



CARING FOR CHARLIE— A wounded North Vietnamese soldier, captured recently during Operation Sam Houston, is given a drink of water by Platoon Sergeant James P. Sheehy (Augusta, Maine), right, while an Ivy Division medic treats his injuries. The detainee was later evacuated to medical facilities. (USA Photo by Sp4 John Mahoney)

FOUR IVYMEN COMPETE

4/42nd Sergeant Wins USARV Boxing Title

Tan Son Nhut — Staff Sergeant Albert G. Coney (Detroit) of the 4th Infantry Division won the light-heavy-weight title at last week's U.S. Army Vietnam Boxing

Championships.

Sergeant Coney from Battery C, 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery, was one of four Ivy men entered in the first annual competition.

Sergeant Robert L. Sampson (Richmond, Calif.) from Company A, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, was runner-up in the middleweight division.

Private First Class Roy Bethel (Seattle) from Company B, 1/22nd, a lightweight, and Private First Class Herbert N. Keippela (Astoria, Ore.) from Headquarters (Cont'd on P-6, Col. 2)

Division Hosts Montagnard Village Chiefs

By PFC Bob Boudreaux

Dragon Mountain— Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander surveyed the assembled Montagnard chiefs before him, then spoke. "...This is the first of what I hope will develop into a 'Council of Elders'... As we are neighbors, we of the 4th Division would like to know each of you better..."

The Montagnard chiefs from the major villages in Pleiku Province had gathered in the general's mess at the Ivy Division base camp as the guests of honor during a party hosted by General Peers and his civic action staff. Transportation to the base camp was provided for the guests by the various unit S-5s sponsoring the villages.

According to Captain Donald M. Scher (Huntington, N.Y.), deputy 4th Division G-5, the primary aim of the party was to get together with the various chiefs within the division's

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3rd Brigade Sergeant Conducts English Classes For Vietnamese

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is one of the last stories written by Specialist 4 Joseph L. Jacobs (Northridge, Calif.), a member of the 4th Division's 20th Public Information Detachment assigned to the Ivy's 3rd Brigade. Specialist Jacobs died February 21 of injuries received when a vehicle in which he was a passenger hit an enemy mine.

By Sp4 Joe Jacobs

Dau Tieng—Twice a day, six days a week, Sergeant First Class Raymond E. Sanders leaves the 4th Division's 3rd Brigade base camp. Clipboard under his arm he walks to the neighboring village of Dau Tieng where he teaches English to Vietnamese school children.

As he walks, children run



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Multi-Division Force Attacks VC Stronghold In Zone C

(MACV) — Only small scattered contacts with the enemy have been reported in Operation Junction City in Tay Ninh Province.

The operation, under the control of II Field Force Vietnam, is a multi-division assault aimed at destroying Viet Cong installations in the center of War Zone C.

Elements of the 4th, 1st, 9th and 25th Infantry Divisions, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, 173rd Airborne Brigade and the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, supported by the 7th Air Force and the Army's 12th Combat Aviation Group, are sweeping into the VC stronghold.

Brigades under operational control of the 1st and 25th Divisions have been placed in a giant horseshoe-shaped formation north of Tay Ninh City and almost touching the Cambodian border.

The "horseshoe" was formed by five brigades who attacked by parachute, helicopter lift and over the ground assault.

The combat parachute assault by 173rd paratroopers was the first of the Vietnam War.

Eighty-nine enemy have been killed and 12 suspects detained since the operation began February 22. Troops

have seized 66 individual and six crew-served weapons. Units have located 183

tons of rice. Friendly casualties are light.

Troops Kill 45 Enemy; Find Two Base Camps

(MACV) — Infantrymen from the 4th Division killed 45 enemy in an eight-hour battle last week in Operation Sam Houston in the Central Highlands.

Two enemy base camps were uncovered during other significant action in the operation which is entering its third month.

Company A of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, encountered and engaged an unknown-size enemy force at 10:50 a.m. last Saturday while on patrol 70 kilometers southwest of Kontum City.

Artillery and tactical air supported the company as contact continued. Company C of the 1/12th arrived at 2:45 p.m. to join in an area

sweep. The enemy broke contact at 7:20 p.m.

The Ivy men, air strikes and artillery accounted for 45 enemy dead. Seven individual weapons were seized. Friendly casualties were light.

Company C, 1/12th, found a battalion-size enemy base camp last Thursday. The camp, estimated to be six months old, contained 50-60 bunkers and 40-50 sleeping huts.

The same day Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, located an enemy complex 64 kilometers southwest of the Kontum City and approximately 10 kilometers east of the Republic of Vietnam border.

