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NEW HWY 1 BRIDGE OPENS AT BINH SON

BINH SON--The flow of vehicular transportation through the 198th Brigade area got an important boost recently when a newly constructed concrete and steel bridge spanning the Tra Bong River was opened to traffic at Binh Son, six miles south of LZ Bayonet.

The new permanent structure replaces a temporary pontoon bridge installed by U.S. Army engineers after Viet Cong had destroyed an older concrete span which carried Highway 1 south across the river into the district headquarters city of Binh Son.

In ceremonies held at mid-bridge, Maj. Gen. Lloyd B. Ramsey, Americal Division commander, and Brig. Gen. Nguyen Van Toan, commander of the 2nd ARVN Division, simultaneously cut a broad yellow ribbon to officially open the new Chau O Bridge.

Gen. Ramsey, Gen. Toan and Rear Admiral John R. Dillon, commanding officer of the 3rd Naval Construction Brigade, all spoke briefly, praising the work of the Navy's Mobile Construction Battalion (MCB) 58 in building the structure.

As a symbol of the Vietnamese people's appreciation, a young secretary at the District Headquarters present-

5/46 ADOPTS VIETNAMESE ORPHANAGE

BINH SON--The "Professionals" of the 5th Inf., 46th Inf. have unofficially adopted 44 Vietnamese orphans at the Binh Son Orphanage here and have begun to receive contributions for the children.

"All of the children eat sleep and attend school on the orphanage's grounds," said Battalion Commander, LTC Julian F. Wagner (Columbus, Ga.).

The battalion has initiated a drive for donations to aid the young orphans, two to 14 years of age.

"This is but a small way of helping some little children who were caught in the war," he said.

Presently the orphanage is working on construction of a new building.



DISPLAY IT PROUDLY!

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LZ BAYONET--The wind smashes against your face as the Huey helicopter zooms along at low altitude, nudging the 80-knot mark on the speedometer.

Suddenly the doorgunner taps you on the shoulder:

"How about taking a quick picture?" he shouts over the noisy wind and rotors, handing you his 35mm camera. "I want to send it home."

"Ok. Give me a smile," you yell, and snap the shutter.

As the helicopter begins to move out across the coastal beaches of the South China Sea, the doorgunner has both his weapon and camera within easy reach.

And he is not the only avid shutterbug in the Americal Division.

It might be a \$12 instamatic or a \$200-plus camera; nevertheless, they are in evidence almost everywhere you go. In the field many 198th Brigade soldiers "hump the hills" with a familiar camera bulge in their rucksacks. Truck drivers shoot from trucks, pilots from planes, cavalrymen from their tracks and doorgunners while leaning over their M-60 machineguns.

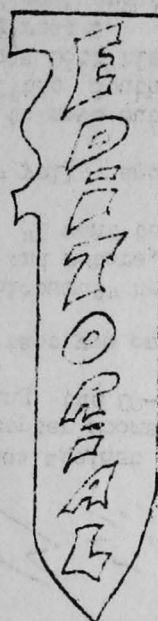
"There's another shooting contest going on here," said PFC Arthur R. Noel Jr (Lynchburg, Va.), a former combat photographer and now operator of a Special Services Photo Lab at this basecamp of the 198th Brigade. "Everyone wants to take pictures."

PROMOTION RULE CHANGED

WASHINGTON--A change in enlisted promotion procedures cuts the waiting time between reevaluations for promotion list status.

Formerly men already on a promotion list but not promoted had to wait a year before requesting a reevaluation to attempt to raise their standings. The new change shortens the waiting period to six months.

Individuals are advised, however, that in requesting reevaluation they subject themselves to the total processing procedure. Complete details are in AR 600 - 200, and specific information can be found in paragraphs 7-37 and 7-38e. (AIF)



DRIVING SAFETY

WITH A STEADY GROWTH IN THE AMOUNT OF SECURE TERRITORY IN THE I CORPS AREA, NEW ROADS ARE CONSTANTLY BEING OPENED UP AND MORE EXTENSIVE USE IS BEING MADE OF EXISTING ROADS. THE INCREASED VEHICULAR TRAFFIC BRINGS WITH IT AN INCREASED RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERSONNEL OPERATING MILITARY VEHICLES.

