

PLOW



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JUNGLE EATING 60TH

The jungle eating 60th is continuing to chop up the jungle in the heart of a Viet Cong regimental base camp south of Bear Cat in the Hat Dich area. Along with the jungle the 60th has had to swallow a little brown and gray matter called mud due to the monsoon rains but the undaunted 60th continues to cut swath across Vietnam.

In the past twenty-five days of the operation, the Jungle Eaters have uncovered more than 600 bunkers, two arms caches including a Browning and a Chicom machine-gun. They have also captured four chicom claymore mines, three RPG7s, and three 107mm rockets.

At present the 60th is operating directly out of the sky with everything being flown in and out via hook. The hook look took on a new twist, however, when sky crane 450 was called upon to airlift five duce-an-a-halves and a three-quarter from the 60th's position at Comancue to a waiting convoy at Phy My airfield. Super hook 450 was operating at max the entire trip of some 10 klicks; not only did the crane carry 14,500 pounds of payload but also 3000 pounds of mud.

All in all the 60th look is a good one. Next month a new class will appear on the

training schedule. The new class will be taught by SSG. Rosio and SSG. Minto will be Mud Survival Training, cr, How To Take Quick Steps Without Touching The Ground. Mud, mud, mud, glorus mud!! By 1Lt. C. Daniel Lynes

3D SHOP PLAYS VITAL ROLE ~

The 3rd Shop of Company A, 62D Engineer Battalion (LC) performs an unheralded yet vital role in the operation of the Transportation Platoon. The real work begins when the "Rome Runners" roar home after a convoy with a series of 3rd echelon ills. The mechanics of 3rd Shop then have their work cut out for them in preparing the 10-ton tractors and 25-ton low bed trailers for yet another big move.

The 3rd Shop repaired so many tractors for the 984th Engineer Company, they presented a problem for the Transportation Platoon--not nearly enough drivers to supply transportation for plows! Some of the mechanics, SP/4 Beckmann and SP/4 MacGillivray drove with 7 and 10 days.

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The 3rd Shop is also responsible for repairing such engineer equipment as scoop loaders, cranes, 2-1/2-ton trucks, 3/4-ton trucks, jeeps, and ever-popular forklift. Despite the steady influx of work into the shop, the mechanics have done an excellent job in keeping vehicles off deadline. The "Rome Runners" can indeed rest assured that they are well-supported by the dedicated men in 3rd Shop.

By 1Lt. Agustin Duenas

1000 PER DAY

The 62D Engineer Battalion PX is really moving up in the world. Business exceeds \$1,000 per day and is rising. At this date our little Exchange Annex is one of the highest rated in the entire system. Aside from the retail outlet this annex maintains six concessions, three in the battalion area and three outside the area. A snack-bar facility will be opening in the area within the next couple weeks.

Most of the accomplishments of the annex are due to the untiring efforts of SP/5 T. J. Miedzianowski. TJ has always obtained the type of merchandise desired by his fellow soldiers and managed this merchandise so that every man in the field has an equal opportunity to purchase. The flying PX Conex is another of TJ's outstanding ideas which really pays off to those Land Clearers in the field. TJ is now on a thirty day loss and every soldier in this

battalion is going to feel the loss.

By 1Lt. Richard Frueh

NEW FACES for 984TH

Members of the 984th Engineer Company are in a new cut after finishing a 15-day standdown here at Long Binh. During their previous 45-day operation they cut in the notorious area known as the Trapezoid. Before the 45 days were over, NVA units in the area learned to respect the Rome Plows and the operators who controlled them.

Several new faces were added to the Land Barons during the 45 days in the field. The 1st platoon gained a new platoon leader, 1Lt. Richard O. Miller who joined the 984th from Fort Benning, Georgia. The first platoon also saw a new platoon sergeant in the name of SFC. Harry C. Lloyd from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Upon returning to Long Binh, Land Barons also learned that they would be getting a new company commander and first sergeant. CPT Phillip Brown, the former company commanding officer, is now located in the S-3 shop. Our new CO is CPT Richard A. Burlingame who recently arrived in Vietnam from the Panama Canal Zone. In addition to a new CO, the new first sergeant, 1SG. Carl P. Durham, arrived from Germany.

During the recent standdown 1st platoon worked hard in order to get their dozers ready for their present operation which began on the first of

October. Despite a shortage of personnel all members of the platoon chipped in to get the equipment in top working condition.

