

Viet Children Get Goodies

DAU TIENG, Vietnam (IO)—Seven hundred "Friendship Kits" donated by the American Red Cross Youth were given to the children of the forces defending the village of Dau Tieng recently.

The gaily colored bags of goodies contained small toys, whistles, soap, crayons, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other small items.

Each bag was given to the children personally by Red Cross Field director, Al Beardsley and Jim Loomis of San Diego, Calif.

Before the presentations the Vietnamese district chief explained the gifts were from the children of America to the children of Vietnam.



Wolfhounds on the Prowl for the Enemy

Troopers of the 1st Bn., 27th Inf. "Wolfhounds," charge into a solid wall of jungle just north of the Iron Triangle, 40 miles

north of Saigon. The assault was part of an operation by the 25th Inf. Div.'s 2nd Brigade. (USA Photo by Spec. 4 Gary Gatiff)

Former VC Save Marine Lives In Armed Propaganda Teams

PHU BAI, Vietnam (ISO)—A civilian force that saves Marine lives, uncovers countless booby traps and identifies Viet Cong suspects is helping Leathernecks in the Phu Bai area.

Spearheading the pacification program are 74 men of the Vietnamese government-sponsored Armed Propaganda Teams (APT), all former Viet

viser for Thua Thien Province, said, "APTs find such face-to-face contact most effective. Its members present themselves as examples of the good the South Vietnamese government can accomplish."

Santos and Artajo are Filipino advisers to the Republic of Vietnam government.

Careful observation of those Chien Hoi villagers who are con-

ting into enemy territory, the five-man teams are armed. The Phu Bai APT branch is the largest propaganda unit in South Vietnam. It began operating under its present concept in September, 1966.

These teams are very successful. It's quite a relief to know they can find out from the people where mines are planted, ambushes are set up and

Pair Cut Off From Their Comrades

In a Lonely and Dangerous

FIRE SUPPORT BASE CUDGEL, Vietnam (UPI)—Pfc. Quintus Scott and 1st Lt. Lee B. Alley both know what it is like to be outside friendly lines in the middle of a Viet Cong attack. They agree it is the loneliest feeling in the world.

Scott, 19, of Taylor, Tex., was cut off along with the other three men of his fire team when the perimeter had to pull back in the face of a frenzied pre-dawn attack by the Viet Cong.

He lay hidden and watched Viet Cong women nurses and Communist soldiers carrying their dead and wounded

away in litters.

Alley, 21, of Laramie, Wyo., as the leader of a reconnaissance platoon which took the brunt of the attack, pulled his dead and wounded back across a deep canal to safety, then returned alone to his foxhole and fought off the Communists as long as his ammunition and grenades held out.

Then he fell back himself and called in artillery at point-blank range on the attackers. His commander is going to recommend him for a decoration.

Fire Support Base Cudgel is a forward command and artil-

lery position for Operation Kien Giang. It is located about 60 miles southwest of Saigon on a chunk of the knee deep mud that passes for solid ground during the wet season in the Mekong Delta.

A reinforced company, two batteries of artillery and a battalion command post were at the base when it was hit in a mortar, recoilless rifle and ground attack by at least three Viet Cong companies.

Eight Americans were killed and 57 wounded before the attackers were driven off. One 105-mm howitzer was knocked

out of action.

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Navy's Top Journalist

ABOARD USS ORISKANY IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA (PAO)—Chief Journalist Richard W. Wood, USN, attached to the staff of Rear Adm. Frederick H. Michaelis, commander, Carrier Div. 9, and currently serving on board the 7th Fleet attack carrier Oriskany off the coast of North Vietnam, has been named as the U.S. Navy's "Journalist of the Year."

Wood's selection came as a result of his outstanding