

1/6 STOPS THE PRESSES

LZ BAYONET--Bravo Co. soldiers of the 1st Bn., 6th Inf. halted the press and closed down a Communist propaganda office hidden in thick undergrowth six miles south of Tam Ky.

Leaflets discovered in the area headquarters for propaganda indicated heavy use by the enemy of U.S. war dissent in its PSYOPS efforts.

The Communist propaganda plant, with "offices" in two hooches and a tunnel complex, used a crude printing process. A rubber roller was inked and rolled across a "plate" which had lettering cut into it. When a sheet of blank paper

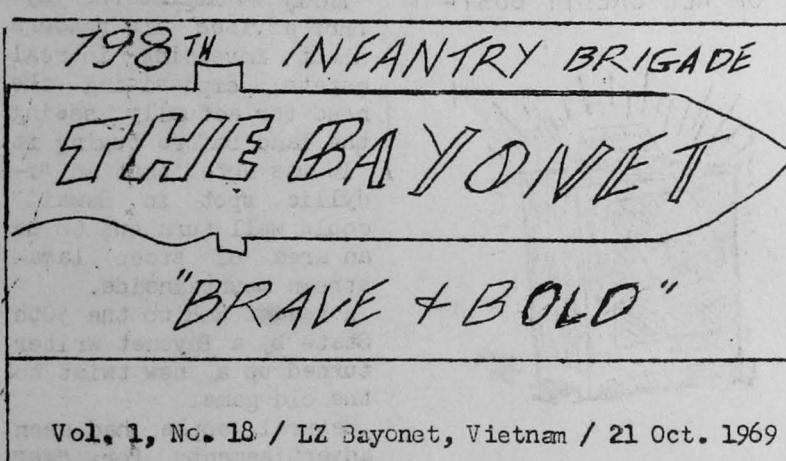
was pressed against it, the material was printed. The "plate" consisted of lettering cut on the back side of a sheet of marble, the headstone from the grave of a Catholic priest, that the enemy had stolen.

Also found were mimeograph materials and a number of the latest propaganda leaflets aimed at Americans. Some of the papers and pamphlets, all printed in broken English, were dated just two weeks previously, according to 1/6 battalion civil affairs officer, CPT William D. Hyde (Merced, Calif.).

One series of leaflets, printed on both sides of three-by-five-inch slips of paper, was titled (exactly) "LET US UNITE! LET US ORGANIZE FOR AN END TO THE WAR" and began "More and more American GIs at home and in the field are saving it and acting in that direction" (again quoting exactly).

It referred to a demonstration last Easter in New York's Central Park and a "GI's teach in at Provo Park, Berkley, California" in which "a GI from Ft Wadsworth New York" and a man who had been in the "101st air born division" urged unity against the war. A Marine was quoted as saying, "Join together with brothers in each of the branches of service, form a union, organize."

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1/52 FINDS WEAPONS, BASECAMP

By PFC Bill Eftink
198th Brigade PIO

LZ STINSON--Rain-soaked infantrymen of the 1st Bn., 52nd Inf. marched two days to uncover an extensive enemy basecamp and weapons cache hidden in the mountainous area 17 miles west-northwest of Quang Ngai City.

The well-developed jungle hideout consisted of a large tunnel complex and 11 hooches scattered about a large central building capable of housing approximately 100 people. Furnished with bench-type seats and containing a large stock of medical instructional documents, the structure was believed to have been in use as a classroom for training NVA medics, according to a local source.

Underneath the buildings an elaborate tunnel complex provided housing for an estimated 300 enemy soldiers. The 4-by-5-foot

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"Suppose There Were VC There... Hey!"

By PFC Marshall Rowland
1st Bn., 52nd Inf.

LZ STINSON--A new trend in combat training in the Americal Div. made its debut--with an unexpected wrinkle--at this 198th Bde. fire support base 15 miles south of Chu Lai.

Students from the division's Combat Leadership School were brought to this remote LZ, a forward base for the 1st Bn., 52nd Inf., so that the prospective squad leaders could be taught to call

in and adjust artillery fire.

The complexion of the course changed suddenly when a group of five Viet Cong were spotted in the area cleared for their training fire. Theory became practice as an actual live mission was fired against the frantically evading VC, who rapidly departed from the Stinson area.

