

FDC TEAM EARNS AWARDS

Four men of the 1/82d were recently presented special awards during a ceremony at Quang Ngai for their efforts toward artillery Vietnamization of the war.

MAJ Patrick G. Lally, SFC Donald W. Thomas, SP4 Donald Dzubin, and SP4 Al Johnston were cited for their work in teaching Lt. Nguen Van Thong and three other enlisted members of the 2d ARVN Division Artillery the complexities of 'FADAC' (Field Artillery Digital Computer).

The instruction took place in

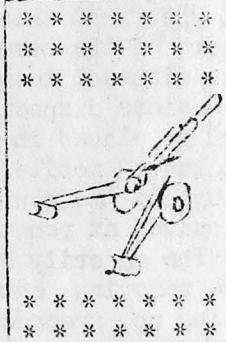
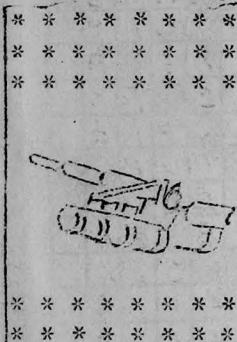
Battalion FDC at LZ Hurricane, and lasted for two weeks. By the termination of the training period, the ARVN team had learned how to use FADAC.

"The Vietnamese artillerymen were terrific," SFC Thomas pointed out. "They responded quickly to the instruction and mastered the procedure for computing fire missions."

With the help of the 1st Battalion, 82d Artillery, the ARVN's are moving into the computer era.

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1/82D IN COMPETITION

The joint efforts of Batteries A and D paid off two Sundays ago when the men from Dottie defeated members of the 30th ARVN Artillery in a rematch volleyball set at Tam Ky.

The 1/82d got off to a good start, winning the first of three games. The ARVN's soon "got on the ball," however, and tied things up by dominating the second game. The GI's went into the third game very determined and, when it was all over, came out on top with the winning two

out of three.

It was a welcome win for the battalion artillerymen turned netmen. Several weeks ago members of HHS Battery were not quite able to overcome the slamming ARVN's.

Sunday afternoon's athletics were preluded by a thoroughly enjoyed Vietnamese style dinner. The Americans were invited to watch a Vietnamese soccer game after the volleyball match.

VC 'SOUVENIRS' ARE DANGEROUS

WASHINGTON (AFPS) -- Beware - the life you take may not be your own. That, in essence, is the caustic warning given American servicemen in the Republic of Vietnam who are bringing or mailing "souvenirs" back to the United States.

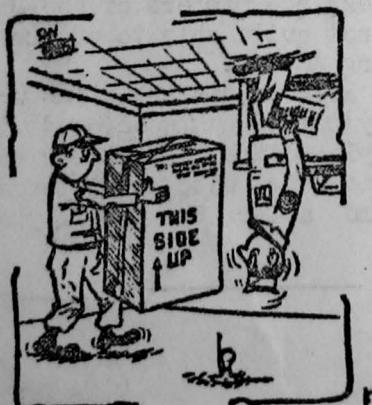
At Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Master Sergeant Frank M. Smith emphasized, "The Viet Cong transform anything into weapons." Tin cans, watches, and metal tubes filled with glass or rocks are just some of the many lethal products of the VC's ingenuity and imagination.

MSgt. Smith, of Salt Lake, Utah, is one of several airmen at Tan Son Nhut who fight this "imagination" as members of the base's explosive ordnance disposal team.

Besides disposing of "souvenirs" found or placed in the air base, the unit has a mobile team that flies throughout the country to dispose of explosives at remote sites.

"The majority of our calls involve removing sabotage devices and picking up grenades and we take all kinds of ordnance out of personal baggage during customs inspections," Master Sergeant Williard D. Hudson (Springfield, La.) said.

"Our biggest problems there are grenades, 40mm shells and small arms rounds. The people want to take them back home," he concluded.



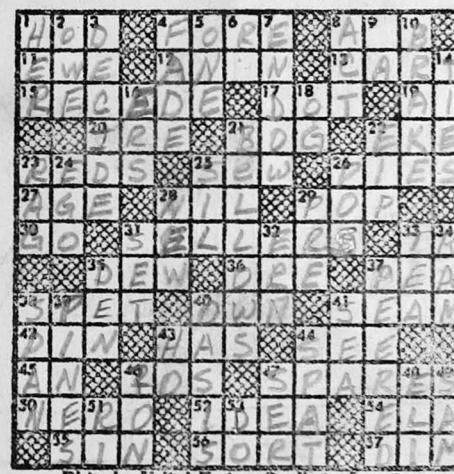
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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ACROSS

1-Brick-carrying device
4-Golf cry
8-Priest's vestment
11-Female sheep
12-Leter
13-Vehicle
15-Fail back
17-Sueck
19-Thre-toad
sloth
20-Anger
21-Mars
22-Piece out
23-Communists
25-Stitch
26-Saler's products
27-Nature
28-Nothing
29-Through
30-Proceed
31-Dealers
33-Initials of 26th President
35-Condensed moisture
36-Native metal
37-Edible seed
38-Barracuda
40-Fossess
41-Juncture
42-Metal fastener
43-Possesses
44-Bishopic
45-Indefinite article
46-Ethiopian title
47-Extra
50-Roman tyrant
52-Mental image
54-Guido's high note
55-Transgress
56-Cleissity
57-Obscure

DOWN
1-Pronoun
2-Be in debt
3-Determine
4-Diminish



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DELAYED TAX DATE FOR RVN VETERANS

WASHINGTON (AFPS) -- Servicemen and women, federal civilian employees, and Red Cross workers in the Republic of Vietnam do not have to file federal income tax returns for 1969 until 180 days after they leave the war zone.

