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Captain Receives Ivy Division's First Distinguished Service Cross

Oasis — Captain Harold V. Floody Jr. of 4th Division Artillery last week received the Ivy Division's first Distinguished Service Cross.

Lieutenant General Stanley R. Larsen, I Field Force commander, made the presentation during an honor guard ceremony at the 2nd Brigade's forward command post.

The general also awarded five Silver Stars and two

Distinguished Flying Crosses.

Captain Floody was decorated for extraordinary heroism last November when he commanded the 2nd Brigade's Battery B, 4th Battalion, 12nd Artillery during a three-day battle.

The action began for the officer as his guns were being helilifted into a new landing zone. He noticed another helicopter being shot down by nearby enemy emplacements.

However, he stayed in the open, directed the landing, set up two howitzers, and fired, knocking out the enemy positions.

Although the enemy attacks continued sporadically the next day, the captain set up his artillery fire base and aided in establishing the command post of the infantry battalion he was supporting.

That night, the fire base received a very heavy mortar attack from a reinforced North Vietnamese battalion. When his ammo blacked out, Captain Floody ran through the hail of incoming rounds to the CP and back to get a fix on the enemy location.

Although painfully wounded twice in the back by shrapnel, the captain stayed on, directing his battery, redistributing ammunition, and organizing the treatment of casualties.

The night-long attack continued for 13 hours with Captain Floody playing a key role in the defense.

General Larsen awarded Silver Stars to Sergeant First Class Bruce A. Grandstaff, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry; Platoon Sergeant Marvin L. Grandsinger, 2nd Battalion,

8th Infantry; Specialist 5 Ernest E. Hathaway, 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery; Specialist 4 James T. Marner, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry; and Specialist 4 John DeMartino, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry.

Warrant Officer Clayton W. Cooper, 4th Aviation Battalion, and Warrant Officer Alvin L. Tatman, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry, were presented the Distinguished Flying Cross by the three-star general.

1/8th Platoon Kills 16 Enemy In Francis Marion

Saigon — A platoon from the 4th Division's 1st Brigade killed 16 members of an enemy platoon Wednesday evening in Operation Francis Marion.

The 1st Platoon of Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry engaged the enemy platoon at 5:55 p.m. while on patrol 55 kilometers southwest of Pleiku City. Contact broke at 7:50 p.m.

Two U.S. infantrymen were killed and eight wounded.

Operation Manhattan, which commenced Sunday in an area centered 28 kilometers southwest of Tay Ninh City in Binh Duong Province, was announced Tuesday by the Military Assistance Command.

Units participating in the operation include the 4th Division's 3rd Brigade, the 1st and 25th Infantry Divisions, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, and the 5th Army of the Republic of Vietnam Division.

Montagnards Evacuated From Enemy-Infested Areas

Saigon — Helicopter crewmen of the 179th Assault Support Helicopter Company were busy during the past week evacuating Montagnards from their villages in the Francis Marion area of operation and relocating them in secure areas in the Central Highlands.

The villagers, who were in the enemy-infested operational area of the 4th Infantry Division, had requested Pleiku Province officials to move them to safer locations.

The Army's muscle-chopper, the twin-rotor, turbine-engine "Chinook" transport went into action April 19 to evacuate an entire village of Montagnards west of Pleiku. They moved 167 persons threatened by Communist terrorists.

On April 20 two "Chinooks" from the 52nd Combat Aviation Battalion's 179th lifted 600 inhabitants of five Montagnard villages southwest of Pleiku to a secure hamlet at Khanh Binh. The villagers were moved along with 10 tons of personal belongings, pigs and chickens.

The "Chinooks" continued their mercy mission last Friday. This time 690 men,

women and children were flown in the twin-rotor
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NEW SERGEANTS MAJOR

These three men of the 4th Division were recently promoted to the Army's top enlisted grade on the same day. They are, from left, Sergeant Major James C. Foster (Killeen, Tex.), Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Division; Sergeant Major Arthur H. Burbage (El Paso, Tex.), Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Supply and Transportation Battalion; and Sergeant Major Aubrey M. Kenny (Tacoma, Wash.), 4th Division Artillery. The veteran noncommissioned officers have a combined total of 67 years service. (USA Photo by SSgt. Bill Whittis)

Ambassador Lodge Expresses Thanks To Servicemen

Saigon — Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge extended his personal thanks to all U.S. servicemen in Vietnam prior to his departure Tuesday from Saigon.

Ambassador Lodge, who completed more than 30 months as U.S. envoy to Vietnam, stated in a communique to all U.S. military personnel, "I want to say good-bye to all of you who serve the United States of America here with such bravery, such competence and such devotion.

