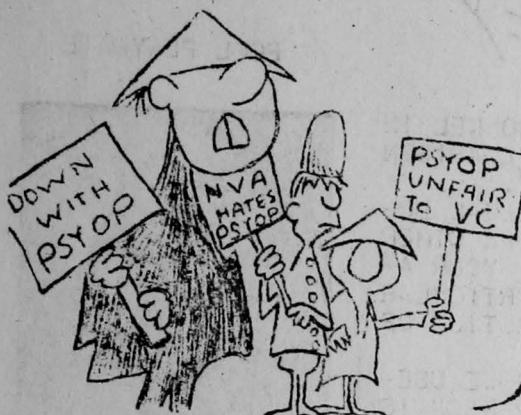


PSYOPS TAKES TO RIVER



—PSYOP...an ad agency for democracy. Why just last year we sold the concept to over 19,000 enemy soldiers.

CHU LAI -- The winding river systems north and south of Chu Lai are providing a new and speedy means of getting the government's message to the isolated hamlets along their banks.

And the psychological operations (PSYOPS) section of the 198th Brigade, with the help of a small and mobile "ski barge", recently began to use these arteries to their advantage.

At least twice a week the PSYOPS team and a battalion civil affairs officer comb many hidden coves, stopping at any village along the way.

The messages they bring vary with every mission. One time a Vietnamese interpreter working for the brigade PSYOPS section may use the 1,000-watt amplifier to announce information about upcoming elections.

Another time he may talk about the Voluntary Informants Program, urging villagers to turn in information about the enemy in exchange for a monetary sum.

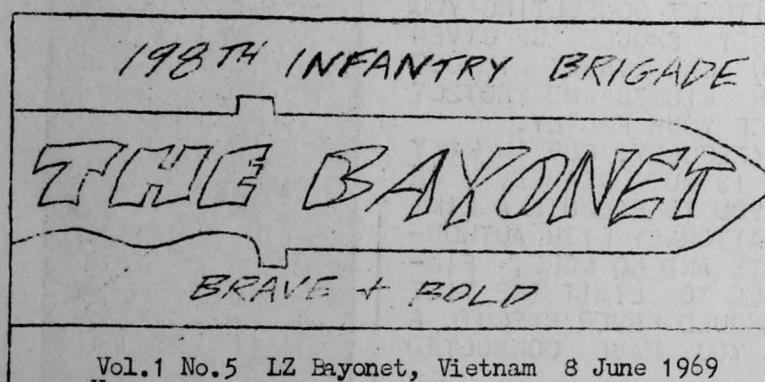
More often than not the joint American-Vietnamese team does not even leave its small boat—a speedy ski barge equipped with two 85 h.p. engines and the amplification system. Instead they send their message from several hundred feet out in the river, anchoring amidst the native sampans or cruising steadily along the waterways.

When their message is completed, the boat then scoots upriver or around another cove where more villages are nestled.

"We recently tried the small boat and found it quite effective," said 1LT Jim Porter (Washington, Mo.), the civil affairs officer of the 1st Bn., 6th Inf. "By using the boat, for instance, we can cover three, maybe four villages during the time it used to take us to walk to one."

So far the small boat, which can race along at speeds up to 70 m.p.h. in open river, has traveled

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1/52ND SILENCES MORTARS NEAR LZ STINSON

By PFC Marshall B. Rowland
1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry

LZ STINSON—Pop! Pop!

The men of Charlie Company, 1st Bn., 52nd Inf. knew those sounds and hit the dirt. Seconds later an enemy mortar barrage spewed dirt and rocks over their position in the thickets near LZ Stinson.

Earlier Charlie Company had been dispatched from their night laager to silence those same 82 and 60mm tubes which for several hours had lobbed rounds into the nearby LZ.

As the infantrymen, along with members of H Troop, 17th Cavalry approached the hill the NVA mortarmen turned their tubes on the oncoming soldiers.

"We were moving out when we heard the pop of the tubes," said SP4 Gary P. Tamagni (Detroit), a machine-gunner with H Troop. "Three of my buddies just got through the rear door when two 82mm rounds slammed behind our track. Another came in to the right, then two 57mm recoilless rounds hit the track on our left. They had us zeroed in."

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POWERS OF ATTORNEY

POOL PLAYMATE



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DESIGN for emptying a pool—with a girl designed like this around, who wants to stay in the pool?

