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## An Open Letter To VN-Based Servicemen

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## More MP's Arrive For Saigon Security

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### Washington Developments

## McNamara, Zuckert Appear Before House Committee

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and AF Secretary Eugene M. Zuckert, appeared before the House Armed Services Committee last Wednesday, both saying that equipment in use in Viet Nam is the best available.

"Our military personnel are in Viet Nam to help the South Vietnamese to help themselves. In short, they are there to advise and train the South Vietnamese," McNamara said.

"This role is in complete accord with our tradition and the great history of this country," he added.

The DOD Chief quoted extensively from letters written by Capt. James P. Spruill to his wife, prior to his death in a mine explosion on April 21.

Wrote Spruill: "Above all, this is a war of mind and spirit. For us to despair would be a great victory for the enemy. We must stand strong and give heart to an embattled and confused people. This cannot be done if America loses heart.... Please don't let them back where you are sell me down the river with talk of despair and defeat. There is no backing out of Viet Nam, for it will follow us everywhere we go. We have to draw the line here, and the America we all know and love best is not one to back away."

McNamara further commented on the fitness and readiness of the military personnel here. "Our men

are sent to Viet Nam with the best training known to our military departments," he said. "Mr. Chairman, let me be clear. We are sending highly skilled and trained men to Viet Nam.

"They, and the Vietnamese they support, are receiving the best equipment available for the unique task at hand. We intend to continue this commitment, and the Vietnamese intend to win the fight. The hope of victory lies in this partnership of free men."

Secretary Zuckert, following the defense chief in appearance, praised the efforts and accomplishments of VNAF and USAF in the war here, saying that USAF training and support in fields other than combat operations deserves greater recognition.

Using an example, Zuckert noted that, "our C-123 transport squadrons airlifted 140,000 personnel, moved 30,000 tons of cargo, and airdropped 6,000 troops" during the past year."

Turning to the reasons for selection of T-28 and B-26 aircraft for use in Viet Nam, the secretary said that "their performan-

## All VN Chopper Crewmen Share Kossler Award

All U.S. Army helicopter crewmen now serving in Viet Nam have been named recipients of the 1964 Kossler Award according to a release made by the American Helicopter Society.

The award was presented by the AHS at the organization's annual forum held in Washington May 13-15.

The award cites the soldiers "...for greatest achievement in practical application or operation of rotary wing aircraft, the value of which has been demonstrated by actual service during the preceding year."

The award is named in memory of Capt. William J. Kossler, (1896-1945) who served as a U.S. Coast Guard aviator and aeronautical engineer, and was an early advocate of helicopters for military operations.

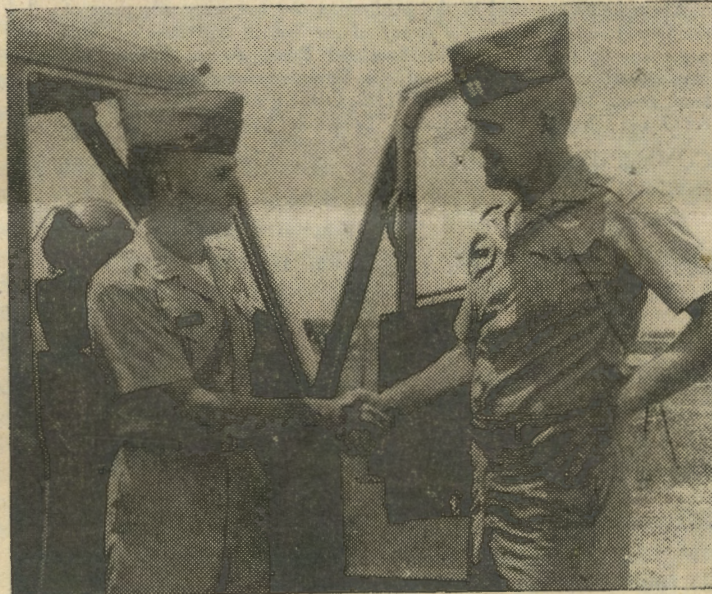
ce has lived up to our expectations under the most exacting circumstances."

He noted that more than \$9 million was spent to overhaul and check out the planes before they were shipped here.

On nearly 15,000 B-26 and T-28 sorties, 25 USAF airmen have been lost. "It is precisely because our men are well trained and their equipment carefully selected that casualties have been so low," Zuckert said.

Turning to VNAF capabili-

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A RECORD ?— Between Captains Jack M. McKnight (left) and John J. Todd (right), Army aviators completing their 12-month tour of duty in Viet Nam, is a total of 46 Air Medals, with each earning 23 medals while assigned to the 118th Avn. Co. Captain McKnight completed 722 combat support flight hours and Captain Todd, a total of 720. Both officers recently departed for CONUS assignments.

### Dateline Viet Nam

## Big Clashes Decline; Large Arms Haul Taken In Delta

No major clashes between the Viet Cong and the Armed Forces of Viet Nam occurred during the past week, but numerous small unit actions caused casualties to rise on both sides.

According to a U.S. military spokesman, Vietnamese forces suffered 484 total casualties during the week ending May 23, compared to 350 the week previous. The latest figures reveal 134 killed, 288 wounded, and 62 missing or captured.

Communist casualties rose to 376 from 235 the previous week. The new figures represent 314 killed and 80

captured. However, hundreds more were estimated to have been killed or wounded and carried off.

Five major operations launched by the government — three in the north and two in the Upper Mekong Delta — netted significant results with 69 VC killed and 16 captured compared to government losses of 16 killed and 15 missing.