EVERY MONTH THERE ARE FROM FIVE TO TEN SERIOUS ACCIDENTS BETWEEN LZ DOTTIE AND HILL 54, ON HIGHWAY ONE. THE BRIGADE PROVOST MARSHAL, CAPT. JAMES S. KOERNER JR. (GREEN BAY, WIS.), CITED INATTENTIVE DRIVING AND SPEEDING AS THE MAJOR CAUSES FOR THESE INCIDENTS.

"USUALLY THE ACCIDENT INVOLVES A MILITARY VEHICLE AND A PEDESTRIAN OR A CIVILIAN VEHICLE," SAID CAPT. KOERNER. "IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT DRIVERS OBEY THE SPEED LIMITS AND MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THEIR VEHICLES WHEN PASSING THROUGH CROWDED VILLAGES WHERE CATTLE, CHILDREN, SLOW-MOVING BIKES AND TAXIS POSE A SERIOUS PROBLEM."

EVERY YEAR, TWO OR MORE AMERICANS ARE KILLED AND NUMEROUS OTHERS LOSE ARMS OR LEGS AS THE RESULT OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN THE BRIGADE AREA.

REMEMBER WHEN YOU ARE DRIVING YOU ARE JUST AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE RIDING AS YOU ARE FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY.

OBEY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, BE ALERT AND DRIVE DEFENSIVELY. JEEPS CAN KILL.

WHICH RIBBON GOES WHERE?

Many young soldiers getting ready to go on R&R or DEROS would like to wear their ribbons and badges, but are not sure of what they are authorized, nor in what arrangement they should wear them.

The key to the proper order is that they are to be worn in order of precedence (not by dates received), starting at the upper left as you look at them. In other words, they are arranged so that the viewer can "read" their order of importance the same way he would read a printed page--left to right, beginning at the top and working down.

There are some medals that you have been awarded that you might not have been issued, or even officially advised that you're authorized to wear. By being on active duty, you have been awarded the National Defense Service Medal; if you're PCS to Vietnam (serving a one-year tour), or have spent 30 consecutive

or 60 non-consecutive days here on TDY, you're authorized the Vietnam Service Medal; and if you've been in Vietnam for six months (or have been awarded the Purple Heart here), you are entitled to wear the RVN Campaign Medal.

Ribbons are worn either three or four to a row (at your option).

Beginning at the viewer's upper left, ribbons should be worn in this decreasing order of precedence:

Medal of Honor; Silver Star; Legion of Merit; Distinguished Flying Cross; Bronze Star Medal (a valor award of this is higher than one for meritorious service or achievement); Air Medal; Army Commendation Medal (as with the Bronze Star, an award for valor takes precedence); Purple Heart; Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; foreign decora-

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UNCLE MESS GETS 2 HOT MEALS A DAY TO 'PROFESSIONALS' IN FIELD

By SFC Herb Nesmith
198th Brigade PIO

LZ GATOR--A mess hall that doesn't serve food?

The 198th Brigade has one. And because of it, Americal Division soldiers of the 5th Inf., 46th Inf. eat two hot meals a day while in the field.

Whirring helicopters lift off from the resupply helipad here twice daily to rush hot chow to the battalion's units in the field. A few minutes later, the choppers swoosh in to the scattered elements' locations, bringing men food as well prepared as that back at basecamp.

The brigade food service advisor, CW2 William H.B. Miller, attributes the food service to a "flexible battalion mess system" and a resupply mess, the sole duty of which is to serve the men away from the battalion headquarters.

In a kitchen at LZ Gator the food, which is comparable to that served at the regular mess 100 meters away, is prepared, put in insulated containers to keep it hot and then placed on a helicopter which carries it wherever elements of the "Professionals" are operating.

When a unit is on the move and unable to carry the food containers with them hot meals are not practical. In such cases sandwiches and the traditional "C-rations" are still used with the emphasis on hot meals whenever possible.

The operation requires flexibility and planning. Each day supply men from the companies' rear areas notify the resupply mess cooks as to what kind of meals--hot, sandwich, or C-ration--the company commanders think would be best for the men in the field.

In addition to battalion troops in the field, the resupply mess also provides 250 meals to Marine Combined Action Platoon team members in the area.

The project requires close coordination with the battalion's regular mess hall, explained SFC Long.

