

2nd Sqdn, 1st Cav Joins Division

Unit Has 70 Streamers From Pre - RVN Battles

CAMP ENARI—The 4th Infantry Division was recently beefed up with the addition of the 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry which arrived at Quin Nhon from the United States.

The squadron will join the Ivy Division on Operation Francis Marion.

The squadron, one of the most battle-honored units in the Army, was greeted at dockside by Lieutenant General

William Rosson, I Field Force commander, Lieutenant General Vinh Loc, Vietnamese II Corps commander, and Major General William R. Peers, Ivy Division commander.

During the ceremonies, the generals welcomed the unit to Vietnam and wished it success in its future operations.

Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. Gay, Jr., the squadron traces its history to March 2, 1833 when it was organized as the United States Regiment of Dragoons with the mission of protecting the western frontier.

A dragoon, like the mechanized infantryman of today, fought primarily on foot, but rode to the place of battle on horseback. A cavalryman, on the other hand, rode to battle and generally fought on horseback. By 1861, the distinction was quite blurred and dragoon units were being designated as cavalry.

Throughout the several wars in which the regiment has fought, it has earned 70 battle streamers. The unit has been cited for actions in the Civil War, Indian War, Spanish-American War, World War II and the Korean War.

In July 1963, the 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry was assigned to the 2nd Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Tex., where it remained until detached for Vietnam duty.

'Bullets' Activate Bee Hive

LE THANH — A patrol from the 1st Brigade made contact with an unusual adversary.

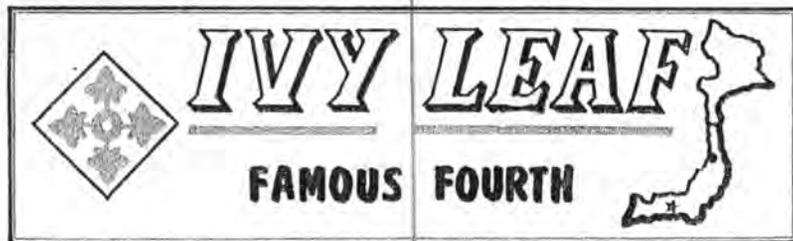
"I had taken six men to clear a pathway from the company perimeter down to a riverside listening post (LP)," said First Lieutenant Roy A. Hollins (San Francisco), a platoon leader with Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry. "The company was setting up for the night and I wanted a clear path for my LP to get back if we were hit."

The "Bullets" started back up towards the perimeter, machetes mowing down the tangled undergrowth. "I heard some screaming and yelling," recalled 1LT Hollins, "and when I reached the spot no one was there."

A slashing machete had sliced open a dufflebag-sized bee hive and the angry inhabitants attacked the group, sending them fleeing through the jungle.

"Two men came out without a scratch," chuckled the lanky platoon leader, "but several men were swollen up like balloons from their stings."

Four men were taken into the 4th Division's base camp for treatment. Fellow Ivymen from "Bullet" battalion are considering the presentation of a new combat decoration with bee hive cluster, to the victims.



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Eight Rockets Land Inside Perimeter

NVA Attempt To Bombard Jackson Hole

By 1LT Charles E. Hawkins III
LE THANH—For the first time in more than four months, the North Vietnamese Army recently bombarded a 4th Infantry Division brigade command post.

The target for the early morning attack was Jackson Hole, headquarters for the division's 1st Brigade. NVA troops fired some 50 122mm rockets at the base, but only eight landed inside the perimeter.

The last attack on a brigade command post occurred on April 8 when Viet Cong aimed 50 rounds of 82mm mortar fire at the 2nd Brigade's headquarters at the Oasis. All the rounds landed outside the perimeter and there were no casualties.

Similarly, the 1st Brigade had a single man killed in the 40-minute rocket attack which began at 5 a.m. One round hit a rubber fuel pad, touching off a brilliant gasoline-fed blaze.

Brigade officials said the rounds were fired from a site in the Chu Congut Massif, a rough, jungled mass west of the command post.

Major Donald G. Williams (Evansville, Ind.), brigade intelligence officer, said the rockets were the same as those fired at Da Nang Air Base in July. He said the 102-pound weapon could hurl its 40-pound high explosive round up to 1,100 meters.

Reaction to the attack in Jackson

Hole was varied.

"I thought for sure the NVA had my number," said First Lieutenant Richard Clark (Yakima, Wash.), a liaison officer with the brigade's 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry. Two of the rockets that hit inside the camp, he explained, bracketed the sandbag bunker in which he had spent the night.

Members of the Reconnaissance Platoon of the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry had similar stories to tell. Four of the men were in an ambush position outside the camp perimeter.

"I heard them coming in," said Private First Class Joseph D. Glenn (Tulsa, Okla.), "and I hoped to hell they wouldn't fall

in our area. The closest one was about 300 meters away."

Private First Class John Plater (Markham, Ill.) was worried because he didn't know what was happening. "I couldn't find out what was going on," he said, "and then the fuel exploded. I guess we just prayed a lot and stayed out longer than usual this morning."

From Private First Class William McNeil (Louisville) came the comment, "When they started coming in I thought it was the beginning of an all-out attack."

Private First Class George Vander Stein (Edgerton, Minn.) added, "I felt the impact of the first rocket. It shook the ground and scared me bad."

