



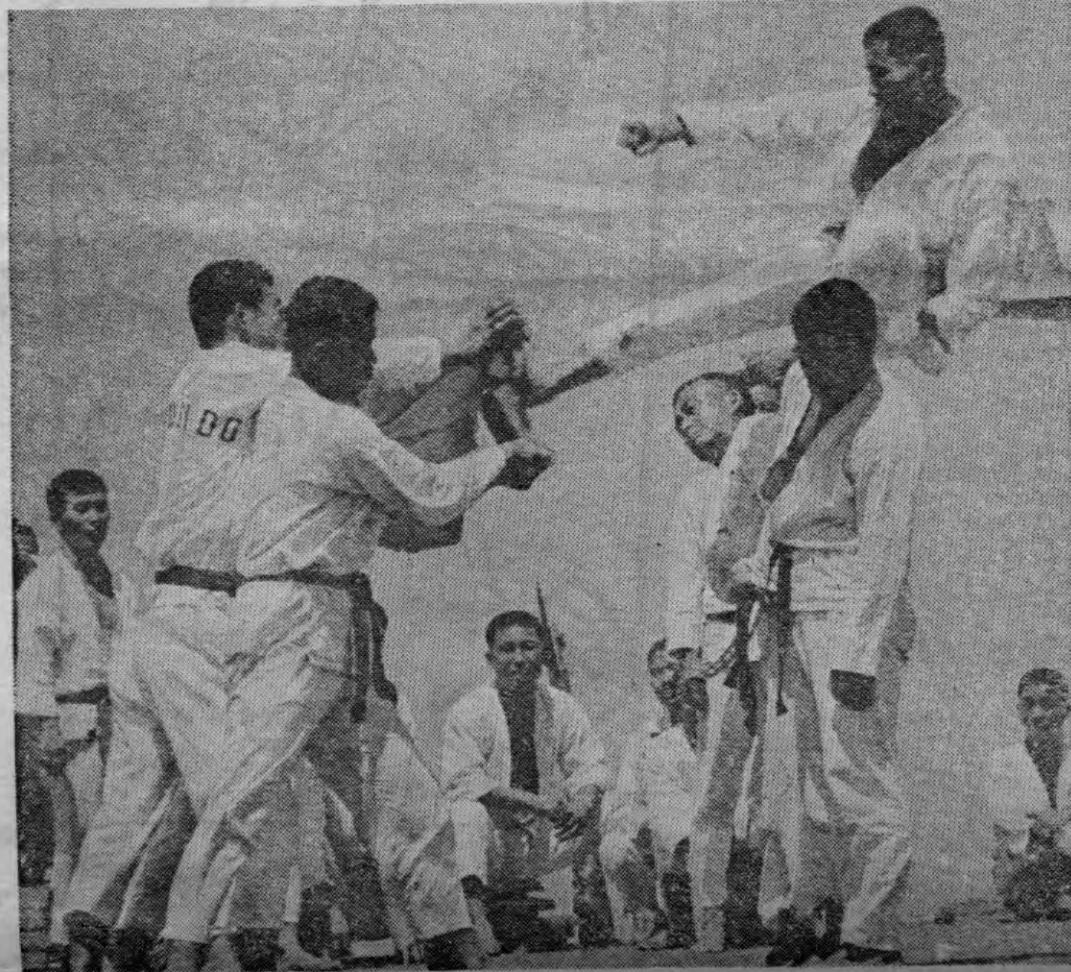
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**JUMP KICK**—A two-inch thick board splinters under the impact of this Tae-Kwon-Do expert's foot, as he simultaneously "takes out" two other demonstration team members. The team, from the 9th ROK Division's Karate Team, put on a show for the U.S. 4th Infantry Division.

(Photo by Major Richard Dyer)

## Blood Bank Is First In Fight Zone

**DA NANG (USN)**—Many new ideas have combined to make the hospital at the Naval Support Activity at Da Nang a modern and effective combat hospital.

An interesting aspect of the hospital is its blood bank. According to Lieutenant (junior grade) Erich E. Stafford, officer-in-charge of the bank: "Never before in the history of war has a blood bank been located in a combat zone. This single factor saves more lives in Vietnam than any other."

The quantity of blood handled at this bank is impressive. In one month, more than 1,000 units of blood are delivered to patients.

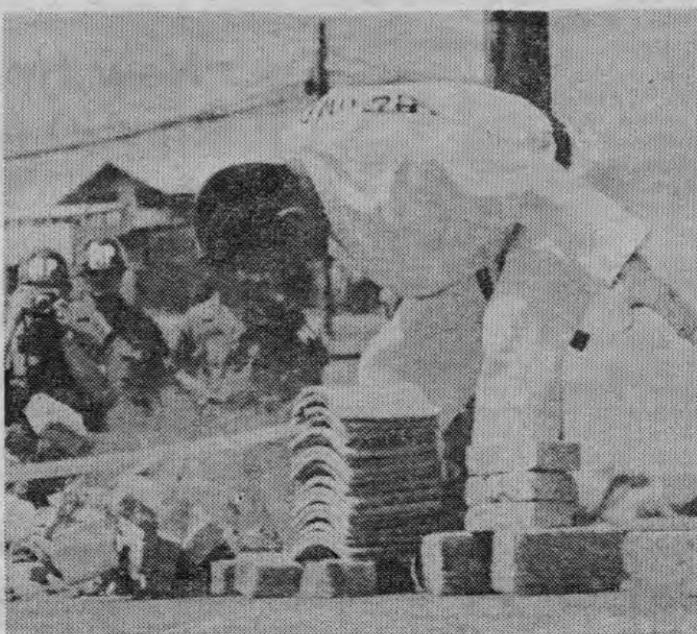
Although supplying life-saving blood to those in need is a most important job, there are also many other facets to the work.

The blood team is divided into three parts. The job of supplying blood is handled by three men under the direction of Chief Hospital Corpsman J.W. Lynch.

Working also on this team are: Hospital Corpsmen Second Class T.M. Cooper, W.T. Badcock and Phil McDonald.

These men cross-match blood samples of arriving casualties, then rush the required blood type to them. This requires quick and precise laboratory work.

There are two other jobs performed by the bank, both in-



**SKULL SKILL**—Tae-Kwon-Do black belt expert from the Korean "Whitehorse" Division sends broken bricks and dust flying with a single blow of his head in this extraordinary demonstration for the 4th Infantry Division.

(Photo by Sp4 Norman Johnson)

## Clerk Wanders Right Into Action

**CU CHI (USA)** — "Sir, I'm not supposed to be here," shouted a nervous soldier to Captain Roger Taylor during a heavy fire fight with a Viet Cong battalion.

The 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry company commander's amazement grew as he crouched behind a rice paddy to hear the soldier's story.

While bullets snapped overhead, Specialist 4 Lyle Roush explained that he was a clerk sent from the 25th Infantry Di-

vision Finance Office to make an annual check of leave records.

When he arrived at the battalion's forward base, everyone was loading up on helicopters. "So I figured the unit must be returning to the division's base camp, and hopped on," he said.

Instead of going to the Cu Chi base camp, the ships headed for a combat assault 25 miles northwest of Saigon, along the Oriental River.

With nothing but a .45 caliber

# 1st Div Gives RF Basic Trng

**DI AN (USA)**—A detachment of 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division soldiers is now giving Basic Combat Training to a South Vietnamese Regional Forces (RF) company.

The 13-man training detachment, headed by Captain Sherwood D. Goldberg, is operating at the 5th ARVN Division training center at Phu Cuong. The training began

with the arrival of the 969th Regional Force Company from Binh Long province.

A formal dedication ceremony was held on the training center's parade ground, with Major General John H. Hay, Jr., commanding general, 1st Infantry Division and Sub-Brigadier General Phan Quoc Thuan, commanding general, 5th ARVN Division, addressing the trainees.

This first RF company to be trained by the 2nd Brigade personnel will help determine the effectiveness of the program. "This is a pilot program, and naturally we expect some difficulties," Captain Goldberg explained.

"Our instructors will have to lecture through interpreters, which is time-consuming," added Captain Goldberg. "But our instructors are top-notch; each of them has experience with line units in Vietnam and can speak with authority on the subject."

The training will be tough and thorough, said Master Sergeant Richard M. Stineman, the senior training NCO. Subjects covered will include: small arms and hand-to-hand combat, physical training, drill and ceremonies, military intelligence, sanitation and discipline—a full Basic and Advanced Individual Training curriculum. The final five-week phase of the 17-week cycle will include field testing exercises in small unit tactics.

Lieutenant Howard L. Rogers explained that, under the RF concept, each company will be sent back to its home province to perform militia-type duties, provide security for Revolutionary Development, and conduct patrols when enemy activity warrants it.

"This type of unit is very effective for province security," he said. "Working in their home territory, they really have their 'ears to the ground' intelligence-wise; and a man will naturally work and fight harder to defend his own home town than anywhere else. In fact, some advisors think the RF companies have a proportionately higher VC kill-rate than regular Army units."

Members of the 2nd Brigade cadre are confident that the training program will be a success.

"These RF troops are having a good example set for them by the 5th ARVN Division companies that are training here," explained Private First Class

pistol, a flak jacket and leave records, Specialist Roush loaded his weapon, wrapped the records in the jacket and began his crawl toward Captain Taylor.

"There was nothing we could do," declared the captain, "but issue him more ammo and some grenades." For the next four hours the finance clerk fought alongside the infantrymen. He finally got on an ammunition resupply chopper that was leaving the action.

Thomas Donich. "Those people train hard! But maybe the most important thing is their sense of responsibility. They know we'll always be ready to cooperate with them, but most of the actual fighting will be up to them."

## Settlement Prompt For War Claims

**DA NANG (USN)**—The mountain shook with the dynamite blast and in the wake lay a dead cow.

The following day a formal complaint was lodged against the U.S. government.

