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'Regulars' Get Special Water Unit

VUNG DAT AM — Supplying water to the units in the field is often difficult but the 4th Engineers have solved the problem for "Regulars" of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry.

A self-contained water purifying unit at the battalion's fire support base is providing potable water at the rate of 600-gallons-per-minute.

The portable water point represents a substantial saving for the Army according to Major Robert D. Williams (Tacoma, Wash.), executive officer of the battalion. "Before they set up this plant we needed three Chinook sorties each day to haul water."

CH-47 Chinook helicopters brought water to the fire support base in standard water trailers sling loaded beneath the aircraft.

"To the best of my knowledge this is the only water purification system of its kind set up at a forward fire support base," MAJ Williams added.

A stream running along the edge of the "Regulars'" fire-base gave the idea for the water supply. The plant itself is skid-mounted but was put in a 3/4-ton truck trailer for use at the fire-base. It was then lifted into position by a Chinook.

The plant is operated by a two man crew from Headquarters Company, 4th Engineer Battalion. They were assisted in the installation by members of the engineer's Company B who provide combat engineer support for the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry.



CHANGE OF COMMAND—COL Richard H. Johnson (Beaumont, Tex.), right, accepts the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division colors from COL Charles A. Jackson (Hartsville, S.C.). COL Jackson left the brigade to assume the position of division chief of staff. (USA Photo by SP4 Norman Johnson)

'Bronco' Bde Hits With Task Force Oregon

DUC PHO — Elements of the Ivy Division's 3rd Brigade, working with Task Force Oregon, accounted for 65 of 79 enemy dead found during one recent day of action.

The 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry helilifted into an area of suspected enemy activity and mounted a three-pronged attack against enemy positions. The Ivymen killed 44 Viet Cong while gunships accounted for 21.

Earlier the "Cacti Blue" tallied the 1,500th enemy kill confirmed by body count for the

"Bronco" brigade since it joined Task Force Oregon.

After more than 103 days of aggressive search and destroy operations the brigade has captured over 445 weapons, battled company-size or larger units 13 times and reported over 550 smaller skirmishes.

During that same period 257 VC rallied to the Republic of Vietnam taking advantage of the Chieu Hoi Program while "Bronco" civil affairs teams helped build refugee centers for 13,000 people.

COL Jackson Leaves 'Fighting First' For Chief Of Staff Spot

LE THIANH — Colonel Richard H. Johnson (Beaumont, Tex.), a one-time battalion commander in the 4th Infantry Division's 1st Brigade, is now the brigade's commander.

COL Johnson succeeds Colonel Charles A. Jackson (Hartsville, S.C.), who is now serving as Ivy Division chief of staff. Colonel Judson F. Miller former chief of staff, has returned to the United States for reassign-

ment.

The new commander comes to the 1st Brigade from Headquarters, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. However, COL Johnson is not a newcomer to either the Ivy Division or the 1st Brigade.

The colonel previously served with the brigade as commander of the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

COL Jackson served as brigade commander from February 12 until recently. Under his command the Ivymen of the brigade participated in Operations Sam Houston and Francis Marion, killing a total of 781 enemy. Also, under his direction, the brigade accomplished the movement of both combat and support elements from the coastal area of Tuy Hoa to the Central Highlands.

COL Jackson was awarded the Silver Star by Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander, for his conduct of the "Nine Days In May" campaign. This action saw the major elements of the 1st Brigade smash numerically superior North Vietnamese units for nine days in a row.

The new chief of staff was also presented with the Air Medal.

Youngsters Send \$100 For Aid

CAMP ENARI — School children from Kerrville, Tex. recently sent \$100 to aid the Tu-Tam Catholic Orphanage near Pleiku.

The youngsters, seventh and eighth graders at Notre Dame School, collected 3,000 beverage bottles to raise the money. They then sent a check for the sum to Chaplain (LTC) John C. Brady, assistant division chaplain.

Chaplain Brady, who corresponded with the students during the past year, presented the contribution to the Mother Superior at the orphanage. The money will be used to help construct an additional wing to house Montagnard orphans.

At the present time, the orphanage provides a home for 70 Vietnamese and 39 Montagnard children.

Hanoi Hannah Sends VC Wrong Way

DUC PHO — Charlie's increasing interest in modern conveniences may be an attempt to make his meager existence a little more pleasant, but can also get him into trouble.

Moving out to a night ambush sight recently, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry stopped to take a break after hiking about three-kilometers. Captain James W. Lanning, company commander, heard music playing.

"Everyone began whispering: 'Hey, who's got that radio? Turn that thing off!'" A nearby squad spotted two armed VC coming down a trail toward the company's position playing a radio.

The "Cacti Blue" tie opened up and nailed a VC's weapons and was brand new transistor Hanoi produced.

One soldier suggested down Hannah really led! the wrong trail.

A Long Way From DeKalb, Ill.

Friends Reunited At Jungle Firebase

VUNG DAT AM—Two good friends had an unexpected reunion recently at a 4th Infantry Division forward fire support base deep in the Central Highlands' jungle.

Specialist 4 Walter Hegberg and Private First Class Jim Holderness lived three blocks apart in their hometown of DeKalb, Ill. The two became good friends in junior high school and their friendship continued through high school. Until SP4 Hegberg was drafted the following February, both were inseparable.

PFC Holderness was the younger of the two and didn't

receive his "greetings" until ten months later, in December 1966. By the time PFC Holderness began artillery training at Ft. Sill, Okla., SP4 Hegberg was already in Vietnam as platoon medic for the 1st Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry. Through letters, SP4 Hegberg tried to explain to his pal what Vietnam was like.

When PFC Holderness was on leave after his artillery training, he stopped by to visit SP4 Hegberg's parents.

"They both said it would sure be nice if we could get together over here," commented PFC Holderness. "But I told them I

didn't think it could happen. I was assigned to the 90th Replacement Company. I could have gone anywhere in Vietnam."

But, PFC Holderness was finally assigned to the Ivy Division's Battery C, 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery.

"I knew Walter was at 1st of the 22nd, but I didn't know Battery C supported them until I got out to the firebase," stated PFC Holderness.

Company B was out in the field when PFC Holderness reached the firebase so he wrote a letter to his friend.

