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VNAF Aids Victims Of Flood In Delta

Story By PFC Andy Barylski, Staff Writer, USA

Tan Hiep — Rach Gia's small airstrip bustled with traffic as Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF) C-47 cargo planes airlifted tons of supplies in support of the 33rd VNAF Wing's flood relief program.

September's floods destroyed property and crops belonging to 15,000 families in four Delta provinces, Kien Tan, Kien Thanh, Kien Luong and Ha Tien, leaving many people homeless and unable to provide for themselves.

The 33rd VNAF Wing, with the help of several U.S. Air Force units and USAID, planned a relief program resulting in the collection of nearly 500,000 piasters, thousands of pounds of bulgur wheat and other vitally needed items to be distributed to the affected families.

The program was kicked off at Tan Hiep, Kien Tan's district headquarters,

bringing smiles to more than 15,000 faces. Each family was given a hundred pounds of bulgur wheat and a bag filled with clothes, cooking utensils and mixed canned goods.

The 33rd plans to continue this program throughout the four provinces until all flood victims are capable of continuing on their own.

Hard Headed Sailor Escapes VC Bullet

My Tho (MACV) — The Viet Cong are finding out that U.S. Navy men make hardheaded enemies. At least one of them must be convinced of it.

He shot a sailor from the Naval Support Activity Detachment here in the back of the head while he was driving a truck down from Saigon in convoy.

The .30 caliber bullet creased the sailor's wrist, hit the back of his head, and dropped harmlessly to the seat. Apparently it had run out of steam.

All Charlie could see was a rapid acceleration of the truck.

Inside the cab, Yeoman Second Class Peter T. Koehler-Pfosenhaver of Forest Hills, N.Y., was thanking his stars and stepping on the gas.

The sailor was bewildered for a few seconds but didn't figure on waiting around to try his luck again.

"You might say all I thought of was 'getting the heck out of there,' is the way he describes the incident which occurred halfway between My Tho and Saigon.

The convoy continued to Ty Tho and after brief treatment, Koehler-Pfosenhaver returned to duty.



STOCKPILING AID— Truck load after truck load of food and clothing were off loaded at Tan Hiep in full view of flood victims. (Photo By PFC Andy Barylski, USA)

RF Unit Maintains Watch On Vital Highway Bridge

Bao Loc (II Corps IO) — It was raining and the Vietnamese soldiers watched as the rising waters of the Dargna River seemed to surge even harder against the supporting beams of what they consider "their bridge."

The men of the 949th Regional Force Company weren't really concerned with the rush of the small mountain river. They were there to watch for an enemy dedicated to the destruction of Dai Nga Bridge through more forceful means.

Despite the rain and mud, Capt. Joseph B. Mucelli of Putnam Valley, N.Y., sector RF advisor and Lt. Khanh, commander of the 949th RF Co., toured the bridge's defenses.

"Twice in the past nine months, Viet Cong terrorists have made attacks on this bridge, a major link on Highway 20 which connects Dalat and Saigon," commented the American advisor, a veteran of 18 months in Vietnam.

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To keep Charlie from accomplishing his goal, the RF soldiers guard the bridge approaches and provide road security in the area.

A VC raid in June damaged the main bridge and twin, one-way wood and metal spans were thrown up to maintain the flow of vital traffic.

Captain Mucelli acted as an advisor to the province public works department in building the temporary bridge and is working with Vietnamese officials on repairs to the main bridge.

Pausing atop a hill overlooking the twin spans after the inspection, Mucelli observed that "Charlie might try coming back a third time. If he does he'll not want to try again."

Delta Advisors Help Injured

Ca Mau (IV Corps IO) — An emergency can arise anytime and anywhere, especially in Vietnam. This was proven recently by two American advisors in the Mekong Delta, Sp5 Americo Abrantes, a medic from South Bend, Ind., and Sp4 Marvin Lawrence, a radio operator from Sanford, N.C. Both men are assigned to the Quan Long sub-sector team, one of the southernmost camps in the Delta.

The two men had gone into Ca Mau on a supply run. On their return trip they came upon the scene of an accident.

A Lambretta had overturned, injuring the driver seriously. Lawrence, who was driving, stopped immediately and Abrantes grabbed his first aid kit. He gave aid to the injured man and stopped the bleeding. Meanwhile, Lawrence had stopped another Lambretta and the driver agreed to take the injured man to the hospital in Ca Mau.

After pushing the overturned vehicle off the road, the two American advisors continued on to their home camp. From the time they had stopped to help the injured man until they were on their way again was less than ten minutes, but in that time their action had saved a life.



KEY LINK— Discussing the defenses of Dai Nga Bridge, a strategic span on Highway 20 leading from the II Corps Tactical Zone south to Saigon, are Capt. Joseph B. Mucelli (left) and Lieutenant Khanh, commander of the 949th Regional Force Company which maintains security of the bridge. (MACV Photo)

EDITORIAL

Civic Action-A Weapon

The Viet Cong leader was trying to convince the local hamlet chief to support him. Then he asked the chief what the government and the foreigners had done for his hamlet.

"You see our village," said the chief, motioning toward the newly erected homes. "We have a school and the government sends us teachers for the children. Our old people don't walk to the river for water anymore, we have water for irrigation and new pigs to raise."

"Enough," said the terrorist. "I mean, what have they done for you lately?"

What the U.S. and Free World Forces working side by side with the Vietnamese have done lately would make even a communist sit up and take notice.