The camp included 35 bunkers and 25 foxholes.



WOULD YOU BELIEVE?— Specialist 4 James Stiffler inspects a bunker that was recently hit by an enemy mortar. He is member of Headquarters Company of the 2nd Brigade which is operating west of Pleiku in Operation Sam Houston. (USA Photo by PFC Mick Harsell)

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'No Man's An Island'

By Chaplain (Maj.) Duie R. Jernigan

Ever stood on the edge of a pond or small lake and tossed pebbles into it?

Remember the circle of waves set in motion? First there was a tiny circle where the pebble entered the water. Then it began to grow, producing others until they finally lapped at the shore. Something had been set in motion in the middle of the pond that made its appearance on the edge.

Or, how about the childhood game of lining up dominoes. Recall how easy it was to push all the dominoes down simply by touching the first one?

Philosophers put it this way, "No man is an island." Theologians say it like this, "...none of us lives to himself and none of us dies to himself."

The truth is, anyway you look at it our lives affect others. We bear an influence, either for good or ill, each day we live. There's no way around it.

Consider the power of personal attitudes. It's sad but true. One "bad apple" often spoils the whole bushel. Bad attitudes are strong.

On the other hand, a positively healthy attitude is even more influential. An enthusiastic spirit is catching.

Place, if you will, an energetic man, full of initiative and creativity, among a group of otherwise complacent souls and watch what happens. His influence

"We give up the fort when there's not a man left to defend it."—General Croghan

spreads like fire. It rubs off on others.

Here's a question to ask yourself. How do my actions, attitudes and life affect my associates? Ever think what a fine world this would be if every man could conscientiously back up his words with proper actions?

Our Lord must have had something like this in mind when he said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Six 1/22nd 'Regulars' Receive Bronze Stars At Ceremony

Plei Djereng—Six Bronze Stars, one Army Commendation Medal for Heroism and three Purple Hearts were awarded to members of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, by Lieutenant Colonel Paul F. Braim (Hatboro, Pa.), battalion commander, during ceremonies at the 2nd Brigade forward command post recently.

Bronze Stars were awarded during the formalities to

1/12th Aid Man, 3/8th Point Man Earn Nation's Third Highest Award

Dragon Mountain—Specialist 4 Joseph A. Depeal of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, and Specialist 4 Jerry R. Hall of Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry, recently received Silver Stars for valor in combat.

Specialist Depeal (Henderson, Nev.) was cited for his actions while serving as a rifle platoon aid man.

A helicopter carrying part of Specialist Depeal's platoon crashed and burned in the highland jungle northwest of Plei Djereng.

When the specialist heard of the disaster, he immediately volunteered to rappel down to the crash site to aid possible survivors. While he was waiting to be lifted out to the crash site, small arms fire was

heard in the vicinity of the downed craft.

Not knowing whether or not it was hostile fire or ammunition explosions from the burning craft, Specialist Depeal still insisted upon rappelling in with only his pistol and aid bag.

As the chopper hovered about 100 feet from the ground, the medic rappelled down to the burning helicopter. Alone and with badly burned and blistered hands, he began treating the most seriously wounded of the survivors. All during this time, the whereabouts of the enemy was still undetermined.

After approximately 30 to 60 minutes, the rest of the platoon came to secure the area and clear a landing zone for a rescue ship. Time and

again, Specialist Depeal made trips to the downed craft to pull out unconscious and severely wounded compatriots.

Specialist Hall earned the nation's third highest combat award by his "unimpeachable valor in close combat against superior enemy forces."

Specialist Hall, a point man for a reconnaissance patrol, detected voices on the jungle trail in front of him. After notifying his platoon leader, who then deployed the rest of the patrol to flank the suspected enemy, the specialist proceeded forward alone.

About fifteen meters forward, he suddenly found himself face to face with an armed North Vietnamese soldier. The Ivyman killed him with a single burst from his weapon.

Immediately afterwards, the entire patrol was taken under heavy fire and pinned down. Specialist Hall was wounded in the head.

The fire increased to a point where it would have been impossible for the patrol to move without sustaining further casualties. Fully aware of this, Specialist Hall leaped to his feet and took an enemy automatic weapon emplacement under fire causing it to cease fire.

As the specialist was working his way back to cover, the enemy position again opened fire, wounding him in the foot. Alternating between firing and crawling, he managed to reach a covered position where he passed out.

Meanwhile, the Ivy patrol, attempting to gain fire superiority, had run low on ammunition. One of the patrol members threw his squad leader some extra ammo which fell short of his position, but near the now unconscious specialist.

