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U.S. Airman Receive Vietnamese Awards

Saigon (USAF)—"For gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force in the area known as the 'Iron Triangle'." This was a phrase heard seven times recently during the presentation of Vietnamese decorations by Maj. Gen. Tran Thanh Phong, Chief of Operations, Joint General Staff, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. The presentations were made in the general's conference room in the presence of Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF) and U.S. Air Force commanders.

Three men received the Air Gallantry Cross with Gold Wings — one of the highest awards given by VNAF for the demonstration of gallantry while the plane is in danger due to technical reasons, weather, or engagement — and the first ever awarded to U.S. Air Force personnel. The recipients were Lt. Col. Robert Dennis, Yakima, Wash.; Capt. Thomas B. Davie Jr., Tulsa, Okla.; and Capt. Joseph M. Dougherty, Glasgow, Ky.

Maj. Leo J. Gagnon Jr., Chandler, Ariz., received the Air Gallantry Cross with Silver Wings from General Phong, who presented MSgt. David A. Newberry, Lakewood, Calif., and SSgt. Willie C. Clark, Marietta, Ga., with the Air Gallantry Medal with Bronze Wing. Capt. Paul B. Knese, St. Louis, was awarded the Gallantry with Gold Star.

Their mission was one of the most dangerous types of the war. They flew at low altitude and at a relatively low airspeed to spray a defoliant

which removed leaves from trees. This meant dealing with all hazards associated with very low level flying and frequently involved exposure to intense ground fire.

After a few flights over the jungle area, visibility improved, exposing VC trails and hidden encampments. Allied forces are able to move their convoys and conduct search and destroy missions more effectively with less danger.

During operations for which the awards were presented, one of the three C-123's was shot down, but the crew was rescued immediately. Another lost an engine from ground fire, and the third returned with an assortment of punctures in its alloy skin.

Each of the crew members also received the U.S. Air Force Distinguished Flying Cross for the mission.

Returnee Total Up In January

Saigon (MACV)— The Vietnamese government announced that the number of Chieu Hoi returnees last month was more than twice that of January, 1966.

Representing a 28-day intake, a total 2,272 Viet Cong took advantage of the government "Open Arms" amnesty program, as compared with 1,108 for the same period in 1966.

This average — 568 returnees per week — would produce an annual total of about 30,000 returnees if sustained. Last year's total was more than 20,000.

Operation "Cedar Falls" in the Iron Triangle yielded 385 Chieu Hoi returnees for the month.

Six-Day Operation Nets 49 Chieu Hoi Returnees

Long Dinh (IV Corps 10)—Forty-nine Vietnamese rallied to the Republic of Vietnam's Chieu Hoi program as a result of a six-day operation conducted in Go Cong sector recently by the 11th Regiment, 7th ARVN Division.

The figure was a record for the Hoa Dong subsector which normally acquires two or three Chieu Hoi per week.

Maj. Edward C. Meehan, senior U.S. adviser for the 11th Regiment, credited the large number of returnees to the operation's location and the fact that the regimental commander, Lt. Col. Nguyen Loc, kept his unit in the area for a relatively long period of time.

"This gave the people enough time to come in,"



HIGHEST UNIT AWARD—Lt. Gen. John A. Heintges, Deputy Commander of the Military Assistance Command, ties the U.S. Presidential Unit Citation streamer on the Vietnamese Marine Brigade's Second Battalion standard during ceremonies here. The citation, the United States' highest unit award, was presented to the battalion "for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty..." during the Battle of Phung Du in April, 1965. (USN Photo)

'Crazy Water Buffalo Battalion' Wins Presidential Unit Citation

By Sp4 Andy Barylski, USA Staff Writer

Saigon (MACV) — The Vietnamese Marine Corps' (VNMC) Second Battalion, known as the "Crazy Water Buffalo Battalion" and winners of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry on five previous occasions, now have the distinction of being the first VNMC unit to receive the Presidential Unit Citation.

The honor was bestowed upon them for the "extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance

of duty during the Battle of Phung Du on April 7, 8 and 9, 1965."

Although "surrounded by numerically superior Communist insurgent forces" on those days, the Second Battalion, Vietnamese Marine Brigade "with valiant and indomitable fighting spirit repulsed wave after wave of fanatical enemy assaults thrust at their defensive positions from multiple directions".

The citation further proclaims that "with inspiring individual bravery in the face of the enemy penetration they launched counterattacks which swept the advancing foe before them by bayonet and small-arms fire — leaving the battlefield littered with hundreds of enemy dead — transforming a defensive battle into a crushing defeat" against the Viet Cong's aggression.

The citation concluded by hailing their conduct throughout the battle which "was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service".

At the presentation held here earlier this month, Lt. Gen. John A. Heintges, DEPCOMUSMACV, made a presentation speech in his best Vietnamese to further honor the Crazy Water Buffalo Battalion.

In his speech he told them that "there are very few such battalions, even among the armed forces of the United States, which have earned such a high honor", the highest which any single

unit may receive.

General Heintges also injected that "so long as we have fine military organizations such as the Second Battalion in the field, the battle against aggression will be won. Your dedication to duty in the face of great odds and much personal danger marks you as an outstanding combat force."

Marines Bring MEDCAP To Cam Lo

Dong Ha (USMC) — Seventy-seven Vietnamese men, women and children received medical attention when a Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP) team from F Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, held sick call during a company sweep two miles from Cam Lo.

Joining F Co. marines for the sweep was an 80-man company of Vietnamese Regional Force (RF) and Popular Force (PF) troops. The Vietnamese soldiers were dispersed among the marine squads.

The Navy MEDCAP team, led by HM2 Dwight R. Morgan, Minneapolis, and HM Robert E. Hunter, Notasulga, Ala., treated the 77 villagers during the sick call for cold sores, rashes, burns, stomach aches and headaches.

Although no enemy contact was made, the success of the sick call started plans for a daily MEDCAP team visit to the villages.

EDITORIAL

Heritage Of Service

George Washington, whose birthdate we observe Feb. 22, is perhaps the outstanding example of famous men in the history of our Nation.

Washington's life was governed by an unalterable personal code built on duty and honor. To him, no duty was greater, no honor more satisfying, than service to one's country.

When he could have been enjoying the pleasant life of a prosperous country gentleman, his country called him. He answered that call, suffering personal hardship and exposing himself to almost constant danger during long, arduous and often frustrating campaigns of the war.



As military commander of the small, ill-equipped, ill-trained American Army during the Revolutionary War, his leadership and genius were instrumental in the American success against the finest army in the world at that time.

When he was chosen as President, he again unhesitatingly left the quiet comfort of Mt. Vernon to serve in the political arena, risking his honor and reputation.

As our first President under the Constitution, his tact, judgment, ability and devotion guided our government through its critical formative period, establishing a solid foundation on which future generations could build.

But equally important is the other heritage left by Washington; that of selfless, dedicated service to his country, regardless of the hardships or sacrifices.

His example is no less inspiring today than it was to the cold, ragged men at Valley Forge. If this Nation is to continue as the beacon of freedom for the world, Washington's example of selfless, dedicated service must be followed. (AFNB)

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Ivy Spells 4th Inf. Div.

The 4th Infantry "Ivy" Division was organized at Camp Green, N.C., in 1917, and saw action in France in 1918. The division was reactivated in 1940 at Fort Benning, Ga., and entered the European Theater of Operations in 1944. The "Famous Fourth" received 12 distinguished Unit Citations for World War II combat.



After a period as a training division, it was redesignated as an infantry division at Fort Benning, Ga., in 1950. In September, 1956, Fort Lewis, Wash., became the division's new permanent home.

Its shoulder insignia is composed of four green ivy leaves attached at the stems and opening at the four corners of a square on a brown back-ground. The word "Ivy," as pronounced, suggests the characters used in the Roman numeral "IV."

NOTICE

The MACV Command Information Office has new telephone numbers. They are: Tiger, 4718, 4719, 4720. The office is located on the ground floor of the Brinks BOQ, behind the Brinks PX.