During one of the operations, "Thang Long 6," a large haul of enemy munitions was captured at an arms factory in Dinh Tuong province, about 30 miles south of Saigon. Seized in the cache were 11 large mines, two 81 mm. shells, 340 hand grenade cases, 350 grenade fuses, 26 detonators, 22 grenade launchers, large quantities of explosives, and documents. During the operation, the VC lost 21 killed and 10 captured, while the government forces suffered no losses.

In another of the larger operations, 1,000 people were liberated from the

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## Gen. Oden To Command USASCV; Gen. Stilwell To Fort Bragg



GENERAL ODEN

Brig. Gen. Delk M. Oden, former Chief, U.S. Army Section, MAAG, has been named by Gen. Paul D. Harkins, COMUSMACV, to succeed Brig. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell as commanding general of the U.S. Army Support Command effective July 1, 1964.

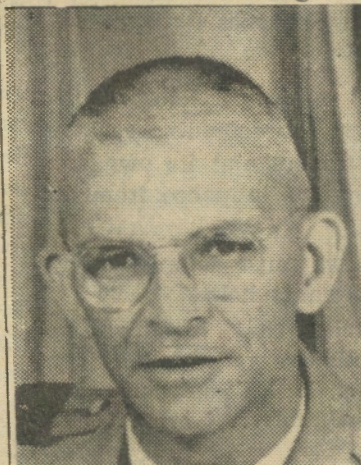
General Stilwell, who assumed command of USASCV in Aug. 1962, has been named as deputy commanding general of the Special Warfare Center, Ft. Bragg, N.C.

General Oden, holder of the Distinguished Service Cross and two Silver Stars, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1937. During World War II,

he served as an armored commander with the 4th Armored Div. through five European campaigns.

The 53-year-old native of Gordon, Tex., is also a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, Army War College and the

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GENERAL STILWELL



# The Observer

"Comment is free but facts are sacred."

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## EDITORIAL

### Why You Are Here

Why are we here? Why are you here? Why am I here? How many times have we all heard those words, repeated with endless monotony?

The people of Southeast Asia want for themselves the self-respect and independence of free nations. That is why you are here . . . to help them gain and guard that freedom.

Freedom and peace must prevail in Viet Nam, just as much as in any other lands of the Free World. You are here to help this part of the earth remain free and independent.



What happens in a Vietnamese village can be important to the safety of your own home town. The road-way to your home lies across the Pacific. If freedom in Southeast Asia is not defended, the enemy will soon be at our own shores. That is why you are here.

Wherever it goes, communism creates misery and chaos. You are here to help

hold back these disasters. It is your own freedom to defend.

To preserve freedom, our country must be able to provide controlled and graduated response to every threat of conflict. Any display of hesitancy or weakness on the part of our country might lead to war. That is why we are here . . . to show our resolution and strength.

We have combined with our friends and allies in the Pacific-Asia area for mutual defense against communist aggression. This is for our common good. We are here to help a friendly nation preserve its freedom, which it cherishes as much as American cherishes its own.

Wonder why you're here?

Then think of Secretary Ailes' words: "Defense involves defending free people everywhere, by defending each nation's right to select its own leaders and its own form of government, free from subversive influence from outside."

"Freedom is indivisible, and we must defend it wherever it exists and wherever it wants help."

Count the Pacific-Asia countries that have suffered armed attack or subversive activities generated by communism: remember Malaysia . . . the Philippines . . . Laos . . . Tibet . . . Viet Nam . . . Thailand . . . Korea . . . Taiwan . . . India . . . and others.

It takes strength to stay free. You are here to help provide that necessary strength.

### Gen. Harkins Sends Memorial Message

Today, our Vietnamese friends will join us in observance of Memorial Day.

We deeply appreciate this warm gesture of their friendship and kindred spirit. Grief over the loss of our loved ones, our close friends, our comrades in arms is a universal characteristic.

To pay respect to the honored dead who made the supreme sacrifice on the field of battle is likewise universal.

So when we gather this Memorial Day we will be paying homage not only to the gallant men who have died in United States wars of the past; we will also pay tribute to the thousands of Vietnamese military men who have given their lives in the quest for the opportunity to live as free men in an independent nation, unfettered by the bonds of communism.

Many of you will not be able to attend the joint ceremony today. May I suggest, however, that at 11 a.m. today you pause for a moment and pay your personal tribute to the war dead of the United States and to those who have fallen in the cause of freedom for the Republic of Viet Nam.

Let us pledge to ourselves that we will do all we can to insure that they will not have died in vain.

Paul D. Harkins  
General, U.S. Army  
Commander

### Photo Courses Open At VAA

Courses are now in preparation for photographers desiring to learn to take pictures and do their own developing and printing or those amateurs who are interested in improving their technical skill and color photography.

The VAA photography Courses scheduled to begin this month will last for a three month period under the direction of some of the most talented photographers in Viet Nam.

Classroom instructions, in both English and Vietnamese, will include various photo trips and supervised work in the VAA laboratories. The charge for each course is VN\$540. Interested persons may register at the Activities Office.