By 1Lt. Richard O. Miller

A COMPANY

Life is somewhat easier for the housegirls of the Direct Support plt. of Co. A. Now that the 92D Engineer Battalion has replaced the sea of mud around 3rd Shop. Men no longer have to wade to and from their jobs. Undoubtedly the sale of shoe polish has declined in the PX.

Speaking of mud, Company A tips its hat to Specialist Garcia, Steinkopf, and Pfc. King who are providing 3rd Shop support to the 60th NDP, we move 30 kilometers to the 501st Engineer Company LC where Spec. Pawiska and Batton and Pfc. Romero can be heard above the constant patter of little feet.

The ordnance section is still plagued by the 60th M548, Dr. Death. Maybe it will be operational by the time they come in on stand down.

The Engineer and Service Sections are now back in full production due to the presence of the 984th Engineer Company Maintenance Standdown. The Service Section will remain busy around the clock due to the no. (Continued on pg 4)

REV HADLEY VISITS 62D ENGRS //

During the early stage of this past month Reverend J. Harold Hadley of the North Shore Unitarian Church in Manhasset, New York, paid a visit to a parishoner of his Lt. Charles Begg, company commander of "A" Company, duty station at Long Binh in the Republic of South Vietnam. Reverend Hadley is a representative of a study commission of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. The objective of this committee is to provide a means of aiding the undeveloped areas around Saigon. At this time the representatives of the committee, consisting of five Americans and eleven Vietnamese are contemplating the establishment of a school of social work and neighborhood social centers in their present location.

After being in country for only one week they have received recommendations to remain in the Saigon area and continue their project for a period of one year. The committee at present is working in corporation with the United Nations under a contract with U.S. Aid which is an organization under the State Department establishing social welfare for undeveloped countries.

Lieutenant Charles Begg after being notified of Reverend Hadley's presence in Saigon by his wife, Mrs. Virginia Begg, drove to the well-known city. The Lieutenant located his pastor at the Majestic Hotel in Saigon. It has been over a year's time since the Lieutenant has seen his pastor, Reverend J. Harold Hadley. Reverend Hadley returned with Lt. Charles Begg to the largest Army post in Vietnam and the home of the only land clearing battalion for a tour of the wellknown and praised installation.

By SP/4 Louis B. Perry

SEE YOUR BATTALION REENLISTMENT NCO AND GET ON THE BANDWAGON BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE OR SEE YOUR FRIENDLY CAREER COUNSELORS -----TODAY-----

* The headhunter wants you!! *





of blades and cabs to be rebuilt and repaired. The D7E tractors are also appearing on the scene now that the 984th has completed their organizational maintenance. Last, but not least, Production Control will be burning the midnight candle keeping up with the vast amount of paper work.

By 1Lt. Gordon D. Wyllie

TECH SUPPLY

Tech Supply of the 62nd Engineer Battalion belongs to the only land clearing battalion in the world. It is a known fact that a shortage of parts in this unit can deadline the entire land clearing operation. Because of these two facts Tech Supply is in a completely unique class in comparison to all other tech supplies.

Tech Supply is the main

supply element of the 62nd Engineer Battalion. With an operation as small as 1500 line items the men of Tech Supply are constantly working to supply the land clearing companies with needed supplies. Spec. 5 Young, assistant warehouse NCOIC, who is in charge of receiving and issuing, happens to be one of the many to include the land clearing personnel, who has noticed two important improvements that has been made at Tech Supply. The most beneficial improvement is the 15 percent drop in the Authorized Stockage list zero balance. The most noticed improvement has been compared to a rubber ball and at times still has a tendency to fluctuate, has somewhat maintained a non-negative balance. The absence of parts in the past has been due to the constant demand for each item which still prevails. Parts needed by one D7E dozer, due to hazardous operating conditions and normal wear are usually needed in a dozen

other dozers for the same reasons. Consequently this also holds true for the battalions 10-ton tractors and 25-ton lowboy trailers.

Because of this rapid turn over of parts four men have the responsibility of handling up to 200 requisitions throughout the day. The editor, SP/4 Hills has somewhat eased this load. Spec. Hills who heads the editing section keeps a close watch on all requisitions as they pass over his desk. This man is responsible for reducing a large number of invalid requisitions. The invalidness of these requisitions are usually due to over use of priority, incompleteness of form, and incorrect part or stock number.