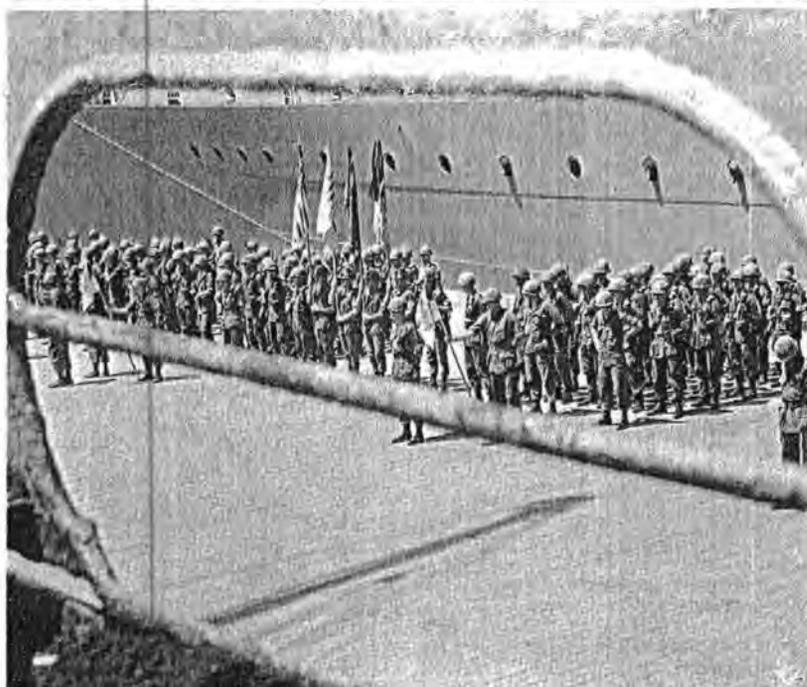
Division Gives \$100 From Fund

CAMP ENARI — A monetary gift on behalf of the officers and men of the 4th Infantry Division has been presented to the father of a Vietnamese warrant officer who died in action while working with the division.

The \$100 gift was presented to Vo Van Trach (An Giang, Vietnam) "in appreciation of honorable service rendered" by his son, Warrant Officer Vo Van Tral of the Army of Vietnam, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

The officer died in April when he was leading his mechanized troop to assist a convoy near Duc Co which was under enemy attack. Enroute, WO Vo Van's armored personnel carrier took a direct hit from a 57mm recoilless rifle. WO Vo Van was one of the casualties.

The funds came from the 4th Infantry Division Donor Deposit Fund which has been established to relieve the financial burdens of the families of Vietnamese soldiers who have died in combat while serving with or supporting the Ivy Division.



NEW ARRIVALS—Men of the 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry, who recently came to the Ivy Division from Ft. Hood, Tex., line up for dockside welcoming ceremonies in Qui Nhon, as viewed through a hawser (USA Photo by SP4 Norman Johnson)

Ivy's Exploitation Platoon Does Diversified Job

CAMP ENARI—"It's surprising how often we get hit operating fairly close to the base camp," said Sergeant Gene Lahr (Piasa, Ill.).

SGT Lahr is a squad leader with the 4th Infantry Division's Exploitation Platoon, an outfit that searches villages for enemy activity, sends out ambush patrols and provides security for the division's base camp complex and surrounding areas.

"We ride out at night on armored personnel carriers,

usually accompanied by a team from military intelligence, to a dismount point. Then we walk the rest of the way to the target village," SGT Lahr explained.

"After establishing a cordon around the village, we wait until daybreak when we go in and search the homes and adjoining areas."

The platoon was formed last May by Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander. Outstanding men, usually with fire team or squad

leader experience, are chosen for the platoon from the division's infantry, artillery and armored units.

"We've often made contact with Viet Cong elements in the villages we've searched," said the 21-year-old sergeant. "The men from G-2 (Intelligence) are normally there to gather information from detainees, weapons, documents or anything else we might capture."

"Our platoon also sets up a lot of ambushes," said Sergeant

Thomas Lee (St. Paul, Minn.). "A squad will go out one night and bag at least one VC. We've rarely made contact with North Vietnamese troops in this immediate area but Charlie is pretty active in the villages near Camp Enari," he added.

Although the Exploitation Platoon is composed of combat-seasoned veterans with only a few months left in Vietnam, the Ivymen are still out in the field until the end of their tours providing security for Camp Enari.

Commander's Note

Saving The Easy Way

I have noted many people in the division, especially those in the forward combat areas, carry with them more money than they need. In doing so, they take unnecessary risks of losing their hard-earned cash.

Money in a man's pocket increases for several reasons. While in Vietnam, a soldier earns additional income in the form of combat pay. He is also totally or partially exempt from Federal Income Tax, adding to his net pay. And because the man is in the field, with few opportunities to spend the cash, it tends to pile up in his wallet.

Through experience we have found that enlisted men in grades E-1 through E-6 can satisfy their needs during a month in the field with about \$25.00. Senior non-commissioned officers will be able to get along with \$45.00, while officers and warrant officers shouldn't need more than \$75.00.

A common reason for carrying large sums of money in the field is preparation for R&R and leave. For many, it is a simple problem of not having any safe place to put the cash. Neither reason is very sound, considering the risk of losing large sums of money, when there is a secure, one-step way to safeguard it.

This method is commonly called the "Payroll Savings Plan." On payday, a soldier can draw whatever he needs for the month (suggested by the guidelines) and leave the rest in the hands of the Army. Actually, the unpaid balance each month is carried forward on the pay voucher. Most important of all, the money can be withdrawn at any time. It is a plan designed specifically by the Army for you, the soldier, to provide you a simple means of protecting your money.

To take part in this plan, a soldier need only contact his battalion personnel services NCO. The individual can stipulate how much pay he wants to receive on payday and how much should be carried forward on the voucher. The Pay Option Request Form, which every PSNCO should have, will be filled out and forwarded to the Division Finance Office. The amount which you desire each payday should be specified in even \$5.00 increments when possible. That's all there is to it.

Although the money you leave in the "Payroll Savings Plan" doesn't earn interest, you can be sure it is safely tucked away waiting for some good use you plan for it. In a sense, it is "a bird in hand," infinitely better than cash lost in the bush.

W. R. Peers
Major General, United States Army
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Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (CPT) Thomas Beal

The white ant of Africa may never be seen for it lives underground, but the ravages of the white ant confronts the population at every turn. A newly built house may remain well for a few months when suddenly the door post totters and the rafters come crashing down. The apparently solid logs have become mere cylinders of bark with the inside eaten away.

