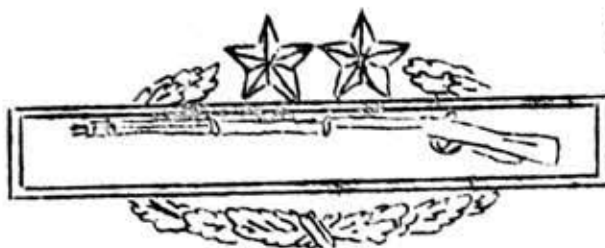


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## OUR NEW BN COMMANDER LT COL ROBERT L. HARPER

The first impression is a very lasting thing. Your first acquaintance with a person has quite an effect on the opinion you will build. Often a person's position will stray his onlookers, building an instant wall, a false barrier that can only be broken by personal contact, and this contact must be pleasing to the offender. Whether this person be in a leadership position or not, the first impression that is left, is usually a true description of the entire man.

Here in the 4th Battalion 21st Infantry, we recently underwent a change of command. From Division G-5, Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Harper, came to assume command of our Battalion. Each man drew his very own, personal First Impression.

The new Commanding Officer, in his first words to the Battalion, expressed his willingness to work with the "Ginlets", work with the Ginlets. The new Commander has now been with the Battalion shortly over two weeks, and opinions are now becoming constructed from more than First Impressions.

Our new Lieutenant Colonel has served a previous tour in Vietnam with MAC-V in 1965. He is a graduate of North Georgia State College, holding a Bachelor of Science Degree.

Any man in the Battalion who has had contact with the new Commander, has drawn a lasting First Impression, and this impression is built of immediate respect. The men talk among themselves, in the field, in the rear, or on the Fire Support Base. The word around the Battalion is "have you met the new Battalion Commander, he's a namba one man".

The men of the 4th Battalion 21st Infantry welcomes our new Battalion Commander Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Harper.....

## CHAPLAIN MAJ WOOD BIDS FAREWELL

Since early July, our Battalion was fortunate enough to attend regular Church Services, both in the field and on the Fire Support Bases. Whether it be a rice pattie, jungle floor, or GIMLET Chapel, our Chaplain Major Clyde J. Wood, would assure religious services. In a forward combat area, it's not always so easy for a Chaplain to obtain facilities or transportation to the men in the field, but Chaplain Wood made a point to see that the men could worship weekly.

Chaplain Wood will be leaving the Battalion next week, he is being reassigned in Chu Lai, to the 16th Combat Aviation Group. Chaplain Wood will be replaced by Chaplain Major Ormsbee, previously with the 1st Infantry Division.

During Chaplain Wood's tour with the Battalion, he was credited with the construction of GIMLET CHAPEL, a newly built chapel atop FSB Debbie, among other things.

Major Wood commented that he will miss all the men in the Battalion, and I am sure the men's feelings are quite equal. The Chaplain would like to wish all the men "farewell, the best of luck, and God be with you always".....

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## "SHORT"

## HHC

SP4 DAVID BATTLE - ROCKY MOUNT, N.C.  
 SP4 DEON POWERS - DANVILLE, VIRGINIA  
 SGT BRADLEY BURQUEST - ELIC RIVER, MINN.  
 SP4 JOHNNY CAMERON - COMMERCE, TEXAS  
 SP4 HENRY CLARK - SAN CARLOS, ARIZONA  
 SP5 JAMES COUSINO - ADRIAN, MICHIGAN  
 PFC JEFFREY CRUTCHERDEN - BERKELEY, CALIF.  
 SP5 EDWARD CYR - VAN BUREN, MAINE  
 SGT CLARENCE FINGER - GADSDEN, MICHIGAN  
 SP5 JOHN GAMMON - LIVERNOW, KENTUCKY  
 SP6 JOHN GIBSON - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
 SP4 FRANK GOMEZ - DENVER, COLORADO  
 SP4 RUFUS HAMILTON - PITSBURG, TEXAS  
 SP4 ROBERT JENKINS - BROWNWOOD, TEXAS  
 PFC ELRICE MCCANN - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
 SP4 SKEEDY MCCLINEY - HITTLE ROCK, ARK.  
 SGT RANDOLPH PUIG - MIAMI, FLORIDA  
 SP4 LOUIS RUIREZ - CUPERTINO, CALIF.  
 SGT WHERT SOLOMON - ECORSE, MICHIGAN  
 SP5 MALCOMB WHORELY - BIG ISLAND, VIR.  
 SP4 KEITH WOOD - CLINTON, OKLAHOMA