### President's Memorial Day Proclamation

Whereas on Memorial Day of each year it has long been the custom of this Nation to honor its forefathers and compatriots who have laid down their lives that we might live in freedom; and

Whereas we are eternally grateful to them for their supreme and selfless sacrifice on the field of battle; and

Whereas the same revolutionary beliefs and ideals for which our forebearers fought and died are still at issue in the world and the challenge against them can be met only through the same qualities of bravery, fortitude, and unyielding determination shown by our noble dead; and

Whereas Memorial Day each year provides a fitting occasion upon which our citizens may commemorate departed loved ones and offer prayers for the preservation of liberty and peace free from the threat of war; and

Whereas for this purpose the Congress, in a joint resolution approved May 11, 1950 requested the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace:

Now, therefore, I, Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States of America do hereby designate Memorial Day, Saturday, May 30, 1964 as a day of prayer for permanent peace, and I call upon the people of the Nation to involve God's blessing on those who have died in defense of our country and to pray for a world of law and order. I designate the hour beginning in each locality at eleven o'clock in the morning of that day as the time to unite in such prayer. I also urge the press, radio, television, and all other information media to cooperate in this observance. It witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this 23rd day of April in the year of our Lord

Nineteen hundred and sixty-four,  
and of the independence of the  
United States of America the  
one hundred and eighty-eighth.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

### CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

#### Go Forward!

By Chaplain (Capt.) RALPH D. FISHBURN, USA

Suppose that you stood facing a great sea with no means of crossing it. Behind you in relentless pursuit is an enemy bent on your destruction. You look at the vast rolling sea which you cannot cross; then you turn to behold the fearful sight of your enemy almost upon you. The situation calls for immediate action, but what possible action can one take in such a situation?

Three suggestions were offered as solutions when the people of Israel were confronted with precisely this dilemma. Before them was the impenetrable barrier of the Red Sea. Behind them came the avenging Army of the Pharaoh. The people said, "Let us go back. We should never have left Egypt in the first place."

Moses, their leader, said: "No, we cannot go back. Let us stay here and let God deliver us." But the voice of God came to the people with this word: "Why do you stand around crying to me? Go Forward!"

We see from this that God expected more from his people then and I'm sure that He expects something from His people today. He expected them to make an effort — to take some action in order to solve their problems. It was only after they started that God took over.

All that he requires is faith that His power is sufficient, the belief that He will accomplish the impossible, and the willingness to allow our own lives and resources to be dedicated to His cause.

The voice of God comes to his people today: "Go Forward!" In faith we make our start trusting God to strengthen our steps along the way.



"I WAS THERE"  
ABOUT 10 MIN. AFTER IT HAPPENED!



**BOMB DAMAGE**—A Vietnamese policeman examines foot and a half hole through floorboard of carry all truck after terrorist grenade exploded. Shrapnel also thoroughly peppered inside of vehicle.

## MP Who Felled Terrorist Decorated And Promoted

An alert and quick-think-20-year-old U.S. military policeman cited by Maj. Gen. Richard G. Stilwell, MACV Chief of Staff, for his "coolness, judgment and courage" in wounding a grenade-throwing terrorist May 21, was presented the Army Commendation Medal for Valor and a meritorious promotion.

Newly promoted PFC Jessie L. Fontenot of Elton, La., who has been in the Army a little less than eight months, is assigned to the 175th MP Det.

Private Fontenot was sitting inside an MP vehicle while awaiting assistance for a flat tire when a terrorist riding a bicycle threw in a grenade encased in a loaf of bread. Fontenot quickly vacated the vehicle and secured the vehicle to minimize the possible blast.

Running to the front of his truck, Fontenot drew his pistol and kept a bead on the fleeing terrorist until after the explosion. Making sure that his line of fire was clear of civilians, he took careful aim and brought down the terrorist wounding him on the right cheek.

Fontenot fired at the terrorist about 30 yards from where he stood.

According to Vietnamese Army and police officials the terrorist was captured and later identified as a Viet Cong agent. A search of the terrorist's house uncovered four more hand grenades.

## VN Gov't Officials To Study In U.S.

Fifteen Vietnamese provincial officials will leave for Washington June 15, under a USOM public administration grant, to attend a special management training course.

The selected officials, the first group of 45 provincial administrators selected to attend the course in Washington this year, will study local government procedures in courses specially prepared in French. They are also scheduled to visit New England and Canada where many local government officials speak French.

Most of the selected trainees, presently serving as deputy province chiefs for administration, are graduates of the National Institute of Administration in Saigon.

## U.S. Family Writes Letter Of Encouragement To VN Troops

The following letter was passed to MACV from Congressman Paul Schenck of Ohio, through the office of the Secretary of Defense. It is to all U.S. armed forces personnel in Viet Nam and offers words of encouragement and appreciation for the efforts here. Following it is a reply by Gen. Paul D. Harkins, MACV commander.

### TO AMERICAN SERVICEMEN IN SOUTH VIET NAM:

My family and I wish to acknowledge that we care very much about your efforts in South Viet Nam. We realize that were it not for men like you in Viet Nam, the situation in that country would be a graver threat to free men throughout the World.

Although this is a meager token of our appreciation, we want you to know our heartfelt thanks and gratitude are with you. Were it not for men like you throughout American history, a country as great as ours could not be.

May God grant you strength and wisdom to see the battle through.

Gratefully yours,  
The William M. Geiger Family  
2584 Woodman Drive  
Kettering, 20, Ohio

25 May 1964

Dear Mr. Geiger,

I know that I speak for all United States military personnel serving in the Republic of Viet Nam when I express my most heartfelt appreciation for your family's recent message of gratitude and support. It is indeed touching and reassuring to receive such encouragement from "home." Your message will be disseminated throughout Viet Nam to every post where an American is serving so that all officers and enlisted men will know of it. I am certain that they, as I, will be stimulated and sustained by your words.

You can be assured that all of us know full well the importance of our mission. We are determined to do our utmost to help our Vietnamese comrades-in-arms achieve peace with freedom and justice no matter what trials, tribulations, or sacrifice may be necessary. We are proud to be members of the long line of Americans who have responded through the years to their country's call in time of need.

On behalf of all personnel of this command, I thank you and your family for your thoughtfulness, support, and encouragement.