"I got the letter about four

days before we came in," said SP4 Hegberg. "So, when we got back in, I just started looking for him. When I saw him he was bent over packing up some gear. I said 'Hey, you big dud. What are you doing,' and he turned around with a big grin on his face."

The two men talk a lot about home when they have some free time. Both are pretty happy about the strange turn of events that brought them together again.

"It's really something to run into your best buddy this far from home," said PFC Holderness.

Farewell Message

EDITOR'S NOTE—Lieutenant General Stanley R. Larsen, departing commander of I Field Force Vietnam, issued the following farewell message to all personnel in his command:

As I depart I Field Force Vietnam, I would like to express my deep appreciation for all that the officers and men of this command have accomplished in our combat area.

Throughout the two years I have served in IFFV there has been steady, measurable progress, not only against the enemy, but for the people who live in the II Corps Tactical Zone. Whether your job is in support of the front line troops or as one of those on the front line, your contributions have been an important part of the commendable progress that has taken place.

Results have always played a major part in every operation we have undertaken and you and I can note with pride that the situation today in II Corps Tactical Zone represents the sum total of each package of results from the myriad of undertakings you have completed during the past two years.

Shouldering the load alongside our Army of the Republic of Vietnam and the Republic of Korea comrades has made the job easier for all the forces. I thank you for your loyal, sincere and hard work throughout my service with you and I know that under my successor, Lieutenant General William Rosson, you will continue to increase the measurement of progress from month to month toward assisting Vietnam realize its goal of peace and complete freedom.

My sincere best wishes go to all of you in the months ahead.

Stanley R. Larsen
Lieutenant General, United States Army
IFFV Commander



Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (CPT) Joseph R. Waldron

"Use all care to present thyself to God as a man approved"
II Tim. (2:15)

Many centuries have passed since Paul, the Apostle, wrote these words to Timothy, his beloved disciple. Although these words were primarily a personal exhortation to Timothy, they are ageless and ever applicable to each and every one of us.

In the turmoil, and circumstances in which we may find ourselves day in and day out, the trials of daily living, the hopes, the discouragements and disappointments, our good intentions, and all the influencing factors that weave in and out of our lives in any given day, contribute to the one sole purpose and goal in life: "To present thyself to God as a man approved."

Man is a rational, intelligent creature, with emotions, feelings, passions, all God-given. Man knows where he falls and

when he falls short of his own expectations.

We know that we have to be bigger than ourselves. We do not stand in need of someone to point out our shortcomings and failings. We are ever conscious of them.

We do however, stand in need of encouragement, of patience, of moral strength, to be steadfast in the face of adversity to live each day as Almighty God would have us so live each day, ever bearing in mind, the words of the Lord to Paul: "My grace is sufficient for thee, for strength is made perfect in weakness."

The acceptance of these words makes life, for all of us, something worthwhile, gives it purpose, and above all makes life what it should be . . . spiritual; so that we may live, and we may stand as the persons that Almighty God has so desired us to be from all eternity: "A man approved."

Commander's Note

The Can Thrower

An empty beer can or soda can thrown carelessly in a gutter alongside a road or elsewhere in Camp Enari presents quite a problem. The most obvious, of course, is the visible problem—the area looks sloppy and an atmosphere of carelessness on the part of the division is immediately evident to visitors.

Though not as obvious, but of far more importance, is the invisible problem—the mentality and attitude of the man who threw the can. At first thought we might say he is a little lackadaisical. At second thought, when we really think a little more about this individual, we could well say this man is careless, inconsiderate, and a distinct discredit to the division.

Let's look at the can thrower.

First of all, he is a person who has little regard for established directives regarding police of the area. And isn't he also the man who knows that you or someone else has to do the dirty work of picking up that can during the next police call? Considerate? Hardly.

But it goes still deeper since the inconsiderate can thrower is also the driver who will haphazardly repair a truck with the result that his vehicle breaks down on that needed supply run for you. The can thrower is the medic who does a halfway job on your wound which results in a more serious infection later. He is the guy who cleans his M-60 only when forced to do so and then it malfunctions during a firefight and he is on your right flank. The can thrower is the clerk who does a half-baked job on your records and fouls you up for months to come. He is the artilleryman who really doesn't care if fire direction calculations are pin-point accurate and cause friendly casualties.

Frankly, I am suspicious of all can throwers. I would certainly stop such an individual and set him straight. Littering is bad enough, but, by correcting the individual's attitude I might be saving someone's life.

If you feel the same degree of pride in this division and its personnel that I do, I would hope that each of you will do your part in keeping this, our home, free of cans and other debris.

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



STEADFAST and LOYAL

Silver Star
PFC Lawrence G. Gerken
SP4 Lester B. Fleegle
LTC Gordon J. Duquemin
SSG Garfield Gist
PFC Bruce C. Henry Jr.
SP5 Robert H. Sherman
SSG Hector Garcia
PSG Jose T. Francisco
CPT James T. Scott
PSG Paul T. Ingram
SGT James L. Smith
SGT Larry G. Jumper
SSG Cleveland Lewis
SSG Ronald J. Irvan
PSG Karl W. Hoopes
PSG Gerald O. Cox
1LT Gerald L. LaMotte
SGT Michael J. Scott
PFC Rudy G. Torrez
SSG Benjamin W. Taylor

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SP4 Fred W. Carpenter
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PSG Barry J. Short
CPT Ralph B. Walker
SP5 Gary D. Little
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WO1 John W. Grow
CPT John A. Betz
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MAJ Russell D. Nelson
CPT Donald M. Frierson
CWO Richard P. Sellers

Soldier's Medal
SSG Harold L. Brown
1LT Pierre W. Brunet
SGT Keith A. Quilhot
CPT Douglas M. Englund

Posthumous Soldier's Medal
SSG Herman R. Cull
CPT James C. Powers

New COs For Two Ivy Units

CAMP ENARI — Lieutenant Colonel Harold B. Birch (Leavenworth, Kan.) and Henry C. Evans Jr. (Baltimore) have assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry and 5th Battalion, 16th Artillery, respectively.

LTC Birch succeeded Lieutenant Colonel Cory J. Wright (Omaha, Neb.) who served as "Red Warrior" commander for almost six months. LTC Wright assumed the duties of the 2nd Brigade's executive officer.

