

MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE

Memorial Day is an appropriate time for all members of our Armed Forces to reflect on the precious heritage of freedom bequeathed to us by our forefathers.

For nearly two centuries--from Lexington and Concord to Vietnam--Americans have fought bravely to defend and preserve this heritage. In so doing, many gave their lives so that our Nation could maintain its freedom and integrity.

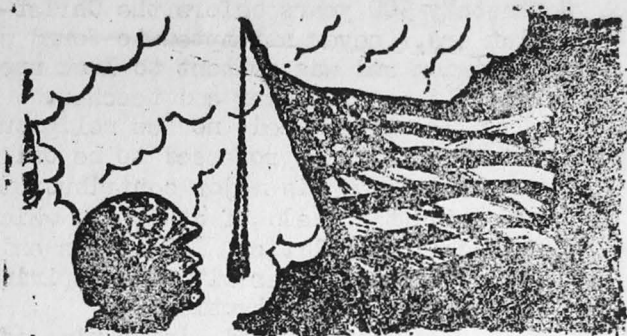
As America pays tribute to its war dead on this day, we must realize that only if we cherish our freedom and defend it against all assaults can we hope to retain it. Our ultimate hope is for an enduring peace that will make the freedom protected by their sacrifice secure for all time.

It is only from the gallantry,

patriotism and devotion to duty of those who have gone before that we, the living, can draw inspiration and dedication. We honor their memory with the promise that America will always remember their contribution to our security in times of peril.

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Secretary of Defense



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IT'S HAPPENIN'

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BATTALION MEN HONORED

One member of the 1st Bn., 82d Artillery was presented an Army Commendation Medal for valor and nine others were given Purple Hearts for wounds received in action during the first half of 1969.

The awards were presented by Battalion Commander LTC John J. Luxemburger Jr. during a tour of three line batteries last Tuesday.

Spl. Raymond C. Timpé of Delta Battery was presented the Army Commendation Medal for his efforts with the 3rd Bn., 16th Artillery 1st March.

Timpé, a native of Canton, Ohio, was cited for his efforts in helping to defend a civilian irregular defense camp near Tien Phou. He is now assigned to the Delta Battery fire direction center.

Receiving Purple Hearts at the Delta Battery ceremony at LZ Dottie were Spl. David L. Thill (Aurora, Ill.) and Cpl. David D. Willey (Sacramento, Calif.). Willey is assigned to the Bravo Battery detachment at Dottie.

The Purple Heart recipients at LZ Snoopy (Bravo Battery) were Sgt.

Gregory A. Hughey (Schofield Barracks, Hawaii), Sp5 William F. Lipski (Decatur, Ga.), PFC Steven M. Minshauer (Minneapolis, Minn.) and PFC John T. Koper (St. Louis).

1LT Garold A. Koopman and 1SG Willie W. Rucker joined PFC Theodore A. Wolfe (Smover, Mich.) as the Purple Heart recipients at Alpha Battery.

NEW MEDICAL OFFICER ARRIVES AT 1/82D

Capt. Luis Froilan Villamon, a native of Lima, Peru, became the new 1st Bn., 82d Artillery medical officer last week.

He succeeds Capt. David C. Allison of Grosspoint, Mich. who moved to a new assignment in the Saigon area.

Capt. Villamon, a graduate of the San Fernando Medical School at San Marcos University in Lima, joined the battalion from the 1/46th Infantry where he had been assigned for the past two months.

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RELIGIONS OF VIETNAM

CONFUCIUS: SCHOLAR AND TEACHER

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another in a series of articles on religions in the Republic of Vietnam.)

Each day in dealing with the people of Vietnam, the American soldier is exposed to the type of thinking known as the "ethics of Confucius".

Confucius, who lived approximately 500 years before the Christian era, never attempted to found a religion and was content to look upon himself as a scholar and teacher.

He introduced no new religious ideas and never professed to be original. Instead his major contribution was in the field of ethics in which he combined politics, education and imbued disciplines with the spirit of reverence and devotion.

Confucius lived in a time of strife and anarchy and his teachings called not for the salvation of the soul, but for good government and harmonious relations among men. He taught that men should be more conscious of their obligation than of their so-called rights.

