

Platoon From 1st Brigade Attacked By Enemy Force

(MACV)—A platoon from the 4th Division's 1st Brigade participating in Operation Adams was attacked by an unknown-sized enemy force at 12:13 a.m. yesterday 28 kilometers northwest of Tuy Hoa in Phu Yen Province.

The enemy force penetrated the platoon position using grenades and satchel charges. Contact terminated at 12:45 a.m.

A mechanized reaction force had been immediately dispatched and hit two mines enroute. The force closed at the contact site at 3:35 a.m.

Initial reports on friendly casualties list 10 killed, 25 wounded and three missing. Enemy losses were not reported.

Saigon — A fire support base of a 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division battalion was hit by two mortar attacks during the past week in Operation Sam Houston.

A 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry fire base, located 70 kilometers southwest of Kontum City, received 50 rounds of enemy 82mm mortar fire the night of March 2. Thirty rounds landed within the perimeter in an eight-minute period. Friendly casualties were light.

Early the next morning a second mortar attack took place against the same fire base. This time 40 rounds were fired at the Ivymen but all landed outside the perimeter. There were no friendly casualties.

4/42nd's Battery B Trains CIDG Forces To Fire Howitzers

Plei Djereng — Battery B (Provisional) of the 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery, is currently training Montagnard Civilian Irregular Defense Group forces to fire 105mm howitzers.

With the two-fold purpose of training CIDG forces and supplying fire support for the 2nd Brigade forward command post, the men of Battery B began the training period in January.

Under the direction of First Lieutenant William R. Mason (Springfield, Mo.), battery commander, 26 Montagnard trainees practice crew drill and fire direction control procedures six and one-half days a week.

The use of three Montagnard dialects among the

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Infantrymen from the 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry, and Troop A, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry, killed 14 enemy while suffering no friendly casualties in Operation Adams March 1.



TIME OUT FROM THE WAR

Chaplain (Major) Howard T. Lee prepares to conduct mass for soldiers of the 4th Division's 2nd Brigade at their forward fire base west of Pleiku. The Ivy Division chaplains go right along with the troops and are always ready to talk with any soldier at any time. (USA Photo by PFC Mick Harsell)

3/22nd Troops, 2/77th Artillerymen Assist Besieged 2/12th Company

Dau Tieng — Accurate close supporting artillery fire, quick response of nearby friendly forces, and calm professionalism of members of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry, saved their unit from being overrun in a two-hour battle during Operation Junction City.

Company B of the 3rd Brigade, 4th Division battalion was conducting a search and destroy mission in the northwest portion of War Zone C when it was attacked by two reinforced companies of Viet Cong.

As the Ivy company approached a clearing near the suspected site of a sizeable VC base camp, the Ivymen were taken under fire from six machine guns, an equal number of automatic weapons, and small arms and grenades from at least a company-size force to their front.

They returned the fire and began to receive fire from the rear by an equal size force.

Captain Leon R. Mayer, Company B commander, radioed for fire support and

within minutes a rain of 105mm, 155mm and eight-inch shells ringed the surrounded company.

During the fire fight, supporting units poured in over 1000 rounds, hitting the attacking Viet Cong in their ground positions and knocking snipers from trees.

This close, extremely accurate fire which had been placed within 25 meters of the trapped company was described by Colonel Marshall B. Garth, 3rd Brigade commander, as "the finest I have seen to date."

The enemy was repelled long enough to allow Company B of the 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, to come in and reinforce the 2/12th company and help drive off the Viet Cong.

Captain Walter Shugart, commander of the 3/22nd company, moved his men through 1500 meters of dense jungle in just 30 minutes to assist the defending unit.

The Viet Cong fled during the night leaving 12 dead.

Colonel Garth told both company commanders that they had done an outstanding

job. He personally congratulated members of the division's 2nd Battalion, 77th Artillery.

ASST. COMMANDER FOR SUPPORT

Brig. Gen. Ryder Fills Vacant Division Post

Dragon Mountain — Brigadier General Charles W. Ryder Jr. (Charleston, S.C.) has joined the 4th Infantry Division as the assistant division commander for support, a position that has been vacant for the past two months.