Here is just part of the list for September.

U.S. and Free World Forces together with the Vietnamese:

Built 14 bridges and repaired nine others.

Built two hospitals and repaired four.

Constructed 10 markets.

Cleared land for four playgrounds and furnished them with equipment.

Dug 36 new wells for as many villages, repaired nine more.

Constructed 28 new schools, renovated or repaired 13 others.

Cleared six acres of land.

Constructed three dams.

Built one civic center and repaired another. (Provided an "extra" in the form of a new theater for one area.)

Civic actions for September didn't forget the fishermen or those who live on the water. The month saw the construction of two boat docks and the repair of another.

And, during this month of continued civic action, military units assisted 3,831 refugees in their escape from floods or the Viet Cong.

Almost every type of medical help was provided, from simple tooth extractions to facial and palate surgery. A total of 374 medical patrols were made by one unit alone. More than 315,000 persons received medical help from first aid to surgery.

Medical civic actions included 6,884 immunizations, personal hygiene classes, physical examinations and the training of 202 medical aides and nurses. Other efforts to improve health and living standards included swamp drainage and rodent control.

To support the projects listed here and the many others equally important, thousands of tons of commodities have been supplied by the Government of Vietnam and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

A total of 280,116 pounds of cement, 56,494 items of clothing, 1,400 pounds of fertilizer, 255,091 board feet of lumber were delivered — and the list continues. Soap — there were 67,097 pounds of it distributed, both bath and washing variety.

Enough tin was provided by military units to twice cover a football field and build a wall around the same field.

Lest "All work and no play..." be heard, these same units donated 15,232 toys and 11,818 magazines and books.

Products of the relentless hunt for the Viet Cong, American and Free World forces redistributed 34,631 pounds of captured rice, 20 pounds of medical supplies and 120 cattle to the people of South Vietnam.

Education figures for the month of September show that 806 English classes were attended by 21,540 persons. Another 244 attended Korean language classes. Vocational training was given to 307 people.

In addition, servicemen donated in excess of 1.5 million piastres for almost every type of charity imaginable.

September was another big month, and there is no let-up in sight for civic action. (MACV)

Too Late For Surface Mail, But...

Christmas parcels now shipped by surface carriers will not get home in time for the holidays but they still can be airmailed before Dec. 13, to insure delivery by Christmas Day. Parcels which weigh less than five pounds and measure no more than 60 inches overall can be airmailed at ordinary parcel post rates on a space available basis between Vietnam and the West Coast. On arrival in the U.S., however, they will travel as surface mail.

Free World Military Forces Insignia

A shield used by Filipinos years ago to defend themselves against attack today symbolizes the ability of the 1st PHILCAGV to withstand and resist enemy aggression in Vietnam.

It is the shoulder insignia worn by the Philippine Civil Affairs Group.

The outline of the patch, in white, symbolizes purity — the humanitarian objective of the unit. The gold background in the upper half of the patch signifies the wealth of talent combined in the civic action mission. The background in the lower half stands for the courage and valor of the Filipino soldiers as they uphold the democratic precepts in the face of adversities while carrying out their given mission.

The stars in the patch depict the three main islands groups of the Philippine archipelago while the silhouette of Mayon Volcano — a famed Philippine landmark — signifies the unit's origin.

Figures in the lower half of the patch — the common Vietnamese headgear similar to the "salakot" of the Filipino farmer and the steel helmet — depict the blending of the Vietnamese people and the soldiers of 1st PHILCAGV working in harmony.



1st PHILCAGV Insignia

Clarification**'Beware Of False Reports From VN'**

Editor's Note — The article entitled "Beware of False Reports of Vietnam Casualties," which appeared in the Nov. 7, issue of the Observer, is in part erroneous and should not be sent home as suggested.

The story is corrected to read as follows:

Notice of death or missing in action. The official notification that an Army member is dead or missing in action always reaches the primary next-of-kin by means of a personal visit by an officer or senior non-commissioned officer, who is prepared to present proof of his identity if asked. This first in-person notification is followed shortly thereafter by a Western Union telegram from The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., verifying the information.

Notice of serious wound or illness. An initial notification of serious wound or illness is normally delivered to the next-of-kin by telegram. Department of the Army never sends such notices by telephone.

The U.S. Navy and Marine Corps do not have a personal notification system at present but still use the telegram notification. Survivor assistance officers are then appointed to make personal contact with next-of-kin.

Next-of-kin of Air Force personnel reported missing or dead receive personal notification from appointed officers from the nearest Air Force installation.

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Air Commando NCO Is Not A 'Fat-Cat'

Nha Trang (USAF) — MSgt. Eufay R. Wood, first sergeant of the 4th Air Commando Squadron, is a man of very strong opinions. His opinions about leadership by example recently won him the Air Medal.

'Just Separated' Says 1st Cav NCO

An Khe (USA) — "I wasn't really lost, just 'separated,'" said the sergeant from the 1st Air Cavalry Division who spent a lonely night in Charlie country.

Sgt. Anthony B. Appleton of Bala Cynwood, Pa., and his platoon were moving to aid another platoon of the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry, which was engaged with the enemy.

In the thick jungle he lost contact with the platoon and was left all alone.

He first attempted to locate the jungle trail the unit had taken. He found three, none of which was the right one.

He returned to the place the unit had landed and tried to signal choppers flying overhead, but was unsuccessful.

Darkness was approaching and he moved into the elephant grass for the night.