LTC Evans replaced Lieutenant Colonel Karl O. Kuckhahn who has been reassigned to Headquarters, U.S. Army Pacific. During the change of command ceremony at Camp Enari, LTC Kuckhahn received the Bronze Star for meritorious service.

Prior to the exchange of colors at the "Red Warriors" firebase, LTC Wright received the Silver Star, Air Medal and Purple Heart from Major General William R. Peers, commander of the 4th Division.

In his farewell remarks to the battalion, LTC Wright said, "I will long cherish the memories I have of the truly magnificent performance of the 'Red Warriors' in this hot, wet, far-off land. I offer heartfelt thanks to all members of the team — infantrymen, artillerymen, engineers, medics. You all have demonstrated that collectively you represent the epitome of one of our country's prime assets — American manhood."

The new commander told his men that their "actions during the past year have added another proud page in the history of the 12th Infantry's service to the United States." He vowed to do his very best toward defeating the enemy in the Central Highlands. "The memory of those that have gone before demands nothing less," LTC Birch told his men.

LTC Birch was an author-instructor, Department of Division Operations, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College before joining the "Red Warriors." He received his commission through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Pennsylvania State University.

Must Have Form 1580 For Travel

WASHINGTON (AFNB) — A number of military personnel traveling from three West Coast air terminals are not receiving standby travel status because they have not completed DD Form 1580.

A recent Army survey of military traffic at San Francisco International Airport, Army Personnel Center in Oakland, Calif., and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport found more than 7,000 military members — 1,500 of them Vietnam returnees — trying for space without the military standby authorization form for commercial air travel.

DD Form 1580 has been mandatory since May 1 to obtain reduced furlough fares on domestic airlines. Each serviceman must initiate a request for the form before beginning travel.



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SHOP TALK—Miss Olive Kingbury, acting medical director of the Ban Me Thuot Leprosarium, discusses treatment of the disease with Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander, during dedication ceremonies of a leper clinic at the Edap Enang Resettlement area. (USA Photo by 4th Div 10)

Communist Threats Mean Little

VC Kidnap Two Village Chiefs

By SP4 Bob Mirra

LE THANH — A reconnaissance patrol from the 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry recently found two Montagnard village chiefs who were kidnapped by Communist terrorists.

Rath Yo told how they were blindfolded and taken to a Viet Cong camp deep in the jungle where they were questioned and beaten. Their captors wanted to know why there were so many young men in the villages and why they hadn't joined the Na-

tional Liberation Front.

The captors also wanted food and demanded that the people of the villages stop accepting American aid. The chiefs were warned that if they continued to work with the Americans they would be killed.

The VC then led the chiefs, again blindfolded, away from their haven and left them at a point near their home villages where they were found by the Ivy soldiers.

The chief of Plei Rath Yo is an unusual Montagnard who speaks not only his local dialect, but French as well. He also speaks and writes some English.

The chief picked up his French while fighting with them against the Viet Minh in the 1950s. He says he has been threatened many times by the Communists, but that threats mean little to him.

According to Captain Richard Beebe (Liverpool, N.Y.), 1st Brigade psychological operations officer, the kidnapping and threatening of the two chiefs should have little effect on the civic action program in the brigade's area.

"The chiefs and the villagers have shown a lot of guts," the captain said. "They've said they want us to continue with the programs so we will."

'Regulars' Experiment With Firebase Icemaker

VUNG DAT AM—An icemaker is making life a little more bearable for the men at the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry's fire support base.

The machine manufactures ice at the rate of 16 trays every three hours providing eight trays daily for each Headquarters & Headquarters Company section.

"This is in addition to ice brought in on resupply," commented First Lieutenant Robert Walther, battalion communications officer. "When ice can't be sent in, all of the ice from our machine goes to the mess hall for cold drinks."

The icemaker came to Vietnam with the battalion, according to 1LT Walther. "It's the company's unit fund property," he explained, "so we thought it should be out here where the men are."

A refrigeration section in the machine has been getting some use too as the Ivymen have been conducting experiments attempting to make ice cream from chocolate milk.

Ivy Supplyman Claims 'Not Much Free Time'

By SP4 Robert Boudreaux

VUNG DAT AM — Whoever coined the phrase "a woman's work is never done" has never met Specialist 4 William H. Dyson II (Pico Rivera, Calif.)

The Ivyman is the main link in the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry's supply chain running between its field units and the Oasiz forward support base.

He mans the "Red Warrior" battalion's "slick" pad, coordinating all outgoing supplies and incoming materials. His call sign is the most frequently heard over the battalion radio network.

"It's a fast-paced job," said SP4 Dyson; "there are three companies plus firebase support groups that have to be supplied daily and used supplies to be brought out. There's not too much free time."

From sunup to sundown, SP4 Dyson works unloading and loading C-Rations, ammunition,

clothing, and endless crates of other items vital to the battalion. After each load he grabs his radio to coordinate the ship's landing, unloading and return load. He must notify the brigade base of any changes in the supply schedule which are normally numerous.

"Our outgoing and incoming ships are not used specifically for resupply," explained SP4 Dyson. "Sometimes a unit runs into trouble and they need helicopters to lift in more people.

"They, of course, have to use the resupply birds. Then, we do a lot of ferrying of troops and news correspondents back and forth between the firebase and the field along with a supply load.

"These choppers can carry a lot of weight without too much strain. We leave it up to the pilots as to how much they want to carry each trip. Most of the time it depends on how much fuel the bird is carrying as to how much extra weight it will carry.

"Sometimes there is the inevitable backing of equipment and materials due to a bird being pulled, or an increase of supplies. These are the days that are the toughest. Somehow they get done," explained SP4 Dyson.

At night, when a few hours of peace would be welcomed, there is always someone who comes in and requests that some new item be added to the list of "things to go to the field."

SP4 Dyson's work is never done.



Medical Director Praises Efforts Of Four Ivymen

CAMP ENARI — Four Ivy Division 2nd Brigade soldiers involved in the construction of the Edap Enang leper clinic, have been praised for their efforts by Miss Olive Kingbury, acting medical director of the Ban Me Thuot Leprosarium which will staff the clinic.

