

# BRONCO BUGLE

DUC PHO, VIETNAM

## "Cacti" Guerrillas Ambush 32 V.C.

Hiding and waiting, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry lay in ambush for unsuspecting Viet Cong. This was the mission--go out, set ambushes and let "Charlie" come to you then destroy him.

Before dawn C Company broke camp and departed on the operation. They had traveled 2,500 meters when the first light contact was made. The 1st platoon encountered an estimated group of five Viet Cong and was receiving automatic weapons fire from a hedgerow to their right flank. Immediately, the platoon laid down a base of fire and assaulted the enemy.

This engagement not only killed two VC but also set the  
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## "Cacti Blue" NCO ACADEMY Veteran Earns GRADUATES Silver Star ITS 17TH CLASS

Staff Sergeant Jessie Johnson, after five years of service with his unit, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, and due to rotate back to the States soon, earned a Silver Star for his conspicuous gallantry in close combat against well-fortified enemy positions.

SSG Johnson has spent half of his Army career with a company of the "Cacti Blue." He joined the battalion as a Specialist 4 in the weapons platoon  
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The "Bronco" Brigade's highly successful NCO Preparatory Academy, which has recently moved from Pleiku to LZ Montezuma, the Brigade's forward base camp, has graduated its 17th class.

Addressing the 25 graduates representing almost every unit within the brigade, was Colonel George E. Wear, Brigade Commander. Colonel Wear congratulated  
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# "CACTI" GUERRILLAS

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NCO

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## Academy

stage for things to come. The hide and seek game began but the enemy was unaware that "Charlie" Company would turn the tables on them.

Now the plan could unfold on the hot coastal plains of the Duc Pho rice paddies. The task was made difficult by the flat, open terrain. In their 4,000 square meter area, C Company used the hedgerows, trenches and partially destroyed buildings to set traps for the enemy.

The company commander, First Lieutenant Ramon T. Pulliam, assigned sectors of responsibility to his platoons then the subordinates made their detailed plans. Squad-size ambushes were positioned along possible enemy avenues of approach during both day and night.

Camouflage and discipline, the basics of guerrilla warfare, were employed by the infantrymen to surprise the VC. Patience was the keynote as the ambushes lay waiting.

"Charlie" Company who wears the ace of spades embroidered on their helmet covers, really drew a royal flush this time. There were twelve attempts by the VC to infiltrate the area but they were all caught by the well concealed ambushes. The 60 hours of guerrilla warfare resulted in 32 Viet Cong killed and not a single friendly casualty.

"We beat 'Charlie' at his own game, by using guerrilla tactics against a guerrilla. Our success can only be attributed to the individual soldier," said Lt. Pulliam, "like the 3rd Brigade's motto there is 'None Better'."

the men and expressed his pleasure in finding that the 3rd Brigade offered such a fine leadership school.

The top five graduates, Sergeant Donald Groves of HHC, 2nd Battalion, 9th Artillery; Specialist 5 Philip Campbell, D Company, 65th Engineers; Sergeant Ronald Turrell, HHC 3rd Brigade, Commo; Sergeant Tommy Gaddis, HHC 3rd Brigade, Commo; and Sergeant Samuel, A Company 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry all received promotions and letters of achievement.

The academy conducts classes for prospective NCO's beginning every two weeks.

## OPERATION

## "BAKER"

## WRAP-UP

Infantrymen of the 3rd Brigade are continuing to exert an unrelenting pressure on the Viet Cong guerrillas during Operation "Baker" in the Duc Pho area.

The steaming tropical heat has not hampered the Brigade's operation. The "Broncos" are maintaining constant contact by daily combat assaults and search and destroy missions, from the coastal rice paddies to western mountain ranges.

Since the 15th of April, the 3rd Brigade has compiled an amazing record. Thus far 1,153 Viet Cong have been killed, and 233 detained. The "Broncos" have captured 280 individual weapons and 16 crew served weapons. They have destroyed 2,838 bunkers, (continued on page 4)

# Silver Star Cont

at Schoefield Barracks, Hawaii in 1962. Working his way up to platoon sergeant, his career includes a year and a half of combat in Vietnam.

In "Charlie" Company's latest action, heavy contact was made with an entrenched enemy force. Realizing that his platoon would suffer many casualties in the open area they were in, SSG Johnson, in a magnificent display of leadership by example, kept his men maneuvering against the enemy.

