

CAV TEACHES PAINFUL LESSON TO NVA

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LZ BAYONET — Soldiers of the North Vietnamese Army operating in the 198th Inf. Bde. area recently learned that it doesn't pay to "mess around" with the cavalry.

They learned that bitter lesson in the "Horseshoe" area along the Tra Khuc River, 20 miles south of Chu Lai. The "teachers" were the men of H Troop, 17th Cavalry, who were sweeping the area at

the time.

The action began early in the morning when the armored personnel carriers (APCs) moved out of their night defensive positions. The 3rd Plat., commanded by 1LT Paul Wiekel (State College, Pa.), saw two NVA out of range on the other side of the river.

"But four more popped up ahead of us," said SP4 Herbert Brady (Norwich, Conn.), a combat photographer from the 523rd Sig. Bn. who was riding on the lead track.

"The riverbank was too steep, and the

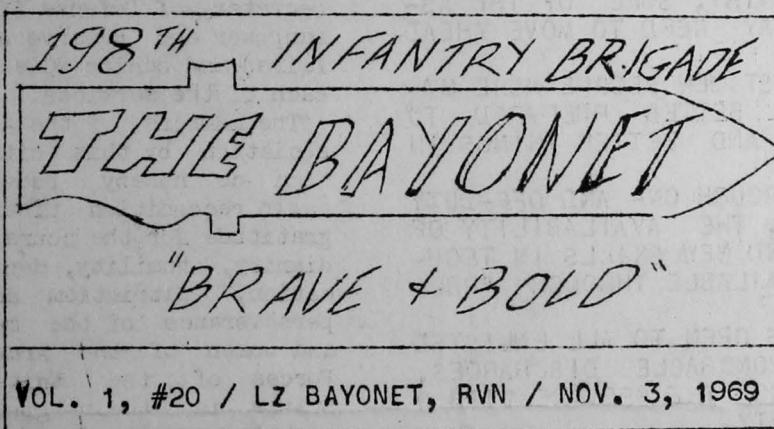
NVA couldn't get down until they came to a break in the bank," Brady said. The tracks chased them, and fired on them as they tried to cross the river.

The .50 caliber machine-guns and smaller weapons killed one of the NVA and wounded another, who was captured along with two AK-47s and two Chinese Communist hand grenades.

The 1st Plat., following immediately behind the 3rd, came across a vast tunnel complex. When an NVA sniper opened up on the vehicles from a spider hole, the cavalrymen returned fire, killing an enemy soldier and capturing another AK-47 and two more Chicom grenades.

Dismounting, the troopers moved to check out the complex. Tunnel rats moved through the maze, clearing the way with fragmentation grenades. A search of the complex turned up 7 dead NVA, 6 AK-47s, 27 Chicom grenades.

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5/VC WOULD RATHER SWITCH

LZ GATOR — Five Viet Cong decided they would rather switch than go hungry after Alpha Co. of the 5th Bn., 46th Inf. uncovered the supply of rice they had hidden away for the monsoon season.

Working with Delta Co., the 198th Bde. soldiers were conducting a careful search of a small village five miles north of Quang Ngai when members of the 2nd Plat. became suspicious of the thick, mud walls of several hooches in the 30-building village. A few cautious taps with sticks caused the thin outer-walls to crumble, spilling out $6\frac{1}{2}$ tons of the precious rice.

The following day five members of a local VC unit "Chieu Hoied" to the still-in-the-area 5/46 infantrymen.

MSG Oren W. Justice (Osgoode, Kan.), battalion operations sergeant, said, "This is an indication of how a find like this really injures the enemy in a subtle way. They compare their situation with that of the government soldiers who have plenty of food, and it serves as a powerful demoralizing factor. When they are in this state of mind they will often take advantage of the 'way out' offered by the Chieu Hoi program, and this is the exact effect we are hoping for."

1/6 DEDICATES UNIQUE CHAPEL

LZ BAYONET — Who ever heard of playing pool in a church? Or listening to stereo rock music there? Or watching television?

The men of the 1st Bn., 6th Inf. have, and their new chapel will enable them to do all those things and more.