Already a seasoned Vietnam campaigner, General Ryder came to the Ivy Division from the 199th Light Infantry Brigade. As its commanding general, he brought the brigade to Vietnam last year.

A 1942 graduate of West Point, the 46-year-old general has attended the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

During World War II he

IN JUNCTION CITY

3rd Brigade Units Uncover 12 Base Camps

Dau Tieng — Elements of the 3rd Brigade, 4th Division, participating in Operation Junction City have uncovered numerous Viet Cong base camps since the massive operation began last month.

The 12 base camps discovered so far are varied in size from small, one and two man positions to larger complexes containing bunkers, trench networks, tunnel systems, mess areas, storage buildings, hospitals and extensive living facilities.

Supplies such as ammunition, mines, grenades, tons of rice and salt, small arms, telephones, medical supplies, tobacco, tea and soap have been confiscated.

Many of the base camps were recently occupied. Decorations of flowers, flags, and paper symbols for the Tet New Year were still on display when the Ivymen uncovered the cleverly hidden camps.

served in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes-Alsace, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. He went to Korea in August 1953 and commanded the 9th Infantry Regiment.

The general, who is a senior parachutist, commanded the 1st Brigade (Airborne), 8th Infantry Division, from June 1964 to July 1966.

The combat veteran wears the Combat Infantryman Badge, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Purple Heart and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.



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SILVER, BRONZE STARS

Maj. Gen. Weyand Presents Awards To 2/22nd Soldiers

Dau Tieng — Major General Fred C. Weyand, 25th Infantry Division commander, recently presented awards to five members of the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 4th Infantry Division, at the battalion's base camp.

The awards were for heroic actions during Operation Gadsden.

Colonel Marshall B. Garth, 3rd Brigade commander, accompanied General Weyand

to the award ceremonies.

The Silver Star was presented to Staff Sergeant Frank Contreras for "unimpeachable valor" in destroying three enemy rifle positions, a machine gun position and carrying several wounded men through enemy fire to safety.

Awarded the Bronze Star for Valor were Staff Sergeant Karoly E. Denes, Staff Sergeant Maldonado F. Lopez, Specialist 4 Clarence M. Butler Jr. and Specialist 4 Tracy L. Slater.

2/12 Radio-Telephone Operator Receives Bronze Star Medal

Dau Tieng — A man devoted to his friends with a strong desire to "stay and fight" has won himself the Bronze Star for Valor.

Specialist 4 Brian L. Neal, a member of the Reconnaissance Platoon with the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry, was working as the radio telephone operator on a routine patrol near the 3rd Brigade base camp at Dau Tieng.

The patrol was moving across a well-traveled jungle trail when three Viet Cong were encountered only 10 feet away.

Lieutenant William Bradbury, Specialist Neal's patrol leader, attempted to fire his M-16, but it had a malfunction. Specialist Neal quickly moved up and opened fire — killing one enemy soldier.

The patrol was able to withdraw, but Specialist Neal sustained a serious eye injury which impaired his vision.

After pleading with Lieutenant Bradbury not to be airlifted out of the action, Specialist Neal and the rest of the platoon members were loaded into armored personnel carriers to check out another area.

As the APC's broke through the jungle a command detonated mine exploded and the track in which Specialist Neal was riding turned over from the impact.

Specialist Neal suffered serious burns by ignited oil and battery acid, but again refused evacuation or treatment until his comrades had

been treated first.

Lieutenant Colonel J. F. Elliot, battalion commander, presented Specialist Neal with the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.



By Capt. Terry C. Bonham
Deputy Staff Judge Advocate

All United States citizens, including those serving on active duty in a combat zone, who have earned a gross income of \$600.00 or more must file an income tax return.

Serviceman in the Vietnam combat zone, however, have been granted a grace period that extends to 180 days after their return from this overseas area in which to file their return.

This grace period does not apply to dependents of serviceman who wish to file a separate return.

This extension is further applicable to individuals hospitalized as a result of foreign service in a combat area who are confined to a hospital outside the United States.

This postponement applies to the filing of a service member's individual tax return or a joint return filed with his wife.

It does not apply to an individual tax return filed by a service member's wife. She must conform to the April 15 filing date required by law.

