

Ruthless Riders Smash Infiltrators

30 NVA Killed As Cav Shows Power

CAMP ENARI—Thirty NVA soldiers, part of a large enemy infiltration force, were killed 40 kilometers north of Ban Me Thuot when they were spotted by alert men of Alpha Troop, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry.

The Ruthless Riders were winging their way over sparsely vegetated terrain when a single, armed NVA soldier was spotted by Light Observation Helicopter (LOH) pilot 1st Lieutenant John W. Pospisil of Mammoth, Pa., and his observer-gunner, Sergeant Terry L. Heath of Cleves, Ohio.

As the enemy was taken under fire and killed, the men observed four additional NVA sitting in a field.

Cavalry gunships entered the action and received heavy ground to air fire. The Ruthless Riders countered with M60 and mini-gun fire.

As the fighting died down, Alpha Troop's Aero-Rifle Platoon was inserted to sweep the battlefield. The cautious ground troops confirmed 30 NVA kills. They also discovered a wounded NVA, stripped of his weapon and left behind by his fleeing comrades. He was soon evacuated for medical treatment.

The ground troops reported that all the enemy soldiers were young and clean shaven with fresh haircuts and were wearing new khaki uniforms and pith helmets.

Three AK47s, two SKSs, one light machine gun, 45 packs and assorted pieces of equipment were also found strewn about the battlefield.

The Fourth Division air cav unit suffered no casualties in the nine hour operation.

MARS Saves Day

Assist Worried Lieutenant

HIGHLANDER HEIGHTS — The operators of the Military Affiliate Radio Station (MARS) from the 124th Signal Battalion were getting ready to establish a radio-telephone communication to the States when a distraught 1st Lieutenant William Burdick rushed in.

"I've just received a letter from my fiancée," the East Lyme, Conn. native said, "and she's been involved in an automobile accident. Can you help me get in contact with her?"

Staff Sergeant William F. Doherty of West Chester, Pa., the NCOIC of the MARS outlet, asked the platoon leader from the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, where she might be reached, but he didn't have much information.

"We had a real problem," Sergeant Doherty explained.

"The lieutenant didn't give us much to go on except that the

accident might have taken place in the Anaheim, Calif., area.

"We decided to try and raise a California station and hope that we could locate her."

Radio operators Sergeant Edward Nestor of New Orleans and Private First Class David Derks of Rochester, N.Y., called all stations on their network and, after requesting top priority, received a clear hand and a wish of good luck from the other stations in their effort.

"At 9:15 p.m., we succeeded in raising Fort MacArthur, Calif.," PFC Derks continued.

"We had two ways in which we could approach the problem," interjected Sergeant Doherty. "First, we decided to check the police in Anaheim to see if an accident had been reported on their blotter."

"We then asked the civilian operator to contact all the hospitals in the Anaheim area — a to-



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TO: Officers and Men of 4th Infantry Division and Attached and Supporting Units

1. The Famous Fighting Fourth Infantry Division is now entering into a period in which our emphasis will be on a different phase of this war than has been the case until now. Our basic job, as a combat infantry organization, will ever remain the defeat of the enemies of our nation in combat. However, as I shall point out shortly, the way in which we go about this must now change slightly to fit the circumstances in which we find ourselves. At this milestone in our efforts here in Vietnam, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your tremendous efforts over the past several months.

2. Since I assumed command of this Division we have been in almost constant action, much of it constituting the heaviest fighting under the most difficult circumstances which has been done in Vietnam. You have done extremely well. You have met the enemy and defeated him at every turn. You have developed new tactics and techniques. You have perfected old methods. You have destroyed 1,422 of the enemy and captured or destroyed huge quantities of his war material and life-sustaining supplies. The enemy's abortive offensive which commenced on 23 February could have been devastating in this area, had it not been for your efforts in meeting and defeating the main enemy forces well away from the populated areas.

3. However, it is obvious to all that the job is not yet complete. We cannot be satisfied until we have done our best to insure that the area assigned as our responsibility is cleared of the main enemy units and firmly brought under control of the government of Vietnam. I ask you to join me in committing yourselves to the accomplishment of our new mission which involves the following tasks, each of which is equally important: (1) The continuing struggle against the main force units, (2) greater attention to pacification, and (3) increasing support to the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, in the same magnificent spirit with which the Famous Fighting Fourth Infantry Division has undertaken every task assigned. As "Steadfast and Loyal" is our motto, then steadfast and loyal we shall be in undertaking the coming tasks.


DONN R. PEPKE
Major General, USA
Commanding

Kids Find Gifts Are Big Bang

CAMP ENARI — A twelve-year-old girl from Niles, Ill., may well have earned an Army Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 9305 (Psyops Officer).

Miss Mary Ellen Szuba, a seventh grader at St. John Brebeuf School, read in a local newspaper that Montagnard children enjoy playing with penny balloons for hours on end.

So, Mary Ellen, unconsciously employing psyops techniques, decided to write "leaflets" in the form of letters to every classroom in the school, asking that each student contribute one balloon. Then, with the cooperation of her teacher, Mr. Frank Pinkowski, she broadcasted her message over the public address system, using all available media to sell her idea.

For Mary Ellen, the psyops approach paid off handsomely. She managed to collect 2,000 balloons, a total of 600 above her quota which she sent to Captain Gary Olsen of the Fourth Division's Psyops Section.

