

Enari Turned Over to ARVN Reg.

By CPT Gary McKillips



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Ranger's Feeling Saves Team

By SP4 Phil Kenny

CAMP RADCLIFF - It was his 21st birthday and Private First Class Robert L. White of Minneapolis, Minn., an assistant team leader with a Ranger team of Company K, 75th Infantry Battalion, had a "feeling." This "feeling" saved his life.

PFC White was walking point up the ridge of a barren hill ten miles east of Landing Zone Hard Times. The team was moving toward a tree line to set up their night location. They had not seen any enemy activity. PFC White said, "Suddenly I had a feeling. I can't explain it. It was weird. I just felt something was wrong."

PFC White called the team to a halt and they sat down to listen. Staff Sergeant David Bristol of Fruita, Colo., continued, "No sooner had we gotten down when we heard movement. It wasn't loud; just like the safeties clicking on weapons and rustling noises. I called for artillery to keep them down so we could get a better position."

As the artillery started landing on the enemy positions the enemy began sniping at the team. Said PFC White, "We returned fire and pretty soon a heavy fire fight was in progress."

"The fire fight lasted for five to ten minutes," said Sergeant Bristol. "When it slowed down we moved down the hill and took up positions in a bomb crater."

Contraband: Don't Try It

By SP4 Tom Hodsdon

CAMP RADCLIFF -- Contraband. Quite a word. In books and movies it is often connected with mystery and intrigue - also with gold, silver, diamonds and large sums of money.

When used in connection with the mail service and the APO, what does this all-encompassing word mean? Compasses (lensatic), poncho liners, flight helmets, jungle fatigues and boots along with any other government issue item are considered contraband and should not be mailed. Also prohibited from the mails are all flammables and explosives such as matches and ammo; obscene (Continued on Page 8)

As the team huddled in the bomb crater, "Gambler" gunships from Company B of the 4th Aviation Battalion went to work on the enemy. "At first they had some trouble identifying us," said Sergeant Bristol. "The bad guys were popping smoke at the same time we were. Unfortunately for them they popped a different color than we did."

As soon as positive identification of the team had been accomplished the gunships worked out on the enemy positions.

When the first pair of gunships had finished their runs, a "Blackjack" slick, also from the 4th Aviation Battalion, went in to extract the team.

"That pilot sure made it a happy birthday for me," joked PFC White. "Those pilots have a lot of guts." The extraction was completed without incident.

Warriors Find Cache

By SP4 Tony D'Elia

CAMP RADCLIFF - Charlie won't be making much noise around the 2nd Brigade's area of operations if Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry can help it.

The "Head Hunters" from Company C were patrolling some open rocky terrain in search of a good night position when pointman Private First Class Allen Gordon of Daytona Beach, Fla., spotted a hootch in the rocks. PFC Gordon moved closer to investigate and found enemy B40 rocket rounds and empty ammo boxes under some leaves in the hootch.

The rest of the company swept the immediate area and turned up two more piles of munitions and about 10 gongs of various size.

CORRECTION

The April 26, 1970 issue of THE IVY LEAF carried an article on page 1 with an erroneous headline, "Dragons Find Cache." It should have read "Regulars Find Cache," since the story concerned the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry.

CAMP ENARI - Vietnamization became more evident in the Central Highlands when, on April 15, the 4th Infantry Division officially turned over Camp Enari to the 47th ARVN Regiment.

In a brief, impressive ceremony at the former division base camp, Lieutenant General Lu Moang Lan, Commanding General of the II Corps Tactical Zone and Lieutenant General Arthur S. Collins, I Field Force, Vietnam, Commander, signed the agreement making the transfer official.

Witnessing the ceremony, which also saw the Fourth Division receive the Civil Actions Medal First Class, with Oak Leaf from the Government of Vietnam, were several Vietnamese and American military leaders, including Major General Glenn D. Walker, 4th Division Commander.

Division Wins CA Award

CAMP ENARI - Elements of the 4th Infantry Division have numerous citations for valor but a very significant Vietnamese award was recently presented to the entire Ivy Division for distinction in the area of civil actions.

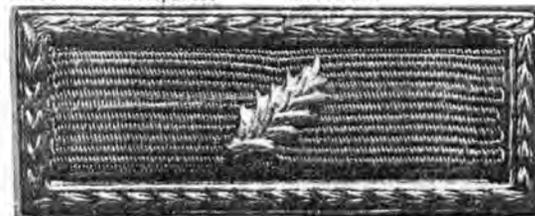
During ceremonies for the historic turn over of Camp Enari, the Division's former base camp, Lieutenant General Lu Moang Lan, II Corps Tactical Zone Commander, attached the streamer of the Civil Actions Medal, First Class, with Oak Leaf Cluster, on the 4th Division Colors.

The citation outlines the accomplishments of the Division's civil action projects during the period 1 October, 1966 to 31 October, 1969.