When the class ended later the students returned to the Americal Combat

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What Can We Sell You (Sucker)?

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS EMBARKED ON A CAMPAIGN TO HELP KEEP YOU FROM BEING CHEATED WHEN YOU BUY A PRODUCT THAT TURNS OUT TO BE UNRELIABLE OR UNSAFE. IT ALSO TRIES TO HELP YOU WHEN YOU SIGN CREDIT PURCHASE AGREEMENTS FOR BUYING MERCHANDISE OR BORROWING MONEY.

IN THE LATTER CASE, WHEN YOU TAKE OUT A LOAN, WHAT YOU ARE ACTUALLY DOING IS "BUYING MONEY" (ON A TIME PAYMENT PLAN) FROM THE LENDER. YOU AGREE TO PAY HIM "INTEREST" FOR THE TERM OF THE LOAN AT THE SAME TIME YOU ARE REPAYING THE LOAN ITSELF.

PUBLIC LAW 90-321, PASSED LAST YEAR, AFFECTS ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF ALL CREDIT BUSINESS IN THE U.S. -- OR MORE THAN \$100 BILLION A YEAR. THIS BILL IS KNOWN AS THE "TRUTH IN LENDING" LAW, AND REQUIRES FULL DISCLOSURE OF ALL FINANCE CHARGES COVERING THE PURCHASE OF CARS, CONSUMER GOODS, PERSONAL LOANS AND VIRTUALLY EVERY CHARGE THAT IS PART OF A CREDIT TRANSACTION.

HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT BE LOOKING OVER YOUR SHOULDER WHEN YOU SIGN A PURCHASE AGREEMENT. SO, IF YOU HAVE THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT ABOUT THE INTRICATE TERMINOLOGY OF THE CONTRACT (WHICH IS ONE OF THE REASONS FOR "MISREPRESENTATIONS" IN THE AGREEMENT YOU SIGN) SEE YOUR LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICER OR CIVILIAN LAWYER. HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW AND HIS ADVICE MAY SAVE YOU HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS.



DO NOT BE "TAKEN IN" BY BEING IN A HURRY TO BUY OR BORROW. LEGAL FILES ARE JAMMED WITH COMPLAINTS SAYING "I THOUGHT IT MEANT..." ONE SERVICEMAN DISCOVERED HIS \$1,000 LOAN WAS AT 700 PER CENT INTEREST, BUT HAD SIGNED THE CONTRACT AND HAD TO PAY OFF \$7,000.

DO NOT RUSH INTO A CONTRACT. READ IT CAREFULLY. IF IT IS TOO COMPLICATED, GET LEGAL ADVICE. IT COULD SAVE YOU A LOT OF HEADACHES --AND MONEY.

(AFPS)



LAW OF THE LAND

Early in August the Bayonet advised its readers about investing in real estate, emphasizing the need for actually seeing the land before buying it.

It was noted that an "idyllic spot in Hawaii" could well turn out to be an area of steep lava-strewn mountainside.

A recent R&R to the 50th State by a Bayonet writer turned up a new twist to the old game.

Several people had seen advertisements for "AA" land on the Big Island, and without looking at it first had purchased lots.

When they did come to see what they had bought, they looked across land covered by three or more feet of rough chunks of lava and asked where the "Double-A" land they had purchased was.

The "Double-A" was actually a capitalized spelling of the Hawaiian word "aa" (pronounced ah-ah), which is commonly accepted by geologists as the term for a type of lava--the type which covered that particular area.

The courts supported the real estate salesmen.



DON'T GET HOOKED!

When soldiers of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) accompany 198th Inf. Bde. soldiers, each man knows that his ally performs his job skillfully and competently. However, most Americans do not realize that many of their counterparts do a superior job and receive awards for their efforts from their government.

All too frequently American troops are unaware of the decorations won by their Vietnamese partners, or do not understand the significance of such awards. But every U.S. soldier knows what it means to earn a Bronze Star or Army Commendation Medal for valor, and can appreciate the bravery of the men who earn them.

To promote a wider understanding of the matter, The Bayonet prints this story.

ARVN SOLDIERS WIN U.S. AWARDS

By 1LT Rob Kresge
198th Brigade PIO

LZ BAYONET — Nine Vietnamese soldiers were presented with awards for valor by 198th Bde. Commander COL Jere O. Whittington in a recent ceremony here.