The four, Captain Harry R. Peterson (South Bristol, Maine), First Lieutenant Andrew C. Lattu (Millbrae, Calif.), Privates First Class Robert H. Simonelli (Trenton, N.J.), and Holmes M. Peterson (Burnsville, N.C.), are all members of the 8th Civic Action Team attached to the brigade.

Miss Kingbury praised the four men in a letter to Major General William R. Peers, 4th Infantry Division commanding general.

"They were engaged in actual physical labor," wrote the medical director, "moving the construction ahead in spite of the considerable difficulty due to the frequent rains."

The men had constructed a three-room clinic to provide medical aid to the some 50 lepers discovered during the movement phase of the Edap Enang Montagnard Resettlement Program. The clinic, in the leper village, will be staffed and supplied by Miss Kingbury and her aides.

"This building will be of great value and help," she continued, "in our attempt to meet some of the most pressing needs of the unfortunate ones we were previously unable to contact."

"We appreciate the compassion of the U.S. military in moving these leprosy patients as well as the healthy villagers, making it possible for them to be at this site where they can be treated," Miss Kingbury added.

"This help will be long remembered both by our staff and by the many benefiting from this help," she concluded.

Clinic Dedicated At Center

VUNG DAT AM — In a recent dedication ceremony held at the Edap Enang leper clinic, Major General William R. Peers, 4th Infantry Division commander, presented the Pleiku Province Christian and Missionary Alliance with the keys to a newly completed dispensary.

The project was initiated by the missionary church and put under the supervision of the 2nd brigade civil affairs section. Privates First Class Holmes M. Peterson (Burnsville, N.C.) and Robert Simonelli (Trenton, N.J.) worked on the dispensary for one and a half months with the cadre of the Edap Enang center. The Montagnard citizens of the colony also helped bolster the labor supply.

In a short speech to those attending the dedication, General Peers emphasized the importance of the division's civic action program in the Central Highlands.

"The division did not wish to come here with the express purpose of waging war," explained the general, "but, because of the aggression from the north war has become inevitable."

He went on to outline some of the civic action projects and to congratulate the civil affairs section and the missionaries on a job well done.

Captain Harry Peterson (South Bristol, Maine), commanding officer of the 8th Civic Action Team, reported that the dispensary is the first project completed in a series of projects slated for the Edap Enang area.

Arty Officer Receives CIB As Thank You

VUNG DAT AM — A 4th Infantry Division artillery officer won't be able to wear the Combat Infantryman's Badge he received recently, but it will probably mean a lot to him anyway.

The badge presented to First Lieutenant Vincent Gaughan (Chicago) is mounted on a plaque. Beneath the badge is the inscription, "Thanks — the men and officers of Company C, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry."

1LT Gaughan was, until recently, the forward observer for Company C. He stayed with the company nearly eleven months; five months longer than most FO's stay in the field with infantry units.

Most of the men of Company C can remember hearing him complain one time or another that he wasn't eligible for the CIB. So, when it was time for him to leave, they decided to give him one, even if it couldn't be official.

"He was probably more of an infantryman than any infantryman we have," commented First Lieutenant Tom Kirton (Daytona Beach, Fla.), a former Company C platoon leader. "He was in the field for 11 months and then requested to stay in Vietnam for six months more. He and his artillery saved us more than once."

The plaque was given to 1LT Gaughan at the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry's fire support base when he came in from the field. Lieutenant Colonel Thomas G. Roselle (Omaha, Neb.) gave him the plaque while First Lieutenant Danny C. Miller (Tallahassee, Fla.), Company C executive officer, read a letter of appreciation.

Faces In The Fourth...



THE FACE OF SCRUTINY AS LRRP MEMBERS PREPARE THEIR NEXT MOVE IN DANGEROUS ENEMY TERRITORY.



ANGRY FACES FROM THE 1ST BATTALION, 25



THE FACE OF DECISIONS WHICH COULD MEAN LIFE OR DEATH FOR AN ENTIRE PLATOON.



THE FACE OF FRUSTRATION AS A HELICOPTER THROWS THE DIRT OF A



2ND INFANTRY AWAIT THE ENEMY.



A DUSTY LZ IN THIS IVYMAN'S EYES.



A MORTARMAN PROTECTS HIS EARS FROM THE DISTINCTIVE WHOOP OF MORTARS WHICH FACE THE ENEMY.



THE FACE OF EXHAUSTION AS THIS RADIO OPERATOR RESTS HIS HEAVY LOAD AND WEARY BODY.

SGT PATTI



PETE AND BUD—That's the two dogs. Pete (left) is rotating to the states after serving with the 4th Military Police Company's 2nd Platoon. Bud is Pete's replacement. Overseeing the "change of command" is SP4 Peter C. Hill (Killingworth, Conn.), also a new arrival in the platoon. (See story, column 5.)

(USA Photo by SP4 Mike Harsell)

Three NVA Squads Surround Ivy Patrol

VUNG DAT AM — "One of my team members alerted me that there were NVA nearby, and in a few minutes every one believed him—we were surrounded."

Staff Sergeant Sherman T. Tilley (Savannah, Ga.), was at first skeptical of his scout's warning as the Ivymen had passed no fresh signs of the enemy during the early part of their patrol. The patrol was searching for suspected enemy concentrations.

"We didn't have to find Charlie," continued SSG Tilley, "he found us."

"As soon as we heard the bushes moving we jumped into a small ditch along the trail and set up a small perimeter. I immediately called the battalion (2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry) to let them know the enemy was moving up on us."

Gunships were dispatched to aid the surrounded 2nd Brigade long range reconnaissance patrol as an extraction helicopter was also sent to the scene.

As the ships circled the Ivymen, the pilots saw an estimated three-squads of NVA slowly encircling the patrol in preparation for an assault. The gunships engaged the enemy with machine gun fire and rockets.

"They instructed us to move small clearing towards the bushes where there was a 'slick' fix," said the sergeant. "As they moved their way to the area, the ship's snatched aboard past. In the enemy rounds buzzed they spotted four

bodies lying in open areas.

"It's the closest call I've had yet," concluded SSG Tilley, "and I don't want to repeat it."

On every mission that SSG Tilley has led his patrols have had contact with enemy.

