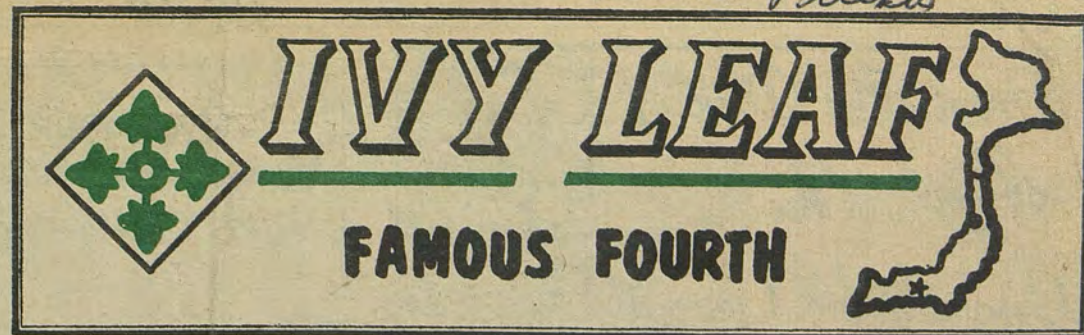




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Ivymen Fight Back Co-ordinated Attacks

CAMP ENARI — Following several weeks of quiet, the Central Highlands erupted in battle last week.

On August 14, vast stretches of Highway 14, between Pleiku and the Ben Het Special Forces Camp, came under enemy attacks.

The NVA began their co-ordinated move with a post-midnight attack on a fortified bridge site 15 kilometers northwest of Kontum.

The strategic span, guarded by a platoon of Ivy's 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry and regional forces was hit with enemy 82mm mortar rocket, and small arms fire.

Enemy sappers came floating down the Krong Poko River in an attempt to destroy the bridge. When the attack was over, five NVA bodies were found on the perimeter.

Throughout the day a rash of mining incidents kept the 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry and other friendly units bustling along several highland roads.

By noon of August 14, word of enemy activity had penetrated the villages and towns along Highway 14.

The normally bustling village of Tan Phu was reported deserted and silent. The town of Tan Canh, just east of Dak To, was also reported boarded up.

On Highway 19, east of Pleiku, a convoy was ambushed by an unknown-size enemy force. Four NVA soldiers were killed in the action, two light machine guns, and an SKS were captured by the Ivymen.

On August 16, the enemy continued his push with a large-scale ambush attempt on Highway 14.

Forces of ARVN 3rd Cavalry and reactionary forces of 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry killed 31

NVA soldiers in the abortive Communist attempt to disrupt the Ivy supply line.

The ARVN and American forces, who were assisted by gunships and artillery fire, captured four B40 rocket launchers, a light machinegun, nine individual weapons, and detained two enemy suspects in the fight.

The Ivy Division's 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry (Airmobile) killed 21 enemy soldiers in a cordon and search mission 35 kilometers northeast of Ban Me Thuot on August 21. The fight continued for about two hours. The Cavalrymen captured one crew-served and three individual weapons.

The 4th Division's 1st Brigade base camp at Dak To came under enemy rocket fire on August

22. The camp was hit with 21 rounds of 122mm rocket fire.

Air strikes and artillery were called in on the suspected enemy positions.

Also that afternoon the Dak To sector headquarters, seven miles northeast of the camp, received eight rounds of 60mm mortar fire. No casualties or damage were reported.

Later in the day an NVA soldier was killed six kilometers northwest of Dak To by an Ivy LRP team.

The 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry reported finding four Russian anti-tank mines along Highway 14. The Ivymen found two more mines later at the same location. The mines were destroyed in place.

HONOR DESERVED—SP5 Timothy Boris of Chalmette, La., is awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by General Creighton Abrams, commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam, during ceremonies held at Camp Enari. (USA Photo by 124th Signal)

Gen. Abrams Gives DSC To Ivyman

By SP4 Obelit Yadgar

CAMP ENARI — "Whatever happens to me while I am in Vietnam, happens because of God's will."

Specialist 5 Timothy Boris remembered as he stood before General Creighton Abrams, commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam, to be awarded the Distinguished Service Cross Medal for gallantry in battle.

"Chaplain Haggin said those words in a sermon when I first came in country," said the tall, lean Ivy soldier from Chalmette, La.

"His words always stuck in my mind," continued the young medic. "So I never worried about anything happening, even on the day of the battle."

Company D, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry had been on a cordon and search mission west of Kontum in the Central Highlands. An unknown-size enemy force lingered somewhere in the rugged jungle.

"We had just started reconing by fire," said SP5 Boris. "All of a sudden we started getting hit from all sides with mortars and machineguns."

The initial contact had wounded several Ivy soldiers. They lay pinned down in the open.

With a quick leap he darted toward his fallen friends. An enemy bullet tore into his leg. He crashed to the muddy jungle floor, sprang to his feet, and dove to the side of a wounded soldier.

He carried the Ivyman back to the perimeter, trudging through a maze of enemy lead.

"I patched him up and did what I could for him," continued SP5 Boris. "But there were more lying out there."

"I had worked and fought with those guys," he said. "They were my buddies. Besides, I didn't think my wound was that bad."

He worked his way to the wounded men, darting, crawl-

ing, and leaping. As he carried another wounded friend back to the perimeter, a second enemy bullet tore into the Ivy medic. He still managed to rescue the soldier.

For the third time he crawled toward his wounded friends. Enemy bullets made the jungle foliage thicker, whizzing overhead, tearing the jungle floor around him.

He was working his way toward another buddy, crawling in his blood stained fatigues when a third enemy bullet slammed into him.

A few minutes later he was evacuated from the battle scene. He had fought one battle with the enemy, and now he was to fight another for his life.

Specialist 5 Boris is going home soon. His wife, Effie, will be waiting there.

