



## NATO is TWENTY years old

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) celebrates its 20th anniversary on April 4, still dedicated to the goals affirmed when it was born.

In the North Atlantic Treaty, the NATO member nations stated that they were "determined to safeguard the freedom common heritage and civilization of their peoples, founded on the principles of democracy and the rule of law.

The nations further said they sought "to promote stability and well-being in the North Atlantic Area" and resolved "to unite their efforts for collective defense and for the preservation of peace and security."

This resolve has continued undiminished since the treaty was signed in Washington, D.C., on April 4, 1949.

Briefly stated, two fundamental principles support the goals established by the member nations.

The safety and freedom of Western Europe are vital to the interests of North America.

The United States commitment to Western Europe, backed by its nuclear and conventional military power, is essential to the freedom and safety of its Atlantic Allies.

Twelve nations initially signed the North Atlantic Treaty: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France,

Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, United Kingdom and the United States. Greece and Turkey signed the treaty in 1952, and the Federal Republic of Germany joined in 1955, making the total 15.

## CAPT. MURRAY assumes command

Captain Richard N. Murray, returning to his former unit, assumed command of Battery D from Captain Horace Whitfield here March 25.

Formerly this unit's Executive Officer for five months, Captain Murray returns to Ky Hoa Island after serving four months on the Battalion Staff. Captain Whitfield, commander for the past six months, was reassigned to the Control and Reporting Center in Saigon.

Capt. Murray was graduated in 1966 from the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he was a noted basketball star. He started three years at forward for the Black Knights and holds the distinction of starting more National Invitational Tournament games, 12, than any other player in collegiate history.

During his playing

COLONEL JONES LEAVES  
Colonel Lawrence M. Jones, Division Artillery Commander, made a farewell address to the battalion on March 7.

Colonel Jones said that he was proud of the battalion and recognized its accomplishments. He went on to express his concern over events back in the states; namely, assassinations of political leaders and campus disturbances. He warned against marijuana smoking and asked those listening to remain good citizens when they return to the world.

career, Capt. Murray helped Army to the semi-finals of the NIT at Madison Square Garden three times. The Cadets were third twice and finished fourth once. He was named to the all-tourney team once.

Capt. Murray married his hometown sweetheart, the former Stephanie Schwindeman of Ramsey, N.J. The couple has two children. (By SP5 Amundson)

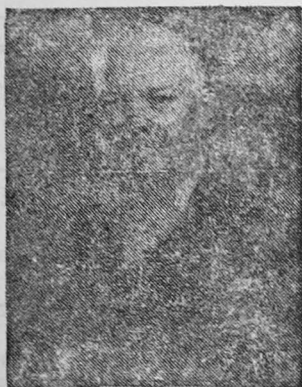
## "Ike," NO. 1 AMERICAN

Ask any Army man to draw you a word picture of Dwight David Eisenhower. The soldier's response will tell you a great deal about the impact of this American on the nation he served so well for so many years.

For if you ask a younger man, he will sketch a picture of an elder man, the President of the United States, the country's elder statesman standing solidly for American ideals.

And if you ask an old-man, he will picture a younger man, the Army wartime general and peacetime military governor, chief of staff and, later, NATO commander.

"Ike" was all of these to different generations of Americans in a career of more than half a century of public service.



COL. HARDY VISITS BTRYS

Colonel Leslie B. Hardy, Division Artillery Commander since March 15, paid a visit to Headquarters Battery and the line batteries on March 24. Accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel J. A. Richard Guertin, he was given a tour of each battery.

"Human dignity, economic freedom, individual responsibility, these are the characteristics that distinguish democracy from all other forms devised by man."

"Americans, indeed, all free men, remember that in the final choice a soldier's pack is not so heavy a burden as a prisoner's chain."

Dwight D. Eisenhower.

### center gets name

Ft. Sill, Okla., (ANF)-The U.S. Army Artillery and Missile Center, headquartered at Ft. Sill since 1957, became the U.S. Army Field Artillery Center (USAFAC).

In the same Department of the Army order, effective at the same time, Ft. Sill's U.S. Army Artillery and Missile School became the U.S. Army Field Artillery School (USAFAS).

The new designations stem from the separation of the artillery branch into field artillery and air defense artillery branches. The Air Defense Center is at Ft. Bliss, Tex.