"I suppose," he shrugged, "I could be developing bad habits."

Immediate Evacuation Imperative

CH-23 Only Link With LRRP

LE THANH—The tiny CH-23 helicopter hovered in the rain, its skids almost scraping the jungle canopy. Overhead the fog pressed down, increasing the isolation of the two men huddled in the cockpit.

Chief Warrant Officer Berle C. Bigelow (Monterey Park, Calif.), a pilot with the 1st Brigade Aviation Section, fondled the control stick, nursing the chopper slowly over the treetops. His eyes darted back and forth searching for some sign of life down among the trees.

At his side, Captain Robert C. Quinn (Rome, N.Y.), the brigade's assistant operations officer bent over a radio. His voice crackled out through the rain which beat against the forbidding stretch of jungle near the Cambodian border.

"Do you hear me. Do you hear me. What is your location? Over."

Somewhere below them, hidden by the forest, members of

By SP4 Jerry Redding
a small reconnaissance team, with one man seriously injured, were squinting into the rain, praying for the helicopters that would extract them.

Evacuation Necessary
A brief firefight had left the long range reconnaissance patrol compromised and wounded. Now, with the North Vietnamese Army regulars searching for them, it was imperative that they be evacuated immediately.

CWO Bigelow had been asked to fly into the area to try and locate them. Once spotted, he then had to find a landing zone for the Huey's to use to extract the team. Although able to make sporadic contact with the LRRP team, CWO Bigelow and CPT Quinn couldn't pinpoint the patrol's location due to the weather conditions.

"You're 2,000 meters south of us," the LRRP radio operator shouted, CWO Bigelow headed north then lost all contact with the men on the ground. He

circled in an ever widening arc, threading the "bubble" between the fog-shrouded ridges, swooping low over the churning river.

The two men searched the clearings and the riverbanks attempting to pierce the jungle growth with keen eyesight. Finally the radio burst into life again, "You're directly overhead."

Empty LZ
Patiently the "bubble" directed the weary LRRP members to the nearest usable landing zone. For more than an hour and a half, the CH-23 was the only contact between the hard-pressed LRRP and the extraction control elements.

The first extraction attempt was aborted when no one appeared in the designated LZ. The Huey's headed back up into the clouds and orbited while CWO Bigelow again attempted to rectify the problem.

Dropping smoke grenades and keeping constant radio contact, CWO Bigelow and CPT Quinn cleared up the problem. The two "slicks" and two gunships were again called in for the extraction.

Only when they appeared and he had directed the lead ship into the LZ, did CWO Bigelow soar up out of the fog and rain and head back to his home base at Jackson Hole.

For the LRRP, during the seemingly endless period when CWO Bigelow and CPT Quinn had been their only link with friendly forces, the little "bubble" was the biggest, friendliest bird in the world.

Pete's Orders Arrive

VUNG DAT AM — This is the season of port calls and replacements for the men of the 4th Infantry Division. Now it seems as though even dogs are getting into the act.

While the Ivymen of the 2nd Brigade were making their home at Plei Djereng, the 2nd Platoon, 4th Military Police Company adopted a small Montagnard dog as the platoon mascot and hung the name "Pete" on him. Pete became the pride of the platoon and the MPs say, "really took his job seriously."

Now, almost six months and several mortar attacks later, Pete is being transferred to another unit.

When Staff Sergeant Leonard L. Contreras (Mesa, Ariz.) received orders to return to the U.S., he decided to take Pete with him since they had become attached to each other. This meant shots and a quarantine period, so Pete had to remain behind while SSG Contreras rotated.

Now, Pete's orders have arrived, and also, his replacement, since the platoon has purchased another pup, "Bud".

Specialists 4 Jack W. Handley (Chicago) and Peter C. Hill (Killingworth, Conn.) are handling Pete's processing out and will see that he gets to his new assignment in the states.

The MPs report that Pete's "change of command" ceremony was most impressive and that Bud is now completely in charge of the situation.

Btry B, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty Moves Most In Division

By SP4 Robert Boudreaux

VUNG DAT AM — Battery B, 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery claims the title of being the most movable battery in the Ivy Division.

Supporting the "Red Warriors" of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, the artillerymen, commanded by First Lieutenant Jack L. Stewart (Mason, W. Va.), have moved a total of 21 times since arriving in Vietnam.

"The battery," commented 1LT Stewart, "maintains a capability of moving on a four-hour notice. The entire move is made in 18 airlifts by Chinook slingloads."

"It takes approximately 72 hours to build positions for our five guns," continued the commander, "and each position requires over 5,500 sandbags."

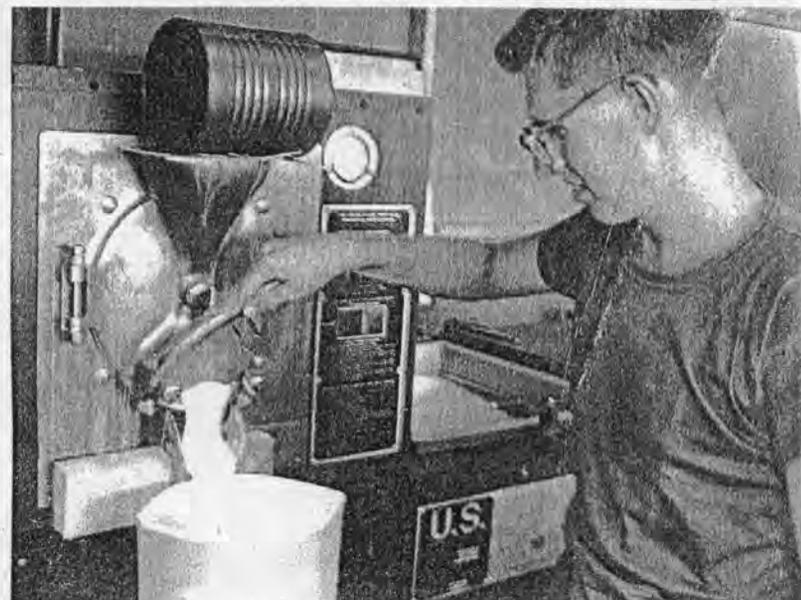
The battery operates with 55 men in the field plus nine additional men who act as forward artillery observers with com-

panies on tactical operations. The battery is the most decorated in its battalion, according to its commander. It has occupied two "hot" landing zones, both times repelling fierce enemy ground attacks.