He will be going home with a Distinguished Service Cross and a memory — of war and of friends and of Chaplain (Major) Melvin Haggin of San Diego, Calif.

"Whatever happens to me, happens because of God's will."

Tooth Waste

CAMP ENARI — The army has adopted a preventive dentistry paste for mass self-application which, used once every six months, will decrease tooth decay rates.

According to Captain Granvil Hayes of Oklahoma City, Okla., the preventive dentistry officer, Zircate Treatment Paste results in about a 40 per cent reduction in new cavities.

The average soldier in Vietnam has 7.9 cavities when he arrives in country, according to army sources.

This treatment decreases the rate of growth of these cavities. Studies have shown a decreased rate of growth of 80 per cent on smooth surface cavities.

Fear VC

Villagers Relocate

BAN ME THUOT — When a company of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry conducted a cordon and search mission around a Montagnard village near Ban Me Thuot, they hardly received the expected reaction.

As Company C entered the village, the chief greeted the men with the request to have his people relocated to a safer location.

He said his people were being harassed by the Viet Cong and wanted to be moved closer to American protection.

After a call to 2nd Brigade Civil Affairs, the 29 villagers were taken for their first helicopter ride as they were airlifted to the 2nd Brigade Base Camp.

Meanwhile the civil affairs

team and Vietnamese authorities decided to place the Montagnards in a village located on the outskirts of Ban Me Thuot.

The villagers arrived in base camp with everything they owned.

They remained there for a day and then were transported to their new home.

As the vehicles pulled into the village, groups of Montagnards came out of their huts to see the arrival of their new neighbors. After a few initial moments of shyness, one villager stepped to the rear of the truck and extended his hand to one of the newcomers.


Smiles and happy shouts broke out and soon the new and the old were one.



MOVING DAY—SSG Darrel Rhodes of Decatur, Ill., helps a happy Montagnard family from a truck as an entire village was relocated with the help of 4th Division soldiers.

(USA Photo by SP4 Peter Call)

From The Desk of



the
Commanding General

M G STONE

Theft

I AM DEEPLY concerned and disturbed by the increasing theft of personal property in the 4th Division.

Almost without exception, each Daily Military Police Blotter report contains at least one entry concerning larceny of private property. The following are examples of recent reports.

A corporal left his wallet in his rucksack and went to lunch. When he returned a few minutes later, his wallet containing \$900.00 MPC was gone. The soldier had just drawn this amount of money from the Finance Office in preparation for R&R.

Another soldier locked his wallet in his locker before retiring, placed the key hanging near his bed. The next morning the wallet was still in the locker but minus \$425.00 MPC.

These are but a few examples of the many reported thefts in the Division. The stolen items range from money to chinaware.

In almost every case the theft is made easy due to carelessness or negligence: Someone forgets to lock his locker or leaves his property unattended. This then results in an open invitation for a thief to steal what he wants with as little trouble as possible.

The basic solution to this problem lies primarily with each individual himself. Here are a few rules which, if practiced diligently, will help you protect your property from theft.

Don't carry money you don't need. Have your excess funds secured in the company safe or better yet, don't draw it in the first place. Have your allotments changed or have the Finance Office retain all but the minimum required to meet your monthly needs. The Army offers a variety of savings programs to help you "SAVEguard your money" while in Vietnam.

Keep a record of your property. The number of all serial numbered items should be recorded, along with a description of the item to include any special identifying marks. Many items can be intercepted being mailed out of country if the serial number is available. The record should be secured other than in your billfold. If your billfold is stolen along with other property you will have lost your record.

Individuals going on R&R should be especially careful in safeguarding their money. Thieves consider you as special prey.

In order to assist in the recovery of stolen items, I have directed that an immediate shakedown inspection be conducted after the theft is reported. However, the major part of the battle is in preventing the theft from occurring.

You, the individual soldier are responsible for safeguarding your personal property and for taking every action possible to prevent these unnecessary losses.

Charles P. Stone



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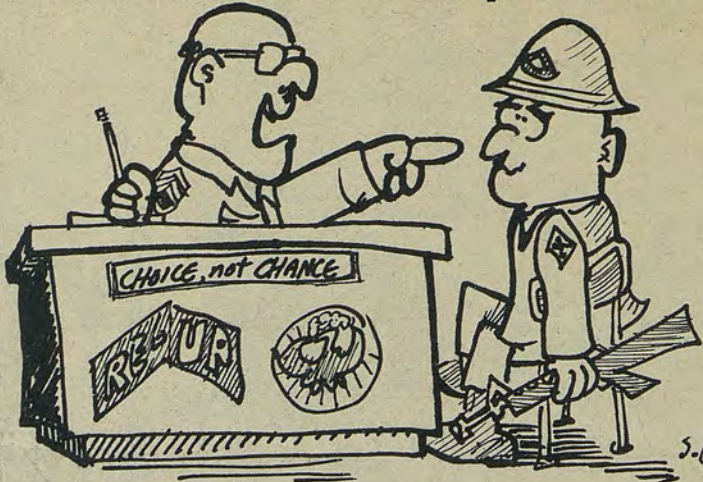
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Extension And Leave

As a soldier stationed in the Republic of Vietnam you can take a 30-day special leave anywhere in the free world without paying for the transportation.

By extending your tour of duty in Vietnam for six months or longer, you will be authorized the leave (exclusive of travel time) to any location in the world. This leave must be taken all in one 30-day period and will not be charged against accrued leave time.

Under the Army policy on extensions, special leave will not begin earlier than 90 days before or later than 30 days after the normal DEROS date. Should you fail to return to your duty station within the period allotted (including travel time), and the delay is termed unavoidable, the excess will be charged to your accrued leave.

If you take your leave in the United States, your leave orders must be indorsed at the point of debarkation. If your leave is taken in a foreign area where there is a U.S. military team stationed, you must have your orders indorsed at the local Military Replacement Center.

