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179th Helicopters Continue Evacuating Threatened Villagers

Saigon — Helicopters from the 179th Assault Support Helicopter Company continued civic action work during the past week in the Operation Francis Marion area of Pleiku Province.

On Sunday a twin-rotored Army Chinook lifted a village of Montagnards out of an area southwest of Pleiku City threatened by communist terrorists.

The Chinook, piloted by Chief Warrant Officer Robert N. Gidney (Los Angeles), carried 156 men, women and children in four flights to a Vietnamese government resettlement area west of Pleiku City.

Besides the villagers, CWO Gidney's aircraft lifted six tons of personal belongings, two tons of rice, 10 pigs and other domestic animals.

Two Chinooks relocated two Montagnard villages on May 9. The helicopters evacuated 100 persons along with four tons of household goods and personal items.

Five Chinooks from the 179th continued resupply activities Sunday in Operation Francis Marion. They also carried 10 howitzers and 10 vehicles as an artillery battery moved to new firing positions in western Pleiku Province.

Fire Support Base Hit By Enemy Mortar Attack

Saigon — A 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division fire support base came under an enemy mortar attack last Saturday night.

The attack on the position of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry, located seven kilometers east of Tay Ninh City, began at 10:30 p.m. The caliber and number of rounds were not reported.

Counter-mortar fire was executed and Air Force AC-47 Dragonships hit suspected firing positions, ending the attack at 11:15 p.m.

Seven U.S. infantrymen were killed and 26 wounded. Enemy casualties are unknown.



TAKING COVER

A soldier from the Recon Platoon, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry takes cover after being fired at during Operation Francis Marion. The action took place in the Central Highlands west of Pleiku. (USA Photo by PFC Frederick M. Schuller, 54th Signal Bn)

AT BASE CAMP DEDICATION

General Peers Pays Tribute To First Lieutenant Enari

By SSgt. Bill Whitis

Camp Enari — The 4th Infantry Division's base camp, formerly known as the Dragon Mountain base camp, was officially dedicated Sunday as Camp Enari in memory of First Lieutenant Mark N. Enari, the Ivy Division's first posthumously-awarded Silver Star winner.

The ceremony was held at the main entrance to the camp from the Pleiku road.

Following the invocation by Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) William R. Hett, division chaplain, and the reading of the general orders by Lieutenant Colonel Herber A. Robinson, the adjutant general, Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander, paid tribute to the fallen hero.

General Peers addressed approximately 300 replacements and 500 spectators present for the ceremony.

"It is entirely fitting that

this Dragon Mountain base camp of ours should be named in honor of Lieutenant Mark N. Enari. Lieutenant Enari was a fighting man... In this sense he was symbolic of the fighting spirit of the men of this fine combat division...

"Lieutenant Enari was also symbolic of the free world and the tenets of individual freedom for which it stands... So in participating in this combat against the communist aggression, Lieutenant Enari represents all of the people of the free world and he also represents the people who are living today under the yoke of communism and who, too, would like to have freedom.

"Lieutenant Enari also symbolizes another thing. He symbolizes America... We do not have people who can point to a man and say this man is an American in the same sense that we would know that somebody is an

IN FRANCIS MARION AREA

1st, 2nd Brigades Find Three Enemy Base Camps

Saigon — Three more enemy base camps were located during the week by units of the 4th Division conducting Operation Francis Marion in Pleiku, Kontum and Darlac Provinces.

Two of the complexes were found last Thursday. At 1:15 p.m. a company from the 2nd Brigade discovered an enemy platoon-sized camp 35 kilometers west-southwest of Pleiku which contained eight bunkers and miscellaneous small arms ammunition and grenades.

A 1st Brigade company located a battalion-sized camp 55 kilometers northeast of Ban Me Thuot in Darlac Province. The area contained four mess halls, 22 huts and 25 bunkers with overhead covers. The facilities were destroyed.

On May 9, this time 56 kilometers northeast of Ban Me Thuot, troops of the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry found and destroyed a company-sized base camp which consisted of three classrooms and 15 fortified positions.

In the only contact with the enemy reported in the past week in the Francis Marion area, a Civilian Irregular Defense Group unit engaged five enemy entering

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Task Force Kills 31 Enemy Soldiers, Seizes 17 Weapons

Saigon — A total of 31 enemy were killed last Thursday by units of Task Force Oregon in Quang Ngai Province.

