



RIVER PATROL—Lt. Col. Robert J. Huddleston, left, and his Vietnamese counterpart, Col. Hoang Gia Cau, prepare to go ashore from a Dong Nai River patrol boat while another craft speeds off to check river traffic for enemy activity. Colonel Huddleston is senior American advisor to the Dong Nai Sensitive Area and Col. Cau is the commander of the area. (USA Photo)

U.S. Air Force Controllers Save Vietnamese Aircraft

Da Nang (USAF)—Controllers assigned to the Air Force Radar Approach Control center at the Da Nang Air Base recently brought a flight of five Vietnamese A-1H Skyraiders in for a safe landing.

The Skyraider pilots, returning to Da Nang after a strike mission, were flying in formation when they encountered heavy rain storms.

Breaking formation to minimize the danger of a mid-air collision, they separated to various altitudes and moved off in different directions.

After being notified by the local ground control approach of the emergency, controllers on duty in the Radar Approach Control (RAPCON) center were asked to guide the pilots to Da Nang.

During the recovery, the

RAPCON crew was able to align two of the aircraft in formation. However, four miles from touchdown, the wing aircraft lost sight of the leader and both broke off the approach. One turned toward the mountains west of the field.

Using slow and precise terminology to alleviate the language problem, the controllers succeeded in realigning the aircraft for a second time and brought the pilots down within a few minutes.

Shortly thereafter, the remaining three Skyraiders touched down.

RVN Air Force Commends USAF

Bien Hoa (USAF)—Strike pilots of the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing have been credited by a South Vietnamese Army unit with killing 450 Viet Cong troops in two ground actions.

The most successful of the two operations, conducted by the Vietnamese 21st Infantry Division, was in an area 25 miles southwest of Can Tho.

Elements of the 21st Inf. Div. had trapped a large enemy force in a river bed. They called in air strikes on the area.

For 19 hours, strike pilots, flying F-100 Supersabres, pounded the encircled enemy force. When the infantry troops advanced they counted 250 enemy dead.

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Dong Nai Advisory Team Heads Bien Hoa Defense

By Sp4 Dan Shafer

Bien Hoa (USA)—The water churns up in an undulating wake behind the little craft as it makes its way down the Dong Nai River near Bien Hoa.

As the river patrol boat reaches shore, an American Army advisor and his Vietnamese counterpart disembark to meet with local officials and military leaders. Meanwhile, the Vietnamese Navy men aboard the craft check out river traffic up and down the main artery of Vietnam's vital river system.

The American officer is Lt. Col. Robert J. Huddleston, senior American advisor to the Dong Nai Sensitive Area; his counterpart is the commander of this zone, Col. Hoang Gia Cau.

The main mission of the 17-man advisory team headed by Colonel Huddleston is the defense of the sprawling Bien Hoa Air Base against mortar, artillery or ground attack. But the job is bigger than it sounds.

In order to protect an air base against the kind of attacks the Viet Cong use, it is necessary to keep the entire area surrounding

the base within attacking distance patrolled, cleared and secure. It is with this vast and vital mission that the Dong Nai Sensitive Area advisors are charged.

To accomplish this task,

Coast Guard Unit Attached To Army

Saigon (USA)—Two Coast Guard teams, specially trained in handling explosives, have been attached to the 1st Logistical Command to supervise the safe unloading of ammunition ships in Saigon River waters.

The seven-man teams are assigned to the 4th Transportation Command in the Vung Tau and Nha Be areas.

They will oversee the off-loading of ammunition from incoming ships to barges and lighters, insuring safety in the handling of mixed ammunition storage.

the advisory team has advisors with each of the two Regional Force battalions in the area, six men working with the Fire Support, Coordination Center and liaison men from the air base and the 173rd Airborne Brigade.

In addition to constant river patrols, combat operations and ambushes are used to control Viet Cong movement and activity in the area.

One of the most effective ways to curb enemy activity is to gain the confidence of the people and one of the best methods for doing this is by providing medical care. A Medcap team is bringing medical attention where none has ever been available.

'Viet Cong' Attack Marine Position

Hue/Phu Bai (USMC)—G Company 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, had set up its night perimeter on Hill 35, four miles west of here on the first night of Operation Reno.

There was a full moon. The land was fairly open. A good night for watch, most of the riflemen thought. They also thought about reports that a large number of Viet Cong had crossed the demilitarized zone and were moving toward them.

Then, shuffling sounds of many feet coming down a trail brought tension into the area. Machine guns and M-14 rifles were brought to the ready, pointing toward the trail.

Large shadowy figures loomed in sight, and the marines strained their eyes to see more clearly.

A laugh cut the tension and good-natured kidding floated through the still night air.

The intruders infiltrated right on through the marine positions unmolested—a herd of cows and their calves.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, advisors from Trang Bang and ARVN Civic Action team members question a Vietnamese villager on Viet Cong movements in the area. (USA Photo)

EDITORIAL

Write Right Now!

'I know that when my country calls I must go. For each time the aggressor stalks the weak, and goes unchallenged, the hobnailed boot of oppression treads one step closer to me and mine.'

Technical Sergeant Gerard R. Eder, USAF, wrote the above lines. They were included in his 500-word letter, "I Am An American," to Freedoms Foundation last year. He collected \$1,000 for his winning letter.

And now it's time for the 1966 Freedoms Foundation Letter Awards Program. The official "kickoff" was July 1, 1966.

As service people on active duty, YOU are in-



cluded in this program, YOU TOO can win a cash prize and a trip to Valley Forge, Pa.

Here are the simple rules. The subject this year is: "Defending Freedom Safeguards America." Write or type no more than 500 words on this subject using only one side of the paper. Be sure to print or type your name, rank, military address and home address. Mail entries to Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa., 19481. The deadline is Nov. 1, 1966.

The top award is \$1,000. There are 50 awards of \$100, 50 more of \$50. Runners-up will receive the George Washington Honor Medal or Honor Certificate.

