

# SYKES REGULARS



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### CHARLIE CO. UPSETS ENEMY RICE OPERATIONS

Rice is abundant in the 515 Valley, but not so for the VC and NVA rice carriers. This week, Charlie Co. cleaned out an enemy rice supply center just west of LZ.

The company's 1st Platoon had moved into a small hamlet, barely a kilometer west of the North OP, and set up there in a night defensive position.

On a routine search of the hamlet the next morning, according to SP4 Stew Robertson (Middletown, N.Y.), the men were "just poking around with their sticks" and came across an 800-pound rice cache buried in the floor of one of the hooches.

The men then intensified their search and found two tunnels, each with a good-sized room, one of which contained an enemy hand grenade. Just to the left of the first hooch they had searched, they found a larger, half-ton stash of rice buried about two feet underground.

The platoon stayed in the area that night and moved back through the hamlet enroute to an ambush site to the west. On a trail leading into the hamlet, the men spotted two VC with packs and rice carrying bags. One of the enemy evaded during the ensuing contact, but the other, carrying a hand grenade, was wounded and dusted off.

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### 1/20 AIDS ORPHANS

The next day, the platoon detained a total of 13 Vietnamese suspected of being involved in the enemy rice supply operations in the area.

The following day, the men moved on a larger hamlet, 600 meters southeast and a search there revealed almost two tons of rice, another rice carrier was wounded in contact, and eight more suspects were detained for interrogation.

Robertson explained that the VC had hidden much of the rice in five-gallon tin cans with dried potatoes placed on top.

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TO THE

LIMIT OF

OUR ABILITY

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In the past year the 1/20 has taken upon itself to adopt the more than 50 children and 100 resettled families at the Duc Pho Protestant Orphanage.

Upon assuming command of the Sykes' Regulars last July, LTC Robert E. Wilson instituted an informal and voluntary program that has taken root under the guidance of the Chaplain.

Last September, a party of seven men from the battalion, accompanied by Chaplain (MAJ) Clyde Wood (Fayetteville, N.C.) arrived at the orphanage on National Children's day, laden with food, candy, and sundries for the orphans.

Last Christmas, the battalion (ORPHANS continued page 4)

## ARMY, NAVY STAGE REUNION

The Navy spent some time with the Sykes' Regulars this week in what turned out to be five days of non-tactical operations.

Quartermaster Third Class (QM-3 or same-same E4) Tom Mincks came to Duc Pho to see his brother-in-law, PFC James Koch, an RTO in Delta Co.'s 2nd Platoon.

Mincks has been spending his two years of active duty with the Navy, rotating every six months between Sangley Point Naval Station in the Philippines and Cam Ranh Bay where he works with a Navy Air Surveillance unit.

Recently, he got a letter from his father saying that Koch, who had married Minck's sister Ann, had been drafted and was in-country in Duc Pho.

So Mincks got some indefinite TDY orders from his CO in Cam Ranh and flew up to Duc Pho. Delta Co.'s 1SG Wade arranged for Koch to come out of the field to meet his brother-in-law on Liz. Mincks got a taste of the noisy aspect of Liz when he participated in a Mad Minute on the hill.

The brothers-in-law, both from San Diego, had gone to High School together and then to Grossmont Junior College in San Diego for two years. They lived across the street from each other, which made it convenient for Kochs who married Ann in June, 1968.

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FROM THE 11th BDE BULLETIN

Effective immediately, personnel are prohibited from carrying any weapons other than those issued and the normal civilian hunting and survival knives. Such weapons as switchblades, billy clubs (except MPs) and confiscated weapons (crossbows, spears, clubs, etc.) are illegal and will not be carried. Individual confiscated weapons will be registered and secured until the individual departs his unit.

## Law Day--May 1st

Established by Presidential proclamation in 1958, Law Day, USA, is observed May 1 each year to emphasize the value of living under a system of laws and independent courts that protects freedom and makes possible a free society.