If a husband and wife decide to file separately, they must both file on the same type of form. That is, if the husband decides to file on



Courage

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John C. Brady

Courage is defined as the mental or moral strength to venture, preserve and withstand danger, fear or difficulty. It implies firmness of mind and will in the face of danger or extreme difficulty.

A man of courage has been described as a man of mettle — a man of resolution — and, in the jargon of our times, a man with guts.

It is a quality that is not found only in the soldier in the thick of battle. The courageous man can be found at any time in any place and under varying circumstances.

Such a man was Patrick Henry. In the face of extreme opposition at the Revolutionary Convention in Virginia, he stood before a most hostile convocation and gave his famous speech with con-

viction and courage.

"Should I keep my opinions at such a time through fear of giving offense, I should consider myself as guilty of high treason toward my country and of disloyalty to the Majesty of Heaven, which I revere above all earthly kings.

"Besides, sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, who will fight our battles for us.

"The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave... it is now too late to retire from the contest. There is no retreat now but in submission and slavery. Our chains are forged. Their clinking may be heard in the plains of Boston. The war is inevitable: let it come. I repeat, sir, let it come."

Kwajalein Girl Scouts Treat 'Redlegs' To Cookies

Plei Djereng— The men of the 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery, were all smiles as boxes of homemade cookies were recently distributed among the firing batteries.

The cookies, sent by American Girl Scouts from the atoll of Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands, were received by Major R. W. Parker, a former resident of Kwajalein.

If an individual wishes to file a joint return with his wife while he is still in Vietnam, he can satisfy the requirement of signing the form in one of three ways.

He can fill out the form and mail it signed to his wife, who in turn will sign it and file the return; his wife can file the return without the service member's signature by employing his power of attorney; or finally, his wife can write the statement "In Military Service in Vietnam" in the space provided for the service member's signature and file the return.

For further guidance on your income tax return, consult your unit tax officer.

A Letter To 'Anyone In Vietnam'

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter, addressed to "Anyone in the Armed Forces, Vietnam, Asia," was forwarded to the 4th Infantry Division Information Office from Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Dear Sir,

If I were in Vietnam I would want someone state-side to write to me, so I would like to expose a person to my extended friendship. Some people think nothing of our men in Vietnam. I think a lot of them. They are protecting my freedom.

I am a student at McKnight Junior High School. I am only 13. I like to water ski and go boating.

I hope you will get to come back to the United States soon. I would like to know where in Vietnam you are and what you do. When you read this letter you can think of all the people who care about you in the United States. Would you write to me?

Your, hope to be, friend,
John

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Renton, Washington

Federal Income Tax Guide Available For Troops

A new 55-page publication, "Federal Income Tax Information for Service Personnel," is now available to servicemen.

The guide is complete with charts, definitions of terms, an index to terms and detailed information on how to file a return.

The publication costs 20 cents and can be obtained by writing to Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.



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'Panther' Battalion Can't Escape Needle

Story & Photo

by

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Plei Djereng — You can't escape the needle. At least that's the way it seems to the men of the 4th Division's 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry.

About twice a month

Hey, What Are You Growing In That Garden?

Dau Tieng— Members of the Medical Aid Station, 2nd Battalion, 77th Artillery, suddenly realized that the small oval green "fruit" unearthed in their garden was not a watermelon, as row markers indicated.

"Lettuce us do it," one man said.

"No, I'd radish do it myself," the other answered as the dirt was carefully brushed away.

A closer look revealed a Chinese-type grenade, a "pineapple" if you prefer, but the men of medical section seemed rather undaunted by the whole situation because last month they harvested a mortar round.

"We're pre-pared for anything in our garden," a man said.

"But," another laughed, "you should have seen one guy beet it out of here when he saw the pineapple."

Recommendations have been received to arm the gardeners with mine sweepers rather than rakes and hoes.

1/22nd Troops Prepare For Monsoon Season

Plei Djereng — The men of Company C, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, took advantage of a recent lull in the fighting during Operation Sam Houston to conduct extensive training in river crossing techniques.

In the training, the company crossed the Se San River in preparation for the upcoming monsoon rains that will swell the Central Highlands streams into formidable barriers.