"When I had the chance during my travels in Vietnam, I extended my thanks to you.

"You have responded magnificently to every challenge and have done your duty with conspicuous gallantry and great courage. You represent America at its best and it has been a rare privi-

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FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL

Law Day USA Proclamation

Monday, May 1, marks the 10th anniversary of Law Day USA — an occasion for recognition by Americans of the important rights secured to them under law and the attendant duties and responsibilities which these rights entail.

It should have special significance for us, the men of the United States Armed Forces, inasmuch as we are fighting not only to preserve this heritage in our own country, but also to give the people of South Vietnam the freedom to decide their own destiny.

May 1 has been set aside by Congress and by proclamation of the President to remind us that adherence to the rule of law is basic in our society, essential to the welfare of every citizen and to the stability and vitality of the nation.

The theme for the observance of Law Day this year carries a timely reminder for all Americans. It is a statement made by the nation's 25th President, Theodore Roosevelt, in a message to Congress in 1904:

"No man is above the law, and no man is below it." These words, uttered 63 years ago, captured the

essence of our tradition of equal justice for all men. They reflect the basic aim of Law Day USA to strengthen the quality of justice and to increase reliance upon the law and independent courts in resolving the issues which confront us as individuals and as people.

It is appropriate, therefore, on Law Day, that we acknowledge our duty as citizens and recognize our responsibility to uphold the law, the agencies of law enforcement, and the courts in the performance of their obligations. Also, that we recognize the enduring values of a society rooted in a tradition of freedom secured by the processes of law.

Now therefore, I, William R. Peers, commanding general of 4th Infantry Division, do hereby designate Monday, May 1, as Law Day USA throughout this command, and request that all members of this command participate in the observance.

W. R. PEERS
Major General, USA
Commanding



STEADFAST AND LOYAL

Silver Star

Lt. Col. Thomas G. Rosell—HHC, 1/22nd Inf
 PSgt. Simplicio B. Catigay—Co C, 1/12th Inf
 SSgt. Melton A. Dover—Co B, 2/8th Inf
 SSgt. Alfred E. Rucker—Co A, 1/22nd Inf
 SSgt. James Haford—Co B, 1/12th Inf

Posthumous Silver Star

Sp4 Charles W. Barrett—Co B, 2/35th Inf

Distinguished Flying Cross

1st Lt. Jack R. McCown—170th Assault Hel Co
 Maj. Duane D. DeBoer—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
 WO Clayton W. Cooper—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 Capt. Ronald R. Recher—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
 Maj. Herschel C. Jones—170th Assault Hel Co
 WO Alvin L. Tatman—Trp D, 1/10th Cav

Soldier's Medal

1st Lt. Sebastian B. Rinelli—Btry A, 4/42nd Arty
 and Lt. Richard L. Sauer—Co A, 1/8th Inf
 Sp4 Thomas Alvarez—Btry A, 4/42nd Arty
 PFC Douglas L. Gerson—2nd Security Plat

Bronze Star Medal For Heroism

SSgt. Harry E. Grooms—Btry B, 4/42nd Arty
 Capt. William M. Kerans—Co C, 1/22nd Inf
 and Lt. Alan D. Wilder—Co B, 1/8th Inf
 Sgt. William R. Clarke—HHC, 3/12th Inf
 Sp4 John S. Egge—HHC, 3/12th Inf
 Sgt. James S. Hernandez—Btry C, 4/42nd Arty
 PFC James P. Hart—HHC, 2nd Bde, 4th Div
 PFC Stanley A. Cameron—Co B, 1/22nd Inf
 PFC Marvin Dew—Co B, 1/12th Inf
 Sp4 Leslie G. Albin—HHC, 1/8th Inf
 Cpl. Joseph Remez—Co A, 3/8th Inf
 Sp4 Coy D. Rigsby—Co C, 2/8th Inf
 SSgt. Pedro Reyes—Co B, 1/12th Inf
 PFC Colin J. Mackeigan—Co C, 1/12th Inf
 PFC Wayne M. Kremer—Btry C, 2/42nd Arty
 and Lt. Michael Acton—Co B, 2/8th Inf
 Sp4 Gary E. Booth—HHC, 2/8th Inf
 Sp4 Monty D. Thurmond—Co B, 2/8th Inf
 SSgt. Clifford N. Mize—Trp D, 1/10th Cav
 Sp5 Terry D. Suire—HHC, 1/22nd Inf
 PFC Edward Matlack—Co C, 1/12th Inf