The objectives Law Day, USA, are to foster respect for law and understanding of its essential place in American life; encourage citizen support of law observance and law enforcement; advance equality and justice under law; and point out the contrast between freedom under law in the United States and governmental tyranny under communism. (ANF)

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### ARMY BARBED TAPE BEATS CONCERTINA

(AFPS)--The Army has developed a coil-type barbed tape obstacle that has proved to be five times more effective than standard triple concertina fences.

The steel tape is carried in a doughnut-shaped polyurethane container which is 33 inches in diameter and four inches deep.

It has one-inch barbs and forms an obstacle 75 feet long and two and a half feet high.

For emplacement, one end of the tape is staked to the ground and the tape is payed out from the container.

The tape was developed by the Army Mobility Equipment Research and Development Center.

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THE GRUNT--a syndication of the Echo Eagles.



"-----Hev, Grunt!! There's 897 VC  
out there with AK47s!!!!"

"-----It don't mean nuthin."

"-----Yeah, but they're coming  
this way!"

"-----How ya gonna act, man?"

"-----We better do something!!"

"-----I'll get 'em. I ain't EVEN  
bull\_\_\_\_\_."

"-----You got them, Grunt!!!"

"-----There it is."

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CLASSICS OF COMBAT CUISINE

Soldiers of the U.S. Army are the best-fed soldiers in the world. They also are some of the most venturesome, ingenious and creative chefs around when it comes to making the most of combat rations.

Yankee ingenuity demonstrated in battlefield kitchens by Army troops can stagger the imagination. Not unexpectedly, a few "classics of combat cuisine" have resulted.

In recognition of the many contributions to soldier morale being made daily by the Army's most innovative soldier-chefs, some culinary classics are described below.

One favorite is called tanker's stew. Sometimes dubbed hobo's stew, ingredients for this tongue-tingling delicacy vary with what's avail-

able and taste preferences of the soldier-chef. Generally, tanker's stew is a mixture of C-ration beef stew and rice from LRRP rations.

Seasoned experts in brewing tanker's stew enthusiastically suggest adding tomato sauce and franks for increased dining enjoyment.

Another C-ration delight is easily prepared by blending melted cheddar cheese with beans and franks.

Heating blackberry jam and turkey loaf together adds variety to any battlefield menu.

Beef and potato juices mixed with water and salt and pepper boils to a new, yet-unnamed soup.

A rare classic of combat cuisine results when beans and franks, spaghetti and ground beef, beef slices, chicken and noodles and



SSG FRAME IS NCO OF WEEK

The Sykes' Regulars NCO of the Week is SSG James D. Frame from Charleston, W. Va. He is currently the squad leader of Alpha Co.'s 1st Squad, 1st Platoon.

A product of Benning's NCO School, he made staff sergeant during his OJT at Ft. Gordon.

Before entering the service, he attended West Virginia Tech and West Virginia State College in Charleston with a major in music. He plans to return to school and possibly work toward a degree in math.

COMBAT CUISINE continued

wild peanuts are cooked slowly over a low-flaming heat tablet.

Ingenuity practiced in battle-  
field kitchens by Army combat sol-  
diers seemingly has no limits, ex-  
cept the imagination of the sol-  
dier-chef himself--and occasion-  
ally the strength of his stomach. (L)

## ARRIVALS

HHC

SFC Bobby L. Whitten--Junction City,  
Kans.

B Co

PFC Frank Garcia--New York City

C Co

1SG Herbert Mundy--Killeen, Tex.

ORPHANS continued

lion again remembered the orphans and spent the day with them exchanged festivities.

And again last week, Chaplain (CPT) Eugene Scott (Westville, Ind.) and CPT Richard W. Worrell (Yakima, Wash.), the CO of C Battery, 1/82 Artillery on Liz, visited the small compound and distributed the food and supplies that they were able to obtain as contributions from interested members in their units.