The Army's first Air Defense Artillery NCO Candidate School opened in January at Ft. Bliss.



### RVN Tourist Bureau?

The following newspaper clipping found its way into several state-side newspapers. It was written by an Army PFC serving in Vietnam. His letter is an invitation to Vietnam.

"The mysterious jungle will enchant you with its jagged bamboo, cooling swamps, rubber trees and its playful vines that reach out and dump you," he wrote.

"You'll fall in love with the adorable insects of the jungle."

"There is the musical bee, whose favorite game is hide-and-seek. You can run like a wild man, pop smoke all around you, go hide or just stand still and pray, but in the end he'll find you."

"For entertainment, there's always Charlie. He'll rarely give you a direct invitation, but springs surprise parties on you quite frequently. You'll be sightseeing in the jungle and he'll jump up with a welcome smile. He'll bring all sorts of noisemakers to liven up the party--AK 47's, RPG rounds and grenades."

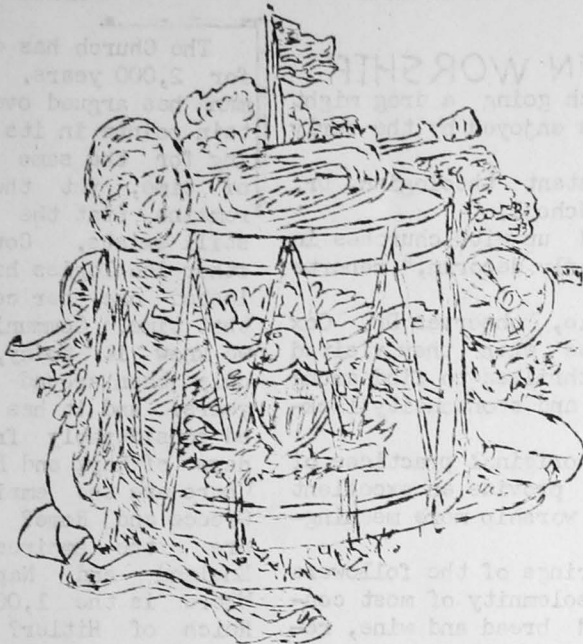
"Yes, Vietnam is a land of paradise. So come one, come all, and have an experience you'll never forget."

### April Draft Call

The Department of Defense has requested the Selective Service System to provide 33,000 inductees in April 1969. Of the men called, 30,500 will be assigned to the Army and 2,500 to the Marine Corps. (ANF)







## THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SERVICE

The right and obligation of Americans to defend themselves and their way of life has been recognized from earliest colonial times. During the Revolutionary War, training and discipline varied greatly from county to county, and state to state, but the responsibility to bear arms in the defense of the common good was recognized by all.

This recognition stemmed from the understanding that men must be responsible if they are to be free. Under our democratic system of government, the majority make the laws, but are also responsible for protecting the rights of minority groups. By the same token, each minority group obeys these laws, whether it agrees with them or not, but works responsibly to insure that its views and unique needs are expressed and understood by the majority.

The majority of Americans has recognized the requirement for military forces to defend our nation. Elaborate procedures have been established to assure that the laws are administered equally and justly. The law requiring military service was established to protect the freedom of all Americans, not just the majority. For this reason, every citizen has a responsibility to serve when called upon to do so. Those who accept this responsibility contribute to America and all that it stands for.

What all Americans seek--our vision of the future--is a world at peace. To achieve that vision, we must recognize that the difficult task of building bridges of peaceful cooperation with those who would be our enemies must go hand in hand with the hard, cost-

ly and sometimes bloody defense of freedom.

Former Pres. Johnson clearly stated the challenge that confronts America. "...human misery and vaulting ambitions combine to threaten peace and security in the world. Much of our effort must be devoted to preventing the forces of aggression from asserting themselves, or dealing with them when they do."

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Established by a Joint Resolution of Congress on July 12, 1862, the Medal of Honor is awarded to a serviceman who distinguishes himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.

The first recipients of this award were Union soldiers fighting in the Civil War. President Lincoln first presented the medal.

The award can be made for actions against an enemy of the United States, while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force, or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force. In the latter case, the United States need not necessarily be a belligerent party.

The deed performed must have been one of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the individual above his comrades and must have involved risk of life.

In his first Medal of Honor ceremony President Nixon said that the ceremony was his "highest" honor" yet. He continued, "We really cannot honor these men, but they have honored America. They have added to the honor of the Nation by what they have done."