"On one occasion," said First Lieutenant Barry A. Smith (Savannah, Ga.), executive officer, "we received over 500 enemy mortar rounds. Yet, each gun kept on firing."

During three days of heavy action in July, the battery fired over 5,000 rounds of high explosives in support of the "Red Warriors". The battery has also withstood 13 heavy enemy mortar attacks.

"The caliber of manpower in the battery is outstanding," said 1LT Stewart. "We have five men who have extended six months in the field and many others have extended for periods of three and four months."



SUPPLYING ICE CREAM—PFC James F. Brady (Alliance, Ohio) operates an ice cream machine installed to supply Ivymen of the 3rd Brigade, working with Task Force Oregon near Duc Pho, with the cool refreshment. PFC Brady is part of Task Force Gallagher, a forward support activity of the 1st Log Command.

(USA Photo by SP4 Eric Schmidt)



TASK FORCE DRUDICK—The men of the 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry refer to MAJ Robert L. Drudick, their executive officer, as "Task Force Drudick" because he comes prepared for war, packing more equipment than any other soldier in the "Cacti Green."
(USA Photo by SP4 Lyle Larson)

Lost PFC Uses C-Ration Can To Signal Rescuers In The Air

DUC PHO — Lost, fatigued and after fighting off six Viet Cong, Private First Class Melvin Gilpin, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, continued his trek down a lonely stretch of beach north of Duc Pho until he was able to signal his rescuers with the top of a C-Ration can.

The men from the 3rd platoon were searching and clearing a

village when they were done, the last four men of the platoon were to give one quick, final check. Going out of his way to check a hut, PFC Gilpin became separated from his three companions.

The 3rd platoon moved 300-meters south into another village and were getting ready to search it. After a break for show a head count was taken

showing one missing. A squad was immediately dispatched to search the area in which PFC Gilpin was last seen. Unable to find him, the entire 3rd platoon was committed to the search.

An hour and a half had elapsed and the entire company was committed along with tanks and armored personnel carriers from Company C, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor.

Choppers searched above. Choppers equipped with loud speakers were circling the area trying to locate the lost soldier as a complete sweep of the area was conducted.

When PFC Gilpin realized that he was separated, he fired two signal shots in hopes that they would be answered. After waiting in the area for five-minutes an acknowledgement was not received. PFC Gilpin then entered a trench and followed it for about two-kilometers to the beach along the coast of the South China Sea.

Once on the beach he began walking south to link up with another element or make it back to the brigade's forward base camp.

"I was walking along the water's edge and had moved about five clicks," recalled PFC Gilpin, "when I received fire from my right. I was able to spot six VC firing from behind small sand dunes."

Spotted Plane
With a full magazine and an M-79 round in his modified M-16, he engaged the six enemy. Killing two, later confirmed by aircraft, the other four fled to the treeline.

Spotting an observer plane in the area, PFC Gilpin cut the top off a C-Ration can and signaled the "Bird Dog." The attempt was successful and within minutes a gunship was in picking up the wayward soldier.

SP4 Says, 'This Is The Life!'

VUNG DAT AM — "This," said Specialist 4 Robert Walton (Gary, Ind.), as he propped his feet on a sandbag, "is the life."

The rifleman and the rest of Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry had returned to the battalion's forward fire support base for a few days of rest.

The firebase, where the battalion commander maintains his headquarters, is called the "Palace." The heavy firepower of 105mm howitzers and 4.2-inch mortars is housed there. It has none of the features one might expect of a palace.

"After spending all those days humping the jungles," explained SP4 Walton, "I don't care what they call it. Here we can get a shower anytime, continuous hot water and plenty of time to do some reading and catch up letter writing. Everyone looks forward to it."

The company operates on a plan whereby an outstanding soldier gets to return to base camp for one or two days upon returning to the firebase, thereby giving some of the men a chance to get completely out of the "boonies" for a while.

Captain Joe Green, company commander, said, "It's a well-earned rest that both I and my men appreciate."

Unit Prepares Men For NCO Academy

VUNG DAT AM — Leaders are the product of the 4th Division's Noncommissioned Officers Academy and leaders are what the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry is sending there.

The honor graduates of the two most recent NCO Academy classes were from the "Regulars" battalion.

Sergeants Richard J. Koury

II (Kansas City, Kan.) and Robert Rivas (Washington) were both promoted to sergeant when they graduated in the honor slot.

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas G. Roselle (Omaha, Neb.), battalion commander, takes a special pride in the achievements of SGTs Koury and Rivas because he helped to establish the NCO Academy when he was Ivy Division operations officer.

"The NCO Academy was set up to develop and train fire team leaders and squad leaders. We send them men who have a desire to be leaders — good capable young men who did well as riflemen or machine gunners," explained the commander.

The battalion does everything it can to assist the men in preparing for the academy. This help continues even while they are attending classes.

The men are brought in from the field to the battalion's fire support base at least two-days before the session begins at the academy. When they get in, they are given a briefing on the academy facilities and instruction by LTC Roselle.

"We try to impress upon them that they should look on this as an opportunity. This is not just another school because this school trains our soldiers to be leaders in life and death situations," related the commander.

The men spend a couple of days in the fire support base brushing up on the things they've learned in previous Army training and in the field.

"The battalion briefing area is practically turned over to them to use as a classroom," continued the "Regulars" commander. "Our officers instruct them in the use of the compass, map reading and artillery adjustment. In addition, they get to see the fire direction control center here so they are familiar with what happens when someone requests artillery."

While the men are at the academy, their battalion keeps in touch. The soldiers' mail is brought to them each evening as well as clean fatigues when needed.

Graduates of the academy return to their respective companies and begin putting their new knowledge to use.

"The two honor graduates we have indicate that the program is really paying off for the battalion. We are getting the capable fire team leaders and squad leaders that we need," proudly claimed LTC Roselle.

Unit Has Stateside Menu

Meals That Tempt All Palates

By SP4 Jerry Redding

LE THANH — The menu reads: charcoal-broiled steak, shrimp creole, au gratin potatoes, salad bar, relish tray, buttered biscuits, pie a la mode, chocolate sundae.