What is the Freedoms Foundation? Basically, it is an independent, nonprofit organization not affiliated with any sectarian religious group or political party, dedicated to creating and building and understanding of the spirit and philosophy of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights... (AFNB)

Questions & Answers**The War In Vietnam**

Each week the Observer will print questions and answers from recent reports of the JUSPAO Field Representatives. The answers are based primarily on American and Vietnamese policy. (Editor)

QUESTION: How can you Americans expect to win the war when the Vietnamese government does not have the will or the perseverance or the capability to fight the communist forces directed by Hanoi? The Saigon government cannot be compared in any way with the Hanoi regime in this respect. The expansion of American troops will not win the war when the GVN does not seem to shoulder the major responsibility.

ANSWER: There is no question that the Vietnamese government is shouldering the major burden in the war against communist aggression. It has been fighting the Japanese, French and Viet Cong for more than 20 years. Thousands of Vietnamese soldiers have died in the defense of their country.

The expansion of U.S. troops in South Vietnam is not to substitute U.S. effort for Vietnamese effort in the war. President Johnson has clearly underlined the guiding principle of U.S. aid to the Republic of Vietnam as "we are there to help the people and their government to help themselves. We are not there to substitute our effort for theirs, but to supplement their own brave, gallant and continuing effort of defending themselves. Our determination is built on their determination. The U.S. would never undertake the sacrifice of these efforts required if its help were not wanted and requested."

Legal Advice Available For All Servicemen

SECOND IN A SERIES

CAVEAT

In order to protect your interests in your day to day business matters, there is a certain amount of care that should be taken. Never lose sight of the fact that in your business dealings you have to look out for yourself, so do not trust the other guy too much.

Before signing any contract, be sure that you read the entire contract, especially the fine print and that you understand what it says. Especially, "beware" of contracts for the purchase of foreign-made automobiles for state-side delivery.

Keep your eye on the salesman or dealer for he may promise you just about anything in order to close the deal. He is looking out for himself as he expects to make a fee when the deal is closed. Regardless of what the salesman or dealer tells you, there is a customs duty that you will pay when you

have a foreign-made automobile that you have not seen sent to the United States.

In order to avoid any possible grief, let your legal assistance officer look over the contract and he will tell you all about it. However, so that he may be able to help you and give you the best possible advice, bring all the papers on the deal.

When you talk to the legal assistance officer, tell him the whole story, whether you think it is favorable to you or not. Your failure to tell

him what you think is not important may well affect the advice you receive.

Get to know your legal assistance officer, and you will find that he is always ready, willing, and able to assist you whenever the need arises. It is far easier to keep you out of trouble than to get you out after you are in. Keep in mind that anything you tell an attorney will always be fully safeguarded and protected by virtue of the attorney-client relationship.

Next week: Service in Vietnam.

Non-Chargeable Leave Policy Would Attract Careerists

Washington (AFNB) — The proposed non-chargeable 30-day leave program "would attract a number of extremely valuable volunteers," according to Deputy Secretary of Defense Cyrus R. Vance.

In a letter to Speaker of the House of Representatives John W. McCormack, Secretary Vance noted that sense of purpose, patriotism and dedicated interest of many career personnel indicates that such a program for voluntary extension of tours or for reenlistment or extension of obligated service would be attractive.

However, the secretary said, "It is considered that equity and acceptability require that such a program include at least a

temporary break in the rigorous duty and an opportunity to relax at home or in a selected location."

The proposed legislation is intended to provide such consideration in recognition of the added obligation accepted by participants.

Although the proposed authorization is immediately intended for personnel in Vietnam, the legislation would be permanent and applicable to any areas in which hostile fire pay is authorized in the future.

Support From Home

(Editor's Note— Gen. W. C. Westmoreland receives, daily, hundreds of letters, scrolls, petitions, etc., from the citizens of the United States from every corner of the U.S., backing the U.S. policy in Vietnam. Since it would be impossible to print all the names of individuals and organizations in THE OBSERVER, we will pick at random several and print them in one column periodically.)

DECLARATION

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State of New Hampshire
28,764 Signatures

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Miami, Florida

BLOOD DRIVE

Students of Western Washington State College
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DECLARATION

The American Legion Texas Boys' State
Austin, Texas
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SCRAPBOOK

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ROUNDUP — Special Forces SSgt. John F. Barr, the local purchaser, watches as the cattle he is purchasing are weighed.



FORK LIFT — Special Forces trooper loads a truck with supplies. The truck has roller beds mounted on it, making it easier to load the aircraft quickly.



PACKING — Vietnamese employees tighten the safety straps on a LOLEX load that will be delivered to an A camp.

'Green Berets,' Aussies Team To Supply Camps

Da Nang—Thirteen Green Berets and three Australian air delivery specialists at the 5th Special Forces Group in Da Nang work as a team to resupply 10 A camps in the I Corps area.

These men, working under Capt. David C. Davenport, logistics officer, put in long, laboring hours to put out an average of 40,000 to 60,000 pounds of supplies daily. Each month more than 1.5 million pounds of cargo reach the A camps as a result of their efforts.

The A camps are located in remote and somewhat inaccessible spots in I Corps and must be supplied by air. The aircraft utilized are C-123s, CV-2 Caribous, helicopters, Marine C-130s and light, fixed-wing aircraft. The Caribou is most widely used because of its ability to land on very short and rough strips.

The Australians match the loads with the type of aircraft needed to haul them and also supervise the loading of the aircraft. The Special Forces workers prepare the loads and rig the air drops.

One of the most-used methods of dropping supplies during the monsoon season is the Low Level Extraction (LOLEX.) Vietnamese workers stack supplies on a rig that looks like an old bobsled. When the goods are packed, they fasten safety straps

around the load.

After it is loaded aboard the plane, Special Forces riggers attach a drag chute to the load and then rig it to a small catapult at the rear of the plane. When a release button is pushed, the chute is thrown clear of the aircraft.