You are ineligible if you are in Vietnam on a TDY basis, or if your current tour plus extension totals less than 12 months.

If a change of duty station is desired, a request will be considered only if it is submitted at the same time as the extension papers. If no change of station is desired or a request for change is submitted later than your extension papers, you will return to the same unit upon completion of the 30-day leave.

Under the Army's new regulation on early outs, you can ETS as many as 150 days early. Currently, enlisted men whose DEROS is less than 150 days prior to their ETS (90 days for officers) are automatically processed out of the service immediately upon arrival in the United States. Thus if your DEROS is more than 150 days prior to your ETS, you can extend your DEROS to take advantage of the early out program.

Fighting Fourth

Battle Briefs

THE FOLLOWING is a brief summary of combat action in the 4th Division area of operation from August 15 to August 21:

★ Aug 15—Sweeping a convoy ambush site on Highway 19, east of Pleiku, Troop A, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry found four NVA bodies, 2 light machineguns, an SKS, and numerous documents.

Red Warriors of 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry killed four enemy soldiers in a light contact north of Ban Me Thuot.

★ Aug 16—The Ivy's 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry and the ARVN 3rd Armored Cavalry killed 41 enemy soldiers attempting to ambush a division convoy on Highway 14, north of Pleiku. The cavalymen, who were assisted by artillery and air strikes, also captured four B40 rocket launchers, seven AK47s, and a light machinegun. They detained two wounded NVA soldiers.

Company D, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry found 1500 pounds of rice north of Ban Me Thuot. The rice was evacuated.

★ Aug 17—Soldiers of Company D, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry opened up on about five enemy soldiers north of Ban Me Thuot. Sweeping the area where the enemy had fled, the Ivymen found bunkers and huts littered with rice; they also found a blood trail leading to the north.

A 1st Brigade patrol found a 90-bunker complex near Dak To, containing one NVA body and miscellaneous equipment.

★ Aug 18—The Special Forces Camp at Dak Seang came under enemy mortar and ground attacks. The Montagnard and American defenders killed 39 of the enemy attackers and detained nine, capturing eight SKS rifles, 35 AK47s, 12 B40 rocket launchers, a B41 rocket launcher, three Chicom grenades, four Russian automatic rifles and 40 B40 rockets.

Companies A and B, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry found two NVA bodies and two AK47s about 10 miles north of Ban Me Thuot.

★ Aug 19—A 1st Brigade patrol found 20 NVA bodies near a complex of 15 bunkers southwest of Dak To. The enemy soldiers were believed killed by artillery fire on July 3.

A camp strike force from Plei Mrong killed an enemy soldier and detained two in a light contact. The same unit made contact with an unknown-size enemy force five miles east of the first contact area, capturing an SKS, a carbine, and a grenade.

★ Aug 20—Action was light in the 4th Division AO. An engineer team found three mines on Highway 14 between Kontum and Dak To. The mines were blown in place.

Company C, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry found three tons of rice in an area north of Ban Me Thuot.

★ Aug 21—Ivy's 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry (Airmobile) killed 22 enemy soldiers in a cordon and search mission northwest of Ban Me Thuot. In the two-hour fight the cavalymen captured two AK47s, an SKS, two Chicom grenades, a pack-full of medical supplies, and 300 rounds of explosives.

Camp Enari, Philippines

BAN ME THUOT — At times telephone service in Vietnam seems to be a matter of pot luck.

Recently a staffer at the 2nd Brigade information office picked up the phone and, with some misgivings, asked for Camp Enari.

The distance from Camp Enari to the 2nd Brigade command camp near Ban Me Thuot is over 100 miles. The reception is not always perfect.

Instantly the call was completed.

"Clark Field, sir," the operator answered.

"Is this Camp Enari?" asked the caller.

"Where, sir?" came the reply. "Camp Enari, Vietnam," whimpered the caller.

"No sir, this is Clark Air Field, Philippines, Whom do you wish to speak to?"

"I don't know anyone in the Philippines," came the feeble reply, as the caller hung up and then started the entire process again.

"Please give me Camp Enari."



PLAN YOUR INDEPENDENCE DAYS WITH U.S. SAVINGS BONDS

Divarty Changes Leaders

By SFC Delaney Casey

CAMP ENARI — During a change of command ceremony at the 4th Infantry Division Artillery headquarters, Colonel Robert C. McAllister of Mayfield, Ky., relinquished command to Colonel Virgil Williams.

Colonel McAllister, who commanded Division Artillery since September 1967, has been nominated for promotion to Brigadier General and will be assigned as Assistant Division Commander.

He was presented the Legion of Merit.

After the traditional exchange of colors, Major General Charles P. Stone, Division commander, commended the outgoing commander and the entire command for "an outstanding job, done with distinction."

Also present for the ceremony was Lieutenant General William Peers, I Field Force commander and former commander of the 4th Infantry Division.

COL Williams of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Alexandria, Va., comes to the 4th Division from an assignment with the National War College, Washington, D.C.

A graduate of the University of Missouri, the 24-year veteran of two wars is serving his first full tour in Vietnam, having been here previously in a TDY status.

The highly-decorated colonel served in Europe during World War II and later a tour in Japan, and then saw combat duty in Korea. His other assignments have been G3, 7th Army, Europe; G3, CONARC, Ft. Monroe, Va., and the Department of the Army Office of the Inspector General.

Among his awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal and the Purple Heart.



COOLING IT—Ivymen of the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division take a little time out from the war to cool their heels as others keep a look out for enemy soldiers. (USA Photo by SP4 Larry White)

Panthers Receive New CO

By PFC Steve Wilson

OASIS—As the afternoon sun shrouded the Oasis firebase, Lieutenant Colonel John D. Edgerton relinquished command of the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry to Lieutenant Colonel David U. Thoreson of Concord, Calif.

