

General Harkins Returns To CONUS Today; Lt. Gen. W.C. Westmoreland Takes Over MACV

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Vietnamese Navy Routs Go Cong VC Ambushers

An encounter on the Go Cong River highlighted the efforts of an unheralded portion of the Vietnamese armed forces last Saturday. Four small patrol craft of the River Force of the Vietnamese Navy turned a Viet Cong ambush into a Viet Cong rout.

The patrol boats, known as FOM's, were returning from a patrol to Go Cong city when the ambush was sprung. These steel V-bottomed boats carry three 30 caliber machine guns, one fifty caliber machine gun and a crew of four.

Pushing through the ambush, the four boats regrouped, turned around and went into the river bank with all guns blazing. The ensign in charge of the patrol went ashore with a landing party of four men. Shouting "First Compa-

ny to the right — Second Company to the left flank," the ensign and his small landing force attacked the ambushers, an estimated VC company, under the cover of the fire from the boats.

The Viet Cong force broke and ran after a short fire

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TWO GREAT WEST POINTERS
Generals Westmoreland and Harkins.

USASCV Commander Honored By ARVN Airborne Brigade

By Sp4 Bob Garner
Brig. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, Commander of the U.S. Army Support Command in Viet Nam, headed the list of 35 officers and 34 enlisted men decorated by the Vietnamese Airborne Brigade for their participation with the brigade in "Eagle Flight" operations in Viet Nam.

General Stilwell received the Knight of the National Order award and the Gallantry Cross with Palm. The other officers received the Gallantry Cross with Palm and the enlisted men received the Gallantry Cross with Star.

From Oct. 1963 to Feb. 1964, the Vietnamese Airborne Brigade launched continuous "Eagle Flight" operations in several provinces of Viet Nam, killing, harassing, and capturing Viet Cong guerrillas, weapons and other material.

The decorated Americans participated as crew members with the U.S. Army

Utility Tactical Transport (UTT) Helicopter Company, the armed helicopter company which provided aerial support for the Airborne Brigade missions.

The greater part of the war deeds accomplished on these missions was the result of the "positive colla-

boration and effective support of UTT," according to the citation to the awards presented to General Stilwell.

The UTT Company, commanded by Maj. Patrick J. Delevan, is part of the U.S. Army Support Com-

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To The Staff Of "The Observer"

On the eve of my departure from Viet Nam, I wish to commend the editor and staff of THE OBSERVER for the exceptionally fine job you have done. Your publication has always shown evidence of the pride of professionals who are dedicated to the improvement of their product.

I know that you have faced many technical and administrative problems not usually encountered in publishing a service newspaper. These have never proven to be insurmountable. My congratulations on your accomplishments of the past and best wishes for continuing success in the future.

Sincerely,
PAUL D. HARKINS
General, United States Army
Commander



GENERAL STILWELL HONORED—Maj. Gen. Tran Thien Khiem (left), Minister of Defense of the Republic of Viet Nam, congratulates Brig. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, CG, U.S. Army Support Command in Viet Nam, after awarding him the Vietnamese Knight of the National Order award and the Gallantry Cross with Palm. (U.S. Army Photo by Sp4. Rick Hinojosa)

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"Comment is free but facts are sacred."

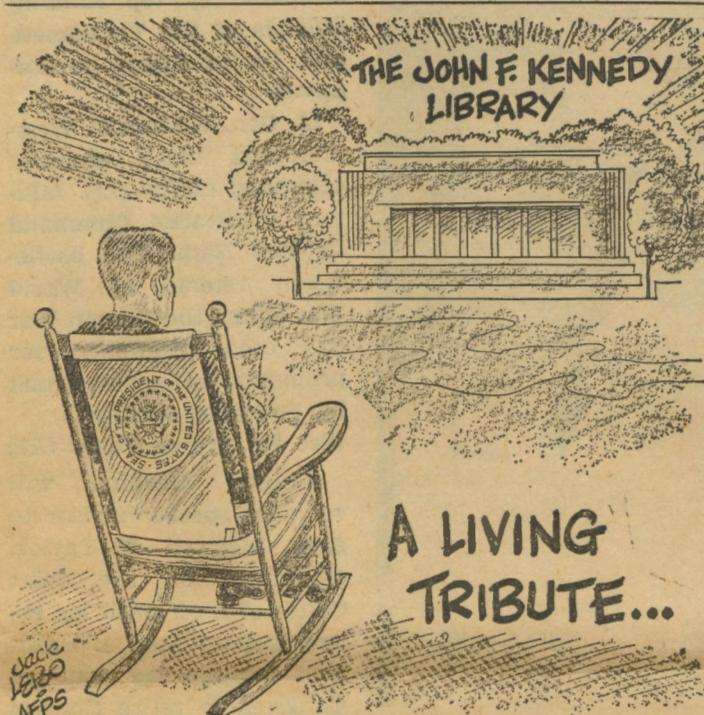
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EDITORIAL

Kennedy Library Seen As Living Memorial

Since the tragic death of President John F. Kennedy Nov. 22, 1963, many public facilities such as airports, schools and parks have been dedicated in his honor.

While all of these are fitting tributes, a fund-raising campaign is currently underway to provide a national memorial to President Kennedy which will stand above all others in helping to keep his memory alive.

The funds will be used to build the John F. Kennedy Library on the banks of the Charles River in Boston, Mass., — a site the President chose himself eight weeks before his death.

This library will be more than simply another building or monument bearing the President's name. Its planners envision it as a living and working memorial, expressing President Kennedy's concern for his country and the world.

The library will include a museum which will house many of the mementos associated with President Kennedy and his times. Those planning it hope to make the experiences of recent history as vivid as possible for visitors, especially students and young people.

There will also be an archive which will contain President Kennedy's personal papers, as well as copies of public records necessary for an understanding of the actions of his administration. The archive will be used primarily by scholars and researchers.

The cost of the Kennedy Library will total \$10 million — all of which will be obtained by voluntary contributions. When it is completed, it will be turned over to the government as a national institution and, as such, will belong to all Americans. —(AFPS)



AIR FORCE PERSONNEL OF THE 23RD AIR BASE GROUP AT DANANG
"Operation Lifeline" — Leadership By Example.

