

Maj. Gen. Peers Assumes Command Of Division



MAJ. GEN. COLLINS

Dragon Mountain—Major General William R. Peers, former special assistant to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for counterinsurgency, has assumed command of the 4th Infantry Division.

Major General Arthur S. Collins Jr., who has commanded the Ivy Division since July 1965, turned over the colors of command to his successor in a ceremony Tuesday afternoon at Dragon Mountain.

The former division commander, who has been nominated for promotion to lieutenant general, has left Vietnam to take up a new post in the Pentagon.

General Peers, a native of Stuart, Iowa, returns to command the Famous Fourth after serving as its assistant division commander from September 1963 to July 1964 at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Assembled troops from the Ivy Division's 2nd Brigade, division headquarters and support elements witnessed the colorful ceremony of the change of command on the Dragon Mountain airstrip.

General Collins, in his farewell address to the men of his division, congratulated them on the successes that they had enjoyed together since coming to Vietnam and admonished them to give the same loyalty and devotion to their new commander.

Sergeant Major Thomas J. Tobin, division sergeant major, then passed the division colors from General Collins to General Peers to symbolize the passing of command.



MAJ. GEN. PEERS



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FOR PARTICIPATION IN ATTLEBORO

Six Soldiers From 2/22nd Awarded Vietnamese Medals

Cu Chi — Six members of the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, recently received Vietnamese medals for their participation in Operation Attleboro.

More than a hundred men from the 4th Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade, the 25th Infantry Division, the 196th Light Infantry Brigade and the 173rd Airborne Brigade were honored in the ceremony at the 25th Division Headquarters at Cu Chi.

Receiving the Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star was Lieutenant Colonel Richard W. Clark, commander of the 2/22nd.

The Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star went to Staff Sergeant William Shephard, Sergeant Harold Hankins, Specialist 4 Thomas Gentry and Private First Class David Matthews.

The Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star was also awarded to Specialist 4 Velen Garcia who is still in a hospital recovering from wounds received during Attleboro.

Vietnamese Lieutenant General Le Nguyen Khang and Major General Phan Trong Chinh presented the awards. Major General Fred C. Weyand, 25th Division commander, and Brigadier General George G. O'Connor, assistant commander of the

25th, witnessed the presentations.

In a brief speech after the medals were given out, General Khang told the men that the Vietnamese "recognize all your help and all your success" in Operation Attleboro, and thanked the men on behalf of the Vietnamese government and citizenry.

(MACV) — Operation Paul Revere IV was terminated last Saturday night and Revere V was launched Sunday with no change in troops or area of operation.

Paul Revere IV, a multi-brigade operation which began October 18, included battalions from the 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division; 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile); and 3rd Brigade Task Force, 25th Division.

The fighting took place in northwestern Pleiku Province and the southwestern portion of Kontum Province and accounted for 977 enemy dead, 90 prisoners captured, 331 suspects detained, and 280 individual and 28 crew-served

weapons seized.

Pilots flew 2,800 air sorties in support of the ground troops.

Cumulative friendly casualties were light during the operation.

No offensive action was initiated Sunday in Revere V because of the New Year truce period.

Operation Adams, which the 4th Division's 1st Brigade is waging in Phu Yen Province, continues with no major contact with the enemy reported last week.

The total enemy dead has climbed to 164. Ivy troops have captured 102 prisoners and detained 1,057 suspects.

Eighty-one individual and one crew-served weapons have been seized since the battalion-size operation started October 26. Aircraft have flown 139 sorties for the Ivy men.

Friendly casualties remain light.

A total of 111 incidents, 24 of them considered significant and reported to the press were logged during the New Year truce period from 7 a.m. December 31 to 7 a.m. January 2.

The 4th Division was not involved in any of the significant incidents.

Artillerymen Believe In Old Saying

Dragon Mountain — According to the old adage, "It's better late than never."

Members of Batteries B, C and D of the 5th Battalion, 16th Artillery, who arrived at the Ivy Division's Dragon Mountain base camp two days before Christmas, couldn't agree more.

As they drove their 10-ton self-propelled 155 millimeter and eight-inch self-propelled howitzers into the base camp, a sign was strategically located to greet them.

It read "Welcome to Dragon Mountain base camp from Fort Lewis via Paul Revere IV."

The "big boys" of the Ivy Division's artillery actually arrived in Vietnam October 6 at Qui Nhon. Once off the boat they began making the necessary preparations to get their equipment on the road. Their weapons had been combat readied at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Two days after landing (Cont'd on p-8, Col. 3)



AT LONG LAST—Elements of the Ivy Division's "Big Punch," the 5th Battalion, 16th Artillery, arrive "home" for the first time since their arrival in Vietnam. The "Redlegs" have been deployed in support of Paul Revere IV since early October. (USA Photo)



EDITORIAL

Combat Diplomats

There is a saying among some old-timers in the Armed Forces that "The service just isn't what it used to be."

