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## BATTALION NEWS

### TACTICAL OPERATIONS CENTER DEDICATED

Major General Lloyd R. Ramsey, commanding general of the Americal Division, cut the blue ribbon during a ceremony to dedicate the new Battalion Tactical Operations Center briefing room on January 11.

The 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry TOC was dedicated to SGT Larry Techmeier who, as the engraved plaque reads, gave his life in the defense of FSB 411. Also in attendance at the ceremony was Colonel Hugh T. Hoffman, commander of the 11th Infantry Brigade.

A color guard, composed of soldiers representing the companies in the battalion displayed the United States flag, the Republic of Vietnam flag, the general officers flag and the battalion colors. Alfa Company soldiers lined the walkway during the ceremony.

An invocation by Chaplain (MAJ) Gordon B. Hanson was given to open the program. LTC Leslie J. Stottle, battalion commander, then gave the opening address. He spoke of SGT Techmeier "as a friend of every man who cherishes freedom since each of our dead brought some portion of freedom with his life." SGT Techmeier received the Distinguished Service Cross for his exceptionally valorous actions on July 14 as a platoon sergeant with Company A.

MG Ramsey then followed with a brief message in telling of the role of FSB 411 and the accomplishments of the battalion since it came on the firebase. COL Hoffman talked about the instrumental part of the infantry soldier in establishing the fire support base.

A benediction was then given by Chaplain Hanson. LTC Stottle then accompanied MG Ramsey to the entrance of the new briefing room where the ribbon was cut.

A tour of the new 12X18 briefing room was then given after which refreshments and cake were served.

The new briefing room was constructed through the efforts of the men of the battalion. SFC Ralph Brown (Pipestone, Minn.) and MSG Huey F. Faubertree (Hampton, Va.) started the project before

leaving. MSG Santos Rodriguez (Lajas, P.R.), operations NCO, and MSG Clyde Calhoun (Salina, Kan.), intelligence operations NCO, picked up the work and saw its completion. SP5 Wieslaw "Groucho" Szela (Deer Park, N.Y.) did the entire electrical work involved in the project. The frame for the structure and the sandbags for the roof and sides were done by the line companies during their stay on the hill.

### HOWARD JOHNSON'S OF VIETNAM!!!

Situated on a plush plaza on LZ 411 is Howard Johnson's of Vietnam. A brightly colored orange and yellow sign is visible on the top of the 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry messhall. Menus, detailed with the cuisine for the day, match the exterior and interior of the building.

The idea was started by SFC Walter Winkles (Hollywood, Fla.) when he became the mess steward of the 11th Infantry Brigade firebase.

Eight to ten choices of omelets are featured in the a la carte breakfast which is prepared by the seven cooks on the landing zone. The cooks, who begin work at 0400 hours every morning, cater to 900 people on the average day. In addition to this, companies working in the area around LZ 411 are sent hot meals prepared in the spotless facility.

Two additions have been put on the structure to accommodate more of the

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### SAFETY CORNER

When carrying your M16 make sure that the safety is always on. Insure that the weapon is cleared prior to cleaning. No magazines will be inserted in the weapon while in a basecamp area, firebase or LZ, except when in threat of imminent attack. Rounds will not be chambered except when on combat missions outside base areas.

EDITORIAL

## KEY TO YOUR FUTURE

United States Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares are the keys to your future and the future of America.

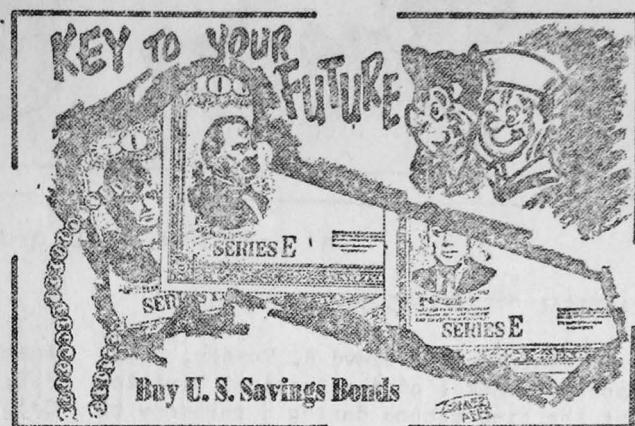
In the same way that Savings Bonds strengthen the future of your family, they will strengthen America and further the cause of freedom.

As members of the Armed Forces you can see first hand how vital a sound Savings Bond program can be and how it affects the cause of freedom, at home, in the Republic of Vietnam and throughout the world.

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Are you carrying your share? While planning your future, include the future of your country and buy United States Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares. (AFPS)



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## BITS OF BATTALION HISTORY

At 0200 hours on 22 December 1967 the battalion disembarked the USS Wieggle at Qui Nhon and proceeded on convoy to Basecamp Carentan.

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LTC LESLIE J. STOTLE, COMMANDING

SP4 MARK GEISER, EDITOR

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## DID YOU KNOW,

A Nigerian Government spokesman has said that they are close to defeating Biafra in the civil war. The military source reported that they have captured a key Biafran city which is one of their chief supply points.

