick for the squad's grenadier, Specialist 4 Richard Sager (Tidioute, Pa.), to use his M-79. He could

only attempt to fire direct. Specialist 4 David Miller (Star Brick, Pa.) lost his glasses while scrambling for safety. Sergeant Arthur L. Alvarez (Madera, Calif.) gave the order to pull back to the cover of a rock formation in an elephant grass covered field as the screaming enemy advanced. The squad's radio operator called for artillery support while the rest of Company A maneuvered to aid the squad members.

Sweep Of The Area

"We thought the artillery would drive them out of the woods into our laps," commented SP4 Snyder. "However, that didn't happen, so when the company arrived we went back in."

Returning to the jungle, the men pulled the bodies of their comrades onto the field, under the cover of fire from the remaining elements of their unit. A firefight continued until dusk when artillery and air support silenced the enemy's guns.

A sweep of the area the next morning produced three enemy bodies, one detainee, one SRS and one AK-47 rifle along with numerous items of personal equipment.

It appeared that the NVA force had been in the area for a week because 37 well-established single firing positions and three machine gun positions were found.

"In the beginning we didn't know what we were up against," concluded SP4 Bauer, "but knowing wouldn't have made much difference anyway."

'Regulars' Training FOs In The Field

VUNG DAT AM — Men selected to be forward observers for the 81mm mortars of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry are getting realistic training at the battalion's forward fire support base. The men go out on patrols from the firebase and call in and adjust actual mortar fire.

After the men finish their training they are assigned to rifle platoons where they carry out their duties. Each rifle platoon gets one 81mm mortar FO. The men act as riflemen most of the time but if mortar support is needed their experience aids them in calling accurate fire.

"The FOs are the eyes of the mortars," commented Platoon Sergeant Kelly Guillory (Lake Charles, La.). "They go where they can see the mortars falling and make changes to put it right on target."

"These men are all volunteers. We picked sharp, alert people and the fact that they wanted to be FOs means they'll be better at it," added the platoon sergeant.

Breather Hole Leads Platoon To Viet Cong

DUC PHO—A small breather hole in the side of a rice paddy dike was the first sign that Charlie was in the area.

First Lieutenant Homer Krout II, platoon leader of the reconnaissance platoon, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, immediately established a perimeter and began searching the area.

Conducting an early morning combat assault, the recon platoon was following an agent who said he could lead them to a tunnel complex where several VC were hiding.

Arriving at the location it ap-

peared that the agent was mistaken. "My men began searching the area," related 1LT Krout. "At first we couldn't find anything. Then one of my men saw the breather hole."

After the perimeter had been established, the recon men began to enlarge the hole. Suddenly four grenades were hurled from the tunnel. Diving for cover, no one was injured as the tedious battle to dislodge the entrenched enemy began. The ensuing fight resulted in eight enemy killed and four weapons captured.

Next, the Vietnamese agent reported that he knew where another tunnel was located. Once again the Ivymen were off searching for the hidden enemy.

"We arrived in the area about 2:30 p.m. but were unable to find a tunnel," stated 1LT Krout. "We were ready to give up the hunt when the Vietnamese agent became suspicious of a basket with bamboo shoots growing from it. He moved the basket and revealed the entrance to a tunnel."

A search of the area, however, revealed the tunnel was empty.

Heading back to a landing zone, the platoon was ready to load on the lift ships and the day was about over — they thought.

As the choppers were coming in, two VC sprang from a spider hole next to the LZ. While throwing grenades at the infantrymen they attempted to escape across a rice paddy. Somewhat surprised, the rifleman whirled around and ended the escape attempt.

Association Drive Nears 2,000 Mark

CAMP ENARI—The membership drive for the National 4th (Ivy) Division Association is nearing the 2,000 mark.

A total of 1,886 individuals who have or are serving with the 4th Infantry Division have joined the association.

The division's 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery has a total of 418 members in the organization.

Following the artillery battalion in membership are the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry with 363; 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, 205; 4th Administration Company, 131.

Annual dues are \$4. Membership application forms can be obtained from unit commanders or are available in the division information office at Camp Enari.

PFC Bags NVA After Following Instructions

By SP4 Mick Harsell

VUNG DAT AM—A Private First Class from the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry paid attention to the lessons he learned in basic training and AIT and to the instructions his platoon leader gave him. The result was the capture of one North Vietnamese Army soldier.

PFC Raymond A. Bunn (Barnesville, Ga.) had been in Company A, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry for just a week when he saw his first NVA. The young soldier was manning an observation post well outside his company's perimeter.

"I was just sitting there watching when I heard firing from the OP over to my right," PFC Bunn said. "I started looking around to see what was happening and I saw three of them."

At the other outpost Private First Class Wade Gans (Philadelphia) had seen seven NVA approaching his position.

"They split up; four went one way, three the other. I don't think I hit any of them," PFC Gans added.

PFC Bunn also waited for the enemy to get near before firing

at them. "The closest one got within about 50 meters and I started shooting. I got him but the others got away," explained PFC Bunn.

"I got him in the leg. I just wanted to wound him because I knew we wanted a prisoner," he added.

The rest of PFC Bunn's platoon came out to get the prisoner and search the area. The wounded NVA was carried to the company's landing zone and a helicopter came in to take him to brigade headquarters.

"I was really proud of him," commented Second Lieutenant Richard Miller (Chanute, Kan.). PFC Bunn's platoon leader, "He did everything the way we told him to."

2nd Brigade Gets Sergeant Major

VUNG DAT AM — Sergeant Major Jack G. Honeycutt (Longmont, Calif.) has taken over the duties of sergeant major of the 2nd Brigade.

The new sergeant major replaces Sergeant Major John Wheeler (Little Rock, Ark.), 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery, who had been acting sergeant major.

SMJ Honeycutt comes to the 2nd Brigade from the University of Colorado where he was sergeant major and senior enlisted instructor with the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

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