Understandably so. The role of the military man has undergone many changes in the 191 years since the United States became a nation.

The primary mission of the military man is still to defend his nation "against all enemies, both foreign and domestic."

In this, the United States Armed Forces has no equal. The soldier, sailor, airman and Marine of today has repeatedly shown he is just as tough, courageous, well-trained and dedicated to the principles of freedom as the men of Valley Forge, Bull Run, Belleau Wood, Corregidor and Pork Chop Hill.

However, in today's fast-paced, tension-filled world, the military man must be more than simply a combat-ready guardian of freedom. He must also be a diplomat, teacher, humanitarian, scientist and public relations man in uniform.

In these capacities America's service personnel have proven their worth. Whether seeking marauding Viet Cong, giving medical care in a disaster-stricken village, teaching a class on democratic principles or sharing rations with a starving child, the military man of today serves the nation well.

Some of the old-timers are right, the service isn't what it used to be. It's a lot more. (AFNB)



'Real Character'

By Chaplain (Capt.) Walter K. Sauer

In looking about and getting to know the men who are in your unit, you will find some "real characters."

At first they may seem like quiet individuals. But as you get to know them better, they become friendlier and soon are considered the "life of the party."

Most of us in Vietnam are in a completely different society for the first time in our lives. We do not feel many of the social pressures now that we are away from home.

Because of this, do we still maintain the high standards of character that we have been taught and have lived by in our own country? Or do we feel released from these obligations while living in a

different land?

The farther away we get from the front lines of battle, the more relaxed we become. Is this true also of our moral standards?

Someone said, "The measure of a man's real character is that which he would do if he knew he would never be found out." The bible says, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7).

Permanent Chapel Erected With Stateside Donations

By Sp5 Fred Karolski

Dragon Mountain — Through the efforts of Chaplain (Major) Bruce C. Hemple (Alameda, Calif.), Division Artillery chaplain, the 4th Infantry Division's base camp is witnessing the erection of its first permanent chapel.

The tale of the chaplain and the chapel begins in March 1966 when Chaplain Hemple, then attending the Army chaplain's career course at Ft. Hamilton, N.Y., learned of his impending

assignment to the 4th Infantry Division. When he arrived at Ft. Lewis, Wash., in July 1966 he learned his unit would be deployed overseas.

"Immediately I thought of construction of a chapel for the men of the division," said the chaplain. "From friends already serving in Vietnam, I learned of the difficulty of erecting a chapel early in a tour of duty since other projects are given priority. So, I pondered the problem, and an idea struck me—why not take a chapel with us?"

Chaplain Hemple proceeded to contact various lumber firms in the Tacoma, Wash., area and soon got results in the form of a T-shaped pre-fabricated structure capable of seating 150 people. It measured 21 by 60 feet and cost \$3,939.

"Through the efforts of three laymen—Clarence A. Black, H.A. Briggs and C. Davis, all Washington state lumbermen—my plans became reality," said the chaplain. "I approached Mr. Black and Mr. Davis initially, and they in turn directed me to Mr. Briggs who designed the chapel we're now erecting."

In addition to contributions made by the lumbermen, friends of the chaplain throughout the country—from Washington and California to New Jersey—sent donations far in excess of the goal of \$3,939.

"The response was wonderful," said Chaplain Hemple, "and showed beyond a doubt that people gave because of a concern for men in uniform. With the extra funds, we'll purchase tiles and

lighting fixtures for the chapel," he concluded.

Though men of the Ivy Division utilized the partially completed chapel for Christmas services, dedication ceremonies are scheduled for late this month.

Troops, Villagers Enjoy Bi-Lingual Entertainment

Dragon Mountain— The 4th Infantry Division's Civil Affairs Section recently ventured into the bi-lingual entertainment business.

The psychological operations department of the section brought a Vietnamese Culture Team from the 20th ARVN Psychological Battalion to American and Vietnamese soldiers in forward areas.

The team—equivalent to an American USO show—also performed in Montagnard villages near Plei Djereng.

A talented group of six women and 14 men played and sang numerous popular tunes in both Vietnamese and English. Favorites as "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" and "Love Potion Number Nine" highlighted the program.

A G-5 spokesman commented that, judging from audience reaction to the entertainers' performances, this phase of psychological operations seems to be very effective in bolstering morale of both villagers and soldiers alike.



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52nd Aviation Bn Sponsors Le Loi Boy Scout Troop

Camp Holloway — The end product of a civic action project of the 52nd Combat Aviation Battalion was witnessed recently as the Le Loi Boy Scout Troop journeyed to Camp Holloway to receive its official troop flag from Lieutenant Colonel Foy Rice of Norman, Okla., battalion commander.

Proud of the opportunity to sponsor such a troop, members of the 52nd Aviation Battalion voluntarily provided funds to outfit the boys with uniforms and equipment. The troop is now one of the best dressed and equipped scout units in the Central Highlands region.

