

# WORLD TRAVELER SAMPLES VIETNAM

After spending most of his 21 years traveling around the world, PFC William J. Wilson is extending his journeys to one more country--Vietnam.

Wilson, who joins C Battery this week as a supply clerk, has been to almost every corner of the globe, visiting and living among a wide diversity of the earth's population.

Most of his travels were the result of his father's occupation. John H. Wilson, an employee of ESSO Libya Inc., has spent 30 years traversing the world's richest oilfields as a construction engineer and much of the time young Bill was with him.

His most recent trips were to Tripoli where his father is now assigned.

In the past, however, he visited Japan, Hong Kong, most of Western Europe, South America and Thailand as well as parts of Africa and the Middle East.

South America and Africa are probably best-known to Wilson who was

## PAN-TELL HOLIDAY

The Pan-Tell will not be published Monday, April 14.

The next scheduled edition of the paper will be two weeks from today, April 21.

15 years old before he attended an American school.

He spent 11 years living in Talara, Peru, which is near some of South America's oil-rich coastal territory. From there he moved to Iran for two more years before being sent to boarding schools in Canada and Italy.

After all of this, one would hardly expect him to name Libya as the most interesting and intriguing country he has visited.

Nevertheless he does.

"So much of Libya is still undiscovered by modern man," he notes. "Remember that the Phoenicians and Romans were active in that area and much of the culture they left behind is still buried."

Wilson also pointed out that the climate in Libya is somewhat similar to the hot, humid weather he has experienced in his first weeks in Vietnam.

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## MAJ. McCUISTION NAMED NEW BATTALION S-3 OFFICIER

The first change in field grade officers in the last four months at the 1st Bn., 82d Artillery took place last week when Maj. Alan L. McCuistion became the new S-3 (Operations) Officer.

Maj. McCuistion, who arrived in Vietnam last September, replaces Maj. James G. Carver, who has been reassigned to the Americal Division G-4 Office.

Maj. McCuistion was previously assigned to the 723d Supply and Transportation Bn. His state-side residence is Griffin, Ga.

## WORLD NEWS SCENE

MEMPHIS--Richard Bryant, the latest lawyer assigned to the case of James Earl Ray, convicted assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, met with his client to map plans for a possible new trial.

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SAIGON--Ten military installations reported receiving rocket fire Saturday night as a continuation of the latest group of enemy attacks.

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WASHINGTON--President Nixon has announced the appointment of a committee to study ways of economizing the operations of both the White House and Cabinet offices.

NEW YORK--Easter Day weather was anything but Spring-like in many parts of the nation.

Cool and rainy skies were reported through much of the Eastern third of the nation while a few tornadoes were sighted in Gulf Coast regions.

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ROME--Christians by the thousands poured into the Vatican Sunday to participate in the annual Easter mass officiated by Pope Paul IV.

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HARRISBURG, PA.--Pennsylvania State Police report that one person was killed and five others wounded when a sniper shot at cars along the Pennsylvania Turnpike near here.

# COMMANDER'S CORNER

LTC JOHN J. LUXEMBURGER JR.

I think that we have a good battalion and that you have built some of the best facilities in Vietnam.

For a unit that has been in country for nine months, we have as good or better living conditions than most combat units in Vietnam. I'm afraid B Battery won't agree with the last statement.

I may be a bit prejudiced, but I think we (the battalion) are straight 365 days a year-- well maybe 360 days a year. After all no one is perfect.

During the nine months the battalion has been in Vietnam, you have accomplished a great deal over and above the performances of your combat mission.

It took a lot of work to accomplish these things and you have a right to be proud of your accomplishments.

This battalion will be given an AGI Inspection from April 14-17. The AGI is one of the two major inspections the battalion is given during

## COMPUTER FOR ARMY

The Army instituted a new computer command effective March 31.

Called the U.S. Army Computer Systems Command, it will be the responsible agency for the design, development, testing, installation and programming of the Army's multi-command automatic data processing systems.

In making the announcement, the Army noted the need for such improvement has been generated largely as a result of the Army's spectacular growth in computer technology in the past 10 years.

Under the Computer Systems Command's jurisdiction will be almost all the ADP systems that cross command lines in their operation or which can be used in more than one command.

The command will serve the Army in the field and also fixed installations at all echelons.