Before you get the wrong idea, they don't plan to do all these things during worship services. Rather, the unique furnishings of the chapel allow it to be converted to a day room for the six days that services are not held.

Naturally enough, the idea for this conversion feature came from the Bn. Chaplain, (CPT) Robert W. Duguid (Jacksonville, Fla.).

"It doesn't seem right that this building should go

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A Helping Hand

SOME MEN ARE BORN INTO WEALTHY FAMILIES AND NEVER REALLY HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT EARNING A LIVING. MOST MEN, HOWEVER, HAVE TO WORK HARD TO MAKE ENDS MEET AND GET AHEAD IN THE VERY COMPETITIVE INDUSTRIAL WORLD. TO ATTAIN EVEN THESE GOALS, MOST CAN USE WHATEVER HELP THEY CAN GET OR, WHATEVER HELP IS OFFERED.

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(AFPS)

SERVICES HONORED

WASHINGTON—Men and women of the Armed Forces have been cited "as the Americans who, during the past year, have contributed the most toward the cause of peace" by the Eighth Armored Division Association, becoming the first group to receive the association's annual award.

Accepting in behalf of the Armed Forces were Roger T. Kelley, Assistant Secretary of Defense (for Manpower and Reserve Affairs) and senior NCOs of each of the services.

"The members of the Association by this citation do hereby record their recognition of and gratitude for the courage, dignity, humility, dedication, patriotism and perseverance of the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States in their great work in pursuit of peace" a greeting accompanying the citation read in part.

Previous recipients of the award—all individuals rather than groups—include Gen. of the Army (ret.) George C. Marshall; Francis Cardinal Spellman; Adlai Stevenson; Henry Cabot Lodge; John Foster Dulles; Dean Rusk; Robert S. McNamara; and Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson. (AFPS)

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"HEY, MAC--IS THIS THE PAY, HAIRCUT, OR CHOW LINE?"

US, VN SQUEEZE OUT "CHARLIE"

PHU THANH -- Farmers and their families are streaming into this small hamlet near Quang Ngai City. And the reason isn't too hard to find.

"They know there is security in this hamlet," said MAJ Robert C. Disney, operations officer of the 5th Bn., 46th Inf.

MAJ Disney's battalion has become involved in the pacification and "upgrading" of Phu Thanh in an intense joint U.S.-South Vietnamese effort to bring improved conditions and security to small hamlets in this part of southern I Corps.

The goal is to bring the small, "contested" villages such as this to a state where the Viet Cong can no longer influence its well-being, explained Disney.

To do this, infantrymen of one platoon of the 5/46 have joined with a PF platoon, National Police and other Vietnamese agencies to eliminate VC pressure in the hamlets.

Of first priority, Disney said, is improving security for the villages. When Revolutionary Development (RD) cadre begin to establish an elected

local government, rooting out the VC infrastructure members.

A Census-Grievance Committee surveys the population and monitors complaints from the people. In further stages of the program, the RD cadre trains local men as a self-defense force, and U.S. Army doctors and medics conduct MEDCAPs.

The muscle for the project is the two-platoon force of PFs and 5/46 infantrymen, assigned full time to the hamlet.

Although similar programs are being conducted in three villages in the Quang Ngai area, one of the most successful efforts has been here.

"The people here are becoming more friendly to Americans," said PFC Herbert Zellers (Kewanna, Ind.) of the 5/46 platoon. "We've checked out where the kids said to look for mines, and we've found them."

Hamlet chiefs in all the areas undergoing the newly activated form of pacification have contributed in finding enemy munitions, mines and booby traps.

Because of the presence

of allied forces in Phu Thanh, many Vietnamese have abandoned surrounding areas and moved into this hamlet.

"They know that there is security here, and they are streaming in," Disney explained. "The people are beginning to turn to the hamlet team and provide information on the VC. And they're gaining confidence in their ability to defend themselves."

"I think with this new program the people will learn about government, in addition to their own self-defense," said CPT Donald Duncan (Rolling Meadows, Ill.), whose men are taking part in the hamlet team concept.

Aside from helping the villagers, the project also is keeping "Charlie" from using the hamlet against the people's will as a rest-and-supply base.