Posthumous Bronze Star Medal For Heroism

PFC Francis B. Concannon—Co B, 2/35th Inf
 PFC Richard Hutchinson Jr.—Co B, 2/35th Inf
 PFC Lamarre A. Major—Co B, 2/35th Inf
 Sp4 Floyd G. Savell—Co A, 1/35th Inf
 Capt. William D. Sands III—Co A, 1/8th Inf
 Sp4 Stephen G. Peck—Btry A, 2/9th Arty
 PFC Otto D. Tucker—Co C, 1/12th Inf
 Sp4 Richard L. Kollmann—Co C, 2/8th Inf

Bronze Star Medal

PSgt. James D. Hunt—119th Assault Hel Co
 1st Lt. James R. Hill—Co A, 3/8th Inf
 Capt. David G. Steiner—124th Signal Bn
 SFC David W. Brady—HHC, 4th Div
 Lt. Col. George L. Wilcox—HHC, 2nd Bde, 4th Div
 Lt. Col. William R. McDowell—HHC, 4th Avn Bn
 Sp5 Cleveland R. Merrow Jr.—119th Assault Hel Co
 MSgt. William G. Gilmore—HHT, 1/10th Cav

Posthumous Bronze Star Medal

Sp4 Max A. Lopez—Trp C, 3/4th Cav
 Chaplain (Capt.) James J. Johnson—1st Bde, 4th Div
 SSgt. Ambrosio S. Jurado—Trp A, 1/10th Cav
 SSgt. James W. Maroon—Trp C, 3/4th Cav
 Sgt. Angel Ortiz-Rodriguez—Trp A, 1/10th Cav
 Sp4 Edward J. Haburey—Trp A, 1/10th Cav
 Sp4 John J. Rudinec—Trp A, 1/10th Cav
 Pvt. Johnnie Spencer Jr.—Trp A, 1/10th Cav

Air Medal For Heroism

Capt. William L. Ricci—Trp D, 1/10th Cav
 1st Lt. David E. Wilson—170th Assault Hel Co
 Maj. Robert R. Chedester—HHC, 2nd Bde, 4th Div
 Sp4 David M. Allegre—170th Assault Hel Co
 Capt. Danny A. Young—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
 Maj. Richard C. Kaufman—Co A, 4th Avn Bn

Air Medal

Maj. Norman H. Miller—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 Capt. Douglas J. Mann—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 WO Rollo L. Devore—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 WO Foy M. Burns—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 Sp5 Jerry E. Sadler—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 1st Lt. William C. McAdams—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 Capt. Fredrick G. Blackburn—HHC, 4th Div Arty
 Lt. Col. John S. Bromley—HHC, 4th Avn Bn
 Lt. Col. Harold H. Lee—HHC, 1/8th Inf
 Capt. Walter W. Leben—HHC, 2nd Bde, 4th Div
 1st Lt. Robert J. Carpenter—Co A, 3/12th Inf
 1st Lt. John E. Mitchell—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 WO Charles L. Anglin—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 Sgt. Maj. Thomas J. Tobin—HHC, 4th Div
 1st Lt. James E. Pavlock—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 WO David A. Pade—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 Sp5 Alfred F. Cuzzo—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 Sp5 David M. Schmitz—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 Sp5 James V. Adamo Jr.—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 Sp4 John R. Webster—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 Sp4 Ronald W. Flading—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 Sp4 Gary J. Chontos—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 WO James R. Eakins—Co E, 704th Maint Bn
 Capt. Charles T. Heberle III—Trp D, 1/10th Cav
 Capt. David A. Hill—HHC, 2nd Bde, 4th Div
 Sp5 Harry S. Wolford Jr.—43rd Chem Det
 Lt. Col. Gordon J. Duquemin—HHC, 2/8th Inf
 Capt. Theodore Miller—Trp D, 1/10th Cav
 Maj. Paul M. McHenry—HHC, 3rd Bde, 25th Div
 PFC Philip D. Collier—Trp D, 1/10th Cav
 1st Lt. Alvin V. Boykin—HHC, 4th Div Arty
 Maj. Mitchell G. Thompson—HHC, 4th Div Arty
 Capt. Norman J. Dringleski—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 WO Charles M. McGarry—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 WO Phillip H. J. Webb—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 Sp5 Edward D. Dalbec—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 Sp4 Ross G. Contreras Jr.—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 Sp4 Gerald P. Polman—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 Sp4 Steve R. Mastro—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 Sp5 Norbert Zavadin—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 Lt. Col. Thomas F. Cole—HHT, 1/10th Cav
 Capt. Thomas H. Griffin—HHC, 1st Bde, 4th Div
 Sp4 Dewitt T. Caspary III—Trp D, 1/10th Cav
 PFC Steve Karall—Trp D, 1/10th Cav
 PFC Bennie F. Lozano—Trp D, 1/10th Cav
 PFC David M. Smith—Trp D, 1/10th Cav
 Sgt. Maj. George R. Green—HHC, 2/8th Inf
 SSgt. James L. Wyatt—HHC, 3/8th Inf
 SSgt. Jack L. Giffin—Co E, 704th Maint Bn
 1st Lt. Eugene W. Echols Jr.—HHC, 1/12th Inf
 Sp4 Morris R. Chapman—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 Maj. Harry L. Pentzler—2/9th Arty
 Sgt. George E. Richeson—HHC, 3d Bde, 25th Div
 Lt. Col. Bruce Holbrook—2/9th Arty
 WO William A. Ingle—Trp D, 1/10th Cav
 Maj. Mitchell G. Thompson—HHC, 4th Div Arty
 WO Charles L. Sanders—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
 WO Jerry T. Wilson—HHC, 2d Bde, 4th Div

