



FAMILY REUNION— Lt. Col. David D. Powell, right, shows a family portrait to his two sons, Cpl. David D. Powell Jr. and 1st Lt. Harry L. Powell during their recent reunion in Vietnam. They were last together a year ago during Operation Steel Pike, a training exercise in the Mediterranean. The three Powells are serving with the III Marine Amphibious Force near Da Nang. (Photo by Sgt. J. F. Gorak, USMC)

Marine Family Reunited In RVN After Year Separation

Da Nang (USMC-IO)— While most Marines serving in the Republic of Vietnam would have given a month's pay to be home for Christmas, there's a woman in Monrovia, Calif., who would probably have given as much to spend the holidays in Vietnam.

Mrs. David D. Powell, wife of Lt. Col. David D. Powell, and mother of 1st Lt. Harry L. Powell and Cpl. David D. Powell Jr. celebrated the holiday season without her family. Her husband and sons are serving with the 3rd Marine Division in Vietnam.

Colonel Powell is Force Logistics Support Group operations officer. His son Harry is an Air Controller with Marine Air Control Squadron-7 and David Jr. is a forward observer with the 2nd Bn., Ninth Marine Regiment.

The three Marines were reunited recently at Da Nang after a year of separation. Lt. Powell arrived

In Vietnam in September and Cpl. Powell a month later. Col. Powell reported for duty in August.

The last time the three Marines were together was during Operation Steel Pike, a training operation last fall in the Mediterranean.

Supply Battalion Receives Citation Of Appreciation

Qui Nhon (USA-IO)— The 27th Transportation received a citation from the commanding officer of the Vietnamese II Corps Area Logistical Command, Lt. Col. Pham Van Han, for supplying ARVN troops in the Pleiku area.

The honor was bestowed on the battalion for operating more than 40 tractor-trailers delivering supplies and ammunition from Qui Nhon to ARVN units at Pleiku, 100 miles away. Hauling 710,000 tons, miles across the central highland Route 19, the 27th completed the job in three days.

In his letter Colonel Han expressed his sincerest thanks and hopes that the friendship between Vietnam and the United States remain forever.

Further expressing the gratitude to the battalion, the Vietnamese Transportation Corps Insignia was presented to members of the battalion by Maj. Nguyen Van Luan, a representative of the ARVN II Logistical Command, as a symbol of friendship and cooperation between ARVN and U.S. Army Transportation units.

Washington Memos

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT Humphrey speaking at the AFL-CIO convention, in San Francisco, explained, "We will remain in Vietnam until a just and lasting peace can be established there." At the same time, he said, "We shall now—and after establishment of that peace—dedicate ourselves to creating conditions which will enable all the people of Vietnam, North and South, and all of Southeast Asia to look forward to a tomorrow without danger of attack, without hunger, and with social justice and security."

WOMENS ARMY CORPS enlisted members are slated for Alaskan duty for the first time. Between 20-25 will be assigned to U.S. Army, Alaska, (USARAL) sometime in January by request of USARAL's commanding general. Assignments will be to USARAL Headquarters and Support Command and Bassett Army Hospital.

INTERNAL REVENUE OFFICIALS remind taxpayers who receive dividend or interest income, they are required by law to give tax account number to payers of income. For individuals, account number is Social Security number. Business firms are required to report dividends or interest over \$10 paid during calendar year. IRS officials note there is a penalty for failure to supply tax account numbers.

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Gen. Westmoreland Selects Combat Veterans For Red Carpet Treatment

Saigon— The menu for "the veterans who came to dinner" read: fruit cup of the West (Moreland than sea), cucumbers in conflict, captured conghish game hen under fire, and for dessert, star spangled cookies served with chase and airborne coffee.

This "Christmas Out of the Foxhole" dinner was served to combat veterans selected by Gen. W.C. Westmoreland to enjoy Christmas on the red carpet rolled out by the people of Phoenix, Ariz.

Jack Steward, owner of the Camelback Inn in Phoenix, entertained the returning veterans from all branches of the service on a week's vacation at Camelback to demonstrate America's true sentiment toward the war in the Far East. He sponsored a \$10 a plate benefit dinner for the men who received about \$40 each from the proceeds to buy Christmas presents for family and friends.

Continental Airlines presented the first Christmas bonus by flying the men, free of charge, from San Francisco to Phoenix where Arizona Governor Sam Goddard, the State University band, the Scottsdale Howdy Du-

dettes and Camelback Inn's Sunshine Girls greeted the honored guests. They had just completed a 12-month tour in Vietnam.

"The biggest banana-split this side of Saigon" began the unlimited array of gifts and services available to the troops for one week. A car rental agency offered free transportation, free tickets were offered for performances of "My Fair Lady" and "Hallelujah Trail" and free dinners spotted the servicemen's paid vacation.

Governor Goddard called upon all Arizonans to fly their flags honoring all U.S. servicemen in Vietnam.

The mother of a Special Forces soldier serving in Vietnam wrote to Mr. Stewart calling him an Angel of Mercy for helping to prove that all Americans are not strikers and marchers against the Vietnam war.

Alaska's Citizens Support American Policy In Vietnam

Saigon— From one of the coldest centers of civilization on earth to one of the hottest spots in the world a message of support was conveyed for the common cause of freedom.

The Governor of Alaska, William A. Egan, wired his Yuletide thoughts to the friendly forces in Vietnam assuring them that the mercury in freedom's thermometer remains the same distance from zero in the minds of free men whether its 100 degrees below in Alaska or 100 degrees above in Vietnam.

Governor Egan wrote, "that the people of Alaska stand four square with the American troops, civilian support groups and the Vietnamese people in their battle against terrorist aggression and oppression. The vast ma-

jority of Alaskans and all other Americans fully realize the horrors and tears involved in securing freedom's cause for mankind everywhere.

"The United States of America has never and does not now pursue its course in behalf of conquest of the individual or of land area. Indeed the people of the United States and the State of Alaska subscribe to the premise that great personal sacrifice must be made in order that dignity and lasting peace of the individual be

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Hanoi Presented With Problems

"Sooner or later a combination of the air offensive and the ground initiative should convince the Hanoi leadership that they have no choice but to mend their ways.

"On the political and economic fronts, we have made progress although these remain the weak sectors of our efforts. We must display continued patience with the government in Saigon and in the provinces, recognizing the inevitable lack of political experience in a country which, by the circumstances of history, has never been allowed to develop leadership in the past. On the economic front, we have serious problems in restraining inflation in a weak economy exposed to stresses of a long war. Thus far, we have been reasonably successful and I have little doubt that we can continue to hold inflation within acceptable limits even though the problem is likely to become greater with the increased number of American forces in South Vietnam.