"The class was not only educational," remarked Specialist 4 Ricardo R. Hernandez (Dededo, Guam), "but it was also a good way to cool off and get my laundry done."

The river crossing instruction was taught by First Lieutenant Jim Bradley (Colorado Springs, Colo.), formerly an instructor at the "Ranger School" before joining the "Regulats."

teams from the battalion's surgeons office show up at the forward fire base to check shot records. They're carrying the necessary needles and vaccines to bring even the most neglected shot record up-to-date.

The teams' visits are scheduled to take advantage of the "Panther" battalion's system of rotating fire base security among the companies.

According to Captain Antone F. Salel (Oakland, Calif.), battalion surgeon, the teams bring vaccines for all shots. Plague and cholera shots are those which are most often needed because they are required at more frequent intervals.

The vaccination teams include Lieutenant Eric W. Clifford (Kennebec, Wash.), battalion medical operations assistant, and two battalion medics. They are assisted by company medics at the fire base.

The vaccines, which must be kept cool to retain their strength, are stored under refrigeration at the battalion aid station and taken to the fire base in an insulated ice chest.

Groans may be heard when the Ivymen see the vaccination team setting up but they get in line.

"They know if their shot record isn't up-to-date, they'll have to come to us around R & R time. It's easier to get the shots as they need them, than all at once," said Lieutenant Clifford.

2/35th Troops Find Large Arms Cache

Plei Djereng — A large cache of explosives, ammunition and weapons was found recently by Company C, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, while participating in the 4th Division's Operation Sam Houston.

The company was conducting a search and destroy mission in the dense jungle west of Nam Sathay River when the troops came upon a small hut that contained the enemy ordnance.

Included in the find were three 60mm mortars and four French light machine guns. All were coated with cosmoline and carefully wrapped.

Seven bangalore torpedoes, six cases of a plastic explosive resembling C-4, one can of blasting caps, six boxes of rifle grenades, 6,000 rounds



GET THE POINT—With looks of grim resignation, 4th Division soldiers line up for shots. Specialist 4 Enoch Flores (Delano, Calif.), a medic, wields the needle at 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry forward fire base as part of the battalion surgeon's program to keep shot records up to date. On the receiving end is Private First Class John G. Tzekakos (Perth Amboy, N.J.)

Crowd Eagerly Awaits Arrival Of 704th Civil Affairs Team

By Capt. Lee F. Hardy Jr.

Dragon Mountain — An apple a day may keep the doctor away, but when the apples and the medics arrive at the same time — that's a real healthy occasion.

It was just that for the villagers of the tiny hamlet of Plei Cham Neh recently when Captain Harry R. Peterson (South Bristol, Maine) and his civic action

team from the 704th Maintenance Battalion paid them a visit.

"Just along for the ride" with the 4th Division troops was Miss Yael Dayan, an Israeli journalist. She was in Vietnam for a short time to discuss the civic action activities of Free World units throughout the Republic.

"I'm most impressed that you have teams working full time at this work," said Miss Dayan, "and from the reactions of the villagers I'd say work has been most beneficial."

Captain Peterson and his team visited two of the villages which he and his team have been assisting. At the tiny hamlet of Plei Brong Rongol they checked on their newly-completed spillway.

Lieutenant Andrew Lattu (Millbrae, Calif.) of the 41st Civil Affairs Team remarked, "One of our biggest problems has been instilling in these people a desire to bathe and stay clean. These spillways have provided them with an ample water supply. We anticipate building more spillways in the near future."

The short trip from Plei Brong Rongol to its neighboring hamlet, Plei Cham Neh, was a dusty one and the rising dust from the convoy alerted the villagers in advance. There was a crowd waiting for their U.S. friends at the village gate when the Ivymen arrived.

Mothers eagerly brought

their babies out to the impromptu aid station and Specialist 5 Walter J. Martin (Lenapeh, Okla.) and Specialist 4 George W. St. Pierre (Pawtucket, R.I.) were kept busy attending to the needs of the youngsters.

Meanwhile, Private Noe C. Ruiz (Fort Stockton, Tex.) was busy passing out the Washington apples that the team had brought with them to a gang of spunky youngsters who crowded around for the sweet treats.