Three Popular Forces (PF) men received two Bronze Stars and an Army Commendation Medal for their heroism in joint operations with Alpha Co. of the 5th Bn., 46th Inf. Six ARVN soldiers were awarded four Bronze Stars and two Army Commendation Medals for valor in other actions in the combined U.S.-198th Bde.-6th ARVN Regt. Tactical Area of Operational Responsibility (TAOR).

CPT Chau Duc Thao, a Bronze Star winner and commander of the 3rd Bn., 6th ARVN Regt., was leading his men in a search and clear operation early last month in Quang Ngai Province when his two lead companies were attacked by two companies of Viet Cong. Thao raced across open terrain to the point platoon, only to find it pinned down. Other elements could not move to help the platoon without taking heavy casualties—unless the VC's volume of fire could be disrupted.

Threading his way back through the fire, he picked out a mortar crew and

recalibrates rifle team and led them to a position where they could pour concentrated fire on the enemy. Although in a dangerously exposed location, he called in and directed fire from artillery, gunships and flareships in the gathering dusk. The combination of courage and skill was successful—the VC were driven off, not even stopping to pick up their dead.

Two weeks earlier, CPT Ho Nam, also of the 6th Regt., was leading his unit on a search and clear mission on the Batangan Peninsula 15 miles southeast of Chu Lai. just after the element set up a night defensive position, a VC company opened up on the command post with heavy mortar and machinegun fire. At the same time two additional enemy rifle companies launched probing attacks against the perimeter from two sides. The captain grabbed a radio set and ran through the fire to a position where he was able to call and direct artillery and gunships.

In order to lay fire closer to his own location, he personally directed the withdrawal of his unit's Ranger Pltn. to a more covered position. The strong VC force gave up the fight and withdrew under the cover of darkness, leaving their dead and many of their weapons behind them as they fled.

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The service flag and lapel button seen here have been authorized by Congress for members of U.S. servicemen's immediate families. Both consist of a blue star in a white field with a red border.

THE BIG TEN

It's pretty well agreed that being stationed in Vietnam is a good way to save some money. Making monthly deposits in a savings account at a bank back home is a fine method -- it keeps your money safe, and it will earn five per cent quarterly interest for you. But there's a way to double that interest earning rate.

BAYONET ESSAY

The Uniformed Services Savings Deposit Program pays 10 per cent, compounded quarterly, on funds deposited by men overseas. You've probably heard about this "Big 10" plan, and this week The Bayonet will explain how it works.

Suppose a man starts putting in \$30 a month as soon as he arrives in-country; in a year he'll have saved \$600, which will have earned \$33.26, for a total of \$633.26. If he starts with \$100 a month, at the end of his tour they'll hand him a fat \$1,266.52.

You can deposit any amount of money up to the total you draw on payday (less authorized deductions but including re-enlistment bonus, travel pay and pay for unused accrued leave time).

You may make deposits either by cash or allotment. A cash deposit can be made by simply handing some money back to the pay officer on payday (he will give you a temporary

receipt for it), or by dropping in at the Americal Div. Finance Office.

Deposit by allotment is perhaps the better method of putting your money away. Your company clerk or the man handling your records at Div. Finance will help you make out a Class S allotment for the amount of pay you want to save each month. The money is then automatically deducted from your monthly pay and added to your account at the Army Finance Center in Indianapolis.

Suppose you have an allotment, but have a little extra money you did not spend during the month; can you make a deposit with it? Yes; you can make a cash deposit anytime, anywhere, as long as you're stationed overseas.

That's the way you put money in. Now, how do you get it out?

Normally the procedure is to apply for withdrawal at your post finance office when you return to the States (remembering that your money can continue to draw interest up to 90 days after you arrive). However, if there should be a reason why you need the money before you DEROS you can withdraw it. You wouldn't get any interest on it, but you can make an emergency withdrawal if the health or welfare of your dependents would be jeopardized by the money not being available.

All it takes to get your money out is a copy of DA

Form 2082 (Request for Repayment of Savings Deposits) approved by your commanding officer, and Div. Finance will pay you on the spot.

(R&R is not considered a basis for withdrawal; but if you extend your tour and take the special leave you can take the money out.)