Supplies are brought into Da Nang by either airlift or LST. The in-country supplies come from the Special Forces Logistical Support Center (LSC) in Nha Trang and the rest from Okinawa.

Supplies that cannot be obtained through normal military supply channels are purchased from local merchants. Most of these locally procured supplies, such as livestock and native vegetables, are supplied to the Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) workers for the Special Forces.

The A camps are kept supplied with a 30-day operating level and a 15-day safety level. Emergency requests are filled promptly, within hours, depending on the availability of aircraft and weather conditions. The only supplies that are normally delivered on an emergency basis are ammunition, weapons, medical supplies, and replacement communication equipment.

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DRAG CHUTE — Special Forces riggers fasten a drag chute for a Low Level Extraction.

Tank Destroys 'Enemy' APC In 'On The Job' Training

Di An (USA) — The night was dark and the tank crew was tense as Sgt. William Ovitt peered cautiously out of the commander's cupola.

Inside, the others waited. The gunner sat in the very bowels of the tank with his eyes fixed to the sight reticle. His hands were tight on the gun tube traverse and elevating mechanism.

The loader leaned casually against the rack of assorted 90mm rounds that were ready for use, and the driver sat quietly in his seat, his eyes scanning the darkness.

Suddenly the blackness was shattered by the light from a mortar flare and there it was: the black outline of an armored personnel carrier.

Ovitt's voice pierced the silence. "Gunner, APC, high explosive, one round, fire!"

The gunner swung the deadly tube onto the target and placed the crosshairs of his sight in the center of the target. "Identified" came his sharp reply.

The loader heaved the high explosive round out of the rack and, in one smooth motion, swung it into the chamber and slammed the breech shut.

"Up! On the way!"

With an earth-shaking roar and a blinding blast, the projectile shot towards its target.

"Cease fire, target destroyed", came the tank commander's order and the crew readied themselves for another fire mission.

What has appeared to be the engagement of a tank with an enemy APC was actually part of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry's unique program for tank refitting and gunnery review.

The program is divided into three sections or phases, each lasting for nine days.

In the first two phases, maintenance and cleaning of the vehicle is stressed.

The final part of the program, the tank gunnery review, is the most interesting according to the crews.

One important part of the program is the firing of the main gun, both in daytime and at night under mortar and searchlight illumination. The hulls of tanks and APCs used for targets are set up outside the Phu Loi perimeter.

Before each firing a psychological warfare team flies over the surrounding villages and broadcasts the coming events. Leaflets are dropped so tankers can be sure that their range will be cleared for firing.

Marines Rescue Family From Viet Cong Camp

CHU LAI, (USMC) — Marines from E Co., 2nd Battalion 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, liberated three Vietnamese civilians from a Viet Cong prison camp on the final day of Operation Apache.

The camp is located approximately 20 miles northwest of here near the village of Phu Duc.

The three Vietnamese, a man, his wife and their son, had been taken from their home 60 kilometers north of the camp. The woman and youngster had been brought in a week ago.

The three were interrogated because the VC believed they had too much money when they tried to buy a water buffalo.

The POW camp was built in a thick forest on the side of a medium-sized hill. Well camouflaged, it was not visible from the air. All structures were permanent and new ones were going up.

More than three tons of rice was also discovered and destroyed.

The entire area was underlaid by a network of tunnels large enough for a man to walk or run through standing up. The hill was well fortified by semi-hidden gun positions and sniper roosts. The entire complex was burned.

A young girl from a small farming village not more than 50 meters away led the mar-

ines to the camp after the Leathernecks had searched the other end of the valley to no avail.

Monster Sea Crane Arrives At Cam Ranh

Cam Ranh Bay (USA) — The largest floating crane in Vietnam, capable of lifting more than 178,000 pounds, is being operated by the 1st Logistical Command to unload deep-draught vessels at the Cam Ranh Bay harbor.

The 100-ton crane, newly arrived after floating 14,000 miles from Charleston, S.C., is mounted on a 140-foot barge and is used to unload equipment too heavy for the ship's crane system. The crane is towed around the harbor by a tug and has a 73-foot-high boom which enables it to reach across a ship deck and unload the far side.

Operating the crane is the 276th Transportation Detachment of the 10th Transportation Battalion. Its 12-man crew, trained at Fort Eustis, Va., works around the clock unloading cargo for Free World Forces in the II Corps Area.



OPERATION—Capt. William H. Mitchell, surgeon with the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry, assured Nquine Long that when the bandages are taken off he will have full use of his left hand. The Army doctor had operated on Long's hand which had been burned when he was an infant.

Successful Skin Graft Gives Boy Use Of Hand

Tuy Hoa (USA) — In a small operating room of Tuy Hoa Province Hospital an 11-year old boy was given his first chance at being one of the boys. For the first time in his young life he had complete use of his left hand.

Nquine Long was burned when he was just a baby. His left hand could be moved but that was all, he had no control of it.

Capt. William H. Mitchell, an Army doctor, saw the boy and his compassion and professional "know how" did the rest.

Captain Mitchell was attached to the 2nd Battalion 327th Infantry of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division when he first saw the boy.

The 27-year old doctor, who specializes in skin

grafting, approached the boy's father for permission to operate. "I was convinced I could help the boy," Mitchell said.

At first, the boy's father was apprehensive, but after a detailed explanation of the operation, he consented to let the doctor operate.

Nquine now has at least 90 per cent use of his hand and it's not completely healed. "I believe the operation was a complete success," said Captain Mitchell not long after the operation.



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Driver Of Runaway Truck Saves Valuable Cargo

Qui Nhon (USA) — A quick-thinking truck driver is credited with saving his own life and the U.S. Army some \$180,000 by intentionally crashing his runaway vehicle into the side of a mountain 18 miles west of Qui Nhon.