Specialist Hall, regaining consciousness, immediately realized the plight of the squad leader and, crawling from his position, retrieved the ammunition and brought it back under heavy fire to the squad leader.

Upon reaching the sergeant, he once again returned fire until an enemy round struck his weapon rendering it useless.

After several minutes of vicious fighting, the patrol was able to disengage the enemy and return to a secure position where Specialist Hall's wounds were treated.

Lt. Gen. Vinh Loc Commands Vietnam's Largest Corps

Pleiku — Commander of Vietnam's largest tactical area, II Corps, is Lieutenant General Vinh Loc.

Born in Hue, Vietnam's imperial city, in 1925, the

three-star general received his education both in country and abroad.

After receiving his baccalaureate from a civilian school, he attended the Officer School at Hue and graduated in 1950. During the subsequent completion of his education he attended the Armored Cavalry School at Samur, France, and Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

His extensive military career before becoming II Corps commander included positions as commander of National Training Center, commandant of Armor Command and commander of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam's 9th Infantry Division.

The II Corps, one of Vietnam's four corps, is the largest operations area comprising almost half of the country. Eighty per cent of the Montagnard population is located in its mountainous Central Highlands.

Two divisions of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam are responsible for the military security of this very strategic region. The highlands of the II Corps area are considered one of Vietnam's major food growing areas.

Also in the area are numerous civilian irregular forces. General Vinh Loc took charge of these forces and the area in June 1965.

His major decorations include the Cross of Gallantry with Six Palm Leaves, the Army Cross (First Class) and the Croix D'Guerre.

Staff Sergeant Elijah Gary (Tacoma, Wash.), Staff Sergeant Billy F. Grindstaff (Elizabethton, Tenn.), Specialist 5 Wallace G. Wilson (Midland, Ind.), Specialist 4 Larry J. Knight (Bakersfield, Calif.), Specialist 4 Wesley L. Harris (Eatonville, Md.) and Private First Class William J. Sewell (Grantville, Ga.).

The Army Commendation Medal for Heroism was presented to Specialist 5 Glen M. Biswell (Mountain Home, Idaho) for his courageous actions while serving as a squad leader on his company's perimeter of defense.

Colonel Braim awarded Purple Hearts to Private First Class Gerald J. Archambeau (Mackaw City, Mich.), Private First Class Wayne O'Donnell (Portland, Ore.) and Private First Class Robert Rivas (Washington, D.C.).

Colonel Braim spoke briefly to his "Regulars" and congratulated them on their achievements and cited the origins of the various medals.



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EVERYBODY'S VIP

Soldiers of the 4th Division crowd around a jeep as Miss Jayne Mansfield steps out. She had just arrived at the 2nd Brigade forward command post to visit with Ivy Division troops. Miss Mansfield posed for hundreds of pictures and signed an equal amount of autographs. (USA Photo by SSgt. Bill Whitis)

3/8th 'Dragoons' Escape Unharmed From VC Booby Trap Ambush

By Capt. Ed Ciliberti

Tuy Hoa— "There were enough booby traps in that ambush to get the whole squad," said Second Lieutenant Charles Barrett (Glenville, W. Va.) when he recalled a skin-of-the-teeth brush with Viet Cong-planned death.

In fact, a quick burst of fire from the 4th Division platoon leader's rifle severed the cord operating the command-detonated demolition ambush.

The ambush which the 3rd Platoon of Company C, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry, walked into—and out of unscathed—was set up in a VC-ridden valley in the 1st Brigade's Operation Adams area.

The "Dragoons" had just completed a lunch break and were moving out to continue their search and destroy mission.

"My squad was up front," recalled Staff Sergeant Eddie Marshall. "The point man found bamboo stalks lying across the trail. I guess the VC expected my men to come rushing up into the killing zone to check it out."

Instead, Sergeant Michael Scott, the point man, called the column to a halt and checked out the position himself.

Lieutenant Barrett was in the middle of the squad. He heard a sound in the bushes to his side which he thought was the bolt of a Thompson sub-machine gun sliding a round into the chamber.

"I peered into the brush and found myself looking at

a Chinese Communist grenade," the platoon leader recalled. "Then I saw a nylon trip cord. It was beginning to stretch."

The lieutenant whipped his M-16 around and unloaded all 20 rounds from a magazine into the bushes.

"When we searched the area later," Lieutenant Barrett said, "we found that one of my first rounds had cut the string and stopped the ambush."