## NEW THOUGHTS ON WORSHIP

Young people who find church going a drag might dig the kind of worship services enjoyed by the early Christians.

So says that noted Protestant theologian, Dr. Harvey Cox of Harvard Divinity School.

"Young people tend to be fed up with churches in which worship is stifled by deadly decorum," reports Dr. Cox.

But these same young people, observes Dr. Cox "have been favorably impressed when they visited Negro churches." They were "thrilled to find among these Christians the joyousness and spontaneity lacking in their own churches."

Dr. Cox points out that the original practices of the early Christian community provide an excellent guide for experiments in making worship more meaningful and appealing to people.

He says, "The earliest gatherings of the followers of Jesus...lacked the cultic solemnity of most contemporary worship." "They had bread and wine, recalled the words of Jesus, read letters from the apostles and other groups of Christians, exchanged ideas, sang and prayed. Their worship services were rather uproarious affairs...more like the victory celebration of a football team than what we usually call worship today."

Many congregations are experimenting today the kind of spontaneous and joyous fellowship experienced by the early church. Some churches are rethinking the use of contemporary music and even dancing as expressions of worship.

Dr. Cox feels that it is unfortunate many conservative worshippers object to such experiments. He says, "folk songs, dramatic movements and visual color in an air of celebration could open the senses of people whose worship experience is stuck in a carefully preserved tradition, and allow them to encounter God anew."

"...toleration has never yet excited civil wars, whereas its opposite has filled the earth with slaughter and desolation...May all men remember that they are brethren! May they alike abhor that tyranny which seeks to subject the freedom of the will..."

—Voltaire, 1763

I shall pass through this  
World but once

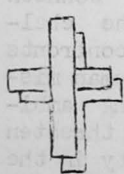
Any good, therefore, that  
I can do,

Or, any kindness that I  
can show to any human being,

Let me do it now!

Let me not defer nor  
neglect it

For I shall not pass this  
way again.



## CHAPEL SERVICES

### PROTESTANT

HAWKEYE CHAPEL 6th BN 56th ARTY.....1030  
SUPPORT COMMAND CHAPEL.....1100  
14th AVIATION CHAPEL.....1000

### CATHOLIC MASS

MCB 58 (SEABEES) CHAPEL.....1200  
MAG 13 CHAPEL.....1130 Daily, 1030 Sunday  
AMERICAL CHAPEL.....0730 and 1600  
14th AVIATION CHAPEL.....0900  
DIVARTY CHAPEL.....0800 and 1700  
SUPPORT COMMAND CHAPEL.....0900

### BATTERY C SERVICES

PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC  
MACV CHAPEL

Check bulletin board for times.

The Church has existed for 2,000 years. While man has argued over certain points in its teaching for the same length of time, yet the fact remains that the Church still exists. Countless other ideologies have not lasted one per cent of that time. Communism, as we know it today, has only been around for 50 years. And it has changed considerably from the days of Marx and Engels. Where are the empires of Greece and Rome? Where are the empires of England and Napoleon? Where is the 1,000-year Reich of Hitler? All have failed and gone down into the dust of time because they were founded on the ideas of man, and not on a living Son of God. When Napoleon died, his empire died with him. The same thing can be said for Hitler, Stalin, and someday, Mao. But because Christ lives, His Church lives. And men have been willing to die in order that the Church might live.

HE IS RISEN.

HE IS RISEN INDEED.

ALLELUIAH, ALLELUIAH.



The people of Vietnam have been waging a struggle for independence for almost 2,000 years. In the past, they have had to deal with the Chinese, the French and the Japanese. They now find themselves confronted with Communist aggression and we, as American soldiers, are assisting them.

How well do you know the history of this struggle? How did the French gain control of the country? The Japanese? How did Ho Chi Minh gain his power? What happened in the Gulf of Tonkin in August of 1964 to change the course of the present war?

The following is the first of a five part series entitled "Vietnam--A History of Struggle."

## VIETNAM--a history of struggle

In 111 B.C. the Chinese, requiring new lands for its people, conquered the Vietnamese people. This was the beginning of nearly 1,000 years of Chinese rule.

The country was divided into several military districts directed by Chinese prefects, under a Chinese governor. The Vietnamese feudal chiefs who had offered no resistance to the Chinese remained in their old positions.