Army Commendation Medal For Heroism

1st Lt. William F. Ryan—Btry C, 4/42nd Arty
 Sp4 David V. Harris—Co B, 1/22nd Inf
 Sp4 Kennie L. Nelson—Co B, 1/22nd Inf
 Capt. William B. Sellen—HHC, 2nd Bde, 4th Div
 SSgt. James W. Smothers—Co B, 1/8th Inf
 Sp4 Gifford C. Rice—Co C, 1/12th Inf
 Sp4 Ted A. Reynolds—HHC, 3/12th Inf
 SSgt. William J. Grandy Jr.—Co C, 1/12th Inf

Army Commendation Medal

Sp4 Wilbur D. Miller—Co B, 1/22nd Inf
 1st Lt. Ronald D. Alexander—Co C, 4th Med Bn
 WO Gerald E. Jeffries—119th Assault Hel Co
 Sgt. Larry R. Hanko—157th Assault Hel Co
 1st Lt. Thomas F. Carothers—HHT, 1/10th Cav
 Sp4 William J. Allen—405th TC Det (Chem)



'Magnificent' Young Men

By Chaplain (Capt.) Rene P. DuFour

"It is fashionable now to view the younger generation with dismay, to say that it has been stripped of purpose and lightheartedness by our affluent society. I do not agree. The young men in Vietnam are bigger, brighter, braver, more purposeful, and at the same time more compassionate than any I have known before. They are a credit to this nation and to the families which raised them. They are, in a word, magnificent."

General Earle G. Wheeler could hardly have described the American soldier of today in more eloquent terms. It has always been a fashionable thing to be critical of our younger generation.

In ancient times the Roman poet Horace was wont to lament that "each generation is worse than the preceding one," words which, were they true, would long ago have left the human race destitute of any virtue whatsoever.

The plain truth of the matter is, however, that the young soldier of today can stand just as tall—even taller—than his compatriots of preceding wars.

He is engaged in a war quite unlike those of his forefathers: where the enemy is not always visible, the battleground not so clearly defined. He risks all the dangers of actual warfare, without sharing in the glories of definitive victory.

He knows that when his tour of duty is completed, he will bequeath to others a task still unfinished, a goal still not achieved. And yet he carries on day after day, in the hope that the world will be just a little bit better because his was the privilege

to serve.

History will show, I am sure, how the draft-card burners and campus protesters of the Vietnam War are just more modern versions of a small minority who have always been with us, even from Revolutionary days.

The modern techniques of communications media have only made their cause more widely known than in former times. But the real heroes of our country have always been—and still are—not those who criticize and offer nothing on their own part, but those whose dedication and devotion reflects the high ideals in which they believe.

Combat Medic From 1/12th Honored As Top Soldier

Dragon Mountain— Specialist 4 Spencer Simco (Colorado Springs, Colo.), a combat medic from Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, is this week's 4th Division soldier of the week.

Specialist Simco is serving as enlisted aide for seven days for Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander.



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HIGH UP

A 4th Division soldier jumps down from the top of a bunker high on a mountain top in the jungle west of Pleiku. The Ivy soldier is keeping watch for the enemy known to be operating in the dense jungle. (USA Photo by Sp4 Rich Obermaier)

LRRP Members Return From Mission, Immediately Receive Bronze Stars

By Sp5 George Beidler

Plei Djereng— Five members of the 2nd Brigade's Long Range Reconnaissance Platoon were awarded Bronze Star Medals by Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander, immediately after the team returned from a mission which resulted in six enemy killed.

Under the direction of Staff Sergeant John Sanderson (Detroit), the LRRP team had been patrolling the Central Highlands for four days when an uncharted trail was discovered.