The men in the search found how lethal the death trap was. About 10 different types of booby traps had been spread along 100 meters of the trail. They were all set to go off with a single tug on the cord cut by the lieutenant's bullets.

Although the VC who had set up the ambush escaped, the men found the work area where the booby traps had been prepared.

"It proves one thing," the platoon leader said, "if you bunch up on a trail the VC will get a lot of soldiers in a successful ambush. Had that trap been successful and my men closed up, a lot of this platoon wouldn't be around today."

20th Engineers Push Road Deeper Into Dense Jungle

By PFC Mick Harsell

Plei Djereng — Dense jungles present special problems for road builders but the 3rd Platoon, Company C, 20th Engineers, keeps pushing the road deeper into the jungle.

The engineers are building an important link for the movement of supplies and troops into the 2nd Brigade's forward area of operations.

Lieutenant Charles E. Olson (Denver), 3rd Platoon leader, is responsible both for the security of his men and for the road construction.

"We must build bunkers for ourselves after putting in a full day's work on the road," said Lieutenant Olson.

The engineers are protected against possible attack by the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry. The "Panthers" have moved their fire base to stay with the engineers.

The battalion's Company C has patrols near the engineers' work site. Other units operate further out so that the engineers can work without fear of enemy action.

The men in the engineer platoon handle all phases of the road construction. Two crawler tractors with specially sharpened tree cutting blades take care of the trees and underbrush. One cuts the

first swath. The second widens the path and pushes fallen logs and brush out of the roadway.

A bulldozer follows leveling the ground and shaping the roadbed.

Obstacles such as rocks and large tree stumps must be blasted out. Two demolitions crews of three men each handle the explosives. One man sets the charge, the other two men help him by carrying explosives and guarding the position since the blasting crews often work ahead of the tractors where extra security is needed.

When the road crosses a stream, steel culverts are installed. The culverts are assembled from sections at the fire base and hauled by truck to the crossing site.

The road builders encounter many problems. "These trees are some of the hardest woods in the world," said Lieutenant Olson, "and sometimes it's pretty difficult to cut a path through them."

He continued, "Maps aren't always as accurate as they should be for this area. They were made by a photo process and sometimes they show the topography of the tops of the trees. The only way to tell for sure is to plow right

through.

"Maintenance is another problem area. We do as much as we can here and in a bind we can make major repairs," said the lieutenant. "However it requires a lot of effort on the part of the equipment operators and the whole platoon to keep these machines running properly."

3rd Bde Sergeant Teaches English To Vietnamese

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Sergeant Sanders feels that it is "too simple" for the students. "They grasp what the book says very quickly, so I have to elaborate."

The students recite the lessons aloud and in unison, although Sergeant Sanders says it is usually difficult to overcome their shyness and get them to recite individually.

He adds that he often has to "sound like a drill sergeant" in order to be heard over the roar of helicopters flying past.

Occasionally, he asks one of the Vietnamese interpreters assigned to the 3rd Brigade to help get across a particularly difficult lesson.

The project originated

when villagers came to Captain Charles H. Kinsey, district advisor for Vietnamese Popular and Regional Forces.

He started giving the classes himself, but, as they expanded, found he just didn't have the time. When the 3rd Brigade arrived in the area in December he asked them for help.

Fortunately, the Ivy brigade had Sergeant Sanders, who had taught English in the United States, and he willingly took the job.

His classes have been so popular that he has started adult evening classes in a continuing effort to improve American-Vietnamese relations.

Two Brothers Get Assignment In Same Area

Dau Tieng— Private First Class Peter G. Florenzano, Headquarters and Service Battery, 2nd Battalion, 77th Artillery, was somewhat surprised when someone tapped him on the shoulder as he was washing his truck.

His surprise turned to delighted astonishment when he turned to discover that the "tapper" was his brother, Staff Sergeant John D. Florenzano. Although he knew his brother was in Vietnam, PFC Florenzano hardly expected him to get assigned in the same area.

But Sergeant Florenzano had luckily been assigned as a mess sergeant for the 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, one of the units of the 4th Division's 3rd Brigade for which the 2nd Battalion, 77th Artillery provides support.

Before their reunion, the brothers had not seen each other since last August when they were both at their home in Bristol, R.I. At that time, PFC Florenzano was stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and Sergeant Florenzano was at West Point, N.Y.

6/29th 'Redlegs' Easily Adapt To Conditions In Vietnam

By Capt. Roderick Hargo

Tuy Hoa—When the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery (Faithful and True) came to Vietnam with the 4th Division, it brought a tradition of support dating from World War II.

