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**Old Grads
Get Together
(Founder's Day)**

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Dateline Viet Nam

Record VC Prisoner Hauls Marks Action Here Last Week

Over 500 Viet Cong troops or suspects were captured — including two record hauls — by government troops in operations the past week.

The biggest score came Saturday when Vietnamese units of the 7th Division made a surprise raid on what appeared to be a Viet Cong rest camp in Kien Phong province 75 miles west of Saigon near the Cambodian border.

The successful raid took place in the same general area where airborne units engaged a Viet Cong battalion in a bitter battle on Mar. 3.

According to a U.S. military spokesman, 369 VC suspects were caught in the camp, with many of them attempting to flee in sampans, or hide in house rafters and adjoining swamps. Only five weapons, however, were seized.

The enemy put up token resistance in the village which they had transferred into a fortress. 4 killed in action. The Red Cross was sent to his hometown of Columbus, Ga., for burial. His personal effects were air-freighted separately.

On March 11 came the final, touching request of his widow, Mrs. Anne McBride, roasted through Fort Thirty-seven percent of the figure or 7,500 were attributed to the fixed wing tactical air strikes of the Vietnamese Air Force.

The MACV press conference also revealed that Viet Cong casualty claims appearing in post-mission pilot reports were consistently less than later confirmations made by ground reconnaissance parties which entered the strike areas to assess the damage inflicted by air.

Three types of strike aircraft are used by the VNAF. The T-28 "Trojan" and A-1H "Skyraider" fighter bombers, and the twin-engine B-26 "Invader" All three are of WWII type conventional design and performance.

prisoners.

Of the 369 suspects, 70 were confirmed to be Viet Cong, and 34 others immediately joined the Self Defense Corps. Government forces suffered four wounded, including two U.S. advisors.

Another record 109 VC were taken prisoner and two killed in an operation last Thursday in Dinh Tuong province in the Mekong Delta about 40 miles south of the capital. The government press agency gave no other details.

In scattered action during six days through this Tuesday, the communists gave up 44 additional prisoners, bringing the total for the period to 522 captured, a record haul. Interrogation of some the prisoners is still underway.

In other developments, six U.S. Army aircrew members lost their lives in two separate crashes last weekend as a result of communist ground fire.

The pilot and observer on an O-1H (L-19) light plane were killed Saturday when they were brought down by gunfire while on a spotting mission in Binh Thuan province, some 120 miles northeast of Saigon.

Sunday, four U.S. crewmen and a Vietnamese observer died when VC groundfire caused their UH-1B helicopter to crash on the Ca Mau peninsula in the south, while in support of a heliborne operation.

All six bodies have been recovered.

Elsewhere, Saigon police reported the arrest of two terrorists carrying two pound bombs last Friday night. Police said they caught while preparing to use the explosives.

In other actions

Hamlet Leaders Course Opened

The first hamlet action training course was formally opened Wednesday, at the Youth Training Center in Cholon, with an enrollment of 90 trainees from five provinces.

Minister of Interior Ha Thuc Ky, Rector Nguyen Van Bong, National Institute of Administration and USOM representatives attended the opening. Instructors for the course are from the Interior Ministry and The National Administration Institute.

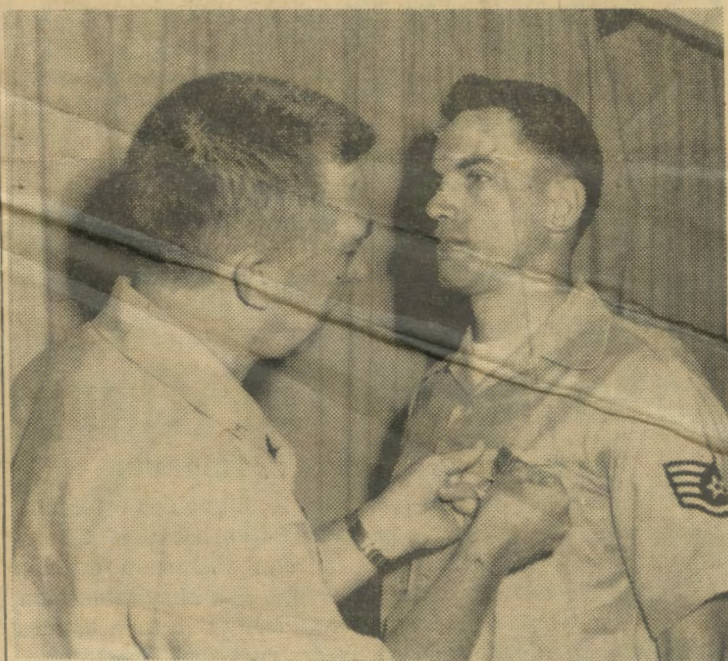
The course is designed to train leaders to work directly in improving hamlet life in cooperation with government "clear and search" operations. The first week, comprising 36-hours of lecture work, includes studies on subjects such as: How to Work with People; How to Settle Disputes; Organization of Elections; Police and Security Administration; Hamlet Administration Procedures; Local Government Structures and Review of GVN Objectives and Policies.

The second week will be held at Long An where trainees will be trained on the job in projects covering New Rural Life of Social and Economic Development; Planning Actions and Method of Approach, and self-help projects in agriculture, public works, rural credit, education, health, sanitation, sports and youth activities.

Trainees are from the provinces of Long An, Ba Xuyen, Phong Dinh, Vinh Binh and Gia Dinh.

weekend, the VC lost 47 killed, another estimated 30 killed or wounded carried off, as opposed to government losses of 34 killed, 49 wounded, and 25 missing or captured.

While Vietnamese forces continued to sweep the countryside in large scale operations, the Viet Cong failed to launch any significant attacks, confining themselves to a high level of small attacks and harrassments on new life hamlets and outposts.



BRONZE STAR FOR AIRMAN— *SSgt. Paul U. Merial receives the Bronze Star from Col. Frank H. Wilcox, commander of the 33rd Tactical Gp. The 2nd Air Div. non-com was decorated for twice entering areas occupied by the Viet Cong to salvage portions of crashed aircraft for investigation, and to destroy remaining useful armament. (2nd Air Div. GI Photo.)*

Adm. Felt Urges Support For Red Cross Fund Drive

Adm. Harry D. Felt, Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, urged support of the 1964 American Red Cross campaign for "a staunch and true friend of those who serve in the Pacific."