"With regard to reaching a peaceful settlement, we are disappointed that thus far we have had no response from the communist side. We are quite convinced, however, of the fact that we are presenting the leadership in Hanoi and in Peking with very serious problems. Hanoi, in particular, must view the future with foreboding. The dilemma of the leadership there is the choice either to change their behavior and to forego the attempt to conquer South Vietnam or, alternatively, to accept increasing costs to their country through air attacks and to face the deeply disturbing probability of eventually falling a satellite to the Red Chinese. It is a fundamental factor in the political relationship of this part of the world that all Vietnamese, North and South, dislike and distrust the Chinese whom they regard as the traditional, suspected enemy.

"On our side, we have difficulties also. We must retain the military initiative. We must work constantly for the stability of the government and the economy. We must do everything to convince Hanoi and the communist leadership that they have no chance of a military or political success in South Vietnam or of a breach of our home front here. Only thus can we bring them to the moment of truth when they change course and accept the inevitability of permitting South Vietnam to determine its own future."

Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor
U. S. Army, Retired

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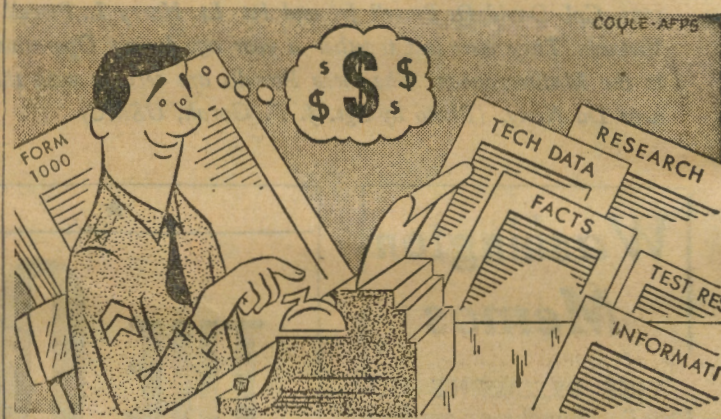
EDITORIAL

Suggestions Benefit All

The program to pay military personnel cash awards for money-saving suggestions can be a boon to both the suggester and the taxpayer.

Once the program is in full swing, thousands of suggestions should pour in, adding up to a dollar savings on one hand, while giving a boost to the bank accounts of inventive service personnel.

Though the program authorizes payments up to \$25,000, most will be much smaller. Suggestions don't have to be of such magnitude as to eliminate the national debt. Any idea, design or program which will save the government money will be considered. Awards will be in proportion to the savings.



Awards will be made only for suggestions that show real savings. An individual serviceman or woman can't just submit a sudden brainstorm and expect a check in the next mail. Suggestions must be well thought out and, in many cases, researched or tested before submission.

For those servicemen and women willing to put in the extra time, effort and thought, the suggestion award program can be a great thing. The total savings will be equally valuable to the services and to the American public. (AFPS)

AFRS Schedule

(News on the hour and at 0630 and 0730 daily)

MONDAY—THROUGH—FRIDAY

0008	Be Still and Know	1830	Bandstand USA
0010	Night Train	1905	Jim Ameche
0505	Country Corner	2000	To 2200 Monday Only
0605	Dawnbustler		Pre-Football or Basketball
0635	Devotions	2005	Tues.—Footlights and Sound Tracks
0705	Devotions		Wed.—Jazzbook, Vol. 11
0830	Ira Cook		Thur.—George Shearing
0905	Destination Noon		Fri.—Folk Music of the World
1205	Johnny Magnus	2105	Australian News
1315	Focus	2110	Night Beat
1320	Siesta Time	2200	News Thirty
1405	Monitor	2230	Night Beat
1505	Country Corner	2330	Tonight Show
1605	Swinging Sixties		

SATURDAY

0008	Be Still and Know	1320	Swing Serenade
0010	Spotlight on Jazz	1405	C&W Waxworks
0105	Night Train	1605	Swinging Sixties
0505	Big Band	1805	Shindig
0530	American Popular Music	1830	Bandstand USA
0605	Dawnbustler	1905	Sammy Davis Jr.
0905	Destination Noon	2005	Grand Ole Opry
1205	Swing Serenade	2105	Australian News
1315	Focus	2110	Night Beat

SUNDAY

0008	Be Still and Know	0830	Protestant Hour
0010	Spotlight on Jazz	0905	Destination Noon
0105	Night Train	1205	Silver Platter
0505	Sounds of The 60's	1230	Folk Music of the World
0530	Catholic Hour	1315	Panorama
0605	Navy Hour	1600	College Football
0635	Moods in Melody	1835	Meet the Press
0705	Army Hour	1905	Small World
0735	Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir	2005	Till Midnight
0805	Navy Swings	2105	Australian News/Sports
0820	Myron J. Bennett	2115	Till Midnight

Everyday Army Life In A Sub-Sector

Bac Lieu—One thing that sets the village apart from most Vietnamese towns is a huge square dominated by a building with a sign in Vietnamese proclaiming it to be the Chieu Hoi headquarters of the "Open Arms" program.

Three schools and a hospital cluster around the left side of the square, and the village itself crowds the large canal at its western edge.

A mile to the east a huge mangrove swamp runs to the South China Sea.

This is Vinh Chau, newest sub-sector of the Delta's

newest sector, Bac Lieu, and for the five members of the sub-sector advisory team, Chau is a formidable challenge.

Lying 18 miles north of Bac Lieu, Vinh Chau is the marketing center for the lush ricelands in the district. Viet Cong elements are harassing residents as the rice harvest is at its height.

The team house is a battered, fragment-torn tent located next to the municipal power supply, a wheezing, asthmatic diesel generator of ancient French vintage, which is silenced every night at 11 p.m., then explodes into life at 5 a.m. until daybreak.

As the generator coughs into life, a tall figure stretches

and crawls from beneath the mosquito netting. He stumbles to the stove and puts on the coffee water before dressing, and coffee is ready when the rest of the team arises.

The coffee maker is SFC Alfred A. Stankovich, the team's medic, a tall, heavy man with gentle eyes and strong, capable hands.

At the breakfast table, the team munches corn fritters prepared by MSgt. John Hanko, for 15 years a mess sergeant before switching to the Infantry and now senior enlisted advisor for the team.

A Vietnamese radio operator hands Capt. James K. Wilson, senior advisor, a

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EVERYBODY GETS SHOTS—Supervising the public health program in Vinh Chau is one of the most important jobs the sub-sector team has. During the administration of shots to nearly 200 members of the Chinese school, this little fellow wandered in and demanded to be treated like the big boys. A hamlet health worker, training in the district hospital, accommodated the small Cambodian with a cholera shot and a vaccination furnished by USOM.



CANDY CALL—All children like to have their pictures taken, but Cambodian children are rabid about it. Perhaps 60 percent of the 2,500 residents of Vinh Chau are Cambodians, and a goodly percentage of those mobbed the U.S.

sub-sector team when it arrived to distribute candy before holding sick call. After the candy, the children swarmed around begging to have their picture taken. Heavy emphasis is placed on the health of these youngsters by the sub-sector team.