Now the balloons are passed out daily by the Fourth Division's Composite Audio-Visual team as they show movies to Montagnards settled in the villages near Camp Enari.



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(Artistry By SP4 Carson Waterman)

From The Desk of
the
Commanding General



M. G. PEPKE

Venereal Disease

VENEREAL DISEASE is an age old problem of mankind. Wherever people congregate the various maladies which are contracted by sexual contact appear. The incidence of VD among the troops in the Republic of Vietnam has consistently been higher than the casualties resulting from the war itself.

Not only is valuable working time lost, but permanent physical injury to the party receiving one of these illnesses can occur.

Venereal Disease is not caught from the toilet seat as is commonly thought. The only way it is contracted is by sexual contact. Therefore, the only way to avoid Venereal Disease and to be completely sure of doing so is to avoid any such relations.

Gonorrhea is the most common of this group of diseases seen in this country. It is caused by a small bacteria called Neisseria Gonorrhoea. This disease causes a painful discharge from the sexual organs. Although readily cured, the organism in this country has become highly resistant, requiring more intensive and prolonged treatment than previously. If not properly remedied, permanent damage to the bladder and kidney is a frequent consequence.

SYPHILLIS, ALTHOUGH MUCH less frequently encountered than the latter disease, is seen here. This is perhaps the most serious Venereal Disease. The initial symptoms often disappear without treatment and the person unknowingly harboring this spiral shaped microorganism, is experiencing severe pathologic damage in his body.

Failure to treat syphilis will result in permanent damage to the brain, heart and other vital organs. Eventually death will ensue. A twenty or more year period may pass by after the initial lesion with no symptoms apparent to the patient.

Other less frequent diseases encountered in the Republic of Vietnam include chancroid, lymphogranuloma venereum and granuloma inquinaale.

Again prevention by abstinence from sexual contact is the only sure way of avoiding Venereal Disease. Prophylactic condoms followed by thorough washing and immediate urination after intercourse will afford some protection. Any member of the Armed Forces contracting one of these ailments should seek medical aid immediately. Prompt treatment is essential.

No punishment will be given to a soldier diagnosed as having Venereal Disease because the consequences of not being treated are so serious. All medical transactions are kept strictly confidential as are medical records.

Red Warrior Is Top NCO Academy Grad

HIGHLANDER HEIGHTS — When Mike Bligh entered the Famous Fighting Fourth Division's NCO Combat Leadership Academy as a Specialist 4, little did he realize that the completion of the course would find him wearing sergeant's stripes.

That's one of the benefits of obtaining a rating of Honor Graduate for the course.

Sergeant Bligh of Newfane, N.Y., became the second Red Warrior in as many classes to emerge from the course as the number one graduate. Specialist 4 Roger Shinn, of Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry turned the trick in the preceding class.

Another benefit of Sergeant Bligh's superior performance was the three-day R&R he spent in Vung Tau. The sergeant from the Red Warriors' Charlie Company, said, "Probably the greatest thing about the NCO course

is the opportunity it gives junior NCOs to compare notes and exchange ideas with the faculty and the students from other units in the Division."

The rigorous fourteen-day course included field problems, and a comprehensive final examination.

General's Aide

Private First Class Wayne F. Richards of Lake Carmel, N.Y., was selected as enlisted aide to Major General Donn R. Pepke, commander of the 4th Infantry Division.

Since being assigned to Vietnam six months ago, the 22-year-old mortar crewman, serving with Company C, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry, has also been named the 2nd Brigade's soldier of the month for March.

Perform To Your Capabilities

By Chaplain (CPT) Don B. Little

One day as Jesus visited with his friend Simon, a woman came in with a jar of very expensive ointment. In an unselfish act of love she used the ointment to anoint Jesus.

Because the ointment was costly some of the people present said to one another, "Why was this ointment wasted? It could have been sold and the money used to feed the poor." Jesus heard what they were saying and he rebuked them. He said, "Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. For you will always have the poor with you and wherever you will you can do good to them; but you will not always have me."

Then Jesus adds, "She has done what she could."

The words, "She has done what she could," were a high compliment, for very few of us ever do what we can. We are content to do about half as much as we are able — or to do nothing all the time saying if we had a bigger or better job then we would really put out. It is a case of doing less than what we could do or wishing we could do more while not doing anything.

We tell ourselves, if we had the talent or opportunity we would write a great book—or, if we were millionaires we would give away a million dollars to some charity. Or, if we were a general officer or sergeant major we would really lead people.

However, we can write letters and do not take the time to do it

— or we can give \$5 on payday to the scholarship fund and we do not — or we could be a responsible NCO or officer and we often are not.

It is a rare person who does what he can. There are many things you can do to make life more rewarding for others. Do what you can do rather than dreaming about doing something you can never do.

Let it be said of you — "He has done what he could."

CSM Taylor Speaks Out



Customs Regulations

SERVICEMEN STATIONED outside the continental United States are always faced with the problem of customs when preparing to return home. Such questions as "What can I ship back duty free?" or "What gifts can I send home without paying duty?" are always on the minds of thousands of men serving in Europe, Korea and Vietnam.

In Vietnam, servicemen can take advantage of four exemptions from customs duties. They are the official exemption, the tourist exemption, the gift exemption and the combat zone exemption.

The official exemption allows free entry of all personal and household effects, including automobiles, upon returning to the United States. A serviceman must be returning under permanent change of station orders, transferring from one overseas post or station, returning from overseas post or station pursuant to evacuation orders (but not leave orders) or returning from TDY overseas of at least 140 days duration. In either case, official movement orders must be issued.