The ARC fund drive, which got underway Mar. 13, will run through Apr. 6 in the command. Maj. Gen. R.G. Weede, USMC, Chief of Staff, MACV, is the general chairman for the campaign in Viet Nam.

In opening the drive for the Pacific command, Admiral Felt praised the Red Cross for its speed and efficiency with its emergency communications, financial assistance and other services.

Last year, 121,400 soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen and their dependents were assisted by the Red Cross, which included financial help in the form of loans and grants totaling \$1,438,000.

ARC Pacific Director of Operations George Hand revealed in an end-of-the-year report that ARC welfare services to the military

continued to claim the largest share of attention of Red Cross workers in the Pacific Command during the year.

During the past year, an average of 92,100 servicemen and their families were assisted each month by local ARC chapters in the States. At the same time, the national organization aided an average of 82,100 active duty personnel per month at military bases and hospitals in the 50 states and overseas.

In the Pacific Command last year the ARC assisted 20,388 servicemen to obtain approvals for emergency leaves and extensions; some 63,477 cases involving health and welfare inquiries and report were completed and 2,786 were assisted in obtaining government benefits.

"...We should fulfill our obligations," said Admiral Felt in his personal appeal, "for the American Red Cross receives no government funds to carry on its important work. It must

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"Comment is free but facts are sacred."

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CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

A Personality Can Change

By Chaplain (Capt.) ALAN C. TIBBETTS

The personality of man is subject to change in reference to the situation in which he lives. Often because of boredom, frustration, or fatigue, a man will soon develop traits not becoming to him. Many fine and charitable men loose their whole perspective and fall prey to attitudes which are so negative as to be destructive.

It is difficult to keep a cheerful smile in the midst of frustration. It is a demanding task to laugh when the work is piled high on the desk. Yet, if we loose the ability to laugh, to smile, to love we have lost the battle. Paul was right in saying "love endureth all things...and is kind."

You have seen personalities change. You have seen cheerful men become grumpy. You have seen aggressive personalities slowly become dull and insipid. It could well happen to you or myself.

We need to look at ourselves and see wherein we may have slipped. We must not loose our true selves in the pool of frustrations. Let us hold on to a vibrant, loving, helpful, and hopeful attitude.

A few days ago, I watched two pilots enter their air craft before dawn. After many hours both were tired and weary. The day was long and hot. Walking through the compartment, one pilot remarked, "now let's see, on what page of the manual does it explain how to fly this bird?"

The passengers smiled. A sense of humor broke the strain of a long day. We need more of this or we soon loose our very selves. I'm not worried about that man—nor those with whom he has contact.

R & R SCHEDULE

Date of Departure/Return	Passenger Check-in TSN	Spaces Available
TO HONG KONG		
*20-25 Mar	0800.0830	36
**22-27 Mar	0800.0830	36
*24-29 Mar	0800.0830	36
**28 Mar-2 Apr	0800.0830	36
*30 Mar-4 Apr	0800.0830	36
TO BANGKOK		
26-31 Mar	0500.0530	36
TO BAGUIO (CLARK)		
27 Mar-2 Apr	0500.0530	36
* Passenger stop at Da Nang. Reporting time Da Nang personnel : 1130 for 1230 departure.		
** Passenger stop at Nha Trang. Reporting time Nha Trang personnel 1030 for 1130 departure.		

Personnel Lauded For McNamara Assistance

On the eve of his departure for the United States last week, Defense Secretary Robert S. MacNamara praised the outstanding work of all U.S. military personnel in Viet Nam.

Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, also lauded the efforts of military personnel in the command and complimented them for the assistance rendered to the visiting Defense Secretary and his party.

In a message to members of the U.S. Forces in Viet Nam, Gen. Paul D. Harkins, COMUSMACV, praised all concerned for the hard work and long hours in providing outstanding support to Secretary McNamara and his official party.

Army Releases Mar. Stripe Quota

Washington (ANF) — The Department of the Army has released the following temporary promotion quotas to major commanders for the month of March 1964.

Grade	Quota
E-9	119
E-8	442
E-7	100
Total	661

Appointments to the following MOS in the grades listed are not authorized except for token appointments authorized in monthly appointment quota letters:

E-9: None

E-8: None

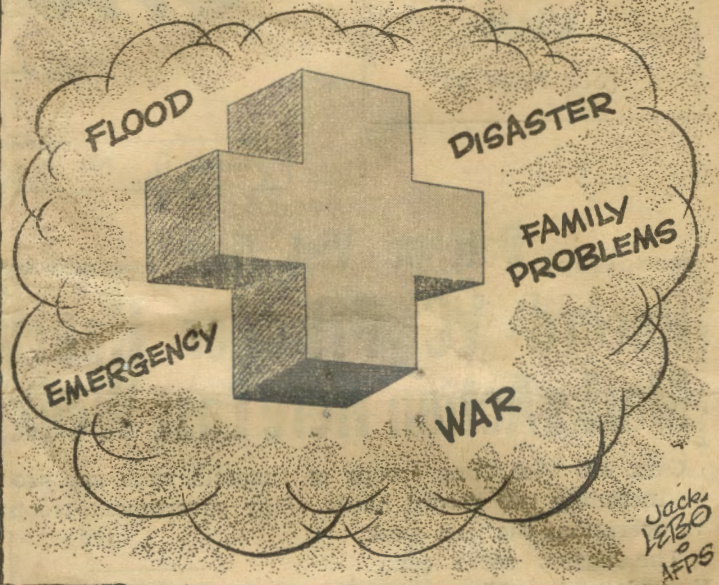
E-7: 058, 073, 164, 165, 166, 168, 178, 191, 217, 224, 234, 245, 248, 251, 274, 322, 342, 354, 437, 525, 533, 542, 546, 551, 564, 676, 815, 822, 832, 843, 921, 943.

Soujourners Meet Next Tuesday

The regular monthly business meeting of the Saigon Chapter, National Sojourners will be held at 7:30 p.m., Tues., Mar. 24 at the Coco Club, Nguyen Hue St. (Street of Flowers)

Master Masons and all Sojourners are invited to attend. The meeting will be preceded by refreshments and a dinner.

A HELPING HAND IN TIME OF NEED...



EDITORIAL

The Red Cross Knows That 'It Can Happen'

The young serviceman had heard of the American National Red Cross, of course, and he recognized its insignia whenever he saw it, but he'd never given much thought to what the Red Cross does, or can do.