During the ceremony, the Le Loi Troop presented Colonel Rice with a scout pennant upon which was embroidered the likeness of Baden Powell, the father of the Boy Scout movement. The pennant was given as an expression of the troop's appreciation for the assistance rendered by the battalion.

Although there are many Boy Scouts in Vietnam, the Le Loi Troop is the only club consisting entirely of Montagnard boys.

Major Ivy Serving 2nd Tour With 4th

Dragon Mountain — What a way to get your name in the news!

The 4th Infantry Division is nicknamed the "Ivy" Division. Wouldn't you know it, there is a namesake in the Ivy Division's Support Command. His name — Major James Ivy.

As if that is not enough, Major Ivy is presently serving his second tour of duty with the 4th Division. His first was 1957-58 at Ft. Lewis, Wash.



HERO MEETS IDOL

Platoon Sergeant Charles W. Turner, a Silver Star recipient from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, welcomes Bob Hope to Dragon Mountain. Sergeant Turner, chosen to introduce Hope and his show to the Ivy audience, commented, "I missed him in North Africa in 1943 and again in Korea in 1950. Now I not only get to see him, but I've got the best seat in the house." Sergeant Turner of Anniston, Ala., is one of few soldiers in the Ivy Division to wear the Combat Infantryman Badge with Two Stars for his service in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. (USA Photo)

1/22nd Soldiers Corresponding With Students

By PFC Robert Cox

Plei Djereng — "I don't know how to write to a brave man, but I'll try" was the beginning of a letter to First Lieutenant Robert O. Babcock of Company B, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry.

It is typical of the many letters Lieutenant Babcock and the men of the 4th Infantry Division receive regularly from junior high school students in Topeka, Kansas.

It seems that Lieutenant Babcock's wife, Phyllis, thought the letter writing would be an interesting current events project for the seventh grade class she teaches. After a few blind letters written by the students to "anyone" in the company, many warm friendships were formed.

Now on a first name basis with the students they write, many of the Ivymen send examples of "Chieu Hoi" leaflets, post cards, and local money. In addition, Lieutenant Babcock sends color slides of the men who

write. Other items such as Montagnard crossbows have also been mailed to the students.

"These kids are really curious," he says, "and are always asking questions."

"How does it feel to be at war?" "Do you sleep on the ground?" or "What do C-rations taste like?" are typical questions.

Although the reality of Vietnam has admittedly taken some of the glamour out of war, Lieutenant Babcock remembers when he was a student. "I used to think 'boy, an Army man's really something, fighting in a war,' so I appreciate the feeling behind their letters."

The students, in turn, have expressed their own enthusiasm by starting a bulletin board full of memorabilia from Vietnam.

According to Lieutenant Babcock, "It's a good morale builder for us and a good current events project for them."

One boy wrote and asked if he could start a similar

program in his scout troop.

While reading one of the letters, Lieutenant Babcock summed up his feelings about the project and the kids. "I think it makes them glad they're Americans," he said.

Is There Anyone Who Can Top 170 Months?

Dragon Mountain — Can you top this?

Sergeant First Class Ernest D. Sanders, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the 4th Division's postal section, was reading the Christmas issue of "Ivy Leaf" and came to a story about a master sergeant who has a total of 24 years active duty and had spend 112 months of that time overseas.

Sergeant Sanders jokingly said, "Only 112 months? When I go home from Vietnam I will have 170 months of overseas duty in only 19 years of service. Tell that greenhorn to reenlist again after the hitch he just reupped for is over."

Officer Gets Three Enemy With One Round From M-79

Tuy Hoa — An Ivy Division helicopter pilot and a supply officer delivering C-rations killed three North Vietnamese Army soldiers while on a scheduled supply run.

Captain James F. Macleod of the 10th Aviation Battalion was piloting the UH-1D on a resupply mission for the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry. First Lieutenant Ralph D. Pomeroy, battalion supply officer, went along because it was the first run of the day.

The supplies were dropped and the helicopter was returning for another load when one of the gunners spotted eight men walking down a trail.

As the chopper crew dropped down for a closer look, the enemy ran into the bushes to find concealment. Before they made it, Lieutenant Pomeroy saw that they were wearing the khaki uniforms of the NVA.

Captain Macleod put his ship into a steep turn. As he made his pass the side gunners cut loose with their M-60s into the area.

As he went into a turn for another pass, three of the NVA soldiers decided it was getting too hot for them and began to run across a small field for better protection.

Lieutenant Pomeroy, armed with a M-79 grenade launch-

er, took aim and fired one round which landed in the center of the group killing all three enemy soldiers.

The lieutenant said he would have liked to have gone down and gotten their weapons "but the area wasn't

secure. We didn't know how many of them were left."

Instead, the helicopter headed back to Tuy Hoa and the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division's logistical center to reload for another mission.