Also, articles can be mailed prior to your departure providing a copy of the orders affecting your move accompanies the shipment. Another point to consider: **THE ARTICLE MUST HAVE BEEN IN YOUR POSSESSION WHILE SERVING OVERSEAS.**

UNDER THE TOURIST exemption all personnel who are returning residents are permitted free entry up to \$100 worth of merchandise, computed at regular retail prices, that were purchased while overseas. However, the returnees must have been out of the United States at least 48 hours and the items of merchandise must accompany the returnee during flight.

The gift exemption applies only to items you send while overseas. Any person in the United States may receive gifts duty free from persons in foreign countries, provided the total value of gifts received in any one day does not exceed \$10. Take note that the exemption is governed by the amount received in any one day. Also an item or set valued in excess of \$10 cannot be broken down into smaller units and mailed separately to reduce the value of each package to less than \$10.

FINALLY, THE COMBAT ZONE exemption allows personnel serving in a combat zone to send bona fide gifts tax and duty free to the value of \$50. Important points to take into consideration concerning this exemption are:

—The exemption applies only if the articles were purchased in or through authorized agencies of the Armed Forces of the United States such as the Exchange Service or PACEX.

—The first 50 dollars in aggregate retail value of any mailing will be admitted free of duty regardless of the total aggregate retail value of all articles in the mailing.

Despite the four types of exemptions there are still certain prohibitions and restrictions applying to all importations of goods to the United States. Such items as lottery tickets, narcotics, obscene and seditious printed matter, switchblade knives or weapons cannot be brought into the United States. Also, certain foreign goods that bear a trademark recorded in the Treasury Department cannot be brought into the United States.

In addition, merchandise originating in Communist China, North Korea, North Vietnam or Cuba cannot be imported into the United States.



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Calling All Alphas

Since we've last worked on this column we've been out in the boon docks on several projects. Haven't had a chance to check our mail to see how many suggestions you NCOs and platoon sergeants have sent into the IVY LEAF.

So we'll write this one off the top of our head and hope to pass on helpful hints we receive in our mail for the next edition. Remember, we need your ideas to make this feature a success. This week's subject is combat cooking.

1. Just about everyone knows about that soft plastic compound that's so useful in heating your C rations. Ever wonder what you could use INSTEAD of the compound? Take a can of peanut butter, mix in some insect repellent, and friend, that is guaranteed to give you the hot meal you crave.

2. Now a word about dessert. Peach Upside-down cake can be made from an ordinary pound cake and can of peaches from your C rations. Spoon the peaches into the bottom of your canteen cup. Saturate the cake with the leftover juice. Heat over a low flame and serve warm. Out of sight! You may want to sprinkle a little sugar from your accessory pack on it to suit your taste.

3. Looking for a way to put life in fried ham slices? Melt cheddar cheese, spread over the ham, and serve on toasted white bread. All the ingredients are right in your Cs.

Do you have a favorite C ration recipe? Send it to the IVY LEAF along with any other helpful hints for our troops of the Famous Fourth Division. Don't keep it a secret — let us all in on it.

Redlegs Add M102 To Arsenal Power

By 1LT Jim Hughes

OASIS—The concussion of outgoing artillery is a familiar and reassuring sound on a firebase.

It is a little more reassuring if you listen very closely. Between the slap of the muzzle blast and the rip of the outgoing round you can hear the high-pitched ring of tempered steel.

Any discriminating Redleg could tell you that you were listening to something new in the weaponry of field artillery.

That something new is the M102, 105mm Howitzer. It is slowly replacing the older M101 Howitzer, a time-tested weapon that has been in the Army's inventory since World War II.

A weapon as sturdy and as reliable as the older M101, however, was not easy to replace. It had served the field artillery faithfully for over 30 years.

Initially, the new M102 was provided to airborne units in Vietnam. Because of its lighter weight the M102 was more easily transported by air.

The thick jungles of Vietnam and the need to fire in any given direction within a matter of seconds were the deciding factors, however, for the switch to the

new M102, in regular infantry units.

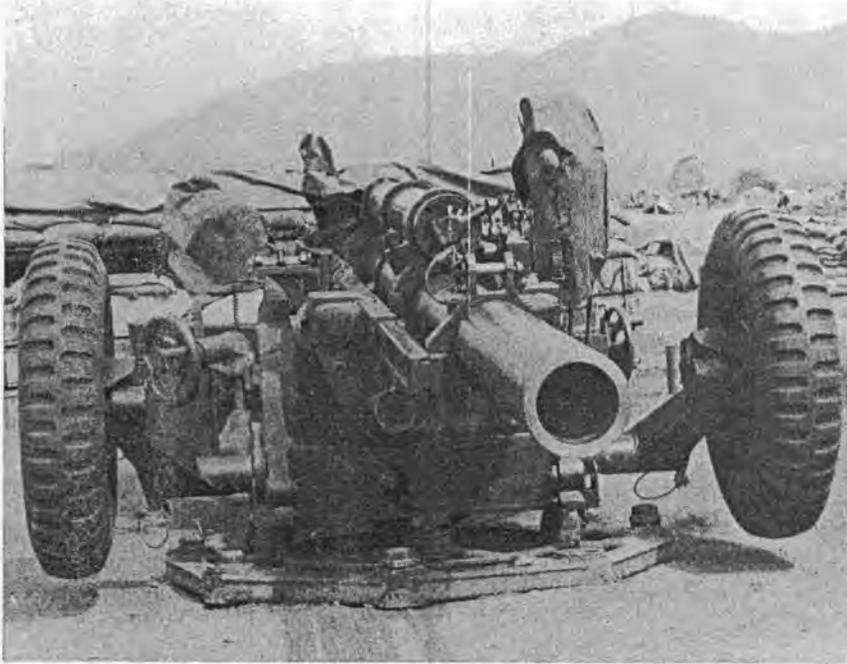
Firing batteries in the Famous Fighting Fourth Division began receiving the new howitzers in the early part of 1969. One of the first units to receive them was Charlie Battery, 2nd Battalion, 9th Artillery.