All personnel who were assigned or attached to the 4th Infantry Division during the period cited are authorized to wear the ribbon as a permanent part of their Class A uniform. Those that were not with the Division during that period may wear the ribbon only as long as they are assigned to the Division.

The dark green with light red striped ribbon with an oak leaf device and mounted in a gold colored frame, is worn over the right breast pocket to the wearer's left of the previously awarded Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with palm which, in turn, is worn to the wearer's left of any US unit awards.

The ribbons will be available for purchase in the PX in the near future.



Vietnamese Civic Actions Medal

Last Gong For Charlie

"Some of the gongs were 3 feet wide and they looked like big hub caps or shields," said Specialist 4 Larry Twain of Ashland, Ky. The Red Warriors were slightly perplexed as to the enemy's need for gongs in their location. "I thought they might be used to call cattle," said PFC

Miguel Sanchez of New York. There was a stream in the immediate area but nothing else to suggest anything of an enemy cattle raising endeavor.

The three small munitions caches were located in a triangle within 50 meters of each other.



HISTORIC SITTING - Lieutenant General Lu Lan and Lieutenant General Collins sign the documents (Vietnamese and English) which effected the turnover of Camp Enari. (USA Photo by II Corps IO)

After both American and Vietnamese National Anthems were played and the flag of the Republic of Vietnam replaced Old Glory over the former 4th Division headquarters, General Lu Lan commented on the history-making event.

"The Vietnamese colors flying on the mast at Camp Enari mark another episode in American-Vietnamese cooperation here in the Central Highlands." The II Corps Commander further stated, "The people of the Central Highlands will remember you (officers and men of the 4th Division) as heaven-sent benefactors who brought them security, prosperity and happiness, and no monument to your achievements will ever be as eloquent as the look of satisfaction in the present and hope in the future you have brought back to their faces, and as durable as the affection and love you won in their hearts."

General Walker, in his remarks, called the event one "of great significance to all of us." He expressed confidence in turning over the camp to the ARVN's by saying "The Republic of Vietnam has demonstrated its ability to provide security for the people of the Highland Provinces."

The transfer became official at 4 p.m. April 15. At noon on the same day, the 47th Regiment assumed responsibility for the defense of Camp Enari. And by 6 p.m. that evening a small number of advisors were the only American troops left at the camp.

The turn-over marked the end of almost four years in which Camp Enari, named after First Lieutenant Mark N. Enari, the first 4th Division soldier to be awarded the Silver Star posthumously, served as the center of division operations.

It was in late July, 1966 that the 4th Engineer Battalion arrived at the site, located 10 miles south of Pleiku City, and began to build what to this day is still considered one of the most functional base camps in all of the Republic of Vietnam.

From The Desk of

 the
 Commanding General



MG WALKER

Cooking With C-4 Hazardous

Heating C-rations or other foods in the field is a common practice. There are many ways to do this.

One frequently used substance is C-4, the explosive used in Claymore mines. Although the fire is hot and easy to make, recent information has shown this to be a dangerous practice.

Reports have come in from all over Vietnam, including the 4th Division, of soldiers being hospitalized with seizures of fits, muscle twitches and mental disorientation. These people have had no prior history of disease and doctors were able, in some instances, to trace these symptoms to the use of C-4.

The material is highly poisonous and merely inhaling the fumes from the fire or eating small particles which get into the food can cause permanent brain damage and death. This may happen after one exposure or may happen after several exposures to the substance.

So, heat your food, of course, but don't use C-4. Sterno and heat tablets are safe, as are wood and charcoal. Using C-4 as a stove isn't worth the risk.

11 States To Hold Primaries

Eleven States will hold primary elections in June to select candidates for general elections November.

Primaries in California, Iowa, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, and South Dakota will be June 2; New Mexico June 3; South Carolina June 9; Maine June 15; and Delaware and New York June 16.

New York and Delaware, however, prohibit absentee voting in primary elections but permit qualified Armed Forces voters and their spouses and dependents to vote by absentee ballot in the November general elections. The Federal Post Card Application may be used to obtain a ballot.



HOW ABOUT YOUR SECURITY?

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds



The Judge Says:

By LTC Bruce E. Stevenson
Staff Judge Advocate

Many soldiers are not aware that lower tax rates may apply if the soldier qualifies as a "surviving spouse" or "head of a household."

To qualify as a "surviving spouse" you must be either a widow or a widower and meet each of the following requirements: 1) Not remarried; 2) Dependent child or stepchild; 3) The death of the spouse within the two preceding tax years; 4) Entitled to file a joint return with the spouse for the year of the death (whether a joint return was actually filed or not is immaterial); 5) Lastly, the taxpayer must furnish over half the maintenance of the home which is the principal abode of the dependent child or stepchild. If qualified, you obtain the same tax saving that married persons enjoy if they file jointly.