WITH CLOTHING, FOOD

4/42nd 'Good Samaritan' Assists Montagnards

Dragon Mountain — Private First Class Robert C. Taylor (Fontana, Calif.), assigned to the 4th Infantry Division's Headquarters and Service Battery, 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery, is a dedicated Mormon who believes in helping those less fortunate than himself.

Soon after his arrival in Vietnam he decided that many of the Montagnards living near the Ivy Division's base camp were in dire need

'One-Shot' Charlie Fires Nightly At Division Base Camp

Dragon Mountain — Like several other American units serving in Vietnam, the Famous Fourth has acquired its "mark of distinction."

The Ivy Division now has its own "One-Shot Charlie."

According to Major William Henderson, G-3 operations officer, "One-Shot" is the typical bad shot. Several times he has gone through all the trouble of sneaking up within firing range of the Dragon Mountain base camp's perimeter and jerking off one shot. That's all, just one ping.

So far old "One-Shot" has not been lucky...he has failed to hit anything. Operating along the northern perimeter of the base camp between Dragon Mountain and a water point at a lake, the persistent sniper pops at the Ivy Division almost nightly between midnight and 3 a.m.

On two occasions he has had the audacity to fire two rounds in one night.

What "One-Shot" hopes to prove is open to speculation. Several perimeter guards guess that he must be firing an old muzzle-loading squirrel gun since he apparently is not capable of sustained fire.

Others guess that maybe he has family trouble with his wife. Like a man who kicks his dog, "One-Shot" vents his frustration by firing at the Fourth.

of help to improve their living conditions.

Acting on his own initiative, the enlisted man wrote his mother, Mrs. C. G. Taylor, and described the Montagnards' plight and his plan to help them.

Together they solicited donations of clothing and canned goods from their friends and members of the Latter Day Saints Church in Fontana.

The good samaritan has been using his combat pay to buy postage to have the heavy boxes sent to Vietnam. "There are 15 more boxes on the way," he said.

The first shipment was distributed to the grateful villagers of Plei Pa-Pet, a small, off-the-beaten path community of Montagnards.

The artilleryman stated that he plans to continue the project in this village or other needy hamlets. "I leave that up to Chuck (a Montagnard interpreter). He lives with them and knows their needs."

Career Counselors Enjoy A Rare Treat

Dragon Mountain — What a treat — genuine fresh milk and bread in Vietnam.

That's what Staff Sergeant Harold J. Woodward of the 4th Administration Company and his working companions at the career counselors' office at the 4th Infantry Division's base camp enjoyed.

Sergeant Woodward was called home on emergency leave recently. When he returned to his unit he brought three cases of chocolate and white milk in pint containers and two loaves of fresh bread to his buddies.

Upon his arrival at Dragon Mountain, Sergeant Woodward hit the customary obstacle in Vietnam — there was no ice available. He and his buddies overcame that problem in one big gulp.

Now they are back where they started — no fresh milk.

704TH KEEPS THEM ROLLING

Maintenance Platoons



Tanks are big, clumsy to work on...

By PFC Bob Boudreaux
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Unite To Repair Tank

Companies are attached to the Ivy Division's maintenance brigades.

The companies, ranging in size from 200 to 350 men, are again broken down into administrative sections and maintenance platoons.

A call comes into battalion headquarters—a tank has hit mine. Immediately the men of the 704th swing into action. The company responsible for covering that specific area of operations dispatches an M-8 tank retriever to the scene. Working many miles under fire, the men of the 704th seldom fail to retrieve a disabled vehicle.

The tank looks demolished. It not only has the treads blown apart, but an entire round has gone through the turret.

The tank platoon informs the 704th that it needs the tank by the following day. Since the tank cannot be repaired overnight, the maintenance battalion hands reports a useable tank to the platoon in exchange for the mangled one. This is known as the "fleet operation."

When the tank reaches the repair camp, an estimation of damage is taken and a list of all necessary parts is submitted to the battalion maintenance shop office. The shop co-ordinates all the needs of the unit.