Many influences act on the character of a man much as the secret pests upon the beams of a house. Secret, unsuspecting sins silently eat out the pith of the Christian life. While all appearances may look good for a time, the heart, core and fiber of Christian character and life perish piecemeal. The Bible describes just such a problem which once faced the people of Israel.

When the Israelites, under the leadership of Moses, began their journey from Egypt to Palestine, they indulged in the sin of the "backward look." In that backward glance they failed to remember how God had wonderfully delivered them from slavery and persecution. They reflected instead on their

bellies which had been better satisfied back in slavery.

The sin of their backward looks then brought on a "complaining spirit." They were condemned with a discontented feeling. The people of Israel thought they had cause to whine, whimper and weep. The spirit of complaint was eating away the realities of what God had done and causing the past to appear better than it actually was.

A single soldier getting into the camp may open the gate for the whole besieging Army. So the backward look finally opened the gate for the destructive foe—discouragement. Discouragement bred division among the people. It caused victories to be turned into defeats. They were totally unprepared to take advantage of opportunities.

Jesus exhorts us, "No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God." While we can learn lessons from the past, we must keep our feet planted squarely in the present with our eyes looking ahead. To do otherwise is to build up around ourselves a living tomb which will suffocate the soul.

Writing Contest Begins

SAIGON (MACV)—Entries are now being accepted for the 1967 Freedoms Foundation Writing Contest which is open to U.S. servicemen and women on active duty.

The subject of this year's contest is "Freedom—My Heritage, My Responsibility."

Entries may be in the form of a letter, an essay or poetry and should be between 100 and 500 words in length. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$50 in cash and are accompanied by a George Washington Honor Medal.

Anyone on active duty including regular reservists while on active duty status may submit as many entries as he desires.

All entries must include the typed name, rank, serial number, branch of service, complete unit address, permanent address and zip code of the author.

Entries may be sent anytime before Nov. 1, 1967, to Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa., 19481.

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- WO1 Donald C. Gouffier—Trp D, 1st Sqn, 10th Cav**
- WO1 Larry A. Antczak—Trp D, 1st Sqn, 10th Cav**
- MAJ William F. Sanford—HHC, 2nd Bn (Mech), 8th Inf**
- WO1 John M. Genser—HHC, 2nd Bde, 4th Div**



NCO Academy Producing Qualified, Motivated Leaders



A SPECIAL GIFT—SP5 Larry G. Hall (Warren, Ohio), 4th Admin Co, presents an enlarged painting of the "Head of Christ" to Chaplain (LTC) Joseph F. Sheehan (Shrewsbury, N.J.), 4th Division chaplain. The picture was sent to the division, via SP5 Hall, from the Church of God (Newton Falls, Ohio). Reverend Lillie McCutcheon sent the gift on behalf of her congregation and herself as a token of friendship and appreciation of what the men of the division are doing in Vietnam. (USA Photo by PFC Ron Uszack)

By PFC Ralph Springer

CAMP ENARI—There's a big difference between tactical leadership involving maps, charts and high level discussions and leadership in critical, life-or-death situations that are common to the tangled jungles of Vietnam.

The Non-commissioned Officers' Academy is bridging that gap with high-caliber, well-trained graduates who know what to do out in the field according to commanding officers who have fire team and squad leaders under their command who have graduated from the Ivy Division's NCO Academy.

"The prime objective of the two-week school is to turn out qualified and motivated men who can effectively lead a small unit in the field," explained First Lieutenant William L.

Smith (Lakesville, Mass.), tactical officer at the academy.

"Commanding officers of the division's battalions select outstanding individuals, usually privates first class or specialists with leadership potential, to attend our course. After training here, the man is sent back to his unit, well-versed in the basic infantry subjects vital to survival in Vietnam," the lieutenant added.

The academy places its main emphasis on combat leadership while instructing the men in civic action programs, artillery and air support operations, communications, demolitions, ambush and patrolling procedures, and map reading.

"In addition to the classroom-taught subjects, we conduct three patrols away from the base camp area and the men can take practical advantage of what they've learned. Since all the men we are instructing have been in actual combat situations before, these patrols are also used as a reaction force should enemy activity be detected in the area," 1LT Smith said.

Lieutenant Smith, formerly a reconnaissance platoon leader with the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, attributes the success of the academy to its diversified staff of instructors.

Under the command of Major John Dennis (Fl. Worth, Tex.), are First Lieutenant Roy Hollins (San Francisco), of the patrolling committee, First Lieutenant Vincent Gaughan (Chicago), artillery section, and First Lieutenant Roger Wray (Texas City, Tex.), tactics committee.

Lieutenant Wray is also in charge of a sniper school that is being worked into the program to provide the Ivy Division with qualified riflemen who will counteract the enemy's sniper activities.

During each two-week cycle an honor graduate is chosen from the training class. The soldier is given a plaque and is usually promoted to sergeant.

'Regulars' Move Out At Darkness

VUNG DAT AM — Cordon and search is the name used to describe a technique that's netting Viet Cong for the Ivy Division's Company C, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry.

The company led by Captain Lee F. Kleese (Little Rock, Ark.) is currently operating out of the "Regulars" fire support base south of Pleiku.

When a report indicates the presence of Viet Cong in a nearby village, the company moves out. Under cover of darkness the Ivy men surround the suspect village and wait for daylight.

Anyone who attempts to enter or leave the village is detained until morning. When daylight comes, the company closes in around the village and all of the villagers are assembled in the center. There, an Army of the Republic of Vietnam interrogation team questions them and attempts to find any Viet Cong.

Emphasis: Children, Livestock

Varied CA Program At 1st Bde

CAMP ENARI — The civil affairs section of the Ivy Division's 1st Brigade is conducting a varied program for Montagnards in the Central Highlands.

The section has been working on a youth improvement program to improve health and hygiene of hamlet children. Each child receives a glass of milk, a vitamin pill and bath whenever civic action teams visit the villagers.