"The VC are going to get awfully hungry out there," commented PFC Daniel Burner III (Reston, Va.).

While the Communists are 'going hungry' the people of Phu Thanh, and other hamlets involved in the new program, are making long strides toward a safer and healthier life.

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ARE YOU "NUMBAH ONE" OR "NUMBAH TEN"?

Know what the difference between a "Numbah One GI" and a "Numbah Ten GI" is?

The "Numbah Ten GI" is the guy who pays no attention to the customs and manners of the local people; he doesn't care about much of anything besides himself. He's the same type of guy that probably doesn't rate too high with people at home and in the Army, either.

The "Numbah One GI" is the man who remembers that Vietnamese standards of conduct and good manners are as important to them as ours are to us.

Here are a few things that can help you be a "Numbah One GI".

The importance of the family group is something that must not be forgotten. The aged hold the most respected positions in each family, and are considered very wise from their experience gained with age.

Respect is also important to other members of a family. "Saving face" is of major importance to them, so avoid situations which make a Vietnamese look bad in the eyes of others.

Unskilled labor is considered honorable work, and is not a sign of 'inferiority' or an indication of lack of intelligence. If you have trouble understanding why people work at such menial jobs as filling sandbags, etc., remember that they have been through some difficult times and are doing their best under the circumstances.

Don't joke about them being VC; it's no joke when you consider that they put themselves in danger of being killed by VC just by working on an LZ.

Just as we have a few "impolite" gestures, so do the Vietnamese--ones that would seem harmless to us.

Crossing your fingers, for instance, is considered obscene; and pointing the sole of your foot toward a Vietnamese is very bad manners.

Sticking your tongue out at someone is not one of the "swiftest" things to do at home; it isn't here, either.

The little sign we make with our hands or fingers when we want someone to come should be avoided, because in Vietnam it is used only to call animals. The right way to do it is by using the same sign we have for waving goodbye to someone.

Handshaking also has its little do's and don't's. Vietnamese are more reserved than we are, so let them initiate the handshake. Another little tidbit to keep in mind is that if they give you a "modified" form of handshake (such as grasping their own right wrist with their left hand while shaking), you should do the same.

BAYONET ESSAY

Religion plays an important part in conduct, and is taken very seriously. A Buddhist teaching holds that a person's head is sacred, and should never be touched. Often we will reach out and rumple a child's hair as a gesture of friendliness, but bear in mind that it should not be done to anyone in Vietnam. (Or Thailand. Or in any country where Buddhism is strong.)

One last reminder. When driving in a village or hamlet, don't go flying through it in a hurry, scattering people, dogs and chickens out of the way. If you should hit somebody's dog or chicken, at least apologize for it. Xin Lai (which really means "I'm sorry") is just as important to the Vietnamese as paying for the damage.

By remembering these suggestions, and a few other things you learn on your tour in Vietnam, you'll make things a lot easier for yourself. (USARV/198th IO)



DON'T BE "NUMBAH TEN"!

BAYONETTE

NATALIE WOOD--AS YOU WILL HAVE DOUBTLESSLY ALREADY NOTICED, NATALIE HAS THE NOVEMBER CALENDAR FOR YOU. YOU'LL PROB/BLY WANT TO CUT THIS PICTURE OUT AND KEEP IT--FOR THE CALENDAR, OF COURSE.



ANSWER TO THIS PUZZLE IN NEXT WEEK'S "BAYONET" —

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1-Footlike part
- 4-Ache
- 8-Emerged victorious
- 11-Separate
- 12-Sicilian volcano
- 13-Anger
- 14-Chinese miles
- 15-Still
- 17-Murdered
- 19-Skill
- 21-Hit lightly
- 23-Conducted
- 24-River in Belgium
- 26-Once around track
- 28-Gull-like bird
- 31-Short sleep
- 33-Gratuity
- 35-Beam
- 36-Symbol for silver
- 38-Experts
- 41-Earth goddess
- 42-Ordinance
- 44-Cravat
- 45-Affirmative
- 47-Unruly child
- 49-In favor of
- 51-Direction
- 54-Recent
- 55-Pinch
- 58-Pedal digit
- 59-More mournful
- 62-Brim
- 64-Parent (colloq.)
- 65-Hasten
- 66-Part of face
- 68-God of love
- 70-Be mistaken
- 71-Care for
- 72-Sailor (colloq.)