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It's Never Too Late To Make Resolutions

You may think it's a little late to be making New Year resolutions; if you did make any, it's possible you've already broken them. In fact you may have decided to put them off until next year and try again.

But there's no need to wait that long. Perhaps you don't realize just how lucky you are to be in Vietnam. Among other things, you can celebrate the New Year twice. You can try again on those New Year resolutions.

Right now we are in the season of TET, the start of the Vietnamese Lunar New Year. So, try again. This time let's make those resolutions you really intend to keep. Don't be like the local AFRT radio announcer whose resolutions were:

No more smoking
No more drinking
No more fooling around, and
No more throwing rocks at whales

He figured he was doing a good job if he could keep at least one.

Most of us since coming here have surely promised ourselves that if we did nothing else we would save some money. That's a good resolution. It should certainly be an easy one to keep. Besides, it isn't often when you decide to save money that you have so many people wanting to help.

If you resolve to start saving money — don't just say it, go see your finance officer. He'll help you put it in writing and he'll see that you keep it. He can put your money in the Uniformed Services Savings Deposits. You'll not only save, you'll earn 10 per cent interest too.

If you like the idea of your own checking account, then he'll still help you. He'll see that your money goes into a military banking facility. They pay five per cent interest on accounts with a \$100 minimum balance and there's no charge for their services.

Of course, one of the best and easiest resolutions to make and keep is to buy a Bond each month. Savings Bonds pay 4.15 per cent interest. A nice, painless, out-of-sight, out-of-mind way to save. Try it.

If you decide to have another go at those New Year resolutions remember every dollar you save is one less dollar to be turned into the magic Piaster, which for some reason seems to disappear when exposed to the air.

Courts-Martial Can Ruin Your Career

Tan Son Nhut (USA) — A 101st Airborne Division soldier has been tried and found guilty by a general court-martial for assault with a deadly weapon. He was also found guilty of a second charge of endangering human life by wrongfully and wilfully firing his weapon.

The soldier has been sentenced to confinement at hard labor for four years, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, reduction to grade of E-1, and to be dishonorably discharged from the military service.

He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. The soldier held three noncom-

missioned officers and his company commander at gun point, threatening to shoot them if they did not obey his orders.

The officer wrested the weapon from the soldier, but not before one round was fired into an area where other soldiers were standing. There were no injuries.



OFF-DUTY—An Army nurse and a medical aidman cleanse infected sores on a Vietnamese girl's legs during a Civic Action sick call clinic in a small village near Saigon. All nurses routinely serve long, hard duty hours at surgical, evacuation and field hospitals spotted strategically throughout Vietnam. (USA Photo)

Army Nurses Answer Call; Aid Wounded Soldiers In Vietnam

Tan Son Nhut (USA)—Wherever there are sick and wounded soldiers in Vietnam, the professional calm and reassuring smile of an Army nurse is close by.

Nurses serve in more than a dozen Army hospitals from Saigon to An Khe, from Nha Trang to Tay Ninh. They live and work in a combat zone, for the war here knows no front lines.

When the Army Nurse

Corps (ANC) celebrated its 66th birthday in February, approximately 500 of its members were serving here. ANC members have served in both World Wars and Korea, in Army hospitals around the world during peacetime and now in Vietnam.

Not all Army nurses are women. Male nurses work at a variety of professional duties, including anesthetics and general ward nursing. All nurses are commissioned

officers, and serve in a leadership role as well as in their medical specialties.

Lt. Col. Marian A. Tierney, Chief of U.S. Army Vietnam (USARV) nurses, makes frequent supervisory trips to field hospitals in Vietnam. "We try to encourage all our nurses to spend only a 12-month tour here," she said, "because there is a long waiting list of applicants for assignment to Vietnam."

Nurses serve in three principal kinds of hospitals: surgical hospitals, where the severely wounded are brought for immediate surgery; evacuation hospitals, where

See Army Nurses, P. 8, Col. 3

Army Captain Receives \$1,000 Incentive Award

Tan Son Nhut (USA)—A U.S. Army aviator has been presented an interim incentive award of \$1,000 for his money-saving suggestion to improve equipment on the OV-1 Mohawk aircraft.

Capt. Theophilus E. M. Nicholis, platoon commander at the 73rd Aviation Company, Vung Tau, was presented the award by Lt. Gen.

Jean E. Engler, deputy commanding general of U.S. Army Vietnam (USARV).

Captain Nicholis was credited with designing and building an inexpensive modification kit that permits in-flight adjustment of controls on the AN/APS-94 Side-Looking Airborne Radar (SLAR) system on the Mohawk.

According to the citation accompanying the cash award, the "use of his modification resulted in positive improvement in imagery reception, thereby assuring successful mission completion."

Until Captain Nicholis designed the kit, no adjustments on the system could be made once the aircraft was airborne on a mission.

It is estimated that the kit designed by Captain Nicholis will save the Army more than \$700,000 the first year it is used in Vietnam. Plans to include the kit on Army Mohawk systems around the world could net the inventive aviator an additional award, based on future money saved.

Engineer Medic Delivers VN Baby

Qui Nhon (USA)—A medic has to be ready for anything, as Sp4 Jimmie A. Fulton, Andrews, S.C., recently found out.

Specialist Fulton, a medic assigned to Company C of the 19th Engineer Battalion (Combat), was on a combat support mission with his unit at a Special Forces camp at Kham Duc. A Vietnamese woman at the camp dispensary was about to give birth to a baby, and Fulton was called upon to help. He assisted a senior Special Forces medic in the delivery of a 6-pound, 2-ounce baby boy.

Fulton's work was not done, however. Later, another civilian woman at the dispensary gave signs that childbirth was imminent, and the senior medic was not in the area. So Fulton got the task of delivering the baby himself. Using his previous experience, he delivered the child without any complications.

Both mothers, their babies, and Specialist Fulton are doing fine.

Navy Men Extend Tours In Vietnam

Da Nang (USN)—Hundreds of personnel at the huge Naval Support Activity, Da Nang, are volunteering to serve more than one year in the war-torn country.

Since November 2, 1966, 273 men have extended their one-year tours of duty by six months or more. This total far exceeds the 170 men who extended during the entire year before.

Viet Cong Capture, Release Vietnamese Red Cross Workers

Long Giao (USA)—Three Vietnamese Red Cross workers and their patients stumbled into elements of the 3rd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment after being held captive by the Viet Cong for seven days.

Before being evacuated, they told the cavalry troopers a story of walking through the jungle for six days, blindfolded and carrying the patient on a stretcher.

On Feb. 7 the Red Cross workers picked up the patient from the German Hospital Ship Helgoland in Saigon where he was being treated for a paralyzed leg. They started for Xuan Loc, a city 30

miles east of Saigon, by ambulance.

Because of unfamiliarity with the roads, the group accidentally went southeast to the coastal town of Ba Ria. From there they swung north on Route 2 towards Xuan Loc.

Near the town of Cam My, Viet Cong stopped them and confiscated the ambulance. The Red Cross workers were blindfolded and forced to carry their patient on a stretcher for six days.

At midnight Feb. 8, as the Tet holiday season began, the group was left in an abandoned house.

Still blindfolded, the prisoners didn't realize until morning that the VC had left.

Taking the first trail they saw, the four soon came to the 11th Cavalry unit which was clearing mines from the area.

The patient, showing the strain of his ordeal, was immediately air-evacuated by the regimental commander, Col. William W. Cobb, to his original destination at Xuan Loc.

Although very tired, the Red Cross workers showed no signs of injury, and said they were not mistreated.



AIRLIFT SUPPORT—Air Force C-123 Provider aircraft of the 19th Air Commando Squadron at Tan Son Nhut air base, are boarded by elements of the Army's 5th Infantry Division at Long Than. The versatile transports airlifted the combat troops to Bien Tree in the first airlift of U.S. Forces into the Mekong Delta. (USAF Photo)



WELL DONE — Tatsuji Endo, Chief of the Azabu Police Station, presents a citation to TSgt. Joseph Boggs of the U.S. Air Force 615th Tactical-Fighter Squadron for his cooperation with police in the arrest of two suspects charged with attempted rape. Boggs was one of five American servicemen on leave from Vietnam who received the citation together with Lorry Delaney of the U.S. Customs Office. Others in the photo from left are A2C William Clark, A2C Robert Eberhardt, Delaney, SSgt. Gary Miller, and Cpl. Joseph Geiger.

