

# Wounded 'Redleg' Fights Like A Skilled Infantryman

LE THANH—"The Silver Star is awarded to Sergeant Michael J. Scott for gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam."

The words are simple enough. The deeds of which they speak are part of the legend that make the American soldier the world's best fighting man.

SGT Scott (Tonasket, Wash.) was a reconnaissance sergeant from the 6th Battalion, 29th

Artillery assigned to Company C, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry. He was traveling with the rear platoon of the company as it moved across mountainous terrain near the Cambodian border.

Without warning, sniper shots rang out and both the company commander and the platoon leader fell mortally wounded. SGT Scott and a machine gunner beside him unlimbered their weapons at the crest of a knoll to provide cover as the rest of the platoon moved out to link

up with the company.

After the platoon returned to Company C's location, SGT Scott and the machine gunner were joined by two other men as a group of 50 North Vietnamese charged their position. The machine gunner was killed in the attack so SGT Scott crawled over to the weapons and beat back the enemy charge.

Leaving the defensive position, the sergeant made his way back to the company command post, picked up a radio and returned

to the hillock where he called in artillery fire on the persistent attackers.

He was wounded by shrapnel from a B-40 rocket but continued calling in artillery and repelling repeated assaults with the machine gun.

Soon thereafter, Company C began receiving heavy fire from two machine guns on a hill overlooking the defensive perimeter. Realizing the necessity of neutralizing the withering enemy

fire, SGT Scott, although wounded, led a counter-attack up the hill in the face of the machine gun fire, overran the enemy position, and permanently silenced the guns.

SGT Scott recently stood rigidly at attention at 1st Brigade Headquarters as Lieutenant Colonel Elritt N. Nettles (Newport News, Va.), former 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery commander, pinned a Silver Star and a Purple Heart on the non-commissioned officer.

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THE OLD AND THE NEW—SMJ Lawrence T. Hickey (Tacoma, Wash.), center, new Ivy Division sergeant major, receives congratulations from Major General William R. Peers, division commander. At the left is SMJ Thomas J. Tobin (Waukegan, Ill.), SMJ Hickey's predecessor. (USA Photo by PFC Ron Uszack)

## SMJ Hickey Becomes Ivy's Top NCO At Review And Awards Ceremony

CAMP ENARI — Sergeant Major Lawrence T. Hickey (Tacoma, Wash.) recently became the 4th Division's sergeant major during a non-commissioned officers' review held at Hensel Army Airfield to honor Sergeant Major Thomas J. Tobin (Waukegan, Ill.), the division's departing sergeant major.

Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander, presented SMJ Tobin with the Bronze Star, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

SMJ C.W. Buchanan (Nolanville, Tex.), 4th Division Artillery, was commander of the approximately 1,300 troops in the review.

SMJ Hickey, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, was formerly sergeant major of the 1st Brigade's 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry and has been with the 4th Division since September 1965.

SMJ Tobin is returning to Ft. Lewis, Wash., former home of the 4th Division, where he will be sergeant major of the 2nd Training Brigade at the U.S. Army Training Center.

SMJ Tobin, who served for 51 months with the division, held the top enlisted man's position for three years and seven

months.

During the review General Peers also presented awards to four soldiers from the 1st Brigade.

Sergeant Dennis G. Balmer (Parboro, N.C.), Company B, 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry, and Private First Class Cary R. Mann (Dungannon, Va.), Company A, 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry, received Silver Stars. Staff Sergeant Estill McIntosh (Boonerville, Ky.), Company A, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry, and Private First Class Dan M. Dively (Cahoika, Ill.), Company B, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry, were presented with Bronze Stars.

## 4th Av Bn Gets New Helicopter

CAMP ENARI—A new model helicopter has been added to the movement capabilities of the Ivy Division's 4th Aviation Battalion.

Within the past month, eight UH-1H helicopters have been added to the battalion's other models that include the UH-1D, UH-1C, and UH-23. The new model has the same speed as the other Hueys, but the difference lies in its load capacity. Having a maximum load weight of one-ton, the UH-1H can move more personnel and material than the other models in the same amount of time.

The new Hueys are more headaches for the enemy to reckon with. For the Ivy men the additional helicopters are welcome assistance in ferrying more combat soldiers in and out of battle.

## APC Demobilized On Civic Action Project

LE THANH—The civic action jeep edged forward after a 10-minute pause behind the engineers' road sweep.

Behind it an armored personnel carrier gave a lurch as it followed in the jeep's tracks. The lurch brought the tracked vehicle onto the precise position occupied by the jeep just seconds earlier.

Suddenly, a geyser of mud, rock, and steel erupted as the APC tilted disconsolately, immobilized.

The jeep contained Major Michael Umhofer (Rochester, N.Y.) and Sergeant Eric Swanson (Spring Valley, Calif.) of the 1st Brigade's civil affairs section. The back of the jeep was piled high with fresh fruits and vegetables being taken to an outlying Montagnard village.

The jeep formed part of a long line of vehicles advancing sporadically along Highway 19 behind an engineer mine-sweeping operation. The jeep apparently had not been heavy enough to set off the undetected mine.

As the explosion rent the air, SGT Swanson halted the jeep and raced back to the stricken track. The driver and commander's hatches hung limp. Both men were helped out slightly injured and dazed.

Peering down into the interior of the APC, SGT Swanson spotted another man prone on the floor with blood gushing from his head.

"Get a MEDEVAC out here quick," he screamed.