Tech Supply is involved in a very important operation to keep the North Vietnamese aggressors out of South Vietnam. With the aid supplied to the Land Clearing Companies of the 62nd Engineer Battalion, they are contributing to the destruction of the enemies' refuge and at the same time contributing to the pacification of South Vietnam.

By SP/4 Louis B. Perry



MEN APPRECIATING MEN

Reading your newspaper, last issue, I noticed you had space open for stories ect.

I am in the 60th Land Clearing Company and being in the 60th I know the guys. I've got an idea that you can put in your next issue; its about the old Jungle Eaters that are leaving during the next operation. These guys have been here almost since land clearing was put together. I think it would be a good idea that the names of these guys and everything that they have done become known to everyone.

SSG. David Minto: Dave came here out of AIT an E-3, he is now an E-6. He has done a great job in the 2nd platoon. Dave has been a section chief for a long time and is wellknown for operating his Rome Plow. Minto is one of the best Jungle Eaters has ever had. Dave received a medal from the president of Vietnam for the opening of LTIA to Song Be.

Sgt. Jerry Ninko: In the time Jerry has been in the Jungle Eaters he has blown 11 plows due to mines, also has three claymores and three handgrenades fall in his path. He is now a section chief in the 1st platoon. If there is one mine in the cut Jerry will hit it. Jerry has been hit so many times the medics were

going to throw him in the junk yard for scrap. We won't forget Jerry especially for the fights he got into at parties and the time he ran over two VCs in a bunker with his plow and caught one; he then found out he didn't have a weapon. Jerry also received a medal from the president of Vietnam for opening route LTIA to Song Be.

SP/5 Oman Palmer: Oman, better known as Rusty is wellknown for being the craziest operator the 60th will ever have. Rust is also wellknown for his fights down at the club. He drinks like a fish, which is not unusual for a Jungle Eater, but he does it with a funnel and has to be cured in the bed. When Rusty is out in the cut he is the craziest guy you ever saw, you can't get him off his plow. Rusty is also wellknown for blowing engines, tracks, and blades off his plow, and then laughs at it.

SP/5 Richard Sage: Dick has been with us a long time. He is known for being the best bull blade operator have ever had. If you want anything done ask Dick. He can build a berm faster than anyone. With a bull blade he can cut more trees with which he would have a hard time using a more practical stinger blade. Dick also received a medal from the president of Vietnam for the

opening of LTIA to Song Be

The Jungle Eaters won't forget these men, They'll go down in the honor roll of the Jungle Eaters.

I would appreciate it very much if you print this. Thank you very much. I won't mention my name cause they would kill me.

By (anonymous)

A-1 TEAM

The 60th Engineer Company (LC), Jungle Eaters, are finding that the Australian allies, 111 Troop ArmorCav are really great. 111 Troop security force for the 60th upon arrival to the 62nd Engr Bn. were shown their quarters and the facilities of the Land Clearing Battalion.

On August 26, 1969 at 1745 a formation was held with the members of the 60th facing the members of the 111 Troop. The company commander of the Land Clearing Company, Captain Peters informed the company commander of the Australian security force, Captain DeVese, that the Jungle Eaters will attend a party being held at the 62nd EM Club and the Australians were to be the guest of the 60th. The companies were then introduced and com-

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NEWS AROUND BATTALION *

We have yet to see the SGM in the ring--the majority opinion is that he is afraid of the BIG BAD BOSS.

Alpha Company has done it again! Last week they were only one dog over strength but with valor alone and beyond the call of duty Ophelia brought them up to about ten; anyone need a puppy? Maybe five?

We have been running a pretty good Aid Station around here just ask anyone who has been to Vung Tau lately. Doc Sanchez is pleased to meet anyone in the battalion but it isn't really necessary to catch V.D. first.

Has anyone noticed that it rains buckets everyday between retreat and to the Colors? The major cause must be the Communist Conspiracy!

Roger that?

If you can find more than 75% of the battalion telephones in a deadline status you will win a gold star on your service record.

The Bounty Hunter has struck again--as close as I can figure, the members of this battalion have claimed about \$70,000.00 in the last couple months. Its going to be one hell of a poker game.