A recon patrol from the 3rd Brigade, 25th Division made contact at 12:15 p.m. with an estimated seven enemy 12 kilometers north-northwest of Duc Pho. An UH-1E helicopter supporting the patrol also received heavy ground fire from an unknown number of enemy.

A reaction and blocking force from the task force was moved into the area and made contact. Air and artillery supported the infantrymen.

The enemy force broke contact at 7 p.m.

In addition to the 31 enemy dead, two suspects were detained and 17 individual weapons captured.

Seven U.S. infantrymen were wounded in the contact.

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STEADFAST and LOYAL

Purple Heart

Lieutenant Colonel Gordon J. Duquemin HHC, and Bn, 8th Inf
 Second Lieutenant William D. Prior Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
 First Sergeant David H. McNerney Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
 Staff Sergeant Willie Simpson Jr. Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
 Staff Sergeant Robert W. White Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
 Sergeant John W. Bockover HHC, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
 Specialist 4 Larry F. Barczyk Co B, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
 Specialist 4 Robert P. Franke HHC, 2nd Bn, 8th Inf
 Specialist 4 Jay D. Massey Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
 Specialist 4 David J. Miller HHC, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
 Specialist 4 Floyd D. Robb Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
 Specialist 4 Richard E. Sager HHC, 2nd Bn, 8th Inf
 Specialist 4 Glen P. Thorpe Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
 Specialist 4 Joe T. Trujillo HHC, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
 Private First Class Dennis D. Caccavo Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
 Private First Class Gary W. Carlier Co B, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
 Private First Class Phillip A. Cohen Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
 Private First Class Charles Mathews III Co A, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
 Private First Class Gen R. Mace Bry D, 5th Bn, 16th Arty
 Specialist 4 Joseph Remez Co A, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
 Staff Sergeant Stephen Angulo HHC, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Specialist 6 Gary E. Hurlbert HHC, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Sergeant Hollie D. Green Jr. Co C, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Sergeant Lester P. Johnson Co C, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Sergeant Harry L. Riley Co C, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Sergeant Joseph T. Salatino Co C, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Sergeant George M. Wilheim Co B, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Specialist 4 Herman J. Canel Co C, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Specialist 4 Patrick Daly Co A, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Specialist 4 Carmen Deluccia Co B, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Specialist 4 Kenneth J. Fritz HHC, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Specialist 4 Larry J. Knight HHC, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Specialist 4 Stephen L. McClelland Co C, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Specialist 4 Raymond Morella HHC, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Specialist 4 Paul D. Rash Co C, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Private First Class Arlie Riley HHC, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Specialist 4 Hector D. Soto Co B, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Specialist 4 Bernard E. Stephens Co C, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Specialist 4 Billy G. Stephens HHC, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Specialist 4 Bobby C. Whitfield HHC, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Specialist 4 Bill E. Winston HHC, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Private First Class Phillip T. Evans Co A, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Private First Class Ramiro Garza Co A, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Private First Class Sammy D. Kilmer Co C, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Private First Class Douglas N. Kokulak HHC, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Private First Class Salvatore P. Laburera Co A, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Private First Class Ronald LaVerte Co C, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Private First Class Steve L. McIntyre Co C, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Staff Sergeant Alcario C. Sanchez Jr. HHC, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Sergeant Eberhard Bruefl Co C, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Sergeant Calvin A. Graham Co B, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Sergeant Tommy M. Sanders HHC, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Specialist 4 Jim R. Coleman Co C, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Specialist 4 Henry W. Cooper Co C, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Specialist 4 Kay C. Keatts Co B, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
 Specialist 4 Senen F. Montes Co B, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
 Specialist 4 Andrew A. Simons Co B, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Private First Class David R. Britton Co B, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Private First Class Thomas W. Cole Jr. Co C, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Private First Class Robert H. Hines Co B, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf
 Private First Class Edward L. Moody Co B, 1st Bn, 2nd Inf

Armed Forces Day 1967

America's rise to world leadership will be remembered down through history as an inspiring example of what men can achieve in the cause of freedom.

Freedom was the goal that sparked our independence—and only the love of freedom has sustained it.