"It was obvious the route was frequently used," explained the sergeant, "so we

moved about 50 meters off to the right and waited."

The team began preparing for the evening while Private First Class Daniel Harmon (Kodiak, Alaska), radio-telephone operator, cut an observation and night ambush route through the dense jungle foliage to the trail.

Nothing occurred until early morning when the LRRP was alerted by small arms and automatic weapons fire.

"We knew there were Civilian Irregular Defense Group forces working to the south so we crawled to predesignated positions along the main trail," said Private First Class Houston Whitlock (Los Angeles).

Four hours later Sergeant Sanderson saw 10 NVA soldiers—armed with a French light machine gun and carrying packs—moving toward his position.

"Three stopped right in front of me and one pointed the machine gun my way," explained Specialist 4 James R. Hart (West Chester, Pa.).

"I emptied a magazine into them, then Harmon and I pulled back. It's hard to say what could have been following them.

"We didn't get 10 feet when we heard grenades and Sanderson calling for help. By the time we got back he had killed three more and the others were 'dee-deeing' down the path. We grabbed their packs and weapons and made it into the brush."

The team informed brigade headquarters of the incident and within minutes helicopter gunships were enroute to a nearby landing zone to extract the infantrymen.

"As we were leaving we noticed that one man was

still alive, but in bad shape," recalled Specialist 4 Jackie Simmons (Jamaica, N.Y.). "We carried him about 300 meters before he died."

The men were extracted and upon arriving at the 2nd Brigade forward command post—still clad in sweat-soaked "tiger" fatigues and web gear—they were presented Bronze Stars for their day's work by General Peers.

When asked how long the fire fight lasted, Sergeant Sanderson mused, "Oh, about a Bronze Star's worth."

For Sergeant Sanderson, Specialist Hart and PFC Harmon, this was the second Bronze Star for Heroism they have earned within two months.

Creeping Charlie Doesn't Disturb Battalion S-3

Pleiku— Charlie's creeping up on him, says Captain Jerry W. White (Fayetteville, N. C.) of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry.

The Ivy Division officer was wounded three times on his previous tours while serving with the 1st Special Forces in the Mekong Delta and one year in Pleiku.

"This year," relates Captain White, "Charlie's creeping. He's drilled my pack with bullets, shot holes in both my canteens and on one occasion has shot my pants off."

Nonetheless, Captain White keeps plugging away at his job as S-3 of the battalion, a position he has held since January. Prior to this, he was assistant S-3 for the 2nd Brigade.

But every so often he looks back over his shoulder to see how close Charlie's creeping.

IN SUPPORT OF IVYMEN

4th Admin Handles Bulk Of DEROS Work

By PFC Bob Boudreaux

Dragon Mountain— DEROS. When this word is uttered, no matter what the time, the place, or the circumstance, every U.S. serviceman stops and listens.

Outside of a letter from home, it undoubtedly enjoys the highest spot in popularity.

This has special significance for the soldiers of the Famous Fourth as many Ivymen will be rotating between the months of June and September.

When it comes time for an individual to rotate or ETS, he will find that there is very little for him to do other than be at the appropriate place at the right time.

The bulk of the work is accomplished by the personnel of the Ivy Division's 4th Administration Company. These men are responsible for the continual screening of every Ivymen's records, making sure that any discrepancies are corrected long before orders are cut.

For those individuals re-

turning to the states for ETS, orders are cut 60 to 90 days prior to port call date. For those returning for reassignment orders cannot be cut until the individual's assignment status is received from the Department of the Army. This is usually handled well in advance of the DEROS date.

A port call letter for a specific soldier is issued to that person's unit by the unit's Personnel Service noncommissioned officer. Prior to this, the man will have undergone checks for completed shot record, pay (to include a stand-by travel voucher for travel within CONUS), and a recheck of all other records.

Any questions regarding the final phases of the rotation program should be handled through the unit PSNCO.

From his unit, the returnee is taken to the 4th Replacement Company for final out-

processing and a shakedown of his equipment. From there he goes to the 526th Replacement Company where he is issued a military air reservation and given a final clearance.

After an overnight stay at the replacement company, the homeward-bound soldier is transported to the New Pleiku Air Terminal for air movement to the United States.

Presently, most Ivymen are leaving Vietnam aboard C-141 jet transports and Pan American jets. This leg of the flight terminates at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. There they will board other four-engine jets for the long flight home.

In the future, MAC-contracted commercial jet flights may start flying Ivymen directly from Pleiku AFB to the United States without stopping at Clark AFB.

Lodge

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lege for me to be associated with you.

"I leave Vietnam convinced, that while the road ahead is still difficult, your success is assured and the aggression will be repelled.