Two foreign claims investigators, Second Class Fire Controlman Allan R. March and First Class Boatswain's Mate William T. Benton, immediately went to the scene of the incident.

"We found the claim justified and recommended re-imbursement to the claimant," reported Boatswain's Mate Benton.

"The majority of the incidents investigated by foreign claims involve traffic accidents. We cover the entire I Corps area dealing only with Vietnamese claims," explained Chief Gunner's Mate Willard J. Knudsen.

During a six-month period, 288 accidents with liability potentialities toward the U.S. government were reported, with 116 of these resulting in actual claims for re-imbursement.

Lieutenant Commander Gerald Bunn, claims officer, has seven investigators working for him.

"Our biggest monetary claims involve real estate and sometimes there are as many as a dozen claimants in one case," Commander Bunn said. "We try to determine who is at fault and to do this we occasionally are required to re-construct the incident."

## Hue Advisors Have Earned Top Awards

**HUE (MACV)**—U.S. advisors to Vietnamese fighting units in Thua Thien sector around Hue have accumulated an impressive roster of awards for valor in action in the first half of 1967.

The Vietnamese Armed Forces have awarded 16 Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry, with palm, to advisors of U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) Advisory Team 3. Cross of Gallantry, with palm, to advisors of U.S. U.S. Distinguished Service Cross. Team 3 sector advisors accompany Vietnamese Regional and Popular Force units in field operations around Hue, the country's ancient imperial city.

Team 3 advisors have also been decorated with one Distinguished Service Cross, one Legion of Merit award, three Silver Stars, four Bronze Stars with V, and four Army Commendation Medals with V.

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## Editorial

## VC Problems Increase

Careful reading of newspapers available in Vietnam impresses upon readers the information that the Viet Cong are being beaten, and that they are on the run. Most of the news releases telling us of this fact are specific, dealing with incidents, while comprehensive reports covering extended periods—six months or a year—are not as widely circulated and are couched in comparatively dry and uninteresting language.

Without quoting statistics, certain trends are obvious and important. There are clear signs that do not show through each spot news story. These signs deserve review.

First in general importance, perhaps, throughout South Vietnam, is the loss to the VC of rest and training areas he has considered to be his alone for years. These sanctuaries have been wrested from the enemy in all four corps tactical zones; in the Delta, the Iron Triangle, the Central Highlands, the coastal plains and the rugged terrain near the DMZ.

Loss of these safe havens has hurt Charlie. To dig new staging areas he must recruit people to dig deep and dig long and then dig some more. Then, he knows, he may soon be run out again.

Recent official reports state that the VC find the cost of the war has tripled in two years—indicating that he finds it more difficult to obtain food and equipment. Rich rice and produce growing areas are not such easy prey as they were a year or more ago. Taxes are still being collected, and extortion is still feeding the VC coffers, but collection is not as easy as it was and the results are not as great. He has also lost several paymasters and tax collectors in recent months—along with their cash.

Another slow but certain strangulation Charlie has suffered has been in the reduction of safe waterways on which to move weapons and equipment. He has been denied several excellent spots at which to unload and hide cargos of war materials that had moved by sea from the north. Some of them are now massive Free World ports. He has been finding it increasingly difficult and dangerous to move any sizable cargos by sea or inland waterways. The new and sophisticated naval craft and joint air-sea or air-river operations have been effective and they are here to stay.

Lastly, Charlie has been hit where it hurts him most, in a loss of leaders and trained personnel. He has begun recruiting and kidnapping women and boys as young as 12. He has pulled engineers and other skilled men from important jobs in Hanoi and other parts of North Vietnam and assigned them to South Vietnam because of a desperate shortage of officers. In a growing desperation, he has impelled the old, the very young and the infirm to perform labor.

This is not to say that Charlie is on his last leg—but he is finding life harder and less promising.

## If Nothing Else Can Get You Carelessness Certainly Can

Readers of the OBSERVER editorial page can expect to be surprised soon when a series appears on a subject familiar to everyone in uniform: safety. The surprise will be in the very high accident figures in the U.S. services in Vietnam.

Wars breed a degree of carelessness that would be out of place in peaceful military pursuits. This carelessness is resulting in deaths and disabling injuries—sometimes days or hours before the victims were to pack and return to their homes and loved ones.

The OBSERVER series will deal with the most critical prob-

lem areas: vehicle operations, handling of weapons, equipment operations, carelessness in the wearing or the absence of footwear and clothing, and off-duty activities.

Agencies and major commands are encouraged to provide information and statistics for the series. One unit may experience a rash of accidents and come up with solutions to problems, the descriptions of which can be of help to other units. Such information should be mailed to the Editor, MACV OBSERVER MACOIC-CID, APO 96222.

## Hospital's Needs Are Met By AL

SAIGON (USA) — The crowded children's ward at Cho Ray hospital here was renamed recently in honor of the Albany, Ga., American Legion post which came to its assistance.

Early this year, Major Dave Vining, directorate of services, Headquarters Area Command, took a tour of the children's ward with a fellow officer.

The 41-year-old Albany native was unprepared for what he saw. Many of the children were victims; one nine-year-old girl had lost both her legs to a Viet Cong grenade.

"I was really moved by conditions there," recalled Major Vining. "The ward needed all kinds of supplies and sanitary facilities. The children were in crowded rooms and they were badly in need of clothes, shoes, soap and things like that."

In succeeding visits, the former tank unit commander took candy and chewing gum to the children.

"One week, making my regular trip to Children's Ward 30, I suddenly thought of my Legion Post back home, which also is numbered 30," explained the major.

So he wrote his parents, asking them to enlist the Legion's assistance in obtaining clothes and supplies for the children.

"The response was tremendous," he declared. "At first I received small shipments of items through the mail and at the same time I received a letter telling me that the Legion was preparing a large shipment of items donated for the hospital."

Fifteen packages weighing 479 pounds recently arrived in the major's mail, bearing postage stamps totaling \$55. Inside the parcels were children's clothes, toys, soap and detergents, sheets, towels and hospital supplies.

Cho Ray hospital had a holiday atmosphere when Major Vining delivered the items to the children.

And Albany, Ga., which is already preparing a second shipment for the hospital, has attained a permanent place in Vietnam's struggle for freedom: Ward 30 at Cho Ray hospital now boasts a brass plaque bearing the ward's new name—Albany, Ga., American Legion Post 30 Children's Ward.

## 9th Division Sets Medical Aid Record

LONG THANH (USA) — Medical Civic Action Programs (MEDCAP) teams of the 9th Infantry Division set a one day division record by treating 1,881 Vietnamese patients on 6 July.

Captain Lloyd Young, division civic action officer, reported that the record was set when the division and its attached units conducted 17 village sick calls in one day.

The 9th Division's Civil Affairs section is responsible for the treatment of more than 94,000 patients since January.



I checked on investments today,  
In my usual, canny, Scot's way.  
I found, when all's said and done,  
Savings Bonds are still number one;  
What's a sounder investment than the U.S. of A.?

## Two New Hospital Contracts Launch AID Health Program

SAIGON (MACV) — The first step of the United States Agency for International Development's new health expansion program took place recently when construction contracts were awarded for the first two hospitals to be built in Vietnam.

The hospitals will be the first of nine to be constructed in the Republic's more remote provinces. The sites were carefully selected to provide immediate relief where medical care is most urgently needed.

Construction is expected to start immediately and completion is scheduled for December.

The Dae Lim Industrial Company Ltd., Seoul, was awarded the contract to build one hospital at Vi Thanh, Chuong Thien Province. The five building complex will have an operating room, maternity unit, emergency treatment unit, kitchen and laundry, administration offices and two wards of 70 beds each.

The other hospital, located at Chau Phu, Chau Doc Province, was awarded to a Vietnamese contractor in Saigon, Nguyen Van Chinh. It will be a core unit built around existing wards, and will contain an operating room, emergency treatment unit, kitchen and laundry, and administration offices.

In addition to the medical facilities, each hospital will be equipped with its own water and power source provided by a well and two 110 kilowatt generators.

Overall supervision of the \$4 million projects will be provided by the Office-In-Charge of Con-

struction for Vietnam. Contracts for the other seven hospitals are expected to be awarded by September; they will be located at Bong Son, Bao Loc, Son Be, Hau Bon, Ham Tan, Cao Lenh and Gia Nghia.

## Col. J.C. Potter Named VRE CO

SAIGON (USA) — Colonel Jack C. Potter took over command of the Vietnam Regional Exchange (RVNR) recently with the departure of Colonel Jack C. Ice.

Under the colonel's control will be the 273 retail outlets, the 82 food facilities and the many supporting depots serving more than 519,000 Free World Forces with daily essentials—plus a few luxury items—throughout Vietnam.

Monthly sales of the exchanges in Vietnam is around \$30 million per month.

## Army Board Evaluation

WASHINGTON (AFNB) — Army Infantry Board is evaluating a 40mm smoke-marking round to identify targets in inaccessible areas. Round is fired from M-79 grenade launcher and can mark positions at ranges of 200 and 400 meters. Smoke is emitted for about one and one-half minutes allowing enough time for marking of potential target, strike area or landing zone.



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# A Personnel Officer's Dream—No DEROs

**CU CHI (USA)**—There is a Staff Sergeant with the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, who has a degree in engineering and no rotation date.

His name is Hai Lenam of Hue Province and he is typical of the twelve Vietnamese interpreters in the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division.

His primary mission is to bridge the gap of understanding between the men of his battalion and the Vietnamese people. Like most of the other in-

terpreters, he learned English as a second language in school.

A veteran of 32 months in the Vietnamese Army — nine of these with the 1st Battalion — Sergeant Lenam takes part in all major battalion operations, often working extra hours to make up for the shortage of interpreters.

Interpreters, who face all the hazards of the regular infantryman, are especially hated by the Viet Cong. The enemy shows no mercy when capturing one,

for he realizes how effective the interpreter is.

The information an interpreter receives from villagers — often the most fresh and dependable a unit can get — is responsible for the destruction of VC units, supplies and positions.