CLASSROOM TIME—American training aids with the text translated serve this platoon of the 804th Regional Force Company at Vinh Chau.

Despite a long patrol that lasted most of the day, the platoon takes its training in the late afternoon with the U.S. sub-sector team checking the instruction.

Soldier Donates Clothing To Orphans, Receives Wife's Help

Bien Hoa (USA-IO)— The reward, the men of 2nd Battalion, 18th Infantry had worked for, could now be seen on the shining and smiling faces of the orphans. And now the children of Hanoi Orphanage in Bien Hoa are dressed much better, thanks mainly to a husband and wife all Army effort.

It all began after Sp6 David L. Bays, Headquarters Company, visited the orphanage which had previously been adopted by the battalion.

Specialist Bays was more impressed by the need of

clothing for the children than by anything else. For several days he pondered the clothing problem. Then, knowing that people in the United States were sending Christmas cards and letters of support to the men in Vietnam, he decided to write to his wife, who is also in the Army stationed at Fort Riley's Irwin Army Hospital. He asked her to contact her friends and acquaintances to see if she could collect some clothing for the children of the orphanage.

Mrs. Bays set about the task of collecting the clothing. In a matter of a week, the first of several boxes of clothing arrived.

It was a happy day for the children, and also for the men of the 18th, when 1st Lt. James W. Habel and 1st Sgt. John E. Wise arrived at the orphanage to give the children the clothes.

Wise commented. "It's hard for the folks back home to realize how little it takes to make the children over here happy."



CLOTHING— The joy of giving and receiving is reflected on the faces of children of Hanoi Orphanage in Bien Hoa and 1st Lt. James W. Habel and 1st Sgt. John E. Wise who issue clothing from America to the underprivileged youngsters.

▲ Alaska

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realized for all peoples of the earth.

"Nearly two centuries ago the United States of America set freedom's torch burning everywhere in the hearts of men. We have practiced what we then preached.

"We are bound and determined that the God-given right to peaceful pursuit of life, liberty and happiness will be guaranteed for the people of South Vietnam to practice as they please.

"The hearts of Alaskans are with the people of South Vietnam and with all Americans and others there dedicated to the preservation of peace, dignity, freedom and happiness for all men."

Naval Advisory Group Sponsors Christmas For RVN Orphanage

Saigon — Santa Claus delivered foodstuffs, candy, toys and medicine to over 450 Vietnamese children at a Christmas party held at the Thanh Mau Orphanage, four miles northeast of Saigon.

A group of men from the Naval Advisory Group wrote their families and friends in the United States saying that there were 140 orphan children and a refugee camp which shelters 115 families who have no way of celebrating

the Christmas season; please help.

The children's needs were flashed by newspapers, radio and television stations in Virginia, Illinois, Tennessee, and Louisiana

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American Soldier Hit Twice In Legs, Once In Shoulder, Keeps Pushing On

Phu Cuong (USA-IO) — When he was 15 yards from the enemy complex, he was struck twice in the legs by enemy machine gun fire and fell to the ground. In spite of his wounds, he rose to his feet and staggered on towards the bunker, receiving another wound in the shoulder.

This describes the gallantry of Army Sp4 Wayne L. Beck, for which he received the Silver Star Medal, America's third highest award for valor.

Beck, with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry of the 1st Infantry Division, was participating in a search-and-destroy operation in Phu Cuong, recently.

The enemy was holed up in a cleverly camouflaged bunker, fighting desperately against capture. The entire area was heavily mined and booby-trapped with 105mm artillery shells and Claymore mines which could be detonated by the insurgents

inside the bunker.

The largest bunker, the object of Company A's attack, had a small clearing in front of it, giving the enemy excellent vision and fields of fire. The walls of the bunker were exceptionally thick, and the firing apertures were just large enough for the barrel of a weapon to protrude.

The company tried four assaults but could not overcome the enemy position. His unit having suffered heavy casualties, Beck volunteered to try to knock out the bunker with a flamethrower.

Strapping the cumbersome weapon on his back, he advanced under enemy fire. Although wounded three times, he kept pushing on.

Crawling forward, he reached the bunker wall. He thrust the muzzle of the flamethrower into the firing slot, pressed the trigger and fully discharged the weapon into the complex.

Having neutralized the position, he fell back to his own lines. When the bunker was later entered by the mop-up team, the charred remains of 12 Viet Cong bodies were discovered.

'Silent Night Holy Night; We Waited And Watch For VC'

By Sp4 Edward C. Loetia III

Di-An (USA-IO) — A flare, well off in the distance, gave a ghostly illumination of the starkness of the barbed-wire outlining the inner edge of the perimeter. The eyes of the men crouching in their foxholes and bunkers strained against the gloom to catch the slightest movement. Christmas Eve in Vietnam, 1965.

Drifting softly through the air came the strains of an old Christmas carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night." The

words drifted out on the night air to the men who sat waiting—watching for an enemy who might appear at any moment.

In keeping with the spirit of Christmas, Gen. W.C. Westmoreland, COMUSMACV, had directed U.S. Forces in Vietnam not to fire on or at the enemy except in self defense from six o'clock Christmas eve until midnight Christmas day. The men hoped it would remain quiet

for that period, but they had known the Viet Cong too long to completely trust him. So they watched carefully and waited. Christmas Eve in Vietnam, 1965.

Off in the distance, another flare rose in the sky, much as the star which led the three wise men to the infant, Jesus. Those had been troubled times too and yet there was hope, as there is hope now, for something better in the minds of these men.

Christmas Eve in Vietnam, 1965.

Two shadows detached themselves from the background. They moved slowly, cautiously forward. "Halt!" came the command in a harsh whisper, breaking the silence. The password and countersign were exchanged and the two silhouettes moved forward to the edge of a foxhole. It was the company commander and his executive officer.

"How's it going out there?"

"Very quiet sir."

"Good! Keep alert and Merry Christmas to you."

"Merry Christmas to you sir."

The two officers moved away to the next foxhole, much as a shepherd keeping watch over his flock. The ritual was repeated. Christmas Eve in Vietnam, 1965.

"Silent Night." The words

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173rd Airborne Scores In 'Operation New Life'

Vo Dat (USA-10)— Deployed to this rich, rice producing valley, the 173rd Airborne Brigade and attached elements scored heavily against the Viet Cong and initiated a large scale civic action program with unprecedented speed.

"Operation New Life 65" began when the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry made a heliborne assault on the Vo Dat airstrip. The paratroopers rapidly secured the vital facility and minutes later, follow-up elements arrived by Air Force C-130 Hercules transports and Army helicopters.

By sunset, the Vo Dat area was ringing with the sound of

American artillery as the infantry moved into positions for the night.