"I wish I could shake the hand of each of you. I pray the day will soon come when you return to the United States to receive heroes' welcome and to be reunited with your families. You deserve the best that America can offer."



WEARY TROOPS

A 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry machine gun team takes a break after a two-hour, 2,100-foot ascent up a jungle-covered mountain. The 2/35th, part of the 3rd Brigade Task Force, 25th Division, is participating in Operation Pershing. (USA Photo by Lt. Peter Wascher)

'White Warriors' Engaged In Sustained Operations

Dau Tieng— The "White Warriors" of the 3rd Brigade's 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry have been participating in sustained operations since their arrival in the combat zone.

In early November the battalion, then commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Marvin D. Fuller, was sent from Camp Martin Cox to Phuoc Vinh to provide security for elements of the 1st Infantry

Division participating in Operation Attleboro.

However, because of the tactical situation, the "Warriors" were involved in more than security duty. They were used on several operations and numerous patrols and saw scattered action.

On November 20, with Lieutenant Colonel Joe F. Elliott as their commander, the "Warriors" began packing for their move to Camp

Ranier at Dau Tieng, the sight of the Michelin Rubber Plantation.

Their mission, to build a permanent base camp for American forces, was completed with the refurbishing of an 80-foot-long swimming pool which was built by the French. A surprisingly large number of volunteer plumbers, electricians, painters and laborers showed once again the versatility of the battalion.

The "Warriors" have participated in several operations since their arrival at Dau Tieng. The first task the battalion faced was searching and clearing the surrounding villages throughout the plantation.

In a sweep of nearly 45,000 meters, several well-fortified enemy base camps were discovered and destroyed. Although some of the enemy were able to flee the area, they were forced to leave both supplies and food behind. The six-day operation netted seven Viet Cong killed and six detained.

The "Warriors" initiated a month-long Operation Ponders Corners December 12 and made contact with the enemy several times, killing 16 Viet Cong. Several

bags of confidential documents, numerous weapons, medical supplies and 58 tons of rice were captured.

In early January, reacting to intelligence concerning Viet Cong in the village of Thanh An, the "Warriors," in conjunction with elements of the Republic of Vietnam National Police and Popular Forces, were airlifted into a position encircling the village.

All rifle companies were immediately engaged from the surrounding area. After artillery and air strikes, the battalion's Reconnaissance Platoon, together with Republic of Vietnam troops, began searching the village. The 2/12th's civic affairs section quickly set up a collection point and site for a MEDCAP.

After the villagers were fed and entertained, they were informed of the reason for the operation, the objectives of the South Vietnamese Government and how it would affect them.

Later events attest to the impression the battalion made on the villagers of Thanh An. Approximately 300 villagers left the hamlet for a village under government control and seven men turned themselves in as Hoi Chanh.



WELL-TRAVELED POLE— A totem pole shipped from Ft. Lewis, Wash., stands in front of the headquarters of the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry at the Dau Tieng base camp of the 3rd Brigade, 4th Division. The pole represents each war in which the 12th Infantry has participated.



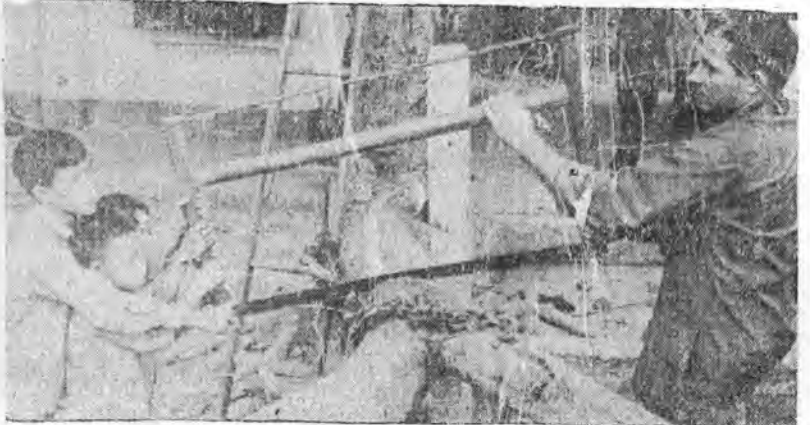
TWO COMMANDERS— Colonel Marshall B. Garth, commander of the 4th Division's 3rd Brigade, looks over War Zone C jungle terrain with Lieutenant Colonel Joe Elliott, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry commander. (USA Photos by Sp4 Brant Olds)



HAPPY CAPTORS— Big grins show the pleasure two "White Warriors" of the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry get from removing Viet Cong supplies found in War Zone C.