If you qualify as a "head of household" a lower tax rate will also result. To qualify for "head of household" you must meet the following requirements: 1) Unmarried person not a "surviving spouse." (A taxpayer

is considered unmarried for purpose of filing a head of household return if he has never been married; is a widow or widower whose spouse has died prior to the current tax year and left no dependent children; is separated from his spouse under a decree of separate maintenance or absolute divorce; is married to a non-resident alien.) 2) You must maintain a household in which your children (including adopted children), their descendants, (but not descendants of stepchildren), or any other relatives for whom you can claim a dependent exemption actually live. Unrelated persons living in your household will not qualify you as a head of household even though they may otherwise qualify as a dependent for tax purposes. In addition, neither a non-resident, alien wife nor persons who are dependents of the taxpayer under the terms of a multiple support agreement may be counted as a qualifying dependent. An exception are parents who live in a separate home which is maintained by the taxpayer. 3) Contribute over half the cost of maintaining the home. 4) Not be a non-resident alien at any time during the year.

With the exception of a dependent father or mother, the "household" must be your own home and must be occupied by you and your dependents during the tax year. It need not, however, be your legal residence or "home of record." Temporary absence from the household by the taxpayer or any dependent relative (except father or mother) will not disqualify him from filing a head of household return.

"Cost of maintaining the household" includes: Property taxes, mortgage interest, rent. If you desire any further information, contact your Legal Assistance Officer or the Staff Judge Advocate.

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Building for the Lord

By Chaplain (CPT) William C. Canady

The move from Camp Enari has been completed for the Division. The Battalions within the Division move frequently and with each of these moves there follows a period of time in which everyone is busy preparing the new location for their stay. A period of time in which everyone is occupied with building. Building a TOC, a bunker, permanent quarters, latrines, shower rooms, etc. The men here, much to their dislike, seem always to be spending time building.

Many men here, when they return to the world, will find that even in their home towns buildings are going up where there were no buildings before their tour here.

Man is continuously building - for what? His life on this earth or for his life in the world that is to come.

In the gospel of Matthew we find that the Carpenter of Nazareth was also concerned about building. But His concern was for man as He prepares to build the house for his soul. This building for man's soul follows a similar pattern and plans as a building that is for the shelter of one's physical body.

In order to build there is the need for a blueprint to follow - the Bible gives us this blueprint for our soul - we need to follow it.

After the blueprint is the preparation for the foundation on which to build. Sand will not do because it is not stable and will not hold up against the storms of life. We need a firm foundation, a rock on which to build. Jesus Christ gives us this rock on which to build. This comes only by our digging in and searching until we find the truth for our lives.

The next step is for man to work long and hard in our life to have the building for our souls to be of such quality that the storms of life are not going to shake it apart or destroy it.

For those who have not started to build for eternity, or for those who have started with a poor foundation, or a poor quality of material, they need to stop and examine their situation. The building may be like the house described in Matthew 7:29 - "And great was the fall of it."

You Don't Have To File Tax Return

WASHINGTON (AFPS) - Servicemen and women, federal civilian employes and Red Cross workers in the Republic of Vietnam do not have to file federal income tax returns for 1969 until 180 days after they leave the war zone.

The extension also applies to servicemen hospitalized outside the United States as a result of duty in Vietnam, accredited

correspondents, and others in Vietnam supporting the U.S. Armed Forces.

The wife of a serviceman in Vietnam has several choices regarding their tax return. She may file a joint return now, file a separate return now if she had any income and amend it to a return, or postpone the filing of a return until her husband leaves Vietnam and meets filing requirements.



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River Creates Health Hazzard

By SP4 Tom Hodsdon

CAMP RADCLIFF - The head of sweat traced a path down the cheek of the soldier and dropped into the cool, swiftly flowing water of the Song Ba River as he stooped to wash the wheel of his jeep.

After completing the vehicle washing chore, the young man couldn't resist the temptation to escape the oppressive heat of the midday sun by splashing around in the clear water with some similarly motivated friends. Four weeks later, long after any temporary pleasure afforded

by their swim had been forgotten, the soldier and three of his swimming partners were in the hospital seriously ill with infectious hepatitis. How did they contract the disease? Captain Richard Biery of Minneapolis, Minn., the 4th Division's preventive medicine

officer who has a job equivalent to the public health officer in an American city, explained it this way. "Infectious hepatitis is transmitted 99 times out of 100 through a virus contained in human feces. Although the virus itself has never been identified,

the presence of human waste in water is determined by finding bacteria in it that is known to grow only in the human large intestine." "Now, up to four of these bacterial organisms can be present in a tenth of a quart of water and it will still be considered drinkable. Water is generally considered swimmable with up to 50 of these organisms per tenth of a quart. Tests made on the Song Ba River have indicated over 500 present in a tenth of a quart of the water, or, ten times the desirable limit in swimmable water. Somehow human waste is getting into the Song Ba. Tests are being made now to determine just how and where. We don't know if it's going to be a permanent thing or not, but right now the Song Ba definitely isn't swimmable."