The battery's executive officer, 1st Lieutenant William H. Hunnicutt of Eden, N.C., commented, "the greatest advantage of the new howitzer is the large rubber wheel that has replaced the familiar trail spades. It enables us to shift the azimuth of fire without digging new trail pits. This cuts precious seconds from the time it takes to get fire on the target."

"The new gun is also a lot more stable. It does not rest on its wheels like the older howitzer. Instead it rests on a large base plate anchored to the ground with four-foot-long stakes. In hard ground it is as solid as a rock."

Another advantage is the low profile of the M102. We don't have to do as much sandbagging to build a gun pit. That's one benefit I know all Redlegs appreciate."

For the Redleg, the ringing sound of new steel means a little less work and for the infantryman more timely fire on the target.



LOW AND LEAN—Sitting low like a Grand Prix racer this M102mm Howitzer exhibits the same massive feelings of power and performance. Quiet and motionless now, one can almost hear the roar of its round, see the smoke belch from the barrel and feel the trembling of the ground as it shakes at ignition, oops, we mean as it fires.

(USA Photo By 1LT Jim Hughes)

Fourth, GVN Help 'Yards

PFC Introduces New Rice Strand

By CPT David R. Fabian

CAMP ENARI — When Government of Vietnam (GVN) agricultural experts and the Famous Fighting Fourth Division's G5 section combined their efforts to introduce a high-yielding rice grain to Montagnard farmers in the Central Highlands, Private First Class Michael J. Krajniak of Detroit, Mich., was on hand to offer valuable technical advice.

A two-year veteran of the Peace Corps, PFC Krajniak is perhaps the only soldier in Vietnam who is familiar with the production cycle of IR5, a rice grain successfully developed in the Philippines and anticipated to be especially suitable for har-

vest in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam.

"I was introduced to IR5 during my second year in the Philippines while I attended a course at the International Rice Institute," explained PFC Krajniak.

When PFC Krajniak completed his second year in the Philippines, Governor San Luis of Laguna Province presented him with a special letter of achievement for his work with the Ifugaos, a Philippine mountain tribe.

Four months after his release from the Peace Corps, PFC Krajniak was drafted and trained as an infantryman. In February he arrived in Vietnam and was slated for duty with the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry.

Owing to the Division's command interest in slotting personnel into positions commensurate with prior experience and specialized training, PFC Krajniak's credentials were brought to the attention of the battalion Adjutant, who in turn assigned him to a Civil Affairs team at Plei Brel Dor.

Further screening revealed PFC Krajniak's extensive background in the germination, transplantation and harvesting of IR5, so when the pilot program was announced, he was attached to the Division's G5 section, where he will remain for the duration of the project.

PFC Krajniak's efforts have already drawn interest from other countries. Mr. William Golden, the Director of Training at the International Rice Research Institute, recently journeyed from Manila to visit the 4th Division soldier and discussed problems of irrigation and fertilization of IR5.

In addition, when PFC Krajniak requested specially developed weeders for the pilot program, Mr. Golden personally arranged for shipment.

The young rice expert is presently assisting GVN agricultural officials in establishing an IR5 training program for teach-

ers in addition to advising the pilot program throughout the Fourth Division's area of operations.

"If all goes according to

schedule," PFC Krajniak explained, "we can expect our first harvest on October 14. I'm very anxious and very optimistic about the results."

Sappers Repelled

HIGHLANDER HEIGHTS —

One North Vietnamese soldier was killed and an assortment of satchel charges and hand grenades were recovered after a 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry platoon repelled a sapper attack 10 miles southwest of Kontum City.

The sappers, wearing only loin cloths, advanced to the barbed wire enclosure surrounding Landing Zone (LZ) Timothy before automatic weapons fire and IM79 grenade launchers from Alpha Company's 3rd Platoon drove back the estimated platoon-sized enemy force.

"A company of Regional Forces (RF) and our platoon were set up inside the perimeter," said PFC Drian Griffin of Philadelphia, a Panther rifleman who was one of the first to spot the enemy force as it advanced. "But intense automatic weapons fire from our Armored Personnel Carriers (APCs) was the main factor in the enemy's quick withdrawal."



All attention is concentrated on the job at hand as this Montagnard girl learns the rudiments of sewing. Precious care is taken as each stitch is pulled tight and before too long the garment will be displayed with pride. The young ladies are instructed in basic domestic skills by American Red Cross girls working with the Famous Fighting Fourth Division.

(USA Photo By SP4 Mike Jones)

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Smiles and quiet contemplation reflect the happiness these soldiers receive in their letters from home.



A Red Warrior cautiously walks point for his platoon trying to make as little noise as possible.