The task of the command, ranging from worldwide administrative systems to worldwide combat support systems, represents a broader scope of ADP systems responsibility than has ever been united in a single Army agency. (AFPS)

the year.

In other words, this is one of the few opportunities that you have to show higher headquarters just how good we are in comparison to other units in the division.

I think we are head and shoulders above most of the other units. Now let's show the AGI team just good we are.

How do we do this? Well, if we all put out a bit extra during the next week and put the finishing touches on our many and varied projects, we will come out of the inspection in fine shape.

To score well on the AGI, each individual must pull his weight. Some of the things each of you can do are as follows:

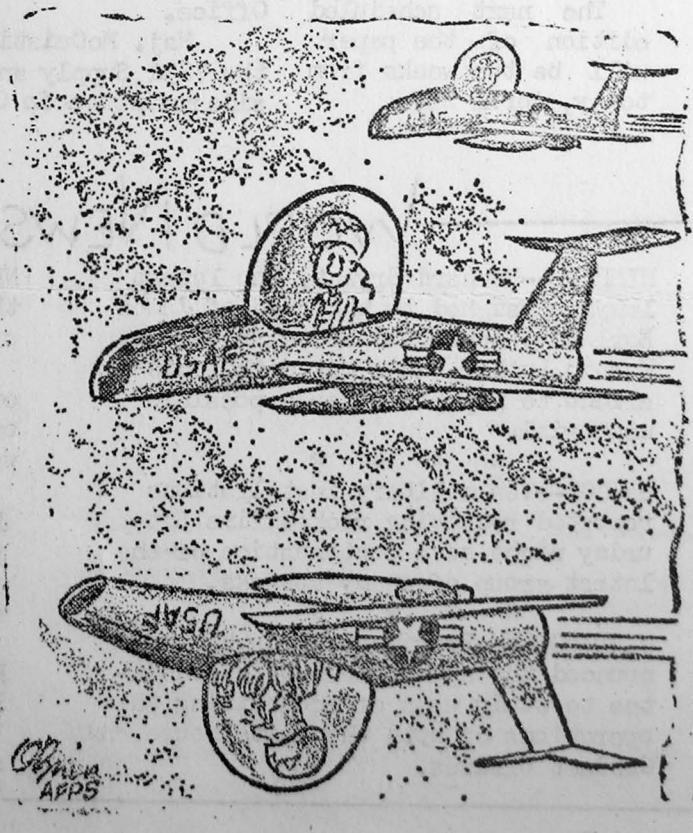
---Be sure your personal appearance and military courtesy are above reproach.

---Check yourself and your buddy to see that you have all the required cards in your wallet.

---Insure that your personal gear is in good shape and is properly marked.

---Make sure your vehicles and section equipment are in top-notch condition.

Let's all make an honest effort to show the inspectors that we have a good battalion. If we don't, we will have to be re-inspected. This better not happen.



RELIGIONS OF VIETNAM-1

# ANIMISM: A BELIEF IN SPIRITS

Because religious beliefs are so evident in Vietnamese thoughts and acts and affect the way they react to us and what we do, we must have a general understanding of them.

Vietnam has no state religion although it is considered predominantly Buddhist. The country is about 20 percent non-Buddhist and 60 percent Buddhist in name only.

Many of the world's great religions can be found in Vietnam and they will serve as the subject of a multi-part series that begins in today's Pan-Tell.

Today's opening installment will feature Animism, the religion of the Montagnards. Its beliefs and practices can be found to some degree in the majority of the Vietnamese.

Animism is a belief in spirits, both of dead persons and of inanimate objects such as stones, rivers, mountains and trees.

This belief holds that each person has a spirit which continues to exist even after death has claimed its possessor.

## BATTALION CONTRIBUTES TO FUND CAMPAIGN

Members of the 1st Bn., 82d Artillery contributed \$270.25 to the Department of Defense Overseas Campaign which ended March 31.

The campaign, which began during February, was a consolidated drive which combined three separate fundraising plans into a single effort.

It replaced the American Overseas Campaign, the National Health Agency Campaign and the annual American Red Cross Drive.

Members of the battalion were permitted to designate specific organizations to which they wished to direct their contributions. Most, however, gave no preference.

Among the organizations benefitted from the campaign are the American Red Cross, The United Service Organizations, the United Cancer Fund, the March of Dimes, the Heart Fund, Blue Cross and the Salvation Army.