"This is very satisfying work," commented Specialist Martin, "The Montagnards are very friendly, industrious people eager to help themselves. Our job is to make that ambition more possible. Their biggest needs are simple medical aid and soap."

"Just plain old soap — something to help them keep clean." We've initiated "bathing parties" in our villages, and everyone has taken to it like a big important game. We use all the soap we get our hands on."

The convoy departed the village to the waves and friendly cheers of the entire hamlet population.

"That's what makes our work a success," Captain Peterson quipped, "they're happy to see us come and they're a little happier when we leave. We'll be back to see them again in a few days."

'Chargin' Charlie' Commander Guides His Troops Through Day Of Terror

By PFC Bob Boudreaux

Plei Djereng — On February 15, the lives of the men in "Chargin' Charlie," 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, were in extreme danger.

An estimated reinforced company of North Vietnamese Army regulars was using every weapon in its power in a frantic attempt to blast the courageous Ivy unit off a lonely hilltop near Plei Djereng.

On the shoulders of a quiet, relentless, 26-year-old man rested the fate of "Chargin' Charlie."

It was the day of truth for Captain Edward D. Northrop Jr. (Linthicum Heights, Md.) and, for the first time in his life, time seemed to stand absolutely still.

His face was still drawn and haggard from the ordeal as he chain-smoked and sipped hot coffee outside the doorway of his command bunker.

All around him, the activity of rebuilding fortified positions, unloading of supplies and clearing of jungle foliage gave one the impression of being in a giant ant colony.

"Huey" gunships constantly droned overhead, flying recon missions in the surrounding hills.

"It was about 6:30 a.m.



PALS—Corporal Albert F. Provost (Warren, R.I.) is all wrapped up with his pal, a baby (3½ foot) python. "We are inseparable," the "Huey" helicopter crew chief said. The reptile fancier is a member of the 155th Assault Helicopter Squadron based at Ban Me Thuot. The heavily-armed choppers are supporting 4th Division troops in Operation Sam Houston.

(USA Photo by SSgt. Bill Whitis)

when they first hit us," said Captain Northrop.

"We had sent out a patrol to sweep the perimeter and report back to the CP. About 50 meters outside the perimeter all 'hell' broke loose. I ordered the patrol back into the perimeter, but they were pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire.

"I called in artillery fire to provide cover, and on the way back in the men knocked out one of the machine gun positions.

"From that time until about 9 p.m., the situation remained hairy. They threw everything in the book at us and they would have even thrown the book if they'd had it.

"Most people," continued Captain Northrop, "think of the NVA soldier as a poorly equipped, highly inefficient individual. On the contrary, they are very well equipped and their discipline is fantastic.

"At times they would abruptly stop fighting and

just sit quietly. Each time we would attempt to sweep the area they would hit us hard again.

"I found myself operating six telephones and a number of radios simultaneously. I was constantly readjusting artillery, calling in air strikes and checking out positions. My platoon leaders did a heck of a job during the entire conflict."

The decisions had to be made instantaneously, for any hesitation could mean the end for one of Captain Northrop's men.

"He hasn't been CO of this company very long," said First Sergeant Francisco Pereda, "but the way he handled the situation and directed 'Chargin' Charlie's' defenses was phenomenal. I wouldn't have traded places with him for the world. He's a real leader and the men will do anything in the world for him."

As evening began falling, the battle-weary captain rose and began a painstaking inspection of the company's defenses. Everywhere he went, the men would pause and listen to what he had to say.

He had guided them through a day of terror with very slight casualties while almost completely annihilating the enemy. He was their leader.

"They're my men," said Captain Northrop, "and I'm going to see that they make it home."

4th Admin Supply Crew Outfits 271 New Ivymen

Dragon Mountain—Supply is everybody's business, says an old adage, and recently almost everybody in the 4th Division's 4th Administration Company was involved.

It was "crash project" day in the company's supply complex, and at the end of a hectic three-day period, 271 new replacements for the Ivy Division were completely outfitted for combat.

"It all went smoothly," said Staff Sergeant Clifton H. Hunt (Norwalk, Ohio), "but I'm sure glad we don't get that kind of crowd every day."

Sergeant Hunt is the supply sergeant for the Administration Company and organized the mass issue.