Now he stood in the Red Cross office on his installation. What "just-couldn't-happen-to-me" had. His infant son had been stricken with a rare disease, and doctors urged that he be moved to a warm, arid climate to speed up a cure.

This expense was not something for which the man had planned. So it was suggested he go to the Red Cross, which loaned him enough money to lighten the financial burden of his emergency.

In everyday living, it's quite easy to dismiss the possibility of personal crisis or family emergency with thoughts like, "It can't happen to me."

But the Red Cross knows "it can happen," and often does. Everyday it helps Americans everywhere in community disasters or in small personal emergencies.

March has been declared Red Cross Month, during which the ANRC is soliciting contributions to fund drive. From these funds, the Red Cross provides welfare services for men and women in particular, disaster and relief; give first aid courses; conduct water safety community training program like free stationery and red cross military hospitals.

"The Red Cross," President Johnson has declared, "is a visible, generous expression of the American people's concern for the welfare of the people." The employees of the Federal Government are urged to enlist the generosity of all Americans in the organization of the people in the nation's welfare.

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DUNKING MACHINE — Lt. Norman L. St. Peter takes a below-the-water ride on a machine designed to simulate the submersion of a helicopter pilot. Life preservers are used by all U.S. helicopter units in Viet Nam. A water survival school is also conducted by the 145th Avn. Bn. for pilots and crew members.

A Grieving Widow's Final Wish Is Granted

A final wish of a grieving widow of a Viet Nam casualty recently brought jet speed action in the closest inter-service cooperation across two continents and the Pacific Ocean.

Slain March 3 while performing heroically under intense communist fire in Viet Nam, ranger advisor Capt. Morris R. McBride was returned to his hometown of Columbus, Ga., for burial. His personal effects were air-freighted separately.

On March 11 came the final, touching request of his widow, Mrs. Anne McBride, routed through Fort Benning, Ga. She asked that her husband's wedding band, West Point class ring, and identification bracelet be rushed to Columbus to be placed in Captain McBride's casket before burial on Mar. 14.

The message was received

Nothing Like Fri. The 13th To Deliver Your First Baby

Maj. Leaton C. Cofield, Sr. Medical Advisor, II Corps at Pleiku, successfully delivered his first baby last Friday, Mar. 13, at 5 a.m.

The advisor, who is not a doctor but a medical service officer, named the baby Montagnard girl... "Miss MEDCAP"...

...Goes to prove that the program is versatile!

in the MAAG Compound in Saigon on the Thursday preceding the Saturday burial. The MAAG casualty reporting agents, CWO Vernon A. Selders of Long Beach, Calif., and Sgt. Luther G. Tucker of Cullman, Ala., went into action.

A check with the Navy's transportation section revealed that the captain's personal effects had departed Saigon the previous day, aboard a USAF-C-130 Hercules. Under the direction of Maj. Howard F. Goldberg, Army MAAG personnel officer, Selders and Tucker quickly dispatched a wire to Travis AFB, asking that the shipment be intercepted, and the box containing the three items taken off and rushed to Columbus.

Air Force authorities reacted speedily, and the rings and bracelet were on a Delta Airlines flight to Columbus the same evening, arriving early Friday morning.

And so a widow's final wish to honor her heroic husband was granted, thanks to speedy action and cooperation of all three services.

HONOR ROLL

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Fourth Award

SFC Kenneth B. Farrar

Third Award

Col. William D. Wise Jr.
Maj. Herbert E. Clark
Maj. Dominick J. Orlando
MSgt. Eugene J. Carrillo

Second Award

Lt. Col. Charles S. Johnson Jr.
Lt. Col. William P. Pipkin
Maj. Bruce M. Kinnear
Capt. Jimmie D. Bailey
Capt. Raymond H. Carr Jr.
Col. Lamar A. Welch
Maj. Neville D. McNeerney

First Award

PSgt. David Thompson (posthumously)
Maj. Rory L. More
Maj. Wayne L. Seeley
Maj. William J. Storey
Capt. Mark S. Creviston Jr.
Capt. Daniel C. Fogarty
Capt. Ernest K. Gruene Jr.
Capt. Donald G. Humphreys
Capt. Francis L. Maccini
Capt. Hector R. Ponton
Capt. Are Sildam
Capt. Charles E. Smith
1st Lt. Joel E. Sugdinis
1st Sgt. Santo P. D'Eredita
SFC John R. Fletcher
SFC Joseph R. Peloquin
SFC Bayard D. Stephenson Jr.

PURPLE HEART

Maj. Allen M. Burkner
Capt. Douglas O. Fingles
1st Lt. Earl W. Eubanks Jr.
Sgt. Arnold H. Hall
Maj. Francis H. Quist
Maj. John A. Valentic
Capt. Delbert E. Goodman
SFC Winfred B. Niles
SFC Francis J. Butterworth
SFC Newman E. Sarvis
Pvt-1 Douglas M. Tackett

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Third Award

Capt. James C. Wright Jr.

Second Award

Lt. Col. John Hayes
Lt. Col. Clarence E. Hobson
Maj. Frank R. Simmons
MSgt. Orlando A. Campisi
SFC Malcolm E. Coble

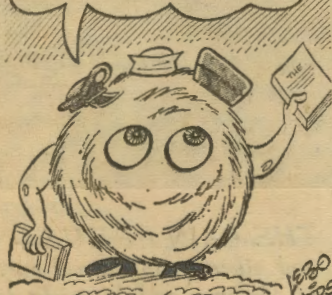
First Award

Maj. Allan J. Francisco
Maj. Don W. Moore
Capt. Don T. Christensen
Capt. Delbert E. Goodman
Capt. Ralph P. Kennedy Jr.
Capt. George T. Murphy
1st Lt. Kermit E. Larson Jr.
1st Lt. Roger W. Zalkas
2nd Lt. L.B. Snyder II
SFC Thomas S. Drake
SFC George H. Johnson
SFC Virgil F. Taylor
SSgt. Carvel F. Gregory
SFC William R. Killingsworth
SSgt. Benito L. Romero
PFC William A. Hagerman
Maj. Robert W. Noe
Capt. Thurman E. Anderson
Capt. Douglas O. Fingles
Capt. Donald J. Green
Capt. William H. Kelly
Capt. Russell J. Krutchen
Capt. Michael J. Lally Jr.
Capt. Clinton W. Snyder
1st Lt. Graham N. Lowdon Jr.
1st Lt. Hershell B. Murray
SFC Paul D. Walker
SFC Robert F. Wharton
PFC Dan K. Bowyer

FOOF'S SPOOFS

BRIEF REVIEW OF A NEW BOOK...