Men like Sergeant Lenam are not only specialists in language, but are also well-trained soldiers. During a recent combat assault, the Vietnamese sergeant saved the life of a wounded helicopter pilot by reacting

promptly with the proper first aid.

In a furious firefight with the Viet Cong 269th Battalion, Sergeant Lenam was wounded by machinegun fire as the helicopter on which he was riding touched down.

But in less than a week after receiving the wound, he was back with his unit, working, as usual, on combat assault.

What about the future? Much depends on the war, but the sergeant hopes to continue his

schooling in the U.S. or France upon discharge from military service.

But until that time comes, he will continue to provide the all-valuable link between two languages and two people.

"The work of the interpreter," explained Major Jack Helms, battalion executive officer, "is extremely demanding. Soldiers like Sergeant Lenam often give us an advantage that means combat success."

## Ordnance Safety Is Stressed

**LONG BINH (USA)** — Two young Vietnamese boys are killed while playing with a hand grenade . . .

A Vietnamese civilian loses both arms handling a "dud" grenade . . .

A soldier is killed trying to disassemble a 40mm projectile . . .

These tragedies could have been avoided had the people involved been aware of the potential danger of explosives, "duds" or otherwise.

The 3rd Ordnance Battalion's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Section (EOD), a 1st Logistical Command unit located in Long Binh 15 miles northwest of Saigon, is working hard to alert both military and civilian personnel to the hazards of explosives.

"Our team, when a unit requests it, will conduct classes on identifying explosives. We will also give examples of explosive devices that may be uncovered during combat operations," stressed Captain Robert C. Gruber, commanding officer, 3rd Ordnance Battalion's EOD Team.

"The EOD team trains men at platoon level to identify Viet Cong explosive devices, as well as our own. As a result, soldiers will know what they have found and how to report it," he related.

Many incidents on the EOD team's records involve Vietnamese civilians, primarily children, who have been seriously injured or killed by hand grenades they have found and not recognized as deadly weapons.

The South Vietnamese government is strongly concerned and is conducting a program similar to the U.S. Army's to alert the Vietnamese populace to the dangers of "dud" explosives.

## Special Team For Disaster Recovery Set

**BIEN HOA (USA)** — The 3rd Civil Engineering Squadron here developed a quick reaction mobile force immediately available for airlift anywhere in Seventh Air Force and able to support any base requiring quick recovery from disaster.

The team is comprised of 10 civil engineering craftsmen: two pavements maintenance personnel, two electricians, two carpenters, two plumbers, one liquid fuels specialist and one welder.

Based on disaster experience, these are the skills most in demand for urgent recovery action.

The team has alternates for each position and can be deployed within two hours.

## Province Chief Calls Rebuilding Job 'Finest AF Civic Action Effort In VN'



Part of wreckage remains near new houses built by Air Force after crash.

## Bridge Section Raised For Repair While Traffic Continues To Cross

**TUY HOA (USA)** — A 100-foot section of a bridge along highway QL-1 was recently raised intact from its piers and hoisted high enough for engineers of the 533rd Engineer Company to work beneath it while traffic continued to flow a few feet over their heads.

The bridge, located on a vital stretch of QL-1 between Cam Ranh Bay and Qui Nhon, was damaged by Viet Cong saboteurs who destroyed the center pier with explosives. The 2nd Platoon, 533rd Engineer Company, was called upon to undo the damage.

Salvaging the main body of the bridge, the engineers raised the span six-and-one-half feet, enabling them to repair the damaged center support. Using Class 60 trestles, M476 balk and two 5-foot by 36-inch I-beams, the platoon constructed two pier platforms on both sides of the bridge. The I-beams were placed under each span, with their ends resting upon the balk-trestle platforms.

Two 50-ton hydraulic jacks, positioned on the I-beams underneath the stringers of the bridge, were used to lift the concrete structure. As the bridge went up, three inches at a time, cribbing was placed under the

reaching a position of one foot above the normal bridge position allowed the engineers room to work on two spans, both of which were set on the I-beams. The cribbing was removed and work began on the center pier of the bridge.

As much of the old pier was salvaged as possible. Around this portion, the forms were placed and a new intermediate concrete cap was poured. A good deal of difficulty was experienced in getting concrete from the top of the bridge deck, where it was mixed, to the bridge underneath and then into the forms.

The problem was solved by construction of a chute which carried the concrete over the side of the bridge half way down, made a right angle turn

### You Must Have DD Form 1580

A number of military personnel traveling from three West Coast Air Terminals are not receiving standby travel status because they have not completed DD Form 1580.

A recent Army survey of military traffic at San Francisco International, Army Personnel Center, Oakland, and the Seattle-Tacoma Airport found more than 7,000 military members trying for space without the Military Standby Authorization for Commercial Air Travel.

Of this number nearly 1,500 were Vietnam returnees of all branches of the service.

and dumped the concrete into the forms.

After allowing two weeks for the concrete to cure, the bridge was lowered onto its new pier.



"LET ME"—Soldier from 1st Bn., 35th Infantry, 3rd Brigade, 25th Division helps villagers near Duc Pho by cutting raw sugar. As can be seen, the villagers appreciated the helping hand.

(Photo by PFC Eric Schmidt)

**SAIGON (USA)** — The scene of a recent fire has become the site of what was described by a Vietnamese district chief as the finest Air Force Civic Action effort in Vietnam.

A 28-man work-force, headed by Air Force Lieutenant A. James Cesario, director of the Tan Son Nhut air base Civic Action Office, completely rebuilt — in four days — three houses belonging to a Vietnamese family of nine.

The original small dwellings, located 12 miles east of Tan Son Nhut in the Go Vap District, were burned to the ground when a civilian contracted C-121 Constellation crashed on the night of June 22. Reconstruction of the houses was completed June 30. Nguyen Van Tam, owner of the property, his wife and their seven children were not injured by the crash.

"This was the finest gesture I have ever seen the Air Force make toward building for the common people," explained Major Binh, Go Vap District chief.

Tam expressed amazement that the Air Force cared enough to worry about him and to include his judgment and desires in building his houses.

Because of the lack of roads and the possibility of enemy attack, all supplies and personnel were flown to the site by Air Force CH-3 "Big Charlie" helicopters. The helicopters made 16 trips, carrying lumber, food, tools and other equipment to the site.

A company size popular force secured an area of one-mile in diameter around the site during reconstruction.

## Patient Has Sick Feeling In His Pouch

**BONG SON (USA)** — Captain Asa Talbot, a 1st Air Cavalry Division physician who conducts sick calls for Vietnamese villagers, is used to requests for bandages and cough syrup.

He was understandably taken aback when he received a request for ammunition for an M-16 rifle.

The requestor, it was later learned, was a Civilian Irregular Defense Group soldier who had found one of the "black rifles" after it fell out of a helicopter.

Captain Talbot, of the 2nd Battalion, 20th Artillery, persuaded the soldier to return the rifle, which was still in working order.



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## Pig Coop Formed In Long Binh

LONG BINH (USA) — Through its civic action program, the U.S. Army's 71st Transportation Battalion of the 1st Logistical Command donated 10 sows and one boar to the An Hoa Hung village cooperative near Long Binh.

This part of the program, designed to help stabilize the villagers' diet with more protein, was dubbed "Operation Pork Chop" by members of the battalion.

Chaplain (Captain) Richard A. Johnson laid the ground work and helped select, pick up and deliver the hogs.

According to the contract signed by each farmer receiving a sow, he promises to give two female piglets from the first litter back to the cooperative. Later, when the supply of pigs increases, more farmers in the community will be able to join the program.

Every farmer joining the cooperative must provide his own sties, and land suitable for producing feed.

## To Walk Again Soon

# Young VC Victim Gets Help From ARVN Ordnance Unit

PLEIKU (USA) — A 12-year-old Vietnamese boy, who lost his right leg six months ago as the result of a terrorist explosion while riding on a motor scooter, will soon walk again—thanks to a group of Vietnamese soldiers and their American advisor.

Pham Phu, who is still recovering from his injuries at the Pleiku Province Hospital, smiled when he was presented recently with a pair of hand-made crutches by the men of the ARVN 821st Ordnance Direct Support Company.

The ARVN unit became concerned with the boy because their company commander, Captain Pham Ngoc Mien, and their U.S. advisor, Captain David M. Landram, were at the hospital when Phu was first brought in.

"No one in the hospital at the time could speak Vietnamese and little Phu was crying because he thought they were just going to leave him there," said Captain Landram. "But Captain Mien went over and reassured him that he would be all right and ever since he has had a special interest in the boy and his recovery."

During the six-month convalescent period, both Captain Mien and Captain Landram visited the boy frequently, bringing him encouragement and whatever else was needed to speed Phu's recovery.

For a time the doctors at the hospital were afraid that Phu would also lose the use of his left leg, but he was able to pass the critical stage with the help of his "benefactors."

"I think I have learned a lot about Vietnamese kids over the past six months," said Captain Landram, "and I also have learned a lot about Vietnamese soldiers."

"They have become very interested in Phu and in the hospital. And they've helped to make a lot of improvements in the living conditions around here, to say nothing of the crutches they made for Phu."

Phu's 10-year-old brother, Tu, has been his constant companion during the past six months and has also felt the generosity of the ARVN unit.

Because Tu was unable to attend one of the crowded public schools and not able to afford a private school, Captain Mien made it possible for him to attend classes at a special dependent's school which the captain had established.

As soon as his left leg is healed completely, young Phu will learn to walk again with his new crutches, but that will only be the beginning.

After his complete recovery, Phu will go to Saigon, where doctors will begin therapy that will prepare him for an artificial limb, all because some Vietnamese soldiers and a U.S. advisor were concerned.