The funds will be collected on a service-wide level and prorated to the participating organizations. No formal campaign was conducted in Viet nam.

Because the spirit continues and exists independently, it must be cared for properly and provided with its needs and desires in its spirit state. Unattended spirits may become angry, bitter or revengeful and seek to re-enter the earthly life, which would create havoc in many ways.

Since the spirits are associated with people, animists believe them to be greedy, deceptive, unpredictable and possessing every trait known to man. Those who die violently or whose bodies are not recovered and properly buried, cause great fear because their spirits are embittered by such a fate.

The animist spends much of his thought, effort, energy and wealth in observances and rites which will appease the spirits. Elaborate rituals and ceremonies are conducted and offerings, such as blood sacrifices, are made.

The animist is constantly on the lookout for those spirits who demand immediate attention. To aid in this search, he seeks help from one of the important men of the village-- his sorcerer.

The animist also places great emphasis on omens which may come in dreams or appear as signs for these are believed to be sent by the spirits to warn of future evil or good.

They see sickness and death as being spirit-related and take measures to protect their children. Parents may often give children unfavorable nicknames and keep the real name in strictest confidence to decoy the spirits away from a child.

Due to the fact that boys are more highly regarded than girls, a sickly boy may sometimes be dressed as a girl or an earring put in one of his ears to fool the spirits into thinking he is a girl.

Mirrors are sometimes placed in

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# IT'S HAPPENIN'

BY SP4

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This week's "It's Happenin'" column will be given exclusively to the subject, "Your Reserve Obligation."

There has been quite a bit of confusion about this matter—not only in the 1/82d Artillery but throughout the Army.

We'll try to clear up a few of the points.

First of all, almost everyone, who entered the Army prior to their 26th birthday has a six-year military obligation.

This simply means that if you have been a two-year draftee or a three-year voluntarily enlisted man you have some time to serve in the reserves.

Most people realize this but they are somewhat puzzled by the two categories of reserve status—Ready Reserve and Standby Reserve.

Ready Reserves are subject to active duty callup by the President or Congress in a declared emergency.

Standby Reserves are subject to be called for active duty only when a war or national emergency is declared by Congress.

If you spent two years on active duty you are subject to two years in the ready reserves and two more in the standby reserves. A three-year active duty man would spend one year in the ready reserve and two on standby.

As a veteran of Vietnam you will not be required to attend weekly or monthly reserve meetings but you may

be expected to attend summer camp.

If you ETS from the Army with an early out you will still be given credit for your entire two or three years on active duty. In other words you would not be expected to serve four years and five months if you received a five-month early out after leaving Vietnam.

Your assignment to a reserve unit is automatic and usually occurs about 90 days after your separation from active duty.

One last point to remember—Don't let the summer training slip because it could lead to disciplinary action that would put you back on active duty for the rest of your six-year obligation.

That, in a nutshell, is what you have to look forward to when you ETS. They say the first two years are the hardest.

## ANIMISM

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doors so a spirit will be frightened at seeing himself and will not enter. Red papers representing the god of the threshold may also be fixed to doorposts to frighten evil spirits. Barriers are even erected along pathways leading to a village to stop the spirits.

For every part of an animist's life from birth to death, the spirits are his constant companions to be feared and pacified. His beliefs about them control his every action.

## WORLD TRAVELER TRIES 'NAM

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"Actually you hear a lot of people talk about how bad Vietnam is," he adds. "But when you get right down to it, this could be a lovely country if there wasn't a war going on."

"There is a lot of vegetation, the mountain ranges are picturesque and many of the coastal regions are similar to those found back in the states."

Wilson, who graduated from Queen Anne High School in Seattle in 1966, has no plans to follow his father into the oil business.

"After I got out of high school and tried a little college, I took a job with a resort in Washington and I'd like to go back to that sort of thing when I get out of the service," he said.

Since he has already seen Bangkok, Hong Kong and Tokyo, three favorite vacation cities among American soldiers in Vietnam, Wilson is planning to spend his R&R in Australia. "I haven't been there yet so I'm looking forward to it as a new experience," he concludes.

Until then Wilson will have to content himself

with Vietnam. It may not be Rome, Paris or Libya. But for PFC William Wilson, it's another country added to a long list.



"YOU'RE SURE NOW, THAT THIS JOB WILL GUARANTEE ME PLENTY OF OVERTIME!"