The Vietnamese people gained many material benefits from the Chinese. The plough was introduced, working animals were imported, and new materials became known. Chinese customs were spread by the growing numbers of officials, soldiers, colonists and fugitives from China.

Even though the people accepted the material benefits from the Chinese, they refused to be assimilated as a people. The history of the Chinese conquest of Vietnam is also a history of constant revolts and short periods of independence.



In 939 A.D. the final battles were fought against the Chinese in the Red River valley. The Chinese were thrown out of the country. In 940 A.D. the state of Vietnam was formed, with the exception of a 20 year interlude of Chinese reoccupation in the 15th Century, Vietnam remained independent for the next 900 years--until the French came.

NEXT WEEK--A PERIOD OF INDEPENDENCE.

### SUPPORT FOR VIETNAM

Many countries have supported the efforts of South Vietnam to preserve its freedom since its Government issued appeal to the free world for assistance in July 1964. More than 30 nations have contributed military, economic, and or technical assistance to Vietnam and the Vietnamese people.

Almost 100,000 troops from five Asian and Pacific nations (Australia, New Zealand, Korea, Thailand, and the Philippines) are now in Vietnam serving alongside Vietnamese and U.S. armed forces.

Other countries that have given aid are: Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Rep. of China, Iran, Turkey, Liberia, Tunisia, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, United Kingdom, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Uruguay and Venezuela.



## VERY INTERESTING

WASHINGTON (APPS)--The job of Viet Cong (MLF) propaganda experts in Paris is, among other things, to present to the world material proof of U.S. "atrocities" in Vietnam. However, the State Department pointed out on January 13, these experts are not getting that proof from their counterparts in the field, according to recently captured documents.

The response to Viet Cong appeals to all party committees in South Vietnam for "documents, pictures, witnesses...petitions from holy associations...and the victims themselves...which illustrate the crimes perpetrated by the U.S. imperialists" has been totally inadequate, even though Viet Cong directives are very specific about the type of evidence required by their International Information Office at Paris.

In order to influence more than 1,000 reporters, newsmen, photographers, and television reporters at the peace talks and, through them, world opinion, the Viet Cong want a "wounded child with a hideous appearance who survived U.S. crimes" in Vietnam "as a witness." "The child is to be sent to Paris after proper indoctrination." This "will be a significant political blow" to the United States and a great advantage to the national liberation movement "all over the world," the directive states.

"COMPREHENSIVE" CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN are the only type acceptable to U.S. Government agencies for goods bought in Hong Kong. Shops in Hong Kong which can give you a comprehensive (Tourist) certificate of origin have a poster prominently displayed in their salesroom. In issuing the certificate, the seller guarantees that the item is not of Communist origin.

ITEMS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES purchased in Hong Kong may NOT be imported into the United States for personal use or gifts unless a Comprehensive certificate of origin has been obtained at the time of purchase:

- Brocaded items (bags, etc.)
- Embroidered clothing
- Cotton clothing, all types
- Brocaded clothing
- Items with embroidery in the design
- Cotton items (dolls, napkins, etc.)
- Handkerchiefs
- Silk clothing (except men's western-style suits and Indian saris)
- Silk items, all types
- Chinaware, pottery, ceramic articles
- Hardwood furniture
- Ivory articles
- Lace items, all types
- Linen items (table cloths, napkins, etc.)
- Tapestries, needlepoint items
- Carpets, rugs
- Jade, opal, semi-precious stone articles (jewelry, figurines, bowls, etc.)

ITEMS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES may NOT be imported into the United States for personal use or gifts from ANY country unless an acceptable certificate of origin has been obtained at the time of purchase.

- Antiques, Chinese and Chinese type
- Chinese type clothing
- Furniture of Chinese design or styling
- Wigs
- Art objects of traditional mainland Chinese design. However, items of this type, other than antiques, made in Japan may be purchased and imported.
- Brass trays, articles of traditional mainland Chinese design
- Rugs of Chinese design
- Jade stones, cut but not set
- Wastepaper baskets, folding Chinese style

ACCEPTABLE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN for tourist purchases are available only in Hong Kong. Acceptable certificates are NEVER available for antiques.