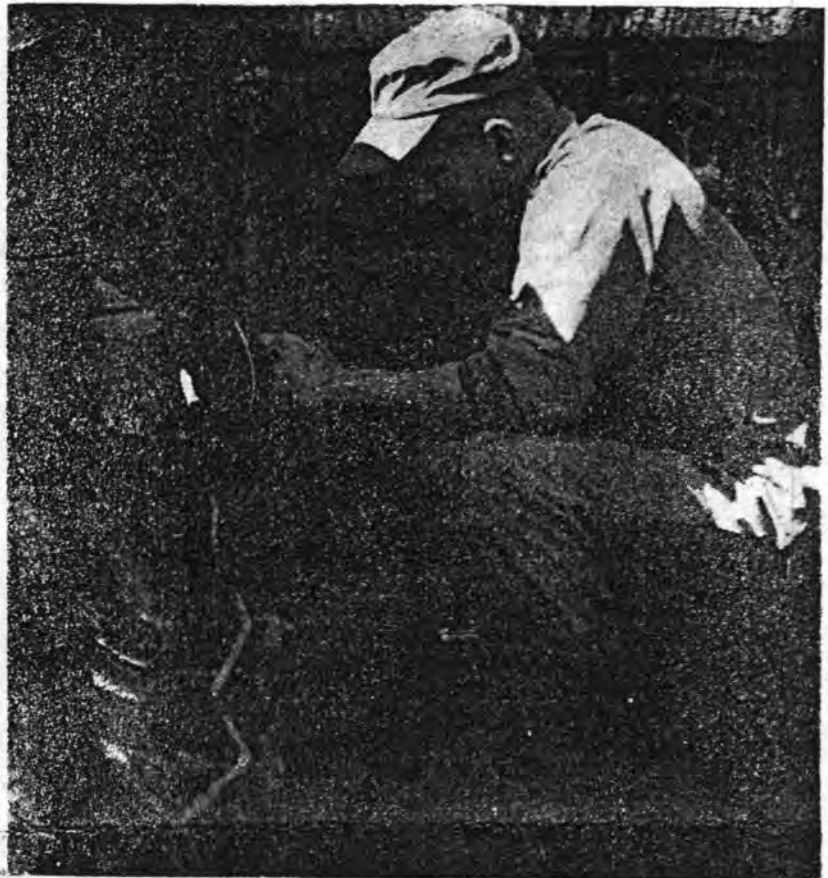
Then the bulk of work is farmed out to the various maintenance platoons. The radio equipment goes to communications, the gun to armament, and the rest of the tank is sent to the remaining mechanical repair platoons.

After all parts have been farmed out, a deadline is set whereby the work will be completed.

No job is too large or too small. The men of the 704th work on anything from helicopter engines to surgical equipment for medical units. According to Captain James Sutton (Sistersville, W. Va.), director of shop maintenance, no one item constitutes the bulk of work. They conduct as much work on track and wheel vehicle as on other Army equipment.

Often working without the conveniences of modern equipment, the men of the 704th have become masters of field expediency. Supporting the Ivy Division not only through maintenance, but also as the parts and supply point, they have often had to use the unorthodox in getting the job done.

It is small wonder that these men are proud of their unit. Without them the mobility and striking power of the Ivy men would be seriously impaired.



Sometimes the mechanical minds of the 704th have to start with only the "bare" shell...



Where Are Your Dog Tags, Soldier?

Tuy Hoa—Major General Arthur S. Collins Jr., commander of the 4th Infantry Division, recently gave an unexpected gift to a 1st Brigade soldier while the CG was visiting a unit in the hills north of Tuy Hoa.

The general was chatting with men of Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, when he noticed Specialist 4 Johnnie Hinojoza of Los Angeles was not wearing his identification tags.

When he asked about them, the general learned that chains for "dog tags" were in short supply at the time.

"Here, take mine," General Collins said as he removed his "dog tags" from their chain. The commander placed the tags in his pocket and handed the chain to a somewhat-startled Specialist Hinojoza.

"I probably have better supply channels than you," General Collins added.



JUST LOOKING—Private First Class Nelson Maldonado (Cantano, Puerto Rico), a member of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, admires a little Montagnard statue and gong. Naturally, PFC Maldonado knows nothing of the past wanderings of the statue. (USA Photo)

2/8th Company 'Captures' Little Wooden Statue

Dragon Mountain—The Ivy Division's Company B, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, "captured" a war trophy. The only problem is holding on to it.

During military operations in the Central Highlands near Plei Djereng a patrol from the company repeatedly passed through a deserted Montagnard village. Each time the men eyed a weird-looking wooden statue which had been left behind by the villagers.

Finally, on about the 10th pass, the temptation proved too great to resist. The patrol "liberated" the statue and returned with it to the Dragon Mountain base camp.

For several days the "little guy" sat at his new resting place in front of the company orderly room. Then one morning he was discovered missing.

Superstitious suspicions about Montagnard gods being angry were soon dispelled by logic. Some culprit had borrowed the "little guy" from the company which "captured" him.

A reconnaissance of the surrounding area soon turned up the little fellow innocently sitting in another company's area.

He has turned up missing two or three more times since then. Each time the members of Company B have gone out and retrieved him. Now they are keeping a closer watch on him.

Who knows, maybe the gods are moving him.



SANDRA FOSSELMAN

Red Cross Volunteer Has 'Choice Assignment' With 4th Infantry Division

Dragon Mountain—Bringing a little brightness into the weary lives of the troops of the 4th Infantry Division is the job of the five female Red Cross volunteers stationed with the division.

Miss Sandra Fosselman, 26, (Wila, Penn.) is the "field director" of the group. She has been with the Red Cross for five years and considers her tour with the 4th Division as a "choice assignment."

She said, "We heard so much about the 4th Division before we joined the unit that we were all anxious to get here. This is a great outfit and the morale of the troops is excellent."

Sandra obtained a degree in physical education at Pennsylvania State University. Her hobbies are sports with tennis topping the list.