Nowhere is this dedication reflected more vividly than in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Our modern military establishment is the mightiest arsenal of all time. But it would give us neither peace nor security without the devotion to duty, the courage and sacrifice of the men and women who wear our country's uniform.

As Commander-in-Chief, I invite every American to participate in the 1967 observance of Armed Forces Day, which honors those who guard our heritage.

In Vietnam—and around the world—they perpetuate the ideals which made and preserve us as a nation.

Let our thoughts be with them on this day. And let our prayers attend them, always, as they unflinchingly defend our legacy and our lives.

Lyndon B. Johnson



EDITORIAL

'Power For Peace'

"Power for Peace"—when first adopted as the official Armed Forces Day slogan, it was little known that this phrase would be vividly demonstrated in the sweat, tears and blood of American servicemen seeking peace in the defense of a small Southeast Asian nation called Vietnam.

"Power for Peace" was a term meaning an American armed force at the ready—ready to meet and repel any act of aggression anywhere in the world at anytime when directed by the President. It was a slogan born in an uneasy period when it was hoped that America's powerful armed services would act as a deterrent to aggressors.

As Americans the world over prepare to celebrate Armed Forces Day tomorrow, more than 400,000 U.S. servicemen are bringing to the enemy in Vietnam the meaning of that slogan.

The Armed Forces Day theme is "Armed Forces Report to the Nation"—a report which is carried daily in the dispatches from Vietnam where the United States is at work in a bloody conflict to stop another act of aggression.

It is symbolized by the peace-preserving presence of our Armed Forces in faraway places—in Europe, the Arctic, the Pacific, and other regions of the world.

President Johnson in his Armed Forces Day message points out that nowhere is America's dedication to the love of freedom "reflected more vividly than in the Armed Forces of the United States."

Terming America's military establishment "the mightiest of all time," the President said that this would not be the case, that this mighty arsenal "would give us neither peace nor security without the devotion to duty, the courage and sacrifice of the men and women who wear our country's uniform."

"In Vietnam—and around the world—they perpetuate the ideals which made and preserve us as a nation," President Johnson said.

Dedication...devotion...courage...sacrifice—this is the serviceman's report to his nation. It is a report written clearly among the rattle of small arms fire, the thump of mortars and cannon, and the earth-shaking blast of falling bombs. It is, a report that hopefully will demonstrate once and for all the meaning of "Power for Peace." (AFNB)

Camp Enari

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for the ceremony, or were looking down on the ceremony, he would not look upon the dedication of the base camp in his name or in his honor, but rather he would look upon it as a dedication to all of the men of the division who have given their lives in defense of freedom.

Following the general's tribute, the monument dedicating the base camp as Camp Enari was unveiled by Lieutenant General Stanley R. Larson, I Field Force commander, and General Peers.

Chaplain's Corner

Kindness

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.)
 John C. Brady

Now that the majestic, domed Pennsylvania Station on 34th Street in New York City has been torn down, perhaps the tribute in bronze to the memory of a man erected by a grateful Pennsylvania Railroad can no longer be seen.

Perhaps, too, it is still there in the new edifice. Whatever the case may be, Wm. B. Egan, one-time platform-master, left behind him a reputation for kindness and goodness in the memories of hundreds of people.

The plaque read:

Wm. B. Egan
 Station Master
 Friend to Mankind

Beloved by all who journeyed through this station, by all who served its millions of patrons, devoted guardian to the lonely wayfarer, to presidents, princes and prim' donnas. The lowly and the celebrated in all walks of life were proud to know him. He loved people.

The Pennsylvania Railroad

Chances are that none of us will have a plaque mounted somewhere extolling us for our kindness to our fellow man, yet these acts of thoughtfulness will not go unnoticed or unrecorded.

The life of a soldier is difficult, especially so in Vietnam. A little act of kindness—of thoughtfulness to a buddy can often lighten the load he bears.



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RESTING A LOAD

After a long patrol during the night, a radio-telephone operator enjoys a few minutes of rest in the jungle before moving out again. The soldier is from Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry. (USA Photo by PFC Jeffrey L. Pearce, 69th Signal Bn)

4th Engineers Build Vital Supply Route

Pleiku — Three bulldozers and one squad of engineers, led by Sergeant First Class Earl Mihara (Hiol, Hawaii), from the 4th Engineer Battalion, 4th Division recently built a road 16 kilometers in length through the dense jungle west of Pleiku in record time.

