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Members of Troop A, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry inspect the track on their tank before moving out on a mission. (USA Photo by Sgt. Howard R. Blanco, 124th Signal Bn)

Highland Academy Cadets Visit 4th Division Artillery

Camp Enari — Cadets of the Highland Junior Military Academy in Pleiku recently visited the 4th Infantry Division Artillery at the division's base camp.

The 26 cadets and four faculty members, guests of Division Artillery's civil affairs section, viewed a demonstration of scout dog training methods. The platoon commander, Second Lieutenant Paul W. Muehlberger (Pasadena,

Calif.), is attached to the 5th Battalion, 16th Artillery.

Next the cadets, escorted by Captain Howard S. Meck (Pullman, Wash.) and First Lieutenant John Courte (Pompano Beach, Fla.), visited the 5th Battalion, 16th Artillery.

The cadets were given a demonstration on the operation and firing of the 81mm mortar, the 107mm mortar and rides on the twin 40mm gun and the quad-50

machine gun systems. The battery is commanded by Captain Billy R. Arnold (Bynum, Ala.) and is attached to the 16th Artillery.

At Headquarters Battery, Warrant Officer Charles Manstream (Neptune, N. J.) demonstrated the operation of the meteorological station, including the inflation and release of a meteorological balloon.

Lieutenant David R. Smith (Toledo, Ohio) of the 1st Platoon, Battery B, 29th Artillery explained and demonstrated the operation of the 18-inch jeep-mounted searchlight.

Following lunch in the Division Artillery's officers' mess, the cadets were shown the dispensary and chapel before returning to the academy.

2/22nd MEDCAP Team Treats 380 Villagers

Dau Tieng — "I was amazed at the amount and variety of diseases. It is going to take a lot of hard and continued work to put these people in good health," said Captain William Motts, 3rd Brigade, 4th Division surgeon.

The captain had been in country only two weeks when the 3rd Brigade's 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry sponsored a MEDCAP at Truong Mit Village seven miles southwest of the brigade base camp at Dau Tieng.

The previous day Captain Richard A. Osten, battalion civic affairs officer, had talked with Mr. Doan Van Ngoi, the village chief, to arrange the first of two MEDCAPs for the village.

In two days, over 380 people were treated. A small number was referred to the Vietnamese hospital in the area for further treatment.

The MEDCAP was also coordinated with a resettlement program designed to bring farmers out of areas controlled by the Viet Cong.

Each farmer who resettled received 5,000 piasters, a

measure of rice and fish — depending on the size of his family — and a new home near the village settlement at Truong Mit.



SAY AHH! — Captain Vsevolod Kohutziak (Utica, N.Y.) checks the throat of Vietnamese girl in the village of Truong Mit on a MEDCAP held recently by the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry. (USA Photo by Lt. Ralph F. Campbell)

'Dead' Scout Dog Returns To Duty

By Sp4 Gary M. Silva
Dau Tieng — Beau is a 70-pound German Shepherd working with the 44th Scout Dog Platoon at Dau Tieng.

He's friendly and wags his tail, but he's also an aggressive animal and has tasted the bitterness of war.

With only five months of combat behind him, Beau has been wounded on two different occasions — he almost died once.

"It was on a three-day operation," said Specialist 4 Michael R. Phillips (Cleveland), Beau's handler, as he described the first time the dog was wounded while working with the 3rd Brigade, 4th Division. "We were moving out of a large clearing and had just reached a woodline when Beau alerted."

Immediately Specialist Phillips dove for cover and the Viet Cong activated a well-planned ambush. "An AK-47 round struck Beau in the front leg," the 20-year-old handler said.

The wound wasn't serious and the dog, valued at \$2,500, was quickly back in action again when Operation Junction City was launched in the rugged War Zone C area.

Specialist Phillips and Beau were sitting in a clearing preparing to move out when artillery rounds began piercing the air.

"Beau gave a strong alert — his head was straight up," the specialist said. "That only meant one thing — the shells were coming at us."

Ten rounds later Beau and Specialist Phillips both

lay wounded. A piece of shrapnel had passed completely through the dog's middle, breaking part of his backbone, and then struck Specialist Phillips in the right arm.

Evacuated to Saigon, the dog's death certificate was filled out due to the seriousness of the wound, but Beau "didn't give up" and 39 days later the certificate was torn up. The dog is now back at the 3rd Brigade base camp.

"I wouldn't trade him for any weapon," said Specialist Phillips said. "He's my best protection. He can tell you where Charlie is."

Former Rifleman Now Serves As Combat Courier

Oasis — The days of the Pony Express have long been forgotten, but an assistant battalion mail clerk brings the courier on horseback to life as he mounts an Army UH-1D Huey helicopter for a ride to his unit's forward fire support base in the Central Highlands.

Though the ride is comparably smoother nowadays, Private First Class James E. Chiquet (Chicago) of the 4th Division's 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry may receive a few rounds from an enemy sniper far below or have to jump for cover if the battalion's fire base is under attack when his "cropper" lands.

A former automatic rifleman, PFC Chiquet explains. "My job is still a little risky at times but not as dangerous as when I was bumping the hills looking for Charlie."

Making the runs several times a day, he delivers individual registered mail as well as military correspondence between the 2nd Brigade's Oasis base camp and the battalion's temporary fire support base.

PFC Chiquet also serves as an information aide to the battalion commander. He keeps the officer posted on the status of different individuals, obtains answers to various military questions and keeps the officer well-informed and up-to-date on the events in the battalion.

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