

WORLD NEWS SCENE

WASHINGTON--Tributes by the thousands continue to pour into Washington for the late former President Dwight D. Eisenhower who died Friday afternoon.

Words of praise were received from government leaders around the world including Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain and President Charles DeGaulle of France.

Tens of thousands of Americans filed past the casket of the five-star general as his body lay in state at Washington's National Cathedral.

President Richard Nixon declared

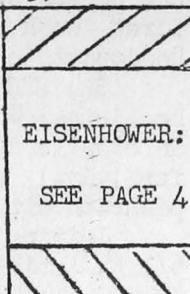
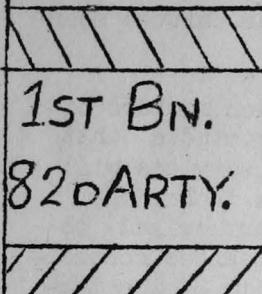
Monday an official day of mourning for Eisenhower who died at 78 after a 13-year battle with heart disease.

Five days of funeral ceremonies are scheduled for Washington and later at Eisenhower's boyhood home in Kansas. (See related story, Page 4.)

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MOSCOW--Russian intelligence reports indicate a heavier-than-usual build-up of Red Chinese troops along the border between the two countries as Spring begins to settle over the normally frigid region.

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BATTALION ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS

Two members of the 1st Bn., 82d Artillery were promoted to Staff Sergeants and four others were elevated to Specialists Five last week.

Five of the six men were members of Headquarters Battery at the time of their promotions.

The lone exception was Patrick O. Matthews of Charlie Battery, a gun section chief, who became a Staff Sergeant.

The other Staff Sergeant promoted was Walter S. Merchant of the Headquarters Fire Direction Control Center.

Joining Merchant from FDC was Donald L. Brehm (Chicago, Ill.) who became one of the four new Specialists Five.

Another was Donald E. Stanley (Licking, Mo.), an operations specialist.

The other two Specialist Five appointments went to James D. White, a general vehicle repairman in Battalion Maintenance, and Louis A. Verile, a Headquarters Battery cook.

The Headquarters promotions were awarded March 27.

CEREMONY AT DELTA

100,000TH ROUND FIRED

The 1st Bn., 82d Artillery passed an important milestone Thursday when Delta Battery fired the battalion's 100,000th round in Vietnam.

Lt. Col. John J. Luxemburger Jr., battalion commander, officiated at the ceremonial firing which took place at LZ Dottie.

The round was fired by an eight-inch gun section headed by Sgt. William Stoneman. It was the same piece that fired the battalion's first round at Ft. Lewis, Wash. after the unit had been reactivated last year.

It was on March 17, 1968 that Maj. Gen. William Beverly, commanding general of Ft. Lewis, triggered the battalion's first firing.

Neither Stoneman nor any members of his present gun crew participated in the Ft. Lewis ceremony. Delta also fired the battalion's first round in Vietnam on Aug. 4, 1968.



IT'S HAPPENIN'

BY SP4

Dick Shearer

AND STILL THEY COME--The large infusion between the 1/82d Artillery and the 2/138th Artillery (Phu Bai) continued last week.

As mentioned in last week's Pan-Tell, most of these men are National Guardsmen from Northern Kentucky who were called to active duty last May.

Some of the new group included SP6 HOWARD K. YATES (Cecelia, Ky.), a first cook who has been assigned to Headquarters Battery.

SP4 STEVEN RICE (Burntwood, Ore.) has joined Charlie Battery as a mechanic while SP4 DONALD W. TINGLE (Bedford, Ky.) will be filling the same position with Headquarters Battery.

Joining the battalion from the 6/11th Artillery last week was PFC JOHN T. TIPTON of Glenwood, Ga. Tipton, assigned to Headquarters Battery Fire Direction Control, attended Georgia Southern College before entering the Army last March.

Bravo Battery has a new supply clerk in PFC KENNETH BROWNING (Catoosa, Okla.) who just arrived in Vietnam after being stationed at Ft. Lee, Va.

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CASE OF THE MISSING WIRES--Headquarters Battery found itself without electricity last Sunday thanks to a rather tricky maneuver with a dump truck.

MSG JOHN ROTH's Communications Section was finishing work on a new utility pole and they were making use of the truck to fill sand in around the base of the standard.

With the cargo section of the truck raised, the driver (whose name is being withheld for his own safety) pulled ahead with a jerk and down came the wires. Three hours later, the power was finally restored.