Articles which are distinctive in origin--Thai silk, temple rubbings, Indian brass articles, Filipino cloth--may be purchased in their country of origin for your personal use or gifts. It is recommended, however, that you obtain a sales slip from the store in order to show the origin. (DA Pam)

## LAND DOWN UNDER IS TOPS

One of the most popular R and R sites is, without a doubt, Australia. It comes as close to being "home" as any foreign country could. The people speak English, the cities are modern and a western way of living and thinking is dominant.

The Aussies are cord-

ial people and go out of their way to make the visiting American feel welcome. Colorfully plumed "birds" abound. These girls are shapely, have a delightful Aussie accent, and are extremely friendly.

Whatever you enjoy doing, Australia is the place to plan on doing it.



"I KNOW YOU'RE A FLOWER CHILD MURPHY, BUT THAT'S BAD CAMOUFLAGE!!"

## Hawaiian Nightlife

Nightlife in Waikiki mixes the modern beat of America with the sensuous rhythms of Polynesia and the exotic tones of the East. Strolling through Waikiki you may have your choice of a comic from Las Vegas, a torch singer from San Francisco, a folk-rock group from Los Angeles or a hula troupe from Tahiti. You might find a blues artist from Tokyo or a sword dancer from Samoa. All the big hotels have shows, and there're dozens of small clubs and lounges, many with intimate Hawaiian groups.

Dine as you desire. Superb American fare, continental cuisine, flavorful Asian dishes, or try a real Hawaiian luau with haupia pig and poi. There are several good night-time tours available. This is a good way to start learning the city on your first evening. The drinking age in Hawaii is 20. (Hawaii Visitor's Bureau Pamphlet)

## A FEW HONG KONG MUSTS

Visit Tiger Balm Garden, Repulse Bay, the Peak Tramway, Victoria Peak, Botanical Gardens, a Taoist Temple, the Ocean Terminal, the Temple of 10,000 Buddhas, and the Nine Dragons of Kowloon. Take the around the island tour.



# Delta Dateline

By SP5 Amundson  
Three men of Delta Battery were awarded the Army Commendation Medal at the completion of their tours in February and March in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. They are SP5's James R. Butcher, Michael J. Ranga and Donald R. Harmer.

Delta was host for the monthly Battalion Senior NCO Party on March 15. It was the first time the battery had sponsored the affair and the opportunity afforded many visitors with their first look at what is generally considered the most beautiful site in the battalion.

Inter-battery volleyball starts again in April and SSG Charles Land, A and R NCO, is faced with a rebuilding job. Many of the players who helped the Islanders to a winning season last time around have departed

and the current squad lacks experience. However, SSG Land is optimistic about the team's chances, pinning his hopes on a lineup of talented newcomers to maintain Delta's winning tradition.

Two senior NCO's reenlisted last month. SFC Robert E. Wilson extended his service obligation four years, and SFC Jack C. Hetterscheidt reenlisted for three years.

Three practice alerts in one week last month not only broke the battery record of two, but it also gave troops opportunity to use the new bunkers in the administration area. The rebuilding of bunkers started in early March and the project will be completed soon.

Moving up in rank during March were SP4's Patrick Leaf, Albert J. Lee, Robert J. Marshall, Edward W. Steffans and Robert E. Ward.

What's in a name? PFC David W. Navy, one of 27

new men in the battery last month, ponders that thought. Our new MP usually receives puzzled looks when giving his name, and then, of course, the question is always asked, "Is it U.S. Navy or RA Navy?"

Other new Arrivals to Hill 44 include SFC William C. Mashburn; SGT's Alfred Estraca, Jimmie Ghee, Raphael L. Mendoza and Danny E. Scarberry; SP5 Frank Nycz and CPL Ernesto R. Huerta.

New SP4's are Ricardo Benites, Samuel L. Bodley, Donald Bromley, Leroy Cross, Larry E. Eaton, Glen C. Horn, Willie B. Johnson, Robert W. Lafferty, Thomas R. Lippard, John C. Miller, Jerry R. Morris, Venice L. Owens, Francis Rice, Louis T. Sanchez and Lowery Tungovia.

Delta Welcomed PFC's Richard D. Carlson, David L. Gibson, Ronald D. Jones and David D. Randall.

## ALPHA-BITS

By 2LT RICHARD C. FLANIGAN

During the first couple of weeks in March, due to conditions beyond our control, bigger and better bunkers with lights, fans and "Boo Koo" sandbags were built.