## ARVN Soldiers Back With Families After Release From VC Captivity



**SORROW ABOUT PHYSICAL CONDITION OF SON SHOWS ON PARENTS' FACES**  
Nguyen Nhi Was Captured By VC In March And Given Up For Dead By PF Unit



**WEAK, SICK, BUT ALIVE**  
Nhi Is On Way To Recovery

DUC PHO (USA) — Tears flowed down the face of a 44-year-old Vietnamese mother as she embraced her son. The father's brown eyes glistened as he stood, hands clasped, staring at the weak-looking form resting on a hospital cot.

In this moment, Mr. and Mrs. Nguyen Vien Tinh were reunited with their only son who had been held captive by Viet Cong since March.

Seventeen-year-old Nguyen Nhi was a member of a popular forces unit operating in Quang Nghia Province when he was captured. He said he was beaten, subjected to Communist indoctrination classes and forced to dig tunnels during his imprisonment.

He and a 22-year-old ARVN soldier, Quang Nguyen Xuan, both were freed by a company of paratroopers of the 101st Airborne during Operation Malheur II.

The paratroopers evacuated the former prisoners to the 563rd Medical Company at their base camp.

Captain Don W. Meinders gave them a thorough medical examination.

"Both men suffered from severe malnutrition," he said.

"Their feet were swelled out of proportion because of a protein deficiency; their bodies were covered with scabs and each lost about 40 pounds."

The 17-year-old Nhi also had hook and tape worms. While the two men received medical treatment, Major Wayne J. Prokup, brigade civil affairs officer, interviewed them to learn their hometowns. Then he searched for their parents.

Nhi's parents lived near Nghia Hanh. Major Prokup flew there by helicopter to bring the parents to see their missing son.

The ARVN soldier's parents lived near Phan Thiet, 100 miles northeast of Saigon. He was reunited with his family upon his release from the hospital.

Nhi's father said he had six children — five daughters and one son. As he looked at his son whom he gave up for dead, he grew thoughtful, saying, "I am so happy I want to cry. But I must not. My son will be strengthened if I am calm."

"We are so grateful to the Americans for giving our son back to us," he added.

To Major Prokup, the father said: "You are my son's second father because you have given him back to me."

## ANG Helps Get Ohio Gifts Here

TAN SON NHUT (USA) — Hundreds of toothbrushes, tubes of toothpaste and bars of soap have found their way to needy children near Saigon with the aid of members of the 137th Medical Detachment.

The children of St. Elizabeth's and Santa Maria's orphans and a refugee camp received dental care articles donated by students of two Akron, Ohio schools.

The project started when First Lieutenant Kenneth P. Butke, administrative officer of the 137th, wrote a longtime friend and his brother, both teachers. He described the prevailing tooth decay problems among Vietnamese children which the dental unit observed during its medical civic action program (MEDCAP).

"We instructed the children in proper dental hygiene but they didn't have toothbrushes or toothpaste to keep their teeth clean," Lieutenant Butke said.

The two teachers, Patrick Herity of St. Hillary Grade School and William J. Butke of Hyre Junior High School, presented the problem to the students of their schools.

Color slides that the lieutenant took of the orphans were shown to acquaint the students with Vietnam. The students responded by donating 2,400 articles weighing 350 pounds.

The 137th Medical Detachment is part of the 1st Logistical Command's 44th Medical Brigade, which supports most Free World Forces in Vietnam.

The dental supplies reached Tan Son Nhut with the assistance of the West Virginia Air National Guard.

## 'Irish' Give \$750 For Education

CHU LAI (USA) — A check for \$750 was received by the chaplain of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade's 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry from his Alma Mater, Notre Dame University.

The money, received by Chaplain (Captain) Bernard H. Christel, is to be used for the schools in and around the battalion's area south of here.

"The contribution came from students as a result of a project conducted by the university radio station, WSND, as part of its 20th anniversary," explained the chaplain.

"There are so many areas where the money can be put to good use," he said.

"The students suggested that perhaps the contribution could erect two classrooms for the Vietnamese children. But, because of pressing problems, the money will purchase educational supplies, provide more teachers and better classroom facilities," said the chaplain.

Distribution of the money will be handled in cooperation with the battalion civil affairs officer.

Chaplain Christel is delighted and proud that the students of Notre Dame made the contribution. He told the students that their thoughtfulness and generosity will do much to further the education of the Vietnamese children in the area.

## A New Lease On Life In Viet Village

DI AN (USA) — Doctors and medics from the 1st Infantry Division made their first "water-borne assault" near here recently during a Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP) mission.

The MEDCAP team of Company A, 1st Medical Battalion, loaded trailers and crated supplies onto three Vietnamese Navy rivercraft at Lai Thieu ARVN compound and headed upstream to An Phu Village, 12 miles north of Saigon.

Three months ago the villagers of An Phu lived in terror of the Viet Cong—their village was separated from VC jungle strongholds by only the sluggish waters of the river.

But today, An Phu is practically a monument to the effectiveness of a Revolutionary Development (RD) team. Two schools have been built, barbed wire fences surround the village, production of the town's sugar mill has increased and loading docks are under construction at the riverside.

The success of the RD program in An Phu was made possible by the 2nd Battalion, 7th Regiment, 5th ARVN division. The battalion has virtually eliminated the Viet Cong terrorism in the An Son area, according to Captain E.D. Blaisden, U.S. advisor.

"Government-trained Vietnamese RD workers are a powerful influence in the village," asserted the captain. "Hard working and always heavily armed, they enhance the atmosphere of security and RD flourishes."



PART OF THE RECONSTRUCTION—Villagers and members of the Revolutionary Development team erect a new meeting house.



DESTRUCTION—VC rockets did this to the market.

## Teamwork

# *RD Team Helps Rebuild Hamlet Destroyed By VC*

THUA THIEN PROVINCE (I CORPS) — In mid-April, a battalion of black-pajamaed Viet Cong struck the hamlet of Duong Mong just as the sun began to light the settlement.

Punching through a thin line of defenders, they leveled the hamlet's market place with rocket fire. Bullets whined through the old streets.

Retaliation from government troops was swift.

Two battalions of ARVN soldiers hurried out from nearby Hue and, with the help of armored personnel carriers and hamlet troops, ejected the invaders.

They drove the attackers into the open and called in artillery and aircraft to shatter them.

Retaliation wouldn't repair the hamlet's damage. But now another team of people in black pajamas, members of a 59-man Revolutionary Development Team (RD), came to help



RD CHIEF—Colonel Phan Van Cach, ponders local RD problems.

the people rebuild their hamlet. In Duong Mong and its twin hamlet of An Luu, a kilometer away, the people are building new meeting places and new markets with the help of RD teams.

The 59-man team, including a leader, a 34-man militia, a 10-man civic action team and a seven-man New Life Development team, has 11 objectives.

They are: Eliminating the Viet Cong infrastructure; eliminating corrupt practices; developing a new spirit; establishing a popular government; organizing self-defense forces; improving literacy; implementing land reforms; developing agricultural and handicraft industries; improving communications; and rewarding deserving citizens.

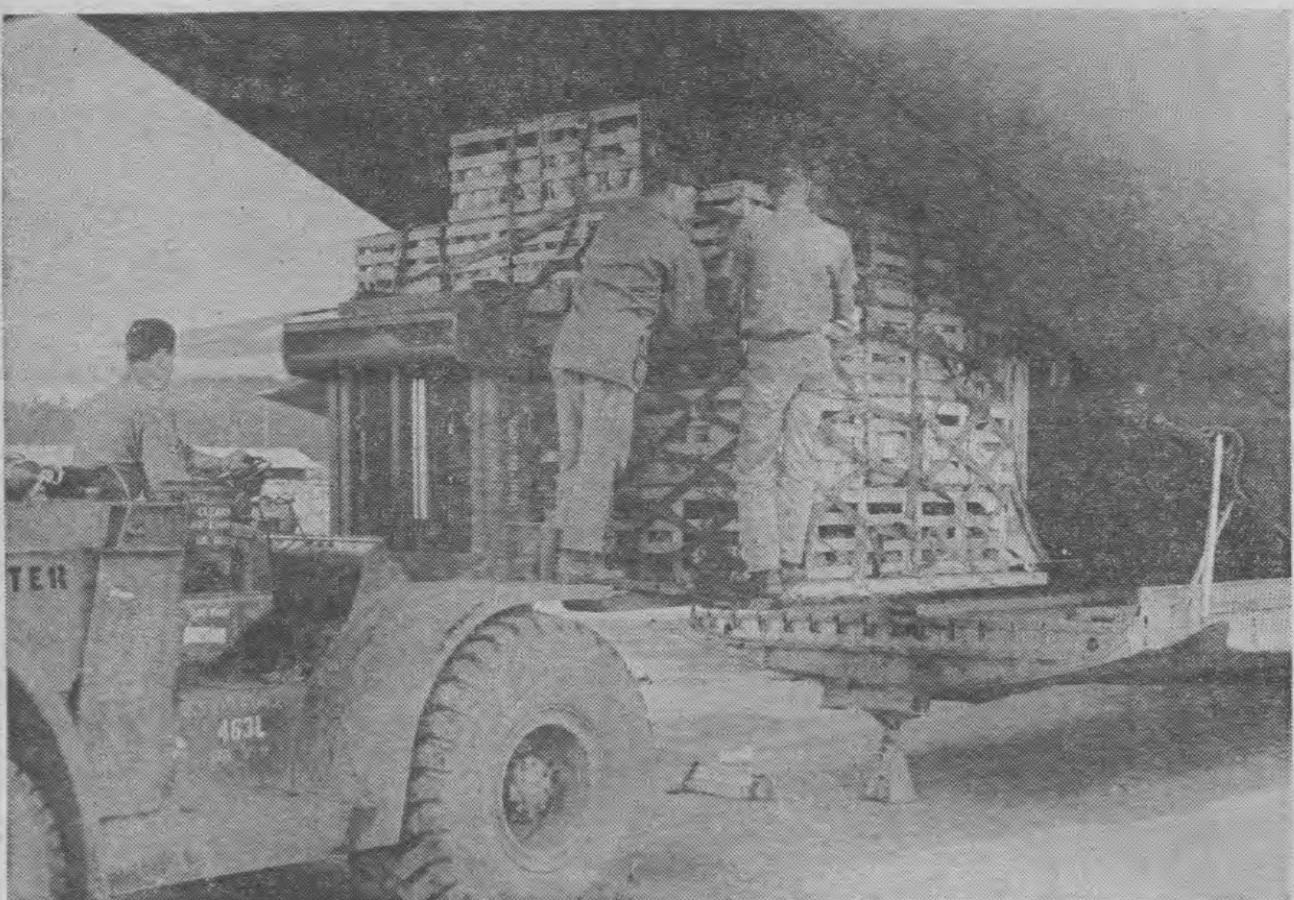
Meanwhile at least one Vietnamese battalion remains just outside of the hamlet to allow the work to proceed in safety.