After deactivation in 1918, the 105mm Howitzer Battalion (Towed) was reactivated in 1940 and assigned in direct support of the 8th Infantry Regiment of the Ivy Division.

Today, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Lynwood B. Lennon (Alexandria, Va.), the unit supports the Ivy's 1st Brigade.

"Can Do, Sir" is the unofficial motto of the battalion.

The words express the "exemplary spirit and aggressive nature that sets this team apart from all others," according to Colonel Lennon.

With three firing batteries supporting three infantry battalions in Operation Adams, the artillerymen make their presence known (and felt) to the Viet Cong throughout the area of operations.

The batteries have fired over 3,000 missions in support of infantry operations. Attached in general support of the 1st Brigade is Battery A, 5th Battalion, 16th Artillery, whose 155mm how-

itzers have fired over 900 missions. Together, the 105s and 155s have placed over 660 tons of ammunition against VC locations and suspected positions.

Adapting to new conditions is a challenge to each unit in Vietnam, but none have surpassed the efforts of the "Redlegs."

Their quickest adaptation to new combat techniques was the use of "Chinooks" for movement. The unit had practiced airmobile operations while at Ft. Lewis, Wash. However, there it was done with UH-1B helicopters, and the howitzers had to be dismantled.

The first move of Battery B, supporting the 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry, in Operation Adams, was the only "practice" the battery had—and it was a tactical move. The men learned quickly, and there were no major incidents.

Most of the artillerymen of the 29th favor airmobile operations to the conventional movement by trucks. Temporarily suspended are the days of guiding 2½ tons into position, lifting the spades and man-handling the howitzer into position.

Now, "Chinooks" drop the guns into positions designated by the battery commander, and there is a minimum of movement except during fire missions.

Confronted with the problem of moisture in their panoramic sights from frequent rains, the artillerymen devised an ingenious system. They cut a hole in a water-

proof fuze box, place a 100-watt light bulb in the container with the sight, and bake the moisture out.

The process takes about six to eight hours, decreasing the time the howitzer would be deadlined if the sight were placed in support ordnance activity. While one sight is baking dry, the unit uses a "float" keeping all howitzers operational at once.

The batteries are spread throughout the Operation Adams area. The S-4 Section (Logistics) has taken operational control of the battery supply rooms to make transporting supplies easier.

The system has worked so well, according to Sergeant First Class Richard LaRue, battalion supply sergeant, that the section has started a "Mobile DX" — a system of exchanging bad equipment at the field position by helicopter.

This procedure helps the troops because they don't have to do without necessary equipment that has to be turned in for repair.

Another new idea used by the 105 crews is wooden shoring made from the ends of ammo boxes placed around a rotary parapet in the gun position. This shoring allows the sections to shift rapidly, and put their "grape" on the target in minimum time.

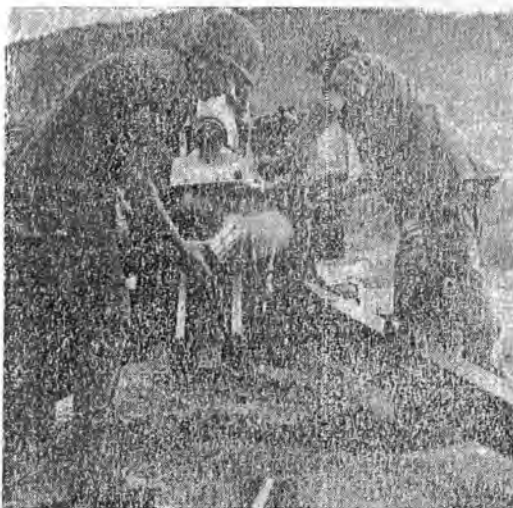
This system is especially useful during rainy seasons, when mud often causes the wheels of the howitzer to sink into the quagmire, causing displacement and possible inaccuracies.



ADJUSTING — Corporal Ronald Raczkowski (Detroit) adjusts sight on howitzer of the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery.



FUSING — Private First Class Fred C. Lyons Jr. (Danville, Wash.) fuses a projectile.



FIRING — A 105mm howitzer is fired at a suspected enemy position.

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CLEANING — Corporal Mel Vaughn (Coos Bay, Ore.) and Private First Class Tim McDaniel (Yacolt, Wash.) clean the barrel of a 105mm howitzer.



MORE THAN A HOBBY — Muscle straining on the chinning bar and lifting weights is more than a hobby for the Pathfinders. It keeps them in shape for their hazardous duties clearing jungle landing zones for helicopters. Corporal Barry J. Beggs heaves a set of 150-pound homemade weights while Private First Class William W. Bradley works out on a chinning bar.