Attending the change of command ceremonies were Major General Charles P. Stone, 4th Division commander, Colonel Stan L. McClellan, 3rd Brigade commander, Colonel Warren Hodges, division Chief of Staff, and Sergeant Major James Taylor, division sergeant major.

In the early afternoon ceremony, LTC Edgerton expressed his regrets at having to leave the mechanized battalion, but assured LTC Thoreson he was inheriting one of the best commands the "Famous Fourth" had to offer.

The new commander is a 1954 graduate of the U.S. Army Military Academy. He also attended the Ranger and Airborne schools at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Lieutenant Colonel Thoreson last served with the Office of the Chief of Staff in Washington, D.C. His coming to Vietnam marks his third tour of duty here.

During his prior tour in Vietnam, the West Pointer served as an advisor. His stateside tours include Ft. Riley, Kan., as well as other infantry commands. Lieutenant Colonel Thoreson has attended the Command and General Staff College.

His awards and decorations include the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit and the Army Occupation Medal, Germany.

Lieutenant Colonel Edgerton of Ashland, Wis., was reassigned to the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va.



CHANGE OF COMMAND—Colonel Virgil Williams of Colorado Springs, Colo., accepts command of the 4th Infantry Division Artillery from Colonel Robert C. McAllister of Mayfield, Ky. (USA Photo by 124th Signal)

One-Year Study

'Gear' Team Aids Warfare

CAMP ENARI — The American fighting man in Vietnam is getting the best combat medical attention ever given in the history of warfare—yet, the Army strives for even better protective gear and medical treatment to increase the effectiveness of our soldiers.

A steel helmet with a greater protection capability, a new "flak" vest which will be more comfortable and afford better protection, or perhaps a light-

weight set of jungle fatigues designed especially for the Vietnam climate. These are a few possibilities to improve conditions for our fighting men in Vietnam.

A 12-man team headed by Colonel Thomas R. Ostrom will spend one year with the 4th Infantry Division in the Central Highlands, compiling detailed reports on each casualty.

"We attempt to identify the weapon causing the wound, photograph the wound, determine medical attention given and record the time lapse between wounding and treatment," stated COL Ostrom.

"Where an item of protective gear is involved," COL Ostrom continued, "the gear is recovered and sent to the states to be assessed for its protective value."

The data is sent to the Surgeon General's Office. This permits him to review the medical attention in the field and to check efficiency of the medical supply system. It will further permit the Army's Ballistic Research Laboratories to determine the effectiveness of current protective gear.

This is the first time the Army has made a field data collection of this magnitude.

Tape Library

CAMP ENARI — Special Services is now offering over 500 recorded tapes to be on loan to Ivymen.

The tape library is set up in the Special Services building and features recorded music from country and western to rock and roll, and classical.

Tapes can be signed out, one at a time, for a period of seven days, and re-signed out upon their return, providing no prior requests have been made for the particular tapes.

You may contribute tapes to the tape library by going to the Special Services building and having your tape recorded for use by other Ivymen.

Monster Sparks Fun

OASIS — The aid station at Lieutenant Colonel David P. Thoreson's 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry command firebase has a regular free-wheeling visitor.

Senior medic, Specialist 4 Bob Norton of Anaheim, Calif., isn't so sure that he likes the come-as-you-please guest, for occasionally he likes to partake of valuable potions and sneak a little cotton for his nest.

The furry varmint seems to be at home with the medics though, and rarely talks back

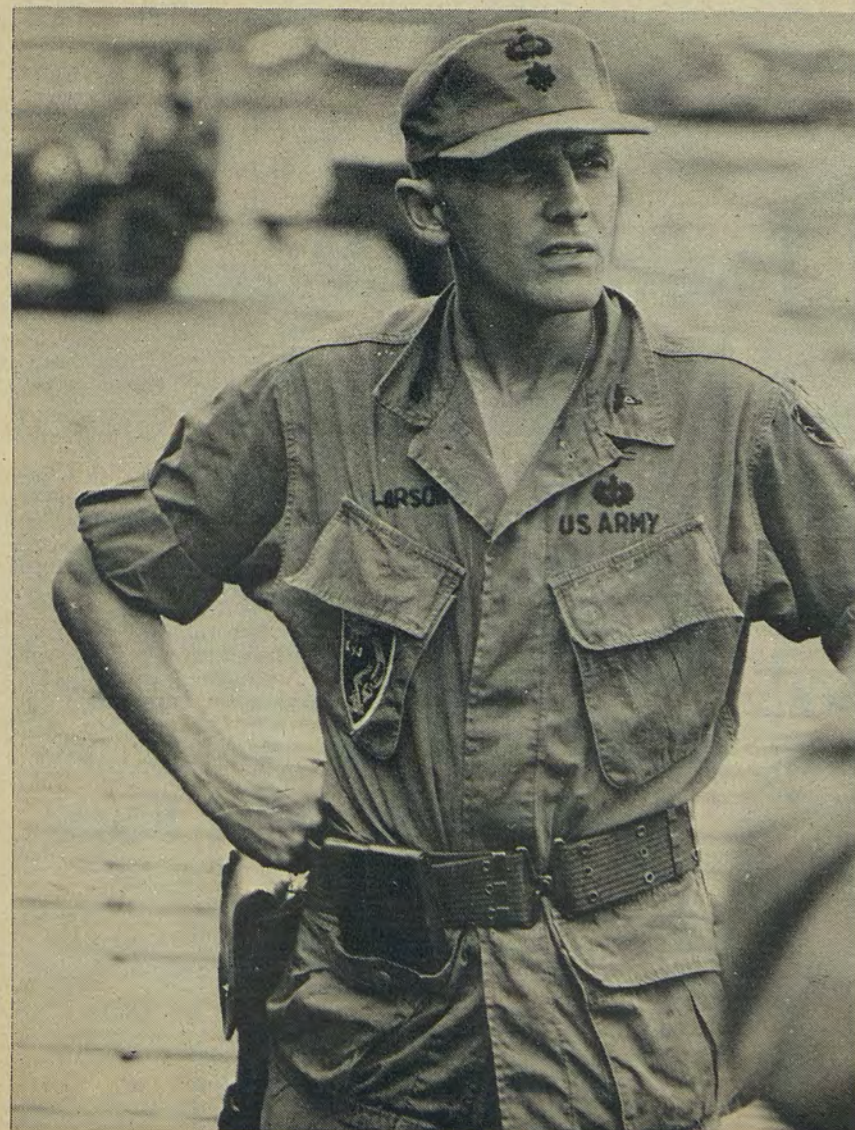
when told to get lost. Although he has no name yet — except perhaps "culprit" — the brown-haired chipmunk lets his thoughts be known when not offered a generous handout.