In case this description is a little vague, MAJ. CHARLES W. HIGGINS, the battalion's executive officer, witnessed the historic event and took pencil in hand to sketch the cartoon seen below.

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JEWISH HOLIDAY--Battalion members of the Jewish faith are reminded that traditional Passover services will be held later this week in Da Nang.

Commanders are authorized to grant administrative absences consistent with the requirements of the tactical situation.

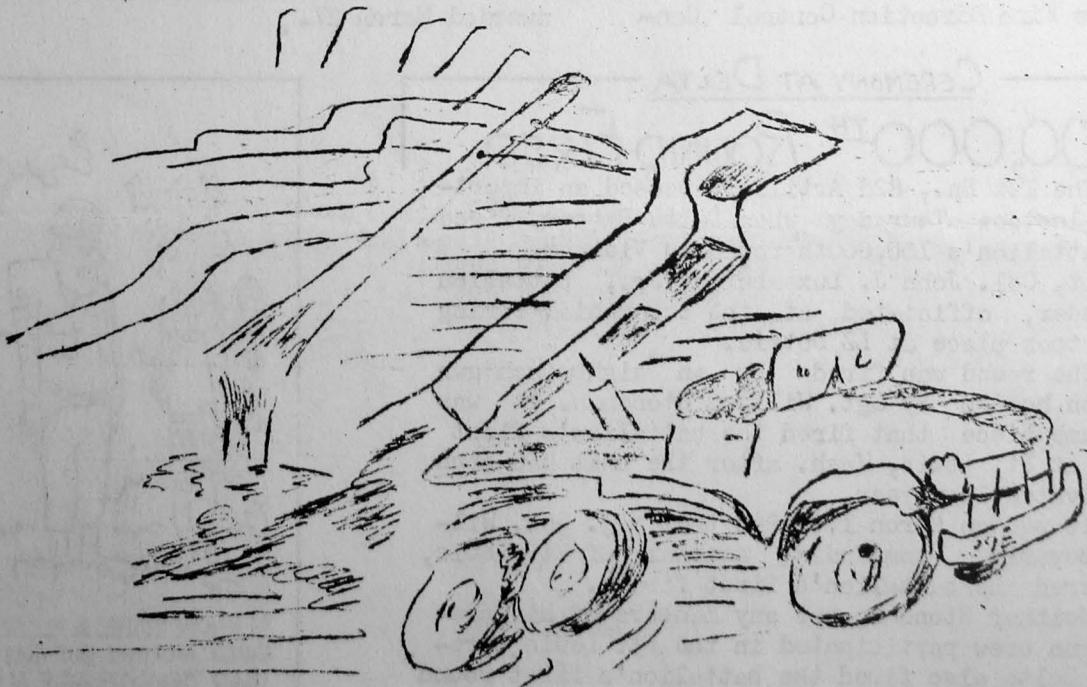
Services are scheduled for April 2-5 and a special mission flight is scheduled for departure from Chu Lai Airfield between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on April 2.

The return flight from Da Nang is planned on April 5 between the hours of noon and 10 p.m.

Orders for these administrative absences must include the authority for transportation on military aircraft.

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Just a quick reminder to Protestant and Catholic personnel that next Sunday is Easter. Special services are scheduled throughout the division. Check your chapel for times.



— AREA IMPROVEMENT

EDITORIAL: THE 'THC' HABIT

Why all the fuss about drugs? What does it have to do with me? And besides, whose business is it anyway what I think or do about drugs?

These are some of the questions concerning the use and misuse of drugs being asked by citizens of our country and of the free world. Don't be misled however, the communist world is also being plagued by an extensive misuse of drugs.

The question of the sudden interest in the misuse of drugs is easy to answer.

In the past several years, there has been an increase in the misuse or abuse of beneficial drugs as well as dangerous drugs.

The dangerous drugs, of primary interest here, can lead to psychological dependence, moreover, certain drugs such as LSD, STP and marijuana—the hallucinogens—can damage your mind and have no known benefit whatsoever.

To get a glimpse of why the fuss about drugs, just take a brief look at the effects that one of the hallucinogenic drugs might have on the human body and mind.

Marijuana, known also as "pot" or "grass" is the most frequently abused of the hallucinogenic drugs.