The RD program in the I Corps Tactical Zone is in the process of helping 118 hamlets.



FINISHED PRODUCT—A new market place is completed in the village of Duong Mong.

# Dalat 'Salad Bowl' Produces Tons Of V



AIR FORCE C-130 PREPARES TO TRANSPORT PINEAPPLES AND LETTUCE TO U.S. TROOPS



U.S. ARMY FOOD INSPECTORS EXAMINE CUCUMBERS DELIVERED BY VENDOR HUYNH-TAI



THE FARMERS AND COMMON PEOPLE ARE PROSPERING AS THEY HAVE NEVER BEFORE PROSPERED

DALAT (MACV)—A crew of Montagnard and Vietnamese workers scurried like beavers, toting crates of fresh vegetables from trucks to clearing shed, and back out onto pallets for shipment to mess halls all over Vietnam.

"Come here, let's open that one," said Staff Sergeant Dewey Johnson, veterinary-inspector NCO, gesturing one workman over to a scale and display table. A bunch of big cucumbers rolled out. "All right, these are excellent," he said to Huynh-Tai, the vendor (dealer) who brought in the load.

Huynh-Tai is one of 12 vendors who buy vegetables from farmers, trim and crate them and sell them to the Dalat Field Office of the U.S. Army Procurement Agency, part of the 1st Logistical Command.

Specialist 4 Mark Mason waved aside another crate for inspection, this one golden sweet corn. He peeled back the leaves and felt the kernels.

"Oh, no, that's too hard, it's way overripe," he said. "Take that back and feed it to the hogs."

Sergeant Johnson, with 11 years' experience of food inspecting, and Specialist Mason, with a bachelor's degree in food technology, spend every morning of the week spot-checking the daily average of 51 tons of vegetables shipped from Dalat, making sure that U.S. and allied troops in Vietnam receive only prime-grade produce.

While the Mekong Delta is Vietnam's "rice bowl," Dalat is Vietnam's "salad bowl." Situated at 5,000 feet altitude in the evergreen-studded mountains of Tuyen Duc province, Dalat's cool, rainy climate is ideal for year-round production of vegetables.

The war is curiously absent from Dalat. Regional and Popular Force soldiers make occasional contact with Viet Cong in the surrounding hills, but there are no ARVN or U.S. combat units in the province. Some say the VC simply can't survive the area's cold nights and lack of local rice.



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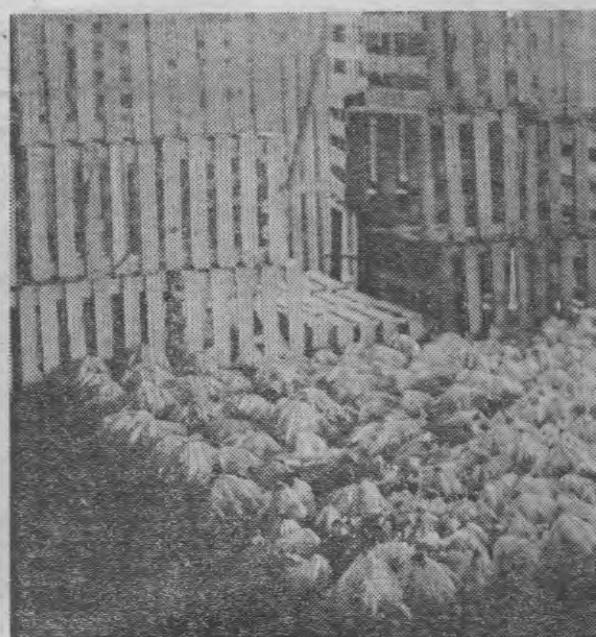
No barbed wire or troop movement in the idyllic beauty of the French resort. Ky uses the city as a retreat and, with valleys literally full of crops, as a "shangri-la" demonstrating that the country could be a better place.

Rumor has it that officers don't roam freely in the city as an R&R center, but a shot being fired

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VEGETABLES ARE WASHED, TRIMMED AND PACKED

# Vegetables Daily For Free World Forces



calls Dalat "a meeting-ground of the Vietnamese, the Americans and the enemy."

The establishment of the U.S. Army Procurement Agency branch in Dalat in July, 1966 and its demand for vegetables triggered a surge of prosperity that is still on the rise.

"Our farm production is doubled in the last year," said Mayor Hau, the vivacious, live-wire woman lawyer who is Vietnam's first and only woman mayor. "It is now 405 tons per day. Before, we had only 10,000 population. Now we are 80,000, and still a labor shortage... prosperity, yes. But I am concerned. Farmers around the city now demand water supply and electricity."

The U.S. military purchase of 51 tons of vegetables daily still leaves about 75 per cent of Dalat's total food product that goes into the Vietnamese market.

"Commercial truckers drive on Route 20 all the way to Saigon, and then there's the railroad from here to Cam Ranh and Nha Trang," said Captain Charles K. Smith, officer in charge of the Dalat Field Office. "We've been shipping by train since last September."

The majority of vegetable shipments are flown out by Air Force C-123s and C-130s to a dozen distribution points from as far north as Dong Ha to as far south as Phan Thiet.

"I've seen a lot of improvements in the last year," said Sergeant First Class Earl E. Byers, the ordering officer at Dalat. "The vendors have built sanitary packing houses to our specifications, and they put everything up in wooden crates now so it doesn't get crushed."

Sergeant Byers posts a daily list of vegetable items and quantities that the U.S. needs to buy five days in advance. Vendors each bid on what items they can deliver at what price. The 1st Log now spends about \$120,000 a week to keep the cabbage, pineapple, lettuce, cucumbers, bananas, peppers, tomatoes, carrots and watermelons on your daily menu.

## HAU IS FIRST Women Mayor

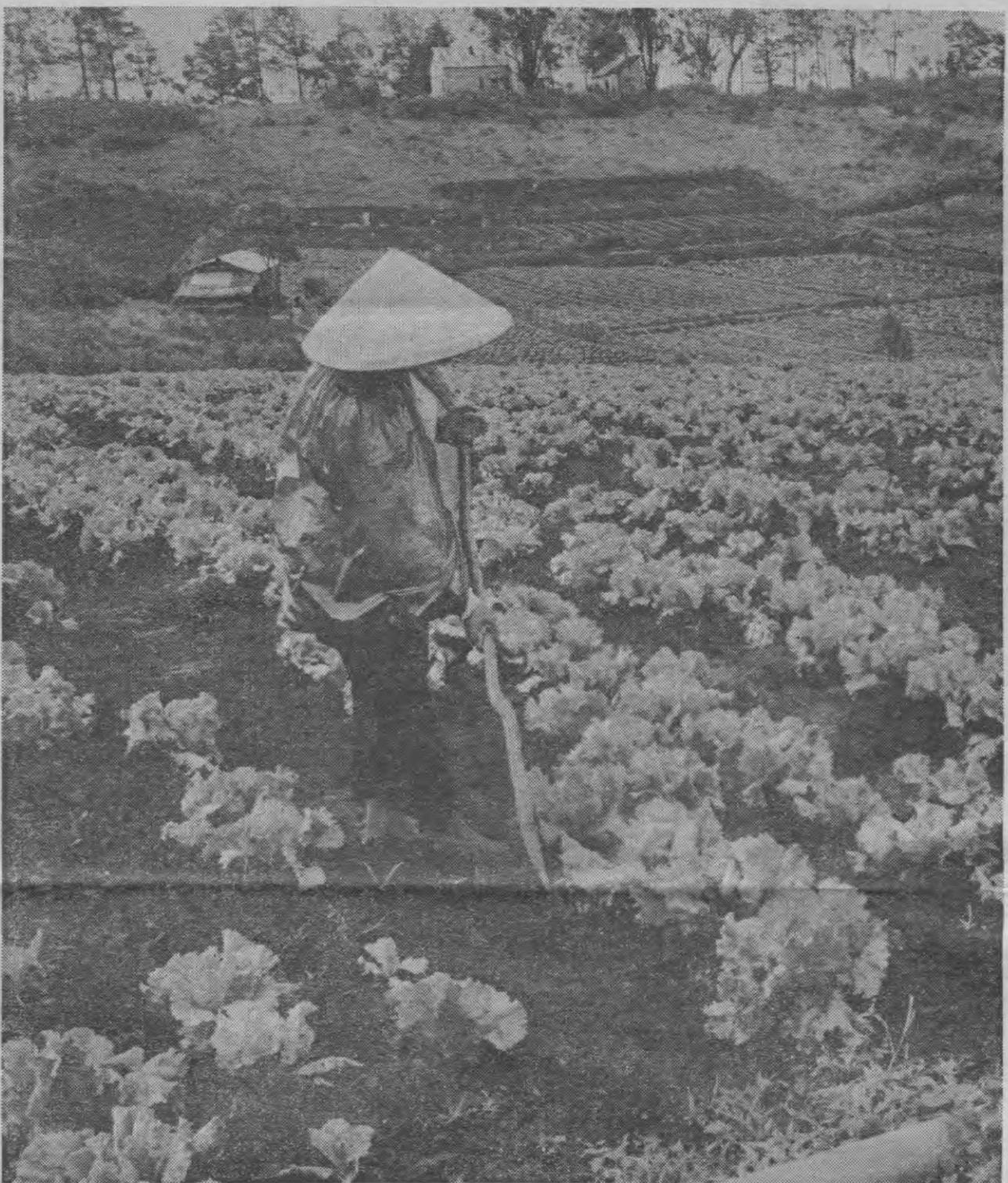
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DUE TO DAILY RAINS WORKERS MUST WEAR RAINCOATS WHILE WORKING IN DALAT



VENDORS PACK VEGETABLES FOR SHIPMENT, IN HOUSE BUILT BY U.S. SANITARY PERSONNEL



CKED BEFORE GOING TO PROCUREMENT AGENCY



TOP PRIORITY—Bricklayer works diligently to complete home building projects.