U.S. Servicemen Receive Citation From Japanese Police Authorities

Tokyo (USIS) — Five American servicemen on leave in Tokyo from South Vietnam were awarded citations from Japanese police authorities recently for their roles in the arrest of two suspects in an attempted rape case.

Tatsuji Endo, Chief of the Azabu Police Station, presented citations to each of the five servicemen in a ceremony held in the office of Roy M. Nakajima, Regional Customs Representative at the American Embassy in Tokyo.

The police citation said in part: "We are very grateful to you for your cooperation in the arrest of the suspects involved in an attempted rape on January 9, 1967, thus resulting in a speedy solution of this case."

The servicemen said they were returning by cab to their quarters when they saw a man dragging a girl across the street near a park in the Azabu district of Tokyo.

The soldiers immediately stopped their cab and rescued the girl from her assailant. They found that two men were involved in the case and asked the driver to call police.

At that moment, Larry J. Delaney of the U.S. Customs Office passed the scene of the incident in his car. He assisted the servicemen in detaining the suspects and contacting police. Mr. Delaney was also awarded the same citation.

Police Chief Endo said

after the ceremony that he was grateful to the American servicemen for their quick action which resulted in the arrest of the suspects.

The U.S. servicemen who arrived in Tokyo are TSgt. Joseph Boggs of the 615th Tactical-Fighter Squadron, Orlando, Fla.; Cpl. Joseph Geiger of A Company, Second

Battalion, Airborne 8th Cavalry, Lakewood, Ohio; SSgt. Gary Miller of the 615th Tactical-Fighter Squadron, Muscatine, Iowa; A2C Robert Eberhardt of the 615th Tactical-Fighter Squadron, Downers Grove, Ill.; and A2C William Clark of the 915th Tactical-Fighter Squadron, Waterloo, Ill.

Cacti Blue Moves Montagnard Village From Viet Cong Control

Pleiku (USA) — For the second time in three weeks, the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry "Cacti Blue," part of the 3rd Brigade Task Force, 25th Infantry Division, has moved another Montagnard village from Viet Cong control.

The village of Plei Bong Yot was moved nine kilometers south to a government controlled area. It contained approximately 52 families numbering about 385 people.

The village was constantly being harassed by the Viet Cong and the villagers were being taxed as much as 50 per cent of their rice crop. The district chief was informed of the situation and promptly told the Le Trung District Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, (MACV) Subsector Adviser, Maj. Charles L. Laakso, that the people were in need of assistance.

After weeks of planning

and coordination between the "Cacti Blue" battalion commander, Lt. Col. Clinton E. Granger, and Major Laakso, a convoy moved out for the area accompanied by the MACV adviser, Army Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) and Popular Force troops for security.

As soon as the convoy moved into the village, the Montagnard residents began loading all their personal belongings, ranging from bamboo mats and baskets to pigs and chickens onto the trucks. Once all their things were loaded, the convoy moved out to the new location leaving the ARVN and Popular Force troops to guard the village.

Upon arriving at the new village site, the trucks were unloaded and shortly after, the convoy returned

U.S. Troops In Vietnam Must File Tax Returns

Your Income Tax (Part II)

Saigon (MACV) — In this second article, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV), tells how the combat zone income tax exclusion applies to Vietnam servicemen.

All pay and allowances earned by enlisted men and warrant officers while serving in the combat zone (Vietnam and adjacent waters extending roughly 100 miles to sea) are excluded from Federal taxation; that is, they are nontaxable.

The exclusion includes not only base pay, but other kinds of normally taxable pays and allowances.

The W-2 form for enlisted personnel and warrant officers should show as taxable income only that pay received prior to arrival in Vietnam.

Officers are granted a \$500 per month exclusion on taxable income while serving in the combat zone. The following types of pay are taxable: base pay, hostile fire pay, and special pays such as flight pay, hazardous duty pay, and special pay received by physicians and dentists.

An officer's W-2 form shows the amount of pay which is taxable. However, if he wishes to check this, and it is always wise, he should compute his total taxable pay and then exclude \$500 for each month in a combat zone. Income tax is

owed on the balance.

The normally taxable pays which enlisted men and warrant officers may exclude include certain reenlistment bonuses, accrued leave payments, dislocation allowances, and nonappropriated fund salaries.

A reenlistment bonus is excludable if the reenlistment occurred in a month during any part of which the member served in Vietnam or adjacent waters. Both the initial payment and later yearly installments of that variable reenlistment bonus (VRB) are excludable from the tax, regardless of where the member is later stationed and receives the payments. If reenlistment occurs during a month, no part of which the member served in a combat zone, however, then no exclusion is permitted for VRB installments, even though received in a combat zone.

Accrued leave payments are excludable for leave earned while in Vietnam, even though they may be paid outside the combat zone or in a different taxable year.

Dislocation allowance is excludable if the member began or ended his move in a month during which he served in the combat zone.

Nonappropriated fund payments to enlisted or warrant officer members, for full or part-time employment in an activity like an open mess, are excludable under the combat zone ruling. Pay for employment in other than nonappropriated fund activities is taxable.

Legal Assistance Officers are available Vietnam-wide to help servicemen in tax and other legal matters.

Academy Seeks Instructors

Air Force Academy, Colo. (AFNS) — The Air Force Academy is seeking instructors in astronautics. Applicants are requested for instructor duty in the area of guidance and control, orbital mechanics and computer science. A masters degree with concentration in one of these fields is required. Other criteria and the procedure for submitting applications are contained in AFM 36-11, Chapter 36.

Navy Divers Salvaging 'Jamaica Bay'



RECOVERY — The Jamaica Bay's wheel house stands out gamely as it protrudes from the My Tho River

Saving ships from Davy Jones locker, Navy Harbor Clearance Team One, headquartered in the Philippines specializes in salvaging blown and damaged vessels in the rivers and channels of Vietnam.

Part of five contingents in Vietnam, Harbor Clearance Team One is presently performing salvage operations on the \$3 million Jamaica Bay sunk by a VC mine in the My Tho River.

Composed of a 25-man qualified diver group, the team follows the adage that "time and tide wait for no man." Running heavy steel cables beneath the vessel at high tide, the team attempts to ballast the ship at low tide and tow it into shallow water for repair.

Some operations take weeks to complete as the weight and position of the ship play vital roles.



CHECKING EQUIPMENT— Diver J. D. Lash (left), Portland Ore., gets a precheck from Damage Controlman 2/C Robert Pitschnider, Suffolk, Va., before making estimations on salvage operations.



HEAVE HO — Playing a tug of war, Harbor Clearance Team One members haul in the cable used in salvage procedures to raise the Jamaica Bay.

**Story And Photos—
By
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DESCENDING— Diver Lash peers up from the deep six.



BUILDING A HOSPITAL—Sp4 Marty H. Reinhardt, Hicksville, N.Y., and Sp4 Daniel Skarja, Irwin, Pa., hammer nails into the siding of a ward building on the construction site of the 91st Evacuation Hospital here. (USA Photo)

Medical Technicians Build 91st Evacuation Hospital

Tuy Hoa (USA)—A rare and unusual operation being conducted by professional technicians of the 91st Evacuation Hospital here will contribute greatly to the future medical effort in South Vietnam.

This operation is unusual in that it involves more than 100 skilled medical personnel who are working around the clock to complete construction of a 400-bed hospital scheduled for completion in March. The strategically located hospital will play a major role in providing key surgical facilities to U.S. troops fighting in II Corps Tactical Zone.

The hospital will be composed of 75 buildings when completed and presently, according to the Project Officer, Capt. David J. Penton, Whiteville, N.C., there are three wards ready to be occupied, a supply and A&D building complete, and nine permanent-type buildings nearing completion.

The construction has been divided into different phases and each phase of work has its own team. One might find an x-ray technician filling sandbags and placing them around a completed building, while a dental technician is mixing and pouring cement.