"THE COVERS ARE
TOO FAR APART."



POCKETFUL of NOTES

By SSgt. Bob Reid
USAF

KEEPING UP WITH THINGS — The strange and unusual, and usually humorous things our spies report would, some weeks, fill a book.

One agent reported sighting an American soldier pushing a mechanized pedometer — you know, one of those gadgets that look like a one-wheeled bicycle — down Hong Thap Tu Street. Our informant rather proudly told us the he, too, used to push one of those gadgets in civilian life, but they used to send him out alone, and he couldn't figure out why there were three other soldiers tagging along with the pedometer pusher here in Saigon.

Well, it just had to be a matter of security: one GI to push and the other three to watch out for ambushes. Or, maybe they were taking turns pushing the thing.

In any case, we couldn't figure out why any American would want to know how long Hong Thap Tu Street is, bad enough to push one of those silly gadgets down it. And secondly, we couldn't figure out why the guy who in civilian life used to push one, is so proud of it... he's a college grad, too.

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Another secret agent filed his report this week concerning a section whose enlisted personnel find it often necessary to do business with officers who come in as customers. But the officer in charge of the section has decreed that the EM cannot talk to officers, and if an officer-client comes in, he must be referred to another officer in the section. Which led one guy to the idea of putting up a sign for the backed up traffic which would read: "I Cannot Talk To You, Sir. You'll Have To See The Officer Over There."

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Still another spy told us the case of the double-bombed nurses. The navy nurses worked feverishly and long (and, we're sorry, without any credit at all) during the rash of February bombings in Saigon, helping patch up victims in the Station Hospital. So, for a little rest and recreation, a couple of them took off for a well-earned, brief vacation in Singapore. Well, first thing that happened was that the hotel in which they were staying... ah, you guessed it. That's right, the hotel was bombed.

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NOTES IN OUR POCKETS — Our secretary on *The Observer*, being a big-hearted, generous gal, has taken to awarding Combat Infantryman Badges to U.S. troops. That's right, she does everything but pin 'em on. Last week's *Observer* carried two CIB awards in the Honor Roll that were as fictional as a Perry Mason episode. How'd it happen? Well, she types up the list from orders, and when she got to the end of the CIB list, she just kept going, presenting the coveted badge to two fellows who were appointed pay agents.

We hereby withdraw the awards, so take 'em off gents. And we've asked our secretary to please contain her enthusiasm in the future.

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Last week, our column on slogans brought some reaction, and we are proud, mighty proud, to announce that henceforth and almost forever, we will have a 'Slogan of the Week' in this space. And to kick it off, (get ready now) here's this week's: "We Want More Elephants In The Space Program?"... Go ahead, think about it.

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We couldn't let it pass without notice the fact that Cleopatra finally took the plunge with Hamlet. Looking at it that way, they do make an old couple, now don't they? If you didn't catch it elsewhere, they were hitched in Montreal, mainly because the sovereign state of New York refused to give them a licence, smelling a fish in Mexico.

Anyway, as H.L. Mencken once said: "People who want to get married know what they want, and they deserve to get it. Good and hard!"

Hilites Of DOD Chief's Viet Nam Visit



VISITING HOA HAO SECT— In An Giang province, about 100 miles west of Saigon, the Defense Secretary spent a few hours in the Hoa Hao village meeting the people and discussing problems. Here he chats with village elders. (MACV-PIO Photo.)



A FINAL WORD— The DOD chief pledges increased U.S. support to Viet Nam's struggle against aggression in farewell statement after five day visit. General Khanh stands at McNamara's right, with Lodge in background.



FRIENDLY GREETING— Young students happily throng around the secretary as he arrives in rain at Hue with General Khanh. In talks, McNamara often repeated, in Vietnamese language, "Viet Nam forever!"

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and his entourage of high ranking civilian and military experts concluded their five-day Viet Nam fact-finding tour last Thursday, flying directly to Hawaii for high-level talks with Pacific commanders, and on to Washington to report to President Johnson.

The DOD chief was joined by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Maxwell D. Talyor; Undersecretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs William Bundy; and Central Intelligence Agency Director John McCone on his mission here.

Before departing, McNamara told an airport crowd that, "General Taylor and I have had chances to review the pacification plan which he (Khanh) has prepared and has already put into practice. These plans are sound, for the country's economic and social development as well as for the national security."

He told newsmen in Hawaii that "I think General Khanh has got it now. I was most impressed with their pacification program and now all we have to do is help administer it."

In a nationally televised interview Sunday, President Johnson reaffirmed the U.S.'s continued support for Viet Nam, but did not divulge details of McNamara's report, saying that the National Security Council would consider it early this week.

Photos by Sp5 Ray Jewett



ARRIVING IN HUE— U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Secretary McNamara, and Vietnamese Prime Minister Maj. Gen. Nguyen Khanh arrive in ancient city of Hue in the north of the Republic of Viet Nam last Wednesday morning for meetings and appearances before huge throngs.



DEPARTURE— Followed by Ambassador Lodge, McNamara, almost obscured by a Vietnamese military policeman leaves car at Tan Son Nhut to mount speaker's platform for farewell message last Thursday evening.



THE RAIN IN HUE— Undaunted by a steady downpour, large crowds of students and other groups turned out, replete with banners to greet and cheer the U.S. Secretary of Defense and his party last Wednesday.

Madame Khanh Visits Station Hospital



INJURY EXPLAINED— Madame Khanh, wife of the Republic of Viet Nam's Prime Minister, hears Captain R.A. Fischella, U.S. Navy, explain the injuries received by young Nguyen Van Song during the Viet Cong Terrorist bombing of the Playboy Bar last month. Capt. Fischella, the hospital's senior medical officer, escorted Madame Khanh on a tour of the Headquarters Support Activity hospital Monday. (U.S. Navy Photo.)

Gen. McNellis, Chief Vet, On Two Day Viet Nam Visit

Brig. Gen. Russell B. McNellis, Assistant for Veterinary Services and Chief, Army Veterinary Corps, Office of the Surgeon General, arrived from Bangkok Tuesday for a three-day orientation and inspection tour of veterinary facilities in Viet Nam.