The next morning he flagged down a chopper and rejoined his unit, tired and hungry but otherwise in good shape.

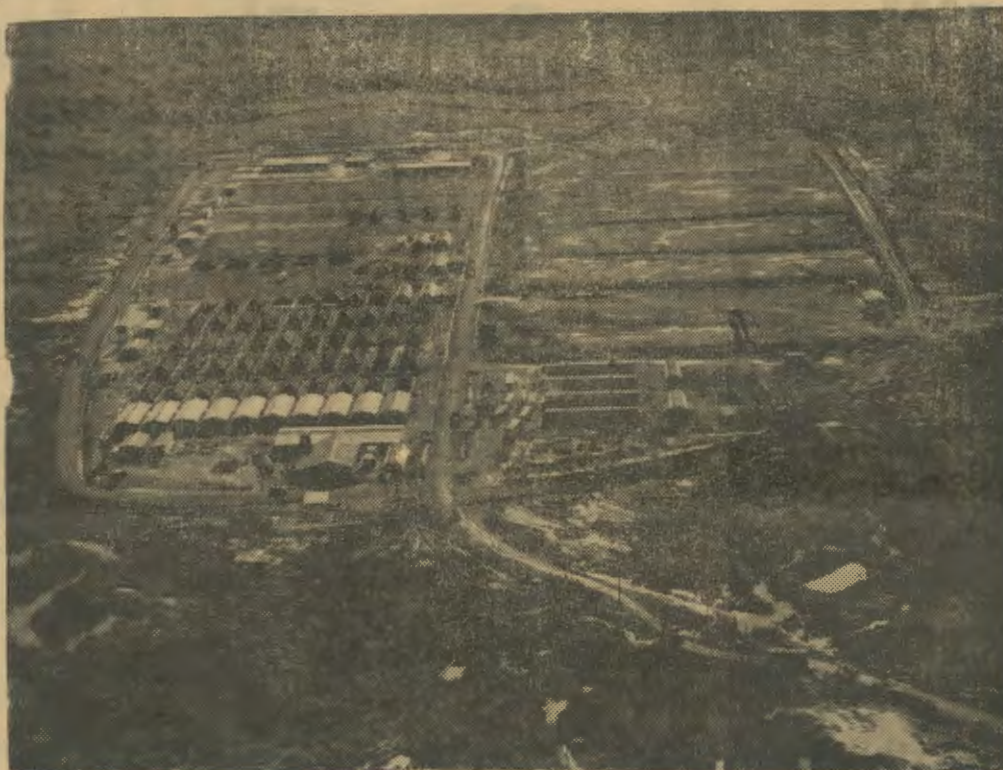
"I don't believe in fat-cattling," says the 41-year-old NCO from Illivehurst, Calif. "It's a first sergeant's job to know his men, appreciate their problems and help solve them."

"Most of our men are gunners, flight mechanics and loadmasters who fly combat missions several nights every week. This is bound to affect a man's way of thinking. If I'm going to do my job properly, I've got to understand what they are up against."

"Also, if I was a chair-borne first shirt, I couldn't command the combat crew members' respect and they wouldn't bring their problems to me. So, I fly whenever I can."

The sergeant has flown more than 30 combat missions as a gunner on the squadron's AC-47 Dragon-ships. He has visited each of the unit's five detachments and flown missions with each.

"I believe in empathy, not sympathy," he says.



BIRD'S EYE VIEW—The three month old home of the 90th Replacement Battalion, "Camp LBJ," shows some of the tropical huts which have replaced the "tent city." Reclaimed swamp land when the camp was first opened, the facility has grown into one of the fastest moving replacement centers in Southeast Asia. (USA Photo)

'Camp LBJ' Processes Troops Of Army Units Coming, Going

Long Binh (USA) — Three months ago the 90th Replacement Battalion was housed in a collection of tents set in the middle of a reclaimed swamp. The staff was just one step ahead of the hundreds of replacement coming into Vietnam for the Army's combat units.

Today, many of the tents have been replaced by tropical huts which have fluorescent lights and electric fans in keeping with one facet of the unit's mission—that of providing the troops the best possible facilities and making their stay as comfortable as possible.

The other half of the mission, which, according to Lt. Col. G. L. Howard of Junction City, Kan., commanding officer of the 90th, receives first consideration, is "processing, housing and arranging transportation for all replacement for Army units in Vietnam and those who are returning to the U.S."

Abetting the comfort of the troops at this fast-growing complex, known unofficially as Camp Long Binh Junction (LBJ), are two large mess halls, a well-stocked post exchange, laundry and shower facilities and a snack bar that serves a variety of food—including pizza and ice cream.

A larger PX and a club for the enlisted men are being built, and more of the tropical huts are coming, to replace the tents.

Replacements for the Army combat units are met by battalion representatives at Tan Son Nhut, and go by bus to Long Binh.

Processing starts immediately. Records are checked and turned over to a team that confirms the

soldier's assignment or directs one for those who arrive unassigned.

The new arrivals receive an in-country orientation, convert their American money to MPC and are assigned to a billet.

The briefing and billet arrangements are handled by

the 18th Replacement Company, commanded by Lt. Robert E. McGouery of Levittown, N.Y.

When the processing is completed, the men have only to attend shipping formations which are held three times daily, giving them their unit of assignment. Their wait may be for only a short period, and normally is no longer than seven days.

"Although we have streamlined the system as much as possible, processing large numbers of troops still is a complex job," remarked SFC David D. Mills of Rocky Mount, N.C., the operations sergeant in charge of the processing.