USAF Personnel Win Friends

"Operation Lifeline" Continues Drive In Da Nang Province

Not all wars are won on the battlefield. Well aware of this, a group of officers and enlisted men from the 23rd Air Base Group at Da Nang have undertaken a series of civic action projects aimed at bettering the living conditions of the people in this section of South Viet Nam.

Calling their project "Operation Lifeline," its accomplishments to date include the installation of a water system at a local orphanage, teaching English to Vietnamese children in regularly scheduled classes, providing medical supplies to a local leprosarium, installing screening and electrical wiring in a local nursery and the soliciting of tons of clothing from stateside individuals and organizations.

Latest in the series of projects is the construction of a drying shed at a nearby nursery. The nursery, conducted by the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent De Paul, provides a home for some seventy infants of varying ethnic and nationalistic backgrounds.

The Sisters have long been without any kind of facility which would enable them to dry the infants, washing, especially during the rainy seasons. Until the personnel of the 23rd Air Base Group undertook their project, trees and bushes and surrounding fences served as lines on which to hang washing.

In a few short weeks a modern 40' by 16' drying house will provide the Sisters with an all-weather facility which will, as one Sister expressed it, "guar-

antee the children a continual supply of dry clothing.

Future projects on the agenda of "Operation Lifeline" include relocation of an out-house to prevent water contamination, construction of a patio fence, repairing and repainting of 100 beds and the construction of playground equipment for use at a local or-

phanage.

The men of the 23rd Air Base Group at Da Nang Air Base are convinced that the sacrifice of off-duty time and effort is a small price to pay in return for the hearts and minds of the Vietnamese people. "Operation Lifeline" represents that worthwhile sacrifice and its rewarding accomplishments.

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Fathers Day — 1964

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) THOMAS E. WALDIE, USA
MACV Staff Chaplain

Fathers experience something akin to the "you're-the-father-of-a-seven-pound-bouncing-baby-boy" glow as they receive tokens of esteem and affection from the kids on Father's Day. The feeling of pride associated with becoming a father is understandable, though nature takes care of most of the project, doing what comes naturally. The Father's Day glow is really justified, because if the kids are growing up to esteem and love their Dad, and if they are your pride and joy, you, in no small measure, are responsible for the fine result.

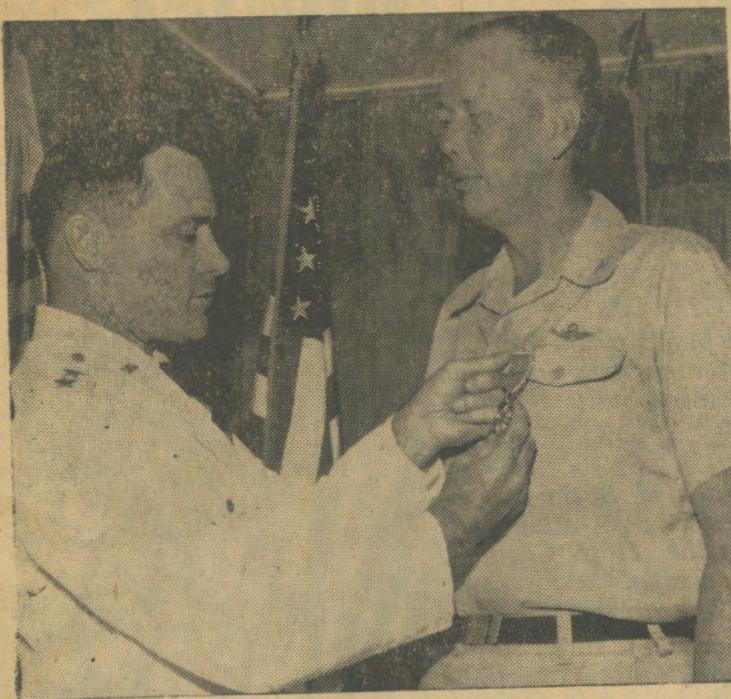
As the kids grow up you provide food, clothes, shelter, recreation, spending money and lots more. You provide schooling; grade school, high school, even college. You give advice, experience and, specially, example. You are having your sons and daughters grow up to be responsible, law abiding, God-loving citizens for the nation, for the world, and for heaven. You are educating them to be worthwhile human beings, real men and women.

When your sons and daughters look up to you and proclaim, by their actions, as well as their words, that you're the greatest, that there is not another Dad like you in the whole world, you deserve that praise, or else you would not be receiving it.

It takes a good dose of common sense and practical judgment to be both a good military man and a good father. To be a good soldier requires qualities of leadership; to be a good father requires, in addition, that there be love.

Some military men are so busy with their careers that they do not have time to be good fathers; some are such efficient commanders that they have forgotten how to love.

If today you receive the honor and esteem and love of your sons and daughters; be happy, be proud, thank God. You deserve it!



LEGION OF MERIT — Col. Thomas B. Kennedy (right) Commander of the 315th Troop Carrier Gp. (Assault) receives the Legion of Merit from Maj. Gen. Joseph H. Moore (left) Commander of the 2nd Air Division during a recent awards ceremony. (USAF Photo)

HONOR ROLL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Third Award

MSgt. Carl W. Bergstedt

Second Award

MSgt. Kenneth E. Penrose
SFC Charles E. Stebbins
Maj. Thomas E. Aaron
Capt. Raymond A. Acciardo
SFC Samuel E. Adams
SFC Raymond Stanberry

First Award

Capt. George L. Arnold
Capt. Roy S. Dunaway, Jr.
Capt. James W. Grey
Capt. Jack A. Lochner
Capt. Jack R. Olds
Capt. James E. Witek
1st Lt. James C. Jewell
1st Lt. Michael J. Morin
SFC Clifford Gragg
SFC Charles V. Hamlett
SFC Henry Weinbrecht
Sp4 Richard Hanson
1st Lt. Carlos M. Gonzales
Capt. Edward G. Born
Capt. Henry Boyer, Jr.
Capt. Burton A. Eddy
Capt. Jack C. Howard
Capt. Roger R. Ramsey
Capt. Fredrich Setser
1st Lt. Edward M. McDonald
Lt. Col. James M. Page Jr.
Capt. John L. Amato
Capt. James G. Bayer
Capt. Philip J. Clements
Capt. Dennis S. Greene
Capt. Bernard J. Tullington
1st Lt. Nicholas P. Vamvakias
MSgt. Joseph H. Kuntz
SFC Frank H. Shaw
SFC Robert L. Steele
SFC Henry G. Tapper
SFC Rosier L. Williamson

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Fourth Award

Lt. Col. Daniel E. Duncan

Third Award

Maj. Ludwig Faistenhammer Jr.
Maj. John E. Mathis, Jr.