Sergeant Carl Showers of Colora, Md., has threatened to oust the "little monster," but Specialist 5 Jim Wright of Lindsay, Okla., assured SGT Showers that his little friend would behave himself in the future.

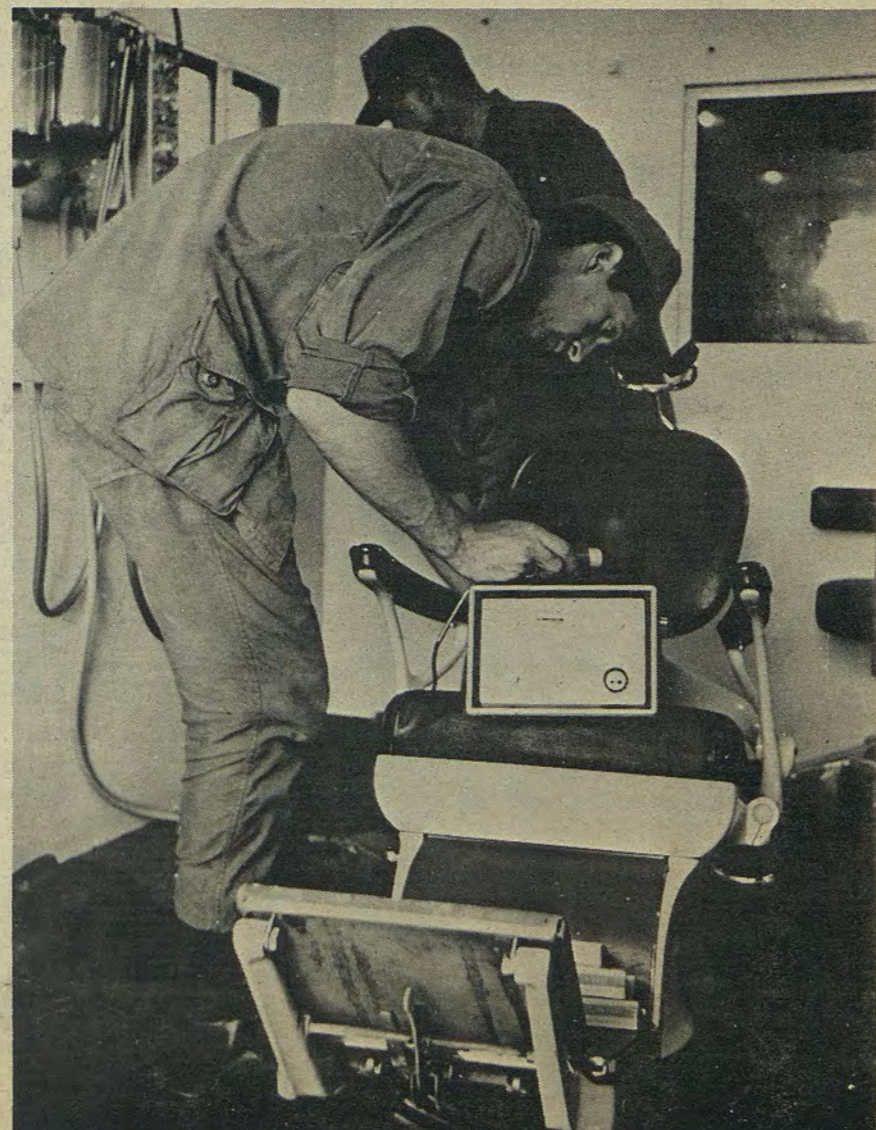
In the meantime, the cunning felon tries hard not to chatter without due cause.



FINAL PREPARATIONS ARE MADE ON A PORTABLE DENTAL CLINIC FOR ITS JOURNEY TO FORWARD FIREBASES. USA Photo by PFC Gordon May



LTC HAROLD LARSON, 39TH MEDICAL BN. COMMANDER, WATCHES CLINIC "FLY" TO FIREBASE. USA Photo by SP4 Ron Johnston



THE NEW CLINIC IS INSPECTED PRIOR TO FORWARD TRIP. USA Photo by SP4 Ron Johnston



THE FIRST MOBILE, SELF-CONTAINED DENTAL CLINIC OF ITS KIND IS LIFTED INTO THE AIR. USA Photo by PFC Gordon May



A HUGE "FLYING CRANE" HELICOPTER DEPOSITS CLINIC AT BLACKHAWK FIREBASE. USA Photo by PFC Gordon May

Firebases Welcome Air Cav-ity Dentists

By PFC Mike Cobb

A TOOTHACHE is a serious wound," stated Lieutenant Colonel Harold Larson of San Antonio, Tex., 39th Medical Detachment (KJ) commander, "it renders a soldier useless to his company and mission."

"Commanders are a bit reluctant to send men back to base camp for dental treatment and you can't blame them," LTC Larson continued. "Sometimes Ivymen are lost for several days in transit, weakening the company's strength."

To remedy this situation members of the 39th Medical Detachment, under the guidance of LTC Larson and Major Henry Moore of Midland, Mich., created an "Air Mobile Dental Clinic".

This, the first dental clinic of its type in the Army, will enable dental service to go directly to the men in the field.