The engineers built the vital supply and ammunition link between the 1st Brigade forward headquarters and forward fire support bases.

The first dozer—a "Rome Plow"—was operated alternately by Specialist 4 Brent Wilkins (Poplar, Mont.) and Specialist 4 Paul M. Dunn (Sacramento, Calif.). The "Rome Plow" is especially designed for felling trees and

pushing through heavy brush.

The other two dozers, operated by Specialist 5 Augustine Aguirre (Los Angeles),

Specialist 4 Alfred Kennedy

(Fayette, Pa.), Specialist 4 Jack W. Gray (Wolfcreek, Ore.) and Specialist 4 Brent P. Baldwin (Deadwood, Ore.), did the actual roadwork. While one of the bulldozers pushed the downed trees to the side, the other dozer put a smooth grade on the roadway.

While the dozers were working, the engineer squad used plastic explosives to remove large tree stumps and rocks. Using this assembly line system, the small group of experienced combat engineers averaged 4,000 meters of road a day.

Junction City Ends In Zone C

Saigon — Operation Junction City, the massive assault aimed at the Viet Cong stronghold in War Zone C, terminated Sunday night.

The operation began on February 22 as a II Field Force multi-division search and destroy mission and included units of the 4th Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade.

As enemy contact tapered off, the operation was decreased to multi-battalion size under the operational control of the 25th Infantry Division.

Junction City resulted in 2,728 enemy killed, 97 suspects detained and 491 individual and 100 crew-served weapons seized. U.S. casualty figures were 282 infantrymen killed and 1,576 wounded.



ON PATROL

Men from Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry move out on patrol during Operation Francis Marion in the Central Highlands. (USA Photo by Sgt. Howard R. Blanco, 124th Signal Bn)

Platoons From 1/8th's Company C Turn Back Charging NVA Regulars

By Sp4 John H. Booth

Oasis — The Americans were pinned down by a withering hail of machine gun and automatic weapons fire. The North Vietnamese Regulars had victory in sight, but they were unprepared for the rapid response of the 4th Division soldiers.

Company C, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry had sent a platoon to check out several well-used trails in the area where the company was conducting search and destroy operations.

After crossing a small stream, the platoon continued up a slight grade. The NVA waited until the last man had crossed the stream before hitting the group from the rear and left flank.

"I don't know how we did it, but we managed to hold them off for a while," said First Lieutenant Andres C. Ramirez (Orosi, Calif.). "Our forward observer, Sergeant Thomas Fetter (Marion, Ohio), quickly called in artillery fire on them."

By the time the first 105mm howitzer rounds had landed on the enemy, Lieutenant Ramirez had positioned a machine gunner on top of a nearby ledge close to a small waterfall. The machine gunner's position had a pretty good view of the surrounding area, and he concentrated his fire on the enemy's positions.

The surrounding terrain was quite rocky and dotted with brush and trees. The NVA were using it effectively for cover from the American's fire. The enemy were well concealed and they only gave way their positions as

they fired or threw hand grenades at the infantrymen.

Then assured of victory, the enemy tried charging the Iyvmen. "That was their mistake. The enemy took a beating doing that," said Lieutenant Ramirez. "Even though badly wounded, they would still charge us. I've never seen anyone as fanatical as they were."

Relief finally came for the platoon when another platoon of Company C fought its way through to link up with the men.

The relief element, under the leadership of Sergeant First Class Jose T. Francisco (Waialua, Hawaii), took the offensive from the enemy and started to push the NVA back.

Starting a tactic of "fire

and maneuver," Sergeant Francisco slowly maneuvered his men in on the now retreating enemy.

Leaving only three men to hold off the American infantrymen, the NVA also took up this tactic to help their retreat.

Bringing up a machine gunner, Sergeant Francisco managed to get two of the remaining NVA.

Firing his AK-47 until he ran out of ammo, the last NVA took cover behind a tree and started firing his pistol.

Sergeant Francisco said, "I threw seven grenades at him before getting him. We chased the rest of them for a while before they managed to break contact."

THANKS TO STATESIDE COMPANY

2nd Brigade's 'Speedy' Back In Action Again

By Sp5 Al Seagroves

Oasis — "Speedy" is her name and she can turn out a load of fresh clothes quicker than you can say "Jack Robinson."