The infantry cleared and secured the road south from Vo Dat for a distance of 15 kilometers, signalling the start of a multi-battalion road convoy from Bien Hoa to Vo Dat.

Meanwhile, the Vo Dat airstrip, working at full capacity, was receiving resupply missions and other flights at the rate of one landing or take off every six minutes.

Protection of the rice harvest in the Vo Dat area, fifth largest in South Vietnam, is the primary mission of the 173rd in "Operation New Life."

Civic action projects have involved the cooperation of four nations; Australia, Philippines, Korea and the U.S. in food distribution and medical assistance. The Sky

Soldiers have repaired numerous roads and buildings.

The 173rd and the 1st Battalion Royal Australian Regiment seized nearly 100 tons of rice from enemy

caches in the surrounding jungle, along with various weapons, bicycles, and motor vehicles. Several VC sampans were destroyed in local waters.



FLYING HIGH— Airborne assault by helicopter-lifted troops is about to begin as choppers near the landing zone. The 173rd Airborne Brigade and attached units are engaged in protecting the rice harvest on "Operation New Life," in the rice rich Vo Dat valley area.



VIET CONG— A paratrooper of the 173rd Airborne Brigade leads three blindfolded Viet Cong back to the prisoner compound during "Operation New Life."



VITAL FOOD— Enough rice for a Viet Cong regimental banquet is loaded into an armored personnel carrier during "Operation New Life," a multi-nation endeavor to protect the rice harvest of the Vo Dat valley region. The 173rd Airborne Brigade troopers and men from attached units captured nearly 100 tons of rice from the VC in two weeks of operation.



THANKS— A 173rd paratrooper receives thanks for a box of C-rations from an old Vietnamese woman and children. Their village was cleared of Viet Cong by troopers of the 173rd and attached units during "Operation New Life."

Chieu Hoi Programmed To



This is one side of the safe conduct leaflet Viet Cong who rally to the government present to servicemen in the field when they turn themselves in to the Chieu Hoi program.



Quy Chanh undergo political training as part of their rehabilitation program in a Chieu Hoi center.



RVN military official passes out food packages to Chieu Hoi returnees.



Dependents of Quy Chanh are not forgotten at Chieu Hoi centers. Here dependant children receive regular classroom instruction.



Quy Chanh help Vietnamese servicemen.

Saigon— American and allied servicemen in the field and a small, dollar-size piece of paper will be playing an important role in the coming TET (Vietnamese New Year) season.

Millions of leaflets (safe conduct passes) will be showered on Viet Cong insurgents urging them to rally to the cause of the government during TET and to reunite with their families in peace; allied servicemen in the field will be welcoming the returning ralliers and helping them to find their way into the Chieu Hoi (Open Arms) program.

Since its conception in April 1963, the Chieu Hoi program has proven invaluable in decimating the ranks of the Viet Cong. Nearly 27,000 guerrillas rallied to the government's cause by November 1965 through the program. Many of the ralliers

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Reap Ralliers During TET

RVN military help protect their against their former and the rest took place in society in the jungles and fighting freedom. Not only in Viet Cong to also offers him unity to begin a in a civilized rather than die of a hunted in the jungles.

Quy Chanh (a VC who rallies to the) is not to be a prisoner who is in combat. He is a has risked death to forces of peace, to clutches of the, and is to be as such.

Quy Chanh's are with the promise ahead of them, been impressed Cong service t or by threats of inst their families. e PAVN (North regulars) who, with communism, their time until the South to make to freedom.

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and the Viet Cong ranks will remain intact.

According to plans, the Viet Cong defector should be able to turn himself in to any government activity or serviceman in the field by presenting a safe conduct pass leaflet, be treated as a comrade — not as a prisoner — and be delivered to the nearest RVN activity.

The serviceman's delivery of a Quy Chanh to a government activity may be the end of his job, but he will have taken the first steps in unfolding a whole new life for his charge.

The Quy Chanh will always remember the kind serviceman who made it possible for him to enter the Chieu Hoi program which reunited him with his family, provided him new clothes, job training and placement, and gave him a new home in a New Life hamlet.



This is one side of the safe conduct leaflet Viet Cong who rally to the government present to servicemen in the field when they turn themselves in to the Chieu Hoi program.



Seedlings, the beginning of a harvest, are passed out to a Quy Chanh who has been resettled in a New Life hamlet.



Quy Chanh's and their dependents receive medical care at expense of the government.



men construct a Chieu Hoi center.



Quy Chanh's construct new home in a government sponsored New Life hamlet.



SERVICES— Francis Cardinal Spellman holds Christmas services for the men of the famed U.S. 1st Cavalry under the billowing cover of a massive cargo parachute, at the Cav's central highland base. Cardinal Spellman spent Christmas day holding services for Cavalry troopers and Marines, bounding the length of the country by helicopter and plane. (UPI Radiophoto by: Stuart Fox)

Surrounded All Night By Commies 101st Hachetmen Safeguard Rice

Iron Triangle (USA-10)— "I was so scared my whiskers turned gray," said Sgt. Fred Myers, as he told of being surrounded by Viet Cong for an entire night 40 miles northeast of Saigon.

Sergeant Myers and 10 other Screaming Eagle Hachetmen from the 502nd Infantry, 1st Battalion, were left behind by their unit to guard a large rice cache to prevent the VC from reclaiming it during the night.

"We moved into position and set up two claymore mines around the cache and waited. At about 10 p.m. we heard twigs snapping and leaves rustling all around us and we knew that the VC had us surrounded. Our noise discipline was perfect...it had to be, for if the VC knew our exact position, they could have lobbed grenades in on us and it would have been all over.

"The VC were starting to close in on us about 10 p.m. so I detonated the claymores and we opened up with everything we had for 15 seconds then stopped fir-

ing so that they couldn't pinpoint our position. I didn't know how many we got and I wasn't about to go out and find out. Things were quiet for awhile, but before long they started closing in again, and this time I called in artillery fire as close to our position as I dared.

"The enemy was so close to us that the artillery wasn't hurting them so I called in a flare ship which dropped flares illuminating the entire area around us and this kept 'Charlie' from probing us the rest of the night.

"We were all greatly relieved to see the sun come up the next morning and as we were making our way back to our unit, one of the men remarked, 'I sure won't feel bad about collecting my combat pay this month'.

Sergeants Adopt War Orphan, Parents Killed By VC Mortar

Qui Nhon — An 11-year-old Vietnamese orphan boy known only as Tong has been "adopted" by two U.S. Army sergeants of the 1st Logistical Command.

Tong, whose parents were killed in a VC mortar barrage, wandered the beach every day in his ragged clothes in search of food. His main source of livelihood was fishing for shrimp and selling them to the stevedores of the 2nd Transportation Company, 4th Transportation Command.