Six weeks ago the air clinic was a standard M109 shop van. Today, after considerable help from the 4th Supply and Transportation Battalion, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Vernon Porter of Italy, Tex., and the 704th Maintenance Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Duard D. Ball of McAlester, Okla., commander, this same shop van is a well equipped dental clinic.

Included in the clinic are instrument cabinets, a sink with a 50 gallon water supply, an x-ray machine with a miniature darkroom, a high speed drill, surgical equipment and a dental chair.

"The clinic is as well-equipped for dental surgery and drilling as a stateside dental office," stated MAJ Moore, 39th Medical Detachment executive officer.

"When we acquired the van, the interior was green and dirty," LTC Larson remarked. "We cleaned it, then went on to paint the ceiling white for better lighting and the walls a traditional infantry blue."

The 9,000 pound structure will be carried throughout the 4th Infantry Division by the giant flying "crane" helicopter. A one-week stop is planned for each forward firebase.

Prior to each scheduled stop a preventive dentistry officer will survey the unit, making sure every emergency case is looked after.

A Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Loyola University graduate, LTC Larson plans on making a fleet of 4 dental clinics. "With four air dental clinics, I plan to use one for each brigade and one with a laboratory especially for false teeth work."

Before making its first mission to Black Hawk firebase, the clinic was put through two trial runs.

"Our first trial run brought-forth the problem of the clinic spinning while in flight," LTC Larson stated. "We resolved this problem by shortening the sling, making the second trial run smoothly."

On the first mission, MAJ Moore was the surgeon with Specialist 5 Roy Oaks of Newark, Del., as his assistant. Captain Granvil Hayes of Oklahoma City, Okla., fulfilled his mission of preventive dentistry officer by passing out preventive dentistry paste to the Ivymen.

The "flying crane" for the first mission was provided by the 52nd Aviation Battalion, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel William C. Chamberlain of San Antonio, Texas. The "crane" was piloted by Warrant Officer 3 William Crothers of Springfield, Ohio, and Warrant Officer 3 Wymond Thurmond of Scottsdale, Ariz.

After reaching the Black Hawk firebase, the dental clinic was operational in 20 minutes. As the Ivymen waited in line, smiling faces proved the success of the air mobile clinic.

GIVE TO THE IVY DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Scholars

THE 4TH DIVISION'S 1st Brigade leads the five major commands in donations to the Division's Scholarship Fund.

The 1st Brigade commanded by Colonel Joseph E. Fix of Alexandria, Va., had contributed over \$6,000 for scholarships to the oldest child of Ivymen killed in the Republic of Vietnam.

Setting the pace for the 1st Brigade is the 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Jamie Hendrix of Meter, Ga. The "Braves" have in only two paydays collected over \$4,000 to support the Ivy education program.

The Scholarship Fund through August 20th collected \$44,733.40. With over 100 children eligible now for scholarships, the fund needs \$150,000 to provide \$1,500 scholarships for these and other children becoming qualified for scholarships.

"I've been in this Army a long time," said Sergeant First Class Delaney Casey of Ashville, N.C., "But this is the most worthwhile project I've seen yet."

Large, Rabid Dog Bites Village Boy

By SP4 Peter Call

BAN ME THUOT — "Dog with white mouth!" screamed the excited Montagnard villager.

Staff Sergeant Darrel Rhodes of Decatur, Ill., with the 2nd Brigade Civil Affairs Team, was shown a nine-year-old boy who bore the marks of about four bites.

"I didn't see the dog myself," said SGT Rhodes, "But from the man's description I knew the dog had to be rabid."

The boy's father was located and an interpreter explained to him the child's injuries would be fatal unless proper treatment was given quickly.

The father agreed, and both he and his son were driven to the 2nd Brigade base camp, where Company C, 4th Medical Battalion had the rabies shots waiting.

Inside the hospital tent the father stood by and held his hands over his son's eyes while the shot was given. When it was all over, a grateful father smiled and thanked those around him.

This scene was repeated 13 more times until the last shot of rabies treatment was given and the boy was completely cured.

"Actually we only had one problem," said Specialist 4 James Pack of Charleston, S.C. "The people in the village gathered up all the money they had to pay

us for saving the boy's life. We had quite a problem making them understand that we didn't want any payment."

"However, every time I picked up the boy, his father always brought several large cucumbers," he added.

Hard Head

OASIS — A 3rd-Brigade sergeant learned the value of a steel helmet when a piece of shrapnel tore into it instead of his head.

The incident occurred near Ban Me Thuot when Company C, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, commanded by Captain Thomas Steuber of Milwaukee, Wis. made camp for the night.

Sergeant First Class Pineino of Isabela, P.R., was walking around the perimeter when a mortar came soaring in and exploded near the camp.

"The first thing we knew," said one Ivymen, "Sergeant Pineino had his helmet in his hands and examining it."

"There was a hole in it, but the helmet had diverted the shrapnel, saving his life."

"I've always been a firm believer in the steel helmet," said SFC Pineino.



BEST MESS AWARD—Major General Charles P. Stone of Bellaire, N.Y., and Mathews, Va., 4th Division commander, and Staff Sergeant Ralph Wade of New Bern, N.C., display the plaque presented Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry for the Best Mess Award. Also in the photo are: left, Major Luciano C. Salamone of New York, battalion executive officer, and, right, First Lieutenant Larry Barnes of Bloomsburg, Pa., company commander. (USA Photo by 124th Signal)

Spy Enemy Soldier

Panthers Fight Off Cobra

OASIS — When Captain John Barrows of Terre Haute, Ind., spied an enemy soldier recently, he directed his armored personnel carriers (APC) into a brush-crushing sweep.

Company C, 2nd Battalion (mechanized), 8th Infantry then cut loose with a barrage of deadly fire.

And although the enemy soldier didn't stay long

enough to match wits with the Panthers, an enemy of another type did appear.