General McNellis, accompanied by Col. Glenn M. McFadden, Chief, Veterinary Div., U.S. Army, Hawaii, is on the first leg of his Southeast Asia tour to the Philippines, Formosa, Okinawa, Japan and Korea.

During his visit, General McNellis inspected the Dog Training Center at Thanh Tuy Ha and the II Corps military dog platoon at Pleiku. He also visited the 8th Field Hospital and 406th Medical Laboratory at Nha Trang.

Prior to his up-country visits, General McNellis paid courtesy calls on Maj. Gen. R.G. Weede, Chief of Staff, MACV; Maj. Gen. Charles J. Timmes, Chief, MAAG; Brig. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, CG, USASCV; Col. Vuong Quang Truong ARVN Chief Surgeon and Capt. Le Van Dat, ARVN Chief Veterinarian.

General McNellis and Colonel McFadden visited the ARVN Veterinary Clinic, Central Medical Laboratory Cong Hoa General Hosp., 4th Med. Det. The visiting veterinary officials were escorted by Lt. Col. Bruce S. Ott, Sr. Veterinary Advisory, MAAG.

Unclaimed Mail

The following have unclaimed mail at the main APO according to a release made by Capt. Norman R. Vitez, CO, Det. 1, 11th Air Postal Sqdn.

Ray Alexander
Melvin F. Burkett Jr.
Sgt. David J. Berryhill
Pvt. Richard H. Bell
Lt. Thomas A. Barry Jr.
Capt. C. J. Frenda
PFC Mitchel G. French
Pvt. Dominick Jolie
Sp4 George Frank Jr.
Dr. John E. Gee
PFC Charles A. Grinder
Sp5 Marshall B. Gause
1st Lt. Oscar M. Hall
Maj. James D. Hundon
1st Lt. Peter Jackson
ENCA Pete P. Kanshi
Frank W. Koupork
Lt. Howard Kan
SFC Harold R. Lewis
Sp5 Larry W. Massey
1st Lt. William L. Murphy
Capt. James D. Plaisted
Sp4 Stanley J. Reese
MSgt. Garden L. Robinson
Lt. Col. H. P. Smith
Capt. John E. Salem
John Vandever Jr.
Lloyd N. Washer
H.C. Schor
PFC Ohris M. Storz

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Madame Nguyen Khanh, wife of the Vietnamese Prime Minister, toured the Headquarters Support Activity's station hospital here Monday.

Madame Khanh visited two Vietnamese children wounded in last month's terrorist bombing of the Playboy Bar, who are under treatment at the hospital, and injured American servicemen.

The Vietnamese first lady was accompanied by members of her family and the family physician. The group inspected ward and emergency facilities. The Prime Minister's wife was particularly interested in equipment used for patient morale and comfort with a view for possible use of these items in Vietnamese military hospitals.

She was escorted by the hospital's senior medical officer, Capt. R.A. Fischella, U.S. Navy; Mrs. M.C. Friedman, wife of the HSA Commanding Officer; and the HSA Executive Officer, Cdr. D.J. Turley.

Among those Americans cheered by Madame Khanh were Air Force Capt. Ira E. Greeley, 114th Aviation Co.; SFC Johnny V. Bramblett, Airborne Brigade adviser injured in action against the Viet Cong; and PFC John Myers, U.S. Army, 120th Aviation Co. Greeley and Myers were injured in helicopter accidents.

Operation Security

Armed Forces Hit New Bond-Buying High In '63

Washington — Operation Security runs May 1 through July 31, the Treasury Department announced, but it's not hush-hush. For the Armed Forces, in fact, it could be something to crow about.

Operation Security is a Treasury Department campaign to sell U.S. Savings Bonds.

For the Armed Forces it will also be, according to William H. Neal, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and National Director of the Savings Bonds Division, a campaign to push bonds sales over the record level achieved in 1963 by men and women in uniform.

Mr. Neal praised the "financial responsibility" of the record number of service personnel, both state-side and overseas, who purchased bonds either outright or through allotment programs last year. Nearly one million members of the Armed Forces bought U.S. Savings Bonds in 1963, a new high in military bond-buying since WWII.

He emphasized that military personnel overseas who purchased bonds last year also made a significant contribution toward reducing the gold flow imbalance.

"We think the name Operation Security is particularly appropriate," Mr. Neal said. "Savings Bonds help finance our efforts to protect the security of the Free World, and they help

maintain our economic security and contribute to the future security of the people who own them."

The Treasury Department pointed out that bonds are backed by the government, pay a guaranteed interest rate, are not subject to market fluctuations, have special income tax advantages and, if cash is needed, may be redeemed 60 days after purchase.

The Army in 1963 attained the largest overall participation with 66 percent of its military and civilian personnel buying bonds. Some 424,509 military and civilian members on the allotment plan put the Air Force in the number two spot. Air Force participation has doubled in the last five years.

The Navy had 71 percent of its civilian personnel buying bonds in 1963, the highest civilian participation of all the services, but it trails both the Army and the Air Force in uniformed participation.

Only M-16 (AR-15) Rifles for FY '65

Rifle procurement for the Army in FY1964-65 has been discontinued except for 85,000 of the combat-proven M-16 (AR-15) 5.6mm rifles now included in the FY64 program.

On hand or due from the M-14 program are 1.1 million rifles, and there are still more than one million M-1 rifles available in inventory.

Summing up the rifle situation, Secretary McNamara told Congress, "In view of the upcoming field evaluation of the M-16, the expected completion of service tests of the special purpose individual weapon in Fiscal Year 1965 and our relatively good overall rifle inventory position. I believe we can safely terminate M-14 procurement."

quarters of each military department; and (4) service operational area of intelligence, e.g., intelligence positions existing within each service below military department level, where professionally qualified personnel are required.