## AIPHL

SGT DAVID CLARK - MEADVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA  
 SP4 BILLY HOULTON - TORRENCE, CALIFORNIA

## BRAVO

SGT MELVIN KIRKLAND - NEWARK, NEW JERSEY  
 SP4 FRANCISCO MONZON - EL PASO, TEXAS  
 SP4 ROBERT STAFFORD - MENTOR, OHIO

## CHARLEY

SP4 CARLETON HINNANT - GOLDSBORO, N.C.  
 SP4 JOHN NEAL - MARION, N. CAROLINA  
 SP4 NICHOLAS PUCCI - RESEDA, CALIFORNIA  
 SP4 ROBERT RICH - PAMONA, CALIFORNIA  
 SP4 ROBERT SANDOVAL - LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

## DELTA

1SG JAMES BERRY - SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA  
 SP4 JOHN DELZOPPO - CLEVELAND, OHIO  
 SP4 JOHN JACOBS - PORTLAND, OREGON  
 SP4 NICHOLAS LOUIS - DETROIT, MICHIGAN  
 SGT FRANK MARTELL - COLUMBIA, PENN.  
 SSG STEVEN PARTEN - CHATT, TENNESSEE  
 SGT WILLIAM RODEFER - NEW PARRIS, OHIO

## LOOKING FOR A DROP?

Men deserting during the months of March and April received a variety of drops, ranging from 5 to 14 days, but don't get your hopes up! Drops are not predetermined, so don't pack your bags until your oxen arrive!!!!!!

## ECHO

SGT HARRY CAMPBELL - MIDLAND, N. CAROLINA  
 SP4 ROBERT ESPADA - SAN JUAN, PUNICO MICO  
 SGT RAYMOND HOBBS - WACONIA, MINNESOTA  
 SP4 DENNIS HODGES - HAWAII, KAUAI  
 PFC DANIEL SMITH - VIRGINIA, VIRGINIA  
 SP4 JACKIE TAYLOR - HAUTE, INDIANA



Steak and beer was a real treat back in the world. After work on Friday all the boys would gather down at the nearest beach or swim club, packing along two six-packs, a couple of stakes, and of course the little woman.

You'd worked hard all week and now you were ready to let out all those frustrations, sit back to a juicy, tender, medium rare filet, with an ice cold beer in one hand, and your favorite woman in the other. The stereo is blasting with your favorite sounds, whether it be Credence Clearwater, or Ernest Tubbs; you're still digging it in your own way.

All this is merely fantasy here in Vietnam. One can sit and dream of all these luxuries, but some how they never become real. Of course there are always exceptions to everything, and with this, (Con't on page six)

## REC ON-METS TEAMUP TO TACKLE

CHARLEY IN NEXT "GIMLET"....



"COME ON TROUNG, LOOKS LIKE WE WON'T BE FAMOUS TIL' NEXT WEEK"

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## COMBAT LEADERS OF 4/21

During the month of March, three men from the Battalion successfully completed Combat Leadership School in Chu Lai. Private First Class Michael Stewart (Denver, Colorado) D Company, Specialist Four Dennis Kelly (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) B Company, and Private First Class Albert Hill (Haddock, Georgia) D Company. The three men underwent two weeks of advanced training, covering all aspects involved with Combat Leadership. The men commented that one of the more interesting phases of the training was Forward Observation. The class was given on LZ Stinson, where the men actually called for and adjusted 4.2 mortars.