Although these gestures are small ones, they are sincere and genuinely appreciated by the Orphans in Duc Pho.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answers on Page —

**ACROSS**

- |                           |                         |    |    |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----|----|
| 1-Posse                   | 5-Rail                  |    |    |
| 2-Female horse            | 6-Recompensed           |    |    |
| 3-American                | 7-Was mistaken          |    |    |
| 4-Ostrich                 | 8-Vacation              |    |    |
| 9-Anger                   | 9-Possesses             |    |    |
| 10-Above                  | 10-Compass point        |    |    |
| 11-Comfort                | 11-Roman bronze         |    |    |
| 12-Knock                  | 17-Teutonic deity       |    |    |
| 13-Quills                 | 19-Greek letter         |    |    |
| 14-Run away to be married | 22-Mournful             |    |    |
| 15-Danish island          | 24-Pronoun              |    |    |
| 16-Spanish for "yes"      | 25-Kiln                 |    |    |
| 22-Man's nickname         | 26-Woody plant          |    |    |
| 23-Crowd                  | 27-Mountains of Europe  |    |    |
| 24-disturbance            | 28-Seasoning            |    |    |
| 25-Peer Gynt's mother     | 29-Article of furniture |    |    |
| 26-Evil                   | 30-Macaw                |    |    |
| 27-Essence                | 32-Authorization        |    |    |
| 28-Note of scale          | 33-Antlered animal      |    |    |
| 29-Marry                  | 36-Babylonian deity     |    |    |
| 30-Ditter vetch           |                         | 1  | 2  |
| 31-Compass point          |                         | 12 | 3  |
| 32-Bag                    |                         | 15 |    |
| 33-Guido's high note      |                         | 18 |    |
| 34-Devoured               |                         |    | 21 |
| 35-Heavenly body          |                         | 27 | 28 |
| 36-Diving bird            |                         | 31 |    |
| 37-Indefinite article     |                         | 35 | 36 |
| 38-Tolled                 |                         | 39 |    |
| 39-Mephistopheles         |                         |    |    |
| 40-Most                   |                         |    |    |
| 41-unfamiliar             |                         |    |    |
| 42-Felshood               |                         |    |    |
| 43-Island off Ireland     |                         |    |    |
| 44-Herod's graffito       |                         |    |    |
| 45-Abstract being         |                         |    |    |
| 46-Liquid measure         |                         |    |    |
| 47-Harvest                |                         |    |    |
| 48-Whop track             |                         |    |    |

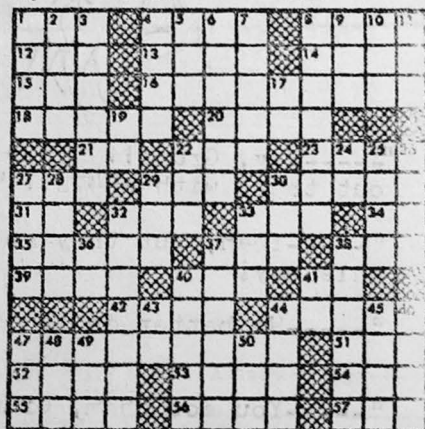
**DOWN**

- 1-Lease  
2-See in Asia  
3-Deprive of  
office

- 4-Additional  
5-Hail  
6-Recompensed  
7-Was mistaken  
8-Vacation  
places  
9-Possessors  
10-Compass point  
11-Roman bronze  
17-Teutonic deity  
19-Greek letter  
22-Mournful  
24-Pronoun  
25-Kiln  
26-Woody plant  
27-Mountains of  
Europe  
28-Seasoning  
29-Article of  
furniture  
30-Macaw  
32-Authorization  
33-Antlered animal  
36-Babylonian  
deity



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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 37-Man's name         | 45-Japanese aborigine |
| 38-Deer's born        | 46-Bird's home        |
| 40-Ire                | 47-Weaken             |
| 41-Cooled lava        | 48-Prefix: three      |
| 43-Indefinite article | 49-Hurried            |
| 44-Whisk              | 50-Music: as written  |



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