YEAR ROUND—This newly constructed canal serves as a means for irrigation.

# Pacification: Top Priority Tay Ninh

BIEN HOA (USA)—The pacification program in Tay Ninh Province has top priority.

Since January, in fact, 11 teams totaling 674 members have been trained in the Revolutionary Program, and still another team will be formed soon in the province.

Nineteen "New Life" hamlets are under construction throughout the province. Self-help projects include the building of houses, religious centers, schools and hospitals as well as the digging of wells.

Sixty-nine teachers are being trained for 69 classrooms under construction. As of 1 June, 23 of these rooms have been completed.

Twenty-three kilometers of

roads are being improved, of which nine kilometers have already been completed. There is a rock crushing plant near Tay Ninh City, where rock is provided free of charge for construction purposes to anyone who has transportation to haul it.

The hamlet of Trung Luu, located seven kilometers southeast of Tay Ninh City, has an unusual history. For the six-year period ending June 1966, this hamlet had been an uncontested district headquarters for the Viet Cong.

In just a year, the former VC stronghold was transformed into a model "New Life" hamlet.

The new hamlet was started just three months ago on land

donated by the Cao Dai religious order. It is a community effort built for and by the people who live there. A labor pool was formed to include bricklayers, carpenters, electricians and other skilled and unskilled workers.

The population of this hamlet is expected to increase considerably as more families are relocated here. A popular forces unit is assigned to provide area security.

Construction of four canals within the province is underway to tap major rivers to irrigate the rice paddies. The canals will cover some 11 kilometers. There are nine kilometers of canal presently in operation.

A total of 125,000 piasters has been allotted to each of the 19 hamlets for animal husbandry.

The money will be utilized to purchase pig sty, chicken coops and for the training of farmers.

A fishing wharf, drying yard and landing stage are also under construction while facilities for the distribution of boats and motors are being organized.

In the field of medicine, there are 10 maternity wards and dispensaries presently under construction. And the province will train its own health workers in an overall education program that will take approximately two years.

Four rural electrical power plants are being built at a total cost of six million piasters. A motor pool has been established

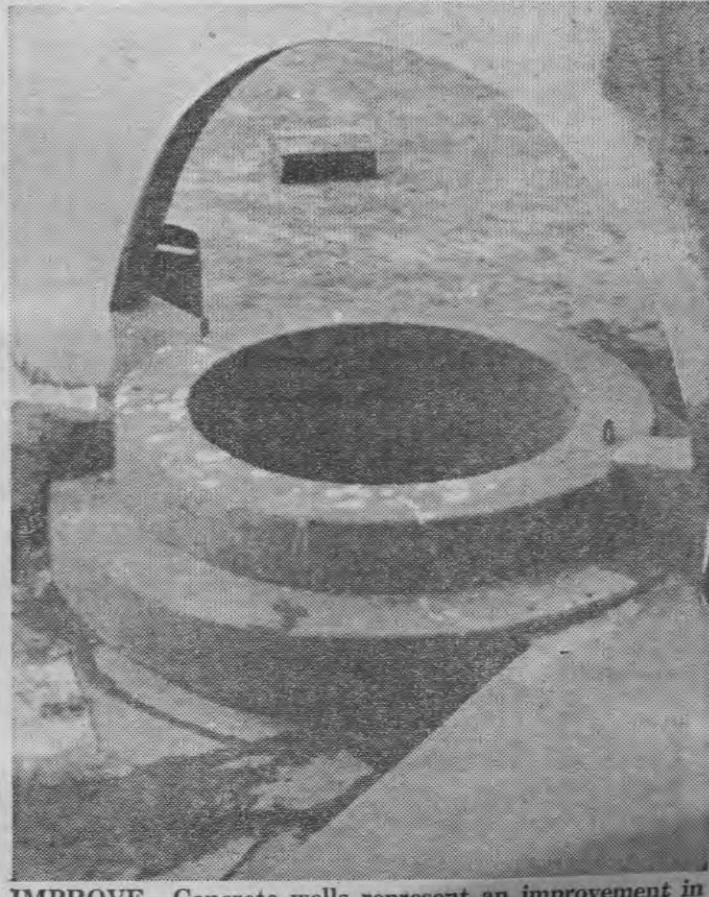
and funds have been allotted to buy vehicles and to provide a maintenance shop with tools, tires and a petroleum storage area. Laborers are provided to maintain the operation.

The people will use the transportation throughout the hamlets to carry their crops and livestock to market. Two gigantic warehouses have been started in the province.

Tay Ninh Province has a 130-mile long common border with Cambodia. The total population of 285,000 is divided into four districts, which includes 28 villages and 150 recognized hamlets. Currently 240,000 people of the province live in pacified areas, with the remaining area is still undergoing development.



EDUCATION—School construction in Tay Ninh Province



IMPROVE—Concrete wells represent an improvement in health and sanitation.

# Freedom Fighter Heals Vietnamese

**QUANG NGAI (USA)**—A one-time Hungarian freedom fighter is now fighting human misery at Quang Ngai City.

Captain Janos I. Voros is struggling as hard as he did eleven years ago when Russian tanks rumbled through his homeland. This time, however, his enemies are several age-old diseases.

Plague, tuberculosis, cholera, malnutrition and pneumonia. There are almost too many to name. But the doctor has treated more than 2,000 sick Vietnamese for these and other diseases since September 1966.

An average of 600 people are treated during each of his visits to villages and hamlets within a twenty-five radius of his home base of Quang Ngai.

And it's all part of the Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP).

The 2nd Medical Company, 2nd ARVN Division is taking an

active role in MEDCAP, according to the 31-year-old doctor. It sends medics to refugee camps near the city to provide further medical assistance to the people.

"The Vietnamese medics are doing a fine job in this area," Captain Voros said. "There are many people who need help and the Vietnamese themselves are seeing that they get it."

The captain is accompanied by two U.S. and four ARVN medics when he makes his trips to surrounding areas.

"Sometimes we have to push the people back because there are so many of them," said Captain Voros. There are a lot of kids, especially, but they all need medical care.

He also said that, besides antibiotics, APC's and vitamin pills, the team has a minor surgical capability.

The medics screen those who come to the sick call so that the doctor can see the more serious cases. The rest are handled by the medics.

Security for the MEDCAP team is provided by Regional and Popular Forces.

"We can't help the people enough and we are really just scratching the surface," the captain said. "We want to do more for the villagers, but it is still satisfying to know that we are able to help in some way."

## Ohio People Send Gifts To 4th Div Men

**CAMP ENARI (USA)**—Operation Helpmate swung into action here recently when the citizens of Cincinnati sent 25 packages—filled with magazines, phonograph records, games and many other gifts—to the 4th Infantry Division.

The project is supervised by the division's Red Cross Clubmobile. "We are excited about the prospects of the project," smiled Miss Sandra Fosselman, Harrisburg, Pa., "and the fellows' reaction to the idea is tremendous."

Some of the packages contained toys, which the infantrymen gave to the children of the Montagnard villages that "pepper" the surrounding hills in the Central Highland.

The 4th Division's Clubmobile unit, made up of five young ladies, travels daily by helicopter, truck or any other transportation available to the Ivy units throughout Pleiku and Kontum Provinces.

Future Operation Helpmate shipments will include musical instruments, cameras, tape recorders and phonographs, with other items aimed to please the men in the field.

"We are encouraging the troops to write back to the folks in Cincinnati," added Miss Fosselman, "A short note from a few of the men would mean a lot to them."

**CHU LAI (USA)**—An Air Force Forward Air Controller (FAC) attached to the 196th Light Infantry Brigade chased nine Viet Cong more than 4,500 meters before seven of them were killed and two others detained by ground troops from the brigade.

The one and a quarter hour chase across paddies and through hedge rows began when First Lieutenant Jon K. Piper spotted the VC fleeing from an area that earlier was the target for an air strike.

The 25-year-old pilot was flying a routine visual reconnaissance (VR) mission when the "most unusual experience" of his 11 months in Vietnam occurred, six miles southeast of Chu Lai.

Spotting the VC, Lieutenant Piper informed two ground units who started immediately in pursuit in their armored personnel carriers (APCs). As the infantrymen tried to follow the enemy, Lieutenant Piper circled overhead giving direction to the ground units as to which way to go.

Since the jungle affords the VC excellent cover, it is hard for any aircraft to follow their movements for long according to the veteran pilot of 159 combat missions.

"For this reason," said the lieutenant, "I didn't take my eyes off them for a minute, not even to check my map. I just told the ground commander to follow my circling plane."

During the chase, the VC would stop to rest and take unsuccessful shots at the lieutenant and his aircraft.

With the APCs closing in, the VC made a last desperate stand among a cluster of hedge rows around a rice paddy in dense jungle. The APCs stopped within a few feet of the enemy, but were unable to spot their position.

His mission almost completed, Lieutenant Piper informed the ground units of the enemy position and within 30 minutes the battle was over.