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JUST IN..... PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DALE EVANS (Peoria, Illinois), who has been waiting patiently, received word his wife Cynthia, gave birth to a girl 7 pounds 4 ounces. Evans had registered for a MARS call on the night of 30 March, and he finally got it through on the morning of the 31st. His wife had just come out of the delivery room. When asked what the baby would be named, Evans replied, "it better have been Don-Cenell".....

## SPORTS SPOTS

FT. ORD, Calif. (ANF) Steve Owens, 1969 Heisman Trophy winner and the leading ground gainer in college football history, is undergoing Army Basic Training.

The University of Oklahoma grid star is a member of the Oklahoma National Guard and will be on active duty for four months. He will go through basic and advanced individual training.

The Heisman Trophy is presented annually to the nation's outstanding college football player, and Owens' credentials for winning it are impressive.

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## LEADER OF THE WEEK

During the week of 15 March, 1LT David A. Lange (Wyoming, Penn.) third platoon leader of B Company, was chosen as Combat Platoon Leader of the week in the 11th Brigade. LT Lange, who holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from The Citadel, has been with B Company since the first of December. He was previously assigned with the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North



Carolina. The honor for being selected, was a day with the Brigade Commander, Colonel Hugh F.T. Hoffman Jr. LT Lange flew the entire day in the Colonels Command & Control Chopper, visiting every LT and Fire Base in the Brigade AO. The day ended with dinner and cocktails..



## NEW MEN OF 4/21

## REC

SP4 HAROLD JONES - DETROIT, MICHIGAN  
 SP4 EDWARD TAYLOR - PAGUA, COLORADO  
 SP4 DONALD DAVIS - GLENWOOD, VIRGINIA  
 PVT CELIN CARABALLO - PUERTO RICO  
 PFC JUAN DIAZ - PUERTO RICO  
 PFC FREDDIE IRANSOME - PRENTISS, MISS.  
 SP4 ROBERT LILES - FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS  
 1SG CECIL ZACHARY - ELLIOTT, MONTANA  
 SP4 MICHAEL FORTCH - OMAHA, NEBRASKA  
 PFC MICHAEL GOMES - REDDING, CALIFORNIA  
 PFC EUGENE LEWIS - NORTHUP, OREGON  
 PFC DEAN BARLOW - COLORADO CITY, ARIZONA  
 PFC MICHAEL MCMAHON - HAMPSHIRE, ILLINOIS  
 PFC JOHN FERRICK - MERIDEN, CONNECTICUT  
 PFC BASSEL GIBSON - LORAIN, OHIO  
 SP4 EMMETT PERS - INKUMBURG, IOWA

## ALPHA

PFC JAMES FRYMAN - BROOKVILLE, OHIO  
 SP4 JOSE SIGALA - LOS ANGELES, CALIF.  
 SGT MARVIN TULEY - PALMYRA, MISSISSIPPI  
 PFC EDWARD IVES - BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
 PFC WILLIAM BATES - LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI  
 PFC VICTOR HERNANDEZ - MADERA, CALIF.  
 PFC ROBERT BARLOW - YUKON, PENNSYLVANIA  
 SGT PAUL COVINGTON - BEAUMONT, INDIANA  
 SP4 LONNIE LISCOMB - ADAMS, NEW YORK