Army sergeants Antone Delaris and Venus Lee decided to adopt the boy. Each month they contribute for all of Tong's needs: School, food, books and clothing. Sergeant Lee feels "It is our responsibility to help these

RVN Children Play 'Cowboy And Indians' In New Ville

Da Nang— The history books may someday record the area across the road from the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, command post near Da Nang as "a boomtown of the rice-bush era of the war in Vietnam."

Today, the Marines call it the "Ville." The Ville grew out of a huge complex of rice paddies which covered the area several weeks ago. This growing little metropolis grew up in similar fashion to the boomtowns of the gold-rush era in the West.

The architecture of the Ville is distinguished by rows of thatched roofed, bamboo huts with walls of flattened beer cans and C-ration-box cardboard. Housed in the huts are store shops which boast articles such as guitars, model fishing boats and cigarette lighters bearing the inscription "U. S. Marines, Vietnam 1965-66."

The growing boom-town may someday become a tourist attraction with Vietnamese merchants hosting the visitors.

Merchants display their wares to advantage and are eager to point out the excellent features of their products, using pidgin English and sign language.

Old women with wrinkled faces sit beneath crudely lettered advertisements which read, "Washing done neatly in least time."

Children run through the shops wildly yelling and firing cap-guns. "Cops-and-robbers" is one of their favorite games, but "cowboys-and-Indians" is on the rise in popularity

since the arrival of Marines in the area.

The carnival-like atmosphere of the Ville subsides at dusk as merchants pack their wares on small busses and carts and return to their homes. The Ville then becomes a nighttime "ghost town" until dawn.

Leave Family At Schilling AFB While Abroad

Washington, (ANF) — Dependents of military personnel who are serving unaccompanied tours overseas can apply for quarters in one of 735 Capehart units at Schilling Air Force Base, Kansas, under an experimental DOD housing plan.

The units which are not presently needed by the Air Force will be managed and controlled by the Army.

There are no plans for acquiring administrative facilities outside the Capehart area. An administrative office, a branch post exchange, and an out-patient dispensary may be set up in the existing structures.

According to Defense officials, an on-site commissary will not be established but consideration may be given to truck deliveries from the Fort Riley, Kan., commissary.

As in all such housing, occupancy will be based on the forfeiture of the military sponsor's basic allowance for quarters.

The Schilling facilities are under the control of the Family Housing Office at Fort Riley, Kan.

'Glad I'm In Vietnam' Says 1st Log Soldier

Qui Nhon — "Thank heaven, I just turned 18" said Army PFC Danny C. Karren, when he heard of the recent Department of Defense announcement that no 17-year-old serviceman would be allowed to serve in Vietnam.

Karren, a cook for the 1st Logistical Command's 2nd Transportation Company in central Vietnam, had already fought the battle of birthdays when his unit was alerted for overseas movement from

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people, not only in winning the war, but also in providing any number of things they may need."

Today Tong is one of the best dressed schoolboys in Qui Nhon, and he compliments his new "fathers" in the only English words he knows, "You number one soldier."

The sergeants have established a "Tong Fund" and each has agreed to continue their contributions from the States after their tour of duty here to assure Tong will have the necessities of life.

Largest Santa's Sleigh Known—Amphibian Tractor

Da Nang (USMC-IO)—Hundreds of Vietnamese children, who have spent most of their lives on water, got their first glimpse of Santa Claus this year—thanks to the U.S. Marines.

A few miles south of Da Nang, in a bay on the Han River, is anchored a huge sampan fleet. Entire families live aboard the sampans.

One Marine unit wanted the children of this fleet to have a Merry Christmas. The question was—how? The answer—improvise!

For perhaps the first time in history Santa traveled, sleigh and all, via an amphibious tractor. Ten men of the 1st Marine Amphibian Tractor Battalion spent 36 hours getting it ready.

First they painted it all white, then an artist added a personal touch. On both sides of the vehicle, printed in Vietnamese was, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." On top of the tractor was a red sleigh, drawn by four brown plywood reindeer.

Santa Claus, MSgt. Ronald G. Grover, climbed aboard the "Jingle Bell Special," and the five-tractor convoy moved out.

The 45-minute trip to the sampan fleet brought thousands of goggle-eyed Vietnamese out of their homes. Children followed the amtracs to the river's edge.

At the sampan fleet, an interpreter shouted through a loudspeaker, explaining why Santa was there.

Small sampans, some rowed by pre-school-aged children, descended on the "Jingle Bell Special." A solid wall of children and craft practically engulfed Santa's tractor.

Hats, hands and fish nets stretched out to catch the candy, cookies and presents. For more than an hour Santa and his Marine "elves" distributed Christmas gifts.

Santa Claus had brought

joy to hundreds of children, who before didn't know he existed.

Navyman Wages War On VC With Cheer, First Aid

Da Nang (USMC-IO)—Navy Hospitalman Myer B. Lienow of the 2nd Bn., Ninth Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division is waging his own small war against the Viet Cong by bringing cheer and good health to the people of Duong Son 2, a small village near Da Nang.

"Doc" Leinow recently walked to the edge of the battalion perimeter and coaxed some curious village children into a makeshift sick-call tent.

"The first day we couldn't do much," the slender corpsman admitted, "we were trying to get them to trust us."

By playing ball and handing out candy to the children, the corpsman established a friendly atmosphere in the village. His first sick call netted 10 patients.

Now the average attendance at the battalion sick call each morning is 35. With the help of 1st Lt. James F. Smathers, battalion civil affairs officer, "Doc" Leinow has encouraged a number of new patients to enter the first aid program.

Through the civil affairs program, salt and clothing are distributed to the villagers each afternoon in order to increase their confidence.

Leinow hopes in the near future to teach sanitation to the local villages.



CHRISTMAS CRAFT—Marines in Vietnam provided a new mode of transportation this year for Santa Claus. Ten men of the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion spent 36 hours decorating this amphibious landing vehicle. Above the Merry Christmas sign, printed in Vietnamese, is "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." (USMC Photo by SSgt. C. W. Durie)

▲ Everyday Army Life In A Sub-Sector

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the radio operator, flips on his set and checks in with Bac Lieu, informing them that the team will be on a road clearing operation for the entire day.

As dawn breaks, the generator shuts down, and the team moves out, Captain

Marines Stymie Market Analyst

Da Nang (USMC-IO)—A group of U.S. Marines from the 1st Battalion, Third Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, recently chipped in to buy a large coffee-maker. Then, they were confronted with a blank questionnaire to be mailed to the manufacturer.

Some of the questions were routine and answered without difficulty. These included serial number, date of purchase, and city of purchase.

Then came the question "Did you consider another coffee-maker? If yes, please name model and manufacturer." The Marines answered they had considered another model—a C-ration can. The maker was listed as Continental Can Company.

The last blank on the questionnaire asked, "are you interested in buying other electrical appliances? If yes, please name appliance."