By The Head Housecat Keeper

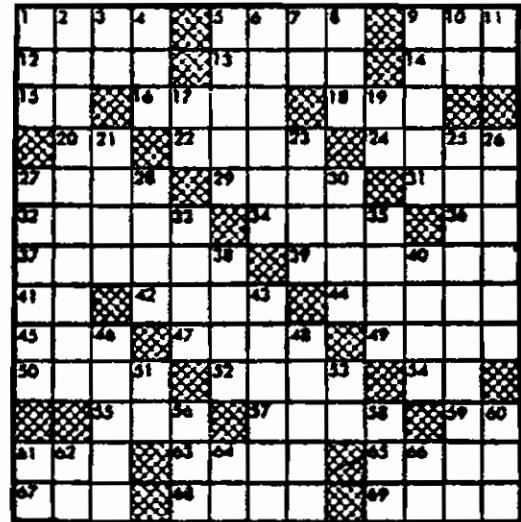
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Invited
- 5-Artist's stand
- 6-Followed food
- 7-Cyprinoid fish
- 8-Greek letter
- 9-Build
- 10-Preposition
- 11-Neer
- 12-Girl's name
- 13-Opera by Verdi
- 14-Decay
- 15-Behold
- 16-Portion of
- 17-Food amount
- 18-Girl's name
- 19-Compass point
- 20-Hebrew letter
- 21-Bad
- 22-Saints
- 23-District in
- 24-Reverberation
- 25-Half of earth
- 26-Chemical
- 27-Rant
- 28-Girl's name
- 29-Conduct
- 30-Changes
- 31-A state (abbr.)
- 32-Spy
- 33-Lampreys
- 34-Periods of time
- 35-Tears
- 36-Nots of scale
- 37-Higher
- 38-Pad back
- 39-Preparation
- 40-Landed
- 41-Fooling
- 42-Unusual
- 43-Barracuda
- 44-Covers
- 45-Metal fastener
- 46-Scorch
- 47-Exclamation
- 48-Insect egg
- 49-Stumble
- 50-Latin
- 51-Mature
- 52-Part of stove
- 53-Less
- 54-Conducted
- 55-Sailors (colloq.)
- 56-Mental image
- 57-Be III
- 58-Spreads of
- 59-Information
- 60-Printer's
- 61-Measure
- 62-Parent
- 63-Saints
- 64-Afternoon
- 65-Cyprinoid
- 66-Fish

DOWN

- 1-Be III
- 2-Spreads of
- 3-Information
- 4-Printer's
- 5-Measure
- 6-Parent
- 7-Saints



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mand was turned over to the first sergeants of each unit, SGM Roberts of 111 Troop and PSG Anderson of the 60th, whom then dismissed the units. Everyone made a dash directly for the club and the party was on.

Attending the party beside the troops was no other than the "Boss" himself, LTC. Paul C. Driscoll commanding officer of the 62nd. The jubilee was in full swing when the Boss led the Jungle Eaters in a song and soon the Australians were in the groove and the scene became a sing along with everyone's bag united into one.

The next morning the two units, Jungle Eaters and the 111 Troop, moved out of base camp. Problems arose due to the mud caused by the monsoon rains. The 60th found themselves bogged down in a temporary NDP called "Diggers Rest." With the aid and the support of the Australians security force and the efforts of the land clearing company all equipment trapped in the mud were freed from the hindering bond. The establishing of temporary overnight NDPs became essential due to the rain and mud. Other problems arose but between the two units each was readily coped with and the men continued to their present location in the Hat Dich area

Comments heard over the radios were also an experience. Comments like these were heard: 111 Troop--50 is down again and 36 and 37 had trees fall on them and are out of commission. Why not just bury 50? What time is it?

Jungle Eaters--1500 and for those of 111 Troop the big hand is on the twelve and the little hand is on the three.

111 Troop--Come over and have a brew (coffee, hot chocolate).

Jungle Eaters--We'll be over in a minute.

All in all the members of the 111 Troop and the Jungle Eaters are one and the same. Leadership, willingness, and corporation are for the same goal and mission.