PLAN EARLY FOR R&R

The magic phrases of a Vietnam tour are DEROS and R&R. The only fact needed to know about DEROS is the "when"; R&R has a few more factors involved. "The Bayonet" will give you the information you need to make your plans for R&R, what procedures to follow, and what you can and cannot do through the program.

By SFC Herb Nesmith
198th Brigade PIO

You are authorized one out-of-country R&R during a normal 12-month tour in Vietnam. Usually you will be given a minimum of five nights at the site you have selected.

The program is designed to give you a period of rest and recuperation during your tour, and it is recommended that you take your R&R near the six-month mark, or about halfway through the tour. You can go on R&R after 90 days in coun-

try if you wish, however, bear in mind that priority in filling R&R quotas will be given to men with the longest time in the country.

The sites currently authorized for R&R are: Hawaii; Australia; Bangkok; Hong Kong; Singapore; Tokyo; Taipei; Manila; and Kuala Lumpur. (Penang is temporarily closed as an R&R location.)

Once you've decided where and when you want to go, see your company clerk about putting in for it. Your request must reach brigade by the 5th of the month

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ARTILLERY GIVES ADDED PUNCH

LZ BAYONET -- A company of the 198th Infantry Brigade is in a jam.

The infantrymen have been pinned down by an unknown-sized enemy force concealed in a woodline to their front. A charge against the enemy position might prove costly in terms of friendly casualties.

The situation is not as hopeless as it might seem. The company's forward observer -- assigned to the 1st Battalion, 14th Artillery and attached to a rifle company -- puts in an urgent call for assistance to a standby friend -- the field artillery.

On a distant fire base someone yells "Fire Mission!" and a flurry of activity begins. Within three minutes deadly artillery shells whiz through the air toward their target -- the unseen enemy that had pinned down the infantrymen.

To the ground soldiers, the approaching artillery is welcome. They begin to breathe a little easier. To Charlie, it is an altogether different story. He suddenly decides that he should depart the area, but it is probably already too late. The 105mm artillery rounds are crashing right into his position, bringing death and destruction.

Wherever the soldiers of the "Brave and Bold" brigade operate, they know that artillery support is immediately available.

The men of the Americal Division's 1st Bn., 14th Arty., the "Can Do" battalion, are always ready to fire their guns for their friends in the infantry, says one of the unit's liaison men to the 198th Brigade.

Providing fire support for the infantrymen when they are in contact with the enemy is only one of the jobs of the artillerymen, however. The gunners also shoot illumination rounds for night missions, harassment and interdiction fire, counter-rocket and counter-mortar fire, and at confirmed enemy targets such as VC in the open.

During tactical operations it is not uncommon for the infantrymen to use artillery to "soften up" an area where enemy resistance is expected before making an assault, explained Lt. Charles Wilson, a fire direction (Cont. page 6)

ARMY TO REPLACE
SERVICE NUMBER
WITH SSAN

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WASHINGTON -- On July 1, 1969 Army men will no longer have service numbers. The familiar Army Service Number (ASN) will be replaced by the individual's Social Security Account Number (SSAN.)

The Social Security number will be used by all members of the armed forces, whether on active duty, retired or reservist.

The SSAN will have no prefix or suffix. Consequently, it will not indicate grade, sex, duty status (Active, Reserve, or National Guard) or method of entry (RA or US).

BAYONET BOOSTS POWER

LZ BAYONET -- With a throw of a switch handle COL Jere O. Whittington, 198th Brigade commander, sent electric current surging through a section of the new "Charles R. Rando Switch Center" into the newly-built TOC.

Constructed by men of the HHC Communications Platoon, the switch center is the first of six for this LZ.

"The new wiring should reduce voltage losses by 70 to 80%," said MAJ John F. Hargrove (Flushing, N.Y.), brigade signal officer. "When we get the entire system set up, I expect an increase of 25% more effective power out of this generator due to current saved in cutting down present voltage loss."

SSG Richard Taylor (Hallwood, Va.) of the Commo Pltn. explained that the new system will make possible the shutting off of power to one part of the LZ without affecting other areas, as is now the case.