But "Speedy" came to an abrupt halt recently after her motor wore out.

"She has come a long way," explained Specialist 4 Ronald L. Nortman (Black River Falls, Wis.). "Arriving with us at Qui Nhon she has traveled with us ever since."

Her owners looked high and low throughout the Central Highlands for a cure for their handy little "pet." Some

where, somehow they were sure they could find someone to help them.

After what seemed to be a fruitless search, the men of the 4th Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade staff section decided to call on their friends back home for aid. In less than a week, a new motor was on its way to end "Speedy's" idleness.

"We really appreciate what our friends at the Speed-Queen Manufacturing Company in Ripon, Wis., have done for us," commented Master Sergeant Richard E. Smith (Tacoma, Wash.).

"In addition to sending us 'Speedy's' new motor, they have offered free parts to personnel serving in Vietnam," added Specialist 4 Robert D. Alcorn (Irvine, Ky.).

"She may be a little dirty and greasy at times, but we love her," chimed Sergeant First Class William J. Clifton (Columbus, Ga.), Specialist 4 John L. Kroeger (Oakland, Calif.) and Specialist 4 Richard N. Bertrin (Berlin, N.H.).

Francis Marion

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a village 53 kilometers northwest of Ban Me Thuot on May 9.

The CIDG unit took the enemy under fire, killing one. Two individual weapons were captured.

OR 2ND BRIGADE TROOPS

4/42nd Always Ready To Provide Support

Camp Enari—The advance party of the 4th Battalion, 2nd Artillery, consisting of 0 individuals, arrived at Leiku last July 16.

Under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Bertram Parr, then 4/42nd commander, the advance party had the mission of selecting and preparing the base camp or the 2nd Brigade, 4th Division.

The main body of the battalion landed at Qui Nhon on August 10 and picked up its 105mm howitzers and associated equipment five days later.

Twelve days after the equipment arrived in-country, Battery A was called upon to move into the field to support the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry.

The battery, presently commanded by Captain Gunner C. Carlson Jr., has fired as many as 1,500 rounds in a single night in support of ground forces in heavy enemy contact. The battery has chosen the nickname of "The Sandbaggers" and the motto, "You Yell, We Shell."

Battery B, commanded by Captain William E. Leonard, also deployed rapidly to the forward area in support of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry.

The battery has seen heavy

action several times and was instrumental in repelling a reinforced North Vietnamese battalion that had attacked one fire base in which the "Redlegs" were located. This battle, which took place November 12-13, has become known as the Battle of Landing Zone Red Warrior.

Battery B has been recommended for the Presidential Unit Citation for the heroic actions of its personnel on that night.

Battery C went into action near Tuy Hoa on Operation Seward in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry.

The battery, nicknamed the "Cong Crushers" and commanded by Captain Edmond S. Solymosy, has withstood several heavy mortar attacks and has fired nearly 50,000 rounds of 105mm howitzer ammunition since arriving in-country.

Battery C was recently honored by firing the 150,000th round fired by the battalion since arrival in-country.

Battery D (Provisional) is stationed in the Ivy Division base camp. This battery consists of one howitzer from each of the batteries in the field and is responsible for furnishing artillery fire for the defense of the base camp. Captain Phillip A. Gibbs is

in command of the base camp guns.

Although the artillery pieces are normally towed by 2 1/2-ton trucks, the majority of the battery moves have been accomplished by using Chinook helicopters. It takes approximately 19 Chinook sorties to move one artillery battery.

One of the most welcome additions in any of the fire bases is the counter-mortar radar which is supervised by Chief Warrant Officer George O. Hassell.

The radar has spent some time in almost every fire base. On several occasions, the source of incoming enemy mortar rounds has been located with such accuracy that the mortar attacks have been stopped very shortly after they began because of accurate artillery counter-mortar fire based on the radar data.

The radar set is also transported by Chinook helicopter. The initial such helilift was a first for this kind of equipment in Vietnam.

The 4/42nd, known throughout the division as the "Pace Setters" and which has the motto "Festina Lente" ("Make Haste Slowly"), is currently commanded by Lieutenant

Colonel Jack C. Woods.

The unit is extremely proud of the support it has given the 2nd Brigade, 4th Division.