The extension also applies to servicemen hospitalized outside the United States as a result of duty in Vietnam, accredited correspondents, and others in Vietnam supporting the (continued on Page 4)



looking back

A BATTALION HISTORY

On June 5, 1917, a new unit was born at Ft. D.A. Russell, Wyoming. The unit was organized and activated as troops A and B, 24th Cavalry. Today that same unit has another name: 1st Battalion, 82d Field Artillery.

Two years after it was organized, the unit underwent its first battle baptismal when it was rushed into firing positions overlooking Juarez, Mexico. A bandit by the name of Pancho Villa had gathered forces in an attempt to overthrow the Mexican government. The mission of the 82d was to support the attacked government.

During the night of June 15, Batteries C and D provided fire support for a combined American - Mexican ground force that was operating directly across the Rio Grande from Texas. Villa's followers had bivouacked near the Juarez Race Track, but the continuous aerial bombardment and harassment from the ground forces sent them retreating into the hills.

Shortly afterwards, in the early 1920s, the 15th Cav was deactivated and the 82d was redeployed to the 1st Cavalry Division, with which it served in World War II.

During the war, the unit used 75 mm pack howitzers in its initial contacts with the enemy. The 82d had the honor of firing the 1st Cav's opening round of the war from positions on the Momote Airstrip on Los Negros Island of the Admiralty group.

In October, 1945, the battalion received 105mm howitzers to replace the old pack howitzers that had served so well on the island-hopping campaigns on New Guinea, the Admiralties, and the Bismarck Archipelago.

During the Korean War, the 82d was once again not only in action, but in action with the first Cav. This association ended late in 1957 when the 82d packed up and moved to Europe and reorganized as a missile battalion. The unit spent most of its time in Europe near Vicenza, Italy, where it was eventually inactivated in late July, 1964.

The current 1st Battalion, 82nd Artillery came to life on January 10, 1968 when it was attached to the Ft. Lewis Provisional Troop Command. Preparations began immediately to deploy the battalion to Vietnam where it arrived in late July, 1968. ■



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Gen. Wheeler warned, however, that "military success cannot be predicted upon numbers alone." For that reason, he said, the United States is providing the Republic of Vietnam forces with training designed to bring their military capabilities up to maximum.

DELAYED TAX DATE (continued)

U.S. Armed Forces.

The wife of a serviceman in Vietnam has several choices regarding their tax return. She may file a joint return now, file a separate return now if she had any income and amend it to a joint return when her husband returns, or postpone the filing of a return until her husband leaves Vietnam and meets filing requirements.

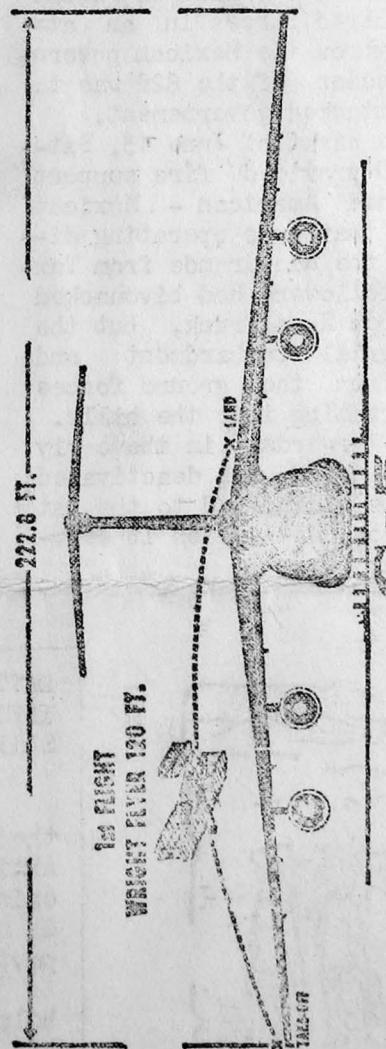
Saigon

PUSHING FOR GREATER STRENGTH

WASHINGTON (AFPS) -- The Republic of Vietnam is expected to have almost 1.2 million men under arms by June 30 1970, according to General Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

This number includes about 470,000 men in the Regular Forces; 515,000 in the Regional and Popular Forces; and 215,000 in the Paramilitary and Security Forces.

A peoples militia of more than 3 million men, women and youths is being formed to support the Vietnamese effort in addition to the military and paramilitary units. Nearly 2 million of the militia have already received some military training.



HISTORIC FLIGHT SPAN — The history of airpower began 66 years ago with the Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur, when believed man could travel places by flying. While other people laughed, they designed and built the first airplane. At Kitty Hawk in North Carolina, the Wright brothers broke three thousand years of tradition. On Dec. 17, 1903, Orville flew the "Wright Flyer" in the first powered flight by man. He flew only 120 feet, just slightly more than one-half the 222.8 feet wingtip to wingtip by man. He flew only 120 feet, just slightly more than one-half the 222.8 feet wingtip to wingtip by man. The distance of the U.S. Air Force's newest and largest transport, the C-5 Galaxy. (U.S. Air Force photo)