Since the program's inception in mid-June, 11,327 children have participated in the program, according to Major Michael P. Umhofer (Rochester,

N.Y.), brigade civil affairs officer.

The civic action program is also helping the children in a youth recreation program which is designed to build stamina and provide recreation for the young Montagnards. In five hamlets, playgrounds which include swings, slides and seesaws have been established.

There are seven other hamlets currently preparing playgrounds. There have also been attempts to teach soccer and baseball to the children.

The civil affairs section is also interested in helping the villagers' livestock. The Ivy

men are trying to include quality breeding and greater production in a program which includes periodic visits to hamlets by a veterinarian to treat and vaccinate animals.

In a very short time supplies will be made available to the civic action teams for animal treatment. This will leave the veterinarian free to concentrate on serious cases.

As a part of the livestock improvement plan, pig troughs are being constructed and installed in all hamlets near Camp Enari and edible garbage is furnished from division base camp mess halls for food.

CPT Stays In RVN To Get Infantry Command

VUNG DAT AM—An Ivy Division artillery captain is turning into a "hard-core" infantryman and he's extending his Vietnam tour six-months to complete the transformation.

He's Captain David Hartley (Portland, Ore.), currently the commanding officer of Company B, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry.

The artillery officer first asked to be assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry when his own unit, the 1st Battalion, 34th Artillery, was disbanded at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Instead, he was assigned as executive officer of Headquarters Company, 4th Infantry Division and was in that position when the division came to Vietnam.

"I kept submitting requests to become an infantry platoon leader and finally in April was assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry," CPT Hartley recalled.

Three and a half months later a promotion ended CPT Hartley's career as a platoon leader. He was sent back to the 2nd Brigade area to become battalion supply officer.

But, the former platoon leader had liked his life in the field.

"I wanted to command a rifle company. When the former commander of Company B came in, I requested an extension so that I could take over the company," CPT Hartley explained.

Tankers Become Infantrymen

CAMP ENARI — Men of the 1st Battalion, 69th Armor have become infantrymen in order to conduct thorough searches of villages in their area of operations.

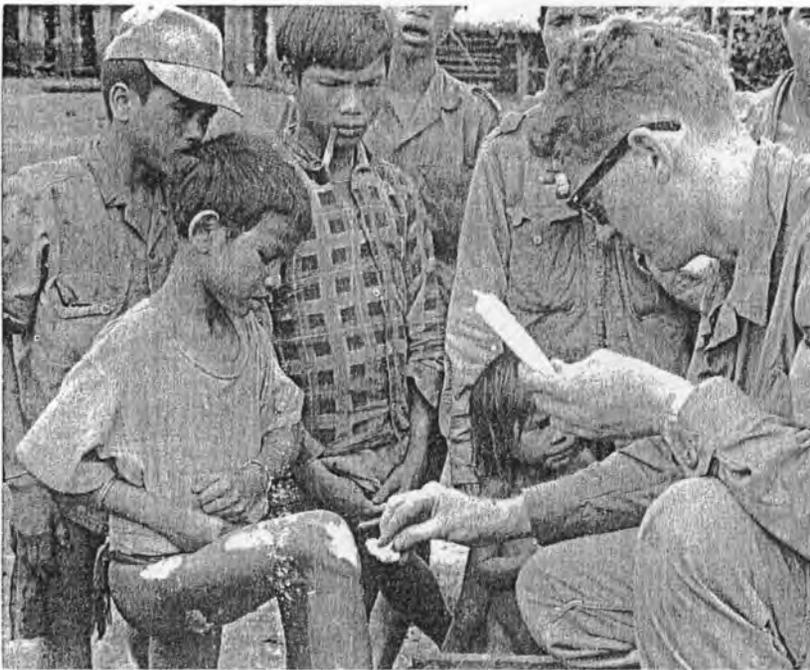
Although primarily tankers, an odd assortment of medics, mechanics, clerks, tankers and drivers, fell into a tough and anxious platoon when a patrol is being organized for a search operation.

The operation serves a twofold purpose. The patrol will first reconnaissance a village area, cordon it off and search it for Viet Cong suspects. Then the civil affairs team led by First Lieutenant William R. Nicholas (Royal Oak, Mich.), swings into action.

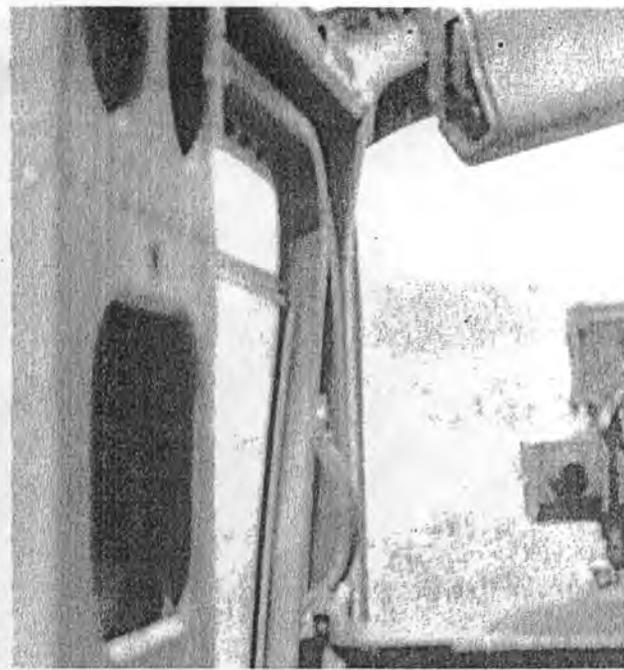
A census is taken, village conditions are noted and the cattle are counted. Medical Civic Action Programs are conducted for the villagers, the cattle are examined and treated for disease and an orientation is given outlining the "Black Panthers" programs of helping the villagers to help themselves.



