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TRIO RECEIVES SERVICE AWARDS

Three members of the 1st Bn., 82d Artillery's Headquarters Battery were honored for their service with the unit in Vietnam.

The three—CPT Richard W. Hodges, CW2 Benjamin Peoples and SFC Junior R. Snider were given Bronze Stars for meritorious service during separate ceremonies last week at Battalion Headquarters.

Making the presentations was LTC James M. Compton, battalion commander.

CPT Hodges, the battalion's maintenance platoon leader, was honored for his service with the

unit since last September. He came to Headquarters last October from Bravo Battery.

CPT Hodges, a native of Mountain Lakes, N.J., has been reassigned to Ft. Knox, Ky.

WO Peoples, the battalion's maintenance technician, was also cited for his service with the unit. He is now home on leave before reporting to a new assignment in Europe.

SFC Snider, an 18-year Army veteran from Lindsay, Okla., served as the Battalion S-4 NCO for more

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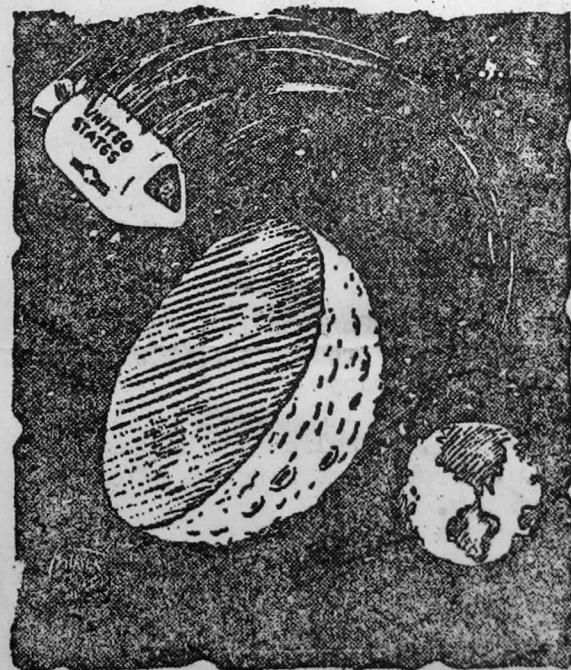
EDUCATION CENTER LISTS FALL CLASSES

Six college-level courses are on the docket for the fall term of University of Maryland classes slated for the Americal Division Education Center.

The courses offered in the fields of history, business administration, English and economics will begin Sept. 8 and end Nov. 1.

The credit-level sessions will include: History 21 (U.S. history to 1865); History 22 (U.S. history since 1865); History 41 (History of Western Civilization); B.A. 180 (Business Law I); English I (Composition); and Economics 31 (Principles of Economics).

Registration and additional information is available by calling the Education Center at 2311.



• HOUSTON - YOU'RE NOT GONNA BELIEVE THIS!!

SOME THOUGHTS FOR LABOR DAY

Instead of a day to honor the working man as established 75 years ago, Labor Day has become just another time to get away from work.

As in the case of many of our holiday observances, Labor Day's true meaning has become obscured. Where once there were parades along main streets of cities and towns in honor of the working man, about the only parade you can now see on Labor Day

is the parade of cars jamming the highways, taking families to the lakes, beaches, and mountains for their last annual holiday fling.

This is unfortunate when you consider the tens of millions of working men and women who have played a major role in making this nation the richest and most productive country in the world.

The past, present and future strength of this country is in the multitudes of working people who produce the commodities and services essential to the growth and development of the nation.

We of the military have a special debt to the working man. In times of war and national emergency he has joined us in meeting the threats of aggression, either by laying aside his tools and joining our ranks, or providing us with the essential supplies and equipment to accomplish our mission.

In time of peace he has met the challenges of progress, supplying us with the latest and best weapons and equipment to deter the threat of world aggression.