Stretching, Straining Muscles More Than Hobby For Pathfinders

Story & Photos
By
SSgt Bill Whitis

Dragon Mountain — A tough breed of men working with the Ivy Division's 4th Aviation Battalion have devised their own miniature gym complete with homemade weights, chinning bar and parallel bars.

The equipment helps them stay in top physical shape for their demanding duties.

The Pathfinders, an elite group of airborne-qualified men, take their job seriously. "We have to stay in the best of shape," said Private First Class James A. Tarian (Royal Oak, Mich.) when asked why they took such keen interest in stretching and straining their muscles.

To say that their job is dangerous would be putting it mildly. It's downright hazardous. But they have

earned the respect of all who have seen them at work. Chopper pilots claim that the Pathfinders can do things which larger groups would hesitate to tackle.

Just what are their duties? The Pathfinders are sort of a Vietnam version of the old World War II Commandos. They operate in small groups, usually five or six to a team.

With the increasing use of helicopters in the rugged terrain of Vietnam, the problem of providing places to land had to be solved.

In the Central Highlands these unsung heroes are often called on to either jump or rappel from 4th Division helicopters while the copters hover over what appears to be inaccessible jungle areas. Their task is to clear a landing zone for the choppers.

Frequently their work must be done in some remote area close to enemy strongholds prior to a helicopter-borne assault. These jungles can be so thick that a man cannot walk through them. But the Pathfinders clear a way.

They carry the tools of their trade with them—bangalore torpedoes and other explosives to blast large holes in the forest, gasoline-operated buzz saws and machetes to hack a hole in the jungle roof.

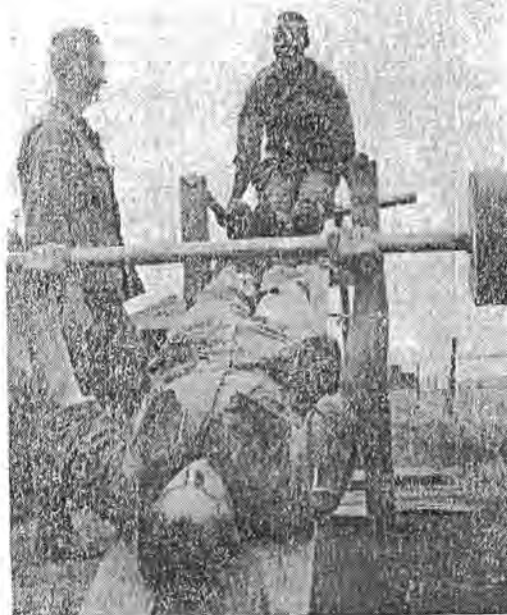
The job gets hazardous when you consider they are being dropped into areas where the enemy is known to be and friendly troops are known not to be.

It's not uncommon for the Pathfinders to have to fight their way into an area and, after the work is completed, hold it until the "birds"

carrying reinforcements arrive.

So it is easy to understand why PFC Tarian and the others want to stay in top shape. Uninformed passers-by seeing them working out with their weights would think these are just troops with a hobby.

But the Pathfinders take their game seriously... it may mean the difference between life or death for them.



LOOKS EASY BUT TRY IT — Private First Class James A. Tarian (Royal Oak, Mich.) picks up the 150-pound weights from a downhill reclining position as if they were made of straw. In the background are Private First Class Oscar M. Hansen (Provo, Utah) and Private First Class Ronald B. Banks (Ocean City, N.J.) on the parallel bars.

AFTER SEARCHING HAMLET

Ivymen, Regional Force Soldiers Join Villagers In Friendship Party

Capt. Jon L. Sampson Plei Djereng — It was a long day for the men of Company C, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry. A day filled with heat, dust, mosquitoes and the possibility of contact with the Viet Cong.

After a leisurely morning of cleaning weapons and checking equipment, First Lieutenant Jay E. Vaughn (Mayville, Ore.), Company C commander, received an order to move out and encircle a nearby hamlet suspected of harboring VC.

Lieutenant Vaughn led his company, augmented by a squad of Regional Forces soldiers from Thanh Au District, down from its hill-top positions and across the rice fields toward the village.

After stopping once for chow, the men continued to move through the twilight and darkness until they had reached their objective and completed the encirclement of the hamlet.

After an uneventful night

of watching the trails, the company moved into the hamlet and, with the help of their Vietnamese attachment, guided all of the inhabitants to the center of the village.

After a thorough search of the hamlet, and a talk with the hamlet chief, the men of Company C were invited to participate in a friendship party which consisted of eating boiled eggs and rice and drinking rice wine.