What if you'll ETS when you DEROS? No problem -- the money will be waiting for you when you get home. Just send the application (DA Form 2082) to the Finance Center 30 days before your DEROS, tell them where you want the money sent, and there'll be a check waiting for you there when you arrive.



One important thing to remember is to hold onto your deposit tickets; these are proof that you have money in the program. If they should be lost, see your finance officer right away. He'll help you in obtaining a statement of your deposit account.

Drop in at Finance to find out more about the savings plan. They can answer any questions you might have, and can help you get started earning that big 10 per cent.



SOUTH CHINA SEA — Gracing the beach at Cam Ranh Bay on the South China Sea is Capt. Bea M. Marin, one of many lovely nurses attached to the 12th U.S.A.F. Hospital, Republic of Vietnam.

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GENERALLY SPEAKING,
CAPTAINS IN BATHING
SUITS DON'T DO VERY
MUCH FOR US, BUT...

SUPPOSE VC
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Center with credit for both practice and "On-the-Job Training."

"We chose LZ Stinson for the class because its remote location offers several 'grids' open for fire missions," explained 1LT Edward J. Gleim (Spring Valley, N.Y.), safety officer for the Combat Center.

In the past the Leadership School simulated all its training at the center in Chu Lai. The visit to the 1/52 firebase marked a new trend in their training.

"We decided that our program would be more effective if we could hold the classes in a location where our students could observe 'live' practice," Gleim said.

The program was definitely successful in its first effort.



EXTENSION RULES TO CHANGE

LZ BAYONET--In a major change to Vietnam tour extension procedures, effective Nov. 1, all requests for extensions must be approved by 60 days before DEROS, Bde. S-1 announced Saturday.

Current policies permit a man to submit a request at any time.

As of Nov. 1, all extension requests must be both submitted and approved prior to 60 days before the individual's DERS.

"Considering the time required for processing and approving each request, we suggest that it be submitted no later than 75 days prior to a man's DEROS," said SSG Bernard J. Connors, (Salem, Mass.,), Bde.S-1 Personnel Services NCO.

BAYONETTE EXTRA?

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Prev. . . Puzzle



STAND ON YOUR OWN—I'm leaning on a tree, fellas. But don't you lean on anything, especially your buddies. You're doing a job where others depend on you. You're a man in uniform. Be as proud of YOU as I am.—Sondra Feldmaier, Florida coed.

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The leaflet went on: "At the same teach in an unidentified GI also had this to say 'You are only an individual. Don't fight them as an individual. Organize, fight them as many people.'

"The GIs in the field are more and more united in their struggle. Mass anti-war actions have been taking place everywhere. During the five days of April alone more than 300 GIs at the American base in Binh duoc, My Tho province, Mekong delta, rebelled. The GIs ignored combat orders and demanded immediate homecoming."

Another leaflet "quoted" a former prisoner, "one of three U.S. POWs released by the Front last January 1st," as saying, "The S.V.N.F.F.L's doctor saves my life by operating on my head wound. I say thank you for saving my life and giving me a very medical treatment."

The man died less than three weeks after his release because of both the head wound and a bungled operation on it, in spite of concentrated efforts by U.S. doctors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

A third leaflet issue outlined the Communists' alleged fair treatment of prisoners. Among its claims were: "POWs are allowed to communicate news and write to their families and friends." This is in direct contradiction to statements by Communist negotiators in Paris.

MAJ Juris Lapins (Trenton, N.J.), 198th civil affairs officer, said B 1/6 apparently interrupted a political meeting when they came in by chopper almost directly on top of the propaganda "office."

"It has been known that they held political meetings in the area before," he said. "Evidently our operation disrupted them." He added that the enemy apparently fled only moments before Bravo Co. arrived, as the infantry found rice still cooking there.

"This find is significant," Lapins said, "and its impact will be felt on the enemy's propaganda effort around here."



left, because when we got here there were four bowls of warm rice in one of the hooches, and all of their pigs and chickens were still around. If they'd have had much time they'd have taken the animals with them, or at least chased them off."

"The VC must have just

said the platoon sergeant of the point element, SFC Charles R. Pierce (Rock Island, Ill.).

In addition to serving as a training and resupply base, the camp had a small fenced-in inner compound for a PW detention area.