In the meantime, seizing a sledge hammer lying on top of the personnel carrier, SGT Swanson succeeded in prying the mangled rear door of the APC open and pulling out the wounded man. Ripping a first-aid pouch open, SGT Swanson applied a bandage and brought the bleeding under control before the arrival of the evacuation helicopter.

Speaking of his quick reaction to the emergency situation, SGT Swanson said, "It's what anyone would have done if they had been there."

## LTC Kenney Takes Over Artillery Unit

LE THANH—Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. Kenney (Columbus, Ohio) has succeeded Lieutenant Colonel Elritt N. Nettles (Newport News, Va.) as commander of the Ivy Division's 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery.

During the change of command ceremony, Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander, presented LTC Nettles with the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star and the First, Second and Third Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal.

General Peers told the assembled artillerymen, "You have shared in each achievement of the 1st Brigade. LTC Kenney can be assured that he is joining a great combat artillery battalion."

LTC Kenney, former executive officer of 4th Division Artillery, made it clear that he is, "Very proud to be a part of this fighting, efficient unit. You have taught the enemy to respect the effectiveness of fire support. It's very clear that the 'Can Do's' have done," he added.

Sergeant Major William L. Mathews (Highland, Ind.) also passed on his responsibilities to Sergeant Major Charles A. Taylor (Vernon, Fla.) during the ceremony.

Elements from the battalion's Headquarters and Batteries A, B and C, along with the 4th Division Band, passed in review before Lieutenant General William B. Rosson, I Field Force Vietnam commander, General Peers, Brigadier Generals Charles W. Ryder Jr. and Robert E. Connor, assistant 4th Division commanders, during the ceremony.

Part II

# How To Prevent A Vicious Disease

By LTC Lawrence R. Singer

**Editor's Note:** Last week LTC Singer, division surgeon, wrote about why Americans are more susceptible than the Vietnamese to malaria and how malaria is affecting American soldiers in Vietnam and their families in the United States. This week LTC Singer offers instruction on the preventive measures which must be taken by each individual to protect himself and his family.

The best methods we have at our disposal against malaria are individual protective measures which are aimed at preventing mosquito bites (after all, a person who does not get bitten by mosquitoes cannot get malaria) and destroying any malaria parasites in the blood stream before they can multiply and cause any trouble.

These procedures may take 15-minutes of your time daily and will provide the cornerstone of all malaria prevention measures, especially if you are in a tactical unit in the field.

To prevent bites, which usually occur in the hours between dusk and dawn, one should first offer as little of his body surface as possible to the mosquito. This is accomplished by the proper wearing of the uniform with the sleeves rolled down.

Next, insect repellent should be applied every two-hours to the exposed portions of your body, which should only be your face, neck, and hands. This should be done whether or not you think mosquitoes are in the area because one of the species of malaria-carrying mosquitoes has a painless bite. Any time you go to sleep, whether in the field or in base camp you should be under a bednet after you have sprayed under it to destroy any mosquitoes trapped there. You can, by doing this, assure yourself of one little area in Vietnam that is free of malaria-carrying mosquitoes.

Finally, a person must take his anti-malaria pills every day. The orange C-P pill is known to be almost 100% effective against Vivax malaria if taken routinely once a week without fail. The small, white dapsona pill is the only known possible defense against developing Falciparum malaria if you have become infected with this parasite, and this must be taken every day.

These pills, in order to do the job for which they were intended, must not only be taken while here in Vietnam, but also while on R&R. The C-P pills must be taken weekly for eight-weeks after you return to the U.S. The Dapsone pills must be taken each day for four-weeks after departure from Vietnam. Quite a few people have discovered this fact the hard way by becoming ill with malaria while on R&R and after returning home.

As you can see, the responsibility for preventing malaria is yours. No one can prevent it for you. A spray helicopter which is 75-feet in the air cannot destroy all the mosquitoes in your vicinity, and if you are on patrol, there will be no helicopter at all. No one will put insect repellent on you and no one is available to set up your bednet. You, and you alone, must spend the 15-minutes a day to take the steps to prevent a disease that may plague you for many years of your life.