One particular team works at the prefab work shop where all the lumber is cut for the buildings. SSgt. Frederio G. Bellais, Biloxi, Miss., whose normal job with the 91st is admissions and dispositions NCOIC, can be found sawing lumber with an electric saw from daylight to dark ob-

viously pleased with the work he and his team are doing to get the hospital well on its way toward completion.

The required number of pre-cut "pieces" prepared by the prefab shop is placed and stacked on each cement pad. Another team later puts the "pieces" together making the frame of the prefab building, and it is left for yet another team to complete the roof and final touches.

There is a row of quonset huts going up too. The medics themselves assemble the quonset structures working as if they were putting puzzles together. Of course, it isn't that simple, but the quonset hut team is pushing its progress.

Additional construction includes a 90-foot water well which has been drilled and which will supply the hospital with plenty of water. The entire hospital complex measures 850 by 1,600 feet and is located adjacent to various existing facilities such as the Post Exchange, Red Cross and APO. In addition, the hospital will have its own private beach.

"The weather has been somewhat of a set-back," says Lt. Col. G. Meier, Silver Spring, Md., the hospital commander. "But even though wind and rains have hampered our construction, we are progressing right along because of the fine cooperation from the medical personnel and some help from the 577th engineers. I am deeply gratified and impressed by the hard work the men have been doing. Just think, we have been here in Vietnam only a month and already,

the hospital is about 30 per cent complete."

The 91st evacuation hospital, organized at Ft. Polk, La., for shipment to Vietnam, has already made a name for itself.

Air Force Helps Navy Drop Psywar Leaflets

Nha Trang (USAF)—An unplanned aerial delivery recently of more than 2.8 million psychological warfare leaflets, demonstrates Air Force and Navy cooperation along the II Corps coasts.

Air Force Maj. Bobby W. Presley, Fort Smith, Ark., a C-47 commander, was 5th Air Commando Squadron alert duty pilot recently. He recalls: "I was sitting at my desk and in walked Lt. Michael R. Comiskey, Navy psywar officer in the II Corps area. He told me the Navy had printed 2.8 million leaflets advising local Vietnamese fishermen and sampan dwellers of dangers in assisting Viet Cong and North Vietnamese attempting to infiltrate arms and supplies into South Vietnam from the South China Sea.

"He requested assistance in delivering the leaflets because the Navy has no psywar aircraft in Vietnam," the major continued.

"I assured him we would welcome the opportunity to help. Assisted by Air Force Maj. John L. Brown and Earl L. Creasy, also of the 5th, we flew three separate aircraft dispensing the leaflets to all fishing villages along the coast of II Corps."

"Though the delivery was not planned, we made delivery the same day, which earned us a thanks and well done from the Navy psywar office," said Major Creasy.

Vietnamese Rangers Are Good Samaritans

Tay Ninh (USA)—The Ho Bo Woods, located 20 miles northwest of Saigon and a Viet Cong sanctuary for many years, has lately felt the pinch of stepped up Allied offensives. The effect of these operations has caused hundreds of villagers to find refuge outside the war-torn area.

With little more than clothes on their backs, many of these displaced persons sought refuge in the village of Trung Lap, which sits on the fringe of the Ho Bo Woods and is protected by the Vietnamese Truong Hoa Rang Training Center.

Seeing the people with little food or water and in dire need of assistance, the Rangers swung into action. First, foodstuff and supplies were obtained from Catholic Relief and CARE and distributed to the needy people by the Trung Hoa Rangers.

Training Center commander Maj. Tran Dinh Mai worked closely with advisory Team 77, headed

by Maj. Francis W. Matthews, Tompkinsville, Md., senior American advisor, to provide for the medical needs of the refugees.

The Advisory Team medic, SFC Elbert M. Boyd, West Palm Beach, Fla., went right to work administering medical assistance to the new arrivals. Sergeant Boyd's responsibilities have swelled with the influx of new refugees in the past months. From two small rooms in the rear of the Trung Lap Civic Building, Sergeant Boyd holds sick call for the villagers and displaced refugees. He will soon move into a new dispensary being built by the villagers with materials supplied by the United States Agency For International Development (USAID) and the 25th Infantry Division.

The new dispensary is part of the Revolutionary Development Program of the Ranger Training Center. Another project of the program is the construction of housing to accommodate 400 refugee families. One of the key factors of success in this undertaking is Lt. I. Kim Hoang, civic affairs officer of the Ranger Training Center.

The Rangers through this humanitarian program are winning new support for the Government of Vietnam.

Tiny Vietnamese Woman Does Big Marine Job

Da Nang (USMC)—Miss Phan Thi Thuong is a tiny woman with a big job.

An employee of the Marine Aircraft Group (MAG)-16 Industrial Relations Office, she recently added her 90 pounds of energy to the MAG-16 Civic Action program.

A college graduate who

MAC Has Record Year

Scott AFB, Ill. (AFNS)—The Military Airlift Command flew more cargo and passengers in 1966 than any year in its history. Volume nearly doubled 1965 figures. The command carried nearly 2,260,000 passengers and 508,000 tons of cargo. The increase resulted from operations in Southeast Asia. Aeromedical evacuation also was up in 1966 with 104,000 patients and attendants airlifted worldwide, an increase of 20,000 over the preceding year.

hopes to become a nurse, Miss Thuong spends long hours each week, assisting MAG-16 corpsmen as they make their rounds of nearby hamlets. She also acts as interpreter when needed.

She first volunteered to help the marines in their projects when she noticed that many Vietnamese villagers were frightened of the medical instruments used by corpsmen treating them.

"I decided that I could explain to the villagers that the instruments which look so frightening are really quite harmless," she said. "Some villagers had never before seen such instruments as a stethoscope."

When her friendly explanations sometimes fail to win over the confidence of an ailing villager, Miss Thuong draws herself up to her full five feet and renders a blast of mercifully uninterpreted Vietnamese.

"It's for their own good," she smiles, "and I'm just the one to see to it."

'Log' MEDCAP Works With Chieu Hoi Camp

Xuan Loc (USA)— The outside of the small compound looked the same as hundreds of other Vietnamese hamlets, and so did the people living in the village. But this was a "Chieu Hoi" village whose people had been fighting for the Viet Cong, some as recently as one week before this time.

Small children, mothers and fathers flocked around the dentists from the U.S. Army's 36th Medical Detachment, pushing closely to see why the Americans were visiting this "open arms" village.

The occasion was a Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP) visit by the 1st Logistical Command dental detachment. Members of the Log's medical arm, the 44th Medical Brigade, conduct periodic visits to out-of-the-way Vietnamese villages, giving the villagers medical and dental care.

This village was very small, but the dentists and medics were kept busy for three hours, treating teeth and ailments of the villagers. After having teeth pulled and ailments treated, the ex-VC asked the Americans to join in a game of volleyball.

One ex-enemy soldier was asked about his background, and why he quit the Viet Cong to join the Republic of Vietnam forces. "When the Viet Cong asked me to join them a little more than one year ago, they told me how the foreigners had come to Vietnam to take over the country," explained the young looking man through the camp's interpreter.

"I thought this was a very bad thing, so I joined. The VC also promised me five piasters and one pound of rice a day if I would join them, so I did," he continued.

Did the young man ever collect his pay or get his full ration of rice?



TIME FOR MUSIC— Two Vietnamese, returnees under the Government of Vietnam's Chieu Hoi (open arms) program, provide background music during a 44th Medical Brigade Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP) conducted by members of the U.S. Army's 36th Medical Detachment near here. Under the Chieu Hoi program, former members of the Viet Cong are allowed to rejoin the Vietnamese government.

"No, because the squad leaders collected the money and food, and they would always take care of their friends first. I was only a private—a cook and ditchdigger. Everyone digs ditches and air-raid shelters. The American airplanes were a daily part of our life, and we feared these more than anything."

How about political training?

"No, we never received any. Oh, we were indoctrinated and told we were fighting the foreigners because they were trying to take over our homes, but only our platoon leaders and company commanders ever traveled north for any real political training."

What about the returnees' personal life?