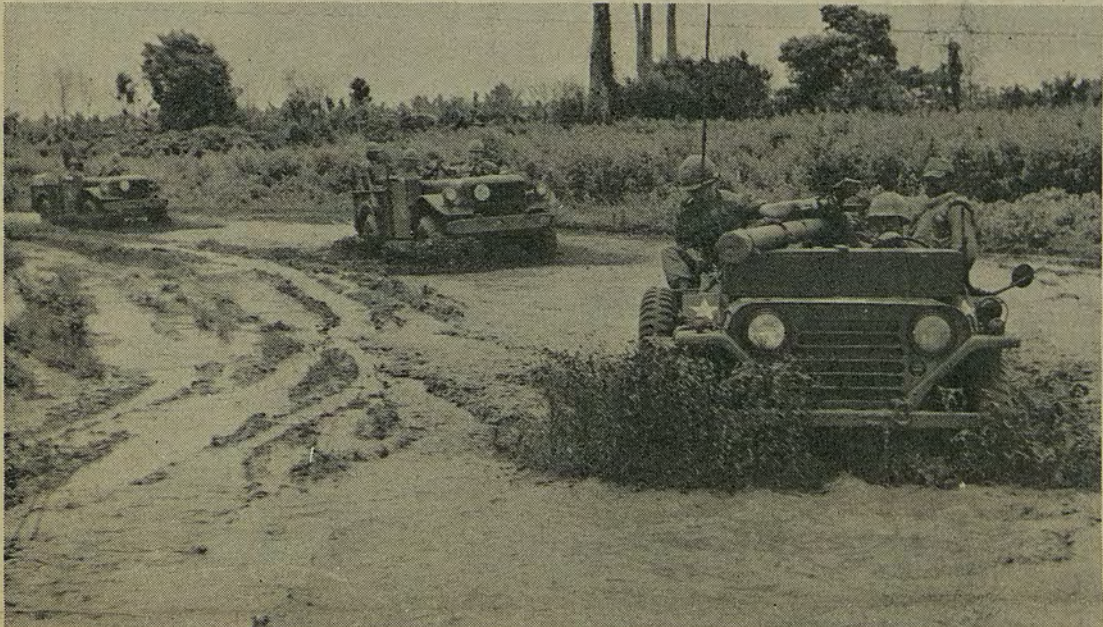
The command track brushed a large tree and out dashed a lengthy cobra and slithered under the cargo hatch.

Private First Class Bob Campbell of Winters, Calif., gritted his teeth. Then, suddenly, the slimy reptile writhed under some sandbags.

Private First Class Kenneth Arnold of Burns, Ore., and Specialist 4 Dave Repsher of Garden Grove, Calif., sprang from their sandbag perch and routed the deadly foe.

PFC Campbell and SP4 Repsher finished off the unwelcomed guest.

If CPT Barrows ever doubted his men's ability to stifle the undue excitement, he never let it be known.



MONSOONS—After the dry season finally leaves, the monsoon rains become a way of life. Swollen rivers near Ban Me Thuot (top) are just a few of the obstacles that face the men of D Troop, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry. But the rains are no match for the cavemen's jeeps (above) as they plow through a newly sprung stream. (USA Photos by SP4 Jack McMains)

Elephants Make A Small Circus

By SP4 John Trimble

OASIS — It had been a dull day for a small patrol of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, commanded by Captain Thomas Steuber of Milwaukee, Wis., until they ambled into a small Montagnard village, and became the audience of a circus.

The 3rd-Brigade squad had left the company firebase early in the morning on a cordon and search in an area near Ban Me Thuot.

The 4th soldiers walked and searched all day in the torrid, steaming jungle; they found nothing. The sun began to sink behind the tall trees as they started the long, exhausting trek back to the firebase.

Along the way they had to pass through a Montagnard hamlet. The villagers had always been friendly and given them fruits and other small treats when they journeyed through.

The Ivymen expected a treat, but little did they know that it would be a circus act.

As the soldiers entered the hamlet, they noticed three elephants in the center.

"It was a shock," said Private First Class Jimmy Smith of Fayette, Ark., "I knew there were elephants down here but these were the first I'd seen."

The 3rd-Brigade Ivymen scattered among the awesome beasts, looking over the giants.

Before they knew what was happening the Montagnards were riding them around and

putting on a show for the weary men.

"It was almost as good as a circus show," PFC Smith added.

41 Enemy Lay Dead

CAMP ENARI — Ivy and ARVN forces killed 41 soldiers as an estimated 200 NVA ambushed a 4th Division convoy 12 miles north of Pleiku.

The convoy was slowly twisting its way north on Highway 14 when the enemy opened up with mortars, rockets, and small arms, screening the woodland alongside the highway with smoke and muzzle flashes.

The 3rd-Brigade Military Police and the rest of the convoy tore into the enemy instantly. A quad .50 cal. machine gun from the 4th Battalion, 60th Artillery began to pour four streams of lead into the NVA positions, as the 3rd ARVN Cavalry closed in.

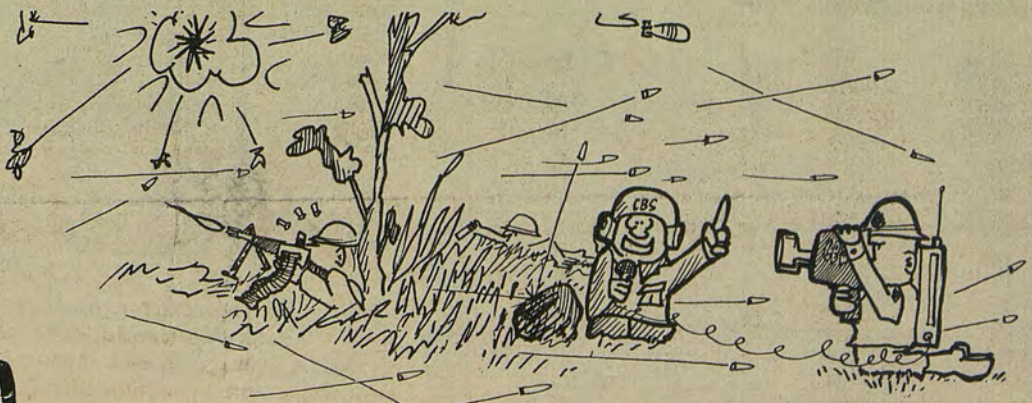
Minutes later gunships were buzzing overhead, their miniguns riddling the enemy. Howitzers of 2nd Battalion, 9th Artillery, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Richard Wyles of Springfield, Va., hurled over 700 rounds of artillery fire into the fleeing enemy.