## STEADFAST and LOYAL

- Army Commendation Medal  
 PFC Edward A. Will—Hq & Svc Btry, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty  
 SSG Nathaniel Swain—HHC, 2nd Bn (Mech), 8th Inf  
 SP6 John V. Skiles—HHC, 3rd Bde, 4th Div  
 SGT Henry T. Settles—Btry B, 2nd Bn, 9th Arty  
 SSG Royce E. Madox—Co E, 4th Engr Bn  
 SSG Roselle Lang—Co E, 4th Engr Bn  
 SSG Donald P. Robertson—Co A, 4th Engr Bn  
 SGT William B. Stallman—Co A, 4th Engr Bn  
 SGT Gary J. Billbro—Co B, 4th Engr Bn  
 SP5 Carl R. O'Brian—Co B, 4th Engr Bn  
 SGT Michael P. Vancophsky—Co B, 2nd Bn (Mech), 8th Inf  
 SGT Samuel L. Phillips—Co B, 2nd Bn (Mech), 8th Inf  
 SP5 John W. Beavers—HHC, 2nd Bn (Mech), 8th Inf  
 SP4 George B. Moseley—HHC, 2nd Bn (Mech), 8th Inf  
 SP4 Patrick A. Litersky—Co D, 4th Engr Bn  
 PFC Lawson B. Boyd—HHC, 2nd Bn (Mech), 8th Inf  
 SP4 Hieracio M. Silguero—Hq & Svc Btry, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty  
 SP4 Larry D. Mc Nabb—Btry B, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty  
 SP4 Gary W. Mueller—Hq & Svc Btry, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty  
 SP4 James J. Taylor—HHB, 4th Div Arty  
 PFC Gary L. Tomberlin—Hq & Svc Btry, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty  
 PSG Joe R. Cooper—HHC, 2nd Bde, 4th Inf Div  
 SSG Richard E. Chapman—HHT, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav  
 SGT Rogelio Sacdalan—Co C, 1st Bn, 12th Inf  
 SGT Michael Riggio—HHC, 1st Bn, 69th Armor  
 SP5 George H. Boyd—HHT, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav  
 SP4 Stephen F. Griffiths—HHC, 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div  
 SP5 Ralph E. Hill—HHC, 4th Engr Bn  
 SP4 Anthony Hawrisc—Trp D, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav  
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 SP5 Donald S. Moseley—HHC, 4th Inf Div  
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 SFC Emery J. Sexton—HHC, 1st Bn, 12th Inf  
 SSG Donald E. Cox—HHT, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav  
 SP4 George P. Jenkins—Hq & Svc Btry, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty  
 SP4 William G. Mc Lain—HHC, 1st Bn, 22d Inf  
 SP4 James L. Joron—HHC & Band, 4th Inf Div  
 SP4 Larry E. Langenberg—Co C, 1st Bn, 12th Inf  
 SP4 Charles B. Lamb—HHB, 4th Div Arty  
 SP4 Kenneth W. Sheridan—Co C, 1st Bn, 22d Inf  
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 SFC John C. Norton—Btry B, 6th Bn, 29th Arty  
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 SP4 Augustus J. Dutton—HHD, 52d Avn Bn  
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 SP4 Jay W. Keller—Co B, 4th Engr Bn  
 SP4 Roert F. Mac Donald—Co A, 4th Engr Bn  
 SP4 Davis E. Meade—Co A, 4th Engr Bn  
 SGT Jack S. Phipps—Co B, 4th Engr Bn  
 SSG Michael F. Garvey—Co A, 4th S & T Bn  
 SP5 Robert H. Riley—Co A, 4th S & T Bn  
 SP4 Eugene Wurster—Co A, 4th Engr Bn  
 SP4 Richard L. Waters—Co A, 4th Engr Bn  
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## Chaplain's Corner

### Leaving In Peace

By Chaplain (CPT) Neal J. Harris

"Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word."—Luke (3:29)."

Many people have heard these words spoken from the gospel according to St. Luke and have felt the need to seek God because they truly wish to depart with God's blessing on lives. Many who fear the future have looked to God for succor and solace when they are afraid and have been comforted.

So as each of us here in Vietnam are in danger of reaching the end of our lives, we should begin seek the salvation and blessing which God can give us now before the time arrives when it will be too late to call on God.

Most men feel that they can wait till the last minute to call upon God to forgive their misdeeds. Then when it is too late to act we see the mistake we have made.

Therefore each of us should take time as soon as possible to be sure we are ready to meet God and have our lives ready to be received by Him.

If we expect to have peace, understanding, and purpose in our lives we must be ready to meet God with our lives straightened out and our mind at rest, which only comes by faith.

Then we can complete the portion of scripture from St. Luke and say: "For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to the people of Israel."

## Benefits For Dependents

### In Korea

LONG BINH—Dependents of U.S. military personnel residing in Korea while their sponsors are serving in Southeast Asia are now authorized the use of commissary, APO and non-appropriated fund facilities, the commander of U.S. Forces in Korea has announced.

Sponsors should forward applications by letter of transmittal to Commander, U.S. Forces, Korea, Attention: Assistant Chief of Staff, J-1, APO 96301.

Applicants should enclose a verified DD Form 1172. The forms are available from unit personnel officers.



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# Doctor Ran To Field Because He Couldn't Wait For MEDEVAC

By PFC Hugh Massey

LE THANH—Upon receiving the call that elements of the 4th Infantry Division's 1st Brigade are in contact with the enemy, all medical personnel are dispatched to the 4th Medical Battalion's clearing area at Jackson Hole.

On one such occasion, Captain James Fulper (Terre Haute, Ind.), medical officer for 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry, was notified that his sister battalion, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, was engaging the enemy several miles west of the brigade's forward command post.

CPT Fulper immediately went to medical headquarters to care for the wounded that would be brought in. To his surprise, there weren't any wounded to care for. He learned that there was not an efficient landing zone in the area of the contact to evacuate the wounded.

## Patrol Finds Big 'Element'

Several minutes later, there was an urgent call for whole blood—three men were bleeding to death.

CPT Fulper, disregarding the fact that there was no landing zone capable of handling a helicopter, gathered up as much whole blood as he could carry and hopped on a UH-23 "Bubble" helicopter, piloted by Captain John Geddeleman (Melvin, Ill.), and flew to the battle area.

"It wasn't much of an LZ," recalled CPT Fulper. "When we were about five-feet from the ground, CPT Geddeleman told me I would have to jump. He couldn't get any lower."

CPT Fulper found 15 wounded soldiers, several of whom were in serious condition. He administered care to the wounded for almost two-hours until an improved landing area was cleared. All this time, sporadic heavy automatic and sniper fire echoed through the jungle.

CPT Fulper was credited with saving the lives of several of the wounded. When asked about his brave undertaking, he modestly replied, "If it wasn't for that blood, a lot of fellows would never have made it."