Sincerely,  
PAUL D. HARKINS  
General, United States Army

## POCKETFUL of NOTES

By SSgt. Bob Reid  
USAF

**KEEPING UP WITH THINGS** — A big City traffic cop, after saving for years and with the help of the friendly bookie on his beat, goes on a world tour, and returns.

He is sitting around the station house, gassing with the boys, regaling them with tales of his travels.

"Saigon, aah, Saigon," he reminisces. "That was the wildest. A cop in that town couldn't get by with a hundred pads of tickets a day," he tells them. "Ya'd need a mule to drag enough along."

"Listen, they got these little bicycles with three wheels anna guy up top peddling. Supposed to hold one passenger on a seat in front. I seen five passengers, ten chickens, anna pig in one. With one little guy peddlin', mind ya. No horn, no lights, and darn little brakes. Wants t' turn, he flops his arm in the breeze an' turns. Just like that. Forty thousan' cars comin' down the street, and he does a 'U' turn because one of the passengers drops a penny, see?"

"Know what? They got these carts with cows pullin' em, see? Ya, cows! Right inna traffic in the middle of it all. And more carts with little ponies draggin' 'em. It's like Walt Disney invented a whole bunch of new rides. Honest."

"Taxis? Have they got taxis. I'll tellya they got 'em. 'Bout a million I'd say. Little French bugs, painted blue and white, but not painted quite as slick as the president's jet. Looks t' me like the only thing that has to work on 'em is the meter and the horn. Maybe the motor, sometimes, too."

"The taxis, an' alla other traffic go around these circles inna middle of the streets, see, 'bout a hundred miles an hour. Looks like a midget inna-anoplice race. Ever'body just tooting horns like crazy and waving their arms."

"Sure they got more. They got all these bikes. Looks like ever' kind of bike ever made in the world is onna streets. They got all these bikes. Looks like every kind from the ones you have t' pump t' them big Harleys. Always somebody on back...usually a young chick. The got these long skirts see, split alla way up, with silk slacks under. Anna skirts blow inna breeze, which blinds the guy on the bike behind 'em."

"Listen you non-travelled hoods. Diddy ever see six people onna motor scooter...without a sidecar? Yeah, well they do it alla time. One driving, two sittin', lap on lap on the back, and three standin' between the handlebars on the little floor there in front of the driver."

"The pedestrians are somethin' else, too. When they wanna cross a street, they cross the thing, an' it don't matter none what else happens t' be in the street. Like if it was a tank coming down the road full blower, th' tank'd have t' stop, else run 'em over. One thing about them jays, however. They always signal the driver to stop and get outta the way. Vefy considerate."

"What d' the Saigon cops do about all this, you ask?"

"Why, they're just like me. They watch."

**NOTES IN OUR POCKETS** — It's no big secret a set of letters found its way into publication that were critical of our Viet Nam efforts. Then came the Spruill letters which can be a heart-warming inspiration to all in Viet Nam.

Latest is the letter, republished in this edition, from the Geiger family in Ohio, also an inspiration.

But to show that there can be a tiny bit of humor in everything, one wag, referring back to the first set of letters, said that the latest one could be called "the Geiger Counter."

Just a note... a passing thought while eating snails and sweet and sour pork at Cheap Charlies: don't you feel awfully sorry for poor Willie Mays of the San Francisco Giants? His batting average dropped 50 points, all the way to around .420.

Finally, our slogan of the week: "Beer On Ice Is Always Nice." (But don't take the habit home with you, 'else they'll put you in the looney bin.)



# Saigon Relaxation: What Does A Fella



RECREATION CAN BE JUST LOAFIN' (AND WATCHIN' THE CITY)  
And sittin' and dreamin' of home. (From 'atop Town House.)



IT CAN BE SHOPPING VIETNAMESE STYLE  
With a grin when the bargain is struck.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
SSGT BOB REID



THE ONLY AMERICAN MILKSHAKE IN TOWN (USO)  
Mixed with machine-gun-like chatter.



READING COMES UNDER THE MANTLE OF RELAXATION  
To transport one away from the strife and turmoil.



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A relaxation mecca for troops in the boonies when they get in (Plaza Club).

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## The Observer Salutes

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- HSA Special Services
- Saigon EOM
- HSA Library
- HSA Bowling Alley
- 2D Air Div. Special Services
- Saigon Officers Messes (and all recreation people in Viet Nam)



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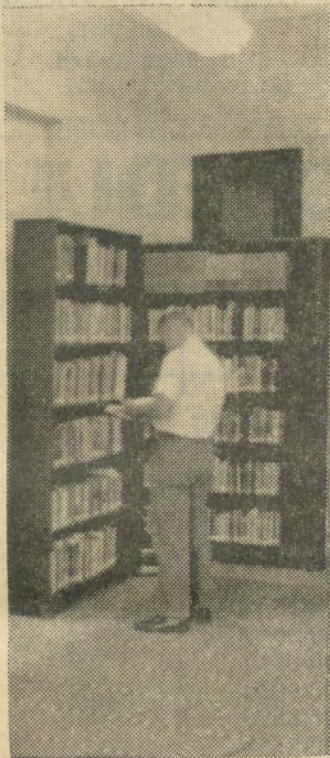
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At HSAS Library.