WOMAN, BIKE TAKE A DIVE

BINH SON--A near-serious accident occurred here shortly after ceremonies opening a new bridge over the Tra Bong river. As traffic continued to use

a temporary pontoon span while a small grandstand used in the ceremonies was being removed from the new larger structure a Vietnamese woman riding a motorbike was brushed by a Lambretta and knocked off the pontoon bridge into the river.

A second Vietnamese woman grabbed her when she came up to the surface, and a U.S. bridge guard and a "Bayonet" reporter helped the unhurt woman from the water.

Pvt. Lawrence G. Carruthers (Medford, Ore.), a bridge guard from Co. E of the 26th Engr. Bn., and a young Vietnamese man clad in a bathing suit dived into the river and brought up the motor bike.

HHC CAPTURES MESS CONTEST

LZ BAYONET--For the second consecutive month, the HHC 198th Brigade Mess has captured the Brigade's "Best Mess of the Month" award with 92½ percent.

The 1/6th finished second in the July competition with 92 percent. Both of the top two scores were considerable higher than last month's contest.

The 5/46th was third with 85½ percent while 1/52nd placed fourth with 83½.

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TAKE TIME FOR TRANSITION

TIME PASSES QUICKLY. YOUR PRESENT TOUR OF MILITARY SERVICE MAY BE ENDING SOON. AND YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY DETERMINED THE FUTURE CAREER PATH YOU INTEND TO FOLLOW. THIS CHOICE IS YOURS ALONE AND CAN BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS YOU MAKE. YOU MAY REENLIST AND THAT IS FINE BECAUSE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MILITARY HAVE NEVER BEEN GREATER. BUT IF YOU DON'T REENLIST A GRATEFUL NATION WANTS TO HELP YOU--REGARDLESS OF YOUR CAREER CHOICE. THE TRANSITION PROGRAM IS ONE WAY OF HELPING.

If you will have at least six months left in the Army when you return to the United States, that time can be put to good use.

Already some 300,000 servicemen have found that time very helpful since the Department of Defense began the TRANSITION program in January 1968. They took the time to prepare for their future.

You, too, are eligible for TRANSITION during your last six months of service in CONUS.

The program is open to all enlisted men, whether they are first-termers nearing ETS or men approaching retirement.

At present in the Army, TRANSITION is available only at installations in the United States, and the types of training vary from post to post.

You must volunteer for the program and be willing to put in extra effort in order to participate, if required, because your military duties still come first.

What TRANSITION provides you is:

- A chance to talk with a guidance counselor who can give you information on your college potential, in-service training and educational opportunities, job requirements, and similar subjects.

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- Skill training or skill upgrading as available at the particular post.

- Help in getting a high school diploma.

- Information on job openings and salaries around the nation.

- Aid in preparing job application and resumes.

All TRANSITION offices work closely with local, state, and federal agencies to find jobs for trained men and women.

Where training opportunities are limited, TRANSITION gives priority to: the disabled; those with less than a high school education; combat personnel who have no civilian-related skills.

When you have six months or less of active service remaining at a Stateside installation, you will be given a Career Plans Questionnaire, which you should fill out as completely and accurately as possible.

Should you not be contacted, immediately call or visit your TRANSITION office, which is usually located at the post Education Center.

AWARDS & DECORATIONS

Bronze Stars (V)

1/52 Inf: Capt. A. L. Jamieson Hall;
SP4 Herbert L. Messer

Bronze Stars (M)

5/46 Inf: 1st Lt. Thomas B. Donnelly;
SFC Charles F. Groff Jr.; SP5 Robert A. Peterson; SP4 Kenneth L. Collins; SP4 Walter P. Ford; SP4 Leonard W. Frye; SP4 Jimmy R. Goins; SP4 Tim D. Hess

1/52 Inf: SP4 William T. Young Jr.

MMC 198th: Maj. Kenneth S. Mink (1st OLC); Capt. Ruben D. Quinones; SFC James R. Martin; SSgt. Andrew J. Edmondson

1/14 Arty: SFC Jerry McGreight; Sgt. Jack R. Carpenter

B/26 Engr: PSG Edward Robinson; SSgt. Elijah Brock; SP5 Thomas Diggeo

ARMY COMMEMORATION MEDALS (V)

1/52 Inf: Sgt. Hans G. Deutschman
SP4 Robert W. Green

ARMY COMMEMORATION MEDALS (M)

5/46 Inf (all 1st OLC): SP4 Barney D. Biscamp; SP4 David W. Bloom; SP4 Robert Castillo; SP4 Hector Rodriguez; SP4 Ray Tullos

1/14 Arty: SP5 Michael A. Yates

B/26 Engr: 1st Lt. Richard S. Arvai
SP4 Michael E. Benda; SP4 Glen A. Gursel

PROMOTIONS

To 1SGT.