Camp LBJ handles an average of 600 men daily, and in one month recently processed more than 15,000 men.

"We are proud of Camp LBJ," said Capt. James M. Cavanagh of New Windsor, N.Y., operations officer for the 90th. "The improvements in procedure are nothing short of fantastic."

Recalling that when he went to Korea in 1952, his casual status lasted 35 days, one sergeant remarked that "This trip has taken eight days from my old job to the new one. That says a lot for the troop movement and processing people."



HELP ME, PLEASE — Civic action team from 1st PHILCAGV treats Vietnamese woman who fainted after she arrived at the Philippine unit's clinic. Check is made by Lt. Primo A. Agbayani (left) as Sgt. Alexander Guingab and a Vietnamese civilian look on. The stricken woman was later evacuated to the Provincial Hospital at Tay Ninh where a PHILCAGV surgical team is located. (Photo by PFC Edilberto Turaray)

Lost Trousers 'Replaced' By V.C.

Tay Ninh (USA) — Thanks to the Viet Cong, PFC Alan Miller of Versailles, Ohio, now has a new pair of pants.

Miller, a radio-telephone operator with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade literally walked out of his pants recently.

The unit was moving through heavy undergrowth when Miller's trousers snagged on a brush and ripped from his body.

The unit moved on and Miller went with them minus his pants. It looked as though he would return to camp without any covering for his lower limbs until the VC provided the answer. His company uncovered a cache of VC clothes and the first thing Miller did was to go shop for a pair of pants.

Villagers Say Thanks To Ranger Battalion

Bien Hoa (III Corps IO)— Not long ago, a battalion of Viet Cong savagely attacked the headquarters of the 51st Vietnamese Ranger Battalion at Go Den, 20 miles southwest of Saigon. The VC were badly beaten that night by the tough and courageous Rangers.

It happens all the time with the Rangers. What does not usually happen, is to have an audience to a battle. That night the war had as spectators, the villagers of Go Den. They saw how well their Rangers fought and, in the morning, they saw what price had been paid. Fourteen Rangers were evacuated to Saigon for treatment of battle wounds.

Dang Van Quoi, the village chief, was impressed by what he had seen. For the first time, government soldiers had come to his town and fought and won against the communists. Quoi felt he had a debt to repay, especially to the 14 wounded.

Without a work to the Rangers or their American advisors, Quoi went through his village and asked for money. It did not take very long—Go Den has only 375 inhabitants. Cash is hard to come by in this rural part of Vietnam, but in less than a week more than 11,000 piasters had been collected.

Then Quoi sprang his surprise. Unannounced, he walked into the Ranger headquarters and gave Go Den's gift to Capt. Nguyen Tan Gai, the Ranger battalion commander.

Capt. Albert V. Goodpasture of Nashville, Tenn., advisor to the 51st Rangers, tried to explain this unique gift of money to government soldiers. "The people of the village saw the fight and were proud of the way the Rangers fought," he told them.

Before the battle a ground-work of friendship had been laid by Captain Gai.

"The Dai Uy (captain) realizes the value of civic action programs. He knows they help the people with money and aid and, at the same time, help the Government by showing the 'little guy' that the Government

is his friend. Dai Uy Gai has made a real sincere effort in Go Den and these are results," Captain Goodpasture added.

It should be noted that Captain Gai's talents do not

lie only in civic action. He is one of the most decorated Vietnamese officers and one of the two commanders whose units have won the Presidential Unit Citation from President Lyndon B. Johnson.

No Language Barrier Here 4th Div. Soldier Teaches English Ivy Division Troops Learn Vietnamese

Lai Khe (USA) — Sp4 Robert M. Morton of Auburn, Wash., is a reconnaissance driver, infantryman and an English teacher.

Despite the press of Army duties Morton finds time to teach English at a Chinese private school in the village of Than Phu Khan.

The Chinese people of the village immigrated from the China mainland in the late 1940s when the communists took over.

In October they celebrated the 20th anniversary of the founding of their school as well as marking the anniversary of their arrival in Vietnam.

Following their immigration they came under the force of the Viet Cong, and only recently, when the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry, freed the village, were they able to resume their normal lives.

Pleiku (USA) — The 4th Infantry Division has begun Vietnamese language classes at its Dragon Mountain base camp.

The classes are taught by SSgt. Huynh Khank Hiep, one of the Vietnamese interpreters for Ivy Division.

Formerly an instructor in general education at Vinh Long Province Grammar School, Hiep has served four years in the Vietnamese Army.

During the week, the students who rank from private to colonel, attend these sessions in the commanding general's mess tent.

Hiep studied English at the Vietnamese Armed Forces Language School in Saigon. The interpreter says that his students are retaining each lesson extremely well.



BROTHERS—The former Nguyen Vin Be and Storekeeper 2nd Class Paul H. Roellig discuss the events that led to Be being adopted by the Navyman's parents and becoming James Be Roellig. (USN Photo)

Sailor's Parents Adopt Vietnamese Orphan Boy

Sa Dec (USN) — Storekeeper 2nd Class Paul H. Roellig met a 14-year-old Vietnamese boy while he was visiting an orphanage. He struck up a conversation with the lad, Nguyen Vin Be, and this led to the two becoming more than friends.

Roellig wrote to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Roellig of Cincinnati, Ohio, and they adopted the youth. Now his name is James Be Roellig and the two "friends" became "brothers for real."

