

# 1/52 DOUBLE-BACK DOUBLE-CROSSES NVA

By PFC Bill Eftink  
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LZ STINSON—A backtracking maneuver by 1st Bn., 52nd Inf. soldiers resulted in three NVA killed and an SKS carbine and numerous Chinese Communist hand grenades captured.

The enemy was apparently caught off guard when 38 men of Delta Co. made an

early morning air assault on an area suspected of harboring NVA encampments.

In their first sweep through the area the element found several trenches and well camouflaged spider holes, but no enemy soldiers.

Unsatisfied with the results of the first sweep, SGT Roy L. Seay (Collinston, La.) took two members of his squad and re-

turned to the trench complex. Then, spaced within shouting distance of each other, the men began a quiet, systematic search of the trenches.

"We had just moved a short way into the area when I saw someone running down one of the trenches," said PFC Donald Johnson (Jackson, N.H.).

"I shouted 'Dung Lai!' (Stop!) but he just kept on going. I was afraid to open fire on him for fear of hitting one of my own men, so I shouted to the sergeant that he was headed his way."

As soon as the fleeing NVA saw SGT Seay blocking his escape route he ducked into a nearby spider hole.

"As I got near the spider hole I saw a grenade tumbling out toward me," Seay said. "I dove behind a log and threw one of my grenades back, and waited a few seconds. When I started to raise up to throw another, I was met with the 'crack' of small arms fire."

After waiting for his  
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## 101<sup>st</sup> REPLACES MARINES ON DMZ

SAIGON—Army troops of the 101st Abn. Div. have been redeployed along the DMZ to help fill the gap left by departing 3rd Marine Div. elements, a U.S. military spokesman announced here.

The airborne troopers are patrolling above the craggy Rockpile outpost, along the western two-thirds of the 40-mile-long DMZ, according to an AP report in the Stars and Stripes.

The Marine division's 3rd Regt. is returning to Okinawa and the U.S. as part of the second American troop withdrawal from Vietnam.

Official sources say that while the defense of the frontier in northern I Corps will primarily be the job of the 20,000-man ARVN 1st Inf. Div., the 101st will run reconnaissance patrols along the DMZ and the Laotian border.

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## 5/46 Men Win Awards

LZ GATOR—CPT Ben L. Anderson Jr. (Torrington, Wyo.) of the 5th Bn., 46th Inf. was presented the Silver Star in a combined awards ceremony here early this week. Two Bronze Stars for valor, one 198th Bde. and two 5/46 Bn. awards were also presented by COL Jere O. Whittington, commander of the 198th Bde., during the ceremony.

Anderson, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate, was honored for his gallantry in action on Feb. 23 while commanding Alpha Co. of the 5/46.

The company was conducting a search and clear operation in an area known to be infested with NVA forces when a report was received that a group of 50 enemy had been spotted moving through a small gorge. Alpha Co. maneuvered to the opening of the gorge to engage the NVA, but Anderson didn't like the looks of the area—thick vegetation offered the communists an ideal spot to ambush and cause heavy casualties to the company.

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EDITORIAL

# The Right to Vote

BACK IN 1789 AND AGAIN IN 1792 THE FEDERALIST PARTY PUT UP A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT. HE WAS GEORGE WASHINGTON, AND HE HAD NO OPPOSITION IN EITHER ELECTION.

THE FIGURES FOR THE POPULAR VOTE IN THOSE DAYS ARE UNKNOWN, BUT THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE GAVE WASHINGTON 69 AND 132 VOTES.

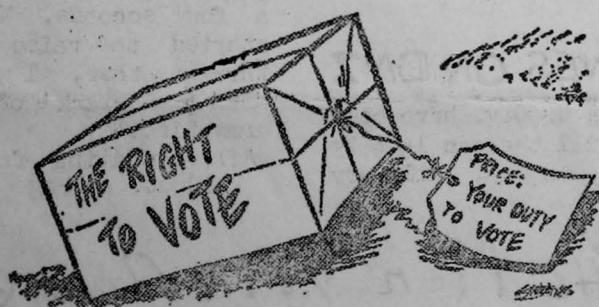
THE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN WHICH THERE WAS OPPOSITION WAS IN 1796, WHEN JOHN ADAMS, A FEDERALIST, DEFEATED THOMAS JEFFERSON, A DEMOCRAT REPUBLICAN, 71-68.