Two men from the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, Central Highlands may slow, but never stop.

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Radio Telephone Operator (RTO) Specialist 4 William Warner steadies himself as he provides security for other Red Warriors.



Infantry discover that paths in the stop, the completion of their mission.



Private First Class Lloyd Pelkey, a medic, takes a moment to read the Pacific Stars and Stripes.

Cacti Blue's Alpha Company Ransacks VC Supply Depots

By SP4 Michael Tousey

OASIS — Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry played finders-keepers with the enemy for four days, with the Cacti Blue coming out as the easy winners in the Chu Kehn Mountains.

The mountains, forty miles south of Pleiku, yielded three M1 carbines, two submachine guns, two light machine guns and a 30.06 Springfield rifle in the first cache discovery.

Also found in the area were 2,500 .30 caliber rounds, a CHICOM grenade, an anti-tank mine and medical supplies.

Working with the 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry, Alpha Company was making a late afternoon sweep of the wild area when the second cache was found.

This cache included six B40 rockets, 26 60mm mortar rounds, a 60mm mortar tube, six B40 booster charges, three cans of 60mm mortar charges and one can of 60mm mortar fuses.

Chief's Quarters

"A Viet Cong (VC) district chief's headquarters had been reported in the area," said Alpha Company Commander Cap-

tain Walter L. Corey of Concord, N.H., "so we were not surprised when we found a base camp area.

"There was a barracks area, dispensary, club, and kitchen with 35 to 40 chickens and eight pigs running around.

"They must have left in a big hurry when the gunships hit as they still had equipment, like pistol belts, hanging there, and we found packs, with clothing and medicine hidden in the rocks.

"The area had been used a long time," continued Captain Corey. "The hooches and kitchen equipment had been there approximately twelve months. It looked like they had been keeping their families there, too."

"I spotted a hooch after we left their base area," said Private First Class George Barnes of Marion, Ill., describing the finding of the first cache.

"I went up to it and the weapons were sticking out from under a poncho. It looked like they just left them there and ran. The 30.06 still had five rounds in it."

PFC Barnes found the second cache when Alpha Company returned to the area the following morning to make a more thorough search. The cache was hidden in a crevice in the rocks 100 meters up the mountainside from the VC base camp.

An old rag placed on one of the rocks caught PFC Barnes'

attention, and a careful investigation discovered the mortar and rocket cache.

Another One

"Another day another cache," seemed to be the slogan of the Cacti Blue, as they discovered still another one the next day.

The cache included 11 grenades, 19 60mm mortar rounds, one claymore mine, one box of carbine ammunition, four boxes of C4 and sixty AK-47 rounds.

And the day after that Alpha Company found what appeared to be a main dispensary for the VC district headquarters complex.

"The supplies were hidden over a wide area with almost the whole company helping in the search," said Sergeant Spencer Kreiser of Lorain, Ohio. "It was hidden in tree trunks, under rocks, up trees; it was just like an Easter egg hunt."

Private First Class Peter Horton of Wilton, Calif., a medic with Alpha Company, described the captured medical supplies.

"They had almost everything an aid station would need. There was even quinine and vitamins, which, according to the label, were made in Hanoi."



WITH LOVE — This Mother's Day most Famous Fighting Fourth Division soldiers were wishing they could be home with loved ones. Private First Class Carl W. Crone of Crescent Springs, Ky., was sketched here writing a letter to his wife. (Artistry By SP4 Carson Waterman)

Blackhawks Prevail

Recon Team Quiets Ambush

By SP4 John Uhlar

FIREBASE BLACKHAWK — The action was fast and deadly; it wasn't just another recon mission for Sergeant Ronald Sanders of Roswell, Ga., and his team.

Throughout the preceding day the soldiers from Charlie Troop, 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry had roamed restlessly across the level highlands, south of Highway 19.

Except for a few solitary figures working in a distant rice paddy there seemed to be little else to indicate the region was inhabited, much less that a squad of Viet Cong (VC) was near.

But for some reason, Sergeant Sanders and his men were particularly cautious as they departed the tight defensive logger formed by the cavalry's vehicles. It was just too quiet.

"We stayed in the woodline which ran parallel to a rice dike," recalled Sergeant Sanders. "We watched for any movement."

A squad of VC guerillas was lurking in the jungles and after detecting the American soldiers from their vantage point they sent two men forward into a

bamboo thicket to provide an early warning for their hastily contrived ambush.

Approaching the bamboo thicket, Sergeant Sanders ordered his team to halt, deploying some of his men to investigate other suspicious terrain features while the rest of the men searched the tangled mass of bamboo.

"I guess I was just fortunate," said Sergeant Sanders, "for instead of taking the direct approach to the thicket I circled around to the rear. There, two men were sitting, one man with a rifle, but both intently watching to their front. I yelled at them and they both took off."

"My first reaction was to give chase but I didn't want to get suckered into an ambush so I stayed put. A few seconds later one of them appeared to my front. I made sure he didn't get away."

For the rest of the team the burst of M16 fire signaled the alert.

They crouched into secure positions waiting until the second VC soldier appeared running across the adjacent rice paddy, then, taking careful aim, caught him in a deadly cross-fire.

Around the bend in the wood-

line the VC ambushers, sensing the cavalry was near, fled into the jungle undergrowth.

CIDG Stops Joint Thrust By VC, NVA

OASIS — A combined company force of Viet Cong and North Vietnamese regulars received more than they bargained for when they attacked a Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) platoon.