James will stay in Vietnam

until brother Paul has completed his tour and they will fly home together to meet the family.

2 Chaplains Aid Kids' Education

Bien Hoa (III Corps IO)— The children of Phu My need no longer worry about being able to further their education, thanks to two Army chaplains.

The dependent school was not an accredited school a few weeks ago, so the education received there was not recognized by higher schools.

To remedy this situation, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) A. L. Paxson, of the 25th Infantry Division collected \$60 and turned it over to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) George O. Taylor of III Corps, from Tucson, Ariz. Chaplain Taylor used the money to buy books and supplies in Bien Hoa for the 77 children.

A number of American books also were donated by the Palm Beach Shores Property Owners Association, Palm Beach, Fla.

On a trip to Phu My recently the books and supplies were presented to the school by the chaplains.



SHOWING INTEREST — The children of Phu My, learn to speak English from books donated by the Palm Beach Shores Property Owners Association of Palm Beach, Fla. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) George O. Taylor, of III Corps made the presentation on behalf of the Association. (MACV Photo)

U.S. VN Employes Aid Flood Relief

Saigon (USA)—Employees of the 58th Transportation Battalion's stock accounting division gave 6,600 piasters toward flood relief for the village of Chinh Luan.

The employes, Vietnamese and American, donated 6,600 piasters to a relief fund drive sponsored by a local newspaper. Total contributions were 40,380 piasters.

'Green Berets' Ride Herd On Vietnam 'Ponderosa'

The "Ponderosa Ranch," as everyone can tell you, is the home of Ben Cartwright and his sons. Every Sunday on television they ride forth on their trusty steeds to fight rustlers, storms and other hazards.

Here in Vietnam there is another "Ponderosa" run by the U.S. Army Special Forces Detachment A-502, located 10 miles from Nha Trang. Each morning these "Cow-

pokes in Green Berets" hop into their trusty jeeps and ride out to check on their herd.

It all started when a herd of cattle was captured from the Viet Cong near Tuy Hoa by elements of an American unit.

An agreement was reached with the district chief at Dien Khanh for grazing land. Two hundred and fifty head of cattle were purchased and shipped by barge to Nha

Trang.

Lt. Richard Jordan, the civic action and psychological operations officer for the detachment and foreman of the "Ponderosa" relates the story of the herd's first stampede.

"The cattle had just arrived and we had driven them into the corral for the night," recalls the Boston, Mass., native. "We didn't know that the cattle hadn't been watered for a couple of days, but we found out the next morning when we opened the corral gates. The cattle just

lit out for a nearby river. It took us a couple of hours to round them all up."

Assisting Lieutenant Jordan in the ranch work is Sp4 Victor Gumper, the team's medic who doubles as the veterinarian for the cattle, rabbits and chickens which the team raises for breeding.

"The first time we used the new team dispensary operating room," said Gumper, "was to perform an autopsy on a chicken."

This was shortly after the team's first chickens had arrived and the medic discov-

ered that several of the birds were dying. After the autopsy was performed the rest of the flock were given medical treatment.

The "Ponderosa" also employs seven former Civilian Irregular Defense Group troops who were given medical discharges after being wounded by the Viet Cong. The "Asian Cowboys" keep watch over the herd to protect them from VC "rustlers."

"The drovers are just a little disappointed," said Jordan, "because we don't have any horses."

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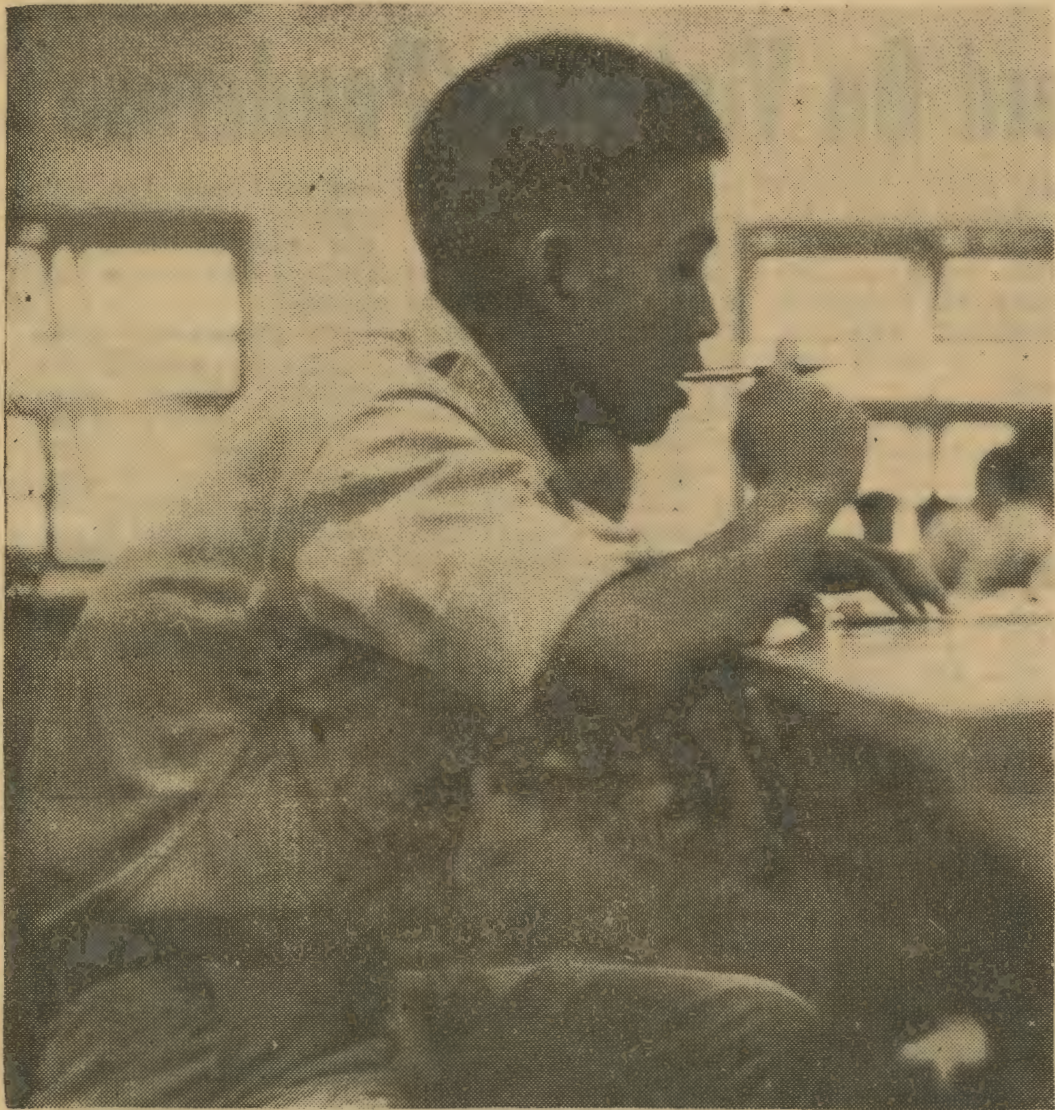
NIGHT HAWK — As night approaches, a CIDG drover prepares for his night vigil over the cattle