**DOG'S BEST FRIEND**—Dogs galore, brought in for rabies shots at the pet clinic.

## Veterinary Det In 1st Log Treats Puppies to Pythons



**WALKING TIME**—"Muchi", a cheetah, is one of the more unusual pets.

### Dial Surgery

## Billeting Sergeant Finds Haven While Wearing Crisp Whites

**SAIGON (USA)**—Staff Sergeant Leonard Perez Jr., is a double operator.

Six days a week, the 35-year-old sergeant works in the operations section of Headquarters Area Command's housing management division, helping to billet some 11,000 U.S. and Free World personnel throughout the greater Saigon area.

But on his day off, Sergeant Perez changes from Army

green fatigues to a crisp, surgical white uniform and steps into the operating room at the 3rd Field Hospital near Tan Son Nhat.

The sergeant doesn't wield a scalpel himself. But as an experienced surgical technician, he hands operating instruments to the surgeon when and where they're needed.

Having worked in operating rooms in Army hospitals in

**TAN SON NHUT (USA)**—American soldiers, wherever they are, cannot resist befriending animals and making pets of them. For the care of these pets in the Saigon area, the Army's 936th Veterinary Detachment maintains a special pet clinic.

The pet clinic is open in the afternoons on a time-available basis to treat pets of soldiers and others associated with the U.S. government.

The mission of the 936th is to provide facilities and treatment for all the Army's scout and sentry dogs in Vietnam, with the exception of the I Corps area.

Everything from puppies to pythons are taken to the 936th, which is part of the 1st Logistical Command's 44th Medical Brigade.

An authorized staff of two veterinary officers and 12 enlisted men maintain its kennels, pharmacy, laboratory, operating and treatment rooms.

Captain Wayne E. Cunningham commanding officer of the 936th, noted that his staff is most often called upon to give rabies vaccinations to both military dogs and pets, sometimes as many as 500 a month.

Animal treatment includes surgery, vaccinations, and physcials for animals leaving Vietnam. In addition, all sentry dogs entering Vietnam are held at the hospital for a 10-day quarantine period.

Japan and France, Sergeant Perez asked for and received permission from the hospital's chief nurse to help out.

"I thought that they could use some help in treating wounded servicemen who are rushed there for surgery," he said.

Whenever the sergeant's superiors in housing management division need to hunt him up on weekends, they know how and where to find him: by calling surgery.



Now 57 children of 15 families live in 4-bedroom structure

## Sailors To Help 15 Families Now Living In One Building

DA NANG (USN)—Two Navy men in Da Nang are assigned to help 15 Vietnamese families, including 57 children, who are living in structure about the size of an average U.S. four-bedroom house.

The families are those of members of a South Vietnamese training unit and the sailors are from the Naval Support Activity's Civic Action Division.

The two seamen are now

building a house in which they will live. When the quarters are completed, they will begin assisting the South Vietnamese to build houses for their families.

The Navymen are: Chief Machinist's Mate Robert M. Schoonmaker and Fireman Clyde G. Quattlebaum.

"These men (the Vietnamese) are tremendous workers and very anxious to get started on houses for themselves," said

Chief Schoonmaker. "If we are on the job at 6 a.m., they are there waiting to help us," he added.

This technique of placing a few highly skilled men in a Vietnamese village or Army compound in the Da Nang area proved highly successful. When the people see how quickly the sailors can build a house, the villagers are anxious to get busy on homes of their own.

## SSgt Argo Doing Well In The Zoo

TACOMA, WASH. (USA)—One year after his discharge from the Army, "Staff Sergeant" Black Jack Argo is reportedly doing fine in his cage at Seattle's Woodland Zoo.

The 150-pound black panther and former mascot of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, Fourth Infantry Division, was donated to the Woodland Zoo prior to the unit's coming to Vietnam.

The only black panther known to be in the Army at that time, Black Jack had been an enlisted cat for nine years. Now, according to Woodland Park officials, Black Jack is doing well as a civilian.

His arrival at the zoo was marked by a tedious adjustment to civilian life. Black Jack kicked up a fuss before entering his new glass cage at the zoo, and would not even be enticed inside by a female leopard.

Upon his departure from Fort Lewis, friends at 8th Infantry headquarters made a final entry in his personnel file when he was given an "honorable discharge."

His personnel file discloses that he holds the Expert Jungle Certificate, Good Behavior Medal, and one reduction—he was once busted for a vicious snarl aimed at his battalion commander.

DUC PHO (USA)—Continuing the quiet battle for the welfare of the Vietnamese people, a Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP) team from the 101st Airborne visited the small village of Sa Huynh near here during Operation Malheur II.

With advance notice of the intended visit of the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry's team, a few natives traveled two days to reach the village for treatment.

As the paratroopers arrived, the villagers swarmed over them with requests for aid.

## Unit To Help Village Build Health Clinic

BINH PHUOC (USA)—A battalion of the 3d Brigade, 9th Infantry Division, joined Vietnamese civilians at Binh Phuoc for a joint project to build a new maternity clinic.

The 5th Battalion, 60th Infantry, will obtain building materials and provide plans, according to Major Richard W. Townsley, civil affairs officer.

Local citizens have been at work moving earth for the clinic's foundation for more than two months, Major Townsley added.

"They had many different diseases," exclaimed Specialist 6 Kenneth Gant, a senior medic.

Patients on bamboo stretchers were treated first, then children. One mother, when medics treated her child, cried with joy.

"Several of the children would have died without immediate treatment," observed Specialist Gant.

As the people were treated, Private First Class Gary Nichols, the brigades' part-time veterinarian, inquired about ailing animals.

A man stepped forward and led him to a bombed out pagoda which served as his stable. "I

## Foresight By Unit Benefits Children

QUI NHON (USA)—Neither poor roads nor narrow bridges could keep a small convoy from the 19th Engineer Battalion, 45th Engineer Group from embarking on their "Mission of Good Cheer."

When the 137th Engineer Company, 19th Engineer Battalion, was still at Fort Riley, Kansas, hundreds of toys of all shapes and sizes were collected there.

Under the supervision of Chief Warrant Officer Harry O. Woods, the toys were packed and they accompanied the Engineers to Vietnam.

When the company arrived in Qui Nhon, the only question was to whom to distribute the gifts.

This proved to be no problem, however, since for almost six months the 19th Battalion has provided assistance to the Go Thi Orphanage near Go Boi, in the form of medical and dental assistance, construction and installation of beds, and the distribution of clothing.

After setting the date for delivery of the presents, CWO Woods, Lieutenant Lawrence Wilworth and Lieutenant Fred Wiel set out for the orphanage in two jeeps and a 2½-ton truck.

Traveling north from Qui Nhon, the small convoy reached Tuy Phoc, where it was advised that the trip would be extremely difficult due to poor road conditions and narrow bridges. But they continued on their mission, arriving at the orphanage a short time later.

Once a headquarters for the Viet Cong, the building was bombed quite heavily by U.S. aircraft when they were clearing the area of VC.

But this is all history for the building is an orphanage now, with its classrooms and living quarters serving as a haven for

some 150 children of all ages.

"The mission of good cheer" made it all the way from Fort Riley, Kansas to the Go Thi orphanage. And the wonderful thing about it is that there is another truckload of gifts sitting at the 137th Company Headquarters.

## RD Cadre Successful Despite VC

DI AN (USA)—First Infantry Division soldiers were on hand to help the villagers in the "New Life Hamlet" of An Phu celebrate the completion of a new school by Revolutionary Development (RD) cadre workers recently.

The division band played the United States and Vietnamese national anthems at a flag-raising ceremony while 2nd Brigade Civil Affairs Office and 1st Medical Battalion personnel conducted a MEDCAP mission.

During the MEDCAP Captain Kenneth B. Desser and Captain Robert A. Wynn, assisted by battalion medics, treated some 180 villagers.

An Phu is a model RD example, according to Captain E.D. Baisden of Advisory Team 70, which works with Vietnamese troops to keep the area secure. Although the village is located directly across the river from a suspected Viet Cong stronghold, soldiers and government-trained RD workers have virtually eliminated VC terrorism while building a new school and dispensary and strengthening the village defenses.

Occasional acts of harassment are still carried out. Sergeant First Class Roy V. Blair, Advisory Team 70, told about one act of sabotage which ranks as a tribute to the success of RD in the area.

"Charlie knew we were planning a festivity here today," the sergeant said, "so last night he blew up our bridge to keep the people from coming. It didn't work—the people came anyway."

## AF Records Its 1,000th Rescue Save

SAIGON (USA)—The 1,000th rescue save recorded by the Air Force since the start of the Vietnam war was turned in by a four-man crew from Detachment 7, 3rd Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group following the Communist rocket attack July 15 at Da Nang Air Base.

Number 1,000—one of the 21 wounded men airlifted by the Da Nang-based helicopter to medical facilities—passed from the rescue crew to the medics without fanfare.

A rescue save is credited when an individual might have died from injuries or probably been captured if he had not been recovered.

For two and one half hours, the HH-3 crew located and evacuated wounded from scattered areas of the base. Other detachment personnel worked on the ground, searching bunkers and burning buildings for the injured.

## Classes Are Dry Again Now

SAIGON (USA)—Monsoon rains no longer hamper young scholars at Saigon's Cay Bang elementary school.

When the current rainy season began, water poured through the building's roof, making studies difficult for the school's 150 students.

Getting together, the children's parents approached District Chief Vu Huu Hung with this proposal: if construction materials could be provided, the parents would do the work.

Within 10 days after the re-

quest was made, Headquarters Area Command's civic action office delivered cement, lumber and fiberboard to the school site.

The school now has a new roof, as well as a reinforced concrete floor. As a bonus, each of the 150 youngsters also received a supply kit to help them with their studies.

An eight-foot sign hanging over the school's door proclaims: "Welcome the social spirit of the civic affairs service of USAHAC."