Continuing the explanation the captain said, "The Song Ba was determined to be the probable source of the contamination for the four swimming soldiers through a process of elimination. All the soldiers had stayed within Camp Radcliff during the previous two months so their eating contaminated food or drink from An Khe was eliminated as a possible source, since the incubation period, or time it takes for an infected person to begin showing symptoms is roughly 28 days. Their unit mess hall was inspected and found to be free of contamination. Also, soldiers of another unit ate at the mess hall and had no cases of hepatitis. So the only common possibility was their group swim in the Song Ba, a river known to be contaminated with ten times the acceptable amount of human waste." Needless to say, the Song Ba River has been put off limits for swimming by the commanding general.

However, all those who had harbored hopes of a little aquatic fun need not give them up. The 4th Division Special Services Office is currently making efforts for the installation of a pool at Camp Radcliff.

Division Moves Base Camp

Photos by SP5 Stephen DiBiase

By 2LT Robert Grenier

CAMP RADCLIFF - It is no easy task to move the nerve center of an entire division in the Republic of Vietnam. The 4th Infantry Division, however, has completed the transition with characteristic esprit and efficiency.

The mammoth move from Camp Enari east to Camp Radcliff was completed during the latter part of March of this year.

Ivymen considered Camp Enari a veritable city in the jungle. The former base camp provided all the men of the Division with efficient administrative services and extensive recreational facilities. The swimming pool was a spa for all.

The base camp was named in honor of First Lieutenant Mark Enari who was awarded the Division's first posthumous Silver Star in 1966.

Camp Radcliff, situated adjacent to An Khe, has already played host to two distinguished units. It was originally the home of the 1st Air Cavalry Division. The camp was named after Major Donald A. Radcliff, a member of the Cav's advance party in 1965. Major Radcliff was the Cav's first officer casualty during the Vietnam conflict.

Camp Radcliff was subsequently the base camp of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, whose members made numerous improvements on the already semi-urban establishment.

Ivymen have already found Radcliff's facilities admirably rival those of Camp Enari. Of particular cultural interest is one of the largest unit libraries in South Vietnam.

An added convenience for all 4th Division troops will be the proximity of a large airfield which provides flights to all parts of the Republic of Vietnam.

It is indeed a tribute to the officers and men of the Famous Fighting Fourth that the intricate relocation was accomplished quickly and flawlessly.

DoD Aims At Competitive Pay

While it may not seem like it, there have been adjustments in military pay each year since 1962 that have raised pay nearly 70 per cent since that year.

That is not meant to imply that military pay scales are in every way adequate, one Defense official has noted. "Rather, it suggests that the Congress and the Administration are not insensitive to the problem," he said.

The objective of the Department of Defense is to raise military pay to a level externally competitive and reasonably related to wages paid in private industry, he explained.



QUIET QUONSETS - This was the scene at Camp Enari during the period of transition, after most of the staff sections had moved out.



LONELY PARCEL - For a few brief, shining moments the unit mail clerks at Camp Enari seemed to soak up a good tan.



TOWER STRIKE - It may look that way, but this was only a temporary sight at Camp Enari's Hense Field during the latter stages of the move.

Brave Collects For Fun, Funds

CAMP RADCLIFF - An interesting hobby not only consumes time but also proves to be quite valuable and educational as Private First Class Dennis R. Jennings, Legal Clerk for the "Braves," 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry, will testify.

The Oregon native has a variety of collections which he acquired after seven years of buying, trading and literally digging into the past where he uncovered a number of valuable antiques including old German military items dating back to the Third Empire. Fruit jars, insulators, various types of antique bottle, assorted German coins and stamps as well as a complete World War II German military uniform valued at \$185.00 are just a few of the items he collects.

"I have always enjoyed historic and cultural research of other countries, especially of the Third Empire," commented PFC Jennings. "It's every interesting and much more valuable to me than the actual cost of my collections which are valued at approximately \$3,500.00," he added.

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SIGN OF THE TIMES -- The Vietnamese flag and a modified sign which reads "47th Infantry Regiment," concisely describe newly assumed responsibility.



LAST RIDE -- The final unit to leave Camp Enari was the 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry.



SIGN LANGUAGE -- Not an act that it is a concise expression of t

RVN Reg. Takes Over Camp Enari From Ivymen



SOLEMN MOMENT -- Salutes are rendered at Camp Enari as "Old Glory" is lowered for the last time.



action photo—but you can't deny of the Division's relocation.



WELL DONE -- Lieutenant General Lu Lan pins the Civil Actions streamer on the 4th Division Colors.

VNAF ADDS CHOPPER PILOTS

(Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles about the Vietnamese Air Force. It was written by the Vietnam Feature Service and prepared and edited by the 4th Division Information Office.)