No, it isn't the menu from a stateside banquet or a "coat and tie" restaurant. It's a sample of the fare provided day after day by the mess staff of the Headquarters & Headquarters Battery, 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery's mess hall.

Under the strict supervision of Staff Sergeant Robert D. Borja (Buena Park, Calif.), the artillery's mess unfailingly provides meals that would tempt the palate of the most discerning gourmet.

The wives and mothers of the men of the company will be hard put to equal the quality of food enjoyed by the men during the stay with the company. The reason, according to Captain William J. Dragozetic (Chicago), battalion adjutant, is SSG Borja.

"Before SSG Borja arrived," said CPT Dragozetic, "food preparation was average. The cooks did their work as a matter of routine. But after SSG Borja joined the battalion, the cooks began to take pride in their work."

The result is that the food is both appetizing and served in an eye-catching manner. This is because of the painstaking efforts taken in meal preparation.

SSG Borja often deviates from the standard Army recipes in order to produce the most appetizing dishes ever offered to combat troops. He is frequently complimented on having the best mess in the division, the Central Highlands and even the Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Elritt N. Nettles (Newport News, Va.), battalion commander, commenting on the mess, said it is the "best battalion-size mess I've ever had the privilege of eating in."

The excellence of the mess hall is not restricted to the

taste and decorative serving arrangement of the food. In periodic inspections, SSG Borja has never received a rating of less than "excellent". He has received the highest rating in the division on cleanliness and food preparation.

The high regard in which SSG Borja is held by 1st Brigade personnel can be seen in the fact that many attached personnel choose to eat in his mess out of all the messes available at Jackson Hole.

Further, at any brigade function which includes a meal, SSG Borja is called upon to assist in the food preparation.

One of his finest moments involved the spur-of-the-moment feeding of a company of the 3rd

Battalion, 8th Infantry combat troops along with the artillerymen. With only three hours notice, SSG Borja furnished a meal that drew the raves of the infantrymen. Both the company and battalion commanders sent letters of appreciation to the sergeant, quoting some of the remarks overheard about the excellence of the meal.

According to SSG Borja, the reason for his success is the extra care and initiative involved in the procuring of extra rations and the preparation of the meals.

The total effect can best be summed up by quoting CPT Dragozetic, "This mess hall is a legend."

'Sheriff of Jackson Hole' Provides Law And Order

LE THANH — He might be referred to as the "sheriff" of Jackson Hole. His basic job is law and order, but it generally goes much further.

The man is First Lieutenant Michael Battle (Tacoma, Wash.), leader of the 1st Platoon, 4th Military Police Company. The mission of his unit is to provide MP support in the area of operations of the 1st Brigade.

1LT Battle coordinates the unit's responsibilities. The MPs provide guard and radio communications on truck convoys between Jackson Hole and Duc Co. There are also several convoys operating between the forward fire support bases and Jackson Hole which are manned by the MP platoon.

The two entrances which provide access to 1st Brigade headquarters are also guarded by the platoon. They guard against

unwanted personnel entering the installation and check weapons to make sure they are cleared while in the complex.

One guard is stationed in the brigade's briefing area 24-hours a day to prevent pictures being taken of the operations maps. In addition, a guard is also stationed at the tactical operations center around the clock. Guarding detainees is another task relegated to the platoon.

Platoon headquarters maintains a 24-hour monitor of guard posts situated around the perimeter of 1st Brigade. In the event of attack, or other such emergency, the platoon becomes a reaction force and coordinates activities within the complex.

1LT Battle and the 27-man unit have been at Jackson Hole five-months providing the necessary police functions in order to insure law and order for the "Fighting First".

'Cacti Green' Get 14-Year Old NVA Draftee

DUC PHO — Drafted at 13 and sent to South Vietnam at 14, a young private's career in the North Vietnamese Army came to a sudden and lucky end recently when he surrendered to Company C, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry in the hamlet of Chi Trung.

The tiny infiltrator was in a little, bare hut near the hamlet dressed in black pajamas when Staff Sergeant Meredic Dube's squad from the 2nd platoon moved in and surrounded the structure. He came out of the door, hands up, and yelled: "Chieu Hoi!"

Staff Sergeant Dang, the battalion's Vietnamese interpreter, asked the youth a few preliminary questions for Captain John H. Cavender, company commander, and suddenly shook his head and looked puzzled.

"He is North Vietnamese. He speaks with their accent," SSG Dang said.

Tells His Story

His story then came quickly and willingly.

He was drafted at 13 years of age in June 1966. He took three months of infantry training at the North Vietnamese training center at Hoa Binh — with 100 other 13-year olds in his training unit.

"He said they were drafting youths his age a year ago and still are," related SSG Dang.

The North Vietnamese boy was put into an infiltration unit and sent on the long, arduous walk toward battle in the south, carrying only a rifle. He said he was the only 14-year old in his unit but villagers in the area — being won over by the "Cacti Green" battalion's pacification programs have reported many "very young" soldiers showing up in NVA units which had been in the area.

On May 19 his battalion was walking toward a rendezvous

with death at the foot of a tunnel-laced mountain two kilometers south of Chi Trung. Eighty-one of his comrades died when the "Cacti Green" caught the NVA unit and mauled it in a 30-hour battle.

Sick With Malaria

The boy was lucky, he didn't go to that fight. Sick with malaria, he was left without his weapon, to the mercy of local Viet Cong. He was told that when he was well, he would be picked up by his unit. They never came.

Villagers fed him and cared for him "... because I was

just 14," the boy related. "They did not worry about me, they felt sorry for me and said I was too young for fighting anyway," he added.

However, after recovering, the local Viet Cong made him pay for his keep by working at planting rice. The thin, half-starved boy showed hands with the palms cut and festered from this work. He said that his clothing was taken and that he had gotten a new set of pajamas to replace the ragged farm clothes.

He had to walk for two hours to another village and buy them

with the few piasters he had been paid.

Unit Didn't Return

As the weeks went by his battalion failed to return. The U.S. troops had harried it out of the area with a pursuit which hit it hard again after the fight on the mountain.

