



# Family Gram

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LONE STAR BATTALION

## THE CAPTAIN'S CORNER

During the month of September "The Professionals" jetted into a well functioning organization.

Although still working under the handicap of not having all personnel aboard, the performance was equal to other like organizations in-country. It is expected that in the near future the performance of "The Professionals" will exceed what would normally be expected of lesser organizations.

The teamwork and the willingness of each and every one of "The Professionals" to work together has been outstanding from the youngest members to the old salts.

Their willingness to go the extra mile has been heartening.

When this Battalion returns to civilian life they will be in the position to ask no apologies nor forgiveness for what they have done. And it is my sincere feeling that each man will be proud that he had this opportunity to serve with the men of "TWENTY-TWO".

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## What's It Like?

### IT'S A MOST UNUSUAL WAR!

"22's" work schedule continues much like the report in last issue: 65-hours-or-more work-week spent on a variety of projects.

However, we thought that this month we would tell you of some of the conditions in which we live here.

## Food

Food is always an important factor in the health and morale of troops. Some few "22" personnel, on detached crews, have existed on C-rations, but for the

main body, the galley crew, under CSC George J. Ray, and the stewards have provided quantity, variety, and quality.

Here are some random menus:

### Breakfast, Mon., September 9:

Orange juice, chilled  
Cereal, ready-to-eat, assorted  
Milk, both fresh and canned  
Prunes, canned  
French Toast (plain; cinnamon)  
Fried eggs to order  
Bacon, crisp, sliced  
Syrup & Honey  
Sweet rolls, assorted

### Lunch, Sunday, September 15: \*

Corned beef, simmered  
Horseradish & mustard sauce  
Potatoes, parsley buttered  
Cabbage, boiled and carrots  
Potato salad, cold  
Raisin & Apple salad  
Cold cut tray: Bologna, P&P Loaf, cheese  
Relish tray: olives, pickles, onions  
Assorted breads, butter  
Easy chocolate cake  
Coffee, milk, Koolade  
\*Sunday night is steak night.

### Dinner/Supper, Friday, September 20:

Veal steaks, Parmesan  
Natural gravy  
Potatoes, Lyonnaise  
Beets, pickled  
Salads: Salmon, Tuna  
Cold cut tray (as above)  
Relish tray (as above)  
Breads, Assorted, & butter  
Brown sugar cake  
Coffee, milk, Koolade

## Geedunk

To augment the regular menu, the people of "22" have access to a wide variety of items, edible and otherwise, at our own Exchange and at the 5 large,

accessible Exchanges in the Balang area.

In these, purchases may include such items as these: canned potato chips, corn chips, candy, cookies, crackers, cheese tidbits, vienna sausages, and Mexican foods. And in addition to basic supplies, such as shaving gear, there are gift-articles available like Japanese chinaware, cameras of many brands, furs, tape recorders and hi fi/stereo component parts.

(Note that no Exchange store has ever been able to reproduce the effect of receipt of a package at mail call, especially if the contents are your home-made specialty!)

### Off-Duty Activities

The end of the work-day may seem awfully late, but there are a variety of activities available for the off-duty hours: a well-stocked library with soda mess and facilities for letter writing & auditing/recording taped "living letters", movies (5 nights a week), stage shows on occasions (we've had 3 since 13 Aug), an 8 track slot-car track, leathercraft tools and supplies, a gym with gear for ball games and weight lifting, ping pong, and pool tables, a portion of the beach roped off as a safe swimming area, and the E.M.-Acey-Deucey (temporarily combined since the recent winds blew in the roof on the E.M. Club), C.P.O. and Officers Clubs.

One of the most notable activities is formation of four battalion bands: Dance, Rock & Roll, Country & Western, & Marching, under the musical direction of CM2 Irwin J Joubert. Their initial performances have drawn widespread acclaim.

Keeping in touch with the "outside" world is managed through your letters & through the local Armed Forces radio station (AM-FM, news on the hour) and a TV channel, and the daily edition of the Pacific Stars and Stripes

### Worship

Regular formal worship services are a part of the Sunday morning schedule, & Catholic mass is offered also on Tuesday evenings. Two opportunities have been provided thus far to hear Protestant missionaries. Sunday afternoons, some men have visited a nearby orphanage to play with the children there, and have helped in distributing clothing in one of the hamlets in which we do Civic Action work.

### Rain

We have just endured the first spell of what probably is the long monsoon period. While it may make the going a bit dreary and damp, it will also lighten our workload, which has been accelerated in anticipation of this weather.

### Mail Call and You

As important as receipt of letters from your serviceman is to you, please remember that it's very much more important for him to hear regularly from you. He is separated from you, your usual friends and activities. To some extent, the world sometimes seems to be bounded by the barbed wire encircling Camp Haskins.

Therefore, keep your letters coming regularly. They are probably the only way he has of learning what is happening to you, relatives, friends and your community, (World news he can get.)

One thing more, when there is illness or an accident, please wait to mention these until you can give definite news. (It is most unsettling to get a letter, written a week ago, stating that 'Junior' has 104 degree fever and is in the hospital for tests.) Don't leave your serviceman hanging in mid-air with anxiety. Write of such things only when you have definite, complete information. If it is a real emergency of which he should know now, contact the nearest Red Cross representative and they can get word here within hours. (You should discover now, before there is an emergency need, how to make such a contact.)

Keep your letters coming and we will encourage him to write.

"The King will answer back, 'I tell you, indeed, whenever you did this for one of these poorest brothers of mine, you did it for me!' (Matthew 25:40 TEV)

"If anyone says, 'I love God', yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For he cannot love God, whom he has not seen, if he does not love his brother whom he has seen....He who loves God must love his brother also."

(1 John 4:20-21 TEV)