With the exception of transition training, all training of Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF) helicopter pilots is done in the United States at Wolters, Rucker and Hunter U.S. Army Airfields. At the peak of the current training program in 1970 more than 400 Vietnamese helicopter pilots will be in classes, with one group graduating every two weeks. Within the next two years some 1,500 pilots should graduate from U.S. helicopter training schools.

Most of the pilots of the 211th and 217th Squadrons in the Delta who were converting to Hueys already had received their basic helicopter training in the U.S., so they were able to take transition training at Binh Thuy. Course included basic maneuvers, emergency procedures, formation flying, assault operations, instrument flying and night flying. The training was completed soon after the two squadrons received their Hueys in May and June of 1969. Both were fully operational ahead of schedule.

The effects of the transition were immediately evident. Before, when the two helicopter squadrons were flying H-34s, they had transported some 4,000 ARVN troops a month in and out of suspected Viet Cong concentration areas in the Delta. Accompanied by Cobra gunships of the U.S. Army, the Hueys are spearheading daily air mobile assaults, and are in the air at least twice as many flying hours per maintenance hour as was possible with the H-34s. Flying at speeds up to 225 kilometers an hour, the Huey can carry 14 fully equipped troops or 4,400 kilos of equipment. The Delta's flatlands afford the Hueys ideal landing zones for troop insertions.

General Creighton W. Abrams, commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam, presented the Presidential Unit Citation

to the 74th in January 1969 for "extraordinary heroism in combat" between July 1966 and February 1968. During that period, flying 120 percent of their programmed flying time, its pilots made 52,686 sorties. The wing's 520th Fighter Squadron flew 17,730 of these sorties and its fliers were aloft 24,760 hours, a record for any VNAF fighter squadron.

The "search and clear" operations of VNAF and infantry elements have left the enemy with far fewer sanctuaries in the Delta. "The air mobile operation," says the 74th's commander, Colonel Nguyen Huy Anh, "definitely has the enemy on the run."

Anh, 37, entered the air force when it was still French-commanded 16 years ago, and now has more than 3,000 flying hours as a liaison, helicopter, prop-driven fighter and jet pilot. Trained in France and the United States, he also has been a flight instructor and personal pilot of former President Ngo Dinh Diem. He took over the 74th when the wing was formed in April 1965. A month later he was transferred to command of the 62nd Wing at Nha Trang, and returned for his second tour as commander at Binh Thuy in September 1966. While attending Command and Staff School in Dalat, he left a former classmate, Lieutenant Colonel On Van Tai, in charge at Binh Thuy during his absence.

Tai, also 37 and also with more than 3,000 flying hours, most of it combat time, praises the A-37 short-range jet attack bomber as "a highly maneuverable, effective ground support weapon." The A-37, he says, "fits somewhere between the A-1 Skyraider and the more sophisticated F-5, and is a fine plane for ground support." Discussing the VNAF-USAF turnover program, Colonel Tai says:

"We are already an experienced air force in terms of combat hours. We have quality. Perhaps what we lack is quantity. If we are to take over the air war, then we need all the weapons to do the job. It will



Using a model of a light plane, Lieutenant Nguyen Van Ty explains flight patterns to cadets at the Air Training School in Nha Trang. Scarfs worn by the students indicate they have already soloed in one of the school's single-engined light planes.

(VFS Photos)

be some time before VNAF is ready to take over all the responsibilities of the air war. But there is no question that we have made excellent progress in the past year. Now we are training here in Vietnam, and that is progress. Many of our helicopter pilots are in transition training from the H-34 to the UH-1, and they fly missions with qualified pilots. You might say we offer on-the-job training now.

"But we don't build aircraft or make spare parts here in Vietnam. We may progress to where we can fight the whole air war ourselves, but for a good while we will be dependent on the United States for supplies and support. And without U.S. air power in Vietnam, we would be sitting ducks for the communist MIG-21s up north."



A pilot of the 524th Fighter Squadron, 62nd VNAF Wing, adjusts his flight gear before taking off in an A-37 jet attack bomber from Nha Trang Air Base.

Medics Train Local 'Bac-Si'

By SGT Frank Cavanaugh

CAMP RADCLIFF - As Miss Mai Thien was walking through the center of An Khe last October, she had no idea that within three months she would be attending a Saigon nursing school. Her attention was directed toward a crowd huddled around the open tailgate of a three-quarter ton truck. Curious, she approached the crowd and saw that the S-5

Civil Affairs Team of the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry, was conducting a Medical Action Program (MEDCAP). Miss Mai Thien showed a desire to assist and from then on she has been giving medical treatment to her people.

To alleviate the shortage of medically trained civilian personnel in Vietnam the Dragoon Civil Affairs Team is promoting its own voluntary medical training program.

Initiated by First Lieutenant Patrick Maguire of Washington, D.C., former Team OIC, the program began last October when the number of people seeking medical attention was so great that the Team Medic could not treat them all.