AMERICAL COMMANDER
SALUTES DIVISION

The 27th anniversary of the Americal Division on May 27 calls for a salute to you, the Americal soldier.

Your predecessors, wearing the patch of the Southern Cross, fought valiantly across the rugged Pacific islands to victory in World War II. You are fighting in equally difficult terrain against a new enemy of freedom. You are making a brilliant impression on the pages of history.

Our division is truly unique in the U.S. Army history, not only because of its name, place of birth, or size, but also because of our accomplishments in two wars, and the individual pride that made these accomplishments possible.

We have learned that war is a difficult, daily task, made bearable by the nearness and cooperation of friends. You have formed many friendships within the Americal Division, and indeed, the Americal has been a friend to all who have served under the Southern Cross.

As we enter our 28th year, I salute you and our division with a simple "Thank you" to all the men who have made the Americal's proud history and wish you continued success in the future.

MG CHARLES E. GETTYS

As taught in Vietnam today, followers of Confucius are charged with five obligations. These include love and humanity, the right actions in expressing love and humanity, observation of the rites or rules of ceremony and courtesy, the duty to be educated, and self-confidence and fidelity toward others.

As part of their effort to make "right living" easy for everyone, Confucianists have stressed five important personal relationships that require kindness and tact. If happiness or harmony is to exist, the 10 people involved in these contacts--husband and wife, father and son, elder brother and younger brother, ruler and subject, and friend and friend--must exhibit virtuous attitudes and conduct toward each other.

A general rule to be observed in relationship with others is, "Do not to others what you would not want them to do to you".

Reverence and respect are not owed the superior blindly. A son may, with respect, correct a father, and a people may withdraw a mandate from a ruler who does not truly fulfill his function.

The individual's primary obligation is to his ruler, then his teacher and finally his father, although later Confucian teachings have stressed this respect between father and son. To this end he taught, "Recompense injury with justice, and recompense kindness with kindness".

Confucianism made its biggest strides in Vietnam during the period of national independence (939-1404 A.D.). Vietnamese writers were dominated by Confucianism and rarely veered from moralistic tales until 1925 when the author Hoang Ngoc Phach published the novel "To Tam" that marked a departure from Confucianist tradition.

By the beginning of the 15th Century, Confucian-type schools were operating in the leading centers, and education became the most cherished of all ideals.

Because of the scarcity of schools, the theater became one major way to communicate Confucianism to the people. To this day, the Hat Boi, one of Vietnam's five major types of plays, is still influenced by Confucianism.

Schooled for centuries in Confucian principles, the rulers of Vietnam were unable to conceive of another type of civilization and tried to isolate

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IT'S WARREN

BY SP4
Dick Shearer

NEW ARRIVALS--All five 1st Bn., 82d Artillery batteries added to their store of humanity last week with the arrival of more than 15 new men.

Delta Battery picked up SP4 Thomas P. Lovett, SP4 Winford Coleman and PFC John Lessing. Lovett, a cannoneer from Lima, Ohio, was last assigned to Ft. Knox, Ky. Coleman (Pikeville, Ky.), also a cannoneer, was at Ft. Benning, Ga. before coming to the 1/82d. Lessing, a native of Norwalk, Calif., is a new addition to Delta's communications section.

Another new man at Delta is PFC Jerry L. Travis, a field artillery repairman from Mosheim, Tenn.

Three new arrivals at Bravo Battery are PFC Joseph J. Bacorn of Trenton, N.J., SGT Leonard E. Thompson of Man, W.Va. and PFC David R. Hill of Austin, Tex.

Joining the Alpha Battery ranks is PFC William A. Green of New Haven, Conn., who comes to the unit after completing ATT at Ft. Sill, Okla.

Charlie Battery has added PFC Donald P.L. Guerin, a field wireman from Berlin, N.H.

Headquarters Battery also fattened its rolls with the arrival of five new members.

They include SP4 Lavell A. Gilman (Winter Haven, Fla.), PFC Tommy O. Bridges (Simpsonville, S.C.), PFC John B. Metcalf (Bayshore, N.Y.), PFC Epifanio Ortiz (Killeen, Tex.) and PFC Arthur L. Skidmore (Oraville, Ill.).

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A SLIGHT PROBLEM--If you had trouble getting the folks back home to realize you were assigned to the Americal Division, not the "America" or "American" Division, you've got lots of company.