OFF WE GO— Equipped with gas masks and extra ammo, "White Warriors" of the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry leave a jungle command post to patrol the area surrounding the 3rd Brigade, 4th Division base camp.



JOINT EFFORT— Three little helpers assist a 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry "White Warrior" build a school near the 3rd Brigade, 4th Division base camp at Dau Tieng. (USA Photo by Sp4 Brad Bromley)

6/29th 'Redlegs' Adopt Village In Highlands

By Capt. Roderick Hargo
Le Thanh — The village was ominously quiet as the Americans approached.

As they made their way, single file, they saw the realities of war on both sides of the trail—craters where mortars had fallen and lethal punji stakes outlining the approach to the village.

Another patrol conducting search and destroy operations? No, this time the Americans were a civic action section of the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery who were planning to adopt the village of Plei Chung Kiep in the Central Highlands.

Major William D. Johnson (Mesa, Ariz.), battalion execu-

tive officer, took along an interpreter and several members of the battalion for a liaison visit to meet the village chief and his people.

On the first visit, the artillerymen talked to the chief and determined how the Americans and Montagnards could work together on needed projects in the village. As a token of the villagers' appreciation, the chief gave the Americans a stalk of bananas and an invitation to join them in the traditional wine-drinking ceremony.

The decision was that the Americans would provide technical assistance in helping the villagers construct a well, build a bridge, and establish a blacksmith shop. In addition, a MEDCAP team would visit the village frequently to help the villagers combat disease.

On the first MEDCAP, Captain Harvey L. Elchner (Detroit) treated 31 patients, with illnesses ranging from infected sores on the youngsters to arthritic pains among the village elders.

This was the first civic action program initiated by the "Redlegs" of the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery in the highlands. Most of their activities had been concentrated in Phu Yen Province, but the transition from aiding Vietnamese to Montagnards was easy to make.

Platoon Sergeant Receives Commission To Rank Of Captain

Dragon Mountain — For most enlisted men serving in Vietnam, there is the prospect of attaining at least one and possibly two promotions during their tour.

Sergeant First Class Frank C. Wallenbeck (Tacoma, Wash.), a platoon sergeant with the 4th Engineer Battalion, recently led the promotion field as he received a promotion from sergeant first class to the rank of captain.

Having a degree in mechanical engineering prompted Captain Wallenbeck to apply for a direct commission in the United States Army Reserve and at the same time requested a concurrent call to active duty.

Captain Wallenbeck entered the Army in May 1953 and began what can be termed "the long road to success."

He took four years out of his career to obtain a degree from the University of West Virginia in 1961.

In April of 1963, he graduated second in the class from the Combat Engineer Noncommissioned Officer's Course at Ft. Belvoir, Va. He was later assigned to the 4th Division at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and arrived in Vietnam with the advance elements of the 4th Engineer Battalion.

His duties with the Ivy Division while in Vietnam have included the designing of the division headquarters, the post exchange and community center. He also was the noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the design and engineering section of the base camp development program.



A POOPED PUP

A scout dog supporting a Company C, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry patrol in the 506 Valley takes a break. The "Cacti Green," part of the 3rd Brigade Task Force, 25th Division, are on Operation Pershing. (USA Photo by Lt. Peter Wascher)

IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE

25th Division's 3rd Brigade Part Of Task Force Oregon

Saigon—A multi-battalion force of the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division is a member of the Army's Task Force Oregon in Quang Ngai Province.

Task Force Oregon has joined the units of the III Marine Amphibious Force in the I Corps Tactical Zone to support Government of Vietnam forces.

The multi-brigade Army

task force, commanded by Major General William B. Rosson, former chief of staff of the Military Assistance Command, is under the operational control of the commanding general of III MAF.

Elements of the task force engaged an unknown number of enemy in bunkers last Saturday night in an area five kilometers northwest of Duc

Pho.

Fire was returned and artillery and a flareship were requested.

Twenty enemy were confirmed killed and five weapons captured. One U.S. soldier was wounded.

Light to moderate contact was reported Sunday by units of Task Force Oregon.

One significant contact occurred when elements of the 25th's 3rd Brigade, supported by air strikes and Task Force Oregon artillery, accounted for 50 enemy killed.

A 3rd Brigade, 25th Division company, killed 21 enemy Wednesday in an engagement with an unknown-size force seven kilometers northwest of Duc Pho.

Two U.S. soldiers were killed and 16 wounded in the encounter.

Montagnards

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transports to new homes in a refugee camp at Phanh Binh.

Personal belongings and a variety of farm animals were also evacuated from their four villages approximately 25 miles south of Pleiku.