The ailing and the curious are in every crowd that congregates around Medic Specialist James Swett of Battle Creek, Mich., and Josh Lancaster of Clayton, N.C., during MEDCAP operations. It is from the ranks of the latter that the program draws its recruits who, at present, number three women and one man.

"After becoming a familiar face in the crowd, we ask if he or she would be interested in becoming a "Bac-si" (junior medic) and learn to treat their own people," explained Team Medic Swett.

Those who express the desire are screened by means of the Team Interpreter. "Hippy," to determine education, family background and personality, if their potential is good, training begins with the Medics by learning to clean and dress minor skin infections. Eventually the students are taught to perform the regular tasks of a medic of include the preparation and application of field dressings in case of an enemy attack.

During the training period the students receive their medical supplies from the CA Team who carefully supervises the dispensing of all medicines.

When Medic Swett feels the students to be qualified, the village chief is notified. He, in turn, contacts the An Tuc District Medical Officer, who distributes Government of Vietnam medical supplies to the students.

Once the apprenticeship is completed, the junior medic is eligible to attend the Army of the Republic of Vietnam Medical Institute in Saigon for further medical training.

Concerning the success of the program, Lieutenant Maguire said that progress checks are made a few months after the "Bac-si" has been on his own and so far the results have been quite favorable—Miss Thien, for instance.

Red Cross Helps

As an extension of service to the military, the American Red Cross offers certain services to veterans and their dependents and survivors. Assistance includes information and help in applying for compensation pension and government benefits, counseling, referral service and financial aid.

4th Med Goes Bananas

CAMP RADCLIFF - When the commanding officer of the 4th Medical Battalion called for a beautification program, Private First Class Tom Wisener went bananas -- banana trees, that is.

When the 4th Medical Battalion moved to their new area on Camp Radcliff, the commanding officer looked the area over and said that it could use beautifying; he suggested that some banana trees might make the area look somewhat nicer.

PFC Wisener agreed wholeheartedly; that was also his idea of beauty-banana trees.

The Los Angeles native was seen daily, trotting off to the far reaches of Camp Radcliff with his shovel on his shoulder in search of the appealing banana tree.

His search has fruitful; his bananamania increased and, in no time, PFC Wisener has planted (at last count) 95 banana trees ranging from three to ten feet high.

"Well, I like bananas," he explained as he looked over his beautiful grove of banana trees. He mopped his brow and continued with his search-and-plant mission.

THE C-RATION CONNOISSEUR



By Big Al

Here's another tantalizing Big Al special from the field. If you like Minnie Pearl's or Kentucky Fried Chicken, you just have to try Big Al's Chicken Special.

- * One can boned chicken
- * One can cheese spread
- * Salt and pepper
- * Two spoons apricot juice
- * One spoon diced onions or peppers
- * White bread

* Items in your basic C-rations.

Heat the chicken and melt cheese with apricot juice in a separate can. Mix with salt, pepper and onions. Let simmer and serve over white bread for a palate tempting delight known as big Al's Chicken Special!

Engineers Rebuild Camp Radcliff

By SP4 Charles Zewe

CAMP RADCLIFF -- Construction "miracles" by the dozen are being worked by 4th Infantry Division combat engineers as they rebuild massive portions of sprawling Camp Radcliff.

The building feats are not really miracles at all, but the products of day after day of grimy, tough work for the more than 750 men of the 4th Engineer Battalion.

The leviathan task of "custom tailoring" the five-year-old base camp as the new 4th Division headquarters, represented a drastic change of pace for the engineers, who normally spend their days in Vietnam rappelling out of helicopters into thick swatches of Central Highlands jungle, blasting away trees and underbrush to make way for new forward firebases. The job switch from combat to construction engineer forced the battalion's men to retrain themselves as they worked.

Major William C. Burns, battalion operations officer stated, "Our normal role in the division is that of a direct combat support element, but in this case we have taken on many jobs normally assigned to a construction battalion. Our men are performing amazingly well and we're getting the job done."

The scope of the base camp building was immense. New bunkers and observation towers had to be installed and three new tactical operations centers (TOCs) had to be constructed.

In addition, new rifle ranges, storage warehouses and more than 200 two-man fighting positions had to be placed within the base camp. To date, the majority of the projects are underway or nearing completion.

Plans for rebuilding Camp Radcliff were drawn up last August by teams of division-level planners. Estimates of work to be done to the camp, which is approximately three times larger than the division's former base camp. Camp Enari, were completed and the engineers began work soon thereafter, while continuing to give support to forward division elements.

Tons of nails and thousands of board feet of lumber were trucked to Camp Radcliff from supply depots at Qui Nhon and Cam Ranh Bay. Along with the materials, men of the 299th Combat Engineer Battalion and 20th Combat Engineer Battalion were shipped into the base.