Maj. Paul B. Parham, the division's information officer, had a letter to the editor published in the

March 22 edition of "Editor and Publisher", the weekly trade magazine of the newspaper industry. It dealt with the same problem.

It seems that Mom and Dad aren't the only ones who manhandle the division's name. So do a good share of the country's newspaper editors.

Knowing how hard it is to change people, it might be easier to alter the name of the division.

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UNIFORM CHANGE--If you are planning to take a leave in addition to your regular R&R, be advised that you'll need either a dress green or Khaki uniform to get out of Vietnam.

Under a new ruling which went into effect May 15, all personnel departing Vietnam on a regular leave status must have one of the two uniforms with them and it must include

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BATTALION BRIEFS

SUPPLY SERGEANT--SGT Kenneth S. Stotts of Meed, Colo., has joined Bravo Battery as a supply sergeant. Stotts, a 12-year Army veteran, was last assigned to the U.S. Army Training Center at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

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FLOOR SHOW--SP5 Bob Frey, manager of the 1/82d's Enlisted Men's Club, announces that another floor show has been scheduled for Saturday at 9 p.m.

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ACTING COMMANDER--Maj. Alan L. McCushtion has assumed temporary command of the 1/82d while LTC John J. Luxemburger, battalion commander, enjoys a week of R&R in Hawaii.

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NEW OFFICER--A new addition to the Headquarters officer corps is 1LT John E. Newton who joined the battalion last week. He is a resident of Miami, Fla.

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BATTALION FIRING TOPS 21,000 MARK

The 1/82d Artillery's four firing batteries completed their busiest month last Saturday, according to figures released by the Battalion Ammunition Section.

A total of 21,654 rounds were expended in the one-month period ending May 24. This reflected an estimated cost of \$1,383,779.69, the highest monthly figure since the battalion came to Vietnam last July.

It also represented an increase of more than 6,300 rounds over the previous reporting period which ended April 24.

Since late January, the battalion has fired 66,975 rounds at an estimated cost of \$4,439,693.13. During that period, the battalion has averaged 16,743 rounds per month.

CONFUCIANISM

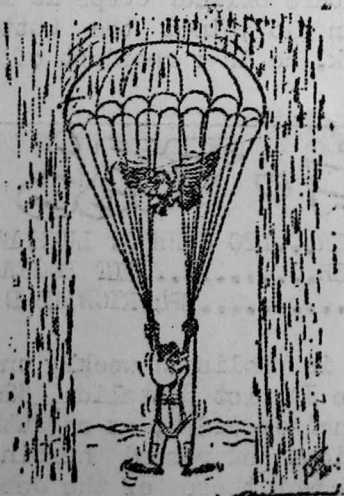
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the country from alien religious thoughts and from the modern world. But by the 19th Century, this was no longer possible.

Under French rule, Confucianism declined. It encountered new ideas and forces and long before the end of the colonial period, it had lost its dominant position.

The final blow to Confucian education was the French reform of civil service examinations, which required training in the European education system rather than Confucian learning.

Its basic precepts, however, remained deeply imbedded in the morals and values of the people and Confucius' birthday is still celebrated on the 28th day of the ninth lunar month.



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all the proper insignias, patches and brass.

The change was made necessary because under some conditions, the individual soldier may have to perform his return travel by non-R&R flights.

This clothing change does not affect personnel travelling under regular R&R status except those going to either Taipei or Hong Kong where the khaki uniform is required.

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CINEMA SLATE-- Four movies are on tap for the four batteries included in the weekly 1/82d movie schedule.

This week's offerings include "How to Save a Marriage and Ruin Your Life", "Gun for San Sebastian", "Hostile Guns" and "Kiss for the Girls".

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NEW CLERK ARRIVES--PFC Robert L. Turner Jr., a general clerk from Waverly, Tenn. has been assigned to Charlie Battery.

NEW DOCTOR

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The new doctor, who entered the Army in February, was on the staff of the Manhattan Veterans Administration Hospital in New York City before his induction into the service.

Capt. Allison, a graduate of the University of Michigan, came to the 1/82d last October. During his tenure, the unit opened a new medical treatment bunker, considered one of the best battalion-level medical facilities in the Americal Division area.

