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ARVNIZATION OR BUST

Thanh, Quy, O, Hai, Nam. What is it? Well they are names of just a few members of the 318th ARVN Land Clearing Company, who are training with the 501st Land Clearing Company. The end result of this training will be a fully qualified ARVN Land Clearing Company.

At the present time there are 25 ARVN soldiers receiving on-the-job-training using the buddy system. Each ARVN is assigned a big buddy (GI). This pair works, eats, and lives together. In most cases wherever you find a GI not far away will be his Vietnamese buddy. At present each can be found tending to their present operation at Tay Ninh.

After a record setting twelve day (normal working period last up to fifteen days) in which the 318th ARVN Land Clearing Company gave a hugh helping hand, hopes were sky high that this operation and training program would be highly successful. The way Rome Plow operator David (Marty) Mudd best expressed the company's feelings when he stated, "If these little people continue to

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LANDCLEARING MEDICS

The medics of the 62D Engineer Battalion are not really the quiet people they appear to be. Many of us have needed their aid for anything from athlete's foot to serious combat wounds. Whatever the need, our medics are on the spot performing their own highly specialized job.

The Army describes a medics job in the field as the treatment of combat casualties. Now what the Army didn't mention is that in order to treat a wounded man the medic has to risk his own life on the field of battle. It is pretty difficult to treat wounds and fight at the same time, especially if you happen to be a conscientious objector as many of our medics are.

The history of the medics of this Land Clearing Battalion is laced with acts of valor although far too many people do not know any of the story. When the battalion

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CRUIT SUPERMEN

January was the start of the new year in which we will hopefully see the end of the conflict in Nam. The 62nd Engineer Battalion is playing a very large part in helping to bring this war to a close. Our battalion is really doing "its thing". The dozers knock the trees down, the generals smile, and tech supply keeps rolling out parts.

Forty percent of the personnel that are recruits. The old timers here have almost as many months in as the recruits have days.

Brushy Lee has been in country on lay a month, yet under Fuzzy Hill's supervision, he is a working demon as our editor. He has become so good that he actually cusses out PLL clerks in his sleep. He really believes that practice makes perfect.

Stokes and Chickenman Montemayor are becoming superfast and accurate as deck men under Hairy Harris and Pineapple Enos' watchful eye. They have been working so hard that they actually think an R & R is the hour they get for lunch.

Someone was telling Radish Radaty that tech supply was the R & R Center for the 62nd Engr. Bn. Poor old Radish, being only a recruit with few manners he fell asleep while actually listening to another person. He felt that he might as well catch up on the sleep he has been losing while he was working nights at tired tech.

Tree Trefrey, Red Sunderman, Twinkle Toes Reed, Tired Tuggle and Baby Huey Lonergan were having troubles enough picking up and issuing out the mountains of parts that flow through tech supply. These men also took on the job of training Blimp Beeker and four ARVN's.

Hard work, patience, and a heap of understanding by all of the "old timers" made Blimp and the ARVN's competent warehouse personnel. Blimp and the ARVN's have almost won their capes. If you are still here four months from now don't be surprised if you see Blimp and the ARVN's running the whole warehouse.

Hawkman Hutchinson has come back and really has the turn-ins and his three quarter smoking. He thinks he is getting short so he

wants to get 1971's work finished along with this year's.

"Lifer" Skaggs has finally cut his vacation short and has wandered back into tired tech. Things change so fast and often down here that he is actually a recruit. Superman Smokey is really short but he has sworn to get the lifer into the swing of things before he leaves Nam.

Being one of Smokey's Supermen is hard work, but the requirements are really quite simple. You just need to be intelligent, hard working, possess a sense of humor, love harrassment, and above all be dedicated to the 62nd Engineer Bn. (Land Clearing).

By SP/5 Ralph Trefrey



Bu Dop

Twas December 19th when we found out why
we opened the road with just one try
A couple of mines blew under our tracks
But we kept on movin without look'in back

Who are we? You ask—well don't look now
We're those mean SOB's who drive Rome Plows
We're the 98th and damned proud too.
The Bu Dop road is open for you

A yank named Brewer drivin' number one,
Puts claim to Bein' the first one done.
He says, "Tweren't much cuttin' down that
road,
Just took a little guts and a big payload."

Then the 5th of January rolled around,
And the reason for our efforts was most
profound.

Civilians in buses—what a great big crowd
Were travelin' our road—we-sure were proud

It'd been five years since they came this
way,
They were goin back home and there they'd
stay,
Free from Charlie in a place called Bu Dop
'Cause we sent him runnin' and he ain't
gonna stop.