The rebuilding was undertaken in two phases. First phase plans involved strengthening of existing perimeter defenses. Pepke bunkers, named after the division's former commanding general, were installed along the perimeter and dozens of new guard towers were erected.

Once the base defensive perimeter had been strengthened, engineers began rehabilitating living and working areas for the division headquarters and its first and second brigades.

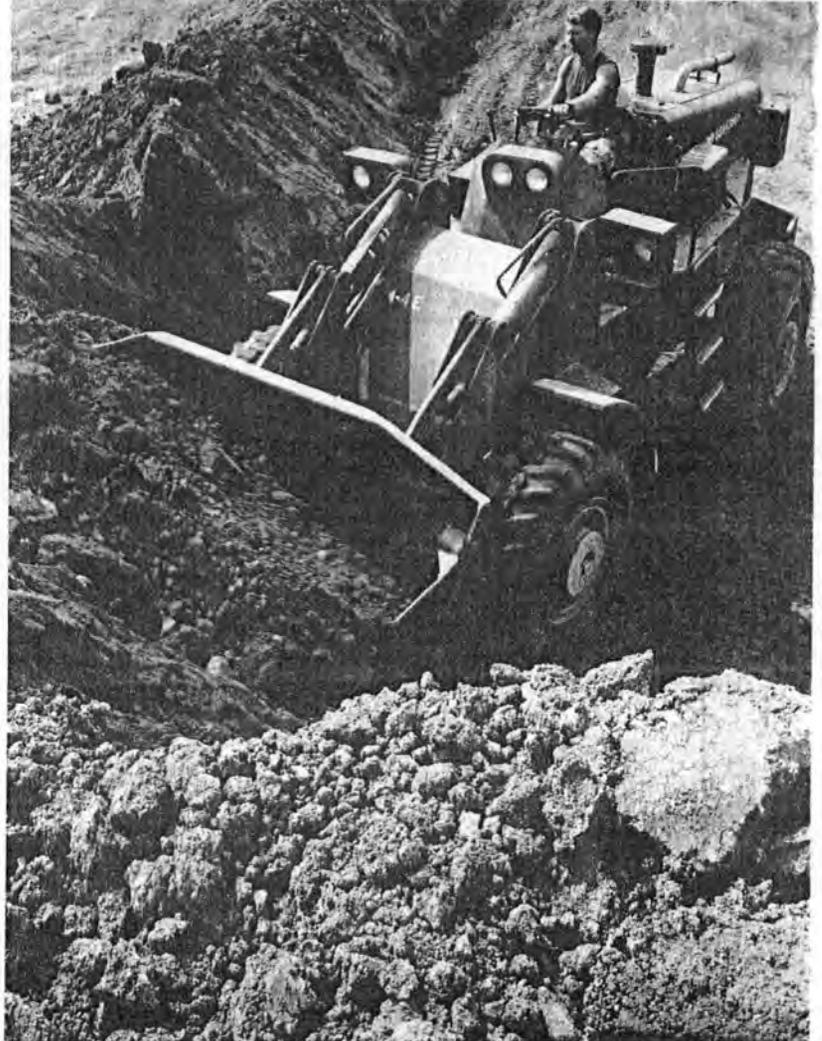
Camp Radcliff is the

former division base camp of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and the 173d Airborne Brigade. In late 1967, the 1st Cav moved its operations to Phuoc Vinh near Saigon and the 173rd was transferred to Landing Zone English south of Chu Lai.

Two years of disuse left a majority of the camp's buildings in a bad state of repair.

"The job we're handling here is tremendous," said Master Sergeant Victor Grbich of Oxford, N.J., "and it keeps us going all day long."

Most anytime of day the battalion's operations office is a blur of activity, and it's not unusual to find Sergeant Grbich clutching phones to both ears, while relaying an incoming radio message or taking a field phone call.



DIGGING IN -- A member of the 4th Engineers makes full use of his machinery while forming Camp Radcliff into a Division nerve center.



BIG LIFT -- Relocation of the 4th Division's base camp necessitated the installation of several additional water tanks at Camp Radcliff.



DRAGSTER -- Road graders were constantly employed by the 4th Engineers to tackle massive renovation projects.

Photos by SP4 Beau Schachow

Civic Action Team Hunts Down Dog

By SP4 Phil Kenny

CAMP RADCLIFF - What started as an ordinary Medical Civil Action Project (MEDCAP) mission by members of the Civil Affairs (CA) team of the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry, turned into a two-day dog hunt in beautiful downtown An Khe.

The chase began when the CA team treated a young Vietnamese boy for a severe dog bite. The boy's right leg was swollen and apparently infected. He said he had been bitten the day before by a vicious dog.

After taking the boy to the An Tuc dispensary the team returned to An Khe and inquired about the dog. They were told by a Vietnamese woman that the dog was running loose in the area and that he had bitten several people in the past. However, it was late and the team had to call off the hunt until the next day.