Sp4. Gordon A. Taggett of the 149th Ordnance Company was transporting a self-propelled eight-inch howitzer from An Khe to his unit which is part of the 1st Logistical Command.

He had reached the top of An Khe Pass and started down the steep, snaking grade and into a hairpin turn when his air brakes quit responding.

Starting into the curve, he could see only one vehicle coming up the pass. He

grasped the wheel, fighting to control the weight of the tractor, trailer and load. He hit the oncoming vehicle a glancing blow which momentarily caused him to lose control.

Meanwhile he searched for a place to skid the brakeless truck against a bank. He found the spot and slammed all 68 tons into the hillside on the right of the road.

Taggett and his assistant driver climbed un-

scathed from the totally wrecked tractor. They walked about 75 feet ahead and discovered a 200-foot drop. "Just 75 more feet," breathed the driver to his companion, "and then—oblivion."

When the two walked back to the wreckage they found that only the tractor was damaged. The soldier's cool nerve and driving had saved the trailer and the gun. The howitzer is valued at \$160,000, while the trailer is worth \$18,500.

Advisors Are 'Neighborhood Good Guys'

Duc Ton (IV Corps IO)—

At a point where the Sa Dec and Mekong Rivers meet just west of Vinh Long in South Vietnam's great Delta, a team of U.S. Army advisors make their headquarters at a little place called Duc Ton. A company of Vietnamese Regional Forces soldiers and their families are quartered here, as well as an ARVN artillery platoon.

The U.S. advisors, Capt. Albert Siner, Capt. James Hall, Sgt. Ronald Schick, Sgt. Manuel Fuentes, and Sp4 Lynn Rogers, act not only as soldiers and military advisors, but medical, economic, construction and civic action advisors as well.

Of the more than 43,000 people in this sub-sector, many thousands are war refugees. Providing a home and a living for them is a big job, and is handled with the help of the American team and its Vietnamese counterparts.

There are six elementary schools in the area, all of which have been either built or remodeled with the help of the American advisors.

The four churches and 18 temples have also felt the helping hand of the Americans through upkeep and maintenance.

The area is criss-crossed with a network of canals and small rivers, and traffic is a problem. With the help of the American team, the people have built numerous concrete foot bridges in the area.

The Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP) is providing Vietnamese doctors and medical men with knowledge and supplies with which to combat illness and disease among the people in the hamlets and along the waterways. MEDCAP teams, using a U.S. Army corpsman, make regular trips into the villages where they care for the sick and introduce sanitation and the use of medicines.

The Vietnamese Popular Forces troops in the area are full-time soldiers and many of them have a difficult time providing for their families. Their job is to man the 10 military outposts and two watchtowers protecting their own homes.

These Americans are the "neighborhood good guys," helping with everything from a band-aid for a little boy's cut finger to building bridges and schools.



CONFAB — Capt. Albert Siner confers with his Vietnamese interpreter in the Duc Ton sub-sector. Siner is the senior RF-PF advisor for the area. He and his team aid the Vietnamese in the areas of medical aid, military situations, psy war and the motivation indoctrination program.



TRICKY BUSINESS — SP4 Lynn Rogers walks across a newly completed Vietnamese monkey bridge. Although fairly crude, bridges of this nature play an important role among the waterways of the Delta.

Photos By Sp4 Jerry Wabschall, USA



CHOW TIME — When it's chow time for the RF-PF advisors in the Duc Ton sub-sector, they consume the same food as their Vietnamese counterparts. Although chopsticks are normally used, Sp4 Lynn Rogers uses a cradle-type spoon while eating Vietnamese soup.



PITCHES IN — In a sub-sector everyone pitches in. SSgt. Ronald Schick puts his duties as medical advisor aside many times during a day to accomplish other necessary tasks that face the RF-PF advisors in the field. Here he unloads a sampan in an area where a river is the main route of supply.



Vietnamese boy holds a baby as troops pass through village

'Beware The 3

Ca Mau — "Coi Chung Cop Ba Mong!"— Beware of the three-legged tiger is an old Vietnamese legend. For a tiger, when wounded, is the most ferocious and deadly beast in the jungle.

Eighty Viet Cong challenged the truthfulness of the legend recently in a rice paddy near this

Delta village. They paid for their doubt dearly, after being stalked, clawed, mauled and finally killed by the men of the Vietnamese Army's 42nd Ranger Battalion, the three-legged tigers from the village of Bac Lieu in Vietnam's war-torn IV Corps.

Operation Dan Chi

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Two airstri hours later 8 bodies la throughout stained jungl



Capt. B.D. Patrick talks to liaison plane by radio carried



Maj. Luu-Trong-Kiet, holding map, talks with American advisor Capt. Burton D. Patrick, to coordinate air strikes



Vietnamese Rangers hit the ground with their choppers

3-Legged Tiger'

s Will") began when more than 100 helicopters airlifted 100 Ranger battalions from the skirts of the inner Minh Forest. strikes and nine er, 80 Viet Cong lay scattered at the blood-ungle. It had

been the "People's Will".

On that day, as in the past, the 42nd Ranger Battalion, the fighting men known as the Bac Lieu Rangers had seen that their will was carried out.

Headquartered at the small town of Bac Lieu, the 42nd Ranger Battalion

is a subordinate unit of the RVN 21st Infantry Division commanded by Brig. Gen. Nguyen Van Minh and aided by senior advisor Col. Edward Hathaway.

With the massive commitment of searching and clearing the entire tip of the Delta, with its dense jungle, flooded paddies and impenetrable forests, the 21st Inf. Div. has met with victory after victory in more than 33 major operations since the first of the year.

Colonel Hathaway cited his opinion for the successes, "Our division is completely heliborne, as a matter of fact, we were the first heliborne division in Vietnam."

Looking out over the new Ca Mau airfield, as the helicopters returned the last of the weary but victorious Rangers, Colonel Hathaway added, "In the past, many of the Rangers wore black and yellow, tiger-striped helmets, but we finally had to stop. You see, as soon as the Viet Cong saw them coming, they'd run away."