Personnel in the battalion have been awarded one Distinguished Service Cross, three Silver Stars, three Sol-

dier's Medals, 31 Bronze Stars for Valor, 30 Commendation Medals for Valor, eight Air Medals and 37 Purple Hearts.

The "Redlegs" of the 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery are proud of their record of having fired over 180,000 rounds since their arrival in-country.



GETTING READY—A gun crew of Battery A, 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery adjusts a gun for a fire mission. The artillerymen are supporting 4th Division, 2nd Brigade troops participating in Operation Francis Marion in the Central Highlands. (USA Photo by Sp4 Mick Harsell)



FOR CHARLIE—"Redlegs" from the Ivy Division's 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery stack up 105mm artillery ammo for the night's fire missions during Operation Francis Marion in the Central Highlands. (USA Photo by SSgt. Bill Whitis)



IMPORTANT MISSION—Artillerymen from the 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery fire a round from their howitzer in support of ground troops participating in Operation Francis Marion. The "Redlegs" are always prepared to support elements of the division whenever the enemy is sighted. (USA Photo by PFC Frederick M. Schuller, 54th Signal Bn)



ACTION AHEAD

Members of Troop A, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry inspect the track on their tank before moving out on a mission. (USA Photo by Sgt. Howard R. Blanco, 124th Signal Bn)

Highland Visit 4th

Camp Enari — Cadets of the Highland Junior Military Academy in Pleiku recently visited the 4th Infantry Division Artillery at the division's base camp.

The 26 cadets and four faculty members, guests of Division Artillery's civil affairs section, viewed a demonstration of scout dog training methods. The platoon, under the command of Second Lieutenant Paul W. Muehlberger (Pasadena,

Academy Cadets Division Artillery

Calif.), is attached to the 5th Battalion, 16th Artillery.

Next the cadets, escorted by Captain Howard S. Meck (Pullman, Wash.) and First Lieutenant John Courte (Pompano Beach, Fla.), visited the 5th Battalion, 16th Artillery.

The cadets were given a demonstration on the operation and firing of the 155mm self-propelled howitzer and rides on the twin 40mm gun and the quad-50

machine gun systems. The battery is commanded by Captain Billy R. Arnold (Bynum, Ala.) and is attached to the 16th Artillery.

At Headquarters Battery, Warrant Officer Charles Manstream (Neptune, N.J.) demonstrated the operation of the meteorological station, including the inflation and release of a meteorological balloon.

Lieutenant David R. Smith (Toledo, Ohio) of the 1st Platoon, Battery B, 29th Artillery explained and demonstrated the operation of the 18-inch jeep-mounted searchlight.

Following lunch in the Division Artillery's officers' mess, the cadets were shown the dispensary and chapel before returning to the academy.

2/22nd MEDCAP Team Treats 380 Villagers

Dau Tieng — "I was amazed at the amount and variety of diseases. It is going to take a lot of hard and continued work to put these people in good health," said Captain William Moats, 3rd Brigade, 4th Division surgeon.

The captain had been in country only two weeks when the 3rd Brigade's 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry sponsored a MEDCAP at Truong Mit Village seven miles southwest of the brigade base camp at Dau Tieng.

The previous day Captain Richard A. Osten, battalion civic affairs officer, had talked with Mr. Doan Van Ngol, the village chief, to arrange the first of two MEDCAPs for the village.

In two days, over 380 people were treated. A small number was referred to the Vietnamese hospital in the area for further treatment.

The MEDCAP was also coordinated with a resettlement program designed to bring farmers out of areas controlled by the Viet Cong.

Each farmer who resettled received 5,000 piasters, a



SAY AHH! — Captain Vsevolod Kohutiak (Utica, N.Y.) checks the throat of Vietnamese girl in the village of Truong Mit on a MEDCAP held recently by the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry. (USA Photo by Lt. Ralph F. Campbell)

'Dead' Scout Dog Returns To Duty

By Sp4 Gary M. Silva

Dau Tieng — Beau is a 70-pound German Shepherd working with the 44th Scout Dog Platoon at Dau Tieng.

He's friendly and wags his tail, but he's also an aggressive animal and has tasted the bitterness of war.

With only five months of combat behind him, Beau has been wounded on two different occasions — he almost died once.