Miss Fosselman's future plans are to teach in Europe.

Be sure to ask about the new Cold War GI Bill. It is for you and makes provisions for education, home and farm loans. (AFNB)

Dogs, Cows, Babies Aid VC

Tuy Hoa—A new relay warning system, designed to alert Viet Cong forces of attacking Ivy units, is now being employed by the enemy in the Tuy Hoa area.

Crying babies, mooing cows, and howling dogs are the primary components of the somewhat intricate make-shift system.

Once warned, the Viet Cong apparently use the cows as camouflage to escape into the surrounding hills. Moving the cows between them and the attacking line of fire, VC can easily make good their escape.

There is much skepticism among Ivy Infantrymen as to the actual operation and

efficiency of the system. They're wondering if the cows spot them first, do they tell the dogs and the dogs tell the babies, or if there are serious breakdowns in the communication chain.

Presumably the Viet Cong have found some means of ironing out any difficulties.



WATER EVERYWHERE—A Montagnard boy from Plei Poo Ngo takes advantage of the village's new spillway to bathe. The spillway was built in six days by the villagers with the help of Ivy men from the 4th Supply and Transportation Battalion. Material for the project was furnished by the United States Agency for International Development. (USA Photo)

4th S&T, Villagers Build Water Point

Dragon Mountain—The people of Plei Poo Ngo village north of the 4th Infantry Division's base camp watched with delight during the dedication of their new water supply point.

The village chief cut a ribbon and First Lieutenant Pier Simpson of the 4th Supply and Transportation Battalion pulled the plugs to start the flow of water from the spillway.

The release of water marked the completion of a project which was initiated by Team 8 of the 41st Civil Affairs Company after consultation with John Rogers, Pleiku representative for the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The villagers worked with soldiers from the 4th S&T Battalion to help complete the project in six days.

Water now flows through four pipes jutting from a 20-foot-long dam-like cement structure which forces water from natural springs to back up and form a pond.

1/8th Lieutenant Is A Real Short Timer

Tuy Hoa—Whenever soldiers get together for a "bull" session, one of the questions that inevitably pops up is "How short are you?"

In the officers' mess of the Ivy Division's Company C, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, the conversation had drifted to this topic.

As the usual question traveled around the table, no one appeared enthusiastic about the number of days that they had left. One lieutenant was particularly quiet and displayed no great interest

in the subject.

When his turn came, he looked up from his cup of coffee and asked what time it was. The company commander somewhat taken back by his reply curtly asked, "Just how short are you, young man?"

First Lieutenant Carleton Kilmer of Auburn, Mass., again asked the time.

When told it was 1:55 p.m., he looked apologetically at his compatriots and said, "I have one hour and five minutes, sir."

2/8th Troops Pause At 'Whistlestop'

Dragon Mountain — Ever hear of a whistlestop? That's what members of Captain David I. Sprout's Company A, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, thought the Ivy Division base camp was.

The "Panther" company has been attached to the 1st Battalion, 69th Armor, providing security of the Meng Geng Pass area. The infantrymen had been on the mission since the early part of December.

Two days before Christmas they pulled into their Dragon Mountain base camp "home" just long enough to pick up or exchange personal gear (about long enough to whistle a short tune) and then the sergeants yelled, "OK, load 'em up."

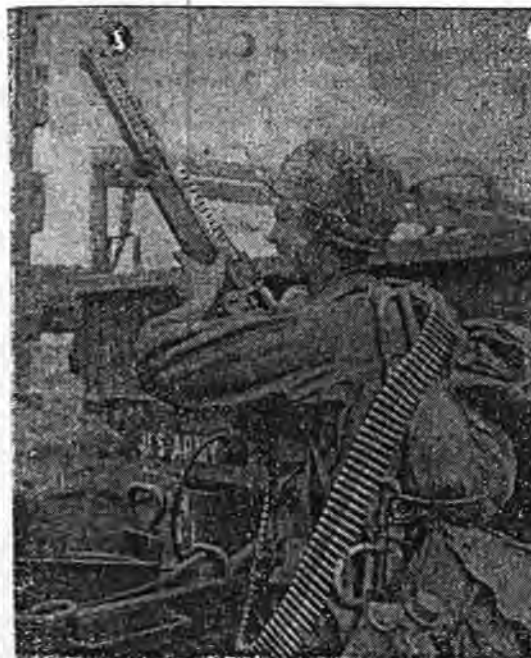
It was then back to the area of operations on another mission with the Ivy Division in Paul Revere IV.

Division's Incoming Personnel Receive Five Days Of Training

Dragon Mountain — All incoming personnel of the 4th Division must go through a rigorous training and familiarization program at the Ivy Division's Replacement Center before joining a unit.

Located at the division base camp, the replacement detachment is presently "in-country" processing 50 to 60 men a day. Upon arrival these men are interviewed and assigned to a specific unit within the division.