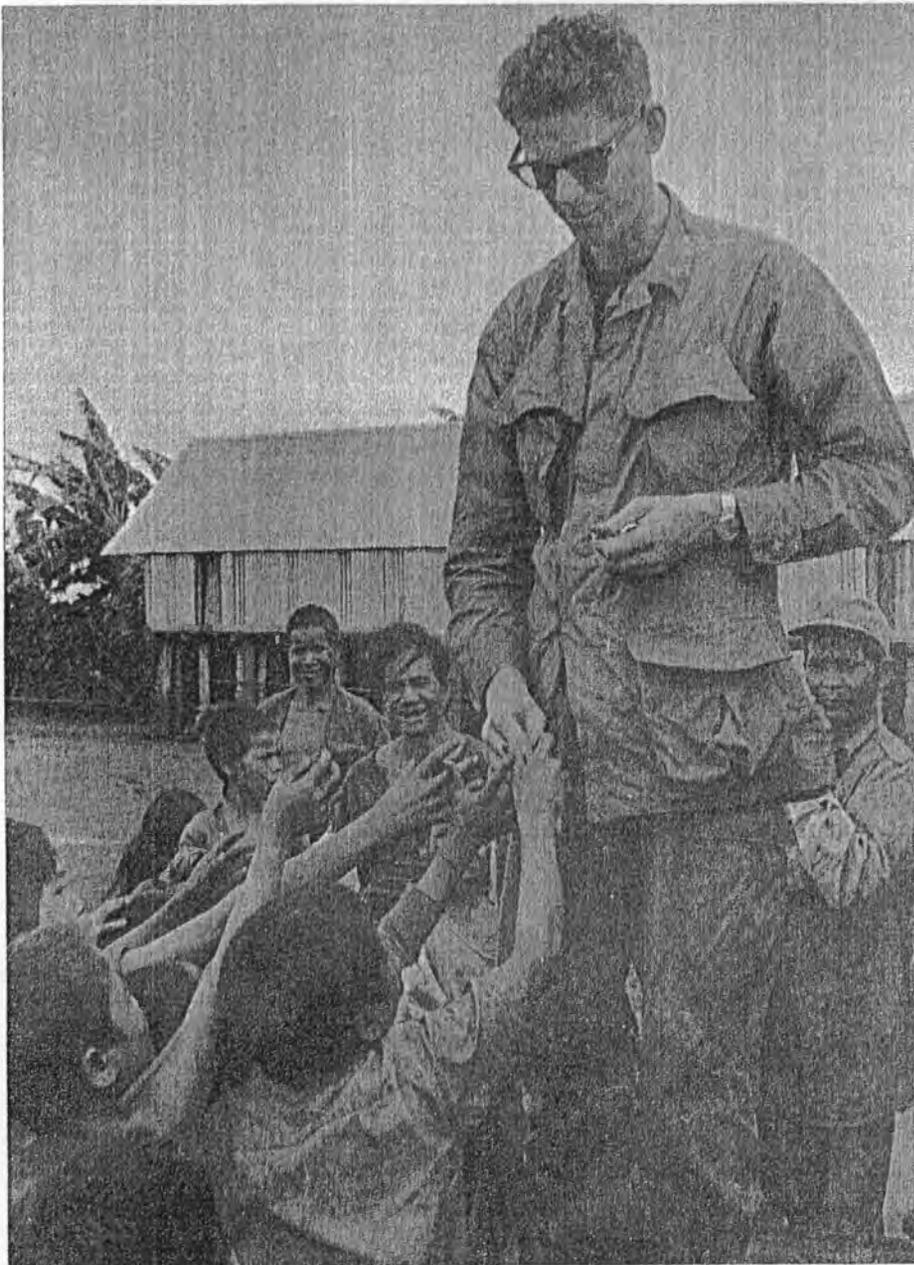
FOOT TROUBLE—A medic with the Ivy Division's 1st Brigade checks a Montagnard girl's injured foot during a Medical Civic Action Program mission at a village near the division's Camp Enari. (USA Photo by PFC Ron Uszack)



SPECIALIST 4 EDWARD STORINGS (SYRACUSE, N.Y.) APPLIES OINTMENT TO A BRUISED KNEE.



WO TERENCE W. LANGILLE (WILMINGTON, DEL.) USES A SIG



HAPPY HANDS REACH OUT FOR CANDY BEING DISTRIBUTED BY THE "SHAMROCK'S" CIVIC ACTION TEAM.

'Shamrocks

By CPT Ed Ciliberti

CAMP ENARI — One of the more deadly weapons to be developed in the Vietnamese War is the helicopter gunship. On the other hand, this war, more than any other, has brought out the compassionate qualities inherent in the American soldier.

In the Ivy Division, the stark contrasts of the gunship pilot's steady trigger finger and the sure hand of the medic treating an ailing Montagnard woman are very evident in the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry.

The men of Troop D prowl the skies daily, performing a variety of missions. They guard the small reconnaissance patrols placed alone in the jungle to seek the enemy and are often the first ones on the scene with heavy firepower when the teams run into trouble.

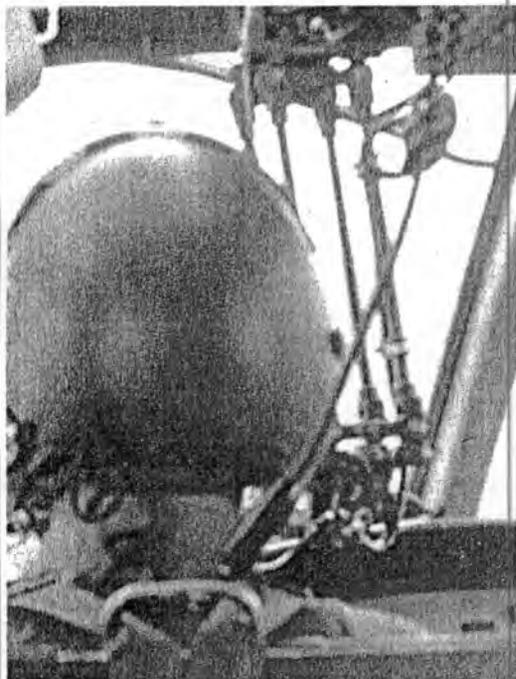
A mortar attack on a base camp brings the "Shamrocks" scrambling to the scene, searching for the enemy tubes and silencing them with machinegun, rocket and grenade fire. No group of infantrymen are airlifted into a strange landing zone without the gunships flying cover alongside.