The recent beach party at Alpha Battery was a big success. The beer and steak went very fast. Volleyball and tackle football proved popular and gave "Doc" Ford a lot of sure "Customers" the next day.

The officers remain the Battery volleyball champions with Capt. Trujillo and Mr. Hanley leading the way, they have challenged and beaten all comers.

Alpha Battery doesn't know whether to be happy or mad about the rocket attack that interrupted the Battalion CRE at 2:30 p.m. several days ago.

Congratulations to our Executive Officer Capt. Trujillo for his recent promotion.



BLONDE BEAUTY — April's beautiful calendar girl is Donna Reading. She portrays a tavern wench in American International's "The Conqueror Worm."

## from headquarters battery

March 16 was the day of the Headquarters Battery party. There were steaks, barbecued chicken and beverages for everyone.

Battalion S-1 no longer occupies one edge of a pentagon. The old building has been taken away and the desks, filing cabinets and clerks have been moved. S-1 is now located in the old '21' Club building which is roomier, cooler and more suited to the office's needs.

There is a new addition to Headquarter's beach complex—a motor boat.

One of the main attractions of a recent floor show was SP4 Kelly Cain. Specialist Cain was the object of a young lady's flirting and did a little tease for all present with the help of an artist and his crayon. The show was held at the recently remodeled EM Club which is much larger now and contains a tiled stage and room for plenty of spectators.

Thanks to SP4 Peter Liebelt, battalion medic, Little-Bit didn't lose one of her pups. It's nice to have a doctor around when you need one, isn't it, Little-Bit.

### PROMOTED TO SPECIALIST 4

Edwardo Alvarez  
Carrol Ballinger  
Robert Bigelow



### (Promotions Continued)

Joseph Britt  
Robert Budak  
James Cowan  
Robert Krutcher  
Otis Gregory  
Anthony Griffith  
Jesse Kimbrough  
Marcellous Orange  
Robert Seman  
Joel Sphiller  
David Stewart  
Gerald Stovall  
Walter Wyatt

New arrivals for March were SSgt's Ray Bunn and Eliseo Cardenas, Sgt's Glenhurl Henricksen, Donald Breasette, and Robert Piehl, SP5's Barry Massey, Michael Lane, and Clarence Roberts, SP4's Harold Foster, Larry Meek, John Westcoat, David Anderson, Billy Warren, Randel Sheldon, David Davis, Marcellous Orange, James Knox, Michael Krienke, Randall Sheldon, William Pitt, Tommy Davis, James Forrester, Robert Bigelow, and Gillis Poitras, PFC's Leonard Martinez, Thomas Beaver, Willie President, Griffie Early, Ronnie Powell, William Alston, Larry Mincey, and David Callahan.



## CHARLIE CHATTER

Charlie Battery's Club has added a kitchen, with pizzas, hamburgers, and hot dogs available in abundance. Also there are now shows nearly every weekend, often with exotic female talent added.

Charlie Battery personnel now enjoy the use of a new and well equipped USAHAC Gym. Handball, tennis, basketball, weightlifting, you name it and they have it.

New arrivals during March were SSgt. Larry L. Claridge, Canoga Park, Calif., Sgt's Jackie W.

Freeman, Tulsa, Okla., Marvin W. Fuqua, Brenton, Ala., and Donald W. Watson, Vidor, Tex, SP5's Mitchell Casey, Jacksonville, Fla., Lionel E. Pelletier, Lancaster, N. H., and Elbert D. Seale, Lubbock, Tex., SP4's Danny Fuller, Warner Robins, Ga., Alexander McLemore, Cleveland, Ohio, Anthony G. Beck, Lancaster, Ky., and Dudley C. Dowell, Killeen, Tex., and PFC's Eric C. Smith, Lexington, Ky., John L. Strawn, Bay City, Mich., James M. Bowen, Chicago, Ill., and Will Kemmler, Newburgh, N.Y.

## BRAVO BANTER

March has brought the return of SFC Patrick Hoban. Yes, they still wear miniskirts and yes there are at least two women for every man. SFC Hoban had gone home on special leave after reenlisting here in Vietnam. Other gains were Sgt. Hubbard who came to Bravo through Headquarters Battery and Sgt. Hancock.

## Any Plans Made?

Many have done it in the past. Many more will do it in the future. Why don't you reenlist in the Army now? Stay in the Army and be a proud part of a proud team.