IT WASN'T UNTIL 1824 THAT A POPULAR VOTE RECORD WAS KEPT. THE COUNT WAS 105,000 FOR JOHN QUINCY ADAMS AND 155,000 FOR ANDREW JACKSON. (BUT NEITHER CANDIDATE RECEIVED A MAJORITY, AND ADAMS WAS ELECTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.)

IN 1968, MORE THAN 72 MILLION POPULAR VOTES WERE COUNTED.

VOTING INTEREST HAS BROADENED. SOME PERSONS MAIL HOME BALLOTS FROM HALF-WAY AROUND THE WORLD (E.G., VIETNAM).

SEVERAL STATES ARE HOLDING OFF-YEAR ELECTIONS THIS FALL. THE WELL-BEING OF THE CITIZENS IN THOSE STATES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY EVERY VOTER, WHETHER HE BE AT HOME OR OVERSEAS.



IF YOU'LL BE HOME IN TIME TO VOTE THIS YEAR BE SURE YOU REGISTER IN TIME, AND MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT; IF NOT, CHECK WITH YOUR UNIT VOTING OFFICER NOW ABOUT CASTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP MAKES VOTING AN OBLIGATION. IT IS ALSO A PRIVILEGE, AND THAT WORD "PRIVILEGE" SHOULD BE GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION--THAT PRIVILEGE CAN BE LOST UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS (INCLUDING A DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMY AND CERTAIN COURT CONVICTIONS).

ALSO, THAT PRIVILEGE IS SOMETHING THAT MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD ARE DENIED; THEY DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR THEIR LEADERS. AND MANY OTHERS HAVE THE RIGHT, BUT ARE NOT GIVEN HONEST ELECTIONS.

AMERICANS DO HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN HONEST ELECTIONS, AND THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED ONE OF OUR MOST PRECIOUS RIGHTS. SO DON'T PUT ASIDE YOUR VOTE--ABSENTEE OR IN PERSON--WHEN THE NEXT ELECTION COMES UP. (AFPS/198TH PIO)

## CHRISTMAS MAIL DEADLINE NEARS

LZ BAYONET — 198th Pde. postal authorities have announced Christmas mailing deadlines, listing the last possible dates by which packages and letters must be mailed to insure their delivery by Christmas Day.

Ordinary Surface Mail to the Continental U.S. (and Hawaii) must be on the way by Nov. 15; packages sent by Parcel Airlift (PAL) and letters via Space Available Mail (SAM) to the U.S. should go by Dec. 10; SAM packages must be sent by Dec. 4; and regular Air Mail should be on its way by Dec. 10.

PAL postage is \$1 more than the surface rate, but goes by air (it has next priority after air mail). SAM rates are also lower than air mail, and go by air when space becomes available; delivery should take no more than a week longer than air mail to the U.S.

Dates for overseas addresses are for Surface Mail to Japan and Okinawa Nov. 12, to Korea Nov. 1, and Thailand and Vietnam Nov. 15. PAL packages and SAM letters going to APOs in the Pacific area must be in the mail by Dec. 12 and those for New York APOs have a Dec. 5 deadline. SAM package dates are Dec. 6 for the Pacific and Dec. 1 for New York. Air Mail dates are Dec. 15 to San Francisco APOs and Dec. 15 to New York APO addresses.

"We suggest that the 'to' and 'from' addresses be printed on a piece of paper and placed inside the package, as well as marked on the outside of the package itself," said Bayonet APO NCOIC, SGT Leonard H. Blair (Los Angeles). "It would also help if a list of its contents were put inside the package. And don't forget to wrap and tie the package with strong cord."

# CO. ENGINEERS RETURN OF BUDDHA

By SFC Herb Nesmith  
198th Brigade PIO

SON TINH—A Buddhist temple in the Son Tinh District north of Quang Ngai is a little better today than it was before, thanks to an American Div. soldier with the 198th Bde.