On the ground, in the "other war," a small group of medics and soldiers from the squadron civic affairs section aims at an entirely different target—the good will of the Montagnard people near Camp Enari.

Their ammunition is medical aid, goodies, a friendly smile and a helping hand. When they gauge their success they measure the smiles of the youngsters, the handshakes of the village elders and the cooperation of the villagers toward the common goals of the United States, Vietnam and the Montagnards.

Both wars grind slowly forward. "Victories" are difficult to identify in the short run: The conglomerations of successes becomes obvious with hindsight. The troopers of the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry find their hindsight results eminently satisfying.

Photos by
1LT Leo Migneault



...NG DEVICE TO AIM THE WEAPONS OF HIS GUNSHIP.



SP4 EDWARD STORINGS (SYRACUSE, N.Y.) DISTRIBUTES GOODIES TO MONTAGNARD CHILDREN.

Fight Two Different Wars



...YTON (EDMOND, OKLA.), A DOOR-GUNNER WITH THE "SHAMROCKS," KEEPS HIS MACHINE GUN READY AS HE WATCHES FOR SIGNS OF THE ENEMY.



BEAUTIFUL—Ivymen of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry take a moment from their search and destroy operations to admire a waterfall on the Ia Pelt River south of Pleiku. Company B received a report that a cave beneath the waterfall might be hiding Charlie but investigation proved the report to be erroneous. (USA Photo by SP4 Mick Harsell)

Quite A Few Smashed Fingers

Arty Medic Does Important Job

LE THANH — A medic in Vietnam is often pictured as jumping out of a hovering MEDEVAC helicopter or crawling from foxhole to foxhole aiding wounded comrades.

A medic attached to an artillery unit serves a different role, not involved in as much heroics, but doing a job no less important.

Private First Class Jack Darnell (Monticello, Mo.), a 1st Brigade medic attached to Battery C, 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery, is philosophic about his duties with the "Redlegs."

"I'll probably never use my skills under intense small arms

fire as an infantry medic might," he said, "but taking care of the guys who are firing support for the infantrymen gives me a sense of satisfaction."

"I'm sort of a jack-of-all trades out here," he smiled. "One minute I may be bandaging a cut or treating a scorpion sting and the next minute I'll be stacking ammo for a gun crew."

PFC Darnell also holds informal classes for the artillerymen on various facets of his trade. "If I'm knocked out of action, I'm confident these guys could give an injection or plug an

artery as well as I could."

"Since I've been with Battery C, I've run the gamut of ailments from headaches to athlete's foot and everything in between," he explained. "An injury peculiar to artillerymen is smashed fingers. I've patched up quite a few men who have shoved a round into the breach and gotten their fingers caught."

Post Office Occupies New Home

CAMP ENARI — The calendar says it is more than six weeks before the annual Christmas rush begins for the Ivy Division's postal personnel, but a visit to the newly-built base camp post office contradicts that prediction.

After seven to eight months in Wabtoes, the division's main post office recently moved to a much larger home. Located in the rear of the 4th Administration Company's billeting area and opposite the 4th Military Police Company, the new building occupies 4,000-square-feet.

More customers can now be accommodated in less time than previously. There has already been a 30 per cent increase in business, according to First Lieutenant Monty W. McCall (Fresno, Calif.), division postal officer.

"With hundreds of men now rotating to the states, and just as many arriving daily," the lieutenant said, "we are doing rush work that is normally done only during the Christmas season."

The cause for the work load is a result of men rotating who mail their personal belongings home, while packages are coming in for the new men from their parents, relatives and friends.

Since June, the daily out-flow of letters handled by the APO has increased from 25,000 to 30,000. Last quarter's sales of 55,733 money orders representing \$3.5 million have already gone up.

Report Sends Patrol Under Waterfall Looking For Enemy

By SP4 Mick Harsell

VUNG DAT AM—A report that a cave beneath a waterfall might be hiding Charlie recently sent a platoon of "Regulars" from the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry on another wet mission.

Company B was conducting cordon and search missions along the Ia Pelt River, east of Highway 14, as part of Operation Francis Marion when the new mission was ordered. The company set up a perimeter in a grassy field near the site and its 1st Platoon, led by Second Lieutenant Jerry Lindsay (Enon, Ohio), set out to check the waterfall.

Thick growth close to the falls prevented the group from getting a good look so the pointman started chopping a trail. The first attempt led the patrol to the top of the falls but an 80-foot cliff blocked the Ivymen's way down from there.

Division Gets New Chaplain

CAMP ENARI — Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Joseph F. Sheehan (Shrewsbury, N.J.) has taken over the duties of division chaplain of the 4th Infantry Division.

The new chaplain succeeds Chaplain (LTC) William R. Hett (Costa Mesa, Calif.) who is returning to the states.

Chaplain Sheehan, prior to his arrival in Vietnam, served as deputy post chaplain at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

His awards and decorations include the Silver Star, three Army Commendation Medals, and the Korean Presidential Citation and Service Medal with two campaign ribbons.

An old Montagnard irrigation ditch leading from the top of the falls provided a watery trail for the patrol to follow. Three hundred meters downstream, the platoon found a gentler slope to help them descend to the river.

A heavy spray fell on the small force as it worked its way back upstream to the base of the falls. The men kept a sharp eye out for the enemy even as they glanced up in awe at the roaring cascade.