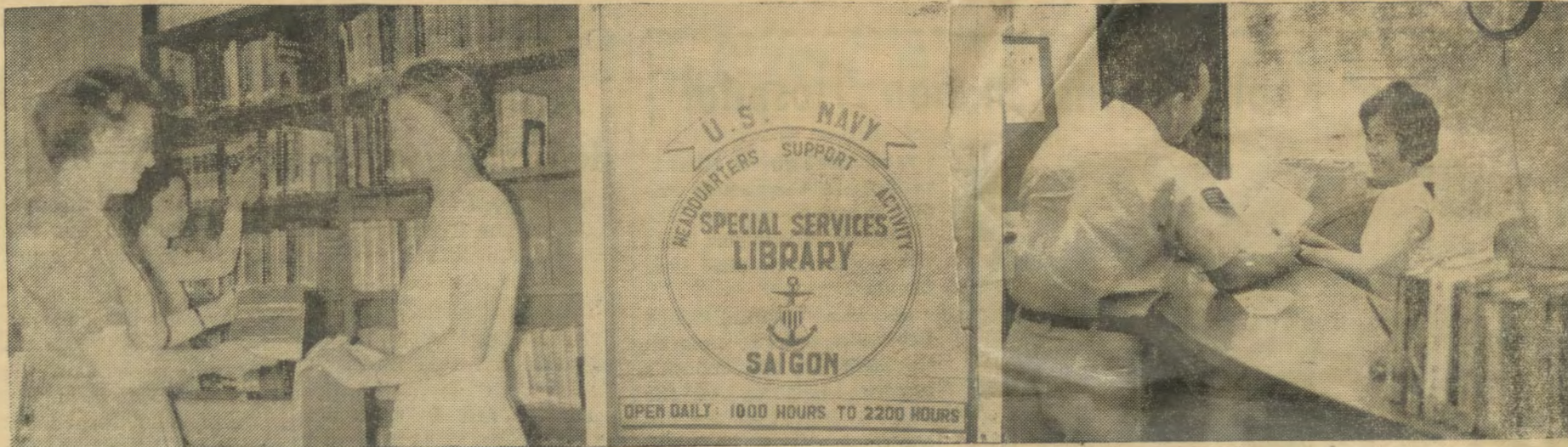
Intelligence Careers Are Directed By DOD Orders

Washington — Deputy Secretary of Defense Cyrus R. Vance has ordered all Department of Defense components which directly employ or hire intelligence personnel to establish programs for career development of intelligence officers, enlisted and civilian personnel. DOD Directive 5010.10, dated February 1, 1964, provides for the implementation of this order within 120 days.

Mr. Vance specified that all Intelligence Career Development Programs, prepared in accordance with the Directive, will be developed and implemented within existing manpower authorizations. DOD components will utilize proposed programs developed by the Defense Intelligence Agency as basic guidance in bringing their existing programs into line with the Directive.

The new programs will improve the intelligence capability in these areas of

interest: (1) national area of intelligence, e.g., Defense Intelligence Agency, Joint Staff and other activities as appropriate; (2) unified staff area of intelligence, e.g., headquarters elements of unified commands and their major component commands, NATO Military Standing Group and its staff and agencies, and other activities and international headquarters as may be appropriate; (3) military departmental area of intelligence, e.g., the head-



CATALOGING A 7,000-VOLUME LIBRARY— HSAS Librarian Miss Ruth Rappaport, (left) holds new book entitled "The Two Vietnams" while Miss Nguyen Thi Nguyet, (center) assistant librarian, and Mrs. Hildegard Kaigler, (right) process book for catalogue number and position in shelf. (Right Photo) Miss To Luc Moi, (right) HSAS library clerk checks out a book to an AF NCO assigned to MAAG. The reading room can accommodate 100 readers at one time.

"Food For Thought" Supplied By HSAS Library

National Library Week is traditionally observed in the United States during the month of March.

In an article written for the Library Journal, Marchette Chute aptly expressed the aims of Library Week stating, "...the United States could not exist without the written word. Take it away and the country could not operate."

Here in Viet Nam, U.S. military personnel, civilian government employees and dependents have maintained an active interest in the books, magazines, records and periodicals made available by the HSAS Library.

Formerly located at the Ky Son BEQ on Tran Hung Dao, the command library is now situated in the former American dispensary at 161 Nguyen Du near the bowling alley.

Miss Ruth Rappaport, HSAS librarian, is assisted by a full-time assistant librarian, three full-time li-

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brary clerks and a part-time library clerk.

The present library has a 7,000 volume collection and will soon add another 5,000 volumes in the very near future. It presently subscribes to the Daily San Francisco Chronicle, Wall Street Journal and Sunday New York Times, in addition to some 228 magazine titles.

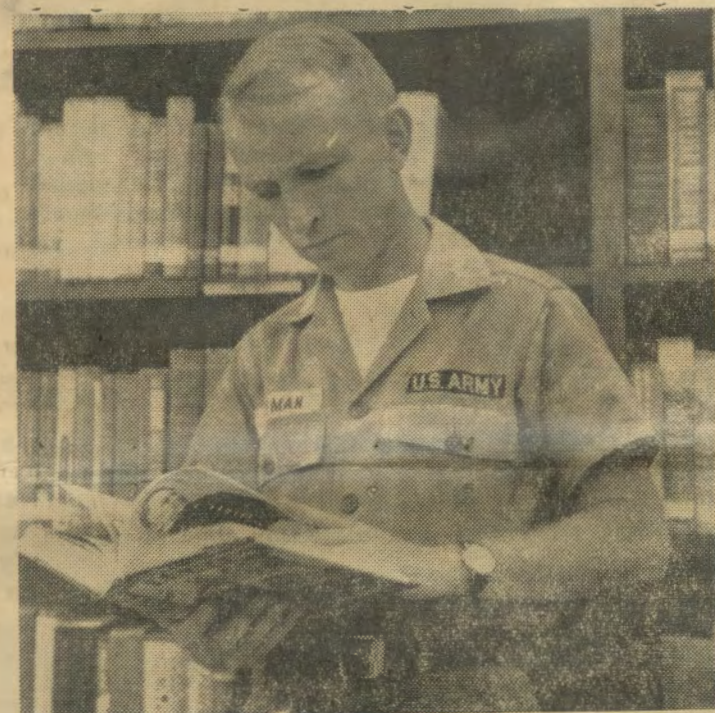
According to Miss Rappaport, the latest best sellers and popular books — part of the McNaughton plan, a new book rental service to libraries — are available for check-out. The library has two music rooms, a magazine reading room and a collection of long playing classical and popular records.

In addition to the services available to personnel

in Saigon, Miss Rappaport sends out book packets to field units throughout the country. Branches have already been established at Tan Son Nhut, Bien Hoa, Da Nang and Pleiku.