A short while ago SP4 Juan M. Jimenez (Palm Springs, Calif.), a demolitions specialist with Bravo Co., 26th Engr. Bn., which supports the 198th, stepped into a deserted bunker on an NVA infiltration route 19 miles south of Chu Lai.

"I was checking to see how much explosives would be needed to destroy it," he said, "when I saw a 2½-foot statuette of Buddha. I thought it was probably of some religious value to the Vietnamese, so (PFC John F.) Huntsberger (Somerset, Ky.), the 'dozer' driver, and I carried it outside." The stone-and-cement statuette weighed about 100 pounds.

1LT Robert Mocarski (Holyoke, Mass.), leader of Bravo Co.'s 1st Plat., arrived then, finding not only a blown up bunker but also a serene Buddha perched on his

large D-7 bulldozer. Jimenez explained the situation, saying he thought the article should be taken back to basecamp. Mocarski agreed, and Huntsberger drove back toward the platoon's field location, the 24-ton bulldozer rumbling along with the Buddha as a passenger.

When the statuette was brought to "White Lion-Bravo" headquarters at LZ Bayonet the company commander, CPT Warren W. Sullivan (Fredericksburg, Va.) asked the brigade civil affairs section to coordinate with Vietnamese officials for its return to Buddhist religious leaders.

Knowing the great importance placed on articles such as this statuette, the 26th Engr. Bn. commander, LTC Donald R. Swygent (Ballentine, S.C.), flew by helicopter to Son Tinh to officially present the Buddha to authorities at the district headquarters.

From there the statuette was taken to a Buddhist temple in the district, which is now richer in spirit, thanks to the foresight and responsible actions of an American soldier.

## Dad: Come Fly With Me

By PFC Bill Eftink  
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LZ BAYONET — For a soldier in Vietnam, having a father who flies 'freedom birds' for a living has its advantages.

SP4 Terry Whitaker (Long Beach, Calif.) pointed this out recently when he told his buddies in H Troop, 17th Cav. that his father was arriving that afternoon at their base-

camp here for a two-day visit.

Continental Airlines pilot Capt. W. C. Whitaker, who had landed his Boeing 707 'freedom bird' at the Da Nang airport two days earlier, received a five-day vacation to visit his son in H Troop.

When his father arrived at the Chu Lai airport, Terry was given his CO's jeep to pick up Dad and (Cont. on Page 6)

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CHARMER—Tina Louise plays a barefoot charmer in "The Good Guys And The Bad Guys".

# A WORD BEFORE YOU DEROS

By 1LT Rob Kresge  
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You lean back in the seat of the Freedom Bird and sigh. You made it—a whole year and you're still safe and now you're going home to The World. Nobody's going to shoot at you anymore.

Right?

Maybe not.

You've heard, ever since you left the Combat Center, that the Americal is the largest division in Vietnam—the largest in the Army. So it stands to reason that we have more soldiers who come in daily contact with guns—who depend on them for survival—than any other division.

So what does all this mean to you? For the man who handles a loaded rifle every day for a year—does familiarity breed contempt?

It may. In 1967, there were 9,353 soldiers killed in Vietnam by all kinds of enemy weapons. Back in the States that year, 21,500 Americans were killed by firearms alone. This total includes murders, suicides and accidental deaths.

Over 7,700 citizens were murdered by guns while some 11,000 people used them to commit suicide. You may say that the only way to curb these totals is through firearms legislation. You'd be right, but that's a matter for each voter's conscience.

But what about that third total—the 2,800 Americans who accidentally killed themselves or were shot by someone else in 1967? Can you do something about that?

Yes, you can. If you own a gun, store it and the ammunition separately and lock them up. If you clean your gun, check it to be sure it is empty. Don't play with it when you clean it and if you must leave it for a few minutes, lock it up again.

If you go hunting or target shooting, follow the common sense safety tips published by the National Rifle Association and similar organizations. If you think you're already careful enough, what about your family? Many of the 2,800 victims of 1967 were women and children.

## BAYONET ESSAY

By following these tips and the ones you've had drummed into you over here and by using a little common sense, you may help bring that 2,800 figure down. And maybe, by setting an example of responsible firearms ownership, you may help curb the other two.