Second Award

1st Lt. Will E. Duffer
1st Lt. John G. Coombs
PSgt. Joseph W. L. Godbou
James D. Blomqvist
James A. Oliveri
Douglas F. Potter
Gregory L. Printy
John W. Rau
Lee L. Gogdill
Joseph V. Perfetti
Frederick H. Redemann

MASTER PARACHUTIST BADGE

Capt. Donald L. Hill

SENIOR PARACHUTIST BADGE

1st Lt. William G. Tobin

MEDICAL BADGE

SSgt. David Chilensky

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

Third Award

Maj. Horace W. Brown
Capt. William S. Bayer
Capt. Manuel J. George
MSgt. Gail E. Mort
MSgt. Robert L. Fate

Second Award

Capt. Charles S. Stigell
Sp5 Jack H. Denmark
Capt. Charles D. Sarkiss
1st Lt. John W. Harrell
SFC Raymond E. Crane
Sp5 George E. Monahan
Sp4 James E. O'Brien
Sp4 Glenn R. Hegland
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Colonel Morey Gets RVN Medal

Lt. Col. James F. Morey was presented the Vietnamese Medal of Honor First Degree for meritorious service by Brig. Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu, Chief of the Joint General Staff at JGS Headquarters last Monday, June 15.

The presentation was made immediately after the flag raising ceremony and was witnessed by 2,000 Vietnamese officers and men assigned to the Joint General Staff.

Colonel Morey is assigned to the J-4 Section of MACV and is the Liaison Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics at JGS.

Sojourners Elect Officers Tuesday

The Saigon Chapter, National Sojourners will meet Tuesday June 23. Election of officers will highlight the meeting. A period of refreshments and dinner will precede the election.

The affair will be held at the Peacock Restaurant at 7 p.m. Commissioned and Warrant Officers, past and present, who are Master Masons and all Sojourners are urged to attend.



CONUS-BOUND — SSgt. Melville H. Knowlton and his adopted Vietnamese daughter, Susan, 11 months, pose outside USASCV headquarters. Sergeant Knowlton worked in the flight test section of Air Viet Nam. (U.S. Army Photo)

POCKETFUL of NOTES

By SSgt. Bob Reid
USAF



KEEPING UP WITH THINGS — Probably nothing in life is more indelibly etched onto the mind's memory slate than impressions picked up along the highway of life.

Folks tell us that the people back home incessantly query them: what's the war REALLY like in Viet Nam? Well, the tour over here is, after all, only a collection of impressions that one files away in the memory bank, perhaps never to be withdrawn.

Well, people-back-home, let us tell you about our memory bank:

The war in Viet Nam is sitting in the back seat of a Huey helicopter with brilliant sunlight drenching the cockpit and your view of the pilot restricted to a slim, youthful forearm on the collective pitch stick. It's the sound of the engine revving up as the muscles in the forearm grow taut as he lifts, and the long, well manicured fingers, of one which wears a West Point class ring, rotates the yoke, sending fuel to the engine for more power.

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The war here is three Special Forces advisors sitting in a makeshift kitchen in a makeshift house, in a makeshift jungle outpost — just sitting there sipping coffee and idly examining a new type anti-personnel mine that has arrived. One slip and the next three replacements will have to build a new makeshift kitchen and a new makeshift house. Maybe even a makeshift outpost, too.

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The war here is a downed Air Force pilot advisor and his Vietnamese fighter pilot companion, running around in elephant grass and trees, trying to evade the guerrillas whose ground fire has downed them. "Let's hide behind that big tree," suggests the American in a whisper. "No," says the Vietnamese, "see, behind the tree? A big bear. Worse than the Viet Cong." And they don't hide behind the big tree with the bear, but wait it out in the grass, then dash madly to the rescuing chopper. And they're so out of breath that they can't gasp out the warning to the rescuing pilot that he is taking off directly into the face of the guerrillas. But they make it anyway.

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The war here is watching in fascination as a sentry, bored with the long night hours, stalks toward a wall, carbine-with-bayonet at the ready.

Suddenly he thrusts the bayonet forward in a classic lunge. And a lizard dies, impaled on the end of the knife. Which is sort of disappointing to you because some one had said that the lizards were almost sacred and the Vietnamese considered it bad luck to kill one.

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Perhaps the war here can best be described by the popular credo of airplane pilots, who describe their lives as fliers as, "thousands of hours of monotonous boredom interspersed with moments of sheer terror."

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It's a new phrase coined here: "How's twelve and a wake-up grab you, buddy?" Meaning, of course, only 12 days and getting up the 13th before that big shiny jet will lift you from the runway at Tan Son Nhut and point its nose toward California, and home.

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The war here can be many things, with no two days the same. But some things are the same. It's the same day-in-day-out torrid tropical heat that has your clothes wringing wet with perspiration ten minutes after you put them on. It's the same almost everywhere with the sweat calendars...counting the days until one returns to one's loved ones.

GENERAL PAUL D. HARKINS... Soldier, Strategist



PRIME MINISTER KHANH DECORATES COMUSMACV
"With Pride and Humility for All Americans"



CINCPAC ADMIRAL FELT (Right) AND COMUSMACV
Regular visits to Viet Nam — A priority.



CHIEF MAAG MAJ. GEN. CHARLES J. TIMMES
Honored upon disestablishment of MAAG Viet Nam.

(Editor's Note: Sergeant Bermudez, who last served with the 2nd Armored Div., Ft. Hood, Tex., served under the command of General Harkins in Korea, Hawaii and now in Viet Nam. As a military reporter, photographer and editor, Sergeant Bermudez has had the rare opportunity to work closely with General Harkins).

Thirty-five years ago on the plains of West Point, N.Y., a lanky, squared-jaw Bostonian held on to his hard-earned diploma from the United States Military Academy.

The date was June 13, 1929.

Paul Donal Harkins, who enlisted in the Massachusetts National Guard in May 1922 as a private and rose to the rank of sergeant in the 110th Cavalry, was now a second lieutenant of cavalry.

General Harkins, in his nearly four decades of Army service, has gained renown as one of the nation's top planners and strategists. He has added another accolade to his list of impressive accomplishments as a military statesman of the first order.