According to the librarian, new branches will be serviced with the latest books and periodicals by Miss Nguyen Thi Nguyet, assistant librarian. Miss Rappaport is a graduate of the University of California while Miss Nguyet is a graduate of Western Reserve University.

Also, through the Abraham Lincoln Library, a facility of the United States Information Service, the Vietnamese reading public have the opportunity to learn and study the history, customs and traditions of the United States.



FIELD ADVISOR AT THE LIBRARY— Capt. James H. Hoffman, MAAG advisor at Thu Duc, looks through a newly arrived book on the American Civil War. Military advisors writing special articles for publication usually spend hours of research work in the 7,000-volume library.



LANGUAGE STUDENTS— SFC Russell T. Allen, (left) and Sp5 Gary E. Guyer study Vietnamese via records. The two music rooms in the HSAS library are havens for tape recording and music lovers trying out the latest popular or classical long playing records.



MAGAZINES FOR THE FIELD— Miss Susan Conzelman, a volunteer worker, sorts out magazines to be sent out to advisors in the field. The magazines are purchased out of the Composite Recreation Funds. In addition to the field packs of paperbacks and magazines, the HSAS Library has four branches throughout the country where library books can be checked out.



READING MATERIALS— Mr. Hoang Vi Dai, (left) assists Mrs. Hildegard Kaigler, in preparing a carton load of paperback books with titles ranging from westerns to science fiction for distribution to U.S. military personnel from Ca Mau to Hue. Advisors visiting Saigon usually make it a point to drop by the library to check out hard to get titles.

Roving Photographer

Troops' Opinion Of Beatles:
A Haircut Would Do Just Fine

About the only thing one can say for the Beatles is that the words are clean in the songs they sing, like, man, for instance, "I Want To Hold Your Hand."

Regardless, one can't be an ostrich concerning the four English lads who have overpowered teen-age civilization, and after three Ed Sullivan appearances and a Carnegie Hall concert, our roving photog decided that they had gained sufficient stature to make these columns, with the query:

The Beatles — the rag-mop topped English singing group — have become the rage, with five records in the top 20 in the U.S. Now, an American bubble gum baseball card manufacturer says he may have to delay his press run of baseball players to print a couple of million Beatle cards. What's your opinion of this latest mania?



DAWES SOUTER

SFC John J. Dawes, Bn. NCO Advisor, Airborne Brigade, Fresno, Calif.: "I think he should stick to publishing bubble gum cards. With all the money he makes he can send them to the Beatles for haircuts. I've seen the Beatle mania in California and all the kids are buying Beatle wigs!"

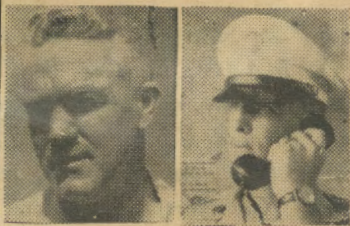
Sp4 Geary Souter, AG Reproduction, A & S Div., MAAG, Tulsa, Oklahoma: "Just goes to prove that people will go for anything."



SMITH GREEN

Capt. John N. Smith, Marine Corps Advisor, MAAG, La Mesa, Calif.: "The cards can't help but be better than their singing. Plus a haircut, DDE, and Boot Camp at Parris Island would bring the Beatles back to civilization."

Sp5 Jackson Green, Sgt. Steno, MAP Division, Oakland Calif.: "It appears the lads this year will be swapping Beatle cards rather than their favorite player cards."



BROGAN HUEFGER

ENCS George Brogan, Engineering Advisor to VNN River Force, Navy Section, San Diego, Calif.: "I have never heard any of these songs so I have no opinion. However they would appeal to my 12 year old daughter."

PFC David J. Huefger, Military Policeman, 560th Military Police Co., Feasterville, Pa.: "From what I've heard of the group I can't see why they are such a rage. As for their hair do's I think they need it cut. I would like them to sing a song far away, like as far as England."

VAA Seeks More
English Teachers

Military personnel or dependents desiring to teach English during their free time have been invited by the academic office of the Vietnamese American Association to apply for teaching positions.

The student body of the VAA has over 6,000 students and teachers are needed for the morning and afternoon sessions. Beginning teachers are paid \$VN 500 a month.

Although teaching experience is not required, applicants should have at least two years college level work or the equivalent in training or experience. For full information call 25771/21129 or apply in person at 55 Mac Dinh Chi.

SPORTS

(AFPS Feature)

1. What is the largest football stadium on a college campus in the United States?
2. Who is the youngest 10-year veteran in the American League?
3. Whose autograph on a baseball once was auctioned off for \$1,250,000?
4. When and where were the first Winter Olympic Games?
5. Who won 30 games or more three times in the National League, was a lifetime winner of 373 and served as a stretcher bearer during World War I?

Answers to Quiz

1. The University of Michigan's stadium seats 100,001.
2. Al Kaline, Detroit outfielder, completed his tenth year with the club June 25, 1963.
3. Christy Mathewson during a bond drive in WW II.
4. Champlain, France in 1924.
5. Grover Cleveland Alexander.



JOEY'S THE NAME — Although her first name is "Joey," there's no doubt that this lovely young starlet is a girl. She's Joey Heatherton, daughter of television performer Ray Heatherton.

Softball Resumes At
Tan Son Nhut Today

The 1964 softball season interrupted by the Viet Cong bombing of Pershing field last Feb. 9, will resume this afternoon when the American league's undefeated 2nd Air Div. Cobras tackle MAAG Sup. Br. at 2 p.m.

According to Navy Lt. Homer T. Cox, HSAS Special Services officer, the final round-robin tournament will run through Apr. 5 and will be played at the 2nd Air Div. softball field at Tan Son Nhut.

The second half of the double-header will be between the National league's leading team — 3rd RRU against a strong contending 1964th Comm. Gp. at 4 p.m.

Tomorrow the 330th Trans. Co. meets the Embassy at 2 p.m. in the Ame-

rican League while HSAS eleven matches wills and skills against the 232nd Sig. Co.

Team standing as of Feb. 9 for the top four teams in the American and National leagues are as follows:

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
	Won	Lost
2nd Air Div.	17	0
330th Trans. Co.	13	5
MAAG Sup. Br.	12	6
Embassy	11	6

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
	Won	Lost
3rd RRU	13	3
1964th Comm. Gp.	12	6
HSAS	11	6
232nd Sig. Co.	11	7



(AFPS Feature)

The record for the fastest knockout in boxing history doesn't belong to Sonny Liston, Joe Louis or Jack Dempsey. It's claimed by a sailor at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Ill.