If you're wondering where the 1968 figures are, the FBI and Justice Department are still totalling them. If you think the figures will go down by themselves, without your help—you can forget it. The gun murder rate for 1968 (just in) was 8,900 persons, an increase of almost 16 per cent.

And if you still need another reason to convince you that you need to be more careful with a gun at home than you were here, just remember that an accidental shot in CONUS can't hit a VC or NVA.

It can only hit an American.

## Russell Beach Revisited

BATANGAN PENINSULA (AP)—Two battalions of U.S. Marines stormed ashore here ....



"NEVER MIND THE ENEMY--- JUST WATCH OUT FOR THOSE CRABS!!"

### NVA DOUBLE-CROSSED

(Cont. from Page 1) men to make their way over to the spider hole, Seay tried to convince the trapped enemy to surrender.

"Every time we'd try to talk to him all we'd receive for an answer was a stubborn burst of fire," said Seay. "He wouldn't come out, so we finally had to toss a few grenades in on him."

After the enemy fire was silenced a search of the spider hole disclosed not one but three enemy bodies, along with the SKS carbine and several hand grenades.

# THE WORLD IS MY LENS BY SP4 ART NOEL

Listed below this week are a few general guidelines in photography. If you are a beginner, these rules may be of immediate help. If you're more advanced, remember that in photography rules are made to be broken. For both more picture ideas and creative results, try breaking some of these rules:

1--Don't use a wide-angle lens for portraiture--this type of lens causes undesirable foreshortening and distortion.

2--Don't shoot color transparencies earlier than 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours after sunrise or 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours before sunset--the light will be much redder than that for which the film is balanced.

3--Don't shoot pictures unless the sun is at your back or coming over your left shoulder.

4--Don't shoot action at slow speeds if you want sharp pictures.

5--Don't use black and white filters for color shots--the colors resulting will not be the same as the actual colors of the scene.

6--Never compose your picture so that it has two centers of interest of equal size or importance, so that it has the horizon in the middle of the shot, or has an object running out of the picture.

7--Don't shoot outdoor color film indoors (or vice versa)--the film isn't balanced for that type of light and will cause a reddish (or bluish) cast.

8--Don't smear petroleum jelly or anything greasy on your filters--it will cause your picture to appear to be out of focus.

9--Avoid accidentally double-exposing your shots.

10--When shooting pictures of buildings, interiors, etc., use a view camera to get parallel sides and lines--non-parallel lines are a form of distortion.

These are just a few of the many guidelines for good photographs. You can come up with several different guides of your own by experimenting with creative rule-breaking.

Remember, you only know half of a rule until you break it and discover the other half, learning why the rule exists in the first place.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ACROSS

- 1-Imitated
- 5-Prepare for print
- 9-Greek letter
- 12-Girl's name
- 13-Opera by Verdi
- 14-Decay
- 15-Behold!
- 16-Portion of medicine
- 18-Employ
- 20-Hebrew letter
- 22-Seines
- 24-Reverberation
- 27-Rant
- 29-Conduct
- 31-A state (abbr.)
- 32-Spy
- 34-Periods of time
- 36-Note of scale
- 37-Higher
- 39-Paid back
- 41-Preposition
- 42-Landed
- 44-Feeling
- 45-Unusual
- 47-Barracuda
- 49-Covers
- 50-Metal fastener
- 52-Scorch
- 54-Exclamation
- 55-Insect egg
- 57-Stumble
- 59-Latin conjunction
- 61-Mature
- 63-Part of stove
- 65-Lease
- 67-Conducted
- 68-Sailors (colloq.)
- 69-Mental image

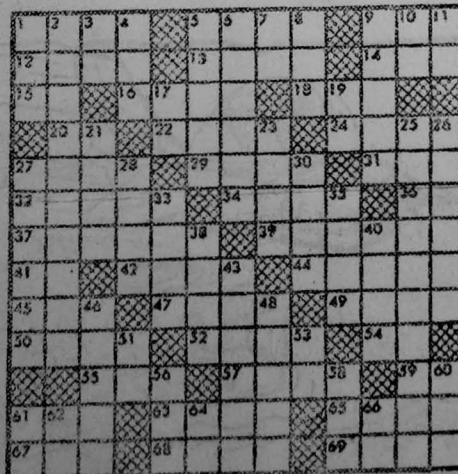
### DOWN

- 1-Be ill
- 2-Spreading of information
- 3-Printer's measure
- 4-Parent (colloq.)