So chalk up another on freedom's side,
For Charlie this area has been denied
So don't ask questions when you walk on by
cause now you know why our heads are held
high.

For we're engineers called the Nine-Eight
Four,
We came up here to even the score
We did our job and came out on top
So now we just wish good luck to Bu Dop

By CPT Richard Burlingame



ARVNiz@

work like they did this standown
they'll stand ten feet tall as
Land Clearers". Thus for this op-
eration the hopes o f standown
have turned into realities. Even
one day of the operation an ARVN
soldier operated a plow unassist-
ed. By the fourth day ther were
three ARVN's rolling out plows in
the morning alone. Besides these,
other little buddies were giving
overworked 501st operators a chance
to catch up on their suntans on
securities' APCs. (It should be
noted that until the ARVN's came
the 501st had only one operator
per plow—this meant a seven day
work week for all operators and
mechanics.) Larry Elevins sums it
up best as he stretches out on
the APC with his sunglasses on
and sipping on a coke while his
sang rapes jungle for a while in
77—"not bad".

Not bad is right. So far things
are going extremely well. There-
fore to answer the question to
ARVNIZATION or BUST, at point
in time it sure looks like ARVN-
IZATION.

By (A Watchfull Observer)

Land Clearing Medics
was only three days old a medic
SP/5 Davis of the 501st Engineer
Company (LC) gave his life to aid
a wounded comrad. During the last
year the members of this bat-
lion have received over two hun-
dred Purple Hearts includung
five to medics and virtually
everyone of these wounded men
was attended by a Land Clearing
Medic. It is the dedication and
proficiency of these men that has
made the description "died of
wounds" an almost non-existent
phrase in this unit. And to the
families and friends of these
three men who have died of wounds
goes the knowledge that all o f
the skill possible went in to an
effort to preserve their lives.

By The Head-Housecat

Stalag 17

The men of D7 Heaven and Stalag 17 seem to have found a new way to beat the system. The way that this is done is when a piece of equipment comes into shop, they drop everything and fix it. So efficient are they at this that (3) officers and several NCO's are running around trying to keep the shops filled. The fever has even spread to the contact teams in the field. Supporting all (3) land clearing companies with direct support maintenance in their field locations, the mechanics have proven that direct support can be provided in remote areas.

Production Control remains busy reballing parts and keeping up with the paper work brought about by the 984th minesweep teams.

The machinists recently completed a swagger stick for the outgoing commander of our friends across the valley the 92B. Of course the quality control factor was somewhat less than that required for our own BOSS.

The welding shop, having taken a new look on life is not catching up on all the little details necessary before the arrival of the 60th.

Trying to transfer the junkyard to 218th C.C. & S. are the inspectors who, to everyone's dismay, are doing a fine job of keeping the maintenance level of the battalion one of the best in Vietnam.

Submitted by A Co.



Stay Army

Rome Runners Running

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

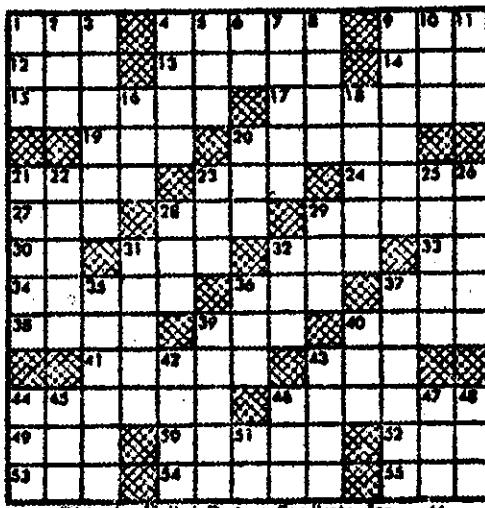
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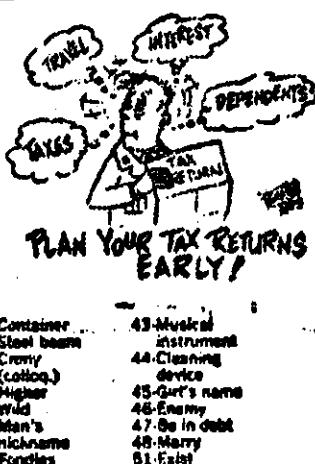
- 1-Idle chatter
- 4-Keen
- 9-Unit of Latvian currency
- 12-Anglo-Saxon money
- 13-Part of flower
- 14-Time gone by
- 15-Pennant
- 17-Spruce
- 19-Small child
- 20-Locations
- 21-Ditseed
- 23-Sign of zodiac
- 24-Lease
- 27-Conjunction
- 28-Insect egg
- 29-Broader
- 30-Pronoun
- 31-Drink slowly
- 32-Mountain pass
- 33-Parent (collaq.)
- 34-Lawful
- 36-Shallow vessel
- 37-Slamee native
- 38-Prepare for publication
- 39-Cooling device
- 40-Stop
- 41-Repulse
- 43-Man's nickname
- 44-More insane
- 46-Unauthorized
- 49-Boom
- 50-Kettledrum
- 52-Female sheep
- 53-Equality
- 54-Slumber
- 55-Commander