1/6 Inf: Winston A. Carbonneau
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UNIQUE MESS

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If a unit suddenly departs, the resupply mess hall quickly picks up the food that had been waiting for the men at the regular mess hall and rushes it to the helipad.

If an element returns unexpectedly, their rations which had been at the resupply mess are taken to the regular mess and served to the men there.

"It's a good system," says SFC Long. "By having separate messes and us handling only resupply meals, we have more time to prepare the food and make better tasting meals."

WHICH RIBBONS?

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tions.

The RVN Campaign Medal (an award from the Vietnamese Government) is always the last ribbon on the bottom right.

If you have any decorations other than these, see your S-1 awards clerk to determine their positions.

Campaign stars may be worn on the RVN Campaign Medal, with one star for each campaign. These are the inclusive dates of campaign designations:

Mar. 15, 1962 - Mar. 7, 1965; Mar. 8 - Dec. 24, 1965; Dec. 25, 1965 - June 30, 1966; July 1, 1966 - May 31, 1967; June 1, 1967 - Jan. 29, 1968; Jan. 30 - Apr. 1, 1968; Apr. 2 - June 30, 1968; July 1 - Nov. 1, 1968. The termination date of the present campaign, begun Nov. 2, 1968, has not yet been determined and announced.

The Combat Infantryman Badge and Combat Medic Badge are worn centered above all ribbons. The Parachutist Badge (jump wings) is worn on the pocket flap, below the ribbons.

If your ribbons are such that you cannot fill a row completely, the one (or two) highest should be centered (and worn above the other rows, if you have one or more rows).

Complete details on the wearing of ribbons and badges can be found in AR 672-5-1.

CONGRESS: DEP. FLAG OK

WASHINGTON — A service flag and lapel button denoting active duty in the U.S. armed forces have been authorized by Congress for display by mem-

bers of a serviceman's immediate family.

The flag, one foot wide by 1.9 feet long, has a white rectangular field bordered by red. A blue star for each family service member is affixed to

the white field.

The service lapel button consists of a blue star on a white rectangle within a red border.

For additional information, see your personnel officer. (AFPS

THE ELEMENTS OF THE WORLD
BY FFC A.R. NOEL JR.

Most amateur photographers use their flash attachments far too sparingly. For the most part, they use it only indoors or at night, forgetting that the flash attachment can be a valuable aid in making your photographs come to life during daytime shooting.

The technique is called "flash fill-in." Basically it is using the artificial light from a flash to counter-balance shadows and light up dark areas in your picture. With a flash you can put spark in variety of naturally backlighted pictures and turn an otherwise dull photograph into one with new vitality.

Another advantage is that you can put your subject facing away from the sun (backlighting the subject) and eliminate unwanted squinting.

The guide number for using "flash fill-in" must be worked out by the photographer. This is done by taking the recommended guide number to your flash bulbs as a start. Then make a five frame exposure strip with 2 stops less exposure and 2 stops more exposure. The best resulting point will then give you a basis to determine the best guide number for your camera/flashbulb combination. Keep in mind that when using the flash, placing it on a stand and using a long flash extension cord allows you to move about, changing camera angle without changing either flash-to-camera distance or the exposure (which is determined by how far the light from your flash must travel).

Then you are ready to shoot with controlled and respectable results. If your existing light reads an exposure of 1/125th of a second at f/11 then you can determine the distance your flash must be placed from your subject to exactly balance the existing light. For instance, your existing light reads 1/125th at f/11. By dividing f/11 in the appropriate guide number you get the correct number of feet to place your flash. If you either move your flash closer or further away to either overpower or underpower your existing light. Electronic flash on a camera with a focal plane shutter (as most SLRs have) must be used at 1/60th of a second. If this is the case, you would change your camera setting to 1/60th of a second at f/11 which is equal to that previous 1/125th at f/11 setting.