Story and Photos
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ried by SSgt. Ralph Banks (far right)



the swamps of the Delta after being dropped off by
rs from the 121st Aviation Company



Chicken dinner is shared by Capt. Robert E. Scheidig (left)
and Vietnamese Ranger counterpart



Troops ford one of the many rivers in the Delta area of operation

Seabees Build Warehouses, Hospital, Airfields

Da Nang—Twenty-four years of Seabee "Can Do" tradition is being carried on in Vietnam by the men of Mobile Construction Battalion (MCB)-11 stationed at Camp Adenir, three miles east of Da Nang.

Shortly after their arrival early in February, the versatile Seabees were busy constructing Marine Corps cantonments from five miles south

of Da Nang at Marble Mountain to sixty miles north of Da Nang at Phu Bai.

At Da Nang East, the Seabees have carried on the construction work to expand the Naval Support Activity hospital which was begun by MCB-9 before that battalion returned to its home port in California. The men of MCB-11 have added seven quonset huts to the hospital

facilities and are now constructing a snack bar and additional sanitation facilities for the hospital.

Recently a platoon of steel workers from the battalion's General Construction Company demonstrated its skill at erecting the steel frame work for the warehouses. Fighting temperatures of 146 degrees, the men raised the 52-ton steel

skeleton in eight and one half hours.

Other projects in which MCB-11 crews have been involved were the construction of a missile site road on Monkey Mountain five miles from Da Nang, a 10,000 barrel fuel storage tank for Marine Air Group (MAG)-16, and helicopter landing pads at the Naval Support Activity hospital.

The Seabee-operated rock quarry and rock crushing machine provide the tons of gravel needed in the battalion's numerous construction projects.

In addition to the general construction projects, the men of MCB-11 organized a provisional rifle platoon to

perform the dual role of providing security against the Viet Cong for the nearby hamlet of My Thi, and carrying out a civic action program to improve the health and living standards of the village residents.

The Seabees became the operators of an impromptu "refugee" camp when more than 50 military and civilian employees were evacuated to Camp Adenir from Da Nang during the civil disorder which erupted there in April.

Story and Photos
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CIVIC ACTION — Lt. William Watson, medical officer for MCB-11, conducts sick call for children of My Thi hamlet with the help of a Sister from a nearby orphanage.



VILLAGE PATROL — A patrol from MCB-11's provisional rifle platoon checks the main street of My Thi hamlet.



GOING UP — Construction workers from MCB-11 erect 52-ton steel skeleton for one of 15 warehouses at Da Nang East.



ROCK CRUSHER — Quarrying and operation of this 75-ton an hour crushing plant provide tons of gravel for the battalion's many construction projects.



PROVIDERS — Tan, a 10-year-old war orphan, has a bright future now thanks to his two new providers. Lt. Mai Ngoc Ho, right, team chief of the IV Corps Popular Force Motivation Indoctrination Program, has taken Tan into his own family. Capt. John M. Little, team advisor, will finance the costs of education until the boy is 21-years-old.

Bulk Of IV Corps Supply Handled By Can Tho Port

Can Tho (IV Corps 10)— This Delta port, on the Ba Sac River is a busy place, efficiently handling more than 60 per cent of incoming logistical supplies for the IV Corps area.

According to Maj. Tom Bing of Advisory Team 10, who is Chief Transportation Advisor, Can Tho Port was originally thought to be capable of handling only 1,200 tons of incoming cargo a month, but through the efforts of his men, and their counterparts, the port is now capable of handling 6,500 tons of cargo each month.

Republic of Vietnam and American Army units throughout the Delta are supplied with necessary logistical materials through the IV Corps Area Logistical Command.

Maintenance Chief Switches From Bombers To Bird Dogs

Bien Hoa (USAF) — A few months ago he was a flight chief for the giant B-52 Stratofortresses flying out of Guam on bombing raids over North and South Vietnam.

Now SMSgt. Billie R. Shanks is maintenance supervisor for the tiny Bird Dogs used by forward air controllers in spotting enemy targets for the fast-flying strike aircraft.

"When you work for years with the largest aircraft in the Air Force and then find yourself working with one of the smallest, it means to me the Air

Force believes in flexibility of its men," Shanks commented.

The 19-year Air Force veteran had been working with the giant B-52s since 1956, two years after they were accepted by the Air Force.

He said that going from the giant bombers to the single-engine aircraft gives him "a strange feeling." The wing of the B-52 would overlap five of the

small spotter planes.