The Russian news service Tass has announced that the cosmonaut who was the first man to walk in space in March of 1965 has died due to natural causes. The cosmonaut was 44-years-old.

The annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges has opened. Campus unrest, federal aid to education and the problems of predominantly black colleges will be discussed by the presidents and deans of 900 colleges. Maine Senator Edmund Muskie was the keynote speaker at the meeting.

In his Australian stop Vice President Agnew was greeted by demonstrators throwing tomatoes and carrying a sign which read: "Beware of Greeks Bearing Gifts." Agnew told the demonstrators that as a Pacific power we would remain in the Pacific. In Washington, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, J.W. Fulbright, referred to Agnew as a "smart alec". He said the Vice President was making promises overseas that he could not possibly fulfill.

The Army plans to consolidate its investigation of the alleged My Lai massacre under one command. Men who are either under investigation or potential witnesses will be reassigned to Ft. McPherson, Ga. However LT William Calley and SGT David Mitchell will remain at the forts they are presently assigned to.

A political uproar is boiling in Paris as a result of the accidental death of five Africans. France is suddenly becoming aware of the misery of foreign workers. The five Africans died because of cold; they were living in an unheated house, seven men in one room and without gas or electricity. Five of the seven were asphyxiated by a wood fire they had built to keep warm. A few of the immigrant workers live as well as Frenchmen, but many earn less than \$100 a month and live in deplorable slums.

Defense Secretary Laird announced that the administration is determined to diminish the remaining inequities in the draft. He said that there would be an eventual phasing out of most occupation-al, student and parental deferments.

## GAZING AT SPORTS,

The Kansas City Chiefs surprised the football world by humbling the Minnesota Vikings 23-7. The Chiefs got on the scoreboard early in the first quarter with a 48 yard field goal by Jan Stenerud. The Vikings were never able to get their offense in gear. Three intercepted passes hurt the Minnesota cause. It was the second straight year that the AFL representative has won the Super Bowl.

In other football news, John Mackey, tight end of the Baltimore Colts, has been named president of the new players association representing members of the National Football League and the American Football League. The organization has more than 1,000 players on 26 football teams.

The South all-stars ran and passed over favored North in the 24th Hula Bowl 35-13. The annual contest was held in 73-degree weather and played before a crowd of 25,000 fans.

Bob Anderson of Colorado was named the top back of the game as he completed nine of 16 passes for 135 yards and ran 11 times for 57 more.

Since the game became a North versus South contest in 1963, the North leads the series 6-2.

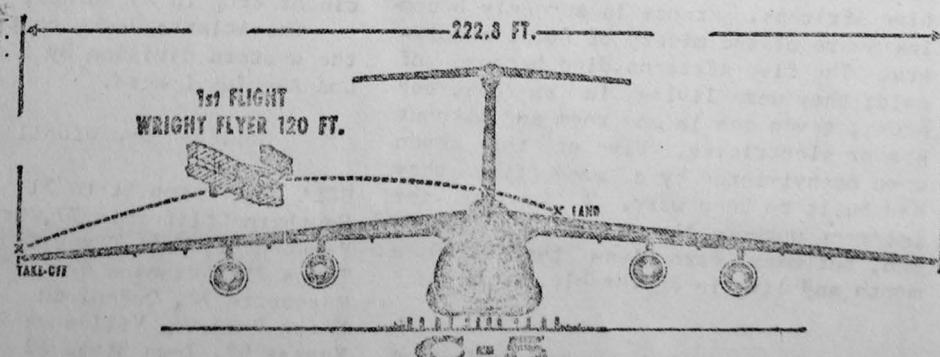
LSU's Pistol Pete Maravich has now moved into third place among collegiate basketball's alltime scorers. Maravich has 2,850 points for his career thus far. He needs 123 points over the rest of the season to beat the alltime leader's, Oscar Robertson, total of 2,973.

The New York Knickerbockers still lead the eastern division of the National Basketball League by 5½ games despite a 123-115 to the San Diego Rockets. The Alcindor-led Milwaukee Bucks have a firm hold on the second spot in the league. Their latest win, a 124-109 victory over the Boston Celtics, saw Alcindor drop in 23 points.

The Atlanta Hawks continue to lead the western division by 5 games over the Los Angeles Lakers.

## College Basketball scores

UCLA 72, Oregon State 71  
 Southern California 77, Oregon 68  
 Houston 91, West Texas State 83  
 Texas 75, Arkansas 69  
 Marquette 72, DePaul 60  
 Notre Dame 94, Villanova 92  
 Kansas 82, Iowa State 62  
 Purdue 103, Michigan 96  
 Kentucky 88, Florida 69  
 South Carolina 55, Maryland 44  
 North Carolina 86, Duke 78  
 Siena 111, Utica 93



**HISTORIC FLIGHT SPAN** -- The history of airpower began 86 years ago with the Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur. They 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 made their dreams come true. 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 distance of the U.S. Air Force's newest and largest transport, the C-5 Galaxy. (U.S. Air Force Photo)