NEW BRIDGE OPENS

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ed a bouquet of flowers to Commander C. J. Matthews, commanding officer of MCB 58. "This bouquet of flowers represents all the feeling between MCB 58 and the population of Binh Son district. On this occasion of the opening of the Chau O Bridge, we wish to relate all of our appreciation," said a Binh Son town councilman.

Although not directly involved in the construction, the 198th Brigade furnished security fencing material for the defensive perimeter of the new bridge, and will also supply the poles on which security lights will be placed, according to Maj. Frederick J. Lynn, brigade civil affairs officer.

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To SSgt.

1/6 Inf: John W. Hedek; Joe C. Taylor
B/26 Engr: Robert H. Ragg

To Sgt.

1/6 Inf: Teddy I. Corpenning; Frank O. Ehrmantraut; Edward Gully; David A. Keefe; Allan D. Koyon; Laurence J. Lennon; David T. Lyons; Charles G. Malson; Donald R. Peterson; Jerome W. Rathmanner; Thomas J. Rizzo; Loy D. Roper; William L. Sharp; Morris Thomas; Elvie R. Weatherly; Barry L. Wright
5/46 Inf: Tim D. Ness
1/52 Inf: Donald D. Beals Jr.

To SP5

1/6 Inf: Jefferson D. Baker; Gregory E. Chynoweth; Curtis Finley; John B. Watson

To SP4

HHC 198th: Peter C. Beer; Emil E. Benth Jr.; Daniel B. Grochola; Thomas A. Hammon; Larry C. Hill; James E. Papp; John R. St. Croix

B/26 Engr: Cushman P. Abild; Gary O. Annis; Hilarion M. Casillas Jr.; Bobby R. Davis; Robert E. Dyas; Robert H. Finch; Larry P. Fisher; David W. Kauff; Edwin E. Rivera; William E. Rose; Patrick M. Shanahan; Don P. Sullivan; Victor M. Vazquez

RECALLISTMENTS

1/6 Inf: PFC Joseph Elie; PFC James T. Flanagan; PFC Gary L. Martin; PFC William J. Morris; PFC Gary L. Rosso; PFC Dennis F. Smith

5/46 Inf: SFC James L. Jones; PFC Gregory L. Arent

1/52 Inf: SP4 Jack K. Napier II; PFC Orvel L. Bailey; PFC Albert Brown Jr.; PFC Perry L. Dorsey; PFC Daniel L. Ellison; PFC George M. Guerrette; PFC William P. Hass; PFC Joseph B. Mafnas; PFC Charles W. Mann; PFC Paul E. Mitchell; PFC Danny L. Pipkin; PFC Gerald D. Roach; PFC William W. Rogers; PFC Wayne A. Smith

H/17 Cav: 1st Sgt. Donald Stoddard.

35MM AMMUNITION

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"The picture possibilities in Vietnam are endless," Noel continued. "The many varieties of terrain--you can have mountains, rivers, hamlets, rice fields--in all settings for hundreds of different and interesting photographs."

Not only the terrain, but also one's friends and fellow soldiers are often the most remembered photographs.

"I take pictures so that I can more easily remember Vietnam and the people met here," explained Capt. Roger V. Browne (Philadelphia), brigade surgeon for the 198th. "I send the pictures home and it lets my wife know better what I'm doing and what it's like over here."

The brigade doctor has taken more than 700 color slides and has another month to go in South Vietnam.

Whether the photographer is the greenest amateur or a professional, Vietnam has become a haven for his camera work. In part the relatively cheap price of quality cameras here along with the lower prices of film in local post exchanges has added to the shutterbug fever.

"When we get film in--especially color print film--it's never in the store more than a week," said SP4 Ross Carlson (Chicago), manager of the branch post exchange at LZ Bayonet.

Carlson explained that cameras go just as fast. Recently a shipment of 30 instant cameras were sold within a week and 10 cameras costing more than \$30 each went in less than three days.

There is a story passed around the 198th Brigade that a hardened infantryman for the 1st Bn., 52nd Inf. once was seen in the midst of a heavy firefight shooting both his rifle and camera at the same time.

Perhaps this is the extreme. Nevertheless, it has been shown that the story of combat in the 198th Brigade is being recorded not only in diaries but on film as well.