## CA Teams Bring In The Facts

VUNG DAT AM—Civic action teams from the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry and 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry have been working together with the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry, in Operation Francis Marion three-miles north of Phu Nhon.

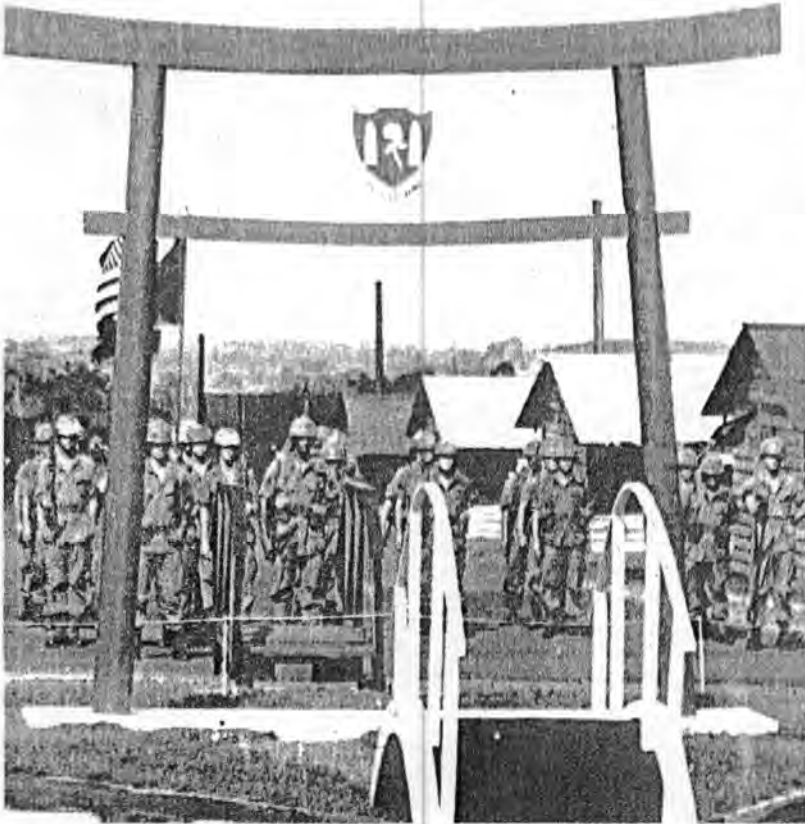
With interpreters and military intelligence teams, the civic action teams visited 10 villages in three-days.

After a census is taken of the village, the medics hold medical civic action projects (MED-CAP). "Infection is one of the more frequent problems of the villagers," said Specialist 4 Roger Cook (Boise, Idaho), a medic with one of the teams.

SP4 Cook explained that proper dressing and medication are not always available to the Montagnards. Therefore, the chance of cuts and sores becoming infected is increased.

A typical scene in the villages is Ivymen passing out candy and other goodies to the youngsters. "At first the villagers seemed afraid," explained SP4 Cook, "but when they find out that we only want to help them, they are very cooperative."

The villagers are questioned as to the whereabouts of Viet Cong. If there are any VC among the villagers, they are detained and interrogated.



MEMORIAL SITE — 'Redlegs' of the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery honor members of the battalion who have died in Vietnam. The ceremonies were conducted at a special memorial site constructed in the battalion's area at Camp Enari. (USA Photo by 4th Div 10)

# 6th Bn, 29th Arty Constructs Memorial Site For Its Dead

CAMP ENARI — The 4th Infantry Division's 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery has set up a memorial garden in the battalion area in the division base camp.

The area is dedicated to men of the battalion who are killed in action in Vietnam. A plaque in the garden presently bears the names of two officers and three enlisted men.

A torii, which dominates the garden, represents oriental cul-

ture and a shrine housing Saint Barbara, patron saint of artillerymen, depicts western culture.

The top beam of the torii was hand cut from four timbers and represents the cohesiveness of the battalion's four batteries.

The statue of Saint Barbara, created by Lieutenant Colonel Rudolph H. De Silva, a former commander, was brought to brought to Vietnam from Ft. Lewis, Wash., by the battalion

last year.

A small arched footbridge in the area is crossed only twice by soldiers — once when they first join the battalion and then when they leave.

The garden was the idea of Major William D. Johnson, former battalion executive officer, and was built under the supervision of Master Sergeant Delone Harris of Headquarters and Service Battery.

## CPT Marks Becomes 2nd Bde Chaplain

VUNG DAT AM — Chaplain (Captain) Francis M. Marks (Edmond, Okla.) is now serving as chaplain of the 2nd Brigade.

Prior to joining the 4th Division, Chaplain Marks was with the 70th Engineer Battalion of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) for seven months. He also served with the 100th Division at Ft. Chaffee, Ark., 8th Infantry Division in Germany and Savannah Illinois Army Depot in Savannah, Ill.

Chaplain Marks, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma (Norman, Okla.) and Golden Gate Theological Seminary (Mill Valley, Calif.) is serving as Protestant chaplain for the brigade's 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry in addition to his duties as brigade chaplain.



THE 50,000TH — The 50,000th truck to safely make the run from Qui Nhon to Pleiku over Highway 19 since the 1st Battalion, 69th Armor took over the security mission for the western portion of the road rolls past one of the battalion's tanks on checkpoint duty. The truck was driven by PVT Clifton M. Greer (Metropolis, Ill.), a member of the 27th Transportation Battalion, 8th Transportation Group stationed at Qui Nhon. The 69th Armor has provided route security on Highway 19 from Pleiku to the Mang Giaug Pung Pass since January 1967. (USA Photo by 4th Div 10)



ENGINEERS RIG AN AID FOR THESE IVYMEN AS THEY FACE A RAIN SWOLLEN STREAM.