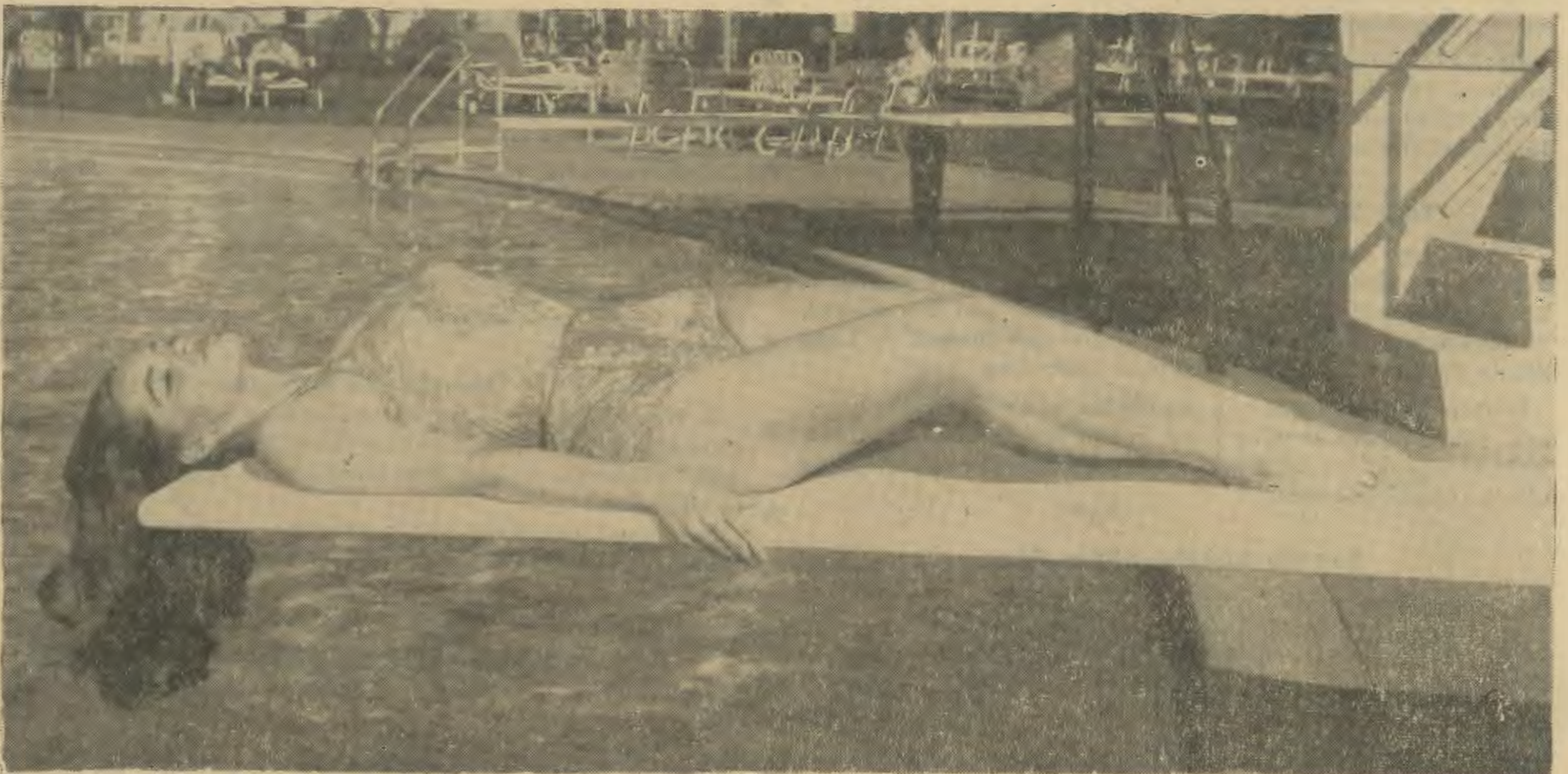
"In a sense, however, both planes are doing the same job over here," he continued. "They're helping defeat the enemy...the B-52s with their devastating bomb load, the spotter planes seeking out the Viet Cong and directing airpower against him."

Although he is responsible for the maintenance of the Bird Dogs, Shanks has yet to ride on a FAC mission.

These Planes Hit North Vietnam



STRIKE FORCE— Air Force F-105 Thunderchiefs stand on a parking ramp in readiness for strikes against targets over the Republic of Vietnam or in North Vietnam. These were the main aircraft used in the bombing of oil storage facilities near the North Vietnam capital of Hanoi. (USAF Photo)



That diving board looks mighty tempting with Gloria Tiffany waiting at the Tropicana in Las Vegas for a call to join the advisory efforts in Vietnam. Anyone ready to give out some advice?

— Vietnam News Wrap-Up —

Three MIGs Downed Over NVN

Air Force jet fighters knocked two MIG-21s from the sky over North Vietnam July 14 and a Navy Phantom downed a MIG-17 July 13 during a dogfight between four Navy jets and six communist planes.

The two Red MIG-21s were downed within three minutes of each other less than 25 miles from the North Vietnamese capital of Hanoi. In the Navy-communist aerial battle, the Phantom, piloted by Lt. William (Bill) McGuigan, knocked the North Vietnamese jet from the sky after he and three other Navy pilots had driven off five other MIG-17s.

Air Force and Navy planes continued to strike oil storage areas near Hanoi and Haiphong during the week ending July 9. Antiaircraft artillery positions and SAM sites also were hit. Air Force pilots reported sighting a record 16 SAMs in flight July 5, and seven other SAMs were sighted the following two days.

Over the Republic, strike pilots continues to hit enemy troop concentrations, supply areas and river shipping during the week ending July 9. In addition, B-52 bombers struck troop concentrations and supply areas. Navy carrier-based planes provided air support for ground operations.



Little Change In Tempo

There was little change in tempo of operations from the preceeding period or from the weekly average of June. Four operations continued and three were terminated.

Operation Paul Revere, in Pleiku Province, netted 418 enemy killed, 65 captured and 214 enemy weapons seized. Also in II Corps, Operations Su Bok and Fillmore continued with no significant contact reported during the week ending July 9.

Operation Enoggera, a Royal Australian Regiment operation in Phuoc Tuy Province, was terminated July 5. Enemy losses were 2 killed and 15 weapons seized. The Aussies also captured 15 tons of rice and 3 tons of salt.

Fort Smith, Yorktown Terminated

Units of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division in Hau Nghia Province terminated Operation Fort Smith July 3. The month-long operation resulted in 19 enemy killed and 6 captured. Yorktown, an operation by the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Long Khanh Province, netted 23 killed and 3 captured.

In Operation El Paso, one significant battle occurred July 7 near Minh Thanh. At week's end, enemy losses were 746 killed, 36 captured and 115 weapons seized. Operation Fresno continued with no significant contact.

Enemy Losses Show Rise

Combat losses for the week ending July 9 revealed that 110 Americans were killed and 620 wounded. Enemy losses were up with 1,349 killed as compared to the previous week's loss of 1,270. The kill ratio of 4.7 to 1 in favor of friendly forces was the highest in some weeks. Enemy weapons losses totaled 440 individual and crew-served weapons.