I have 200 school choices to offer you if you want to get into a different MOS after leaving Vietnam. For the men who like their present job, I offer possible reenlistment in your same MOS, also the possibility of making a little spare cash on the side, in the form of a variable reenlistment bonus.

For those of you who don't know where my office is, it is the red, white and blue room on the end of the Headquarters Battery dayroom. Feel free to visit me anytime. My office is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and mostly all day Saturday and Sunday. Or, if you see me roaming around the area, stop me and have a chat. SP5 Christian J. Schmoll  
BN CAREER COUNSELOR



# COMPUTER CORNER ON SPORTS

Computer Corner had a good year in predicting major sports events this year: In the World Series the electronic whiz selected the Detroit Tigers over the St. Louis Cardinals, favored at 8-to-5; and advised against the proposition which labeled the Baltimore Colts 18 point favorites over the New York Jets.

Ball control statistics, one of the important classes of sports stats which the computer has helped identify and weigh in order of importance, have contributed to the electronic analyzer's predictive accuracy.

What are these important ball control stats?

In football they are--interceptions, fumbles and punts--all giveups: in basketball it is the rebound and in baseball it is the 'balance' between batting and pitching.

Each of these stats has the quality that a 'credit' for one team is a 'debit' for the other. The interception in football, for example, means ball control and field position, and gives the intercepting squad a chance at a run-back. If two teams are equally matched at the outset of the game, they may lose two or three downs on this interception--and if the intercepting team makes a first down on this series the loss costs another 4 downs. The interception has added six plays to one team, cost the other team six plays, providing 25 per cent more opportunities to score. Except for a scoring run or pass, the interception is the most important play in football. It is a potential 14-point play--7-points you may lose by giving up ball control, and 7-points the intercepting team gains if they score.

The 'punt' is another give-up, and another ball control statistic. Compare the 81 punts the L.A. Rams had this year, tops in the NFL, with the modest 49 punts for the Baltimore Colts,

league champs obviously the Rams offense suffered. You can't score without the ball.

Fumbles are also ball control stats, but they are not as important in the overall picture as punts and interceptions.

In basketball the 'rebound' is the important ball control stat--it is also a potential 4-point play. Your team shoots and misses, you lose a potential 2-points--if the opposition gains the rebound and scores, they are credited with two and your loss of two provides the 4-point difference.

In baseball this balance between offense and defense is reflected in the batter-pitcher face-off: the better the batter, the worse he makes the pitcher look, and the better the pitcher the weaker he makes the batters look.

The change in the size of the strikezone this year, and lowering the pitcher's mound, will cut into the pitcher's ability. This debit is a credit to the batters. Look for the strong hitting teams like Detroit and St. Louis to benefit from the change more than the average league teams.

Ball control' stats--they are credits for one team, and debits for another--for the team in control, money in the bank.



Did you know that you may select a post of your choice in CONUS? See your unit career counselor.

The longest car-racing circuit in the world was the Mexican Carrera Pan-Americana, run from 1951 to 1954, in daily stages covering 1,932 miles from Tuxtla Gutierrez to the Texan border at Ciudad Juarez. The record average speed, set in 1954, was 107.94 m.p.h.

The tallest basketball player of all time was Vasiliy Anktayev (born 1935) of the U.S.S.R., who played for Kazakhstan in 1956 when measuring 7 feet 7 inches.

The tallest U.S. player is Ferdinand Lewis Alcindor (born April 16, 1947), who stands 7 feet 1 3/8 inches.

Michigan State junior Bill Wehrwein of Roseville, Mich. ran the 600 in 1:09.0 at the 1969 Michigan State Relays to set an American indoor record for an eight-lap unbanked track.



## LINEAGE: 6th BN 56 ARTY

The lineage of the 6th Missile Battalion (HAWK), 56th Artillery, is derived from two units which, in peace and war, have made significant contributions to our nation's military heritage. The battalions history dates back to August 1922 when Battery F 506th Coast Artillery (Antiaircraft), was activated as a unit of the Organized Reserves and allotted to the Regular Army as an inactive unit. On the same date Battery B, 48th Field Artillery, the second of the battalion's two parent units, was constituted and assigned to the 48th Field Artillery Regiment.