On Feb. 8, 1962, President John F. Kennedy named him as Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Viet Nam. General Harkins, then a lieutenant general and assigned as deputy Commander-in-Chief, and Chief of Staff U.S. Army, Pacific, was promoted to four-star general.

During the past two and one-half years, General Harkins in his role as top military commander of U.S. Forces in Viet Nam has had to bear the spotlight of international current events.

Soft-spoken, unassuming and possessed with one of the keenest analytic minds in the U.S. military's top echelon, General Harkins also has revealed a great talent for humor. Despite the demands of his job as COMUSMACV, General Harkins is best remembered in Viet Nam by the U.S. non-commissioned officers corps serving as advisors in the field as "the gentle general who carries a big stick" and "the cavalry-Man's general."

General and Mrs. Harkins leave Viet Nam today with the deepest affection, admiration and respect of both Vietnamese and American soldiers, not to mention the host of civilian and military friends of other nations with whom he has been associated during the past 30 months.

After his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy, Lieutenant Harkins served as a cavalry unit commander for four years at Ft. Bliss, Tex. In Aug. 1933, he attended the Cavalry

School at Ft. Riley, Kans., bringing with him his bride of three months... the former Miss Elizabeth Conner of Ewing, Neb. General and Mrs. Harkins have one daughter, Margaret.

An avid sportsman, with interests in golf, hunting, fishing, handball, and squash, the young cavalryman played a great deal of polo. Lieutenant Harkins also graduated from the Advanced Equitation Course in 1935.

Following his studies at the Cavalry School, he became school secretary and later instructor at the U.S. Cavalry School until June 1939. In July 1939, the newly promoted captain was assigned to the 3rd Cavalry at Ft. Mayer, Va., where he served as a cavalry unit commander until April 1941 when he became a student at the Command and General Staff College.

At the outbreak of World War II, Major Harkins was assigned as training and operations officer of the 1st Cavalry Brigade at Ft. Bliss, Tex. From Jan. to Sept. 1942, he successively served as assistant G-3 of the 2nd Armored Division at Ft. Benning, Ga., and the 1st Amphibious Corps at Ft. Pickett, Va.

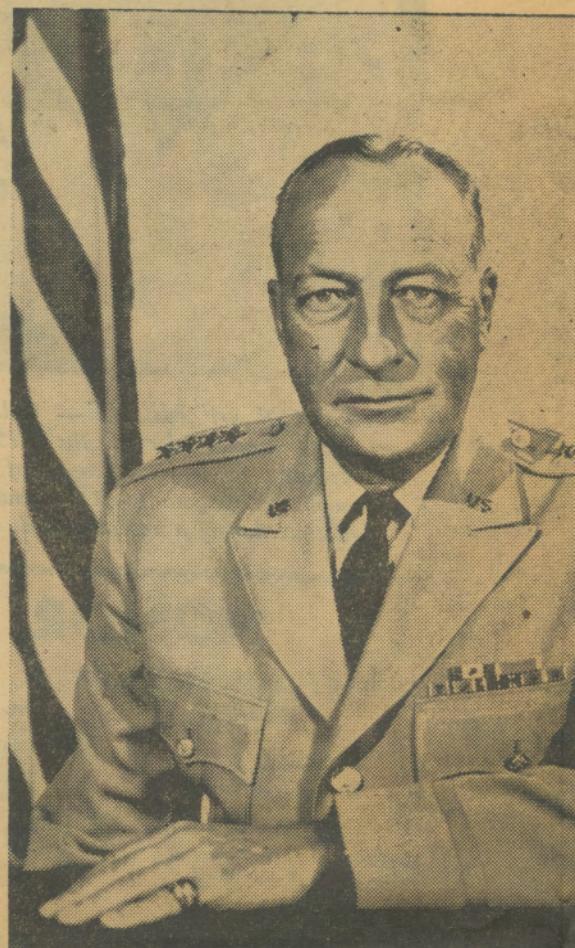
EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN

Going overseas in Oct. 1942 as deputy Chief of staff of the Western Task Force, Lieutenant Colonel Harkins participated in the American invasion of North Africa.

During the last 18 months of the World War II campaign in Europe, Colonel Harkins served as deputy chief of staff of the Third U.S. Army commanded by Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.

Following the end of World War II, he served as deputy chief of staff of the fifteenth U.S. Army until his return to CONUS. Colonel Harkins returned

STORY BY SFC TONY BERNARD
PHOTOS BY SP5 RAY JEWELL



GENERAL PAUL D. HARKINS

"... All Americans in Viet Nam are HEROS."

to the United States Military Academy in Feb. 1946 where he was assigned as brigade executive officer from Feb. to Aug. and became assistant commandant from Sept. 1946 to June 1948. In June 1948, 19 years after his own graduation from West Point,

he became commandant for the years.

From the U.S. Military Academy, Colonel Harkins reported to the Cavalry School in July 1951 where he became assistant commandant of the Cavalry School.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO COMUSMACV
General and Mrs. Harkins Beam Happy

Strategist, Statesman... A GREAT AMERICAN !

ERMUDEZ
WETT

Farewell Message Of General Harkins

"Circumstances over which I have no control preclude me from making a personal visit to say goodbye prior to my departure from Viet Nam."

"It has been my distinct honor to command one of the finest groups of Americans ever assembled. To me, you are all heroes. I am not sure that the American public realizes the true nature and extent of your efforts. I shall do my best to insure they become informed."

"I have nothing but the highest admiration for your accomplishments over the two and one-half years while I have been in command."

"Please accept my heartfelt thanks and highest commendations."

"There is much to be done but the tools to assist the RVNAF in winning final victory are in your hands."

"In memory of those who have already made the supreme sacrifice, let us renew our efforts and rededicate ourselves to using those tools in order to assist the GVN in gaining victory and bringing peace to this very fine country."

"With deep respect and warm regards. It has been my privilege. I salute all."

G-3, Department of the of Korea).

Army. The following year he became chief of the Plans Division. He was promoted to brigadier general on May 16, 1952.

From Washington, he was assigned as chief of staff, Eighth U.S. Army, Korea in Apr. to Dec. 1953. He was promoted to major general in July 30, 1953. General Harkins successively served a commanding general of the 45th Inf. Div. and the 24th Inf. "Taro Leaf" Div. from Dec. 1953 to July 1954.