Contact with the enemy in both battalion-size and small unit actions was up significantly over the previous week. There were 16 large unit operations for U.S. forces and 4,194 small unit actions, of which 168 saw contact with enemy forces.

— World News Summary —

Retired Officer Held for Espionage

A retired Army officer, formerly assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was arrested July 12 on charges of conspiring to deliver data relating to national security.

The Justice Department, announcing the arrest by FBI agents, identified the officer as William H. Whalen, 51, now unemployed. He was arrested in Alexandria, Va., where he now resides.

FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover said Whalen is specifically accused of conspiring with two former officials of the Soviet embassy in Washington to unlawfully obtain and deliver to the Soviet Union data relating to the national defense of the United States.

Sergeant Major of the Army Named

Sergeant Major William O. Wooldridge, a 25-year veteran—16 years of which has been overseas—has been named top enlisted man in the Army with the newly-created rank of Sergeant Major of the Army.

BULLETIN

The long-awaited military pay bill was signed into law July 13 by President Johnson. The increase, 3.2 per cent across the board, is retroactive to July 1.

Wooldridge returned to the U.S. from duty in Vietnam with the 1st Infantry Division to assume what one Army officer said amounts to the "enlisted men's chief of staff." His official assignment is to advise and consult with Army Chief of Staff General Harold K. Johnson on matters pertaining to enlisted men's morale, pay and promotions.

No Early End To War, RVN Buildup Planned

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara said that despite military gains in Vietnam there are no signs of an early end to the war. North Vietnam, he said, still shows no willingness to negotiate a peace settlement, nor is there any evidence of a "lack of will" among the communists to keep up the fight.

Additional U.S. air and ground forces will be required in the future, McNamara said. He did not say how much the present 280,000-man strength would be increased.

Volkswagens Feared Defective

About 178,000 Volkswagens—including the sports model Karmann-Ghia—have been recalled by American dealers for inspection of possible defects. Some involved front axle ball joint assemblies, others rear luggage compartment lids.

Volkswagen of America Inc. said the sedans and Karmann-Ghias were recalled because in some instances "it was found that moisture...had penetrated the permanently lubricated ball joints."

The square-back sedans, resembling the American station wagon, have rear compartment openings and "in a few instances it was found the lids could open if loads shifted inside the cargo compartment."

'U.S. Cars Unsafe On European Roads'

A West German automotive expert says that American cars should be banned from European roads because they are outfitted with substandard and "unrealistic" braking and steering mechanisms.

Sports car magnate Ferry Porsche, son of the man who designed the Volkswagen, made the statement as an indirect rebuttal to charges by U.S. auto critic Ralph Nader that many European cars, especially the Volkswagen, are unsafe.

Air Conditioner for Pig Sty

Three weeks of 90 to 100 degree temperatures sent farmer Alfred Hare in search of an air conditioner. He found one and installed it in his hog shed.

"They need it worse than I do," the Addieville, Ill., farmer said, "I hope to keep them cool, calm and contented so they won't trample their litters. The way the corn and beans look now, these hogs are my bread and butter."

SPOTLITE ON SPORTS

By Bob Kinsman

Well, the All-Star game is in the record books with the National League All-Stars the winners for the fourth straight year. And it was a good ball game, IF not the type current baseball fans like to sit in on. A squeaker to be sure... explosive, no.

When you have eight or nine hitters in the lineup that can ride the ball the way Mays, McCovey, Kaline, Robinson, Oliva and the other power hitters can, you don't look for the 2-1 contest. That's what we got from St. Louis. Each club held to six base hits... and a one-base knock deciding the whole business.

You have to salute the tremendous pitching displayed by Koufax, McClain, Perry and even loser Pete Richert. Nobody knocked the cover off the ball for either club. But we'll bet the 50-thousand odd fans sitting in at Busch Stadium in 100 degree temperatures would have forgotten the heat for a minute had one of the sluggers rode one out of the park. Remember the drives by Ted Williams against Claude Passeau and Rip Sewell? Ruth's gargantuan clouts in the Classic? This is what the paying fan wants to see... the home run ball.

It must be terribly disappointing to U.S. track coach Stan Wright to have the scheduled track meet between Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia called off. And the reason for the cancellation... American bombing of North Vietnam... is a lot of hogwash. It's pure and simply a political situation which should never touch an athlete of any country. These kids that perform under the banner of the Amateur Athletic Union are simon pures in every sense of the word. It's been said that foreign athletes are subsidized... given plush jobs by grateful officials which enable them to devote their entire time to training. Can you prove it? If not, forget it. We've watched these youngsters as spectator and broadcaster of International Events for years and have only the greatest admiration for the competitors of all foreign countries. Undoubtedly, they are the cream of their nation as our men are. Let's hope that the situation as now exists can be erased and that the wise heads that make up the Olympic Committee can call this political sham to a screeching halt.

Professional football lost one of its top drawing cards July 14 with the announcement that Jimmy Brown, the great fullback from Cleveland, has decided to hang up his pads. The loss of Brown will be a staggering blow to Cleveland which has won the Eastern title the last two years.

Listen to Bob Kinsman's "Spotlite on Sports" Sunday through Friday, over AFRT-Viennam 1:15 and 10:15p.m.