Before going to their units, they are given a five-day block of instruction designed to familiarize them with up-to-



OFF AGAIN — Specialist 4 Kenneth A. Varney, machine gunner assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, prepares to board a truck which will take him and the rest of his company back to an area of operations after an hour pause in the Dragon Mountain base camp. (USA Photo by SFC Richard West)

date tactics employed in Vietnam.

Courses range from familiarization with the M-16 rifle to a one day class on booby-trap devices being used by the Viet Cong. This instruction is given by soldiers who have had combat experience in Vietnam.

Since the majority of the replacements are infantrymen, the training is specifically geared toward their needs. The training program culminates with night patrols in which all trainees take part.

Commanded by Captain Michael F. Merrick (Worcester, Mass.), the replacement training program has been in effect since the beginning of November.

First Sergeant Richard H. Engel (Bainbridge, N.Y.) is responsible for the efficiency of the program.

"Each man," said Sergeant Engel, "should absorb as much of the instruction as he can because he will find all of it invaluable to him once he gets in the field."

1st Brigadier Receives Card From President

Tuy Hoa — Private First Class Francis M. DiPietro of Cambridge, Mass., has received a card thanking him for his "holiday remembrance" and offering "best wishes for happiness in the New Year" from President and Mrs. Johnson.

The card was in return for a Christmas card the 1st Brigade mechanic had sent to the President.

PFC DiPietro bought a Christmas card in Tuy Hoa and sent it to the President along with a personal note.

Medic, Barber, Sanitation Inspector

Trio Of Jobs Keeps 1/22nd Soldier Busy

By PFC Robert Cox
Plei Djereng — Specialist 5 Steve B. Seymoor is indispensable to Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, because he is the company medic, barber and sanitation inspector.

In his "official" position

212th Unveils First Totem Pole In Vietnam

Dau Tieng — The 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry has unveiled its 35-foot high totem pole in front of the battalion headquarters.

The totem pole, which the battalion claims is the only one in Vietnam, was originally erected at Ft. Lewis, Wash., in the late 1950s. It was going to be left behind when the move was made to the combat zone.

However, officers of the 4th Division general's staff ribbed the 2/12th about deserting the pole. The men of the battalion took this as "a challenge to the esprit of the unit," according to Colonel Marvin B. Fuller, former 2/12th commander and now deputy 3rd Brigade commander.

The totem pole "mysteriously" disappeared shortly before the 2/12th departed Ft. Lewis. Several months later it showed up in sections in Vietnam.

A fresh coat of paint was applied to the pole which has figures representing the 12th Infantry's participation in the Revolutionary, Civil, and Indian Wars, and World Wars I and II. Topping the pole is a replica of the Combat Infantryman Badge.

as senior aidman, Specialist Seymoor has a full time job.

During the day he must screen injuries coming in from the field, administer any necessary first aid and get the injured to a hospital as soon as possible. He is always ready to perform an emergency operation in the field should it be necessary.

In his "spare time" he distributes malaria pills and supplies the men with foot powder.

Should you see Specialist Seymoor spraying the area, however, it is not because he is getting ready for surgery. He has just become the sanitation inspector. This job includes inspecting food, purifying water and controlling insects.

With a spray gun in hand, Specialist Seymoor says "There are bugs, bugs and more bugs out here" but admits that, for the time being, "We're winning that battle."

Twice weekly he puts down his scapel and sprayer to become the company barber and often clips a hundred heads in a day.

A school-trained barber and beauty salon operator before enlisting, Specialist Seymoor is never at a loss for conversation. Being a medic he can ask "How are you feeling?" and really mean it.

In summing up his work, Specialist Seymoor says, "There are a few complainers, but they, like the bugs, always come back."

Postal Workers Process 95 Tons Of Holiday Mail

Dragon Mountain — Since Santa was unable to bring his reindeer to Vietnam because of a snow shortage, he had his helpers burn the midnight oil to get packages wrapped and mailed for all the good Ivymen of the 4th Division.

According to Sergeant First Class Ernest D. Sanders, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the division postal section, "We have received 190,000 pounds of letters and packages since December 1.

In other words, Santa and his helpers have handled 95-tons of "Christmas Care" to Ivymen at the base camp and at the 2nd Brigade forward area.

This figure does not include mail sent to the 1st Brigade at Tuy Hoa or the 3rd Brigade at Dau Tieng.



SANTA'S HELPERS — Receiving, sorting and distributing tons of Christmas mail for members of the 4th Infantry Division at the Dragon Mountain base camp are Private First Class Wallace Alves, Specialist 4 Thomas A. Romanik, Private First Class Robert Swann and Specialist 4 Steven Urcia. Santa's helpers are members of the division postal section. (USA Photo)

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Ivyman Hits Target From 1,000 Feet In Air

By PFC Gary M. Silva

Dau Tieng — Can you imagine hitting a running target with just a carbine while flying at 40 knots, 1,000 feet in the air?