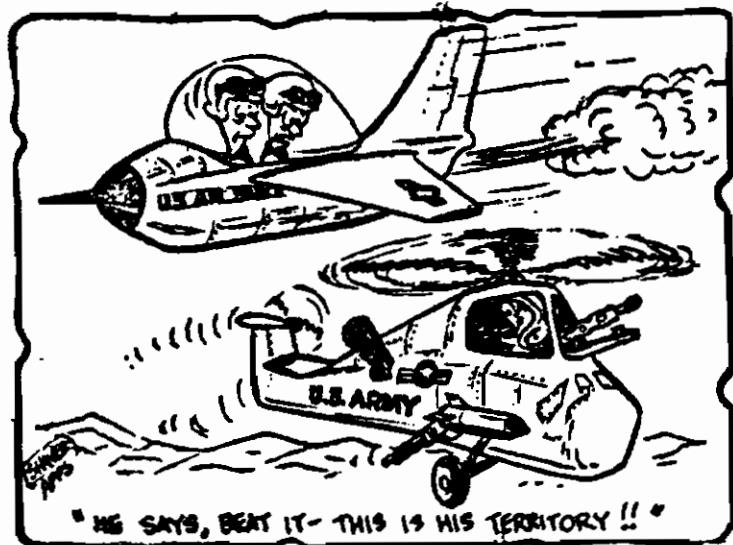
Welcome to the Jungle Eaters, 111 Troop!!

By PSG. Ralph C. Anderson

CONGLOMERATE

An economist's definition of a Conglomerate is a group of diversified corporation with phenomenal output. The one difference is that all actions are trained toward a particular goal, seeing to it that land is cleared. Third Shop ordnance with, the Warden and his boys, keep the lowest 3rd echelon ordnance deadline rate in the brigade. Third Shop Engineer with CW4 Olson and his men keep more tractors running and moving out of shop than anyone in the entire history of Land Clearing. Most supply personnel will tell you that getting a repair part is part alchemy and part black magic and with the tremendous volume of parts which pour forth from Tech Supply, also known as Smokey's Supermen just might be magicians. The Mess Hall, yes, the Mess Hall with the ex-

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COMMANDERS LAMENT □

The world turns,
And the living live,
While a soldier burns,
With no more to give.

He's given his life,
In a battle for his country.
Back home a child and wife
know he died to keep them free.

While the Hippy revolts,
And the Draft Dodgers run,
There's some other Dolt,
Out having fun.

The paper he reads,
The news he hears,
A soldier bleeds,
But its nowhere near.

He has nothing to lose,
what does he care?
He's far removed.
From that place over there.

So send those SOB's to me,
the Hippy, the Dud, the Misfit.
I'll show them what it means to be free,
While they tramp in the mud we call elephant shit.

I'll make them soldiers,
As sure as I tell,
They'll run a dozer,
Or go to Hell.

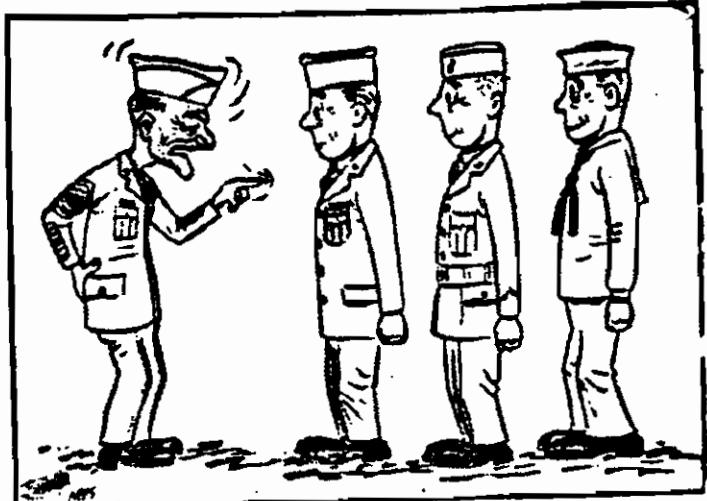
I'll mold them to Americans proud,
They'll willingly give up their pot.
"Freedom", they'll proclaim aloud.

But then they'll leave,
At year's end,
Go back to the world,
And find their friends.

They'll find they're different,
from when they left.
But its the time they spent
so close to death.