MEMBERS OF THE 4TH ENGINEER BATTALION PHYSICALLY HELP THESE INFANTRYMEN ACROSS A STREAM.

## During Operation Fi

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In the dry season the charted streams were hard to cross. Sometimes all that existed were parched beds showing signs of water that had once flowed across the countryside.

Then it started to rain.

Little by little the rains came more frequently, often accompanied by cold winds reminding you of a lost weekend of skiing at a snow-capped mountain. However, the sleek footing is of an earthly nature, which manages to pack the bottom of your boots.

The dry stream beds filled. New ones appeared, quickly coming rivers whose treacherous currents became a major obstacle.

The winds blow across your rain-soaked body as you struggle toward the first crossing of the day. The quiet night allowed your body's heat to almost dry your clothes. But that was over an hour or more, earlier.

You see the water mass to be crossed and wish you had a pair of dry socks.

You drop in ever so gently as that almost dry set of fatigues no longer matters. You are submerged. The water soaks your skin, but that matters is crossing without losing anything. Even dry socks are no longer of consequence.

After a brief fight you are across. You remove your goggles from your helmet liner and find them dry. The pace is slow as your buddies cross. As the winds begin beating, you light up a cigarette for warmth.

You check your wallet. A plastic bag protected it. How different the difference between your body temperature and that of the wet, monsoon-soaked jungle leaves a little moisture within the bag. You look at the weathered picture inside and realize why postage is free in Vietnam . . . postage stamps could not last through hell of the monsoon.



A MAKESHIFT BRIDGE ASSISTS THIS IVYMAN ACROSS

Francis Marion

# Highland's Monsoon Swollen Streams

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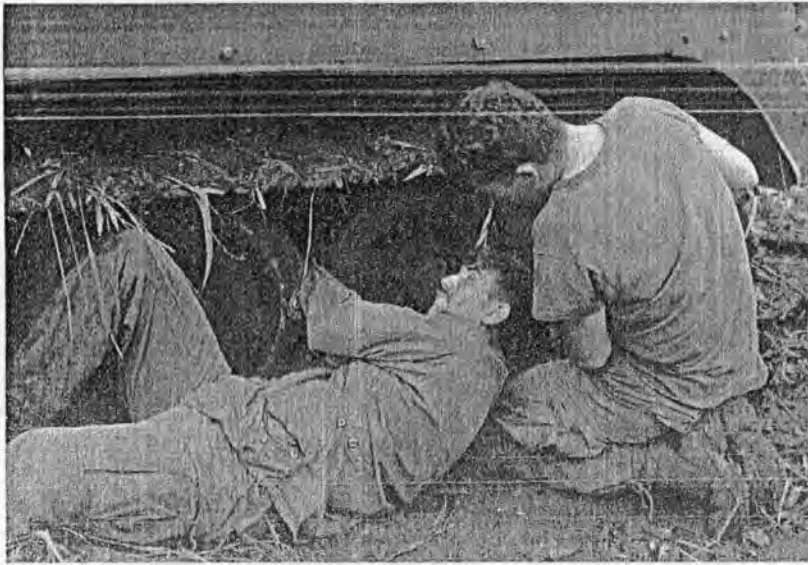


HAND OVER HAND THIS IVYMAN USES A GUIDE LINE TO AVOID BEING SWEEPED DOWNSTREAM WHILE CROSSING A RIVER IN THE IA DRANG VALLEY.



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THESE "RED WARRIORS" STRUGGLE ACROSS A RAIN SWOLLEN, FAST RUNNING RIVER.



**TRACK MECHANICS** — PFC Bill Cook (Blytheville, Ark.), left, and SP4 John Egbert (Davis, Calif.) check out the road wheels and track of an armored personnel carrier of the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry before the Ivy Division unit moves out on a maneuver during Operation Francis Marion. (USA Photo by SP4 Steve Frye)

## Mechanics Are Doctors Who Keep 'Panthers' Moving

VUNG DAT AM — Doctors are in great demand throughout the world.

In Vietnam, another kind of doctor is in demand—the APC mechanic.

The 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry really appreciates its mechanics as much as doctors because they keep the "Panthers" armored personnel carriers moving. When the vehicles are operating efficiently the battalion is able to do a more effective job.

The "Panther" mechanics, in addition to spending a lot of time keeping "tracks" in working condition, pull the same duty as other Ivy men.

When a company moves out on patrol, it takes with it one maintenance track and the company's mechanics. Should an APC break down there is no delay in repairs. The "doctors" are on the spot.

Prior to starting out on a long move, an overall check is made of the "tracks."

A recent tactical move by Companies A and C involved more than 40-miles of hard driving. Mechanical failures on this trip could have caused a lot of unnecessary lost time for repairs.

The APC drivers pull some maintenance themselves. This is in the line of preventive maintenance and includes checks of oil, track tension, steering adjustment, sprocket

bolts and water level. If there is any big trouble, then the call goes out for the man who knows how to fix it—the mechanic.

"It's an interesting and challenging job," reported Private First Class Bil Cook (Blytheville, Ark.), a mechanic with Company A.

PFC Cook said that he has learned a lot since joining the company. He plans to be a mechanic in civilian life, so his

military job is good practical training.