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

GAP	PAINT	LAIR
AGC	ELDER	IRA
PRESENT	PAINTED	SET
SET	MAPLE	
GREEN	PALE	IRAN
FAS	HOT	PASTS
ED	PIT	PICTURE
HINING	WAND	HAM
GOOT	GOOK	HANS
STALON	BAR	
DAY	SEASIDE	ZIP

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## MILITARY THEATER COMES TO RVN

LONG BINH--Armed Forces Theatre Vietnam, the first military touring theater formed in RVN, has announced plans for its initial production--"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"--together with a slate of plays to follow.

Headed by Stephen Pekart professional director and newly assigned entertainment manager at Long Binh Post, Armed Forces Theater Vietnam will present the first production of "Charlie Brown" outside the U.S. The show is now in the process of casting here and in Saigon.

Plans call for a three-week rehearsal here, a week playing the Hq USARV area, and a month touring the show throughout the country.

Members of the military can arrange for auditions for this and subsequent productions by contacting Pekart at the Long Binh Post Special Services Office, APO 96491, telephone 925-4950/6348. However, your unit must agree to release you for a 60-day TDY.

# "COME FLY WITH ME"

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show him around the basecamp.

"The whole thing really worked out well," Terry explained as he sat with his father and other members of his platoon. "Our entire troop just returned to the LZ yesterday, so Dad has plenty of time to see my track and meet the rest of the guys."

It wasn't long until the older Whitaker had met most of H/17's 2nd Plat., and the conversation turned to airplanes, armored personnel carriers (APCs) and war stories. Not to be outdone by the troopers, the ex-World War II bomber pilot recalled a time when the formation he was flying in was attacked by German fighter planes.

"Suddenly I heard a loud popping noise in the cockpit. When I looked up I saw my co-pilot with his window open blazing away at the fighters with his .45!"

After the war Capt. Whitaker became a civilian pilot and logged over 4,000 hours of flight time in DC-3 passenger planes. This is the civilian version of the AC-47's now used as 'Spooky' gunships, Whitaker explained.

For the last five years he has been flying an average of two trips monthly to Vietnam in the giant 707 jets.

"It's always a thrill to take a load of men home," he said. "As strange as it may sound, the men coming over seem to be a lot louder and more excited, until we start to land. That's when everything becomes hushed. On the way back to the world it's just the opposite. The men are usually quiet or sleeping until we touch down at Washington or California, and then all kinds of hell breaks loose."

Both father and son are hoping that they will be able to make Terry's return trip home together five months from now. The 21-year-old Whitaker says, "I'd like to be able to fly home with Dad; but as soon as they tell me I can go, if his plane is not the first one available that's just too bad."



## 5/46 Men Win Awards

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He led two of his men up the side of the gorge, thinking that from the top he could better observe the situation and control the movement of the company. On reaching the top, however, they spotted three NVA hiding in the brush. Anderson assaulted them, killing all three with hand grenades, and receiving a wound in the right thigh. Nonetheless, he continued to direct Alpha Co.'s movements. Shortly afterward he and his two men began to move back down into the gorge, but on the way down saw two more communists. Anderson opened fire with his M-16 and killed both NVA, bringing his total for the day to five. The enemy then apparently fled the area, and Alpha cleared the gorge with no further casualties.

During the same ceremony Bronze Stars for valor were presented to PFC Everett M. Rowles (Greighton, Pa.), a medic with HHC, and PFC Robert L. Zimmerman (Houston) of Charlie Co.

The Brigade Reenlistment Award for the month of September went to the 5/46 as SFC Charles H. Gallagher (Springfield, Ohio), Bn. Reenlistment NCO, posted the high mark in the brigade of 250 per cent.

The Battalion Safety Award for September was won by Echo Co., commanded by CPT Billy R. Church (Columbia, Tenn.).

The Driver of the Month was SP4 Corwin M. Cook (St. Louis) of HHC, whose efforts got him both the title and a three-day in-country R&R.

All awards were presented by the brigade commander.