DOWN

- 1-Saffron (collao.)
- 2-Nausea
- 3-Ridicule lightly



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In living up to its reputation as the most outstanding transportation platoon in USARV, the Rome Runners have been constantly on the move supporting the battalion's land clearing units all over III Corps Tactical Zone. Commitments for the Rome Runners have taken them to such picturesque places as scenic Lộc Ninh and Ah Lộc in support of the 984th, quiet Tay Ninh province in support of the 501st and groovy Long Thành in support of the 60th.

The Rome Runners, who are being referred to as either "Thunderrunners" or "the nuts" by the 48th Transportation Group, have been continuing in the tradition of the 62nd Engr. Bn. by leaving no job unfinished and no mission unaccomplished. These motorized dust-eaters have hit the worst of Vietnam's dust bowls and only on very rare occasions have they bothered to down shift. The Rome Runners are indeed pleased to know that they do their jobs "par excellence". They may not cut jungle but they also know that without them no jungle would be cut.

By 1Lt. Damian A. FitzRoy

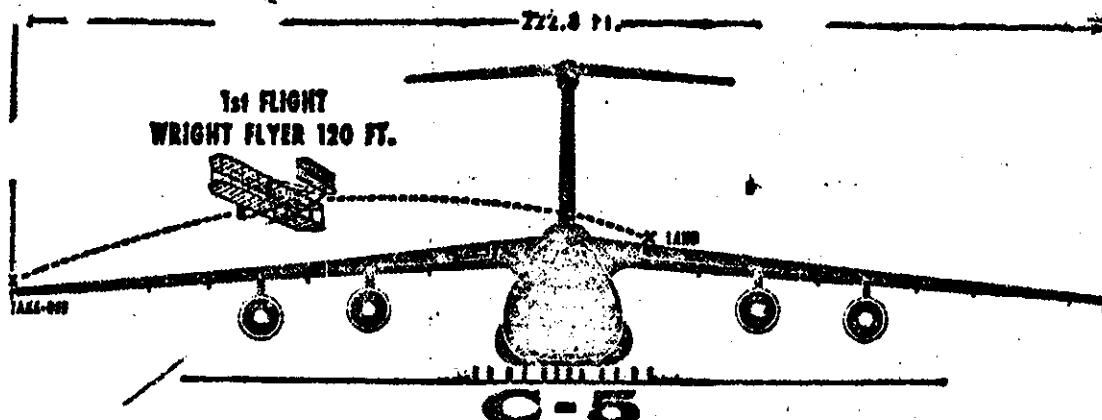
ARVN Rome Runners

On 12 January 1970 four ARVN soldiers became the harbingers of the ARVN Rome Runners. After weeks of conscientious training, dedicated study, and application of their lessons, these four men became qualified to that select few—a position to which many aspire but few are chosen—of hard working, hard drinking, and late sleeping men, the Rome Runners.

From all appearances these four men will give great credit to the Rome Runners and will undoubtedly spread and enhance their infamous though somewhat justified reputation.

It is with great pleasure that the men of the 2nd Platoon, A company, 62nd Engineer Battalion (Land Clearing) welcomes CFC Doan Van Hao, CFC Hoa Van Bo SSG Nguyen Dinh Man, CE Mo Van Bon, and CP Nguyen Van Kiem of the 318th Engineer Company (Land Clearing) (ARVN). From what these men have displayed in the past few weeks there is no doubt that they and their future predecessors will continue the great tradition begun by the Rome Runners.