The 179th was busy again Saturday, moving additional villagers from their homes in the Operation Francis Marion combat area. The unit transported 317 Montagnards and 10 tons of their belongings from Pleiku Province to a site near Thanh Binh.



NEW OFFICER — Captain Frank C. Wallenbeck, right, takes his oath of office from Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander. Captain Wallenbeck, formerly a platoon sergeant with the 4th Engineer Battalion, received a direct commission to captain in the Corps of Engineers. Witnessing the ceremony is Lieutenant Colonel Norman G. Delbridge, division engineer. (USA Photo by SSgt. Bill Whitis)

Sharp-Eyed Montagnard CIDG Soldiers Work With Patrol From 2/8th Platoon

By PFC Steve Frye
Oasis — Eyes, many eyes, were cast on Americans as

they took a break on patrol south of Thanh An.

But friendly eyes, the sharp eyes of the Civilian Irregular Defense Group working with the unit observed the observers.

The CIDG was a member of a force from Plei Me working with the 3rd Platoon of Company A, 2nd Battalion 8th Infantry.

The men of the patrol had

fallen out for a "take five" break when the enemy was spotted. At the patrol leader's command, the group quickly moved out of the shade toward the woodline where the enemy had been spotted.

Alongside the Americans were about 10 Montagnard CIDG troops. One of the Montagnards spotted a second observer who, like the first, fled in a hail of bullets.

"These Montagnards are good soldiers," said Captain William R. Harvey, Company A commander. He had served an earlier tour in Vietnam working with the Montagnard CIDG's as an officer in the Central Highlands.

"They are sharp-eyed and know when something unusual is going on around them," he added.

An unusual item spotted by a CIDG troop was a crossbow alongside a trail. The bow and arrow set-up had proven to be a lethally effective booby trap.

"These CIDG men are top-notch soldiers and I think 10 or more should be attached to each platoon," commented Staff Sergeant Thomas L. Day, patrol leader in the two incidents.

It's Reunion Time When Three Ivymen Meet At Fire Base

Oasis — When the 4th Division's Company A, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry and Battery A, 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery are together in the same fire base it means a small-sized family reunion for three men.

The three are Sergeant Ralph R. Mendoza and Private First Class Joel L. Perez of Company A, 2/8th, and Specialist 4 Yordano Cervantez of Battery A, 4/42nd. All three men are from San Jose, Calif., and all three are related.

Specialist Cervantez and PFC Perez are cousins and PFC Perez is married to Sergeant Mendoza's sister.

Sergeant Mendoza is PFC Perez's fire team leader as well as his brother-in-law.

Just having your cousin and brother-in-law around to talk with makes his tour seem shorter, according to PFC Perez. But, there's another benefit, too.

"My wife and her mother get together to make packages for us," commented PFC Perez. "We get two or three a week."



EASY? — This isn't the best way to board an aircraft, but on occasions 4th Division Ivymen prefer this method. This is a practice session, but often the jungle is so thick that a helicopter can't land and troops are evacuated or dropped by using the rope ladder. (USA Photo by Sp4 Rich Obermaier)



'FOX, THIS IS ABLE'

Captain Edward D. Northrop, Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry commander, checks his exact location with battalion headquarters during Operation Francis Marion in the jungle west of Pleiku. (USA Photo by PFC Jeffrey L. Pearce, 69th Signal Bn)

Medic Saves 14 Girls Wounded By Booby Trap

My Tho — Quick action by Private First Class Larry A. Flanagan, a medic, saved

the lives of 14 teenage girls who were wounded when a combination grenade-claymore mine booby trap was accidentally tripped in My Tho village.

PFC Flanagan, in the village with the civil affairs team of the 3rd Brigade Task Force, 25th Infantry Division, was summoned by a panting ARVN soldier.

When PFC Flanagan and Second Lieutenant John D. Reynolds, civil affairs officer, arrived, they found four children dead and another 14 seriously wounded.

PFC Flanagan set to work. When he had used up all his tourniquets and blood expander, the ARVN soldiers offered their belts and clothing for use as tourniquets.

Medical evacuation choppers lifted the bandaged girls to the 3rd Brigade aid station, 12 miles away.

The girls are now back in My Tho, thanks to PFC Flanagan who plans to become a doctor.

My Tho, a coastal village in Binh Dinh Province, is the site of a concentrated revolutionary development program. U.S. troops provide the security, while ARVN soldiers conduct the program.



RIFLEMEN ON MOVE

Two riflemen move through a hedgerow separating rice fields while on a village search. They are members of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry participating in Operation Pershing in Binh Dinh Province. (USA Photo by Lt. Peter Washer)

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