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- 4-Conveniently near
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- 13-Poker stakes
- 14-A state (abbr.)
- 15-Hold back
- 17-Almost
- 19-Command
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- 22-Young salmon
- 24-Unit of Japanese currency
- 26-Narrow opening
- 29-Moving part of motor
- 31-Title of respect
- 33-Affirmative
- 34-Teutonic deity
- 35-Tiny
- 37-Ordinance
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- 42-Couple
- 44-Distance runner
- 46-District in Germany
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- 50-Young girl
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- 53-Small plane surface
- 55-Cake makers
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- 9-With affection
- 10-Sick
- 11-Negative vote
- 16-Dart
- 18-Three-toed sloths
- 20-Things, in law
- 22-Iron
- 23-Chief artery
- 25-Nothing
- 27-Bacteriologist's wire (pl.)
- 28-Former Russian rulers
- 30-Soak
- 32-Male sheep
- 36-Female sheep
- 38-Tricks
- 41-New Englander
- 43-Away!
- 45-Most recent
- 47-Fish eggs
- 49-Biblical weed (pl.)
- 52-Snare
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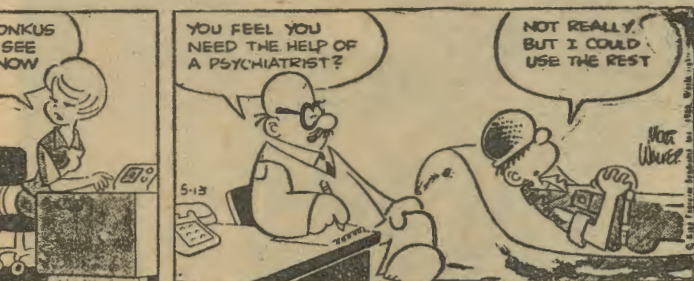
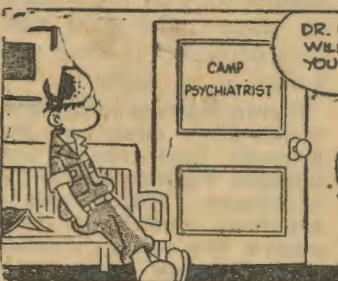
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PEANUTS

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





LEADS THE WAY — Lance Cpl. R. Falco a sniper attached to E Company, 1st Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, leads two Viet Cong up a hill to the company command post during Operation Beaver, held 18 miles north of Hue. (USMC Photo)

Boy's Body Recovered

Death In A Minefield

Ham Tan, (USA)—Someone said the boy had been cutting grass. But no one really knew.

A thirteen-year-old Vietnamese boy had wandered into a mine field and been killed. His grieving parents and relatives had to be restrained from running into the deadly mine field to retrieve the boy's body.

They were not even sure that he was dead. They couldn't believe it—accept it.

Capt. Richard Ragland, CWO Edward Roffe, and their crew chief Sp5 Richard Bone—all of the 68th Aviation Company stationed at Vung Tau—volunteered to attempt to recover the boy's body by helicopter.

As Ragland hovered over the mine field, Bone stood on

the skid of the "Huey" and leaned out and down to lift the remains into the chopper. He couldn't do it.

At the risk of setting off other mines or booby traps with the powerful down-wash of the rotor blades, Ragland continued to hold the aircraft steady while Bone stepped off the skid and into the mine field.

Now there could be no doubt about the boy being dead. He had been killed instantly. It was too late for any blood transfusions or emergency medical evacuation.

Being careful to stand exactly where the exploded mine had been, Bone picked up the boy's body and gently laid it into the hovering aircraft to be returned to his family.

Tropic Lightning Officer Displays 'Just Plain Guts'

Pleiku (USA)—Call it what you want—courage, bravery, heroism or just plain guts. Lt. Larry Connors of the 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry has it and probably couldn't care less what you call it.

It was during the "Battle of 10 Alpha" that Connors displayed his particular brand of "guts." His company and another were in the midst of an enemy "hornet's nest" at a helicopter landing zone known as 10 Alpha.

Facing the two companies of the 25th Division's 3rd Brigade Task Force was a North Vietnamese Army regiment. There was a constant curtain of lead above the soldier's heads and Connors' men were taking their share of wounds.

Some of his wounded men were in exposed positions and had to be carried to safety. Connors darted in front of his platoon's line of fire. He had to get those men. Bullets whined overhead all the while but he brought the men back, never hesitating to think of the danger.

After the enemy broke contact, the platoon continued its mission. Suddenly a communist machine gun opened fire and pinned down the platoon. The only way out was to knock out the machine gun and Lieutenant Connors knew it.

He tried working his way around the emplacement, only to be wounded in the head. His company

commander, Capt. Anthony Bizantz, urged the young lieutenant to "stay put" until the medical evacuation choppers could get him.

Connors decided to go back to his platoon anyway and joined them as soon as the captain had gone. With blood streaming down his face, he continued to lead his men against the enemy force.

Moments after Connors had rejoined his men, an NVA soldier popped up in the chest-high grass and lobbed a hand grenade at the lieutenant. Though the grenade exploded only a few feet from him, Connors was miraculously untouched by the deadly shrapnel.

More enraged than shocked, he shouted, and threw a grenade back. The NVA soldier paid with his life.

The battle raged on and others members of the platoon were wounded. His platoon sergeant received a bad wound and the lieutenant ran to him and stayed until the medic arrived to help.

Finally Captain Bisantz got Connors on a medevac helicopter. The moment the captain turned away, Connors jumped off and tried to go back to his men. The captain

had to get some men to forcibly put Connors on the chopper. This time he stayed.

The lieutenant was evacuated to the hospital at Qui Nhon where doctors found another wound in his side, one he had not mentioned. The word from the doctors is that he will be all right.

Sgt. Noble Hyde, a squad leader in the platoon, spoke for the rest of the men. "He stayed with us all the time. We couldn't have had a better platoon leader. He acted like a combat veteran."

"We hope to have him back with us soon," said the voice of the 3rd platoon.

TRANSFER OF GOVERNORS ISLAND, in New York Harbor, from U. S. Army to U. S. Coast Guard June 30, gave Coast Guard its largest base in history. By next summer almost ten percent of the entire service will be located on island. Planned consolidation of Coast Guard activities and training center at Groton, Conn., will be completed by then.

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ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF Fund Campaign for 1966 is underway, through Aug. 1, 1966.
(AFNB)



PONY EXPRESS — This Vietnamese horse, mascot of Troop C, 4th Cavalry, provides a dual morale factor to the 25th Infantry Division unit as Sp4 James H. Nail presses the horse into service as a modern Pony Express in making his mail delivery to the troopers. (USA Photo)

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