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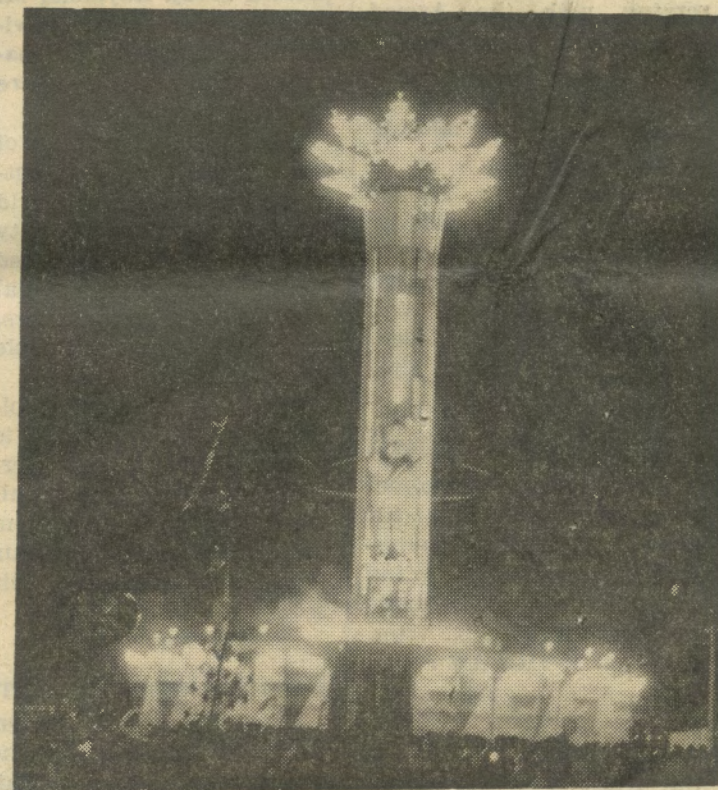
SNAPPING PICTURES JUST LIKE TOURISTS  
In the stillness of Siesta Hour.



STROLLING DOWN A TREE-SHADED STREET  
Going nowhere, doing nothing.



FUN IS THE CRASH OF TEN PINS  
Satisfaction is brought by a strike.



SIGHT-SEEING IS RECREATION, TOO  
Like this monument marking Buddha's birthday.



## Memorial Day, 1964



**IN MEMORIAM**— S.Maj. Raymond M. Garrity, recently senior enlisted advisor to Brig. Gen. Delk M. Oden, former Chief, U.S. Army Section, MAAG, Viet Nam, holds a plaque honoring MAAG Field advisors killed in action in combat operations with ARVN forces against the Viet Cong insurgents since June 1962.

By SFC TONY BERMUDEZ

### For Professional Soldier: Everyday Is Memorial Day

Memorial Day will be observed today by all U.S. Forces serving with the Armed Forces of the Republic of Viet Nam in thoughtful prayer and in honor of U.S. war dead.

All over the world, the American people, especially the men and women serving with the U.S. Armed Forces, will pause in their labors to pay homage to all those that have given their lives in the cause of freedom.

In Viet Nam, Memorial Day takes on added significance to the annual observance. To date, 132 U.S. officers and men have been killed in action while serving with the Armed Forces of Viet Nam. A total of 875 have been wounded in action while 12 have been reported missing in action.

(Editor's Note: Names inscribed on plaque held by Sergeant Garrity include Lt. Col. Anthony G. Tencza, Captains Don J. York, Walter R. McCarthy Jr., Kenneth N. Good, Leon J. Kra-

### Unclaimed Mail

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

Pvt. James C. Conklin  
SSgt. John A. Fairman  
Sp5 Mike Hilliard  
Capt. Richard F. Jones  
Pvt. Dominador Manguito  
WO Joseph O'Byrne  
Cdr. John D. Owens  
Sgt. James S. Starkey  
Lt. Harold R. Williams  
SSgt. Erlath W. Zuehl Jr.

mer, Howard M. Eakin Jr., Charles B. Johnson Jr., Donald V. McGregor, Thomas W. McCarthy, Lloyd A. Payne, Morris McBride, and Thomas J. Bergin; Lieutenants William F. Train III and Parker D. Cramer; SFCs Rube A. Freeman, Wilber T. Dunlap and David Thompson and Sgt. Robert T. Gardner.)

"Service in Viet Nam is not only a challenge," expressed S.Maj. Raymond M. Garrity, "but also individual recognition — for many volunteer but few are chosen."

A battle-tested veteran of some of the bitterest fighting in Europe during World War II, Sergeant Garrity earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 11 oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star and Purple Heart medals.

"In a professional soldier's life... everyday is Memorial Day," said Sergeant Garrity, "and to all of us serving in Viet Nam we will leave a part of our hearts and minds on this soil."

### Daedalians Sought

Local members of the Order of Daedalians who would like to form a Saigon Flight please contact Major John L. Weeb, AFGP-PTR by calling 60635.

### ▲ Oden, Stilwell

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U.S. Army Aviation School. An army aviator, General Oden served as Director of Army Aviation prior to his assignment to Viet Nam in June 1963.

General Oden's other decorations include the Legion of Merit, Soldiers Medal, Bronze Star w/"V" and oak leaf cluster, Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Croix de Guerre w/Palm (France) and Czech War Cross.

General Oden is married to the former Margaret Avery. They have two sons, Delk Avery and Ray Lawrence and a daughter, Margaret.

General Stilwell, who served as assistant division commander of the 5th Inf. Div. prior to his assignment to Viet Nam, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1933. From 1935 to 1945, he served four tours of duty in the China-Burma-India theater.

During the Korean War, he commanded the 23rd Inf. Regt., and in May 1953, became Chief of Staff of the 1st Cavalry Division. The 52-year-old paratrooper and well-decorated combat commander of World War II and the Korean War is a native of Syracuse, N.Y.

Among his decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit w/OLC, Soldiers Medal, Bronze Star w/"V" device and two oak leaf clusters, Purple Heart w/two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal w/two oak leaf clusters, Cloud and Banner (China), Order of the British Empire, Legion of Honour, Chevalier, Croix de Guerre w/Palm and Star, and the Combat Infantryman Badge with one star.