As the party progressed, Lieutenant Vaughn noticed the poor condition of many of the villagers and called for medical supplies and soap to be flown into the village. They were distributed, along with candy and cigarettes.

However, it was soon time to leave, and after much hand shaking and many smiles of thank you, the men of Company C left their new-found friends and began the long walk back.

Charlie Fails To Ruin Colonel's Copter Ride

Dau Tieng — The award ceremony at the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, was over and Colonel Marshall B. Garth

3rd Brigade commander, climbed aboard his helicopter for the ride back to the 4th Division's 3rd Brigade forward base camp at Trai Bi.

Once airborne, the pilot discovered a malfunction in the tail rotor and decided to land the helicopter at the nearby base camp of the 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry, which is nestled near the river that separates Vietnam from Cambodia.

Colonel Garth and the other five passengers then boarded a resupply helicopter to continue the trip to Trai Bi. They were aloft less than a minute when shots rang out and both of the helicopter's door gunners replied with bursts from their machine guns.

Several bullets hit the helicopter and one was found embedded in the floor of the cabin just under a gunner's foot.

But, no one was injured in the incident which occurred during the Tet truce, and the helicopter arrived safely at Trai Bi.

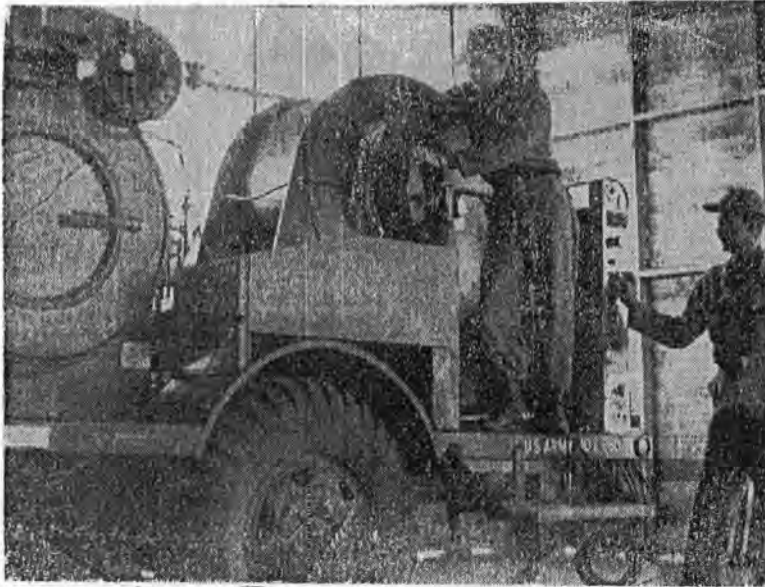
"If we mean to support the liberty and independence which have cost us so much blood and treasure to establish, we must drive far away the demon of party spirit and local reproach." — George Washington.

School Milk Program Begins At Dau Tieng

Dau Tieng — Thanks to the U.S. Army, the school children of the town of Dau Tieng are now enjoying milk with their lessons.

Through the joint efforts of Captain Charles H. Kinsey, assistant sub-sector advisor, and Second Lieutenant Edwin B.O. Lindquist of the Supply and Transportation Company (Provisional) of the 3rd Brigade, approximately 2,000 children receive milk three times each week.

The milk program currently serves the Dinh Thanh elementary school and the Bao Sinh Catholic school.



NEW WASH, DRY SERVICE—Final adjustments are made to the equipment in the 4th Division's new laundry facility. The laundry will initially have three washers and three driers, each capable of handling 60 pounds of clothes per load. Corporal Gordon R. Simonds (Oneonta, N.Y.), left, assistant section chief, and Sergeant First Class William A. Fogler, noncommissioned officer in charge of the laundry, check the machines.

(USA Photo by SSgt. Bill Whitis)

Division Hosts Montagnard Chiefs

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tactical area of operations to thank them and the Vietnamese government for their help and pledge division and

Lt. Col. Cole Now Commands 10th Cavalry

Plei Djereng—Lieutenant Colonel Thomas F. Cole (Rosewell, N. M.) assumed command of the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry, from Lieutenant Colonel Wallace H. Nutting (Saco, Maine) recently during ceremonies at the 10th Cavalry's forward base camp.

Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander, presented Colonel Nutting with the Legion of Merit for his meritorious conduct in performances of duty as squadron commander.

Colonel Nutting presented the squadron colors to Colonel Cole, symbolizing the change of command as General Peers and Brigadier General Glenn D. Walker, assistant division commander, watched from the speakers' stand.