1st Lt. Walter H. Herkal, one of the purchasers of the coffee-maker, made a suggestion that was quickly adopted by the other Marines and written into the last blank.

Marketing analysts studying the questionnaire may be surprised to find there is now a market for "electric foxhole diggers" in Vietnam.

Wilson moving with the district chief, Hanko, loaded with a radio, and Lt. Thomas F. Johnson, executive officer, moving with the rear guard of Regional Force troops.

The patrol, made up of two companies of Regional Forces, moves along the road without incident, and at Vinh Phuoc, halfway to Bac Lieu, the command group stops for lunch at a small cafe.

Captain Wilson, Lieutenant Johnson and Hanko, old Vietnamese hands, wade into the food with delight, but Stankovich, in the country for only two weeks, calls for a fork after an abortive attempt at chopsticks, and dubiously approaches several of the menu items.

After lunch, the patrol moves on, and near the hamlet of Me Bien, they come across the place the VC have destroyed the road. Three huge holes have been dug across the narrow road, six or eight feet wide and six feet deep. The excavated dirt has been hauled away.

"That took a lot of patient digging, and it also took a long time to get done," Lieutenant Johnson remarks as they survey the damage. Hanko requests gravel from Bac Lieu to fill the holes, and the patrol moves back to the village.

"Might as well hold a sick call while we're here," Captain Wilson tells Stankovich, and the group moves to a cluster of houses, the Regional Force soldiers going through the village announcing the sick call.

The burly sergeant treats more than a hundred people before the patrol

moves back to Vinh Chau.

Late in the afternoon, the two officers and Hanko check a class in mines and booby traps being given by the commanding officer of the 804th Regional Force Company, with translated U.S. training aids.

Sergeant Stankovich shoulders a heavy medical kit and trudges to the hospital, where the district health worker is holding afternoon sick call, and more than 200 students of the Chinese school are awaiting cholera shots furnished by USOM.

The villagers, mostly Cambodians, wait their turn for examination, and the gentle Stankovich prods and prods and listens to symptoms before prescribing.

"Mostly they have some kind of diet deficiency or respiratory problem," says the medic, swabbing his sweating face with a handkerchief. "As a matter of course, I give them all a few vitamin tablets, no matter what else I give them."

As dusk falls, the team returns to the ragged tent, the generator breaks into its wheezing pounding, the lights come on and Hanko gets supper. The team settles down to read or write letters in the inadequate light.

The Vietnamese radio operator comes in again and hands the captain a message. Wilson reads it and says, "Another operation tomorrow. We're going the other direction this time."

Yawning, the men turn in as the rickety generator shudders to a halt and the lights go out.

A typical day in the Vinh Chau sub-sector has ended.

Capsule Law

—Not Me, I'm Exempt—

(AFNS)—Some members of the services think the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act exempts them from state and local taxes. Actually, it does not exempt them from taxes due their home state (domicile).

The Act merely provides that the state where they are stationed—if it isn't their home state—cannot tax their service pay or their personal property—providing the property is not used in a trade or business.

More complicated rules apply to automobiles. Real estate is always taxable in the state where it is located.

If in doubt about your tax liabilities, check with your legal assistance officer.

- Vietnam News Wrap-Up -

COMUSMACV Named Man Of The Year

The editors of Time magazine have named Gen. W. C. Westmoreland, COMUSMACV, as 1965's Man of the Year.

Time magazine bases its choice on the criteria that the man or woman should have "dominated the news of the year and left an indelible mark—on history."

Joint ROK, ARVN Operation Enters Fifth Day

Operation Jefferson entered its fifth day Wednesday, Jan. 5, with ARVN paratroopers and elements of the 2nd Marine Brigade of the Republic of Korea reported having killed 288 communists thus far.

The operation, working in Phu Yen province, 12 miles south of Tuy Hoa, has been supported by U.S. artillery, air strikes and naval gunfire.

The ROK element encountered heavy resistance Monday, Jan. 3, when trying to dislodge the enemy from well-fortified positions, caves and bunkers. Enemy resistance weakened and the Koreans reported 21 enemy dead during the engagement.

125 Reds Killed On Last Day Of Year

On the last day of 1965, a government multi-battalion operation began in Hau Nghia province 35 miles northwest of Saigon with two significant contacts being made the same day netting 125 communists killed and an additional 63 captured.

On the first day of the new year, the force was joined by units of the U.S. Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade and attached Australian and New Zealand elements.

Light contact was reported on the first day, with the enemy withdrawing and the paratroopers in pursuit. However, the following day, a day-long battle raged with 111 Viet Cong killed, seven captured and 502 suspects detained.

The multi-battalion force also captured rifles, gasoline engine, rice and potatoes while destroying 41 communist dwellings and 20 sampans.

Explosion Rocks Special Forces Lounge

The lounge of the 5th Special Forces Headquarters Compound in Nha Trang was rocked by an explosion New Year's Day injuring five Americans, one seriously, and four Vietnamese employees.

The explosive device was hurled on to the roof of the lounge shortly before midnight leaving a hole two feet in diameter. From the damage caused, a hand grenade was believed used.

Viet Cong Ranks Dwindle

Communist forces suffered the loss of 1,270 men during a reporting period between Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The losses resulted in 897 communists killed with 127 captured and another 246 rallying to the cause of the Republic under the Chieu Hoi program.

Friendly casualties during this period amounted to 337, of which 34 were Americans and 132 captured or missing which included five Americans.

There was an increase of 272 communist initiated incidents over the last reporting period which totaled 861. The highest rate of incidents occurred in the Delta's IV Corps area. I Corps had led the previous week but stands second to the Delta area action this week.

Communists Launch Two Mortar Attacks

The Viet Cong launched two intense mortar attacks, Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, against the Khe Sanh Special Forces Camp, 405 miles north of Saigon, inflicting light casualties on the Civilian Irregular Defense Group defenders.

The first attack came at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, and lasted about two hours, with U. S. Marine F4B jets called in to hammer the enemy positions.

The second attack lasted 10 minutes while the enemy fired 25 rounds into the camp. Several buildings were destroyed including the U. S. Special Forces barracks.

- World News Summary -

Transit Strike Ties Up Nation's Largest City

The New York City subway and bus strike went unsettled Monday, Jan. 3, as a State Supreme Court order went out for the jailing of Michael R. Quill and other transport workers calling the strike.

Quill, Transit Workers Union president, and other transit workers were ordered jailed on the charge of civil contempt.

The Nation's largest city had empty subways as mile-long bumper-to-bumper bottlenecks led into such Manhattan exits as the Brooklyn Bridge, the George Washington Bridge to New Jersey, the Triborough Bridge and the tunnels under the Hudson and East rivers.

An estimated \$40 million was lost in trade by the retail establishments alone, Monday, while an estimated 2.5 million people stayed home from jobs, schools, shopping and other normal activities.