The American working man and servicemen are strong partners in making this the most progressive, safest and greatest nation in the world. (AFPS)



BATTALION BRIEFS

LIAISON CHANGE: The 1/82d transferred one liaison officer and added another during the past week. CPT David H. Nisse has joined the unit as liaison to the 1/1 Cavalry while CPT Jerry D. Rawlinson has been moved to the 3rd Bn., 16th Artillery.

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CHURCH SERVICES: Personnel in the Headquarters Battery area on standdown are reminded that Sunday church services are held at the neighboring 39th Engineer Bn Chapel. Catholic mass begins at 8:30 a.m., Protestant services follow at 10:45 a.m.

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FIIM FARE: Five full-length films will make the rounds on the 1/82d movie circuit this week. The schedule includes: "Pondulum", "The Stranger Returns", "How to Steal the World", "The Karate Killer" and "Far From the Maddening Crowd".

BALL STAR'S KIN WITH DOG PLATOON

War throws together many people from many different backgrounds, so it is not surprising that 19-year-old Edilberto Clemente found himself in Vietnam four months ago.

Edilberto is the younger brother of Pittsburgh Pirates' outfielder Roberto Clemente who is battling his way toward another National League batting title this summer.

Edilberto, who is 19, is the second-youngest of seven Clemente offspring (six of whom are boys) and is now stationed with the 60th Infantry Platoon Scout Dogs who recently

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IT'S CARELESS

BY SP4

John Shearer

FLOOR SHOW REPORT: The scene was the Battalion Enlisted Men's Club. The time was last Tuesday night. On stage a group which called itself "Malaysia Night" was finishing its one-hour performance.

The five musicians and four girls went into their finale which included the usual goodbyes and bows. The audience applauded and it was all over.

"Malaysia Night" was far from the worst floor show held at the club since it opened in February. But it also wasn't among the best.

Unfortunately, "Malaysia Night" suffered from the same weaknesses at least eight of the last 10 shows demonstrated.

Old standby originality apparently is a never-to-be-tested evil. "Malaysia" was especially guilty of this. They offered the same songs, the same arrangements and in some cases, the very same dance routines their predecessors did.

None of these numbers were poorly performed but the fact remains that there was little or no variety over anything that had been offered before.

Why?

Obviously all these groups like "Malaysia Night" are satisfied to play their hour's worth of music,



pack their instruments and costumes and take off for the next show. There they will go through the same routine all over again.

This should seem particularly boring to the musicians who have to go through this ritual twice daily for however long they are in Vietnam.

Unfortunately, this boredom is starting to wear off on the audiences. Where once there was enthusiastic applause and calls for encores there is now little more than some courteous patting of the hands.

Good things are appreciated but like the boy with every toy ever made, too much of one thing spoils the fun.

Most American soldiers in Vietnam have the same interest--- they want to go home. This means that every entertainment group that comes here must play "I Want to Go Home". By now, the magic of the song has worn thin.

The same goes for songs like "People", "Going to San Francisco" in addition to at least two dozen more.

To set the record straight, we hardly recommend doing away with floor shows. Their value as morale boosters cannot be under-estimated and of course they serve as an impo-

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tant change of pace from the everyday routine a soldier in Vietnam falls into.

But these performances seem to be slowly sliding into a deep rut called repetition that in time may nullify their entertainment value.

We'd hate to see this happen because top-quality floor shows at one time as common as roast beef in the mess hall and sand on your bed.

TRIO HONORED

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than a year. He came to Vietnam with the 1/82d in July, 1968, and stayed with the unit except for a 30-day reenlistment leave early in his tour.

He has been reassigned to the Army Induction Center at Oklahoma City, Okla.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

QUESTION: I completed high school before entering the service but did not receive any college training. Is there any special program through which I can qualify for government employment?

ANSWER: Yes. Under a new program government agencies may hire Vietnam era veterans for jobs in the first five grades without requiring competitive examinations.

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QUESTION: What is a disadvantaged veteran?

ANSWER: For Veterans Administration educational assistance purposes, a disadvantaged veteran is one who has not completed high school.

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QUESTION: More than a year ago the VA established United States Veterans Assistance Centers in 21 major cities throughout the country. Are these USVACs still operating?