Very little is known concerning its long-term effects, but in its

mildest forms it does not appear to be physically dangerous. Nevertheless, you can't be certain that it is totally safe for in its stronger forms, marijuana can cause psychotic reactions in almost everyone.

Marijuana's active ingredient, tetrahydrocannabinol or "THC" is potentially dangerous and while a given dosage may not have apparent ill effects on another person, that fact is no protection for you.

The use of marijuana is particularly hazardous. While under its influence, concepts of time and space can be radically distorted and response to an emergency becomes unpredictable. A "pot" at the wheel of an automobile makes it a deadly weapon to others and a booby trap to himself.

Another reason for not using "pot" stems from its being against Federal law to possess. The penalties can be as much as 10 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine for the first offense. Its sale, use or possession is likewise a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, punishable by court-martial with a dishonorable discharge and up to five years in prison as the end results.

Only the individual can decide if he desires to get caught in the drug trap, so take time out to think—is a few moments of false pleasure worth a lifetime of sorrow? (AFPS)

WORLD SCENE —

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NEW YORK—An early Spring cold snap moved into the South and Middle Atlantic states Sunday after bringing below freezing temperatures to the Midwest Friday and Saturday.

The front is expected to move off the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts later today.

WASHINGTON—A request by Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower for the presence of Henry Cabot Lodge, chief United States negotiator at the Paris Peace Talks, at her husband's funeral service Monday will be honored.

It was Lodge who convinced the World War II hero to seek the 1952 Republican nomination for President.

Lodge and Eisenhower were close personal and political friends during the latter's eight years in the White House.

GUNS FIRE 16,971 ROUNDS

The Battalion Ammunition Office reports that during the February-March reporting period the four line batteries fired a total of 16,971 rounds.

The report covered the battalion's firing activities from Feb. 25 through March 24.

The 16,971 rounds reflected a total cost of \$1,154,170.80.

The total rounds-fired figure showed an increase of more than 900 over the previous reporting period.



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THE EISENHOWER IMAGE

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It has been only a little more than two days since the passing of Dwight David Eisenhower but already legend is starting to set in around the man who personified Americanism for three decades.

Eisenhower's fame was gained on the battlefield during two world wars but he will probably be remembered more for his years as a statesman, humanitarian and leader of a nation torn by conflict abroad and financial strife at home.

His military record was unmatched in modern times. He distinguished himself as Allied Supreme Commander during World War II--- becoming not only an international hero but also the recognized champion of freedom in the Western World.

Eisenhower's popularity during the late 1940s and early '50s was unequalled by even the most famous entertainment personalities. When he was tapped for the 1952 Republican Presidential nomination, there were few who honestly thought he could lose.

Thus he became the nation's Chief Executive, scoring a landslide victory over Adlai Stevenson, the man whose challenge he would again repel in 1956.

ARMY TESTING NEW JEEP

A new, improved version of the famous Army Jeep is currently undergoing tests at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. and Ft. Knox, Ky.

The new vehicle is scheduled to offer many improvements especially in the areas of safety, reliability and durability.

The new model features an individual wheel suspension system which is unfamiliar to many drivers and handles differently under marginal road conditions than most American cars.

Other safety features include a new dual brake system, deep-dish steering wheel and several items to improve driver vision.

The new dual brake system feeds individual pressures to the front and rear wheels and reduces the braking effort by the driver.

The deep-dish steering wheel, now standard on most commercial vehicles, provides protection against driver chest injuries in the event of a head-on collision.

Increased visibility is provided by a larger one-piece windshield and back window and an inside rear-view mirror. Two-speed electric wipers are also included.

Eisenhower's appearance in the political arena filled a long-enduring void in the American governmental structure. It had been almost a century since another military hero found himself in the White House.

National heroes were seldom elected to the Presidency but there have been some notable exceptions like George Washington, Andrew Jackson, U.S. Grant, William Henry Harrison, James Polk and yes, Dwight David Eisenhower.

Much has been said about the mystique of former President John F. Kennedy but in his own right Eisenhower conveyed the needed image of concern, involvement and fatherhood that helped to solidify the nation during the 1950s.

It was an image that seemed immune to tarnish or criticism because for more than a decade he was consistently selected as one of the three most respected living Americans. No one has ever come close to matching this popularity.

Dwight David Eisenhower will be buried in Kansas this week surrounded by all the usual ceremony that marks the passing of an international figure. The grave will contain the body but Eisenhower's image and record will belong to the ages.