Married to the former Mira McPherson of Columbus, Ga., they have a son, Joseph W. III, and a daughter, Louise.

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## HONOR ROLL

### BRONZE STAR

#### MEDAL

#### Third Award

Lt. Col. Robert M. Cowherd  
Lt. Col. Leo D. Van De Voort  
Maj. Theodore Korolchuk  
Lt. Col. Paul P. Ellison

#### Second Award

1st Lt. Theodore J. Danielsen  
1st Lt. Robert W. Hightower  
1st Lt. Charles G. Peacy  
1st Lt. Ronald G. Sheffer  
MSgt. Robert L. Estes  
MSgt. Ronald G. Theriault  
Maj. Charles W. Buchanan  
Maj. Paul I. Fowler  
Maj. Walter R. Harrison Jr.  
SFC Leonard E. Dooley  
Maj. John H. Becker  
Maj. Robert G. Keating  
Maj. William H. Miller  
Maj. Ralph C. Vander Heyden  
Capt. Graham D. Vernon  
Col. John L. Rice Jr.  
Lt. Col. Charles M. Shadle  
Maj. Ronald R. Baskin  
Maj. Marvin L. Butcher  
Maj. Robert L. Cushing  
Capt. Pearl Holmes  
MSgt. John W. Acton  
Col. Wheeler H. Hunt  
Lt. Col. John L. Briggs  
Lt. Col. John H. Newell  
Lt. Col. Richard L. Powell  
Maj. Gerald A. Clausing  
Maj. Albert Ellas  
Maj. David J. Garmong  
Maj. John J. McLaughlin  
Maj. Raymond P. Pascal  
Maj. Donald G. Bearss  
Maj. William A. Wester  
Capt. Richard S. Clark  
Capt. Thomas F. Gallagher

#### First Award

1st Lt. George Quamo  
Lt. Col. Cecil J. Brown  
MSgt. Isaac J. Davis  
MSgt. Lamora R. Hicks  
MSgt. William D. Swartz  
SFC William J. Franks  
SFC James R. Lokey  
SFC Ralph C. Taylor  
Sgt. Luther G. Tucker  
Lt. Col. Hugh A. MacDonald  
Maj. Edmund J. Barker  
Maj. Milton J. Christianson  
Capt. Beverly L. Barge  
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Maj. Robert W. Thams  
Maj. Martin W. Whitmer  
Capt. William G. Bartlett Jr.  
Capt. James D. Chandler  
Capt. Walter N. Pratt Jr.  
Capt. Donald J. Zurbruggen  
SSgt. Arthur E. Brogley

### PURPLE HEART

#### Second Award

Capt. Thomas J. P. Jones

#### First Award

Capt. Jack T. Gordon  
Capt. Evan F. Holland  
Capt. William F. Sietman Jr.  
Capt. Thomas C. Stanton

### COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

#### First Award

Capt. Walter N. Pratt Jr.

## R & R SCHEDULE

June 1964

Date of Departure/Return	Passenger Check-in TSN	Spaces Available
<b>TO HONG KONG</b>		
** 1-7 June	0800-0830	36
* 3-9 June	0800-0830	36
** 6-11 June	0800-0830	36
* 8-13 June	0800-0830	36
** 10-15 June	0800-0830	36
* 12-17 June	0800-0830	36
* 14-19 June	0800-0830	36
** 16-21 June	0800-0830	36
* 18-23 June	0800-0830	36
** 20-25 June	0800-0830	36
* 22-27 June	0800-0830	36
** 24-29 June	0800-0830	36
* 26 June-2 July	0800-0830	36
** 28 June-4 July	0800-0830	36
<b>TO BANGKOK</b>		
17-22 June	0800-0830	36
22-27 June	0800-0830	36
27 June-2 July	0800-0830	36
<b>TO NHA TRANG</b>		
5-8 June	0600-0630	36
12-15 June	0600-0630	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.



## Roving Photographer

## Security: Troops Say A Zipped Lip Is Best Here

Recently, personnel in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow discovered concealed microphones in their walls, as listening devices. The State Department further reported that this was not unusual or unique in Iron Curtain countries.

Armed with this information, the Observer's roving photographer sallied forth this week in an effort to discover the attitude of the man on the street towards security here in Viet Nam, with the question:

Inasmuch as this is a war zone and classified information is more critical than ever, what do you think is your biggest responsibility towards security?

Lt. Robert H. O'Malley, Navy advisor, (Waukegan, Ill.): "Basically, I'd say — keep your darned mouth shut! And further, I don't seek knowledge I don't have to have."

A3C David H. Ball, postal clerk, Det. 1, 11th Air Postal Sq., (Vicksburg, Mich.): "My biggest security responsibility is not talking about my job to anybody, because over here you never know who the enemy is."



O'MALLEY BALL

Sp4 Richard M. Walling, 121st Aviation Co., (Baldwin, N.Y.): "There's many things. Most important, I think, is not telling the enemy where you're going to be any certain time, and taking measures to prevent him from finding out."

A1C Bill Luyster, 33rd Air Base Sq., (Barnesville, Ohio): "Keep your eyes and ears open, and your mouth shut!"



WALLING LUYSER

SSgt. Marvin McBurrows, Joint Clothing Store, (Camden, N.J.): "That's a good question in Viet Nam, but I'd say that to maintain security information discipline more than ever is important."

SFC John M. Babb, 175th MP Detachment, (Junction City, Kans.): "Personally, be on a defensive watch, don't trust anybody, and treat them all as enemies. You know better and enough here!"



MCBURROWS BABB



There are plenty of new faces around the major leagues in 1964, and being in Viet Nam, away from the Game of the Week on television and the usual saturation of baseball news, one is often inclined to pick up a sports page, see a name, and ask, "who the heck is HE?"