"It was all a matter of co-operation," the supply



C-RATIONS MUST GO

Responsible for getting supplies to the 4th Division's 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry fire base is Specialist 5 Santos Vasquez (Corpus Christi, Tex.). His four-man crew loads rations, mail, ammunition and other necessities on to helicopters for transportation to the men who are taking part in Operation Sam Houston in the Central Highlands. (USA Photo by PFC Mick Harsell)

Six-Man Team Inspects Records At Fire Bases

Plei Djereng — A six-man team from the 4th Infantry Division's Personnel

Services Division (Records Branch), under the direction of First Lieutenant Dennis Burke (Chicago), recently ventured to the 2nd Brigade forward command post and on to forward fire bases to update and correct records of the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry and 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery.

During the team's first evening at the brigade command post, a mortar attack sent the men scrambling for foxholes and bunkers.

"Quite an experience," commented Specialist 4 Lonnie Francisco (Findlay, Ill.), "but not as frightening as I'd expected."

Other less dangerous encounters seemed to intrigue the administration personnel. While at the brigade command post, the team, acting as a security element, accompanied numerous medical civic action program missions into remote Montagnard villages in the area.

Throughout their six-day mission the team frequently loaded files on to helicopters and flew to forward fire bases to inspect records.

Believe It Or Not, 2/77th Artillerymen Treated To Lobster

Dau Tieng — When the men of Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 77th Artillery, walked into their mess hall for noon chow recently a new and strange aroma filled their nostrils.

"What's that?" a 3rd Brigade, 4th Division soldier said as he pointed to some hard shell dish in front of him.

"I don't like the looks of that," another said as the dish stared right back at him.

The cooks remained silent, letting the men decide for themselves.

A further examination found the meal to consist of Homos Americanus Crustacean—King of the Ocean—in other words it was lobster.

Many of the men had never tasted the delicate meat before and were quite pleased with the first bite—after they found the secret of getting the meat out of the hard red shell.

Lobster is considered a delicacy throughout most areas of the world, and it was quite surprising to have it turn up in a combat zone for a soldier's dinner.

The meal was such a hit that one sergeant went back for seconds—12 times.

From Gas And Oil To Ice Cream

4th S&T Keeps Ivy Division Well Equipped

Dragon Mountain—The service support mission of the 4th Supply and Transportation Battalion includes operations in transportation, graves registration, batch service, and trash disposal.

Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel J. Peter Jacques, the S & T Battalion is one of the key supply links in the chain that stretches from the United States to the forward combat

areas. The transportation section augments the transport capability organic to other units. A fleet of 35 trucks is available to assist the battalion in supply activities and to move combat units when necessary.

Company B's "Forty Thieves" were a familiar sight on the convoy run between Qui Nhon and Pleiku when conexes and WEBTOC pack-

ages were being hauled to the Dragon Mountain base camp.

The center of supply activities at Dragon Mountain is the Division Supply Office. Unit requisitions for quartermaster, signal, ordnance, and engineer equipment are processed by the office.

A Class I ration breakdown point distributes as much as 20 tons of food supplies a day to units in base camp.

A 15-ton ice plant is planned to provide a reliable ice source for all base camp units.

A Class II & IV section handles everything from boots to wrenches, from rubber bands to rifles. There are actually three activities in this section—the direct exchange (DX) facility, the self-service supply center, and the regular

Class II & IV issue point.

The DX facility operates both in base camp and in the forward areas and it provides an exchange system for such items as field gear, personal clothing, fatigues, and boots. Items are checked by salvage inspectors and, if declared unserviceable, are replaced by serviceable items.

The self-service supply center stocks expendable goods, such as office supplies, tools, paint, and paper products, which are issued as required.

The II & IV issue point distributes TO&E and specially required equipment to units as authorized by the Division Supply Office. Parachute riggers assigned to the point give the unit an aerial resupply capability.

The Class III yard is the "friendly neighborhood service station" for Dragon Mountain. Gasoline, diesel,

fuel, aviation gas, JP-4, and lubricants and oils are constantly checked for quality control before being dispensed.

The graves registration team is an augmentation to the regular battalion organization. It is responsible for identifying and processing deceased personnel and personal effects.