"Moves such as this past one require a lot of hard work," said Specialist 4 John Egbert (Davis, Calif.). "But there is a feeling of accomplishment when these babies are working at their best," he added.

Anyone in the battalion will tell you that their "doctors" play an important part in bringing smoke on the enemy.

## Mess SGT Supervises Food Service In Field

VUNG DAT AM—The men of the 4th Infantry Division's 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry are used to getting hot meals brought to them while they search the jungle for the enemy in Operation Francis Marion. However, they are getting a full-fledged mess sergeant to supervise the serving.

Each of the two companies operating out of the "Red Warriors" firebase gets a hot meal every other day. The meals are prepared in the battalion's kitchens at the 2nd Brigade forward command post.

Staff Sergeant Wilbur Hodge (Newburg, Mo.) rides along in the Huey helicopter that carries insulated food containers full of hot chow to the field.

"Going out helps me to understand the difficulties we face in getting chow to the men in the field and now I can try to foresee problems before they occur," explained the traveling mess sergeant.

So far there have been few problems.

"The companies have developed their own system for serving chow and the platoon sergeants see that everything runs smooth," commented SSG Hodge.

## Playing Guitar Since Seven

# Vietnamese Singer-Interpreter Sings Nightly In The Jungle

VUNG DAT AM — Entertainment is sometimes hard to find in the Central Highlands, especially if you are on patrol in the thick jungle foliage west of Pleiku.

However, for Company A, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry this problem has been solved.

These Ivy men, participating in Operation Francis Marion, have Staff Sergeant Ton Van Luong (Saigon), an interpreter

assigned to the company, pick away at his guitar each evening.

The young Vietnamese non-commissioned officer has been with Company A for almost two months. During this time he has entertained the "Panthers" with various selections of Spanish, American, French, and Vietnamese tunes.

One of the more popular tunes among his repertoire is "Good-bye Souvenir," a song about a

young Vietnamese girl who falls in love with an American soldier.

SSG Luong has been playing the guitar since he was seven-years-old. He has played with several bands in nightclubs in Saigon, Bien Hoa and Vung Tau.

The 21-year-old soldier plans to be with Company A for a long time. Prior to joining the Ivy unit, he was with a unit of the U.S. 9th Infantry Division near Saigon.

# 'Panthers' Discover Monsoon Moisture Is Bad For Good Commo

VUNG DAT AM—Communications is a must for the fighting man. Malfunctions in commo equipment can be costly.

The men of Company A, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry are taking steps to remedy these malfunctions by giving class in the field on radio maintenance and procedures.

One of the biggest lessons the men learn is that of getting their first practical experience of taking the weather into consideration as a factor affecting good transmission or reception. As most other Ivy units, the "Panthers" are currently operating in the monsoon season whose moisture is quite rough on sensitive radio equipment.

During a recent class, Private First Class Tom Lohman (St. Louis), senior radio repairman for the "Panther" unit, pointed out the necessity of keeping commo equipment clean and free from moisture, corrosion and dirt.

"Moisture is one of biggest hazards during the monsoon season here," said the Ivyman.

PFC Lohman explained that a good radio operator refers to the technical manuals which list all first echelon maintenance and then performs that maintenance.

Another important factor in radio care is the proper seating of all accessories in their correct positions. These accessories include handsets, batteries, and antennas. Spare parts should be either available or on order at all times to insure properly maintained equipment.

PFC Lohman sums it up by saying, "Clean commo is good commo."

## Peeping VC Gets Surprise

DUC PHO — Company A, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry, was working as a blocking force and spread themselves out through several villages.

One machine gun was set up about 10-meters from a well which two "Cacti Green" soldiers were guarding. After two-hours in the position, Private First Class Michael Dondon, an ammunition bearer, spotted something moving by the well.

As PFC Dondon moved in for a closer look he saw a small trap door being lifted. He stood there silently with his M-16 ready. A North Vietnamese soldier peered out of the hole and found himself staring down the muzzle of the M-16.

After capturing the soldier, the Ivy men talked two more NVA out of the tunnel complex. They were also able to collect their weapons: a French assault machine gun, assorted ammo and three grenades.



**SINGING SOLDIER** — Vietnamese SSG Tran Van Luong (Saigon), an interpreter with the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry, demonstrates his guitar playing at the battalion's firebase. (USA Photo by SP4 Steve Frye)



LRRP TEAM LEADER — SSG Sherman T. Tilley (Savannah, Ga.), a team leader with the 2nd Brigade's Long Range Reconnaissance Platoon, inspects a North Vietnamese AK-47 that he captured on a recent patrol.

(USA Photo by SP4 Mick Harsell)

## General Peers Thanks Ivy's 'Eyes And Ears'

LE THANH — "You are the eyes and ears of the battalions and the brigade," was the opening comment by Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander, to the 1st Brigade's Long Range Reconnaissance Platoon.

General Peers paid a visit to the platoon to thank the men who were about to leave Vietnam and to emphasize his personal support for LRRP operations to the new men. He told the men that the division wanted to help the platoon members in any way that was possible.

"I have watched the 1st Brigade LRRPs develop from when you were in Tuy Hoa, and today

you are conducting some highly successful operations," the general continued.

General Peers closed his informal discussion with the platoon by saying, "I am extremely grateful for the job that you are doing and there is no question about the fact that you are one of the best and most talented organizations in the division."