BULLDOGGER — Lt. Richard Jordan tries his hand at the rodeo sport of "bulldogging"



HEAD 'EM UP, MOVE 'EM OUT — A CIDG drover at the 5th Special Forces' Vietnam version of 'Ponderosa' learns how the cowboy earned his name



A Vietnamese officer trainee shows intense concentration



An instructor at the Vietnamese Naval Training Center of navigation to NCOs going through r

Story And Photos By Sp5 D. R. Brown
Staff Writer, USA



In the Training Center's library, built through donations of American advisors, an instructor works on a scale model of the school compound

VN Na



Stacked patterns
Naval T



Instructor gives pointers in the art of radar training



Yeoman 2nd Class Jerry A. Crowe, of Winder, Ga., gives assistance to two midshipman during an English lesson at the Naval Training Center

Navy Officers, EM Train At Nha Trang



Weapons form symmetrical lines on the parade field of the Naval Training Center, Nha Trang

Nha Trang — On the quiet shores of the Bay of Nha Trang is the Vietnamese equivalent of Annapolis and the Great Lakes Naval Training Center combined, the Vietnamese Naval Training Center, Nha Trang.

Here on a plot of land less than a mile square, 1,300 future officers and enlisted men are undergoing an intensive training program designed to prepare them for a career in the Navy.

Two officers and six enlisted men headed by Lt. Cdr. George D. Graham are assigned to the center to assist the Vietnamese instructors.

"Most of our time is spent assisting the instructors in obtaining training aids and in teaching English classes to the midshipmen, says Commander Graham, a native of Frewsburg, N.Y.

He attributes the team's fairly light workload to the high caliber of instructors at the center, many of whom received training in the U.S.

One project that the advisors are taking a particular interest in, is the school's 4,000-volume

library which was built through individual donations from former advisors and the present advisor staff.

Commander Graham said that the advisors hoped to expand the library to 12,000 volumes with contributions from government agencies and personal friends.

Since the first midshipmen were graduated from the center in 1952, classes have steadily grown and now number 130 men each, with two classes being conducted concurrently.

Graduating midshipmen receive a reserve commission and are obligated to serve five years in the Navy.

The training center also offers enlisted men courses ranging in length from 14 to 31 weeks in such technical skills as radar, communications and gunnery.

Currently the center offers training in 13 of the 16 technical skills required by the Vietnamese Navy.

Graduating students are promoted in their specialties to the rank of seaman.



Commander Graham (seated) goes over the days training schedule with Chief Engineman William A. Rush (left) of Fontana, Fla., and Yeoman Crowe

What do you know about Sports?

One way—the fun way—to find out is to take THE NATIONAL SPORTS AND PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST, presented by the member companies of American Iron and Steel Institute.

Keep this Scorecard handy and use it to take the Test. If you misplace the Scorecard, any piece of paper will do to match your score with other family members and friends. Just be sure to be in on the fun, suspense and excitement of taking the Test!



The National Sports and Physical Fitness Test OFFICIAL SCORECARD

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AFTV SAIGON - CH 11

WOULD YOU BELIEVE — That 47 per cent of the American public failed to pass the audience-involvement broadcast, "The National Sports and Physical Fitness Test," presented on the CBS Network?

Based on a 27-item test, with three points given for each correct answer, the highest score recorded by sports fans and non-sports fans alike was 63.

Viewers in the Saigon/Cholon areas will have an opportunity to test their knowledge and opinions on sports and physical fitness Saturday, Nov. 12, at 8 p.m. as Armed Forces Television presents "The National Sports and Physical Fitness Test." Harry Reasoner and Mike Wallace will conduct the viewer test.

Test questions run the gamut from baseball, football and golf to dancing the watusi and physical fitness.