Armed Forces Build-Up Nears Half-Way Mark

The United States armed forces have almost reached the half-way mark in their drive to add an additional 340,000 men to the ranks of normal troop strength.

To date, the increase numbers 159,000 men with 181,000 more needed to reach the projected number of 2.98 million men in uniform by September.

The Navy and Marines are close to having filled their quota while the Air Force trails third and the Army last. Latest figures show the Navy is 5,000 men short of its mark although it might face a problem this month when the involuntary extension of enlistments runs out.

Five Injured In U. S. Army Truck Bombing

Five persons were injured late Saturday night, Jan. 1, when a terrorist hurled a bomb into a U.S. Army truck in Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic.

A national police spokesman said the blast injured troops and civilians alike, but the injured were taken to a hospital before the police arrived, making it difficult to pin down the exact count.

The spokesman said the bomb was apparently thrown onto the truck from a passing car. The bombing and other terrorist activities appear to back up reports that communists are launching a terrorist campaign against U.S. troops in the Caribbean island republic.

Red China Breaks Rice-For-Sugar Pact With Cuba

Communist China has broken its rice-for-sugar agreement with Cuba, said Prime Minister Fidel Castro, in that it would neither send Cuba rice this year nor buy Cuban sugar.

This could have severe consequences on the country's economy when combined with its failure to meet the sugar-growing quota which Castro admitted will also happen this year.

Castro stated that he was confident the "temporary setbacks" in agricultural production and lack of imports would not affect the "revolutionary ardor" of the Cuban people.

The agreement with China meant Cuba would return two tons of sugar for every ton of rice China sent. "I thought this was a long-term proposition," said Castro, "but the other party did not understand it thus."

Khan, Shastri Meet In Russia For Talks

Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin was on hand Monday, Jan. 3, to greet Pakistan President Mohammad Ayub Khan and Indian Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on their arrival to the central Asian city of Tashkent in Russia.

Kosygin is acting the part of peacemaker between India and Pakistan, attempting to smooth over the differences which brought about the Kashmir conflict.

The United States State Department expressed hope that the Soviet-monitored talks would improve relations between the two countries, but expectation is slim that a final settlement emerge.

Holiday Traffic Deaths Climb Toward New High

Traffic deaths during the New Year's weekend climbed toward a new high as traffic fatalities approached the 400 mark.

The death rate was running 15 per cent higher than at the same time last year, observed a National Safety Council spokesman.

"The one bright spot in the picture," he said, "is that it's about 65 deaths below the Christmas rate."

Chopper Avionics Repair Can Be A Problem In RVN

Chu Lai (USMC-10)— Being an avionics man in Vietnam is like having a dozen wives; every time a man turns around there's trouble.

Avionics is the jet-age term for electrical-electronics combined into one trade, tailored specifically for aviation. Like many other specialty shops, without the avionics crew planes wouldn't fly, as the 18 men in Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron -364's shop will readily tell you. With little or no prompting, they'll also point out that:

When it rains excessively, circuits corrode and short out.

When it's too dry, dust clogs electronic and electrical systems also causing failure.

At Ky Ha, home of the 364th, it's either raining excessively or dust is swirling constantly.

But Cpl. David E. Wilson claims that's why avionics men are specialists. They're trained to whip nature as

well as complex systems.

Under ideal conditions, it may take days to track circuit trouble in order to perform a 15-minute repair job. But when most of the investigation must be done at night, with red-lensed flashlights because of Viet Cong snipers, it might take an hour longer.

Excuses aren't Cpl. Wilson's trademark, repaired helicopters are. So during the six hours a day when he and other avionics NCOs are relatively free, they hold briefings to acquaint junior men with past problems and the solutions that were applied.

The avionics shop can save time through the symposiums. And time saved means helicopters flying.



COCKPIT CHECK— Cpl. David E. Wilson checks one of the hundreds of helicopter electrical-electronic instruments he and 17 other men in Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364 avionics shop must keep in order. (Photo by PFC D. E. Marsh, USMC)

▲ Washington

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NEW GAS MASK permits wearer to drink and administer artificial respiration in a toxic chemical environment. Accessories permit wearer to drink from canteen through a tube and administer a variation of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

ATTACK CARRIER INDEPENDENCE and embarked Air Wing Seven have been awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for meritorious service in Southeast Asia. Independence, first Atlantic Fleet carrier to deploy to South China Sea, launched more than 7,000 combat sorties.

FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE submarine USS Lewis and Clark (SSBN-644) commissioned Dec. 22 at Newport News, Va, is capable of firing Polaris A-3 missiles and is 33rd submarine of its type.

SOME 80,000 ENLISTED personnel attained a high school education or the equivalent during FY65. Officer commissions were earned by 16,935 college graduates during the same period through Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs.

▲ Naval Advisory Group

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to the American people. Presents arrived from all over the United States including department stores in Massachusetts, and Texas.

The Vietnamese orphanage and refugee camp are run by Father Lucien Olivier, a Catholic Redemptorist Priest from Quebec, Canada. His staff of workers includes two lay-nuns from Quebec, five

Armed Forces TV Stations To Be Installed In Vietnam

The U.S. Government and the Government of the Republic of Vietnam have concluded an agreement which will allow the U.S. Department of Defense to install eight armed forces television stations to provide information, education and entertainment to U.S. military installations near Saigon, Can Tho, Da Nang, Nha

▲ 1st Log Soldier

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Hawaii, he was told he could transfer to another company because he was then only 17.

Karren said he didn't intend to make a speech about it, but "let me go on record as saying I'm proud of this Army uniform and proud of my unit. The last thing I want to do is leave Vietnam before I finish my full year over here."

His unit, a part of the 4th Transportation Command, has the job of ramrodding supplies to combat units in the jungle and mountain sector of the Vietnamese battlefront.

Trang, Qui Nhon, Pleiku, Ban Me Thuot and Quang Ngai.

Concurrently the RVN Government is establishing its own television system for telecasting to the Vietnamese people. The U.S. Government will provide initial technical assistance to help expedite the development of television in Vietnam.

The first armed forces telecast will begin in Saigon late this month, using an airborne television station transmitting one hour of Vietnam-

ese and three hours of English for the Allied troops.

The airborne station will include live camera facilities, video tape, and sixteen millimeter film.

Television sets for the Vietnamese people and military units will be provided through United States aid funds with an initial shipment of one thousand 23-inch television sets due to arrive soon. The sets will be set up in public assembly areas such as town squares, meeting halls and barracks.