"It was on a three-day operation," said Specialist 4 Michael R. Phillips (Cleveland), Beau's handler, as he described the first time the dog was wounded while working with the 3rd Brigade, 4th Division. "We were moving out of a large clearing and had just reached a woodline when Beau alerted."

Immediately Specialist Phillips dove for cover and the Viet Cong activated a well-planned ambush. "An AK-47 round struck Beau in the front leg," the 20-year-old handler said.

The wound wasn't serious and the dog, valued at \$2,500, was quickly back in action again when Operation Junction City was launched in the rugged War Zone C area.

Specialist Phillips and Beau were sitting in a clearing preparing to move out when artillery rounds began piercing the air.

"Beau gave a strong alert — his head was straight up," the specialist said. "That only meant one thing — the shells were coming at us."

Ten rounds later Beau and Specialist Phillips both

lay wounded. A piece of shrapnel had passed completely through the dog's middle, breaking part of his backbone, and then struck Specialist Phillips in the right arm.

Evacuated to Saigon, the dog's death certificate was filled out due to the seriousness of the wound, but Beau "didn't give up" and 39 days later the certificate was torn up. The dog is now back at the 3rd Brigade base camp.

"I wouldn't trade him for any weapon," Specialist Phillips said. "He's my best protection. He can tell you where Charlie is."

Former Rifleman Now Serves As Combat Courier

Oasis — The days of the Pony Express have long been forgotten, but an assistant battalion mail clerk brings the courier on horseback to life as he mounts an Army UH-1D Huey helicopter for a ride to his unit's forward fire support base in the Central Highlands.

Though the ride is comparably smoother nowadays, Private First Class James E. Chiquet (Chicago) of the 4th Division's 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry may receive a few rounds from an enemy sniper far below or have to jump for cover if the battalion's fire base is under attack when his "chopper" lands.

A former automatic rifleman, PFC Chiquet explains, "My job is still a little risky at times but not as dangerous as when I was humping the hills looking for Charlie."

Making the runs several times a day, he delivers individual registered mail as well as military correspondence between the 2nd Brigade's Oasis base camp and the battalion's temporary fire support base.

PFC Chiquet also serves as an information aide to the battalion commander. He keeps the officer posted on the status of different individuals, obtains answers to various military questions and keeps the officer well-informed and up-to-date on the events in the battalion.

1/12th's 'P-69ers' Keep Field Unit Resupplied

By Sp5 Al Seagroves

Oasis — "P-69ers" they all themselves and they hold a job of utmost importance to the fighting men of the 12th Division's 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry.

Their job — helicopter resupply padmen.

Working directly with the battalion's supply section, Specialist 4 Robert Paz (Laredo, Tex.) and Private First Class Ivis Slone (Garner, Ky.) begin their long day at sun-up by readying supplies requested the previous evening.

Within minutes the first cargo is ready on the pad for the resupply ship on the way from the 4th Aviation Battalion.

Suddenly the jeep's radio

Cousins Meet For First Time At Dau Tieng

Dau Tieng — A pert Irish colleen from County Mayo, Ireland, recently paid a visit to her cousin at the 3rd Brigade, 4th Division base camp — a cousin she had never met.

Miss Claire Hoban, an auburn-haired, green-eyed 23-year-old miss, works in the post exchange of the 25th Division at Cu Chi selling cars. She heard that there was another Hoban, also from County Mayo, with the Ivy Division's 3rd Brigade at Dau Tieng.

On her day off, she hopped a "chopper" to Dau Tieng and after a few inquiries was talking to her cousin, Private First Class Brendan T. Hoban, a rifleman with Company C, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry.

"We had never met before and I didn't even know whether we were cousins or not until we straightened out some aunts and uncles," commented Miss Hoban.

PFC Hoban was given the morning off and gave Miss Hoban a tour of the base camp before she left that afternoon.

blasts out the padmen's familiar call letters. Returning the call, Specialist Paz or PFC Slone relates the type, amount and destination of the cargo to the pilot. The supply ship soon flies into view and touches down.