General Harkins returned to the United States in the fall of 1954 and was assigned as deputy assistant chief of staff, G-3, for International Affairs, Department of the Army for ten months. In July 1955, he was appointed assistant chief of staff, G-3, DA, until Oct. 1955.

Promoted to lieutenant general on July 1, 1957, General Harkins assumed command of the Allied Land Forces, Southwestern Europe, Turkey, from Aug. 1957 to Aug. 1960.

Twice awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his outstanding leadership and services in World War II and the Korean War, General Harkins also holds the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star for Valor with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Honor (France). The Croix de Guerre with Palm (Belgium), Order of the Fatherland (Russia), Military Order of Taeguk (Republic of Korea) and Presidential Citation (Republic

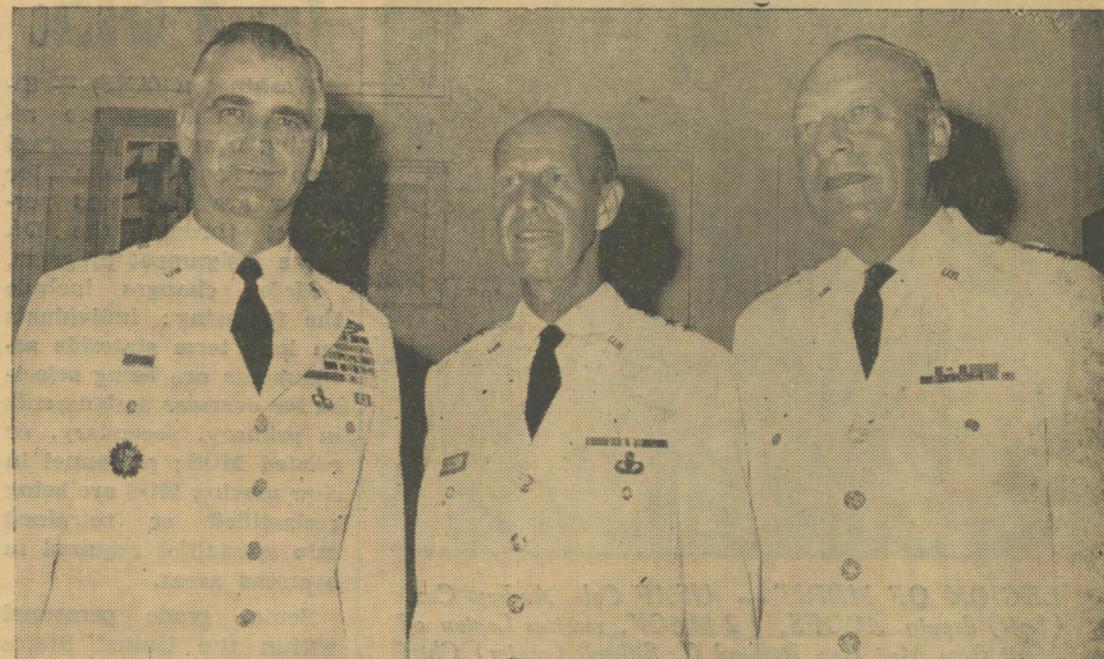
VIET NAM SERVICE

On June 4, Prime Minister Nguyen Khanh presented General Harkins with the Grand Cross of the National Order and the Cross of Gallantry with Palm, the two highest awards ever presented to any foreigner by the Republic of Viet Nam.

"I accept the honor with pride and humility...no for myself but for the Americans who have served with me in Viet Nam," said General Harkins, "...particularly those who have given the supreme sacrifice in helping to defend Viet Nam from communist terrorism."

In presenting his country's highest awards, General Khanh said, "Despite hardship and dangers, Gen. Paul D. Harkins has constantly toured the battlefields, boosting the fighting spirit of all ranks and at the same time making important contributions to the planning of large-scale military operations and to the improvement of tactics to suit the changing battlefield of Viet Nam."

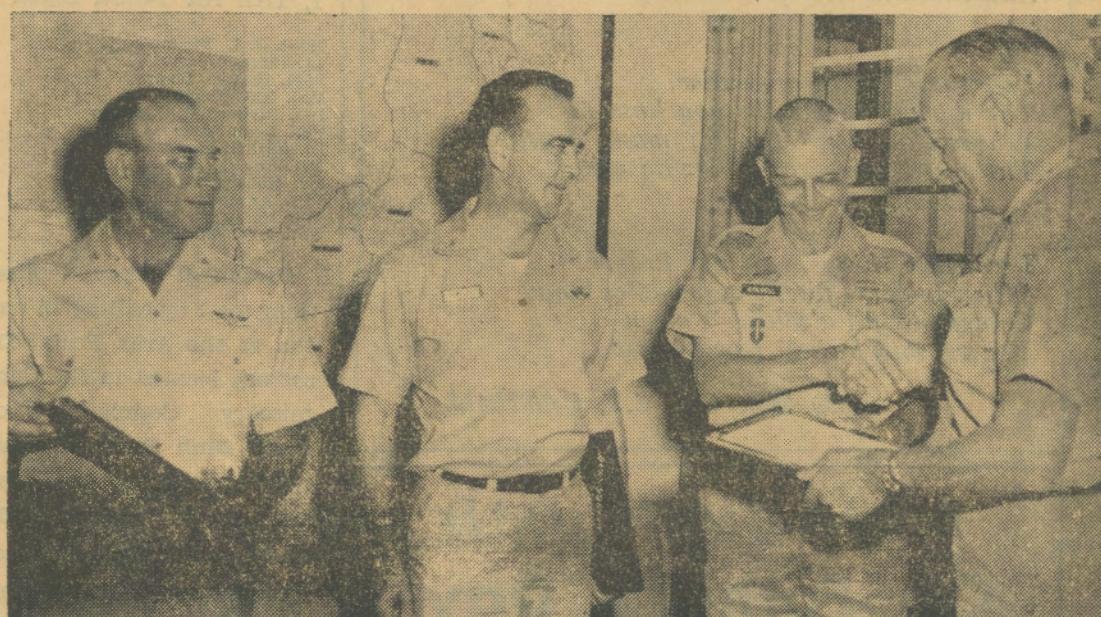
It has been a long time since the towering cavalry sergeant from Boston, Mass., earned his commission from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.... rising through the ranks from private to four-star general. And like his brothers and comrades of the "Long Grey Line" his life has been dedicated to DUTY ... HONOR... COUNTRY.