The bath section is also an augmentation. The base camp shower point serves approximately 900 people daily.

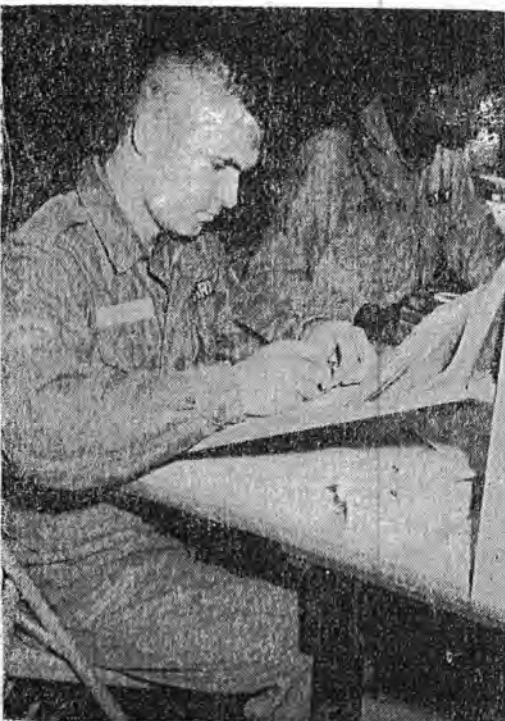
S & T is also responsible for base camp trash disposal. The sanitary fill at Dragon Mountain has been commended as one of the best trash disposal systems in the country.

Whether it be a request for ice cream, an exchange of jungle boots, or a mission to transport a combat force to a forward area of operations, the S & T Battalion is ready to meet the requirement, day or night.



FILLER UP—Keeping the 4th Division's vehicles full of gas is one of the many functions of the division's Supply and Transportation Battalion. Staff Sergeant William C. E. Fry, 124th Signal Battalion, fills his vehicle while Private First Class Doryl Weinstock (Watertown, Ohio), Company A, 4th S&T Battalion, records the number of gallons dispensed.

Photos
By
124th Signal Bn



OOPS, WRONG STOCK NUMBER—Specialist 5 Robert H. Riley (Safford, Ariz.), left, carefully checks stock record cards at the 4th Division Supply Office.



LOAD 'EM UP—Fresh fruit and vegetables are being loaded for a 4th Division unit. Loading the fresh food are, from left, Private Robert D. Grant (Henrietta, Okla.), Company A, 4th S & T Battalion, Specialist 4 James Hall, Company E, 704th Maintenance Battalion, and Private First Class George Rivera (Cheyenne, Wyo.), Company A, 4th S & T.



JUNGLE TRAIL

Two soldiers on patrol with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, thread their way through thick jungle growth in the Central Highlands. Units participating in Operation Sam Houston, conducted by the 4th Infantry Division, have been in contact with the enemy for the past several weeks. (USA Photo by PFC Mick Harsell)

Brig. Gen. Lee Commands II Corps Advisory Group

Pleiku — Brigadier General Richard M. Lee is currently serving as deputy senior advisor to the II Corps area and commander to the II Corps Advisory Group, Military Assistance Command Vietnam, in Pleiku.

Born in Moscow, Idaho, General Lee attended the University of Maryland and received a bachelor of art in pre-law. Upon graduation he attended Harvard School of Law but entered the Army as a second lieutenant upon the outbreak of World War II.

He obtained a masters degree in international relations from Princeton. In 1943 he completed the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth,

Kan., and in 1957 the Army War College.

During WWII he served with the 89th Infantry Division. General Lee commanded the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment in Japan from October 1954 to May 1955 and later commanded the 1st Battle Group, 3rd Infantry (The Old Guard) at Ft. Myer, Va., from April 1960 to July 1962.

He attended the U.S. Army Special Warfare School at Ft. Bragg, N.C., prior to becoming advisor to Vietnam's largest corps area.

CIDG

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pupils has created a few minor communication problems, but the class readily understands commands given in English. Interpreters are only used when detail explanations are necessary.

After the training period the CIDG forces will put their newly acquired skills to use at the Special Forces camp near Plei Djereng.