## BRAVO

PFC MARK BRADLEY - DEARBORN, MICHIGAN  
 PFC MICHAEL CHASE - CLEVELAND, OHIO  
 SGT CHARLES ALEXANDER - FT. WORTH, TEXAS  
 PFC MITCHELL ROBINSON - FLORENCE, S.C.  
 SGT JOHN PORTER - YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN  
 SP4 LUCYNE WITHERS - WOODSON, ARKANSAS  
 SGT ALAN BRINTON - MPLS., MINNESOTA  
 SP4 JOHN HORNATH - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
 SGT STEPHEN BASSETT - CHEVERLY, MARYLAND  
 SP4 HENRY MILLER - MORGANTON, N.C.  
 SP4 CHARLES JOHNSON - INDIANAPOLIS, IND.  
 PFC RICKLEY JUSTET - MURRAY, UTAH  
 PFC CHARLES EWING - FORNEY, TEXAS  
 PFC MARTIN GENTILE - NEWTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA  
 PFC WILLIAM FRISBY - SAN JOSE, CALIF.  
 PFC DANIEL GANGLOFF - DEPEW, NEW YORK  
 PFC JAMES BURKE - WATERFORD, CONN.  
 SGT RICHARD DOTSON - MANVILLE, TENN.  
 PFC DWANIE HARRALDSON - FT. DODGE, IOWA  
 PFC CLAYTON SCAYLER - JONESBORO, TENNESSEE  
 SP4 BOY CARROLL - CLIVE HUGH, KENTUCKY  
 SGT PAUL LARSON - OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

## GRANLEY

PFC BRUCE LUNDEEN - BISHOP, CALIFORNIA  
 PFC LARRY STANS - BALTIMORE, MARYLAND  
 PFC LARRY BRISIG - ADA, OHIO  
 PFC SAMUEL BULLARD - RIDGEMAN, ILLINOIS  
 PFC JACK EDMONDSON - KANSAS CITY, KANSAS  
 SP4 STEPHEN JONES - KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI  
 PFC JON GREEN - BALLWIN, KANSAS

## DELTA

PFC EDISON HECHT - INDIANAPOLIS, IND.  
 SP4 WALTER TUCKER - BETHANY, OKLAHOMA  
 SP4 DELMER MCLOUTLIN - ADLERSBURG, OHIO  
 SGT ABRAHAM DAVIS - TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA  
 PFC JOHN CIACCIA - COATSVILLE, PENN.  
 SP4 VRON MISHLER - INDIANA  
 PFC WILLIAM DAVIS - BOVEY, MINNESOTA  
 SP4 ALTON HAGER - MISSOURI  
 PFC RAYMOND SHANSON - LONGVIEW, WASH.  
 SP4 HERMAN BROWN - LAFOLLETTE, TENNESSEE

## ECHO

PVT JOHN O'BRIEN - LEONURSTER, MASS.  
 PFC JOHN LAUER - BEELEVUE, OHIO  
 1SG CARLOS BURKE - CHAS, WEST VIRGINIA  
 SP4 TERRY HUNSUCKER - COLUMBUS, OHIO  
 PFC GENE GUSTAFSON - FREMONT, NEBRASKA  
 SP4 WILLIE HAYES - ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS

## ✱ BIRTHS ✱

During the month of March, several men in the 4th BN 21st INF acquired additions to the family back home. Yep, for some months now, these men have waited patiently, fingernails chewed into the quick, hair turning grey (that is what's left), a case of nine month old cigars have undergone four months of Monsoon Rains, but still smokable.

PFC Lonnie Luck, C Company, from Ashboro, North Carolina, received word that his wife Janice gave birth to a boy, 8 pounds 7 ounces, on 5 March. SP4 Max Payne (Bancroft, Idaho) D Company, received word his wife gave birth to a boy on 15 March, weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces. PFC Wayne Gachnick and his wife Janet (Inkwood, Ohio) were blessed with a girl on 18 March, six pounds 12 ounces. The final birth was also a girl on 22 March. MT David A. Lange (Wyomissing, Pa.) B Company, was the happy father. All wives and the new borns are in fine health. CONGRATULATIONS FATHERS!!!!