He repeatedly exposed himself to fire while marking the enemy's positions with his own weapon. Then as his platoon gained fire superiority, SSG Johnson personally led his men into the midst of the enemy and destroyed them.

SSG Johnson's leadership and courage were directly responsible for the destruction of the enemy defensive positions without any friendly casualties to the unit he has "grown-up" with.

## AUSTRALIA <sup>where</sup> <sub>hope to go</sub> OPENS TO R & R

MACV authorities have announced the opening of Australia as an R & R spot starting September 1st.

Under present plans, 12,000 troops a month will be flown from Vietnam for rest and recuperation in Australia. Sydney, Australia's largest city with a population of more than 2,500,000 and Queensland's Gold Coast, the nation's semi-tropi-

cal Florida-like playground, loom as the most probable sites for the influx of battle-weary U.S. servicemen.

Both sites offer sun-drenched beaches, ample sporting facilities and a gay night life.

The Australian tourist industry has begun preparations to handle the "dollar invasion" by U.S. servicemen, which is expected to raise the country's annual tourist income by as much as 50 per cent, and with a resounding roar the word has gone out, "The Yanks are coming."

## Schoddy's, Schoddy's

For many members of the 3rd Brigade the war is something other than sloshing through rice paddies, climbing hills and fighting a tenacious, entrenched enemy. Some are fighting another kind of war—a war to open the schools and educate the people of Duc Pho.

Schools had been closed for over two years while the villagers suffered under Communist terrorism. It was not until the Brigade moved into the area in April that Free World control of the area has been sufficient to start planning for the re-opening of schools.

While construction of three new school houses is under way for the coming year, temporary classrooms have been set up to handle the summer courses in English.

The classes are taught by 2nd Lieutenant Charles T. Easterly and Captain Carroll P. Os-good.

Lt. Easterly, who speaks Vietnamese fluently, is a member  
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# Wrap Up <sup>Cont</sup>

tunnels and other structures.

511 airstrikes have been flown and 300 naval gun fire missions have been called in support of the Brigade's operations. The artillery has fired 66,637 rounds in direct support.

Fighting the "other war" the civil affairs teams have conducted numerous MEDCAPS treating 15,842 patients. As a result of psychological operations and combat pressure 224 Hoi Chanh have rallied to the GVN.

The Brigade's motto, "None Better" has been earned and will continue to be maintained by the men that have compiled this impressive record.

## SCHOOL DAYS <sup>Cont</sup>

of the Brigade's civil affairs section. For six weeks he has been teaching 13 hours of English a week at the Captain Ronald Rod Memorial Orphanage in Duc Pho. His classes have been very popular with the freedom conscious young Vietnamese children.

Doctor Osgood, battalion surgeon of the 1/35th, is a volunteer to the education program. With a strong desire to help educate the people, he has taught himself Vietnamese.

In addition to Cpt Osgood's heavy work load as a doctor, he manages to teach two hours of English six days a week. One class is for beginning students, ages 12 to 30, and the other is an advanced class for adults.

"The students are very willing and eager to learn," stated Cpt Osgood. "The number of people we teach is only limited by

the books and paper available.

Taking Duc Pho under its wing, the "Bronco" Brigade is continually striving to find new ways to help the villagers.

## SOLDIER OF THE WEEK

Specialist 4 Michael A. Domino, an artillery surveyor with Hqs. Battery, 2/9th Artillery currently reigns as the "Bronco" Brigade's second Soldier of the Week.

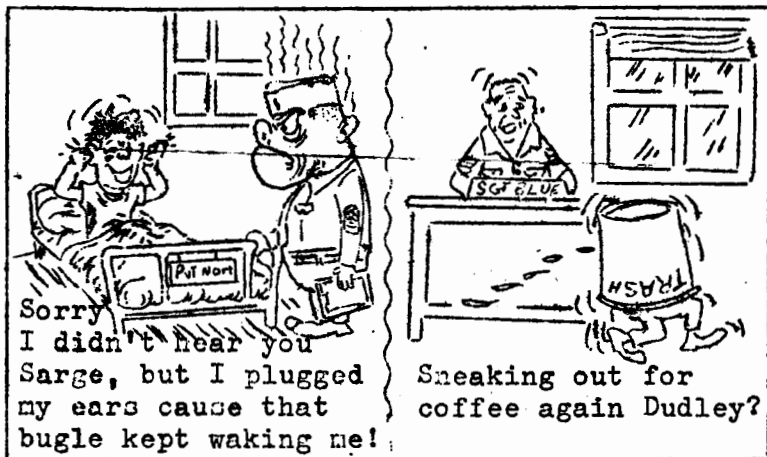
The 21-year-old artilleryman from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was selected by a board of Brigade officers and NCO's over representatives from the other battalions.