Ivyman Hurls Grenades At Enemy To Cover 2/8th Patrol's Withdrawal

Plei Djereng — Private First Class Ralph L. Gravitt, a 4th Division soldier, has been nominated for the "Pitcher of the Year" award by the his buddies.

They figure that his unerring aim — with hand grenades, not baseballs—struck out several North Vietnamese soldiers when a patrol from Company B, 2nd Battalion,

8th Infantry, was ambushed recently.

PFC Gravitt (Detroit) and two of his friends stayed behind to help cover the patrol's withdrawal to the company perimeter.

The three crouched behind a fallen tree. Below them in the thick undergrowth they could see bushes moving, but the curving slope of the hill

protected the enemy from their fire.

"I unhooked a hand grenade," said Specialist 4 Steve Fyten (San Francisco), "but Ralph yelled, 'No Fyten, let me throw it.' So I gave it to him.

"His first toss wasn't very good because they threw a Chinese Communist grenade back at us," Specialist Fyten continued, "but their hand grenades aren't as good as ours.

"It landed fairly close to us but it didn't do any harm. Then I gave PFC Gravitt another one and he threw it. We looked over the log and we could see where it hit. We saw the bushes move like an NVA was trying to get away but he wasn't fast enough. It got him."

Sergeant Joe Eyraud (Bakersville, Calif.) gave his grenades to PFC Gravitt too. With PFC Gravitt's own, the total count was 14 balls and hopefully 14 strikes.

"By the time we were out of grenades the patrol was safely back inside the company's perimeter. So we took off running and made it in," said Specialist Fyten.

'Regulars' Lend Aid To Accident Victims

Plei Djereng — Four "Regulars" from Company B, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, recently came to the aid of a group of Montagnard villagers injured in an accident on Highway 19.

The four, Specialist 4 William D. Hiller, Specialist 4 Paul M. Metoyer, Specialist 4 Kennie L. Nelson and Specialist 4 David V. Harris, were returning from a road security mission during Operation Sam Houston along the busy highway when they came to the scene of the accident just prior to dusk.

A Lambretta carrying the villagers back to their hamlets for the night had run off the road and plunged down a 50-foot embankment and overturned, injuring the passengers.

Personnel from the convoy were placed in security around the area while the four Ivy troopers went to the assistance of the injured.

The less-seriously hurt were evacuated in make-shift stretchers to the top of the embankment and treated by members of the convoy.

There were two individuals in the vehicle who appeared to have sustained more serious injuries. Medical

assistance was requested from battalion headquarters and a "dust-off" helicopter was dispatched to the scene.

By now night had fallen. Faced with the problem of providing a lighted landing zone for the incoming chopper, the Ivy troops doubled their security of the area and lit an open meadow with the headlights from their armored personnel carriers.

The chopper was able to land safely and evacuated the injured civilians without incident.

MEDCAP TO 'VETCAP'

1/10th Cavalry Treats Villagers' Sick Cattle

By PFC Norman Johnson

Plei Ring De — The 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry, 4th Division, recently extended its civic action program from MEDCAP to "VETCAP" in a pilot project in the village of Plei Ring De.

While on a medical civic action program mission in the village, the Montagnards asked the medics to look at their cattle.

The medics didn't know that much about cattle, but First Lieutenant James S. Mighells (Hornell, N.Y.), who was accompanying the team, did.

Lieutenant Mighells, who was raised on a farm and had his own herd of cattle before he came into the service, found that the animals had almost every disease known to cattle, many of which are almost non-existent in the United States.

All the cattle had massive intestinal infections, ranging from worms to bacteria and viruses. Hoof and mouth disease was widespread.

Most of the cows are sterile

because of the diseases and of the few calves that are born about half die of scours.

One of the problems that the team ran into was convincing the Montagnards that the treatment would be beneficial. The Ivy men are trying to show the people that by feeding the cattle low-level antibiotics they can keep the animals healthy.

The team is making up one to two-pound packages of supplemental feed.

The "VETCAP" team is also working to get the province veterinarian officers out into the hamlets so that they can show the villagers what needs to be done and let them know what vaccines are available through the U.S. Agency for International Development.

"The Montagnards' income is from rice, bananas and cattle," said Lieutenant Mighells. "We are trying to help them in such a way that they can help themselves."

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