"I am 31 years old, and married. I left my wife when I joined the Viet Cong, and although the government has told me I can rejoin her, I have decided to go to Saigon and become a truck driver."

I am happy I am not a Viet Cong any longer, because it is an aimless life... one without a future. You never get enough to eat, and you work all the time repairing bridges and staging areas destroyed by the American planes."

Why was the man a Viet-Cong for a full year before he decided to quit?

"Three times I tried to

escape from my camp, but the first two times I was captured and punished. Armed guards were detailed to watch me, and it was very hard to get out of their sight. Finally, during an American air attack I was

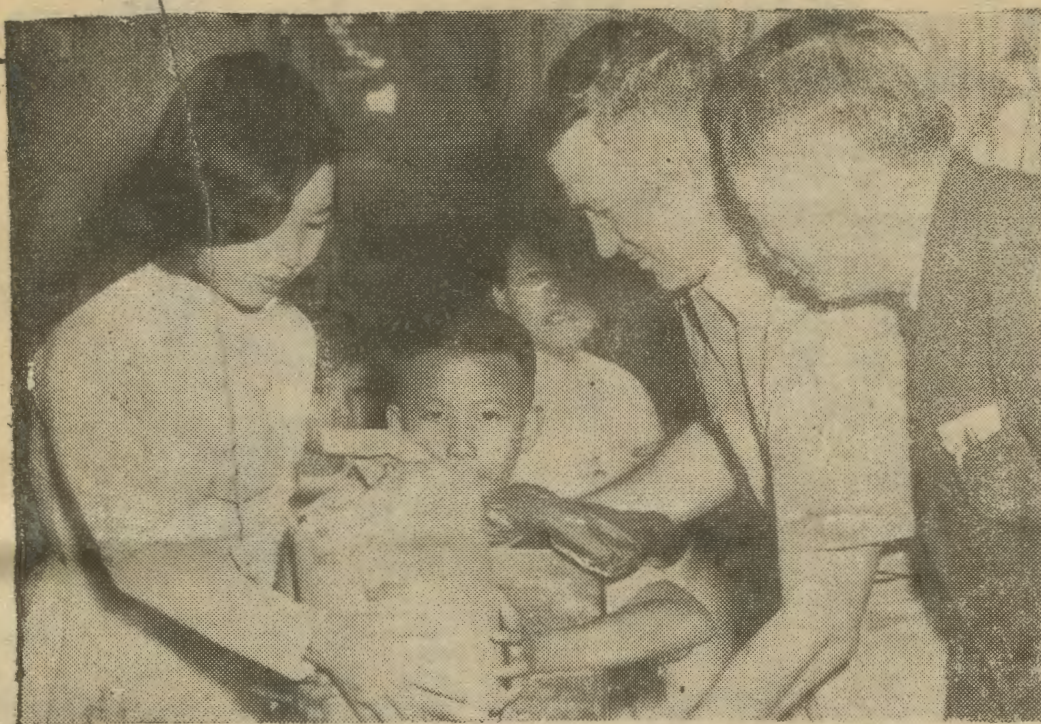
able to hide, and surrendered when the American troops came through our camp. I am very happy to be free. I am thankful that the true government of Vietnam has let me rejoin the free people of Vietnam."



SPORTSMANSHIP— Members of a Chieu Hoi village join American servicemen in a game of volleyball following completion of a Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP) mission near here. The spirited game followed three hours of dental treatment provided by members of the 1st Logistical Command's 36th Dental Detachment.



OPEN WIDE— Capt. Paul A. Belisle, Woonsocket, R.I., a dentist with the U.S. Army's 36th Dental Detachment, treats a Vietnamese returnee patient at a Chieu Hoi village near here. Personnel of the Vietnamese Medical Corps and the Log's medical arm, the 44th Medical Brigade, conduct periodic MEDCAP trips to out-of-the-way Vietnamese villages and hamlets.



FOOD PACKAGES — Efficient and orderly management were largely responsible for the expeditions distribution of the 74 tons of foodstuffs passed out to needy families in the Saigon area. Here, the two people largely responsible, Mr. Nguyen Quy Bao, Chairman of the Saigon City Council (extreme left) and Lt. Col. Jim Davis, Chief of the U.S. Army Headquarters Area Command's Civic Actions Office, receive a hand from a lovely Vietnamese teacher as they pass out Tet foodstuffs. (USA Photo)

USAHAC, Saigon Officials Give Tet Packages To Needy

Saigon (USA)— Saigon city officials received the major part of the credit for the smooth operation of the pre-Tet food donation throughout the city. The officials in cooperation with the U.S. Army Headquarters Area Command Civic Action Office, distributed more than 74 tons of foodstuffs to needy families in the Saigon area before the Tet holiday.

"A fine cooperative effort," was the way Lt. Col. Jim Davis, chief of the USAHAC Civic Action Office, described distribution of U.S.-donated food packages.

Colonel Davis emphasized the aspects of Vietnamese-American cooperation and smooth planning which enabled his section to assist the city administration.

Mr. Nguyen Quy Bao, Chairman of the Saigon City Council, was the man responsible for the organization of the effort, which covered the eight administration subdivisions of the city.

In each of the administrative areas, the district chiefs asked the "phuong" chiefs to determine which individuals in his area needed help. They provided the district chiefs with lists of names and then gathered the needy families together.

In each of the eight districts the program was handled by the Vietnamese officials of the area. The coordination, assembly and details were handled with care and thoroughness.

Colonel Davis also assisted in special distribution of food-

stuffs through social centers, schools and orphanages.

The foodstuffs were handed out in "family size packs," consisting of rolled wheat, bulgar, wheat, corn meal, cooking oil and candy or other sweets for the children.

Colonel Davis summed up the effort by saying, "This has been the smoothest oper-

Help! I'm Lost— Sorry About That

Pleiku (USA) — Overheard on the convoy net of the 3rd Brigade Task Force, 25th Infantry Division as it motored down highway 19 on the way to its new area of operation was this message:

"I can't locate myself on the map, can you help me out? We're in a relatively populated area, C-rations cans are lying all around, there's a sign on the right-hand side advertising the number one laundry: handling carefully, cleaning exactly, very honest."

"Three cows are eating hay next to some American engineers building a new bridge and Vietnamese children on both sides of the road are waving at us. Where are we?"

The reply: "Romeo Victor November" — the military phonetic symbols for the Republic of Vietnam.

ation in our Civic Action program to date. We hope to work with the councilmen and district chiefs on many projects in the future."

Army Nurses Answer Call

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provide, longer more extensive treatment; and field hospitals, which provide temporary hospitalization and specialized surgical facilities.

The 1st Logistical Command is responsible for the operation of all Army hospitals in Vietnam. It provides medics, cooks, drivers and the necessary administrative personnel to run a hospital.

The 45th Surgical Hospital at Tay Ninh has 18 male and female nurses. This 60-bed hospital receives nearly all of its patients directly from the battlefield.

Capt. and Mrs. (2nd Lt.) Kenneth White, both Army nurses, have built their first home and are spending their honeymoon while assigned to the 45th. Captain White is an anesthesiologist in one of the hospital's three operating rooms.

"This is a lot different from what I imagined a field hospital would be," said Lieutenant White, who works in the hospital's post-operative ward. "It's amazing how modern our equipment is and how sanitary the conditions are in spite of the dirt and dust we have to contend with." One of five surgical hospitals in Vietnam, the 45th

Air Force Rescuemen Save Vietnamese Lives

Tuy Hoa (USAF) — An Air Force HH-43 Huskie helicopter hovered overhead as the 100-foot long ship rocked violently against a sharp reef just offshore near Tuy Hoa air base. Six Vietnamese crewmen aboard clung to the rails and watched as the helicopter from Detachment 11, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service (ARRS) Squadron attempted to lower its hoist cable down through swaying masts and cables.

A1C Thomas E. Hughes, Courtland, Pa., and A1C Ralph L. Baughman II., Millersport, Ohio, watched from the shore as the helicopter crew tried time after time to reach the distressed seamen with their life-saving hoist seat.