Take for instance, a look at the major league averages recently, and the name Oliva perches atop the American League with a neat .414. Tony Oliva is a left-handed thunderbolt with only three years in the minors, hitting .410, .350 and .304, each year stepping up in class. The Minnesota Twins have him ticketed for stardom, although this bright freshman is only 23. Last year, at Dallas-Fort Worth he blasted 23 round trippers and had 75 RBI's. He hails from Cuba.

Baltimore looks for Sam Bowens to be their bright rookie. Another outfielder, the right-handed hitting Bowens swung at a .285 clip last year with Rochester, and drilled 22 homers. From Washington, N.C., Sam is 25, and is a husky 190 pounds on a 6-1½ frame. Currently, he's well near the head of Oriole batters with a .279 average.

Boston, who can always use plenty of talented help, appears to have a comer in Tony Conigliaro, a 19-year old outfielder from Swampscott, Mass. He has only one year of Class D (Wellsville) behind him, but he used it well to hit .360 and 24 home runs. He's a youngster who works hard at his job. Right now, he's playing steady with the Red Sox, has hit five circuit blasts, and is batting .264.

Even the hapless Washington Senators have a glimmer in the quagmire with Mike Brumley, a .292-hitting catcher in the Coast League last year. A left handed hitter, Brumley is a husky 195 pound, 5 foot 10 incher from Oklahoma City.

In the National League, The Chicago Cubs will give a long look to Billy Cowan, a speedster who lead the Coast League last year in RBI's with 120 to go along with his .315 average. An excellent center fielder, Cowan is 25, and out of Calhoun City, Miss. Right now, he's breezing along at a .234 clip, not bad for a rookie.

Currently wallowing the horeshide at a sizzling .345 pace for the Cincinnati Reds is Deron Johnson a power-packed outfielder who is being given a shakedown cruise at first base in Crosley Field. A former Yankee farmhand, Johnson belted 33 homers at San Diego in 1963, drove in 91 runs, and hit .277. Only 24 years old, he's six one and 195 pounds, and was born in San Diego.

The Phillies are flirting with first place in the senior circuit, and are not being hurt by the talents of Richie Allen at first base, who is batting well over the .300 mark. Although he had a short shot with the Phils at the tail end of '63, he toiled in the main for Little Rock last year, where he hit .288 with 33 circuit blasts, and 97 RBI's. From Wampum, Pa., the 22-year-old youngster could make wampum for the Phils.

Although a little dazzled by big league pitching so far this year (.218), Jim Ray Hart is already a fixture at third base for the San Francisco Giants. Hart was a .312 batter for Tacoma on the Coast last year, and showed he had power with 11 homers and 56 runs batted in.

## Report From Colorado

## Bigger, Stronger AF Team May Have QB Headaches

Air Force Academy, Colo. (AFNS) — The 1964 Air Force Academy football team will be bigger and stronger on defense than last year, but coach Ben Martin thinks a muddled quarterback situation and a tougher schedule leave little reason to expect the Falcons to duplicate their 1963 record of seven wins and three losses.

Much of the Falcon offense will be lost by the exit, via June graduation, of ace signal caller Terry Isaacson and no one has yet emerged as a standout replacement.

Dave Backus, who lettered last year in the quarterback slot, holds the most promise, but Martin isn't discounting newcomers to the varsity, Tim Murphy and Howard Burkart.

"All three will start even in the fall with each having the opportunity to nail down the starting job," Martin said after watching them in spring practice.

"The team normally takes on the 'personality' of its quarterback, depending on his peculiar skills," the Falcon mentor pointed out. "This year, though, we will have more balance with several offences being relied upon. A lot of this team's personality may result from the power running of halfback Dick Czarnota and the driving, evasive style of halfback Paul Wargo, as well as the pass catching skills of ends Fritz Greenlee and Jim Greth," Martin added.

"We...will be stronger defensively...we have good ends and halfbacks but much of our offensive punch will depend on how the quarterback picture shapes up....," Martin summed up.

The Falcons face Michigan and Notre Dame for the first time this fall. Other opponents on the formidable 10-game slate include Missouri, whom the cadets have met twice, losing both times; and UCLA and Colorado, which have split evenly with the Academy in six meetings each. The remaining games are with Washington (1-0), Colorado State (5-1), Boston College (1-0), Arizona (2-0) and Wyoming (3-1-1).

The line shapes up as

stronger and heavier than in 1963 with the addition of 234-pound sophomore Gerry Twardowski at tackle and the improved performance of end Joe O'Gorman.

Martin calls Ron Miazga, a 202-pound senior, a "pleasant surprise" in the middle-guard spot and expects veterans Tom Gorges, Gary Fausti and John Puster to add the necessary strength to make the defensive line a formidable unit. The three are two-year lettermen and average better than 200 pounds each.



## (AFPS Feature)

1. Who was the only player in Major League history to belt 59 home runs in a single season?
2. Name the only filly to ever win the Kentucky Derby. What year?
3. The annual major league All-Star baseball game has been played every year, with one exception, since 1933. What year was it not played? Why?
4. Who was the only horse to ever beat Man o' War?
5. From whom did Joe Louis win the heavyweight boxing championship? In what manner?
6. Name the last two baseball players to hit over .400. Give the years and their averages.

## Answers to Quiz.

1. Babe Ruth, in 1921.
2. Regret, in 1915.
3. It was not played in 1945 due to travel restrictions.
4. Upset defeated Big Red.
5. The Brown Bomber took the title from James J. Braddock on a 15-round decision.
6. Ted Williams belted .406 in 1942 and Rogers Hornsby hit .424 in 1924.