ANSWER: Yes, and they are staffed by representatives of the VA, Civil Service Commission, Department of Labor and other agencies.

CLEMENTE

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were attached to the 1st Bn., 82d Artillery at Chu Lai.

The younger Clemente is the first to admit that the rest of the family left the ball-playing to Roberto:

"He was always the ballplayer and the rest of us sort of went our own ways", he said.

Edilberto, who has been in the Army for 11 months noted that he hasn't seen his famed brother "for about a year" and has never had the chance to see him play in the majors.

"We all used to see him in the Puerto Rican Winter League", he added, "but I've never gotten to the states to watch him with the Pirates."

The Clementes (of Catano, P.R.) also have another representative in Vietnam. Another brother, Ernesto, 20, is stationed at Pleiku.

MEETING REMINDER

A Military Justice class followed by a commander's Conference will be held at 1/82d Artillery Headquarters, Wednesday, beginning at 9 a.m.

Helicopter transportation is being arranged to carry all battery commanders to and from the dual session.



NURSE SETS ANOTHER FIRST

In this day and age when everyone wants to be first in something, 2LT Louise Homer didn't waste any time adding her accomplishment to the list.

Lt. Homer became the first American female to use the 1st Bn., 82d Artillery's new Chappell Memorial Pool.

Such an occasion should not go unnoticed and it didn't. No less than three dozen members of Headquarters Battery were on hand to watch her history-making splash. Others witnessed the event through binoculars.

Lt. Homer, a registered nurse at the 27th Surgical Hospital, is a native of Detroit and has been in Vietnam for four months. She entered the Army under the Student Nursing Program while still in nursing school.

She will have six months left to serve when she leaves Vietnam and would like an assignment at Fitzsimmons General Hospital when she returns to the states.

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COMMAND CHANGE

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duty in Africa, Sicily and Southern France and his present tour of Vietnam, he also served in Germany and Korea. Before coming to the 1/82d, he was assigned to the Pentagon.

JULY 4TH

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To many people today, waving the American flag may seem old-fashioned and provincial, and it may be unlawful to blow oneself up with fireworks, but there is no more beautiful sight to light one's spirit than the American flag flying free.

As we approach the Fourth remember there still seen and unseen enemies trying to undermine all the principles and sacrifices that have made America the greatest country on earth.

As it happened all too often in the past, America's finest youth are fighting and dying on foreign soil; now indeed, we may well again... "With a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence".... "Appeal to the Supreme Judge of the World for the rectitude of our own intentions" as did the signers of the Declaration of Independence. (AFPS)

CINEMA SLATE

Topping this week's schedule of four full-length films on tap for members of the 1/82d Artillery this week is the Italian-produced Western "Hang 'Em High", starring Clint Eastwood.

Also slated for showing are "Officer Clouseau", "A Dandy in Aspic" and "Chubasco".

NEW PAY SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JULY 1

Members of the United States Army will start reaping the benefits of the new pay raise signed into law earlier this year by President Nixon.

The increase, which becomes effective July 1, will first be noticed in pay vouchers distributed on July 31.

Typical increases resulting from the raise are \$28.50 for an E-5, \$24.00 for an E-4 and \$17.40 for an E-3.

A second lieutenant would realize an increase of \$43.20.

PRESIDENT NIXON'S HOLIDAY MESSAGE

On July 4, 1969, we shall observe the 193rd anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. This is a special day to be celebrated by all Americans. It is a time to recall with joy and celebration the proclamation of "liberty throughout the land" on that glorious Fourth in 1776, the day our nation was born.

In the words of John Adams, our second President, this day "ought to be commemorated... by solemn acts of devotion to God... solemnized with pomp and parade... from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward, evermore."

Our heritage of the democratic principles of the equality and dignity of all men and their inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness stems from this document.

These principles, to which the Declaration's founders mutually pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor, are today protected by all men and women in the Armed Forces. For this all Americans can be proud of your contribution to our security -- to ensure that succeeding generations of Americans will always be able to celebrate Independence Day.

---Richard Nixon