Clip and save this form and pit your knowledge against the experts. Mail your completed form to:

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Air Force Advisor Assists In Rescue

Da Nang (USAF) — The combined efforts of a U.S. Air Force advisor and two Vietnamese Air Force helicopter pilots resulted in a highly successful medical evacuation mission recently.

The advisor, Capt. Paul H. Schnucker of King City, Mo., is assigned to the VNAF 213th Helicopter Squadron. He and Lt. N. Binh, a VNAF pilot, were scheduled to pick up some ARVN soldiers who were wounded during a fire fight with the enemy.

When they arrived over the pickup area, Schnucker asked for smoke to mark the

landing point. The ARVN ground forces set off the smoke but warned him that they would have to watch their approach as the enemy had most of the area covered.

"We swung in from the east," Schnucker said, "with our wingman orbiting overhead to fly cover and suppress ground fire."

The enemy opened fire when the chopper was

about 50 feet from the ground and an ARVN soldier who had been assisting the crew chief in firing at the enemy force was hit.

The helicopter returned to the hospital area and the two pilots checked for damage after they dropped off the casualty.

"We pulled out the oil dipstick and it was dry as a bone, I doubt if we could have remained in the air another five minutes," Schnucker recalled.

They also counted 25 holes in the aircraft.

They were asked to take another crack at an evacuation, and were provided with an armed helicopter to support the flight.

They took a couple of rounds in the rear fuel cell but landed and loaded 18 casualties which they evacuated to the hospital at Dong Ha.

They refueled and went back for another pickup.

"We didn't get any ground fire this time but were losing fuel rapidly through the holes in the tanks," Schnucker said. When they got back to Dong Ha they had to leave the chopper on the ground as it was draining gas faster than the engine could use it.

Schnucker praised the Vietnamese pilots and crewmen.

"When I told them there were casualties and we might run into trouble there wasn't a bit of hesitation. They just jumped in and went right in there."



HEADED HOME — Vietnamese boy carries his share of rice given to refugees at Ben Cat by members of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. (USA Photo).



BARE FACTS — Vietnamese children are often given responsibility for their younger brothers and sisters at a very early age, since the parents must both work. Here a young boy tries to dress his brother for the "visitor." (USN Photo)

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Channel 11

Guide for week of November 14-20, 1966

MONDAY (Nov 14)
6:00 Test Pattern
6:30 News Headlines
National Educational Television
7:00 The Flintstones
7:30 News
7:35 G.E. College Bowl
8:00 Combat
9:00 Bewitched
9:30 Third Man
10:00 Congress Needs Help

WEDNESDAY (Nov 16)

6:00 Test Pattern
6:30 News Headlines
Information Feature
7:00 Batman (Part I)
7:30 News
7:35 G.E. College Bowl
8:00 Perry Mason
9:00 Mickey Finn's
9:30 Channel 11 Theater (Movie)

TUESDAY (Nov 15)

6:00 Test Pattern
6:30 News Headlines
What's My Line?
7:00 My Favorite Martian
7:30 News
7:35 G.E. College Bowl
8:00 Rawhide
9:00 12 O'Clock High
10:00 Holiday on Ice

THURSDAY (Nov 17)

6:00 Test Pattern
6:30 News Headlines
Wonders of the World
7:00 Batman (Part II)
7:30 News
7:35 G.E. College Bowl
8:00 The F.B.I.
9:00 Hazel
9:30 Have Gun Will Travel
10:00 Hollywood Talent Scouts

6:00 Test Pattern
6:30 News Headlines
Information Feature
7:00 Addams Family
7:30 News

SATURDAY (Nov 19)

1:00 Test Pattern
1:30 News Headlines
Social Security
Encyclopedia Britannica
2:00 M-Squad
2:30 Johnny Midnight
3:00 Football Game of the Week
5:30 Sportsman's Holiday
6:00 Town and Country
Swingin' Country
Beverly Hillsbillies
Andy Griffith Show
7:30 News
7:35 G.E. College Bowl
8:00 CBS Report—Crash Project
9:00 The Admiral
10:00 Late Show (Movie)

FRIDAY (Nov 18)

7:35 G.E. College Bowl
8:00 Gunsmoke
9:00 Danny Kaye Show
10:00 The Tonight Show

SUNDAY (Nov 20)

1:00 Test Pattern
1:30 News Headlines
The Christophers
Sacred Heart
2:00 Silver Wings
2:30 Sunday Matinee (Movie)
4:00 Candid Camera
4:30 Russian Sports Revolution
Sports Highlights
Greatest Fights of the Century
6:00 Ted Mack
6:30 H Habaaloo
7:00 20th Century
7:30 News
7:35 G.E. College Bowl
8:00 Dick Van Dyke Show
8:30 Joey Bishop Show
9:00 Bonanza
10:00 John Gary Show

Supply - Toting Vehicle Is A Real 'Goer' On Roads

Pleiku (USA) — Most people who see Sp4 Benjamin F. Bragg of Brea, Calif., in and around Pleiku, usually give him a second glance and then get out of his way.

He and his unusual vehicle are one of few that have continued to operate throughout the monsoon season in the Central Highlands. He goes places under conditions nobody else can, and is equally at home whether navigating on water or land.

He is one of four drivers from the 1st "Goer" Company, Provisional, at Camp Holloway, who have been transporting fresh food and water from Pleiku to the 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division base camp.