As the Brigade's top soldier, Specialist Domino won a three-day R & R to China Beach in Da Nang. Selections are made every Wednesday for a new "Soldier of the Week."



# FEATURE PAGE

# TEST YOUR FACTS



1. The tallest building, outside of New York, is located in  
 (a) San Francisco. (b) Chicago. (c) Houston.

2. The nation receiving the most U.S. foreign aid is  
 (a) Brazil. (b) India. (c) Vietnam.

3. The government agency which employs the most civilians is  
 (a) The U.S. Army. (b) The Veterans Administration. (c) The U.S. Post Office.

4. The United States imports the most goods from  
 (a) Japan. (b) Canada. (c) West Germany.

5. The state named for a mythical island in Spanish literature is  
 (a) Arizona. (b) Florida. (c) California.  
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## SPORTS QUIZ

1. What players are co-holders of the NFL record for recovery of opponent's fumbles?
  2. Which U.S. president began the tradition of throwing out the first ball at a baseball game?
  3. Who is the oldest baseball player in the major leagues?
  4. What is the longest night game in major league history?
  5. When was the first baseball game played between organized teams?
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## MAJOR LEAGUE

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	46	29	.613	---	Chicago	43	30	.589	--
Chicago	46	29	.613	---	Detroit	40	34	.541	3½
Cincinnati	43	36	.544	5	Boston	40	34	.541	3½
San Francisco	41	37	.526	6½	Minnesota	40	34	.541	3½
Atlanta	38	37	.507	8	Cleveland	38	38	.500	6½
Pittsburgh	37	36	.507	8	California	39	40	.494	7
Philadelphia	36	38	.486	9½	Baltimore	36	39	.480	8
Los Angeles	33	43	.434	13½	New York	34	40	.459	9½
New York	28	45	.384	17	K. C.	34	43	.442	11
Houston	29	47	.382	17½	Washington	32	44	.421	12½



# 100 PER CENT RE-UP FOR JUNE

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One of the fighting-est units in Vietnam, the "Bronco" Brigade, has also proven to be one of the most popular with its soldiers as 100 per cent of those eligible re-enlisted during the month of June. This is a mark that may be equalled, but can never be topped by any other unit in the U.S. Army.

Long proud of its re-enlistment record, the 3rd Brigade reached the top in June, but figures for the rest of the year have been nearly as impressive.

Throughout 1967, every career soldier eligible in the Brigade has "Re-Upped" against a DA goal of 80 per cent. For first term RA's, DA shoots for a 33 per cent figure but the "Broncos" have had 32 out of 45, or 71 per cent re-enlist.

For the AUS's, about 16 per cent, or more than double the DA goal have extended their Army careers, reaching an amazing 8 out of 8 during June.

As more and more seasoned troops stay to fight the war in Vietnam, the 3rd Brigade can expect to maintain its fine record on the battlefield and live up to its motto, "None Better."

# ANS. FOR Your

1. (b) Chicago.
2. (b) India.
3. (c) The U.S. Post Office.
4. (b) Canada.
5. (c) California.

## SPORTS

### ANSWERS

1. Jim Fortunato of the Chicago Bears and retired Andy Rocastelli of the New York Giants. Both have career totals of 22 recoveries.
2. President William Howard Taft in 1910.
3. Relief pitcher Hoyt Wilhelm of the Chicago White Sox who will be 44 on July 26, 1967.
4. A 22-inning game that lasted six hours, 38 minutes, between the Washington Senators and the Chicago White Sox on June 12, 1967. Washington won 6-5.
5. June 19, 1846, between the New York Baseball Club and the Knickerbocker Club, in Hoboken, N.J. New York won 23-1.

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