Impossible you ask? It can't be done you say? Ain't no way in the world it can be accomplished, you ponder? Well, it's true.

There's a Viet Cong either dead or nursing a mighty big wound out in the bush somewhere near the 4th Infantry Division's 3rd Bri-

gade base camp at Dau Tieng.

The incident happened while the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry, was on an operation five miles northeast of its Michelin Rubber Plantation base camp.

A 250-pound mine was set off prematurely in front of the lead armored personnel carrier by an over-anxious Viet Cong.

Colonel Marshall B. Garth, 3rd Brigade commander, instructed Warrant Officer Dale L. Johnson of Front Royal, Va., and Captain George C. White III of Towaco, N.J., to scurry into an OH-23 "Bubble" helicopter and search the area.

Approximately 10 minutes had passed when Captain White, battalion intelligence officer, spotted a man running down a dirt road near the detonated mine. It apparently was the same man — or one of his cohorts — that had set off the charge.

WO Johnson removed the chopper's only fire power, a carbine strapped behind the seats, and handed it to Captain White. The helicopter dropped to 1,000 feet and the ship's speed was cut down to 40 knots.

Captain White fired five rounds on automatic knocking the Viet Cong off the road into the bushes. A search by ground forces found no body but the men did come across blood.

"It was quite a shot," WO Johnson said later.

2/8th Patrol Captures Viet Cong Rice-Handler

Plei Djereng — A routine patrol for men of the Ivy Division's 1st Platoon, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, turned out to be far from routine.

The patrol, led by First Lieutenant Sidney Godwyn, was probing the dense jungle five miles south of Plei Djereng when a suspicious-looking person was spotted.

The "Panther" troops quickly surrounded and captured the suspect without a shot being fired. The suspect was then questioned by members of a psychological war team accompanying the patrol.

A search of the area



GUESS AGAIN — Would you believe it is going to be a baroque cable? How about a Howard Johnson's? All right then, it is the future 4th Aviation Battalion Officers' Club at the Dragon Mountain base camp. (USA Photo)

'Better Late Than Never'

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they moved out. They traveled 100 miles in 11 hours to reach their destination, an area 30 miles west of Pleiku.

There they paused for 76 days while they supported units of 4th Division and Republic of Vietnam Army troops, as well as the 3rd Brigade, 25th Division, taking part in Paul Revere IV in the Central Highlands.

Thanks to the Christmas truce, the Ivyman were finally

able to see what their "home" looked like. They remained in the base camp for two days to celebrate Christmas and then rumbled back to the jungle.

Smiling Man Finally Admits He's A VC

Dau Tieng — A Viet Cong was captured recently by the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry, 4th Infantry Division, without a shot being fired.

The men of Company A had moved their armored personnel carriers seven miles southeast of their Dau Tieng base camp and found a small village on the outskirts of a rubber plantation.

After they surrounded the hamlet the men of the 3rd Brigade entered the village on foot.

Sergeant Lowden F. Bucklew of Louisville directed his men of the 3rd Squad of the 1st Platoon towards the first house after Acting Sergeant Claude C. Fairman of East Point, Ga., reported that he saw a man inside the dwelling.

Quickly, Specialist 4 Billy L. Flynn of Lansing, Mich., and Private First Class Robin D. Strassburg of Pontiac, Mich., moved to the front door while Specialist 4 Charles E. Fletcher of Niles,

Native-Type Building Houses Officers' Club

Dragon Mountain — If you walk past the Ivy Division's 4th Aviation Battalion base camp you are likely to do a double take.

"What's that?" you might ask in disbelief.

You're looking at a you-name it structure sprouting up among the Army tents. You have to see it to believe it. Then, after seeing it, you still find it hard to believe.

It seems the officers of the 4th Aviation Battalion wanted to have a different type of officers' club. "We wanted one with atmosphere," a major said with a twinkle in his eye. Another chopper chief chimed in, "Yeah, man, like we wanted to go native."

And that's exactly what they did. They went native.

The "owners" of the 4th Aviation Battalion Officers' Club hired a group of Montagnard "engineers" to construct an authentic native-type building. The loin-cloth clad workers took it from there.

Genuine Vietnam-grown bamboo was carted in for the foundation and framework. Elephant grass was cut and thatched onto the roof.

The only western materials used in the construction were a few nails to hold the floor securely to the foundation.

Mich., and Private Gary W. Parker of New Milford, Conn., covered the back. They all entered at once.

A man, a woman and two small children were in the dirty hut—the man, moving from the back door to the front, stopped and smiled as the Americans entered the house.

Private Parker led the man to one side while the remainder of the family was led outdoors. "He just kept smiling at me," Private Parker said.

The smiling man soon found himself face to face with an interpreter, and finally, after lengthy questioning, admitted he was a Viet Cong. He was the first captured by the company.

The remainder of the village was searched by the company. Medical supplies and clothing were uncovered from jugs buried in the ground.

One other suspect was detained, but later released.

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