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## THE UNSEPERABLE JACKSONS

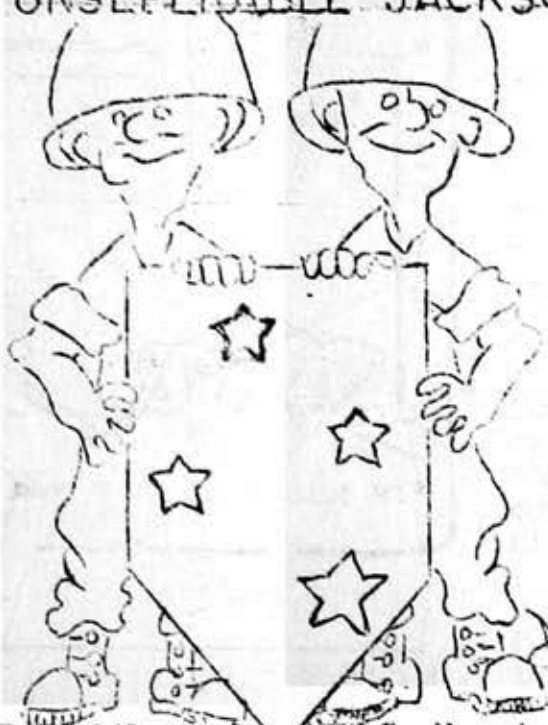
Twin birth is an amazing phenomenon in this world today. Two people entering life, growing from infancy to manhood, sharing similar experiences, become closely bound. For the Jackson twins, this dual life began 20 years ago.

Both Specialist Four William and Richard Jackson (Colorado Springs, Colorado) now assigned to Headquarters Company, remained together through their first 19 years of life. During high-school, the two became interested in music, and later organized their own folk singing group, "The Subtle Quartet". Richard wrote music and played guitar for the group, while William sang. The group made its debut around the city as the twins attended five different highschools before final graduation.

Upon completion of highschool, the twins and their quartet were split up as William entered the Army, but the separation was non-lasting for the two, Richard also entered the service and shortly after completion of basic training the two men were together again, assigned to the same advanced training unit.

It was a hard nine weeks, but the two remained together through the strenuous training, and the big day came, they both successfully completed Infantry AIT, and were headed for Vietnam. Richard was soon in the salty air above the South China Sea, while William was also airborne, only at Fort Benning Jump School. This was their second separation after one last reunion prior to departing separate ways.

Upon his arrival in Vietnam, Richard was assigned to a long range reconnaissance team,



4th Infantry Division, but a month later received word that his brother had arrived in Vietnam and was stationed with the 1st Infantry Division. Richard immediately began paper work to be reassigned with his brother, and within weeks the two men were hurrying the mountains and lowlands of southern Vietnam. William was a rifleman, and Richard an assistant machine-gunner for the same squad, same platoon. Three long months passed before their unit was scheduled for withdrawal from Southeast Asia, and due to limited time over seas, the Jackson twins were transferred to the Americal Division.

The Jackson twins were again on their way to possible separation through the long hours of processing from one unit to the other, but luckily were never separated and made it to the 4th Battalion 21st Infantry, where they both are assigned to the Headquarters Motor Pool.

The two have gone through alot during their 20 years, and when advised of the regulation allowing one of them to be reassigned outside the combat area, they responded, "we've been together this long and we're not about to split up now".....

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## (SPORT SPOTS con't)

He holds seven National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) records. Among them are career records for most yards gained (3,882 for three years); most carries (more than 900, which shattered the old mark by more than 200 carries); and the career scoring mark (56 touchdowns for 336 points).

Owens also holds the record for most consecutive games in which he gained more than 100 yards (17), most carries in one season (357) and most carries in a single game (56).

Owens was chosen All-America and named for the second straight year as the Big Eight's Player of the Year. In addition, he won Player of the Year awards in four other sports polls.....

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## HAVE SOMETHING INTERESTING TO SHARE?

The GIMLET accepts any type writing, poetry, stories, or maybe you've experienced something unusual! Have a question? We're not exactly Dear Abby, but we'll try to help you out... Send it all to: GIMLET S1 4/21