As it became obvious that rescue by helicopter was impossible due to the extreme rolling motions of the ship, Airmen Hughes and Baughman dove into the sea and began making their way along a rope which stretched from the vessel to the shore.

The two airmen slowly made their way hand over hand along the rope to the stricken vessel, being bruised and jarred along the way by large

blocks of paraffin and 55-gallon steel drums that had been washed overboard from the ship's leeward deck. Also hindering their progress were the high waves and a vicious undertow.

After a long hard struggle, they finally reached the ship only to find that the battle was less than half won. The six crewmen having seen their rescuers fight their way along the rope were afraid to try a similar swim back.

With a bit of persuasion and some sign language indicating that the ship would likely sink, one seaman agreed to enter the water and the others quickly followed suit.

One by one, the six, with help and encouragement from the two airmen, made the precarious trip along the rope to shore. A few hours later, the ship broke up and sank.

Airmen Hughes and Baughman, assigned to the 3rd ARRS Group Tan Son Nhut air base, were on temporary duty at Tuy Hoa air base when the Vietnamese ship ran into trouble.

Although their business is rescue, this one proved to be somewhat different from the usual. When asked why they dove into the dangerous waters against unknown odds, their answer was, "Why not?"

In commenting on their actions, Col. Albert P. Lovelady, commander of the 3rd ARRS Group said, "This type of reply is heard frequently throughout Southeast Asia where our men lay their lives on the line to save others. For Hughes and Baughman, the cold swim was a natural reaction in keeping with the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service motto, "That others may live."

Boxers Prepare For USARV Tourney

Saigon (USA) — Amateur boxers are punching out their last few days of training to prepare for the USARV boxing tournament at Tan Son Nhut, Tuesday.

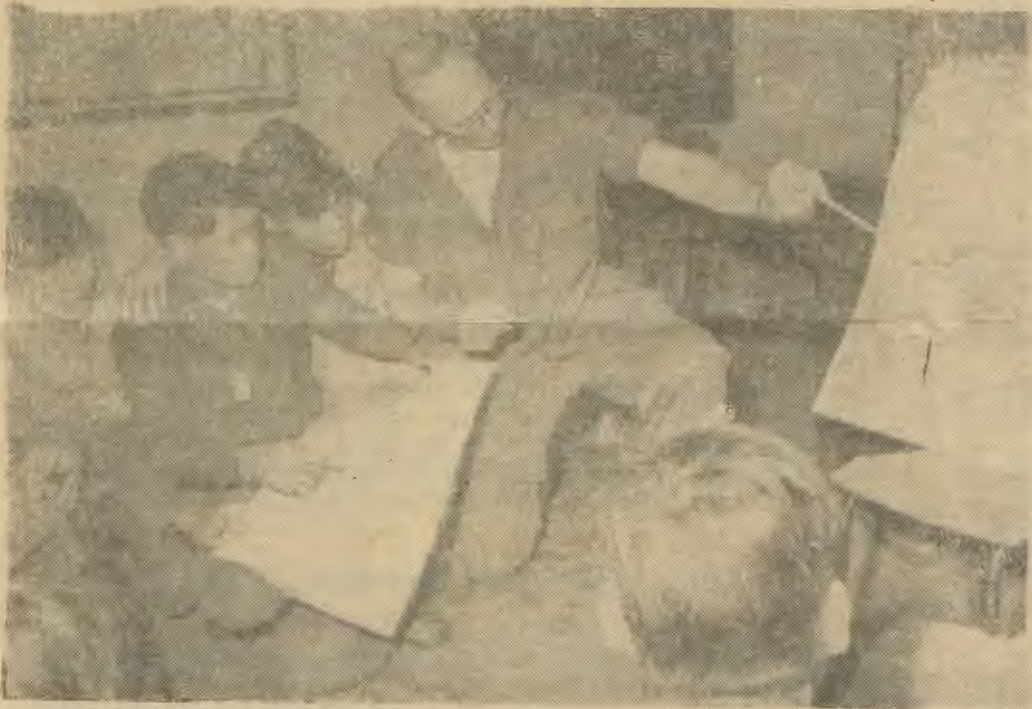
The USARV tournament, conducted for boxers with a minimum of 10 open ring bouts, is open to all divisions in Vietnam. A team is permitted only one fighter in each of the 10 weight classes. Divisions do not have to send a full team.

Team scoring will be done on a point basis according to Athletic Union rules. In each bout winners will receive two points and the losers one point.

"If we are able to clean the sores on a child's leg, or show a mother how to keep her baby clean with a small cake of soap, we are doing our part to let the Vietnamese know we are here to help them," said Maj. Carol Hanson, Benkleman, Neb. "That makes our efforts worth while."

Combat Youth

Women Join Ranks To Increase Security



MAP READING — Capt. Billy P. Woodruff, Hartsville, Ala., gives instruction in Vietnamese to members of the Combat Youth and a few Popular Force soldiers.



TAKE POSITIONS! — Combat Youth women learn the correct prone firing position.



FIRE! — Members of the gentle sex fire for the first time.

Thang Bien (MACV) — A new defensive group has emerged here to add strength to the fight against Communist insurrection and aggression.

Formed in Quang Tin province, I Corps, this group, the brain child of Thang Bien's district chief, Capt. Nguyen Van Cu, has been tagged "Combat Youth" after the ages of its participants. The members of this group are volunteers between the age of 16 and 20 and include the services of both men and women.

Combat Youth was formed to help increase security in the hamlets within Captain Cu's district. "Each member," claims Captain Cu, "is a refugee who has felt the cruelty of our enemy (the Viet Cong) the hardest. I'm sure that they will devote themselves unselfishly to insure that other hamlets and villages in this district will not feel the same dreadful effects".

With the assistance from Advisory Team 2, command-

ed by Maj. Gregor T. Young, Pittsfield, Mass., the Combat Youth have been cross-trained in many skills to perform five basic missions within the hamlets — social, medical, psywar, intelligence and combat.

In their training, they receive a two-week orientation on weapons and firing techniques, first aid and medical training, aid in Medical Civic Action Programs (MEDCAP) and a course in map reading and target coordination.

This is the first time in Quang Tin province that women have been used in this way. If the Combat Youth becomes a successful program, Captain Cu hopes that other districts will become stimulated into forming their own Combat Youth programs.

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GOOD SHOTS — Capt. Nguyen Van Cu and Maj. Gregor T. Young, Pittsfield, Mass., mark targets after the Combat Youth's first firing les on.

- Vietnam News Wrap-Up -

Vietnam War Resumes

Full military activity has been resumed in the Republic following the end of the Lunar New Year truce with the Communist. Military officials in Saigon say a total of 269 incidents by the Communist were recorded during the four-day truce.

Eighteen U.S. personnel were killed and 158 were wounded in truce incidents. United States and Free World Forces reported 112 enemy killed and 65 suspects detained during the lull in the fighting.

Navy Aircraft Lash Water Traffic

U.S. Seventh Fleet carrier aircraft concentrated on waterborne supply traffic as they sighted and attacked over 100 cargo junks and barges. With poor visibility hampering damage assessments, pilots reported 60 of the cargo-laden watercraft destroyed or damaged.

The largest single score against barges came when USS Ticonderoga pilots destroyed four and damaged six with 2.75-inch rockets and 250-pound bombs in a strike near Dong Hoi.

Elsewhere, Carrier Air Wing Nine pilots flying A4 Skyhawks scored 500-pound bomb hits on the Trinh Xuyen railroad-highway bridge, causing light damage and cutting bridge approaches. The bridge is located on the Haiphong to Thanh Hoa route, 50 miles south-southwest of Haiphong.

VC Casualties Decline

The number of enemy killed during the week ending February 11 (1,085) decreased from the preceding week's total of 1,567. U.S. strength in Vietnam increased to 412,000. World Force strength remained 53,000. Estimated enemy strength was reported at 284,000.

United States casualties for the week were 107 killed and 1,015 wounded.

Weather Hampers Air War

Continued poor weather conditions limited the number of strike and armed reconnaissance missions during the week, and hampered bomb damage assessment. U.S. pilots flew 290 missions. Lines of communication, storage and staging areas and logistic routes were the main targets of the week. Light to heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered during the week. There were no strikes in the North during the Tet Holiday Truce period.