No sign of enemy activity was found but the men set up security at the base of the waterfall. 2LT Lindsay and Specialist 4 Wayne Gooden (Martinsburg, W. Va.), a fire team leader, edged along the rocky bank until they could see behind the tumbling water.

Some of the members of the patrol took out their cameras and snapped a few pictures before they started their return trip to the company perimeter.

"This just isn't the kind of place Charlie would hide," commented Staff Sergeant Guy Patton (Augusta, Ga.). "There aren't any easy escape routes."

New 704th Commander Saw RVN Once Before

CAMP ENARI — Lieutenant Colonel M. E. Rice (Lexington, Va.), took command of the 704th Maintenance Battalion during a recent change of command ceremony. The new commanding officer replaces Lieutenant Colonel William R. Gibbanks, who completed six months as battalion commander.

Although LTC Rice's first tour of duty in the Central Highlands, in November and December of 1965, he participated in a study of logistical problems in Vietnam. One result of the study was the "Red Ball" program to expedite the supply of critical repair parts and material to support the war effort.

"This is my first chance for a command assignment at battalion level," said LTC Rice, "and I am happy to have this opportunity to serve as a com-

mander in Vietnam."

LTC Rice is a participant in the career logistic program. He has held a wide variety of assignments which have provided a broad background in the area of logistics. Prior to arriving in Vietnam, LTC Rice completed a one-year course at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.

Prior to attending the Industrial College, LTC Rice spent nearly five years with the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, Ky., where he was executive officer of the 801st Maintenance Battalion. From executive officer, LTC Rice moved to become the division supply officer and from there he became G-4, a position he held for the last two and a half years of his tour with the 101st Airborne.

Ivymen Goes Home For R&R

VUNG DAT AM — Staff Sergeant Phelis Perez, a squad leader with Company A, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry, had a good reason to feel at home when he stepped off a military chartered Boeing 707 at the Guam rest and recuperation (R&R) center. Guam is SSG Perez's birthplace.

SSG Perez was greeted by his wife, five children and his parents.

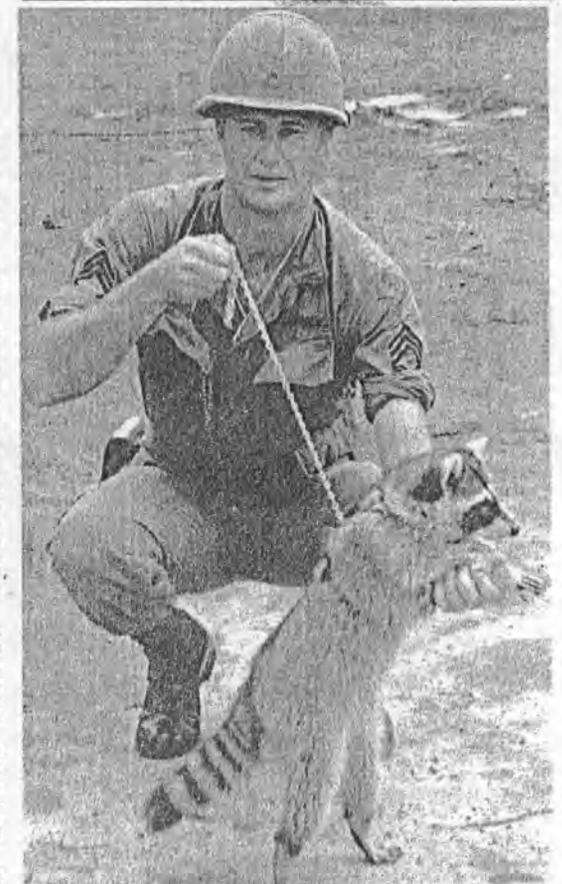
"It really seemed good to see all of my family," said the smil-

ing sergeant.

Most of SSG Perez's time was spent visiting friends and relatives and just looking over his "old stomping grounds."

"The place had really changed a lot," surmised SSG Perez. "There were a lot of new additions."

SSG Perez will leave Vietnam in 59 days and plans to spend most of his leave with his family in Guam. His wife and children will move with him to his place of reassignment.



CHAIN GANG—Some said it couldn't be done, but they forgot to tell PSG Alexander B. Heidel (Wartburg, Tenn.). He has tamed "Rip," the mascot of Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade, to the point where the raccoon takes a daily walk at the end of a chain. (USA Photo by 1LT William C. Foster)



WELCOME TO RVN—New arrivals landed at Qui Nhon where they were met by representatives of the Ivy Division's 3rd Brigade. They were then flown to the "Bronco's" tactical command post at Duc Pho. (USA Photo by SP4 Robert M. Metz)



FIRST PATROL—During their week of individual training the new "Broncos" got their first taste of combat patrolling. (USA Photo by SGT Allan Hyman)



MAP READING—Refresher classes in map reading are taught to new "Bronco Brigaders" by the brigade's veterans. Helpful hints are usually passed on and readily absorbed. (USA Photo by 1LT Paul P. Armstrong)

With New Personnel
3rd Bde To Form Expanded Units

By SP4 John F. Cole

DUC PHO—Over 300 new soldiers, three new rifle companies, recently joined the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division in an effort to add even more to the strength and striking force of the "Broncos".

Docking at Qui Nhon the new troops were flown directly to Duc Pho where they began a five-day program of processing and training at the brigade's replacement training center at Landing Zone Montezuma.

Each of the present battalions, the 1st and 2nd Battalions, 35th Infantry and the 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry, will be assigned a third of the new arrivals. They will be integrated into the existing companies of the rifle battalions, and some, along with experienced veterans selected from the other three companies will form a new Company D.

Ivy Division finance and personnel teams were on hand to process in the new "Bronco Brigaders" which took a day and a half. Following that, the troops began a training program designed to familiarize them with Vietnam.

Under the direction of Captain Ronald G. Chrisman, commandant, and Sergeant First Class Robert Gore, noncommissioned officer-in-charge, the program includes instruction in marksmanship, map reading, the principles of patrolling, defensive and offensive tactics and anti-guerrilla warfare.