Within an hour the fight was over. An extensive sweep of the enemy positions revealed 10 AK47 rifles, two B40 rocket launchers, and a light machinegun left behind by the enemy.

PFCIG by PFC Stanley A. Good



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Port Call, Rotation

Management Assigns Men

By PFC Mike Cobb

CAMP ENARI — "Are you interested in a port call, rotation date or special leave? These are but a few of the formalities the Management Branch can take care of," said Captain Thomas J. Cawley of Washington, D.C. 4th Infantry Division management officer.

The Management Branch is divided into two main sections. First, the Rotation Section, headed by Sergeant First Class James Washington of Salinas, Calif., which handles every aspect of Ivymen going back to the states. Five to six months prior to a man's rotation his name is put on a roster. From here a port call and reassignment must be established. Along with this, the rotation section

takes care of all special leaves and extensions. Over 2,000 Ivymen are handled each month by this section.

The second, and larger section, is the Actions Branch, headed by Master Sergeant William Butler of Gorham, Me. This section is divided into five basic sections, the first of which is the E-1 through E-6 assignment section who are responsible for assigning Ivymen in this category. They handle over 1,600 men per month.

Next is the E-4 through E-6 promotion section. They are responsible for finding all available slots and getting allocations for each battalion.

A special section is necessary to deal with senior non-commissioned officers. This section must handle all aspects from assignment to reassignment for this group.

Ivymen desiring proficiency pay will be happy to know there is a section working especially for you. They are required to screen more than 200 records a month and advise commanders of men available for proficiency pay.

Finally there is the Infusion Section which sets up trades between units. They trade men to cut down the rotation hump, that is, they make arrangements so that a unit will not lose more than 15 per cent of their men by rotation per month.

So, Ivymen, have no fear; it's only a year and your management branch will be here.

Father Works With Son

By SP4 Larry Hogan

BAN ME THUOT — Private First Class James Stout of Terra Haute, Ind., strolled into the company orderly room.

"Somebody want to see me?" he asked.

"Yes I did," growled the burly sergeant.

Turning to face the speaker, PFC Stout replied, "What can I do for you, dad?"

"How are you, son?" grinned Staff Sergeant Chester Stout of Santa Anna, Calif., at this Vietnam reunion with his son.

Upon his arrival in Vietnam, SSG Stout requested an assignment in the 4th Division.

"An assignment like this might have meant that Jim could be sent home," explained the 22-year Army veteran.

However his son had other ideas. He insisted on remaining with his unit, the 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Jamie Hendrix.

"Jim's wife just had a baby and the extra money he can make over here will come in mighty handy," explained Sergeant Stout.

Following his graduation from high school, PFC Stout enlisted in the Army and now he plans to become a professional soldier like his father.

"I left the decision entirely up to him," the sergeant stated, pleased at his son's choice.

Leaving the orderly room, the Stouts spent the next few hours discussing a subject of primary interest to both men—the Stout family and their life in the Army.

Patrol Retreats From Elephant

BAN ME THUOT — Sergeant Glenn Ostrander of Honolulu, Hawaii was leading a patrol south of Ban Me Thuot when suddenly he heard a thrashing movement in a bamboo thicket ahead.

"My heart quit beating," he said. "I was sure we had walked into a full regiment of NVA."

The thrashing stopped. It turned into heavy breathing. He and his companion stayed low and moved closer.

A sudden snort broke through the air—and the two "Regulars" came face to face with a bull elephant.

Both men took off at a dead run.



OPEN DOOR—The Open Door Policy is welcome when alluring Salli Sachse is on the other side of the door. For a longer look, she can be seen in AIP's "Wild in the Streets."
(Photo by Armed Forces Press Service)



PLATOON LEADER—Sergeant Terry Lappe of Omaha, Neb., a platoon leader with D Troop, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry, reflects the strain of his job during action near Ban Me Thuot. (USA Photo by SP5 John Stidham)

Pamphlet Describes 'Chieu Hoi' Program

By PFC Mike Cobb

CAMP ENARI — The United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, (MACV), has recently published a pamphlet, "Chieu Hoi The Winning Ticket," as part of a campaign to further promote the highly successful Chieu Hoi program.

Since the adoption of the Chieu Hoi Program in 1963, over 80,000 North Vietnamese Army Soldiers and Viet Cong have rallied to the government of the Republic of Vietnam.

Last year 27,178 enemy chose to work for the government of South Vietnam. Of these, over 17,500 were armed.

Translated, "Chieu Hoi" means "Open Arms." Through this program the government of South Vietnam offers a friendly hand and a new way of life to any former NVA or VC.

The program furnishes valuable information for subsequent operations against the enemy.

At the same time it weakens the communist cause through the loss of military and civilian support.

Hoi Chanh is the name given each returnee.

As a reward, the Hoi Chanh is made a useful citizen through fair treatment, indoctrination, and training.

The results of the program include far more than just the number of people. With each Hoi Chanh comes some of the best information the people of the Free World can receive on the VC and NVA and their activities.

There is no doubt that Hoi Chanh become loyal and reliable citizens, according to U.S. Army sources. They know that the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese have lied to them, broken promises and led them into endless hardships. There is a new life under the "Open Arms" Program.

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