When the CA team returned they again spoke to the woman and she pointed out the dog

which had bitten the boy. The team immediately took to chasing the dog through the narrow alleys and streets of An Khe. Two hours later the chase ended when Specialist 4 Michael Brklacich of Monrovia, Calif. captured the stray animal.

The dog was taken to the 176th Veterinary Detachment at Camp Radcliff where he was put under observation for ten days. The ten day observation period is to insure that the dog is not rabid.

Specialist Brklacich said that the veterinarian told him that the dog has shown no signs of being sick. If the dog remains healthy the young Vietnamese lad would not have to undergo the painful series of 14 anti-rabies injections. The injections are especially painful since they must be given in the stomach.

Specialist Brklacich said that the wound in the boy's leg was healing very well according to the medics at An Tuc, and that the boy could return home soon.

Air Controlers Keep Skies Collision Free

By SP4 Tony D'Elia

CAMP RADCLIFF - The skies of An Khe are in the capable hands of the 165th Aviation's Air Traffic Controlers who are assigned to the An Khe Army Airfield Command.

Air Traffic Control is a matter of coordinating artillery firing program, weather conditions and approach pattern changes. The 4th Division air traffic keeps the controllers on the phones constantly in their lofty perch above the airfield. Sometimes they're in radio contact with four or more aircraft who are circling the airfield at the same time, waiting to land.

"They call into us as soon as they get inside the Camp Radcliff boundaries," explained Specialist 4 Gary Norman of Newport Beach, Calif. "Then we land them one by one," he said.

They keep in touch throughout the day with S-3 (Operations) for the artillery firing program. They keep a map of the firing program and coordinate it with the daily changes.

They also keep close tabs on weather developments and wind direction.

"It gets pretty hot up here when the traffic gets heavy," concluded Specialist 4 Bob Caldwell of Santa Clara, Calif.



A LITTLE DAB WILL DO YOU - Lovely Kim Novak and her friends demonstrate the proper technique of applying mosquito repellent to exposed areas of the body. Fourth Infantry Division soldiers are reminded to use insect repellent as a means of preventing malaria and other insect-borne diseases.

(Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. - Seven Arts)



STEPPING DOWN - Specialist 4 Darrell of Elk Point, S.D., a member of the 4th Division's 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, descends a dry stream bed. (USA Photo by SP4 Robert Jones)

Contraband: Don't Try It...

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matter and drugs.

According to the 4th Division Postal Officer, Captain Frank Gaetano of Colonia, N.J., a recent upsurge in contraband mailing has resulted in the inspection of every package being mailed at the APO. "All of the packages are inspected one of two ways. Either I or my assistant opens the package and visually inspects its contents, or the parcel is checked with an electronic metal detector. These inspections are not limited to this location, however. Parcels are subject to inspection at each aerial port, airmail terminal and APO through which they pass. They may also be checked by customs and postal inspectors all the way to their destinations," stated Captain Gaetano.

Currently the big item of contraband being found in the mail is poncho liners. Says Captain Gaetano, "People are told of the mailing restrictions by the clerks at the windows and there are signs posted throughout the APO listing contraband items, yet people persist in sending these items home. Poncho liners are the biggest single item we've been finding. It seems that everyone and his buddy wants to keep a poncho liner. Well they simply can't. It is an item of government issue that is needed by the men here in Vietnam."

Concerning war trophies he said, "They aren't allowed in the mails, however, soldiers may hand carry certain war trophies home with them as they DEROS. They should check with their unit commanders or the Provost Marshal to find out current regulations dealing with what can and can't be kept."

When an item of contraband is discovered, the name and unit

of the sender with the contraband item and turned over either to the Military Police or the Army's Criminal Investigation Division (C.I.D.), depending on the value of the item and the type of contraband found.

The maximum punishment for a first offender is a \$5,000 fine or five years in prison, or both.

Rainy Day Rice Discovered By Golden Dragon Company

By PFC Stephen Heck

CAMP RADCLIFF - Putting away something for a rainy day has always been considered a virtue in our society. Troops of the 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry, have discovered that this standard is not limited to their own country.

In the heavily wooded hills northeast of Landing Zone (LZ) Hard Times, elements of Company B moved into night defensive positions after a strenuous day of fighting the dense and tangled undergrowth native to the Central Highlands.

A small patrol was sent out to search the immediate area before darkness enveloped the woods. The search did not go

unrewarded. "We came upon a small hootch hidden away in the bush," said Private First Class Timothy Kiser of Carlotta, Calif. "The inside was packed with unpulished rice."

The hootch contained nearly a ton of rice which the enemy had been storing for some time.

"Thick canopy had obviously hidden this hootch from the air," said First Lieutenant Dennis Dodson of El Centro, Calif. "The enemy must have felt safe to put all of this rice in one place."

After their recent experience with the Golden Dragons, enemy soldiers probably won't be putting too much faith in saving for "rainy days."