By 1Lt Damian A. FitzRoy



HISTORIC FLIGHT SPAN — The history of airpower began 66 years ago with the Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur. They believed man could travel places by flying. While other people laughed, they designed and built the first airplane. At Kitty Hawk in North Carolina, the Wright brothers made their dreams come true. On Dec. 17, 1903, Orville flew the "Wright Flyer" in the first powered flight by man. He flew only 120 feet, just slightly more than one-half the 222.8 feet wingtip to wingtip distance of the U.S. Air Force's newest and largest transport, the C-5 Galaxy. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

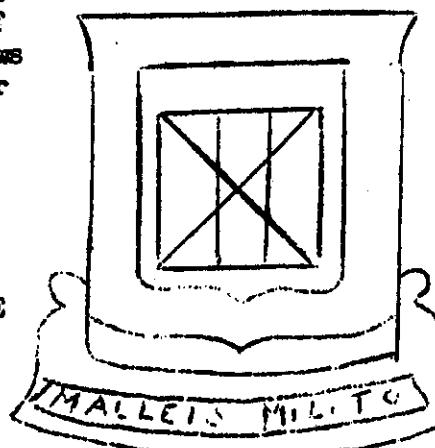
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DEAR BOSS

DEAR BOSS

Last week I got chewed out for not having a haircut, so I went and got one right away. The next day I caught hell for not shaving and so I went to shave. Just a few minutes ago I got chewed out again for not having a hat on, so I went and bought one. What do I have to do to get along in this outfit?

Trying

Dear Trying

You are doing fine. At this rate, you should be shaped up in six to eight months.

DEAR BOSS

Some stud is trying to steal my girl back home. I'm really teed off about this and want to get even. The trouble is I'm only 5'9" and this guy is about 6'4". How should I handle this situation?

Mad

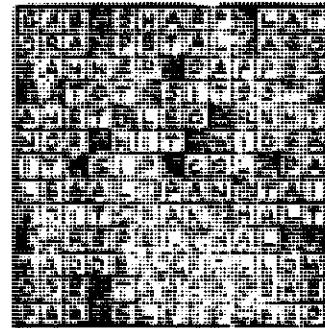
Dear Mad

Very carefully.

DEAR BOSS

A battalion commander we know
Is five feet from his head to his toe
We heard as a lad
He lived fast, wild, and bad
And that's why he failed to grow

Poet



Dear Poet

The story you tell is not true
That fellow's a saint through and through
No money he had
To live fast, wild, and bad
And that is why he never grew

DEAR BOSS

Just one question of concern! Before arriving in Vietnam, it was brought to my attention in a RVN training class in Ft. Belvoir that following a routine in Vietnam was highly unadviseable. Our enemy is quite adept at logical reasoning and thinking and therefore it wouldn't be beyond his capability knowing that at precisely 0555 hours every morning a certain percentage of the 62D Engineer Battalion is standing tall in a formation. I realize that this formation in the morning has been a tradition in the Army but I'm sure traditions can be broken when it may jeopardize the lives of men. My suggestion would be that if this formation is a necessity, let us not inform our enemy by the sound of the bugle call that we are, in fact, all standing in one formation patiently waiting for reveille. I'm sure it would be to the disappointment of no one if these early morning bugle calls were eliminated.

Concerned

MOVIES

BOSS

Dear Concerned

By golly you have something there. We should not place ourselves in jeopardy by announcing our formations so Charlie can hit us. He is a crafty rascal adept at logical reasoning. Of course that doesn't speak well for our troops who have been listening to our bugle calls for six months and still salute "chow" call. But let's give Charlie credit. I wonder if he is smart enough to figure out that when a movie is turned on in our outdoor theater at night, maybe a couple hundred guys will be sitting there watching it. When he hears music blasting away at the club, I wonder if that crafty rascal might come to the conclusion that we have a "formation" down there. I really wonder if he's smart enough to figure out that three times a day the troops get together in two central locations to suck down groceries. Yes, you're right. Charlie must know all this. With your approval I will cease all bugle calls and formations, stop the movies, close down the club, and issue "C" rations to the troops three times a day. While I'm at it, I think the barracks might also be a vulnerable area. Why don't I just have you guys tear them down in your spare time and dig fox holes to live in?

Seriously, all of these steps may have to be taken if a definite threat materializes. I don't want to have a single man hurt, and I hope you trust my judgement. I appreciate your letter.

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* PLOW POWER is more than happy to print messages to battalion personnel from
* love ones back home. Below is a copy of a message recently received by the
* 62nd Information Office.

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* To SP/5 Michael Bulceco

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* Hi Little Brother!

* All the gang back home are so proud of you we could bust! Suzie, David,
* Davy and Ricky say a special hello and you know how I feel. Take care of
* yourself and keep your feet moving.

All Our Love
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* Edi

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* Dear Sis

* Thanks for your message. As you can see we were more than happy to put
* it on print. We hope that others will follow up on your fine example.

*
* Plow Power