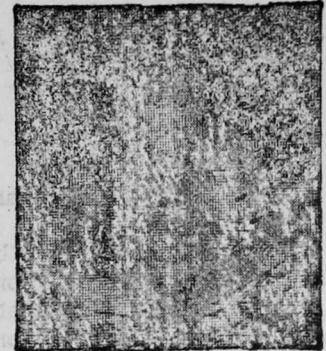
Expected to be completed in four to six months, the project requires installing 40 poles and over 60,000 feet of wiring.

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DAILY FEATURE—"What's New at the USO?", presented Monday through Friday over AFVN, is hosted by Gail D. Hemerway of USO-Vietnam.

BEGINS SECOND 25 YEARS

Beginning its second quarter of operation, the USO is anticipating serving the needs of the oncoming generation of young Americans yet to be called to the colors.

No matter what tasks lie ahead, its mission is exclusively concerned with the welfare and morale of the Armed Forces upon whom the security of the nation depends.

MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A MILLION AMERICANS WHO HAVE WORN THE UNIFORM--IN WORLD WAR II, THE SUBSEQUENT "COLD WAR" YEARS, IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT, DURING THE BERLIN CRISIS, THE CUBAN CONFRONTATION, DOWN TO TODAY--HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE SIGN OF WELCOME BY USO--AT A CLUB IN A STRANGE CITY, AT A USO SHOW IN VIETNAM OR THAILAND, OR NEAR THE BERLIN WALL.

FROM THE ARCTIC ICE CAP TO THE BOONDOCKS OF VIETNAM USO IS STILL SENDING OUT "LIVE" ENTERTAINMENT UNITS TO PLAY BEFORE WHAT ENTERTAINERS HAIL AS THE "GREATEST AUDIENCE IN THE WORLD," THE AMERICAN ARMED FORCES.

ON FEBRUARY 4, 1969, THE USO WAS 28 YEARS OLD!

TODAY IT IS ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH OUR TROOPS IN THE PACIFIC AREA, FROM VIETNAM TO KOREA; IN THE CARIBBEAN, FROM GUANTANAMO BAY TO PUERTO RICO; IN EUROPE, FROM TURKEY AROUND THE MEDITERRANEAN RIM TO ITALY, AND SPAIN.

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THE LENS IS MY

BY PFC R.A. NOEL JR.



....KNOW YOUR CAMERA....

For the serious camera enthusiast there is no substitute for this basic rule.

Before the photographer can expect to use accessory lenses, filters, close-up attachments, etc., he must familiarize himself with his basic piece of equipment, his camera.

Every new camera has with it a booklet explaining the camera and its operation. The first step is to read this booklet noting all of the cameras features.

Then comes the practical familiarity which can come only from physically handling the camera. Try it first without putting film in the camera. Can you advance and release the shutter without looking at the camera? Which way do you turn the lens to bring your focus closer or farther? Does your camera have a depth of field viewer, and can you operate it with fingertip ease? If you have a built-in meter which side of the normal exposure mark is underexposed, overexposed, and which way do you turn the f/stop dial to compensate for each? Can you reload your camera rapidly while hand-holding it?

Expertise in mastering such operations with your camera are actually very easy to accomplish. Take your camera without film in it and practice as if you were actually taking a picture. Change exposures, focus on a subject, view the depth of field, change the shutter speed, click the shutter and advance the film advance lever until you can handle all of the "basic tools" of your camera quickly without fumbling fingers and a minimum of camera movement.

Remember the camera is a precision mechanical instrument. Whether or not you operate it confidently and adroitly will make a world of difference in your photographs.

PSYOPS ON RIVER

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up the Tra Bong River south of Chu Lai as far inland as Binh Son. To the north, the PSYOPS men have traversed the huge Truong Giang River system.

"Although we recently talked extensively about elections, for example, we always find somebody out there who doesn't know a thing about them," explained Lt. Porter.

The PSYOPS team, equipped with a public address system and a converted ski barge, has begun the process of education.

198TH MEN ARE TOP TWO IN LEADERSHIP AT DIVISION SCHOOL

CHU LAI—Two 198th Infantry Brigade soldiers ranked first and second in a class of 43 persons recently graduated from the 12-day Combat Leaders Course at the Americal Division Combat Center.

SP5 Michael D. Coleman (Alexandria, Va.), B Company, 1st Bn., 52nd Inf., was the top graduate while SGT Craig R. Singer (Kersley, Pa.) A Company, 1st Bn., 6th Inf., was second.