## American Forces Vietnam Network—Channel 11

Guide For Week Of Aug. 9-15, 1967  
(Programs Subject To Change Without Notice)

Wednesday (Aug. 9)

1830 News Headlines  
INFORMATION FEATURE  
1900 Bewitched  
1930 News & Sports  
2000 Perry Mason  
2100 News Briefs  
Green Acres  
2130 Channel 11 Theater (Movie)  
Sign-Off-News

Thursday (Aug. 10)

1830 News Headlines  
Third Man  
1900 Andy Griffith  
1930 Andy Griffith  
1930 News & Sports  
2000 12 O'Clock High  
2100 News Briefs  
The Fugitive  
2200 News Briefs  
VARIETY SPECIAL  
Sign-Off-News

1200 News Headlines  
RELIGIOUS PROGRAM  
1230 EDUCATIONAL SPECIAL  
1330 Window On Vietnam  
1335 Sunday Matinee  
1500 Sports Of The Week  
1730 CBS Sports Spectacular  
1900 IN COUNTRY  
1930 News & Sports  
2000 Window On Vietnam  
2005 Dick Van Dyke  
2030 Get Smart  
2100 Bonanza  
2200 News Briefs  
Ed Sullivan  
Sign-Off-News

Friday (Aug. 11)

1830 News Headlines  
INFORMATION FEATURE  
1900 Addams Family  
1930 News & Sports  
2000 Gunsmoke  
2100 News Briefs  
Coliseum  
2200 News Briefs  
Tonight Show  
Sign-Off-News

Saturday (Aug. 12)

1200 News Headlines  
Encyclopedia Britannica  
Social Security  
1230 Assignment Underwater  
1300 American Sportsman  
1400 Daniel Boone  
1500 Roy Acuff  
1530 Sports Of The Week  
1800 Lost In Space  
1900 Official Detective  
1930 News & Sports  
2000 Wild, Wild West  
2100 News Briefs  
Away We Go  
2000 News Briefs

Saturday Night At The Movies  
Sign-Off-News

Sunday (Aug. 13)

1200 News Headlines  
RELIGIOUS PROGRAM  
1230 EDUCATIONAL SPECIAL  
1330 Window On Vietnam  
1335 Sunday Matinee  
1500 Sports Of The Week  
1730 CBS Sports Spectacular  
1900 IN COUNTRY  
1930 News & Sports  
2000 Window On Vietnam  
2005 Dick Van Dyke  
2030 Get Smart  
2100 Bonanza  
2200 News Briefs  
Ed Sullivan  
Sign-Off-News

Monday (Aug. 14)

1830 News Headlines  
21st Century  
1900 Fractured Flickers  
News & Sports  
2000 Combat  
2100 News Briefs  
Voyage To The Bottom Of The Sea  
2200 News Briefs  
Dean Martin Show  
Sign-Off-News

Tuesday (Aug. 15)

1830 News Headlines  
G. E. College Bowl  
1900 My Favorite Martian  
1930 News & Sports  
2000 Big Valley  
2100 News Briefs  
Smothers Brothers  
2200 News Briefs  
ENTERTAINMENT SPECIAL  
Sign-Off-News

Qui Nhon Aug. 9-15  
Da Nang Sept. 6-12  
Pleiku Sept. 27-Oct. 3  
Nha Trang Oct. 18-24  
Tuy Hoa Nov. 15-21  
Hue Dec. 6-12

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS  
1-Turkish standard  
5-River island  
8-Bridge term  
12-Citrus fruit  
13-Also  
14-Wan  
15-Disinclined  
17-Pieces of dinnerware  
19-Kind of fabric  
20-Regions  
21-Cultured man (slang)  
23-Hastens  
24-Exire  
26-Ogre  
28-Small child  
31-Paid notice  
32-Negative  
33-A state (abbr.)  
34-Chart  
36-Repulse  
38-Hurried  
39-Leave out  
41-Go at an easy pace  
43-Pits  
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48-Omits from pronunciation  
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- What current baseball star won the American League batting title at the age of 20?
- Who was the youngest player ever to win the Women's Open Golf Tournament?
- How many plate appearances must a player have to qualify for a major league batting title?
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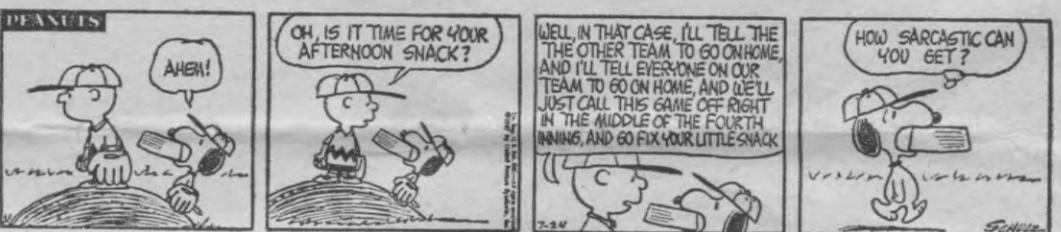
- Well as at-bats.

## Beetle Bailey



## Peanuts

## By Charles M. Schulz



## 'Bobcat Bomb Blower' Blows VC Boobytraps

**CU CHI (USA)** — It looks like a machine for the exploration of the moon, but men of the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry will assure you it serves a down-to-earth purpose . . . keeping them alive.

The "Bobcat Bomb Blower" is a twenty-wheeled device built to reduce the mine hazard to tracked vehicles by detonating explosives before they can destroy a manned carrier.

Soon after the beginning of Operation Kolekole, Lieutenant Colonel Chandler Goodnow, battalion commander, decided that something had to be done to protect the men from road mines between Cu Chi and Bao Trai.

The first attempted mine sweeper was rejected because of maneuvering problems, but a

new design quickly solved the problem and, within two weeks, the new unit was completed.

The unit was put together with the scrap parts of other personnel carriers and from railroad ties obtained from the 65th Engineer Battalion.

Each wheel on the sweeper is individually suspended to insure good maneuverability off the road as well as on it. When one of the wheels strike a mine, the weight detonates it. Although the wheel is disabled, it can be easily replaced.

"Mine sweepers were used successfully in World War II and in Korea," said Captain Charles Watkins, who supervised construction, "but we believe this is the first one used in Vietnam."

## The "Personal Touch" That Heals



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## Chaplain Lines Up U.S. Help For Educating Viet Children

**DAU TIENG (USA)** — Twelve high school children in the village of Dau Tieng don't have to worry about the tuition for their schooling this year, because of a letterwriting chaplain in the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division.

On his arrival in Vietnam in May, Chaplain (Captain) James A. Tobin, Camden, N.J., found that there were more than 150 children in Dau Tieng who didn't have the money to pay their tuition to high school.

The cost of schooling in Dau Tieng varies according to grade level, but an average of \$9 per student covers the cost for a year.

Knowing that many people in the U.S. would be more than willing to give \$9 to educate a child, the chaplain began writing letters to his former par-

ishes, telling them of the children, the country and the need for education in Vietnam.

"I felt that I needed to help," said the chaplain. "It isn't much money for us, but for a Vietnamese family which has trouble keeping the children fed and clothed, \$9 is a small fortune."

Recently, Chaplain Tobin re-

ceived his first reply to his many letters in the form of a \$100 check from the members of St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church of East Brunswick, N.J. Coordinating through the 3rd Brigade Civil Affairs Office, Chaplain Tobin arranged to give the money to the 12 neediest students in the high school.

## Social Welfare Duties Fill ARVN WAC's Day

**BIEN HOA (III CORPS)** — First Lieutenant Huynh Thi Anh, III Corps Headquarters, is a busy lady. She is chief of the Corps' Social Welfare Section, an arm of the Political Warfare office.

Her section is composed of Vietnamese WACs who serve the III Corps area performing many services for the ARVN soldier and his dependents.

Recently Lieutenant Anh inaugurated a sewing class for the dependents living at the headquarters camp here. Three manual-type sewing machines were donated by CARE, while used clothing and material for use in instruction were donated by the Social Welfare Directorate Service in Saigon, the Catholic Relief Service (CRS) and CARE.

A room, a chair, a blackboard, and a full-time teacher, Sergeant Thai Cung, will soon be furnished by III Corps Headquarters Company. The sergeant will teach two classes daily for two month sessions.

Besides overseeing the operation of the sewing classes, the lieutenant is also responsible for a kindergarten and a newly-constructed maternity ward which

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### Blood...

volving new developments.

A frozen blood section, an entirely new concept in the preservation and transfer of human blood, is manned by Hospital Corpsman First Class Robert G. Deppen and Hospital Corpsman Second Class Karl J. Keene. It has certain advantages over conventional whole blood in that it can be transferred to anybody and stored indefinitely.

The third function of the blood bank, and possibly the most far reaching in scope, is research into the effects of shock. Two men, Hospital Corpsman Third Class Vidal Fresquez Jr., and Hospital Corpsman Third Class Frank W. Eiler are conducting the experiments.

will accommodate 20 patients.

Lieutenant Anh is responsible for not only the Social Welfare Section, but also for the social services provided to the ARVN soldier and his dependents in the corps area.

When a soldier is killed, the lieutenant and her section visit the family, explain what benefits they are entitled to and give them whatever assistance is needed.

The Social Welfare Section's main objective is to bring the ARVN soldier and his family a happier, healthier and more wholesome life.

## Small Village Builds School With U.S. Help

**PHU HIEP (USA)** — Four hundred inhabitants of this tiny fishing village fabricated 3,500 concrete blocks to build a school for their children.

This Revolutionary Development Program started when the 577th Engineer Battalion (Construction), 35th Engineer Group, learned of the village's desire to construct a school for its more than 200 children.

The battalion immediately contacted the U.S. Agency For International Development (USAID) representative and the Province Educational Office in Tuy Hoa. Aid came quickly.

Men, women and children were organized into work teams and, with the aid of a block press machine, the construction began.

Gathered together on the dedication day, the proud villagers—together with their Vietnamese government and U.S. friends—dedicated not only this monument to freedom and progress, but also reaffirmed their determination to continue to work side by side for the future of Vietnam.

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