DOWN

- 1-Couples
- 2-Teutonic deity
- 3-Pigpen

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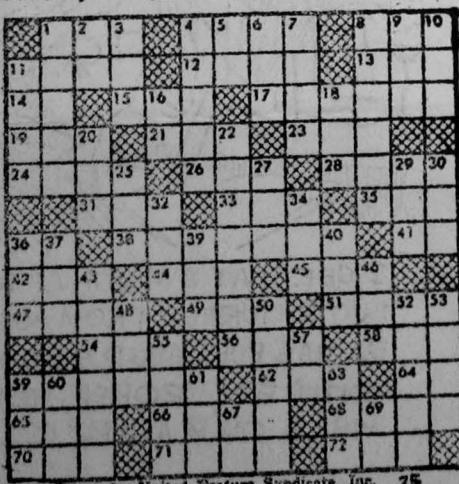


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"CHICKEN" GUARD FOWLS UP VC

BAN ME THUOT—A chicken on every guard bunker is the best type of perimeter defense a unit can have. At least that's the claim of SFC Ernest W. Smith (Liberty, Mo.), mess steward for Co. B, 70th Engr. Bn. here.

Smith received two hens and a rooster a few months ago from a friend at a nearby compound.

"At night my rooster is more alert than a dog. He crows whenever there's a strange noise near the



bunker," Smith said. "I'm sure no one will get past him without my knowing it."

Besides pulling guard duty, the rooster also plays the role of CQ and alarm clock, waking the mess steward at 5 o'clock every morning. (APPS)

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ies, 4 RPGs and 4 full rucksacks.

Turning south, the troop proceeded further into the Horseshoe and soon came across another set of tunnels, this one apparently deserted. A search yielded a small quantity of ammunition, rucksacks and web gear. The troopers remounted and the APCs lurched forward, grinding over tunnels and bunkers.

"We were crossing the trenchline," said 1LT Stanley Bolger (Magee, Miss.), H Troop Executive Officer, "when I saw the end of an RPG launcher moving in the grass. I shouted a warning to the 3rd Plat. medic, and he jumped down and tried to get the NVA to 'Chieu Hoi.' But he wouldn't come out, so I tossed a 'frag' (grenade) at him. He was wounded in the leg, but came up pointing the launcher at our track. Then we let him have everything we had."

The combination of .50 caliber and M-60 machineguns, M-16s, grenade launch-

ers and hand grenades tore up the grass in chunks. When the smoke cleared, the cavalrymen found two dead NVA and both their weapons -- an AK-47 and the RPG launcher with seven rounds.

Turning north, a track commander saw 10 NVA fleeing up a hillside, and Bolger called for gunship support. As the APCs moved cautiously into the area to check out the results, they came upon yet another basecamp-living area.

"There were a lot of hooches and tunnels," said SP4 Brady. "There was even a bicycle with sacks of rice on it. Before we left, we burned the hooches and blew up the tunnels."

But H Troop was still running up a score -- two Viet Cong suspects, one of them wounded, were found near the basecamp. As they headed for a new night defensive position, the troopers could account for 11 NVA killed and three enemy captured.

H Troop took no casualties.

UNIQUE CHAPEL FOR 1/6

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unused for six days a week," said Chap. Duguid.

Everything is designed to be removed to convert the chapel to a day room and fellowship hall where the men of the battalion can watch TV, write letters, read and listen to music."

The 1/6 has ordered a television set, and will provide furniture. Also on the way are two three-quarter-size pool tables.

"I'm contributing my stereo tape recorder for the music," the chaplain said. He uses the same recorder on Sundays for religious music in chapel services.

The dedication of this unique facility drew several chaplains from other units.

Guests of honor at the ceremony included BG Howard H. Cooksey, acting division commander; COL Jerry O. Whittington, brigade commander; LTC Thomas J. Ambrose, commander of the 1/6; and several other unit commanders.