First Lieutenant Robert Waldon (Phoenix, Ariz.), LRRP platoon leader, beaming at the general's praise for the platoon, commented, "The platoon has been successful in finding Charlie in the past and we will continue to find him in the future."

### A Little Different

## Excitement Attracts SP4 To 2nd Brigade LRRP

VUNG DAT AM — Specialist 4 Michael W. Wiglesworth (Cincinnati) is a member of a group of dedicated soldiers serving in Vietnam that are just a little different than their comrades. He is a member of 2nd Brigade's Long Range Reconnaissance Platoon.

Usually SP4 Wiglesworth acts as the radio operator for his team. "I was school trained as a radio repairman so this is a good job for me," explained the young Ivyman who recalled his first long range patrol quite vividly.

"It wasn't long before we saw this individual dressed in black pajamas come out of the woodline and begin policing the area. When he would find something that he wanted, he would amble over to the brush and after looking around would hide the item," commented SP4 Wiglesworth.

"I called headquarters on the radio and informed them of the situation and they gave us the word—capture him.

"Two of my buddies began circling the man but he must have heard them because he started for the woodline. We fired in front of him to try and make him stop but he kept running and escaped."

SP4 Wiglesworth especially likes the LRRPs. He was with the Reconnaissance Platoon, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry before joining the all-volunteer LRRPs. "I guess it is the excitement of knowing that I'm doing something a little different and useful," he explained.

The Ivyman says that he plans to extend his tour of duty in Vietnam for six months after his present tour is up. "I want to stay with the LRRPs," he concluded.

### For SSG Tilley, LRRP Member

## Once In A Lifetime Stories Replaced Again and Again

By H.T. William C. Foster

VUNG DAT AM — "Well, we were moving quietly through this wooded area when all of a sudden we found ourselves almost surrounded by a North Vietnamese unit. That's when all hell broke out."

To many soldiers this would be a once in a lifetime story which would be told over and over. However, for Staff Sergeant Sherman T. Tilley (Savannah, Ga.), a team leader

with the long range reconnaissance patrol of the Ivy Division's 2nd Brigade, it is a story which is soon replaced with another and then another.

SSG Tilley is a cool, calm Ivyman who loves his job. He likes it so much that when his tour was up in July he extended for another six months.

**Building A Reputation**

Around the 2nd Brigade area, he is building quite a reputa-

tion. "When Tilley goes out, you can almost be sure there will be contact," say those who know him best. He has made contact with the enemy in three of his last five patrols.

SSG Tilley says he has quit counting the number of patrols he has been on. "I think I've had 25 or 30, but I lost count a long time ago," he shrugged.

The "kid," as he was once known because he was the youngest team leader with the LRRP element, says that he doesn't mind contacting the enemy as long as he knows support is close by.

**Gets Good Support**

As he tells the story, "I was leading a team and suddenly, we found ourselves involved with a company that was about to encircle us. I don't know of anyone that wants to tangle with these odds, so I jumped on the horn (radio) and began calling in my support.

"There for a while I had 175s, 8-inchers, 155s, 105s and air strikes all pouring in for me. Would you believe that we got out without firing a single shot ourselves? That's the kind of support we get," he explained.

One of the most fantastic things about the energetic LRRP member is his age. He is only 19-years-old, but an experienced veteran when it comes to combat.

"SSG Tilley is a real asset to our platoon," reported First Lieutenant James R. Bradley (Alexandria, Va.), LRRP platoon leader, "he knows his job well."

## Exhausted Team Leader Guides Searching Unit

VUNG DAT AM — "He really knows how to move out there," said Specialist 4 William G. Rogers (Arlington, Va.) of Staff Sergeant Sherman T. Tilley (Savannah, Ga.), a long range reconnaissance patrol member. SSG Tilley and SP4 Rogers had just gotten back from a patrol in the 4th Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade's area of operations.

The team had come upon a high speed trail near a water point. The team leader decided to set up an ambush near the trail.

After a while, SSG Tilley motioned for the rest of the team to stay in place while he scouted up ahead. There wasn't a long wait—he found the enemy.

The young team leader reported seeing two North Vietnamese Regulars near two bunkers and huts. Later three

more individuals appeared.

The Ivyman moved back to call in airstrikes on the position but movement was soon heard around them.

"We were hoping to get the first jump on them," exclaimed SP4 Rogers. "SSG Tilley began firing on the five then. That's when we decided to get out of there."

"We were spraying the area around us all the way to where the choppers were waiting to pick us up," recalled the specialist, a veteran of six patrols. The team moved to a bombed-out crater and were extracted. Gunships were soon over the area saturating it with deadly fire.

Although tired and exhausted from moving in the jungle, SSG Tilley volunteered to guide an Ivy unit back to search the area.

## Tanks, Gunships Aid Ailing LRRP

LE THANH — A 1st Brigade long range reconnaissance patrol recently encountered 15-to-20 North Vietnamese soldiers.

The enemy force met the patrol as it was preparing for extraction back to brigade headquarters. Sergeant George Rodis (Kenosha, Wis.), team leader, and Private First Class Clarence Thomas (Orlando, Fla.), assistant team leader, immediately spread their team out as heavy automatic weap-

ons and small arms fire echoed through the jungle foliage.

As the enemy fire abated somewhat, the patrol found itself widely scattered. PFC Thomas and his element circled around the firefight area and returned to administer medical care to a teammate wounded during the initial burst of enemy fire.

Meanwhile, SGT Rodis and his element travelled to Highway 19 and flagged down a tank

to get assistance for his men.