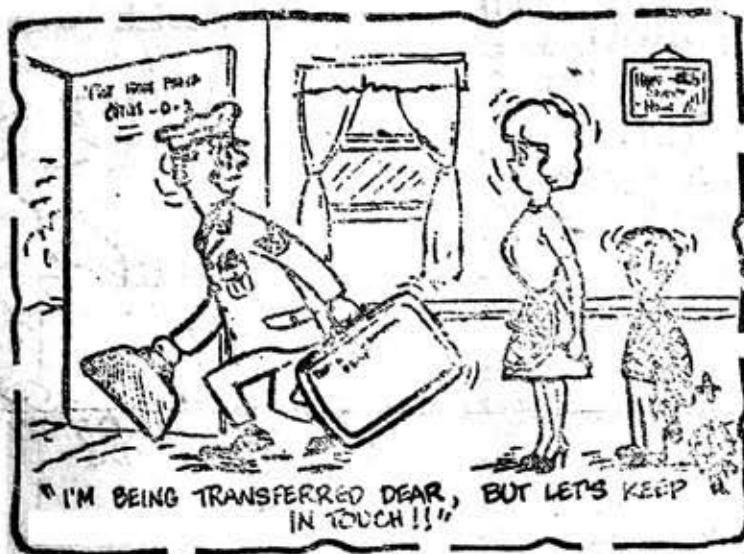
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## (Beer and Steaks con't)

the Mess Personnel on Fire Support Base Debbie, have proven so.

Under the supervision of SFC Dargelo Caballero (Miami, Florida) Mess Sergeant, the men manning this Fire Base, are enjoying a weekly cookout. The cooks have constructed an outdoor barbecue grill, and for the past few Friday evenings have prepared char-broiled steaks for the men. As you sweep through the line for a steak cooked to your taste, an ice-filled tub of beer is waiting to aid in washing down the delicious meal.

If you're fortunate enough to be located around Debbie during meal time, check the menu, you may be in for quite a treat.....



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answers on Page —

## ACROSS

- 1 Lane
- 5 Matures
- 9 Mischievous
- 10-Gaze with aversion
- 12-More serene
- 13 Lessed
- 15-Selfish
- 16-Toward shelter
- 18-Chemical suffix
- 19-Possessive pronoun
- 20-Century plant
- 21-Facts
- 22 Postscript (abbr.)
- 23-Covers
- 24-Sylvan deity
- 25-Monkeys
- 26-Crater
- 27-Light on
- 29-Twist (colloq.)
- 30-Chinese mile
- 32-Workman
- 33-Out
- 34-Large top
- 35-Hostelry
- 36-War god
- 37-Ceremony
- 38-Sewing implement
- 40-Rubber on pencil
- 42-Viscous mud
- 43-Singing voice
- 44-Sow
- 45-Heavenly body

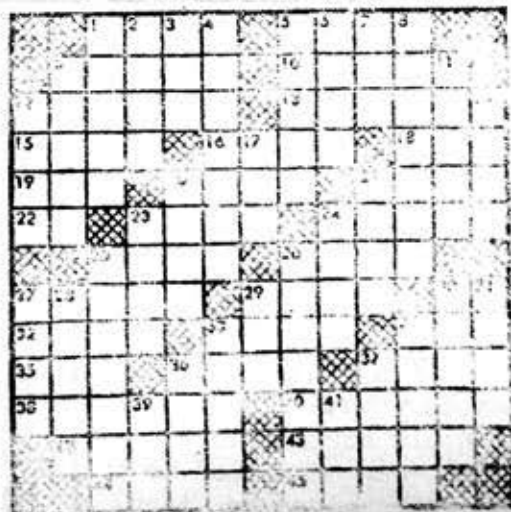
## DOWN

- 1-Animal ears
- 2-Charity
- 3-Crest

- 4-Herbivores
- 5-Concur
- 6-Monument
- 7-Vast age
- 8-Slate
- 9-Lures
- 11-Mischievous
- 12-Fragment
- 14-Loved one
- 17-Spanish plural article
- 20-Helps
- 21-Challenge
- 23-Fat of swine
- 24-Dinner course
- 25-Smokestacks
- 26-Storage places
- 27-Part of leg



- 28-Sheets of glass
- 29-Pronoun
- 30-Anon
- 31-Roman road
- 33-Confession of religious faith
- 34-Peak of cap
- 36-Egyptian singing girl
- 37-Genus of frogs
- 39-Expires
- 41-Soak



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