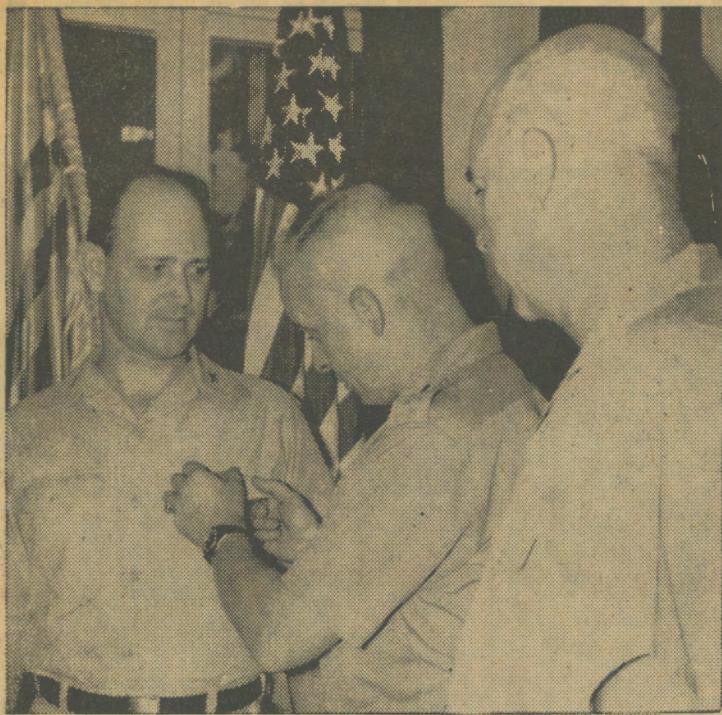
GENERAL HARKINS (Right) AND WESTMORELAND (Left) HONOR MAAG CHIEF General Timmes (Center) Bids Farewell to MAAG Advisors.



GENERAL HARKINS LISTENS TO ADDRESS OF SECRETARY McNAMARA (Left to Right) Generals Thieu, Taylor, Ambassador Lodge and Defense Minister Khiem.



GENERAL HARKINS (Right) PRESENTS HELICOPTER AWARDS To Colonel Gomez, Generals Rowland & Stilwell.



LEGION OF MERIT — USAF Col. Andrew Cox, (Left) deputy ACOFS, J-2 MACV, receives Legion of Merit from Maj. Gen. Richard G. Stilwell (center) Chief of Staff, MACV, while Brig. Gen. Carl A. Youngdale, ACOFS, J-2 MACV, witnesses awards ceremony.

(MACV-IO Photo By SFC Tony Bermudez)

Soldier

The stars swing down the western steep,
And soon the east will burn with day,
And we shall struggle up from sleep
And sling our packs and march away.

In this brief hour before the dawn
Has struck our bivouac with flame
I think of men whose brows have borne
The iron wreath of deadly fame.

I see the fatal phalanx creep
Like death, across the world and back,
With eyes that only strive to keep
Bucephalus immortal track.

I see the legion wheel through Gaul,
The sword and flame on hearth and home,
And all the men who had to fall
That Caesar might be first in Rome.

I see the horde of Genghis Khan
Spread outward like the dawn of day
To trample golden Khorassan
And thunder over fair Cathay.

I see the grizzled grenadier,
The dark dragoon, the gay hussar,
Whose shoulders bore for many a year
Their little emperor's blazing star.

I see these things, still am I slave
When banners fluant and bugles blow,
Content to fill a soldier's grave
For reasons I shall never know.

By Maj. Gen. C.T. LANHAM

REMEMBER DAD On Father's Day

Sunday, June 21

Major Changes Announced For Top 3 Grades

Washington (ANF) — Significant changes are resulting from the personnel management system for senior grade enlisted personnel through the DA name assignment program.

Major changes include the following: individuals on long term stateside assignments are being selected for overseas assignments in primary, secondary, or related MOS; personnel in slow moving MOS are being reclassified or retrained into specialties required in overseas areas.

Senior grade personnel within the United States who become surplus are being reassigned as reported. And the large number in pay grade E-7 who were occupying positions in lower pay grades have been placed in positions appropriate to their pay grade.

When it becomes obvious that an individual has been retained in a stabilized position for an excessive period of time, an inquiry is made concerning his availability for overseas.

Identification of senior grade personnel with physical or assignment limitations has improved the Army's ability to place these personnel in positions where their skills and knowledge can be utilized.

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.

MSgt. J. L. Bloomer
Lt. James Damron
SSgt. Horace Howard
Maj. R.A. Moen
Pvt. Richard G. Niehaus
Pvt. Dean Passe
Lt. Earl G. Quantock
Pvt. Lou G. Rothe
Mr. Robert Soodah
PFC Anthony Viguelia
WO Barry W. Whitehouse
PFC J.W. Weaver

Personnel may collect their mail by calling in person at the Area Postal Directory located in the Commissary Compound on Phan Dinh Phung or they may have their mail forwarded by calling 60057 and providing the correct address. Mail will be returned to sender on July 11, if no word is received from addressees.



ORIENTATION VISIT — Maj. Gen. Herman Nickerson, Jr. (second from right), CG Marine Corps Supply Center at Barstow, Calif., paid a visit to a Special Forces camp at An Dien. With General Nickerson (left to right) are: Lt. Nguyen Van Trinh, Col. Robert A. Merchant, CO, Marine Helicopter Task Element; Mr. Thai, Katu Montagnard Chief; and Lt. Huynh Van Dap. (U.S. Marine Corps Photo By Cpl. D.R. Deyerle).

Army Secretary Ailes Says Viet Nam Has Top Priority

Washington (AFPS) — Secretary of the Army Stephen Ailes in a report to the House Military Affairs committee, said that the quality of advisory personnel and equipment the United States is sending to the Republic of Viet Nam has the highest world-wide priority.

"I assure you," the Secretary told the Congressmen, "that the men we are sending to Viet Nam are skilled and trained and worthy representatives of this nation."

To insure top performance in Viet Nam, he added, commanders there have orders to return any personnel who do not measure up in the field. He said a large number of men serving in Viet Nam have volunteered for the duty "in keeping with the Army tradition of moving to the sound of the guns."