**WELCOME TO VIET NAM**— 1st Sgt. Michael Modrak, (left) company first sergeant of the 66th Military Police Company, is welcomed by Lt. Col. Arthur F. Driscoll, (right) MACV Provost Marshal, upon the arrival of the unit at Tan Son Nhut airport Saturday morning from Ft. Chaffe, Ark. The military police unit, which is assigned to the U.S. Army Support Command, is commanded by Capt. Richard E. Fitzgerald. (MACV IO Photo by SFC Tony Bermudez)

## MP Company Arrives To Beef Up Security

The 66th MP Co., formerly assigned to Ft. Chaffe, Ark., arrived at Tan Son Nhut airport in two separate flights Saturday. The unit, commanded by Capt. Richard E. Fitzgerald, has four officers and 148 military policemen.

On hand to meet the first element of two platoons headed by 1st Lt. Weldon P. Maurie, unit executive officer, were Lt. Col. Arthur F. Driscoll, MACV Provost Marshal and Maj. William C. Maglin, HSAS Provost Marshal.

The unit, assigned to the U.S. Army Support Command, will be responsible for the local security of American personnel assigned to the Saigon and Cholon area. The unit is under the operational control of HSAS.

Former University of Texas grid star and 1961 All-American tackle Donald L. Talbert, now a second lieutenant and a platoon leader with the 66th MP Co., said, "The weather in

Saigon reminds me of Texas."

The military police unit left Camp Smith, Ark., last Wednesday noon with stopovers at Travis AB, Calif., Hickam AB, Hawaii, and Clark AB, Philippines.

"We're glad to be here in Viet Nam," said 1st Sgt. Michael Modrak, "and we're proud to have been selected for duty here."

The newly arrived unit will complement other MP units assigned to Viet Nam such as the 560th MP Co., 175th MP Det., and the 500th MP Det. The new MP unit, was sent to Viet Nam as recommended earlier this year by Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs William Bundy.

## ▲ McNamara, Zuckert

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ties, the AF's civilian chief noted that since 1962, with USAF assistance, VNAF has doubled the number of pilots, increased its combat aircraft fourfold, and increased its combat sorties eight times.

Concluding, Zuckert assured the committee that the "Air Force will continue to provide our men with the best training and equipment to assist the Vietnamese in their fight

against communist insurgency."

In other developments, a wire service report from Washington last Friday quoted Secretary McNamara as confirming that the fleet of A-1 Skyraiders being sent to Viet Nam would be increased from 75 to 100.

A U.S. military spokesman here said that the planes would be A-1H's, and would give the Vietnamese Air Force a fourth

## ▲ Dateline

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Viet Cong in Vinh Long province, 50 miles south of the capital. The VC cadre gave up three captured, a rifle, 16 grenades, and 20 land mines. One ARVN M-113 armored carrier was damaged.

The Viet Cong continued harrassing attacks on hamlets, outposts, and the Saigon-Hue railroad.

Capt. Richard E. Duda, an engineer battalion advisor, reported from Da Nang that the VC blew up the train about 25 miles south of that city last Sunday morning. He said that an electrically detonated mine consisting of about 20 kilos (44 pounds) of TNT was exploded as the train was about halfway across a bridge. Four cars were derailed, but did not fall into the river.

A government spokesman reported eight persons killed in the explosion, including an ARVN bulldozer operator accompanying a D-7 dozer, and seven civilians. The VC did not press the attack.

The train was also mined four days earlier between Saigon and Nha Trang, derailling four cars.

Elsewhere, in Quang Ngai, about 300 miles north of Saigon on the China Sea, the government placed on exhibit a cache of arms taken from the VC in the big, far-ranging operation against the VC secret base of Do Xa. The display included two 50 cal. machine guns, two 30's, a light machine gun, five submachine guns, 15 M-16 Armaletes, 134 other rifles, 16 pistols, 5,000 rounds of ammunition, and large quantities of explosives and military equipment.

## 6,000 Draftees For June

Department of Defense has requested the Selective Service System to provide the Armed Forces Induction Stations with 6,000 men during June for assignment to the Army.

squadron of the hard hitting fighter-bombers.

On Capitol Hill, another wire service story reported that the House Foreign Affairs Committee Wednesday unanimously approved President Johnson's request for an additional \$125 million in aid for the Republic of Viet Nam.



**THE CASE OF THE ASTONISHED ACTOR**— Raymond "Perry Mason" Burr laughs heartily as Sgt. James D. Shupe, of the MACV AG Section, clowns it up at the actor's surprise birthday party last Thursday night.

## 'Perry Mason' Surprised By 'Secret' Birthday Party

Perry Mason had a birthday party, and boy, was he surprised!

The giant actor, Raymond Burr, who portrays the famed attorney on CBS television, was the birthday boy at a party held in his honor at the Ky Son Enlisted Mess in Saigon last Thursday night.

(Burr is currently on a two-week Viet Nam visit, paying informal calls to troops in the field.)

SFC Russell Allen of MACV Personnel Services arranged the surprise party, which included two huge birthday cakes to mark the actor's 46th birthday.

Over a hundred of the guests filed past Burr and deposited semi-precious stones on his table as birthday gifts. Burr is currently building a large home in California which will have a cross before it, embellished with semi-precious gems from around the world. Upon his death, the home will be turned over to charity to serve as an orphanage.

nage.

Almost speechless — far removed from his TV courtroom oratory—Burr, deeply moved, thanked the guests, noting that "this birthday party was the best kept secret in Viet Nam.... I'm overwhelmed."

Following the ceremony, Burr met, and signed autographs for, almost all of the 300 guests. He left the following morning, again for the field.

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