PFC Thomas continued to administer medical treatment to his wounded buddy while another member of the patrol laid down a ring of fire for protection. Gunships soon arrived on the scene and used their fire power to neutralize the enemy.

Fifteen-minutes later, the remaining elements of the LRRP were airlifted to 4th Medical Battalion.



RUSTIC RELIGION — Chaplain (CPT) Malachy J. Higginson (Patchogue, N.Y.) conducts mass in the field for the men of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry as a light rain falls on the jungle.

(USA Photo by SP4 Mick Harsell)

OUR PRIEST



**RALPH AND FRIEND** — SSG John C. Wilson (Kileen, Tex.), a platoon sergeant with Company B, 4th Engineer Battalion, displays Ralph, a monitor lizard which the 1st Platoon adopted as a mascot during operations in the Central Highlands. (USA Photo by SP4 Mick Harsell)

## Engineers Find Lizard Living In A Fallen Tree

VUNG DAT AM — A four-and-a-half foot lizard named Ralph is the new mascot of 1st Platoon, Company B, 4th Engineer Battalion.

The platoon is currently supporting elements of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry participating in Operation Francis Marion.

Ralph is a monitor lizard, a type common to Vietnam, according to Captain Melvin Deutsch (Brooklyn, N.Y.), battalion surgeon.

The engineers found Ralph in the top of a tree they'd blown down while improving a "Red Warriors" firebase. They brought him to their area and made a home for him in the corner of a tool bunker.

Care and feeding of the large, economy-sized lizard is no trouble say the engineers.

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## Ex-Infantryman Is Medic On Second Vietnam Tour

VUNG DAT AM — "I knew when I was wounded and they were evacuating me to the states that I wanted to come back to Vietnam some day."

Specialist 4 Bob Coleman (Saginaw, Mich.) was a combat infantryman his first tour in Vietnam. He's back now, but his main concern is helping his buddies in the 1st Battalion,

12th Infantry.

SP4 Coleman is a platoon medic for the 1st Platoon of Company B.

When the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division came to Vietnam in July 1965, SP4 Coleman was with the brigade. His year was nearly over when his company was hit hard.

SP4 Coleman had three bullet

wounds and several pieces of shrapnel in his body when he was evacuated.

"While I was in the hospital I became interested in medicine and decided that I wanted to be a medic," he explained.

He spent four months in the hospital and then began his medical training at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. After he completed his training he volunteered for a second tour in Vietnam.

Even though he wasn't a medic the first time over, SP4 Coleman feels the experience will help him.

"The other guys talk about what can happen out there, but I've been through it. I know I'll be able to do my job under fire."

Why did he volunteer to come back?

"The medic looked away for a moment and then answered, 'I just want to be here when—and if—the moment that I'm needed comes.'"

## Single 'Dragoon' Gets 10 Enemy Kills With Machine Gun Assault

LI THANH—A 1st Brigade infantryman from the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry, was recently an example of just how tough the American soldier can be.

Private First Class Eugene Clark (Los Angeles), a Company B machine gunner, was moving with his company to assist Company C north of the Ia Drang Valley. Company C had come in contact with an estimated North Vietnamese battalion and asked the sister unit to reinforce the position.

"We were about 15-meters from the perimeter when shooting broke out. All of us headed for the nearest foxhole," PFC Clark recalled.

The enemy force had begun human wave assaults against the Ivymen. The NVA had even taken the time to disarm several claymore mines that the "Dragoons" had laid as defensive protection the night before. Rocket fire, heavy automatic weapons fire and small arms fire broke out on the Ivymen.

PFC Clark spotted a wounded machine gunner to his right and the gunner's ammunition bearer, a new replacement, was having trouble getting the weapon back into action.

PFC Clark leaped from his relatively safe position and ran to the machine gunner's aid in the midst of heavy sniper fire. He grabbed the weapon, slung an ample amount of ammunition on his shoulder and proceeded to charge 150-meters to the woodline, emptying the machine gun as he assaulted.

PFC Clark's assault accounted for 10 enemy dead.

## 'Cacti' Search Holes As VC Intensify Hideouts

DUC PHO—The men of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry were only 800-meters from their battalion firebase when the first of six concealed spider holes was discovered.

Located deep in a hedgerow, the entrance was well camouflaged by a dense bamboo thicket.

The 3rd Platoon, after discovering the hiding place, began a search and clear of the spider hole, an operation that the infantrymen of the "Cacti Blue" have developed into a successful art.

Slowly and meticulously probing the thicket with sticks and bayonets the hole's covering was located. The cover was a woven metal screen covered with rocks and loose dirt.

Flipping up the screen, the Ivymen detected movement inside the hole. When their call to surrender brought no response, the hideout was riddled with M-16 fire. Two enemy guerrillas were killed as grenades and assorted equipment were captured.

However, the day was only beginning for Company B. Five more spider holes were discovered in a 10-meter square area.

Searching and clearing the holes, a practice that has been robbing Charlie of his most well-concealed daylight sanctuaries, netted two more enemy killed and another captured during the day.

The intensive use of spider holes and tunnels in the Duc Pho area has become a practice since the 3rd Brigade began defeating and breaking up larger enemy units.



**WATCHING FOR CHARLIE** — Two members of the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry demonstrate a night observation device they use around their company's perimeter for additional night security. SP4 Wilbur Boulder (Franklin, La.) mans the radio for reporting sightings while SP4 Paul L. Folders (Falls Church, Va.) operates the starlight scope. (USA Photo by PFC J. Kaste)

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