The claimant is Edward N. Bates, DK1, known during his 15 year boxing career as "Kid" Bates. His knockout record: one second.

Kid Bates says he established the record in Atlantic City, N.J., his hometown, on Aug. 4, 1930, when he dropped his opponent at Atlantic City's Waltz Dream Arena, certainly an appropriate name for a boxing palace.

To back his claim, Bates keeps a newspaper account of the fight. It reads:

"Kid Bates, 116, of this city, scored what is undoubtedly a record knockout when he flattened Artie Moore, 118, Philadelphia, in ONE second.

"Bates hit Moore with a right to the jaw and Moore hit the floor. That's all there was, there wasn't any more. Referee Harry Ertle did not find it necessary to count."

Under modern rules it would seem that a fight could not last less than 11 seconds — one second for the punch and 10 seconds for the referee's count.

But even 11 seconds is cutting it mighty thin. For a fighter to hear the bell, rush his opponent, throw a punch, watch his opponent hit the deck, scamper to a neutral corner and have the referee count 10 — all in 11 seconds — is fast work indeed.

"In those days," Bates explains, "a fighter didn't have to go to his neutral corner when the referee finished giving fight instructions. After Referee Ertle had completed his say, I stood fast and when the bell sounded I threw a right at Moore and down he went."

A wicked right it must have been for, as the newspaper pointed out, the referee did not find it necessary to count. To top it all, Bates was a last-minute substitute for the fight. Moore's scheduled opponent suddenly became ill.

'Star-Studded' Lineup At Founder's Day Dinner



CLOSE UP— Lt. Gen. William C. Westmoreland, (left) Deputy Commander, MACV, and U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge talk about the expansion of the cadet corps at the U.S. Military Academy. General Westmoreland, 45th superintendent of the academy, was instrumental in pushing the bill for the expansion of the cadet corps.

U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge praised alumnus of the United States Military Academy serving in Viet Nam for upholding the West Point creed of Duty, Honor and Country, at the annual Founder's Day dinner held last Saturday at the Rex BOQ roof-garden.

"West Point is dear to West Pointers," said Ambassador Lodge, "but West Pointers are dearer to the American people."

Ambassador Lodge, recounting his close association with West Point officers during his World War II service in Europe, said that this deep affection and respect for the "men of the long gray line" was fully expressed when the Col. Sylvannus Thayer award was presented to him sever-

al years ago.

Bishop Harry Kennedy, Military Vicar of all U.S. Armed Forces in the Pacific, delivered the invocation and reminded the assembly to make meaningful the sacrifice of West Pointers who gave their lives in Viet Nam.

General Paul D. Harkins, COMUSMACV, (Class '29) and a former Commandant of Cadets, presented an informal report on the visit of Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara and his official party.

"We, as part of the long gray line, have served in Viet Nam with dedication," said General Harkins, "and mindful of our creed as professional soldiers — Duty, Honor and Country."

Lt. Gen. William C. Westmoreland, (Class '36) Deputy Commander, MACV, and the 45th Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy led the traditional toasts to Commander-in-Chief President Lyndon B. Johnson and to the USMA Cadet Corps.

General Westmoreland spoke of the recently approved bill signed by the U.S. Congress authorizing the expansion of the cadet corps to 4,417.

Testifying before a House Committee while superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, General Westmoreland said that the "expansion of the U.S. Military Academy was not to be looked upon as an added expense to the American taxpayers but as an invest-

ment for the future."

General Harkins was honored as the oldest graduate of the U.S. Military Academy while 1st Lt. Robert M. Tarbet Jr. (Class '62) was recognized as the youngest alumni.

Lieutenant Tarbet, an assistant battalion advisor assigned to the II Corps' 47th ARVN Regt., delivered the traditional response. An armored officer, Lieutenant Tarbet served as a platoon leader with the 1st Cavalry, at Ft. Hood Tex., before his assignment to Viet Nam.

Maj. Gen. Richard G. Stilwell, MACV J-3 (Class '38) and a former Commander of Cadets, serving as Master of Ceremonies, introduced guests graduated from the U.S. Naval and Air Force Academies and representative graduates of the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, England; Royal Military College at Duntroon, Australia; Philippine Military Academy at Baguio, Philippines and Finnish Military Academy at Helsinki, Finland.

General Stilwell also read a message from Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, (Class '20) NATO Commander and former Army Chief of Staff and a tape-recorded mes-

▲ Red Cross

(Continued from page 1) depend on voluntary generosity of Americans."

Contributions from military personnel in Viet Nam may be made in U.S. dollars, personal check (made out to the American Red Cross) and piasters.



STAR STUDDED LINE-UP— Sitting at the head table (left to right) were Maj. Gen. Charles J. Timmes, Chief, MAAG; Lt. Gen. William C. Westmoreland, Deputy Commander, MACV; Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge; Gen. Paul D. Harkins, COMUSMACV; Maj. Gen. Richard G. Stilwell, (Standing) J-3, MACV; Bishop Harry Kennedy, Military Vicar, US. Forces, Pacific, Maj. Gen. Richard G. Weede; MACV Chief of Staff and Maj. Gen. Joseph H. Moore, 2nd Air-Div. Commander.



YOUNGEST USMA GRADUATE— 1st Lt. Robert M. Tarbet Jr. (Class '62) (left) and youngest U.S. Military Academy graduate in Viet Nam reports to former USMA Commandants of Cadets Maj. Gen. Richard G. Stilwell (center) and Gen. Paul D. Harkins.

ge from West Point football coach Paul Deitzel.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas E. Waldie, MAAG Staff

Chaplain, rendered the benediction following the singing of "The Corps" and "Alma Mater."

Jewish Passover Services Slated

Jewish personnel in the command will observe the traditional Ceremonial Meal of the Passover to be conducted at the Townhouse BEQ Open Mess on Mar. 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. according to an announcement released by Chaplain (LCDr) Harry Miller, HSAS Chaplain.

Personnel arriving in Saigon for the services may call Chaplain Miller (60159) or Lt. Paul M. Fredrix (60855) for information on billeting. Personnel must be prepared to pay for meals and billets.

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