"Those who have served with Vietnamese troops exhibit a sympathetic attitude towards them and respect and admire the individual Vietnamese soldier," Secretary Ailes said.

"These men have a personal stake in the outcome of the war there — a strong belief in the desirability of doing what we are doing."

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, also appearing before the committee, praised the cooperation of the Army and Air Force in training and support operations.

General Wheeler said the war in Viet Nam is "a special kind of war, where there is no easily identifiable enemy territory." He said there are danger areas but no formal front lines.

"War in Viet Nam," General Wheeler told the Committee, "is where you find it."

R & R SCHEDULE

June 1964

Date of Departure/Return	Passenger Check-in TSN	Spaces Available
TO HONG KONG		
** 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
TO BANGKOK		
22-27 June	0800-0830	36
27 June-2 July	0800-0830	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.

AFRS Program Schedule

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

0550—Test tone	1505—Mr. Record Man
0555—Sign On	1600—News
0600—Be Still and Know	1605—Sounds of the Sixties
0602—Dawn buster	1700—Headlines
0615—Headlines	1701—Enchantment of Music
0630—News	1730—Continental Varieties
0635—Dawn buster	1800—News Thirty
0645—Headlines	1830—Mon. Capitol Cloakroom
0700—News	—Tues. Meet the Press
0705—Dawn buster	—Wed. Invitation to Learning
0715—Headlines	—Thurs. Issues & Answers
0730—Dawn buster	—Fri. The Leading Question
0800—Headlines	1900—Bob & Ray
0801—World of Show Business	1905—Jim Ameche
0830—Breakfast Club	2000—News
0900—News	2005—Tonight Show
0905—Arthur Godfrey	2030—Mon. Suspense
0930—Ira cook	—Teus. Gunsmoke
1000—America's Pop Music	—Wed. Johnny Dollar
1030—Destination Noon	—Thurs. Black museum
1100—News	—Fri. Mr. President
1101—Destination Noon	2100—News
1200—News	2105—The Night Beat
1205—Country Corner	2200—News
1300—News	2205—The Night Beat
1305—Siesta Time	2300—News
1400—Headlines	2305—Quarter Century of Swing
1401—Mr. Record Man	2400—Sign-off

SATURDAY

0550—Test Tone	1300—Bolero Time
0555—Sign On	1330—C and W wax Works
0600—Be Still and Know	1400—Headlines
0602—Dawn buster	1401—C and W wax Works
0615—Headlines	1500—News
0630—News	1505—R. & B. Special
0635—Dawn buster	1600—Headlines
0645—Headlines	1605—Jazz Book
0700—News	1700—News
0705—Dawn buster	1705—The Many Faces of Folk Music
0715—Headlines	1800—News & Sports
0730—Temple Hour	1815—Music on Parade
0800—Headlines	1830—Polka Party
0801—Tales of N.W. Pacific	1900—Headlines
0805—Big Jon and Sparkie	1901—Tales of N.W. Pacific
0900—News	1905—Grand Ole Opry
0905—What's My Line?	1930—CBS Workshop
0930—Hawaii Calls	1955—Point Of Law
1000—Headlines	2000—News
1001—Tales of V.W. Pacific	2005—Mitch Miller
1005—Navy Hour	2100—Headlines
1030—Destination Noon	2101—Swinging in Saigon
1100—News	2200—News
1105—Destination Noon	2205—Swingin' in Saigon
1200—Headlines	2300—News
1201—Family Theater	2305—Footlights & Soundtracks
1230—Navy Swings	2400—Sign Off
1245—News Roundup	

SUNDAY

0555—Test Tone	1305—Saigon Checkpoint
0600—Sign On	1400—News
0604—Be Still and Know	1405—Saigon Checkpoint
0605—Army Hour	1500—News
0630—Concert in Miniature	1505—Saigon Checkpoint
0700—News	1600—News
0705—Salt Lake Tabernacle	1605—Curt Massey
0730—Catholic Hour	1630—Hollywood Bowl
0800—Bible Study Hour	1800—News and Sports
0830—Protestant Hour	1815—Science Editor
0900—News	1830—Spotlight Album
0905—Music for Sunday	1900—Point of Law
1000—Headlines	1905—Lawrence Welk
1001—Music for Sunday	2000—News
1100—News	2005—Small World
1200—Headlines	2100—News
1201—Tales of N.W. Pacific	2105—Diamonds in the Mist
1205—Freedom Sings	2300—News
1230—University Explorer	2305—The Tonight Show
1245—News Round Up	2400—Sign Off
1300—Social Security File	



PORTABLE KITCHEN—SFC William J. Haney (left), mess steward, 118th Avn. Co. dishes out an "airmobile salad" for Lt. Col. John C. Hughes, (center) CO, 145th Avn. Bn., while Maj. Vincent L. McNeese, (right) CO, 118th Avn. Co., waits for service. Sergeant Haney designed the portable kitchen for airmobile combat support missions in Viet Nam, and built it with the help of Sp5 Ronald D. Gibson, a sheet metal worker with the 573rd Trans. Det. (U.S. Army Photo)

Perennial Softball Champions

1964 SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS—Broad victory smiles adorn the faces of the 2nd Air Division "Cobras," winners of the Saigon area Armed Forces softball championship for 1964, during the recent awards banquet at the Plaza EM Open Mess. Comely bat girl Sandra Joiner holds the Ambassador's Trophy, symbol of the area championship. Col. Frank C. Wilcox Jr., commander of the 33rd Tactical Group, Tan Son Nhut AF, is at Miss Joiner's left. Capt. Richard E. Russ, personnel services officer is behind Colonel Wilcox. (USAF PHOTO)

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE PROGRAM**English Instruction Proves Versatility Of U.S. Advisors**

By Sp5 Bob Kalbfleisch

Four bare walls, a shattered door and windows...this recollection of the one room schoolhouse of our middle west seems to ring a familiar "school bell" note.

Pleiku has such a building although "CARE" seems to be the word as to surroundings when one sees the determination and eagerness to learn that glows within.

Above the door the sign reads "TRUONG SINH NGU QUAN DOI. CHI NHANH II." (The English Armed Forces Language School. Annex II.) This is where a total of 24 Vietnamese officers and enlisted men have been sent, hand-picked from their units and thoroughly screened as to thoroughness — to learn English.