FIRE!—Weapons familiarization including the zeroing of individual M-16s is part of a bloc of instruction given replacements in the "Bronco" Brigade's training center. Classes on demolitions, booby traps and enemy weapons are part of the same instruction bloc. (USA Photo by 1LT Paul P. Armstrong)

'Bronco' Units Tally 53 Enemy Bodies During Hot Battle

DUC PHO — Firing at a resupply helicopter proved to be a drastic mistake by one Viet Cong sniper. Ground units were called to locate him and a battle developed that led to the death of 53 VC soldiers on the coastal plain north of Duc Pho.

The Reconnaissance Platoon, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry and Company C, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor took the brunt of the fighting in a well integrated tank and infantry assault.

The 2nd Platoon of the armor company sped to the location of the sniper fire after receiving a call from the chopper. When they arrived they came under a heavy volume of enemy fire. The automatic weapons were answered with blasts from the 90mm main guns killing at least two VC. More enemy were spotted running for a hole which was immediately destroyed.

As the rest of the tank company arrived, a hasty perimeter was set up from which the armor and infantrymen launched the organized assault.

Pursuing the enemy was made increasingly difficult by the dense hedgerows and trenches that surrounded the rice paddies. The tankers and infantrymen could not observe the fleeing enemy, but to their aid came a Forward Air Controller. As Captain William E. Hocker, the tank company commander, explained, "The FAC radioed the enemy's direction of movement to me and we caught the VC on the run."

Disrupted enemy on the run were engaged and brought down by the tanks.

It was a "hot and heavy" battle, related one tankerman. With the tracked monsters and recon troops routing out the enemy on the ground and M-60 equipped helicopters flying overhead the VC had no chance.

The "Cacti Blues" Companies A and B were helilifted to the action when the fighting had

died down enough to permit the choppers to land. Company A was credited with five VC killed.

In addition to the 53 VC dead, 19 weapons were captured in the battle that was termed a great example of coordination between the tanks and the infantrymen of the Ivy Division's 3rd Brigade.

Gallant Medic Gets Star

BONG SON — As his tank platoon, escorted by infantry, entered the village Tuong Son on a routine mission to destroy an enemy bunker complex, snipers opened up and a very un-routine day began for Specialist 5 Charles Parish.

The medic for Company A, 1st Battalion, 69th Armor leaped from his tank to go to the aid of wounded 1st Air Cavalry Division soldiers. Under intense fire, he moved from man to man, treating the wounded.

After helping many casualties aboard a tank so they could be driven back to an evacuation point, the young medic saw that there wouldn't be room enough for all of them. Lifting a wounded soldier to his back, SP5 Parish carried him 100-yards to the evacuation point, under heavy enemy fire.

For his gallantry in action, the tankerman was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor, the nation's fourth highest award for heroism. Major General John J. Tolson, commanding general of the 1st Cavalry Division, presented the award to SP5 Parish during a recent ceremony.



EQUIPMENT CHECK—"Red Warriors" from the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry make last minute equipment adjustments before moving out of their firebase on a patrol during Operation Francis Marion. The battalion sign is erected at each new firebase to remind members of the Ivy battalion that they are real "warriors" when it comes to fighting. (USA Photo by 1LT William C. Foster)

During Firebase Move

'Regulars' Find Fizzled Traps

VUNG DAT AM — The Viet Cong may consider their propaganda potent, but the booby traps recently found attached to their crude signs fizzled.

The signs and traps were discovered by the men of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry as they moved into a new firebase. The booby traps were spotted easily by the lead elements of the convoy going to the new position.

"They had strung vines across the road and attached hand

grenades to them," explained Captain David R. Livingston (New Iberia, La.), assistant battalion operations officer.

"They were designed to be set off by anyone moving down the road. The first one had already been detonated, apparently by a Vietnamese vehicle. We found several more trip-lines but when we checked them out they were all dummies. None of them were attached to any explosives."

About 20 crude signs found

along the highway were translated as VC anti-election propaganda.

"These signs are indicative of the type of activities carried on by the local hard-core VC," explained Captain Hughes Ash (Dahlonega, Ga.), battalion intelligence officer.

"They urge the people not to vote and said that Premier Ky had sold out to the Americans. The people who put up these signs are the terrorists who try to keep the local people in line," commented CPT Ash.

The signs were collected by members of the convoy and were sent back to the 2nd Brigade command post for further intelligence evaluation.

Charlie's activities in the area did little more than provide a diversion for the men riding on the convoy trucks as they tried to guess the meaning of the signs and wondered about the slight delays while the dummy booby traps were scrutinized.

Moving Is Nothing New For 'Panther' Old-Timer

VUNG DAT AM — When the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry recently moved their fire support base some 46 miles from the Oasis, there was plenty of work to be done in preparation for the move.

Such moves are nothing new to Staff Sergeant Dery Hanton (Philadelphia), mess sergeant with the "Panther" Battalion. SSG Hanton, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, has been around for quite a few moves during his 25-years of military service.

SSG Hanton explained that when he first receives word of a move is when the work begins. All equipment is loaded up and enough food to last three-days is gathered.

Upon arrival at the new location, a kitchen site is picked out and the real labor begins. Garbage holes have to be dug, a tent for food preparation is erected and sandbags for bunkers are filled.

"It never fails," exclaimed SSG Hanton, "as soon as we get the tent up there is always someone around to ask, 'Is the coffee ready?'"

The "Panthers" have hot chow for breakfast, soup for lunch, hot chow, for dinner and

coffee all day and night.

"My men put in at least 16-hours work every day," said SSG Hanton. "But, as long as the troops are happy with the chow, we are glad to prepare it."



THAT LETTER HOME—Still unshaven after returning from a long patrol near the Cambodian border, an Ivyman writes home telling the folks he's still all right. (USA Photo by SP4 Richard Obermaier)

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