The CIDG unit was patrolling an area 25 miles southwest of Pleiku when the enemy opened up with small arms fire. After a brief firefight the enemy company fled to the south.

Shortly afterwards, the CIDG platoon surprised the VC-NVA company, which was equipped with AK47s, SKS rifles, B40 rockets and rocket propelled grenades.

Utilizing gunship support, the CIDG platoon was able to account for three enemy deaths, two VC and one NVA. Captured as a result of the contact were three B40 rocket launchers, 15 B40 rounds, 10 CHICOM grenades, an AK47 rifle and five NVA rucksacks.

Museum Depicts Montagnard Life

CAMP ENARI — Have you ever seen an armored vest made of bamboo or a guitar fashioned from a dry gourd?

These are only two of the many interesting artifacts featured in the new Montagnard museum at the Famous Fighting Fourth's Headquarters.

The new exhibit — conceived, assembled and arranged by Specialists 4 Larry Hall of Defiance, Ohio, and Frank Kalinoski of Philadelphia, tells the story of the Montagnard way of life. The photographs and exhibits were designed to afford men of the Division an opportunity to gain a greater understanding into the customs and traditions of their neighbors here in the Highlands.

The vest, for example, is the work of the Sadeng tribesmen who live in the Kontum area. Made from fired bamboo which gives the fiber added strength, the tightly woven vest is worn by the tribesmen while hunting. The side pockets, normally used to carry arrows and rice, have been pressed into use by the VC to carry mortar rounds.

The museum exhibits also compare the arts, tools, customs and traditions of the Division's two main neighbors, the Jarai and Bahnar tribesmen.

Similar in the ways they cultivate the land, the two tribes dif-

fer in their customs and traditions. Jarai tombs, for example, can be distinguished from those of the Bahnar by the carvings placed around the tomb depicting the life of the deceased, while Bahnar tombs will have small statues of men or animals placed along the roof of the tomb.

The museum exhibit shows this contrast as well as those found in personal dress and grooming. One can distinguish a Jarai tribesman by the length of his hair. The Jarai are generally afraid to cut their hair, believing that a man's soul lives in his head. Therefore, to cut his hair is to take away his soul.

In the museum you can see this subtle but important difference in the closeup photographs of Jarai and Bahnar men.

The continuing work of the fourth Division Civic Action personnel is also featured in the new museum. Changing frequently, the civic action exhibit highlights the activities of soldiers of the Division as they work with the Montagnard villagers.

The museum, now opened, will soon add a sound recording which will explain the history of the Montagnard peoples and provide examples of their music. Visitors to the museum will be able to activate the recorder for a narrated tour.

Because the museum is designed to show the changing face of Montagnard life and fourth Division Civic Action Programs, members of the Division are invited to submit articles and photographs for the exhibits. Articles loaned to the museum will, of course, be returned to their owners upon request.

Stop by and see the new exhibits.



Cav Gunships Destroy Enemy Bunkers, Huts

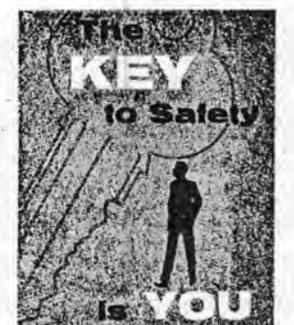
CAMP RADCLIFF—Operating 25 kilometers northwest of the 1st Brigade Headquarters, Delta Troop, 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry, located and destroyed an estimated 70 bamboo huts, a bunker complex and 1000 pounds of enemy rice.

While flying a visual reconnaissance, First Lieutenant Ernest Capozzoli of Concord, Calif., the aero scout team leader, spotted what he thought to be 30 bamboo huts hidden below the triple canopy jungle.

The troop's Cobra gunships riddled the area with a barrage of mini-gun fire and forced Lieutenant Capozzoli to swing his Light Observation Helicopter (LOH) to the side.

"As I made room for the gunships, I noticed another complex about the same size less than 100 meters away," continued Lieutenant Capozzoli.

Both areas were destroyed and a later visual reconnaissance of the area revealed an extensive bunker and trench complex connecting the huts.



Orphans Rewarded By Dental Service



OPEN WIDE—A dentist from the 39th Medical Detachment (DS) checks one of the children at the Tu Tam Orphanage on their routine weekly checkup. Trained Vietnamese specialists take care of any dental work required as the 4th Division dentist supervises activities and provides needed supplies. (Artistry By SP4 Lou Orsan)

By SP4 David C. Drew
CAMP ENARI — The 39th Medical Detachment (Dental Service), more commonly known as the Dragon Mountain Dental Clinic, has accomplished something unique and rewarding.

The basic mission is to provide dental assistance to the soldiers of the Famous Fighting Fourth Infantry Division with efficiency and dispatch. However, a peripheral program initiated by Lieutenant Colonel Harold R. Larson of San Antonio, Tex., the commanding officer, reached one of its high points last week when the unit sponsored a picnic for the 82 children from the Tu Tam Orphanage. They were rewarding the children for their outstanding participation and performance in the preventive dentistry program.

Approximately a month ago Colonel Larson began a concentrated program of preventive care and special instruction concerning the children's teeth. This was in addition to the units usual DENCAPS.

The initial step taken by the unit was to extract any bad teeth and treat the infections they found in the gums of the children. In three weeks all the major problems were corrected.