If they manage to curtail,
The wrongs of just one more,
Then I'll know I have not
failed the men who die in
this war,

Captian Burlingame



THE BOSS

The Boss is a man with the fuzzy balls
He's not to short and he's not to tall
You see him here you see him there
The short tall man with not much hair. The Boss

The Boss is around both day and night
Checking on things that don't look right
Doing his best keeping things on the ball
He's not to short and He's not to tall. The Boss

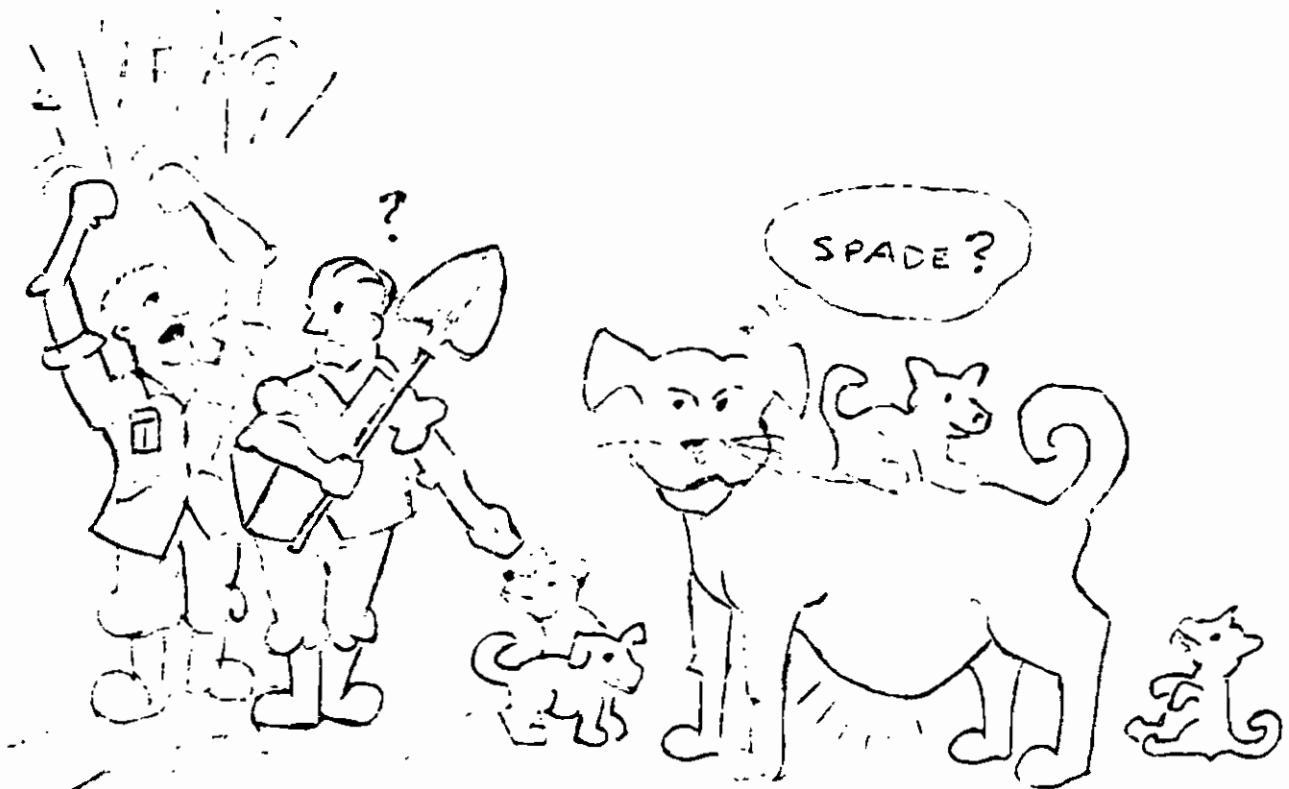
FOUND GUILTY

Ophelia has been found guilty of unauthorized use of space beneath the Rome Runners's operation shack (used as a maternity ward) and sentenced to be spaded by the Long Binh Post veterinarian within the next two months. Sentence has been reviewed and approved by the Commanding Officer of A Co.

The Boss is a man with lots of spunk
Keeping a eye out for all the drunks
All the trouble makers just alike
He has a place for them to fight
Doing his best keeping things on the ball
He's not to short and he's not to tall. The Boss

The Boss is a man all the way
He believes in work and he believe in play
He believes in going all the way
Doing his best Keeping things on the ball
He's not to short and he's not to tall. The Boss.