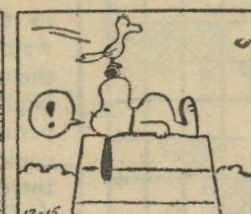
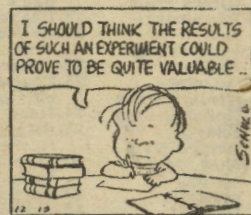
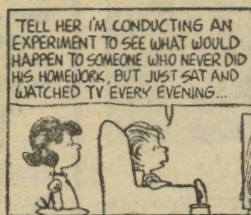
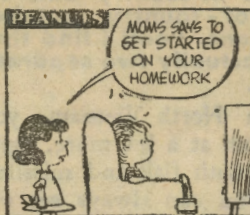
Television sets for American units and personnel will be sold through the exchange facilities.

Armed Forces Radio and Television Service will handle the programming for the American channel which will consist of such shows as Bonanza, Gunsmoke, Beverly Hillbillies and many other top stateside programs.

Television stations for the other seven areas in the Republic will be in mobile vans and are expected to be operational during 1967.

PEANUTS

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



Observer Photo Of Week



THE QUIET ONE— "Chi" is a very subdued girl of four. She stays in a refugee village with her mother, brother, and two sisters. The family lost its means of support when Chi's father, a Vietnamese soldier, was killed in a fight with the Viet Cong in 1964. (Official U.S. Navy photograph by W. J. Leitch, PHC, USN)

Helicopter Downed In Viet Cong Territory; Skyraiders Fly Cover

Phan Rang (USA-IO) — "I couldn't see any bullet-holes," recalled Sp4 Orville L. Stover, crew chief of an Army UH-1B helicopter.

Engine failure of an armed helicopter of the 48th Aviation Company which supports the 101st Airborne Division, resulted in an emergency landing in Viet Cong territory.

The 'copter piloted by Maj. Ralph W. Broman was transporting four passengers from the Screaming Eagles' base camp at Phan Rang to the Dong Ba Thin airstrip 30 miles south of Nha Trang.

According to the co-pilot, CWO Wayne F. Geer, "We

were 1,800 feet over the rocky coastline when... I experienced my first flame-out in a Huey."

Lacking sufficient altitude for an aerial re-start, Major Broman autorotated the helicopter towards

the only level area for miles—a Viet Cong controlled marshland. After landing, the major dispatched the passengers into security positions around the helicopter.

Specialist Stover then began a systematic check of the engine saying that he couldn't find any bullet holes or obvious malfunctions but marvelled "there we were in the swamp with 'Charlie' all around us."

After conferring with Stover, Major Broman attempted to start the turbo-jet engine, but to no avail.

Radio contact was established with an Air Force transport which relayed the distress message to Cam Ranh Bay, while CWO Geer and the four passengers returned to the airbase in the Air Force Kaman "Huskie" helicopter. Reunited at the airfield, the passengers and crew from both branches of service congratulated each other on their harrowing rescue.

U.S. Air Force Phantom Crews 'Watch For Telephone Poles'

Cam Ranh Bay (USAF-IO) — "The pilot rolled the Phantom on it's back and I was looking down on North Vietnamese real estate.

"There were so many muzzle flashes from flak guns that it looked like a giant pin ball machine. Next thing I knew, I was shouting 'We're in the flak' in a voice several octaves higher than I usually use, and the gray puffs of the flak were all around us. We dropped our bomb load and skinned out of there fast!"

This is Air Force Capt. Eugene A. Berger Jr. describing one of his combat missions over Communist North Vietnam.

Captain Berger, is pilot, weapons systems operator and navigator on the F-4C Phantom jet with the 43rd Tactical Fighter Squadron here.

"I've had the opportunity to fly over both North and South Vietnam," says the veteran of 13 in-country and 14 out-of-country combat missions, "and I find that it is actually two separate wars."

"In North Vietnam, you get shot at a lot more, especially with flak and missiles, but you can always see the results of hitting a military target. In the South, you don't receive as much ground fire except for automatic

weapons, but you can't always see the results of your work."

"This is the system," he says, "and of course, we abide by it. And naturally, when you have a flight of four Phantoms carrying two men, you have eight sets of trained eyes looking for various things, such as missiles."

"Other pilots have told me that you can actually see missiles as they lift off, and that they look like telephone poles. As a matter of fact, at briefings, that's the way they refer to them. 'Watch out for the telephone poles!'"

Captain Berger also discussed the capabilities of the Phantom.

"It carries more of a bomb load than a B-17 did in World War II," he says, "and because most of our in-country targets are not far away, we can carry more bombs and make multiple passes over the target. You don't do this in North Vietnam. You hit the target once and get out quickly."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1-Indonesian tribesman
- 4-2nd President
- 9-Unusual
- 12-Ordinance
- 13-Citrus fruit
- 14-Remuneration
- 15-Province in India
- 17-Quarrel
- 19-Arrow poison
- 21-Enlisted man (slang)
- 22-Bridge term
- 25-New Deal agency (init.)
- 27-Unit of weight in India
- 31-Illuminated
- 32-Runs away in panic
- 34-Preposition
- 35-Old French coin
- 36-Distress signal
- 37-Near
- 38-Make merry
- 41-Hall!
- 42-Paradise
- 43-Before
- 44-Dock
- 45-Compass point
- 47-Group of three
- 49-Ball
- 53-Speckled
- 57-Cravat
- 58-Pick out
- 60-Reverence
- 61-Longing for
- 62-Shuts noisily
- 63-Males

DOWN

- 1-High mountain
- 2-Greek letter
- 3-Beard of grain
- 4-Wolfhound
- 5-Certificate issued as evidence of debt
- 6-Part of "to be"

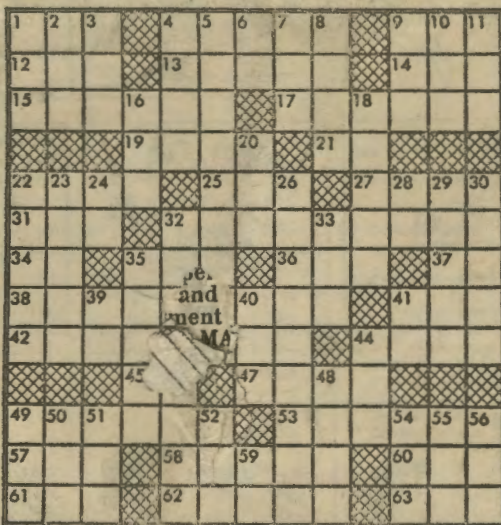
7-Witty saying

- 8-Compact
- 9-Harvest goddess
- 10-Pigeon pea
- 11-Change color of
- 16-Man's nickname
- 18-Locations
- 20-Period of time
- 22-Silver
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and melody seemed to ring in the minds of the men watching and waiting. For them, it would be a "Silent Night." Elsewhere on the perimeter Viet Cong activity could be heard, but here there was just the sounds of a Christmas carol and the chirping of the crickets. "Silent Night, Holy Night." Christmas Eve, 1965, on a section of the outer perimeter of the 1st Infantry Division base camp at Di An, South Vietnam.

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