In other air action a flight of Air Force F-4Cs engaged eight MIG-17s on February 5, with no report of damage to either side.

While weather hindered strikes in the north, U.S. pilots flew 2,256 strike sorties in the Republic during the week. Cargo-troop carrier crews transported more than 15,000 tons of supplies and equipment and transported over 55,000 passengers while flying more than 7,000 sorties during the week.

ROK Battle Reds

ROK Marines reported killing 243 reds in fierce hand to hand fighting eight miles northwest of Quang Ngai City, the enemy attack consisted of two diversionary attacks on the flank positions and a main attack on the center of the Korean defensive position.

After breaking contact with the enemy, the ROK forces captured 36 individual weapons, nine crew-served weapons, one radio and a large quantity of bangalore torpedoes. Friendly casualties were moderate.

- World News Summary -

More Unrest In Red China

Communist China's youthful Red Guard's may soon lose a key source of manpower. Japanese correspondents report that party chairman Mao Tse Tung has ordered high school students to return to classes March 1st. Their schools have been closed since last June. Universities, also closed since June, apparently will remain closed.

Radio Peking claims Russia's "burial day" is approaching. It adds that demonstrations against "Russian revisionists" were held in four Chinese cities. It was the 18th straight day for such rallies.

Spacecraft's New Lunar Orbit Calculated

Scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., have calculated the new orbit in which the camera carrying spacecraft, Lunar Orbiter III, is circling the moon. A successful pocket firing last Sunday sent the spacecraft into an orbit which is 34 miles at its closest point to the moon and 1,145 miles at the most distant. Cameras were set to take the first of more than 400 pictures of possible astronaut landing sites.

Cold Wave Hits Northern States

Bitter cold engulfed the northern states from the Dakotas eastward to Maine last week. The north's extreme cold push an icy chill into the deep south as well. The mercury was far below zero in the upper Great Lakes region. A minus 37 degrees at Hibbing, Minn., was the coldest reported.

U.S. Soldier Killed In South Korea

A United States soldier was killed last week when his patrol group was fired upon by what was termed "unknown persons" in South Korea's demilitarized zone. An Army spokesman said the American patrol received eight to ten bursts of automatic weapons fire but no other member of the patrol was injured.

Stage Program Proposed For 70s

President Johnson's Science Advisory Committee has proposed a space program for the 1970s after Americans reach the moon in Apollo spacecraft. It recommended that the new plan be based on expeditions that man in person eventually will explore Mars and Venus. The committee also called for development of space observatories that might discover remote planetary systems capable of harboring life.

Safety Feature To Be Added To Apollo

Suggestions on how to avoid another tragedy in the United States moon program were included in testimony released by the board of inquiry probing the fatal flash fire aboard Apollo One. Among them were the conversion to a two gas system and the development of an emergency exit to replace the present hatch (which takes 90 seconds to open). One official said the mystery of what caused the fire that killed three astronauts may never be solved.

Armed Forces Television, Vietnam

Channel 11

Guide for week of - Feb. 20 - Feb. 26, 1967

MONDAY (Feb 20)

6:00 Test Pattern
6:30 News Headlines
I've Got A Secret
7:00 The Flintstones
7:30 News & Sports Scoreboard
8:00 Combat
9:00 Bewitched
9:30 Third Man
10:00 Dean Martin Show

TUESDAY (Feb 21)

6:00 Test Pattern
6:30 News Headlines
What's My Line?
7:00 My Favorite Martian
7:30 News & Sports
8:00 Rawhide
9:00 12 O'Clock High
10:00 Entertainment Special

WEDNESDAY (Feb 22)

6:00 Test Pattern
6:30 News Headlines
Information Feature
7:00 Batman (Part I)
7:30 News & Sports
8:00 Perry Mason
9:00 Roger Miller Show
9:30 Channel 11 Theatre (Movie)

THURSDAY (Feb 23)

6:00 Test Pattern
6:30 News Headlines
G.E. College Bowl
7:00 Batman (Part II)
7:30 News & Sports
8:00 The F.B.I.
9:00 Joey Bishop Show
9:30 Have Gun Will Travel
10:00 Milton Berle Show

FRIDAY (Feb 24)

6:00 Test Pattern
6:30 News Headlines
Information Feature
7:00 Addams Family
7:30 News & Sports
8:00 Gunsmoke
9:00 Danny Kaye
10:00 The Tonight Show

SATURDAY (Feb 25)

1:00 Test Pattern
1:30 News Headlines
Encyclopedia Brit.
Social Security
2:00 M-Squad
2:30 Harrigan and Son
3:00 Town and Country
Swingin' Country
Beverly Hillsbillies
Andy Griffith

SUNDAY (Feb 26)

1:00 Test Pattern
1:30 News Headlines
Chapel of the Air
2:00 Educational Special
3:00 Sunday Matinee (Movie)
("Hallmark Hall Of Fame")

4:30 Sports Event of the Week
7:00 Big Picture
7:30 News & Sports Scoreboard
8:00 Dick Van Dyke
8:30 Candid Camera
9:00 Bonanza
10:00 Ed Sullivan Show

(Note: These same shows can be seen in other areas as follows:)

Qui Nhon Mar. 13-19
Da Nang Apr. 3-9
Pleiku Apr. 24-May 1

Good Treatment Spurs Chieu Hoi Program

Saigon (MACV) — The Chieu Hoi program was a notable success in 1966, a year of many successes in the war against the Viet Cong. More than 20,000 VC or VC sympathizers voluntarily returned to the Government of Vietnam during the year.

That is nearly twice the number that came in during 1965.

The total number of VC to join the Vietnamese government since the Chieu Hoi program began in 1963 has risen to more than 47,000.

Some of the most significant results of the program are not reflected in statistics. For instance, Chieu Hoi officials consider the surrender of North Vietnamese Lt. Col. Le Xuan Chuyen the outstanding single result of the 1966 program.

Colonel Chuyen, a veteran of 20 years' service to the communists, had taken part in 50 major battles, received 35 citations and was deputy chief of staff of the VC 5th Division when he voluntarily came over to the government of Vietnam.

The intelligence value alone has already saved many lives," one official said of Colonel Chuyen's

return.

Some of the largest returnee movements result directly from military operations. During the coordinated Operations Irving, Maeng, Ho 6 and Dai Bang 800 in Binh Dinh Province last fall, about 1,600 VC rallied to the government.

Operations in nearby Phu Yen Province soon afterward brought in another 500. This January's Operation Cedar Falls in the Iron Triangle also brought a large number of returnees (Figures are not yet complete.)

Officials point to 14 VC attacks on Chieu Hoi centers during 1966 as evidence of VC opposition to the program and their fear of its effect on their cause.

Carefully kept promises of good treatment are the key to Chieu Hoi success. This good treatment, extended to a detainee paid off for the U.S. 1st Infantry Division:

A seriously wounded VC officer was detained by the division. He expected to be killed, but the way he was treated convinced him that his VC leaders had lied. Now a Chieu Hoi returnee, he works for the "Big Red One" as a psychological operations adviser, telling his former VC comrades that we tell the truth and keep our promises.