Give Aid

Then the unit provided the children with toothpaste, toothbrushes and the Army's fluoride preventive paste, the same paste given to soldiers when they arrive in country.

Demonstrators showed the children how to brush their teeth properly and Sister Jisele, director of the orphanage, made sure the children brushed twice daily.

Major Henry Moore of Midland, Mich., the executive officer for the detachment, holds great faith in the success of the program. "The best way for these people to improve their teeth is to be in a controlled preventive care environment. The low fluoride water and the poor nutritional value of the foods most of these people get makes it hard for simple dental care to be preventive. The problem is compounded by the fact that most of the care at home is lacking and even with our instruction proper preventive techniques are not continually followed.

"In the orphanage the Sister can control the behavior of the children," the major continued, "and a general improvement is already evident."

Another part of the progressive program of dentistry provided by the 39th Medical Detachment is a period of individual training for Vietnamese and Montagnards in the area. So far they have trained three of these people to be valuable, competent assistants.

Success Story

The most amazing success has been with Miss Tuyen Tran Thi who has worked with the clinic for six months. She has advanced to the point where she is a trained and efficient exodontist and under the supervision of the dental unit she performs tooth extractions and continual care for the Vietnamese and Montagnards in the area.

In addition to these special missions the unit holds its weekly DENCAPS in the Pleiku Province Hospital. The unit has created dental labs in the hospital and provided needed supplies for their continual operation.

With the closely supervised training program the unit has set the framework for a more integrated program of Vietnamese and Montagnard treating their own people.

Three Years In 'Nam

Specialist Earns Citizenship

By SP4 Michael O. Jones
CAMP ENARI — Specialist 6 Flavio BeasCampo went home May 9 to become a United States citizen.

The young specialist has been with the Famous Fighting 4th Division in Vietnam nearly three years, and his new DEROS is December 9.

"I felt I should earn my citizenship, and I feel this is the best way I can serve the United States," he explained. "I intend to extend again in December if I'm able."

He was born in Mexico, but came to the United States in May of 1965. He joined the Army in July of that year, and was in Vietnam as a mechanic with the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry a year later.

"I came to what is now Camp Enari in late July of 1966. We met little resistance in this area. There was nothing but elephant grass and bamboo here," the specialist continued.

"The 1st Air Cavalry provided

security for our unit and we dug 100 meter trenches for our perimeter. I don't think it was planned at that time to make this area the Division base camp."

Specialist BeasCampo wasn't able to watch all the step-by-step progress of Camp Enari. He was assigned to a reconnaissance element, and spent a good deal of his time in the field.

He also was a member of a security element which went with convoys from this area to Qui Nhon.

"I'm not sure when certain things were built, but I never thought I'd see the day when there was a big PX, a miniature golf course, and two swimming pools in the area.

"One example of the difference is that when I first got to this area, we could only get drinking water by catching rain in our ponchos.

"I'll tell you another thing, that rain didn't make those

trenches very comfortable," Specialist BeasCampo smiled.

In the last 2½ years Specialist BeasCampo has gone from a Private First Class to his present rank.

"The rank has come pretty well, and the money is good, but its mostly that I like the 4th Division, and, as I said, I felt I should earn my citizenship."

The 704th Maintenance Battalion technical inspector makes his home in Nogales, Ariz.

He's earned it.

A "Chance to Forget" For Tired Infantrymen

By SGT Peter Call

HIGHLANDER HEIGHTS—The sun beats down, keeping the temperature an oven-like 95 degrees. Sitting near the MEDEVAC pad a group of 200 Fourth Division soldiers almost bake in the humidity of the Central Highlands.

On a flatbed trailer, serving as a stage, stand four members of a USO sponsored singing group called "The Country Coalition." They have flown in to entertain these soldiers, many just in from that hot, dusty, insect-infested environment called the field.

As the female vocalist begins to sing "Summertime," a Highlander, his fatigue shirt pulled over his head to produce a little shade, sings the remainder of the line . . . "and the livin' is easy."

The laughter, held back for days, weeks and maybe months, breaks loose at a joke told by the lead singer.

The banjo player succeeds in getting the infantrymen's hands clapping with a lively tune from "Bonnie and Clyde," but this is drowned out by a MEDEVAC chopper landing on its nearby pad.

The heads of the audience turn and watch the two crewmen assist the medics in moving the stretcher patient to the field hospital.

The entertainers also watch and, for an instant, seem to miss a beat.

The show must go on . . . and it does. For one hour, the men listened, laughed . . . and almost forgot.



CANDY—Montagnard children gather around, in anxious anticipation, a Famous Fighting Fourth Division Civil Affairs Team member as he distributes toothbrushes, toothpaste, candies and other goodies to them. The children live in a village south of Dak Tô.

(USA Photo By 1LT John Doran)

Charlie Loses Rice To Cacti Blue Hunt

By SP4 Michael Tousey

OASIS—In a two day search of a stream bed near the battalion firebase, Cacti Blue, Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, uncovered five tons of Viet Cong rice and captured one North Vietnamese submachine gun.

A Viet Cong suspect, detained by the Cacti Blue the previous day, led the Bravo Company troops to the first of four caches found in the area.

"The detainee said there was only one cache along the blue line," said 1st Lieutenant William R. Burdick of East Lyme, Conn., Bravo Company Commander, "but we were skeptical and probed out to the east about 50 meters where Specialist 4 Leonard Peak of Havre, Mont., found another cache of approximately one ton of rice.