Capt. Edward Culbreth was once heard to say, "Have you ever seen anyone work harder than they do? You don't mind locating your time when you know in the long run the results will benefit both Vietnamese and Americans."

Captain Culbreth along with Capt. R.W. Miller and SMaj. C.W. McDaniel make up the American teaching staff at the Language School. They devote one hour of their time a day to aid the Vietnamese students in English pronunciation.

Throughout the average ten-hour day, students and teachers go over and repeat the phrases, **WOULD YOU LIKE ANYTHING ELSE?** **NO THANK YOU**, and many other similar simple

sentences that all help pave the road to a better learning and understanding of pronouncing the English language.

Lieutenant Hong, a Vietnamese English instructor points out that the objective of the course is to enable these men, in 16-weeks, to become efficiently familiar with reading, writing and speaking English so they can return to their units as interpreters.

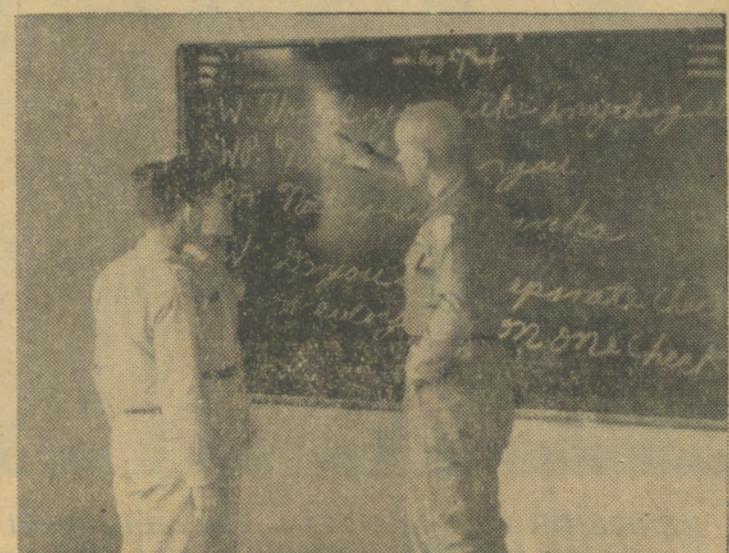
Beside the normal classroom participation and lesson books, tape recorders have been found to be a great asset in teaching English. By this means the student is able to hear his own voice and correct his defects in pronouncing



SCHOOL'S OPEN
Teacher and Student

words. Since several sounds and letter combinations are not familiar to the Vietnamese language, the tape provides a good repetitious drill.

"Yes we would like another cup of coffee...." Grammatically simple, YES, but it is all in the learning.



CAPT. ED CULBRETH IN ACTION
No Substitute For Communications.

NCO Profiles



VIET NAM VIGNETTES

By SFC Tony Bermudez

"The backbone of the Army is the Non-Commissioned Man!"
(Rudyard Kipling, 'The Heathen' — Stanza 18)

Communications Expert Is Top AF NCO At TSN

Chief Master Sergeant (E-9) Eugene A. Pace, NCOIC of telecommunications, 1964th communications Group, was in the first group of senior NCOs in the United States Air Force to attain eight-stripe rank in 1960.

Sergeant Pace started his military career when he joined the United States Army in 1942 from his hometown in Sayre, Pa. He transferred to the USAF in

1947.

A veteran of more than 20-years service, 19 years spent in the field of communications he is the ranking USAF non-commissioned officer at Tan Son Nhut and is responsible for all Air Force wire communications in Viet Nam.

A communications specialist, Sergeant Pace worked with U.S. Army signal personnel set up and maintain vital communications systems in Japan immediately after World War II. During the Korean War, he was assigned to Taejon, Taegu and Seoul and helped U.S. signal specialists set up critical communications networks.

After his tour in Korea, he served in Japan, Formosa and Norway. The 40-year-old communications expert last served with Hqs, 26th Air Div., Hancock Field, Syracuse, N.Y., before his assignment to Viet Nam in July 1963.

Sergeant Pace is married to the former Frances A. Gaddy of Goldsboro, N.C. and are the parents of two children presently at Sayre, Pa.

A U.S. Army Special Forces sergeant, SFC Jesse A. Gray, was killed in an ambush while advising a CIDG unit on patrol about 50 miles north west of Saigon.

Other casualties were four friendly killed. Twenty-one Viet Cong were killed in the action.

Venice Or Viet Nam?



VENICE OR VIET NAM??? — This was the general comment as one attempted to leave the town house BEQ last Sunday morning. All one needed to see was a gondola come sailing down Hai Ba Trung and he would have been in Europe. As one observer commented, "... and then the rains came."

(MACV-IO Photo By YN3 Russ Hutchison).

18th Anniversary of Philippine Independence



COMRADES-IN-ARMS — Philippine Ambassador to Viet Nam Modesto Farolan (in Barong Filipino) is flanked by U.S. and Philippine Army officers during the June 12 celebration of the 18th anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of the Philippines. With Ambassador Farolan (left to right) are: Lt. Col. John Ross, Capt. George Buck, Col. Jose V.H. Banzon, RP Armed Forces Military Attaché, Lt. Col. Josefino F. Farnas and Capt. Ramon Farolan.

(MACV-IO Photo by SFC Tony Bermudez)

Fr. O'Connor Holy Name Speaker

Father Paricy O'Connor, the NCWC Correspondent in Viet Nam, will be the guest speaker at the June 21 Holy Name Breakfast which will be held following the 9 a.m. Mass.

His topic will cover the contemporary Vietnamese political economic and cultural scene.

MACV Personnel Reminded To Keep Immunizations Current

All MACV personnel should check their Immunization Certificates to be certain all entries are current. Personnel with entries dated older than those in the following guide will report this month for inoculations to the medical facility rendering them primary medical support.

Smallpox	May 63
Typhoid	May 63
Typhus	May 63
Yellow Fever	May 58
Cholera	Nov 63
Plague	Jan 64
Tetanus	May 58

Cholera immunizations are required every 4 months

in Thailand. Those personnel traveling to Thailand must have a current immunization.

Gen. Stilwell

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mand commanded by General Stilwell.

All 70 Americans were not able to be present for the ceremony, because of operational requirements, so a representative group of 21 accepted the awards on their behalf.

Defense Minister Maj. Gen. Tran Thien Khiem, presented the awards to General Stilwell.

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