By Blue



ception of 5 days a month feeds an extra company each meal as well as on some occasions 4 meals a day. SFC Childers says "that anyone who comes to my mess hall will not go away hungry." It is unfortunate that some do not indicate which mess puts out the best chow. Second Shop with SSG Minor and SSG Wilson keep more 10-tons running than anyone in the United States Army. Finally the Rome Runners who are the largest fleet in the world. There is nothing more impressive than the sight of a land clearing company on the move and these are the men that move them. Lt. Duenas, SFC Nelli SSG's Kuchl, Jefferson, Kinard, and Cameron plus there men, do what it would take almost 2 heavy transportation companies to do. This means that the volume of work produced by these men is phenomenal and that their dedication to the land clearing mission is incredible.

By 1Lt. Charles F. Begg

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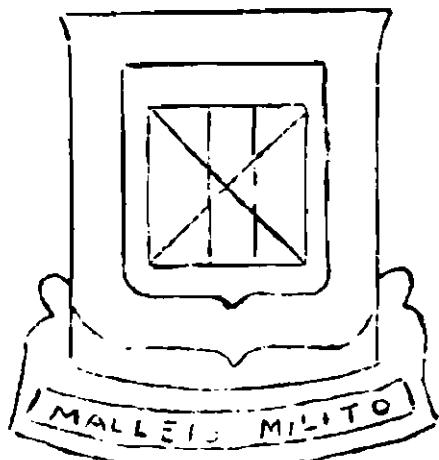
I, SOLDIER WITH HAMMER

The symbol that designates the 62D Engineer Battalion from other battalions in the brigade bares the words "Malleis Milito". The words found on the coat of arms means "I Soldier With Hammer." The coat of arms includes the coat of arms of the 18th Engineers. Due to this act one is able to see the descent of the 62nd from the 18th Engineers. A silver border behind the shield is the only difference that seperates the identical likeness of the two shields.

On March in the year 1945 Malleis Milito was approved by the Quartermaster General as the motto of the battalion. The man who submitted the motto during a contest, his name is unavailable, was given a seven day leave in the rear.

I Soldier With Hammer when broken down shows its meaningful significance. "I", meaning the individual, referring to each soldier and engineer. The word "Soldier" reminds all that the engineer is a soldier and is vulnerable to attacks by the enemy. "Hammer" refers to the mission of the 62D Engineers. The use of tools and heavy equipment has been implored tremendously by the engineer battalion when it was a construction battalion and now as a land clearing battalion.

It is without any doubt that the men of the 62D Engineer Battalion (LC) has in the past and always will as in the present and future live up to their expectations and then some. As members of the only land clearing battalion they will continue to operate their heavy duty equipment, primarily the Rome Plow, in a land infested with the enemy, proving they are truly combat engineers and soldiers with hammers.



COMMANDMENT OF GOLDAH

A plow operator named Springer
Took up with a pretty young swinger

He shoved her around
Til she fell to the ground

Then he stabbed her three times
with his stinger.

There once was a VC named Ling
Who waited for someone to ping

Along came a Rome
Put a dent in his dome

And amputated his thing.

* CONGRADULATIONS *
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* SP4 Louis B. Perry and wife *
* Blanche are now proud parents *
* of a 8-pound 7-ounce baby boy. *
* Mother and child are doing *
* fine. *
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



The past month has been a rough one for the Land Clearers. The monsoon weather reached a peak and delivered us a world of hurt out in the jungle. On my visits to the land clearing companies, I often stood in disbelief at the conditions I saw. Several high ranking visitors asked me how in the world we kept our stuff running when we had to pull maintenance in a sea of mud. I have yet to find a complete answer to that question, but I do know that guts and spirit have a great deal to do with it. In fact that may be the whole answer--- guts and spirit.

Col. Wright, our Group C.O. visited the other day to present us the reenlistment plaque for the month of September (this is the third straight month our reenlistment rate has been the highest in 79th Group). He remarked at the time that he thought it was a great tribute to this battalion to have so many men who were willing to reenlist even though they had the toughest way to go of any troops in the Army. Maybe its guts and spirit again. I asked my personnel officer to let me see every request for voluntary extension that he processes. He fills my in-basket every week. Guts and spirit.

This battalion is engaged in the single most important enterprise ever undertaken by an U.S. Army Engineer force. If you men did not somehow find a way to carry on through the monsoon season, our mission would have failed badly. I actually believe some of you grew gills so you could breathe under water. In any event you made it, and, confidentially, not many people thought you could do it. It is hard to predict what guts and spirit can do. Thank you, men.

At this moment, I would not voluntarily trade places with any man on earth.

You're Beautiful

Paul J. Doherty