"Close to this location Private First Class Robert Hill of Plainfield, Ill., found a North Vietnamese submachine gun with a loaded magazine and a round in the chamber. It was in perfect condition."

The search was discontinued for the day and a small element was left near the two caches. An enemy force, estimated at between a squad and a platoon, attempted to reach the rice, but was driven off by grenades and artillery fire.

The search was continued downstream the following morning, where two more caches were found with a total of about three tons of rice.

"All four caches were constructed the same," said Sergeant Robert A. Toledo of New York City. "They built a hooch just like the Montagnards use to store rice. Then they dug out the stream bank and lowered the hooch into the hole.

"This kept the rice off the ground in the hole. They even placed rat traps around the area to protect the rice.

"They put a log roof over the hole and camouflaged it with straw and leaves, leaving an entrance through the bank facing the stream. You could only see the cache from the stream bed."

During the search, Bravo Company also found caches from which the rice had already been removed. These structures were also destroyed.

V100 Is Monster Of Road

HIGHLANDER HEIGHTS — The monstrous hulk with its electrically controlled machine guns is like something out of science fiction yet it roars down the highway like a Grand Prix racer.

The steel plated monster, complete with antennae and wheels, is, however, very real. It's called, by friendlies, the V100.

Specialist 4 Richard Brady of Atlantic City, N.J., who has been driving the V100 for nine of his 15 months with the 2nd Brigade's 4th Military Police Company, probably knows the machine's capabilities as well as anyone.

"The crew consists of a driver, a telephone operator and a gunner," the MP explained. "The vehicle itself? Well, it's difficult to give a good description. Anyway, what it does is the important part."

The mission is to make several daily runs the length of Highway 14 all by itself. . . no convoy. Specifically, the job is traveling the route between Dak To and Kontum, checking road security and looking for mines.

During his lengthy tour, Specialist Brady's V100 has hit several mines, but the crew has sustained no injuries and the vehicle has been only slightly damaged.

His crew has become so proficient that they can spot mines as the vehicle speeds down the highway.

"The enemy has developed a new technique to try and fool us when he mines the road. He finds a rut in the blacktop and places the mine in it, then covers the mine with sand and colors the finished product black by using oil," explained Specialist Brady. "But we're wise to all of his tricks."

Charlie probably has many names for the "monster," and perhaps the V in V100 could stand for victorious.



CONCERT IN THE PARK — The band of the Famous Fighting Fourth Division entertains residents of the area on a sunny Sunday afternoon in a park in Pleiku City. (USA Photo By PFC John Warwick)

Rodeo Performer

Soldier Cowboy Practicing

By 1LT Robert Janosko

CAMP RADCLIFF — He's a long way from a rodeo or a corral, but 1st Lieutenant James Close, of Portland, Ore., keeps his roping arm in shape with daily practice.

Lieutenant Close, Post Exchange officer for the 1st Brigade, has competed in rodeo events for the past 11 years. His

winnings during a three-year period before entering the service totaled more than \$1,500.

"I've got a sizeable investment in my horse and trailer. I hope to catch the last three or four rodeos of the season when I get home in August," said Lieutenant Close. "After such a long lay-off I've got to start getting my arm in shape."

Lieutenant Close's specialty is calf roping. He even built two training aids to practice his roping and tying skills.

A section of telephone pole mounted on a saw horse serves as a "Calf." He practices his throws from nine marked posi-

tions around the calf.

"I have to make five good throws from a position before I go on to the next," explained the lieutenant.

A second of lost time can cost money, so he has devised an ingenious device to practice ties on a calf's feet after it has been thrown on its side.

Attached to a four foot section of beam are four, two-inch thick poles representing legs. Each is attached with two strips of inner tube.

"The training aids are good, but are not the real thing. There are plenty of water buffalo calves around; now if I only had a horse. . ."

Mission Impossible

OASIS — The men of Alpha Troop, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry could hardly believe what they were seeing.

Approaching their location at Landing Zone (LZ) Buffalo IV was Lieutenant Colonel R. D. Rennie of Fairfax, Va., squadron commander, and a striking figure which most men were quickly able to identify.

The open mouths became smiles as Greg Morris, the television star of "Mission Impossible," walked around the area to meet the Famous Fighting Fourth Division cavalymen.

The television star had Captain Jim D. Moody of Eglin, Fla., and First Sergeant Chester H. Coady of Lawton, Okla., introduce the men of Alpha Troop as he shook their hands.

Mr. Morris flashed a big grin as he met the crew of the Buffalo Soldiers' tank nicknamed "Mission Impossible."

The television personality, who also visited Camp Enari and the Oasis as part of his 17-day USO handshake tour, was besieged with questions by the interested troops.

"Why didn't you bring Barbara Bain (the female star of 'Mission Impossible') with you?" asked one soldier.

Another Alpha Troop member had what he thought was a splendid idea.

"Why don't you come along on one of our missions? We need an explosives expert."

Mr. Morris has disarmed many an explosive device as Barney Collier on the thrilling television series, but he wasn't about to handle one of the ene-

my's explosives, a hazard often encountered by the Buffalo Soldiers.



ON THE MOVE — Famous Fighting Fourth Division soldiers of the 1st Brigade are shown at Kontum Airport boarding a C130 that took them to their new base camp at An Khe. (USA Photo By SP5 Michael Cobb)