Both men were promoted to E-5 upon graduation.

Other 198th men completing the course were: SP4

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VIETNAMESE HONOR MAJOR KERSHAW

QUANG NGAI—Major Theodore G. Kershaw Jr., executive officer of the 1st Bn., 6th Inf., recently received the Vietnamese Honor Medal, First Class at a ceremony here.

Brigadier General Nguyen Van Toan, 2nd ARVN Infantry Division commander, presented the award to Maj. Kershaw for his close work with the ARVN division.



ARTILLERY GIVES ADDED PUNCH

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officer and former forward observer. Another way artillery is sometimes used is to "recon by fire" suspected enemy ambush points.

According to Capt. Cliff M. Natvig (Decorah, Ia.) of the battalion's fire direction center, the 1/14 often fires up to 1,000 rounds per day in support of the 198th and other allied units in the area.

"I'm always safety conscious," said Sgt. Richard J. Frato (New York), a gun chief with the battalion's Delta Battery. "We take every precaution to see that we don't injure any friendly personnel."

The clearance from higher headquarters is another check designed to keep friendly personnel and innocent civilians from being injured. There are actually three levels of clearance—political, military, and air (to be sure no aircraft are in the danger area).

Once clearance is granted and the guns are set, a gunner pulls the lanyard and the round is off. If the fire needs to be adjusted, an observer calls in corrections to the fire base and the changes are quickly made, before another round is fired.

"It's kind of frustrating at times, not being able to see what you're shooting at," said Capt. George Alexander (Hartford, Conn.), whose Battery D accounted for 149 enemy kills in March.

"But as long as we know we are protecting the infantry," he said, "we're satisfied."

198TH MEN ARE TOP TWO IN LEADERSHIP
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Clifford M. Bridges, SP4 George H. Eckhardt both of the 5/46; SP4 John T. Dryman, SP4 Jessie M. Rendon, 1/52; PFC David O. Seiben, SP4 Elvie R. Weatherly, SP4 James L. Weathers, 1/6; SP4 Wayland W. Rupp, 1/46; and SP4 Pete A. Wnek III, H Troop, 17th Cavalry.

These men will return to their units to serve as squad leaders.

—MORTARS SILENCED

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Within minutes Charlie Company had called in mortar and artillery fire on the stormy hill. And the "Ready Rifles" were answering the enemy with their own rain of small arms and automatic weapons fire.

The fight was over in twenty minutes when the NVA broke contact.

Brigade troops then assaulted the enemy bastion with the ACAVs (Armored Cavalry Assault Vehicles) sweeping through the hedgerow from where the communist forces had directed their recoilless rifle attack earlier.

"We then ran into a wall of machinegun fire," said Charlie Company's 3rd Platoon leader, 1st Lt. Carl W. McDaniel (Mountain Park, Okla.). "We got right up against them when they started throwing grenades. It took three airstrikes to soften them up."

After the airstrikes the "Brave and Bold" continued their push still under fire, and soon silenced the enemy's menacing mortar fire.

Sgt. Jerry W. Collins (Jenkins, Ky.), a squad leader in the 3rd Platoon, led the attack, charging three separate spider holes and killing three enemy soldiers with his M-14 and handgrenades.

"He was wounded by one of the several grenades thrown at him," said Lt. McDaniel, "but it was Collins' effort that got us to the enemy's mortar tube and their ammunition."

Along with the 82mm mortar, the soldiers also captured a 60mm mortar tube they had taken fire from earlier, a Communist Chinese machinegun and an AK-47 rifle.

PLAN EARLY FOR R&R

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prior to the month you want to go. For example: if you want to take your R&R in August, you must see your company clerk about it before the 5th of July.

A second R&R is authorized for men who extend for 90 days or more. If you extend without having gone on R&R during the normal tour, you can get in two R&Rs, but not consecutively. (Your company clerk has more information about this.) This means you can't take them in conjunction as a 10- or 14-day R&R.

You also may not take an R&R and leave in conjunction.

If you are given an R&R quota by your company and then infused, reassigned or attached to another unit before you take the R&R, you don't have to make your request all over again. You may use the quota from your original unit.

The important thing to remember is to plan ahead — at least two months ahead. Only this way are you assured of getting R&R in the month you want.