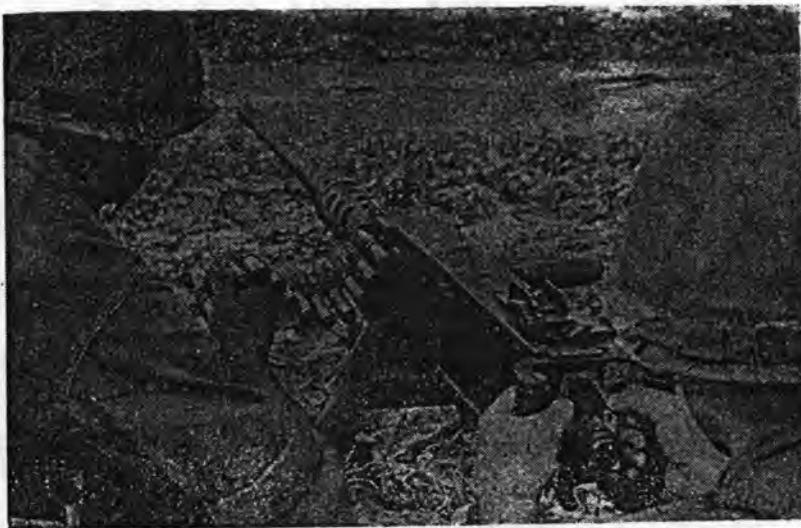
Quick hands load it for its first sorties of the day. Only a few seconds pass before the "bird" is airborne again.

While the padmen are busy loading and unloading "choppers," Specialist 5 Antonio S. Solis (Parmer, Idaho) is also busy in the battalion S-4 office, talking with the helicopter crewmen and receiving additional supply requests from the unit's fire support base.

Both he and the padmen must work as a team in order to keep the field unit resupplied. Alone, none of three could accomplish the job.

Working from dawn to dusk, the trio gets little rest between sorties as the next load is made ready and incoming calls are answered. Averaging anywhere from 15 to 20 sorties or more a day, they handle everything — from toilet articles to 4.2mm mortar rounds.

"You name it, we send it," explain Specialist Paz and PFC Slone, who have become well-known to the "chopper" pilots.



READY TO FIRE

Poised and ready, two men from the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry look over an open field in anticipation of Viet Cong activity. (USA Photo by Sp4 Brant Olds)

Four-Day Patrol Ends Quickly For 1st Brigade 'Recondo' Teams

By Sp5 Conrad Clark

Le Thanh — A scheduled four-day patrol mission by two reconnaissance teams terminated in less than 90 minutes.

In search of the enemy, both teams "found" him within 30 minutes after they departed their landing zones.

The two "Recondo" teams were from the 1st Brigade, 4th Division. They were airlifted by helicopter from Jackson's Hole to their re-

spective landing zones and dropped without incident.

Twenty minutes later the first team, including Sergeant Ronald Hahn (Spencer, Ind.), leader, Sergeant Frank Smith (Lubbock, Tex.), Sergeant Ernest D. Lents (Halls, Tenn.) and Private First Class Michael Cannon (Raleigh, N.C.), literally walked into the enemy.

Suddenly the stillness of approaching dusk was shattered by two rifle shots as the enemy warned their comrades of the approaching American soldiers. Voices were also heard by the Americans as the NVA trampled through the brush.

The team leader radioed to First Lieutenant Robert Walden (Phoenix, Ariz.), platoon leader, informing him of the approaching NVA.

The lieutenant advised the men to "stay put" and made a request for gunships and a helicopter to evacuate the team.

Two gunships and a

"slick" helicopter soon arrived. While the enemy's position was being blasted by the gunships, the "slick" landed to evacuate the men. The extraction was made without incident.

The same thing also happened to the second team after it was dropped in the jungle.

While the two gunships and the helicopter were on their way to extract the first team, the other team, consisting of Private First Class John Hyers (Massapequa, N.Y.), a recondo school graduate and team leader, Sergeant Alvin Groves (Franklyn, Ky.), Specialist 4 Ronald Foster (Aurora, Ill.) and Private First Class Doug Thompson (Long Beach, Calif.), was located by another group of NVA.

A request was made to Lieutenant Walden who alerted the same three helicopters. The "slick" repeated the pickup, and another safe return was accomplished.



HELPING A BUDDY

Two men from Company A, 4th Engineer Battalion carry a wounded buddy to a waiting helicopter which will evacuate him to medical facilities. (USA Photo by Sgt. Howard R. Blanco, 124th Signal Bn)

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