On December 16, 1940, Battery F, 506th Coast Artillery (Antiaircraft), was redesignated Battery F, 56th Coast Artillery. The battery was reactivated June 2, 1941 at Fort Cronkhite, California, as part of the harbor defenses of San Francisco. Following service in the western United States and the Pacific Theater, on January 22, 1944, the 56th Coast Artillery Regiment was broken up to form three separate battalions--the 44th, the 45th, and the 48th Coast Artillery Battalion. World War II service for that unit ended with its inactivation in Hawaii in November 1945.

Meanwhile, on January 13, 1941, Battery B, 48th Field Artillery Regiment, was redesignated Battery B, 48th Field Artillery Battalion and, on June 1, 1941, was activated as an element of the 7th Infantry Division. This battery served as an organic element of the 7th Division throughout World War II, participating in campaigns in the Pacific Theater.

In 1950, the Coast Artillery and Field Artillery were merged into a single Artillery Branch. As a result of this action, former elements of the 48th Coast Artillery Battalion were consolidated with the 48th Field Artillery Battalion, which retained both its branch designation and its mission of supporting infantry elements of the 7th Division. In that capacity and with that designation, Battery B participated in ten campaigns of the Korean conflict.

In July 1957, institution of the Regimental Combat Arms System led to the withdrawal of Battery B, 48th Artillery, from assignment to the 7th Infantry Division and to its inactivation in Korea.

On March 30, 1962, Battery B, 48th Field Artillery Battalion, was redesignated Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th Missile Battalion,

56th Artillery. Batteries A, B, C and D were then constituted. The battalion was formally organized as the 6th Missile Battalion (HAWK), 56 Artillery on Jan. 3, 1963.

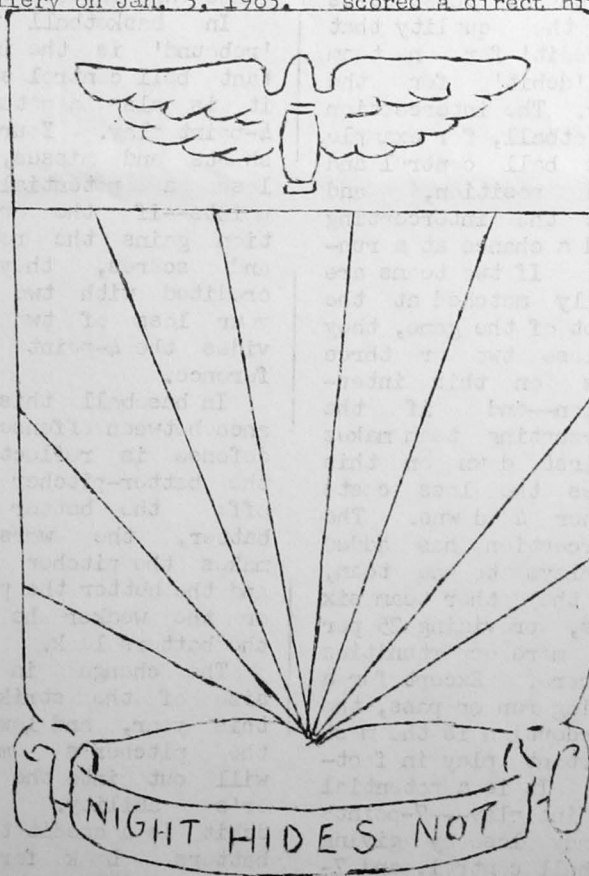
## CAMPAIGN STREAMERS: WORLD WAR II

Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Central Europe  
Air Offensive, Japan  
Aleutian Islands  
Eastern Mandates  
Western Pacific  
Leyte  
Ryukyus

## KOREA

UN defensive (twice)  
CCP intervention  
First UN counteroffensive  
CCF Spring offensive  
UN summer-fall offensive  
Second Korean winter  
Korean summer-fall 1952  
Third Korean winter  
Korea summer-fall 1953

The battalion was given the honor of performing during a visit of the late President John F. Kennedy to White Sands Missile Range on June 6, 1963. Battery A fired a single HAWK missile at an F-86 jet aircraft and scored a direct hit.



## SHIELD--

6TH BATTALION

56TH ARTILLERY

The shield is red for Artillery. The searchlight beams and the winged projectile denote the character of the parent organization, (506th Coast Artillery) (AA), while the winged projectile on the black chief alludes to the motto, "Night Hides Not," signifying that the night does not hide the enemy from the artillery fire of the 506th Coast Artillery, from which this unit descended.