Patrols of the Ivy Division soldiers and aggressive sweeps in the region kept it cut and pressured the local VC day and night so that the boy could not rejoin his unit.

He was frightened when the big Americans approached the village, but tired of a meager subsistence, he willingly rallied.

The boy was quite scared on his first helicopter ride to the 3rd Brigade command post at LZ Montezuma for further questioning.

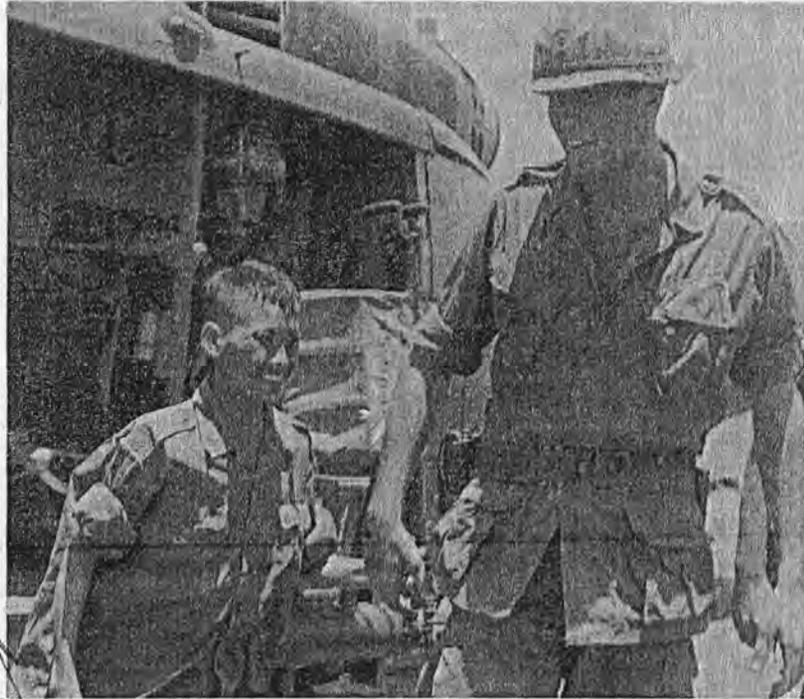
Makes A Friend

He got out tagging behind 1LT Jeffery C. Chandler, company C's executive officer, who towered more than two feet over the 85-pound boy soldier. Shrinking from the blast of the Huey's rotors as they walked toward the headquarters, the boy reached up and took the big lieutenant's hand. He had found a new friend.

Trying American chow, he ate up a storm. He tested ice cream and cold sodas. Volunteering to go back to Company C and show them trails used by the VC, he was given a pair of jungle boots — far too large, but worn proudly — and clean clothes.

Attending a MEDCAP in the area where he rallied, he made a visible impression on the villagers who looked at the face of this new version of "the enemy" and puzzled over the men in the north who had sent a boy like this to fight.

Company C hopes he can go through the Kit Carson scout training program and come back to them as an adopted son. He had already decided that the American Army treated him better than the Communists by his second day with the Ivymen.



A NEW FRIEND—1LT Jeffery C. Chandler escorts Pham Van Tinh, a 14-year-old NVA soldier who rallied to the Republic of Vietnam after his unit abandoned him. The boy turned himself in to the 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry. (USA Photo by SP4 Robert M. Metz)

'Regulars' Get Practice Fire

VUNG DAT AM—The 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry has established a "quick-fire" course at its firebase to give the "Regulars" practice in firing their M-16s at elusive targets.

Company A recently laid out the course in the jungle terrain close to the fire support base. Eight pop-up targets are carefully hidden in the foliage. The targets are activated by a grader who follows each rifleman to see how swiftly he fires.

'Jackson Hole Construction Company'

Hard Work For Engineers

By PFC Hugh Massey

Actually, this is only another name for Company A, 4th Engineer Battalion. Achieving this distinctive title took a lot of hard work on the part of the company.

Captain Raymond McCluer (New Orleans) described his company's mission as "to give direct engineer support for 1st Brigade operation." But, their task is much wider in scope.

One of their many duties, and a touchy one, is the mine sweep of the roads and highways within the 1st Brigade's area of operation. Two men are deployed ahead of the main body to "recon" the highway visually for mines and booby traps.

Mine Detecting

Thanks to a machine, appropriately called a "mine detector," the job can be made easier, safer and thoroughly. Two mine detectors are used, one on each side of the road. Bringing up the rear of the mine sweep team is the communications truck.

Each day, all highways must be cleared of mines before convoys can move. This means that the company is out bright and early every morning doing their job. Other mine sweeps are conducted as required.

Company A was the first element to arrive at Jackson Hole. It was their job to initially establish the perimeter, construct all helipads and blueprint the entire area.

Building Firebases

They also have their hands full by assisting infantry companies in building forward fire support bases and improving landing zones. The company is constantly busy within the Jackson Hole area with the maintenance of roads and highways, construction of drainage ducts, establishing artillery positions and building helicopter berms, embankments to protect the helicopters from incoming mortar rounds. These berms are utilized by choppers that remain overnight at brigade headquarters.

The engineer company is also the provider of all the potable water used within Jackson Hole as well as by the brigade's infantrymen in the field.

The company receives some much appreciated assistance from Company A, 20th Engineer Battalion. CPT McCluer likes to think of the 20th as "the second best engineer battalion in the Army"—4th Engineers being the best of course.

Operator Learning Electronics

VUNG DAT AM — While some people complain of the slow passage of time during a Vietnam tour, Specialist 4 Carl A. Kupka (Chicago), Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, occupies his time acquiring the techniques of electronic repair.

"I was an automotive mechanic in civilian life," said SP4 Kupka, "and I will continue with that trade when I return. Since I am working as a switchboard operator I decided to learn as much as I could about the operation of radio equipment."

The "Red Warrior" specialist works on anything he can get his hands on. So far he has learned to make minor repairs in television equipment and major repairs in radio and photograph sets.

"Sometimes it gets pretty hectic," he explained. "When the guys find out that you can fix broken equipment they begin bringing you almost everything under the sun."

"But, I don't mind working on it. Who knows, it may come in handy if I should ever decide to give up mechanics."

One thing SP4 Kupka mentioned was that he always seemed to have a lack of time.

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