BEE' LE BAILEY

BY MORT WALKER



PEANUTS

By Cartoonist-Of-The-Year Charles M. Schulz



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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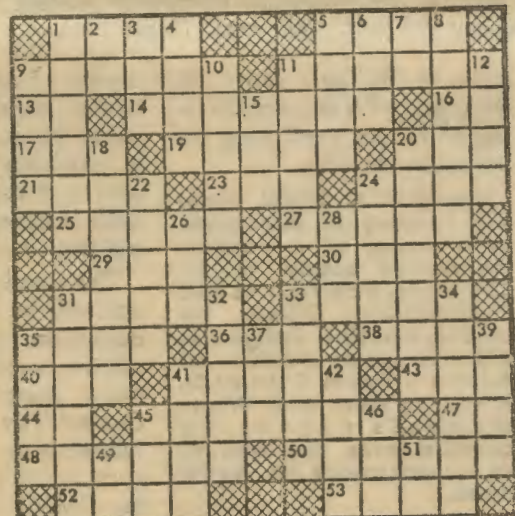
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- 1-Neckpieces
- 5-High cards
- 9-Heed
- 11-Begins
- 13-Latin conjunction
- 14-Studio
- 16-Exclamation
- 17-Unit of Siamese currency
- 19-Sows
- 20-Music: as written
- 21-Harvest
- 23-Pigeon pea
- 24-Imitated
- 25-Vexes
- 27-Was mistaken
- 29-Sign of zodiac
- 30-Exist
- 31-Grants use of
- 33-Window curtain
- 35-Fat of swine
- 36-Man's nickname
- 38-Having its own nature
- 40-Possessive pronoun
- 41-Leased
- 43-Inlet
- 44-Saint (abbr.)
- 45-Lamp
- 47-Roman gods
- 48-Cylindrical
- 50-Seesaw
- 52-Soaks
- 53-Spider's traps

- 1-Acid
- 2-Bone
- 3-Indonesian tribesman
- 4-Places
- 5-The sweetsop
- 6-Vehicle
- 7-Teutonic deity
- 8-Declared
- 9-Shakespearean king
- 10-Wants
- 11-Move sideways
- 12-Edible fish
- 15-Meadow
- 18-Clothesmakers
- 20-Racer
- 22-Beg
- 24-Tapestry

- 26-Vast age
- 28-Cheer
- 31-Second of two
- 32-Glisten
- 33-Rain and hail
- 34-Omits in pronunciation
- 35-Roster

- 37-Skill
- 39-Come
- 41-Chapeau
- 42-Traced
- 45-Allow
- 46-Born
- 49-Note of scale
- 51-Tuberculosis (abbr.)



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Open Heart Surgery Performed On Policeman; First In Delta

Can Tho (1st Corps 10)—A young Vietnamese National Policeman can look forward to a normal, productive life as a result of the first open heart surgery ever performed in the Delta.

The two-hour operation, a mitral valvotomy, involved opening the patient's heart to free a blocked valve which was interfering with his circulatory system.

Air Force Maj. (Dr.) Frank

Major Steams; Dentures Stew

Dong Tam (USA)—Some soldiers leave their hearts in San Francisco, but Maj. James H. Steele left his dentures at Fort Riley, Kans.

Major Steele, executive officer of the 9th Infantry Division's 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry, undoubtedly had a lot on his mind while preparing to leave for Vietnam last month.

In the furious activity before departing, he overlooked his partial upper plate.

While Major Steele was aboard a ship steaming to Vietnam, his dentures were stewing in a cup at his Fort Riley office.

The teeth were discovered by SSgt. Ernest H. Smith, battalion personnel staff non-commissioned officer, and Sp4 Ralph Conrad, a driver.

They tucked the missing molars into a duffel bag and brought them to Vietnam by plane. The teeth, which arrived 10 days before Major Steele, awaited their owner at the division's base camp.

When Major Steele arrived, his teeth were handed over to him by the battalion commander, Lt. Col. William B. Cronin.

Major Steele reportedly celebrated the reunion with a steak.

Camp, Worchester, Mass., who performed the operation, called it a "complete success" and predicted his patient, Luong Ham, would be able to return to his home in Chau Doc within 10 days.

Three hours after the unprecedented operation, Ham was weak but happy as he described the events leading to his hospitalization. Speaking good English, he stated that he had experienced breathing difficulties for some time and had been unable to work for the past two years.

He was examined at Chau Doc by Navy Lt. (Dr.) Robert Sidner who recommended that he come to the Can Tho hospital. After traveling the 65 miles by bus, Nam was admitted and the surgery performed 11 days later. Nam had known the gravity of his condition and was clearly grateful for what the doctors had done.

Assisting Major Camp in the operation were Capt. Gerald Baugh, Austin, Tex., and Capt. Paul Zorza, Marquette, Mich., the anesthetist.

Capt. Bruce E. Dunn, Fayetteville, N. C., an Army Special Forces doctor who voluntarily serves in the hospital in his spare time, and Dr. Thomas Chisholm, Arcadia, Wis., a member of Volunteer Physicians for Vietnam, prepared the patient for surgery.

Major Camp and his team performed another Delta "first" recently when they substituted a teflon tube for a weakened portion of an aorta, the main body artery, which was threatening to break. The operation was credited with saving a 65-year old farmer who has completely recovered.

In addition to the Air Force team, there are eight other Americans serving full time in the hospital. They include three Volunteer Physicians for Vietnam and five

nurses hired by the State Department. Many other U.S. personnel work at the hospital during their off-duty time.

Vietnamese Staff Boys' Trade School

Da Nang (USMC)—Nearly \$16,000 has been donated by Marine Aircraft Group (MAG)-16 Chaplains' Civic Action Program for the construction of Boys' Town (a Vietnamese school and dormitory).

Navy Chaplain Lt. Donald T. McGrogan, Ottawa, Ill., is coordinator of the project.

Boys' Town, two miles east of Da Nang on My Ke Beach, is named after its counterpart in the United States. It will house boys who are at least 12-year-olds and orphans.

Three Allies Initiate Friendship Council

Tay Ninh Province (USA)—Several months ago, representatives from the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, the Philippine Civic Action Group to Vietnam (PHILCAGV) and the Tay Ninh Province met and founded a friendship council.

The purpose of the council was to formulate plans for civic and military cooperation between the allied forces and the Tay Ninh Province. This was only the beginning of many such meetings.

Recently, this enthusiastic body met and formally signed "The Agreement of Mutual Assistance and Cooperation" between the 196th Bde, PHILCAGV and Tay Ninh Province.

The agreement, commonly consented to by all members, consists of seven articles, determined to be carried out by its members, to strengthen the friendship and promote cooperation between the Vietnamese and allied forces in Tay Ninh Province.

To attain the objectives of the agreement, the members

have constituted themselves into the Tay Ninh Friendship Council (TNFC) with province chief Lt. Col. Ho Duc Trung, as chairman. Brig. Gen. Richard T. Knowles and Brig. Gen. Gaudenico Tobias are members.

Addressing the assembled group, Mr. Le Phu Nham, deputy of administration, emphasized the progress already made by the TMFC. He stated the 196th Brigade had contributed some 50,000 pounds of rice and more than 1,400 pounds of clothing to the province which would be distributed to more than 2,000 families and that this year's Tet celebration would be the biggest in the province due to the combined efforts of the allied forces.

Inspection A First For ARVN Unit



MAINTENANCE INSPECTION—Maj. Joe Milliron (right center), Elmira, N.Y., gives inspection tips to members of the III Area Logistical Command's CMMI team during an inspection of Headquarters Company, III ALC, last week. (USA Photo)

Saigon (USA)—What was perhaps the first Command Maintenance Inspection in any ARVN unit was conducted recently when the III Area Logistical Command's CMMI team began its tour of inspection of all III ALC units with an inspection of Headquarters Company.

Maj. Joe Milliron, Elmira, N.Y., advisor to the CMMI team, and ARVN Maj. Dinh Van Rang, chief of the Inspection Branch, III ALC, supervised the inspection. Scores received ranged from 21 per cent on engineer equip-

ment to 91 per cent on weapons, with an overall rating of 71 per cent being received by the unit.

The III ALC CMMI team was formed in December as a result of a recommendation made to Lt. Col. Dang Van Tuy, III ALC Commanding Officer, by Lt. Col. J.A. Hill, Columbia, S.C., the senior advisor of Advisory Team 9 (III ALC), following Gen. W.C. Westmoreland's expressed concern over the quality of maintenance in ARVN units.

The 20 members of the CMMI team have been

drawn from all technical service branches of III ALC units; the one team presently in existence will soon be used to form cadres for two more inspection teams that will inspect all III ALC units.

The first inspection of each unit will be an "announced" inspection; corrective action taken to correct all deficiencies found must be reported to Colonel Tuy within 30 days following the inspection. Any areas rated unsatisfactory by the CMMI team will be re-inspected within 60 days without any prior notification.

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