Colonel Cole comes to the 4th Division from the United States Military Assistance Command Vietnam. He is airborne qualified and has served overseas in Japan, Korea and Germany.

province support to their villages.

As the chiefs listened to General Peers and Lieutenant Colonel Nay-Lo, Pleiku Province chief, they would occasionally nod their approval of what was being said. At the close of the speeches, each chief was presented with a plaque engraved with a pledge of friendship from the Ivy Division and Pleiku Province.

A Montagnard band composed of musicians from different tribes played a number of tribal rhythms. Background music was later provided by a jazz ensemble from the 4th Division Band as the guests gathered around the buffet table.

Lieutenant Colonel John O. Allyn (North Augusta,

S.C.), 4th Division G-5 and overall host of the party, was very pleased with the effect of the "get-together."

"I feel," he said, "that all the objectives we strove to meet were accomplished. The party was a tremendous success, both for the Montagnard elders and the 4th Division."

General Peers outlined the future prospects of the newly inaugurated program. "This," he said, "is merely a social gathering to kick off the program. In the future, a meeting house will be erected where monthly councils will be held. The aim of the councils will be to include all the hamlet chiefs within the division's tactical area of responsibility and to allow the elders to make known those needs most prevalent in their villages."

Boxing

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Company, 1/22nd, a heavy-weight, were eliminated in early bouts.

Major Charles R. Kuder (Atlanta, Ga.), 4th Division Special Services officer and coach of the four Ivy boxers, felt his boys "did an admirable job for the short time they had to practice."

The four Ivy men have been invited back to Saigon to participate in exhibition bouts for patients at the 3rd Field Hospital March 11. The four are also planning to enter a tournament at Long Binh March 28-30.

2/22nd Uncovers Cache Of VC Radio Equipment In Operation Gadsden

Dau Tieng—It's back to the "jungle drums" for Charlie—that is, if he wants to send any messages. He may be a little short on communication equipment now, thanks to the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry of the 3rd Brigade.

While taking part in Operation Gadsden approximately 15 miles northwest of Tay Ninh, the Ivy mechanized unit uncovered a large cache of Viet Cong radio equipment.

The equipment, found near

the Cambodian border, included an AM radio, 37 field telephones, four hand generators, two fuel generators, 10 boxes of spare radio parts, five antennas, a transmitter, five voltmeters and two battery packs. Also in the cache were 20 pounds of Viet Cong documents and a M98 Mauser rifle.

Some of the field telephones have already been put to good use at the brigade's forward base camp at Trai Bi. Although the telephones are of Chinese Communist origin, they are coexisting peacefully and functioning nicely with the U.S. Army switchboard.

So Charlie may be surprised one night to discover that the artillery rounds falling on him have been called in by one of his own telephones.

Free Laundry Service Begins At Base Camp

Dragon Mountain—A free laundry service for all units stationed at the 4th Division's base camp opened last month.

The new laundry service is provided by the Field Service Company, 243rd Quartermaster General Support.

According to Sergeant First Class William A. Fogler (Denver), noncommissioned officer in charge of the laundry, "We hope to give three-day service to the more than 50 units stationed at the Dragon Mountain base camp."

The sergeant explained that his men will not be able to iron clothes, but that they guarantee the garments will be thoroughly clean and dry when they come back.

The laundry will operate three washers and three driers, each capable of handling 60 pounds of clothes per load.

Before coming to Vietnam two months ago, the Army laundrymen were stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C. When they first arrived in country, they set up at the Pleiku Sub Area for a short time before moving to the 4th Division base camp.

Lt. Col. Wilcox New Commander Of 'Red Warriors'

Plei Djereng—Lieutenant Colonel George Wilcox (Ogden, Utah), former 2nd Brigade executive officer, succeeded Lieutenant Colonel James R. Lay (Walhalla, S.C.) as 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry commander during ceremonies held recently at the unit's temporary fire base west of Plei Djereng.

Colonel Lay has assumed a position in the division's G-3 operations section.

Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander, awarded the Bronze Star to Colonel Lay for his meritorious service while serving with the "Red Warriors" during Operations Paul Revere III and IV.

The officers and enlisted men of the battalion then presented their departing commander with a mounted AK-47 rifle.

Colonel Lay concluded the ceremony by presenting the battalion colors to Colonel Wilcox. Three F-100 Phantom Jets made a double run over the fire base in a salute to the new commander.

"We can't cross a bridge until we come to it, but I always like to lay down a pontoon ahead of time."—Bernard M. Baruch

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