"Goers" are cargo vehicles with a capacity of 8,000 pounds. They go through mud or water propelled by four 5-foot-high wheels at speeds up to three miles per hour.

There are no springs in the "Goers." The only cushioning of bumps is through the large tires which operate on 30 pounds air pressure. This causes some difficulty on hard surface roads.

At a speed of 30 mph, the bouncing increases rapidly, sometimes shaking the drivers up considerably according to Bragg.

To break the rhythm of the wheels, the drivers swerve from one side of the road to the other, keeping one wheel slightly ahead of the other and not allowing them to hit the rolls at the same time. This, along with the fact

that the "Goers" are nine feet wide, bring second glances from Vietnamese and Americans alike.

The "Goers" have an unusual steering system. Their front wheels do not turn, but are stationary. The vehicles have a flexible joint in the middle and a hydraulic system actually forces the front half to turn.

Although the "Goers" are four-wheel drive, they vary from conventional vehicles in that when they are in two wheel drive, the front wheels pull.

"They're made to go most anywhere, and do," said Bragg, "but they're real horrors to ride in!"

Quick-Acting VN Soldier Saves Army Aircraft

Ca Mau (IV Corps IO) — A quick thinking Vietnamese soldier possibly saved the U.S. Government many thousands of dollars when he drove a burning gasoline truck away from several parked Army helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft.

Duong Van Hue, a soldier with the 21st ARVN Division, was watching a gasoline pump truck refuel helicopters here at the staging area for a division operation in the U Minh forest. Suddenly the rear of the truck burst into flames threatening two helicopters and another plane. Hue, seeing the danger not only to the aircraft, but to several hundred soldiers as well, jumped into the truck and drove it into a lake near the field. Minutes later the

fire was put out by a fire fighting crew.

One hour and 50 minutes later, Hue was awarded the Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star by the corps commander, Lt. Gen. Dang Van Quang. General Quang as well as Lt. Gen. John A. Heintges, deputy commander, MACV, Brig. Gen. Nguyen Van Minh, 21st Division commander, and Brig. Gen. William R. Desobry, senior advisor to Gen. Quang, all witnessed the incident. Since General Minh, the approving authority for the award, witnessed the act, orders were cut and the presentation made.

He was also awarded 1,000 piasters by the corps commander and 3,000 piasters by the province chief.



CONCURRENT TRAVEL— It's "women and children first" as a C-130 Hercules takes on ARVN soldiers, their wives and children at Bien Hoa air base. The unit had been transferred to Song Be, and as is customary here, the dependents moved along with the troops.

(USAF Photo)



Corrinne Vidal... need we say more?

- Vietnam News Wrap-Up -

Game Warden Nets Large Haul

Game Warden action in which 43 enemy sampans and seven junks were sunk highlighted the Navy's action in the Republic during the week ending Nov. 1.

Navy patrol boats sprang a trap on a major Viet Cong troop crossing attempt Oct. 31 on the My Tho River in the Delta. More than 75 enemy boats were sighted and engaged by the patrol boats aided by Navy armed helicopters.

Two of the junks hit exploded and disappeared. Both were believed to be carrying explosives. Many of the other vessels were carrying green-uniformed enemy troops.

In other Game Warden action, a Navy minesweeper was sunk by an enemy mine on the Long Tau River Nov. 1. U.S. casualties were heavy, according to an American spokesman.

U.S. Casualties Up

Americans killed during the week almost doubled the losses of the previous week as 127 were listed as KIA and 605 were listed as wounded. Free World force losses were up also with eight killed and 145 wounded.

Enemy casualties decreased with 893 listed as killed and 199 captured.

U.S. strength in country increased to 352,000 with increases listed in Army, Navy and Air Force units. Estimated enemy strength remained at 279,000.

1st Inf. Div. Active

Elements of the 1st Infantry Division continued Operation Attleboro in Tay Ninh Province with scattered patrol action. The combined ground-air operation — with air support being furnished by both U.S. and Vietnamese Air Force units — has netted 875 enemy killed and 119 weapons seized as of Nov. 10.

Troops of the Capital ROK Division terminated Operation Maenh Ho 6 Nov. 9 with more than 1,160 enemy being reported killed and 518 captured in the operation that started Sept. 23 near the coast in Binh Dinh Province.

The operation was in conjunction with the 1st Air Cavalry Division and ARVN units.

Trucks, POL Dumps Hit In North

Air Force pilots broke through heavy monsoon weather to strike communist travel routes and storage areas in the North.

Thunderchief pilots hit a convoy of enemy trucks, destroying 12 and damaging 12 others, in one raid north of Dong Hoi. In all, during the week, 29 trucks were destroyed and 21 were damaged.

Three POL dumps near Hanoi were hit and several fires were started, by one Air Force flight. In other raids 26 supply storage areas were strafed and bombed and two radar sites were destroyed.

Stepped Up Ground Action Supported

Stepped up ground action in the Republic was provided continuous air support during the week by fighter pilots and B-52 bomber crews.

Daily saturation missions were flown by the giant stratojet against enemy troop concentrations while tactical pilots flew more than 1,770 support sorties.

Air Force troop carriers airlifted large numbers of troops into Tay Ninh Province as heavy fighting erupted in Operation Attleboro at the weekend.

Hitting enemy targets with more than 2,000 tons of bombs, rockets and ammunition, fighter pilots destroyed or damaged nearly 2,000 enemy structures, 60 storage bunkers and 55 sampans.



National Elections At A Glance

The Democrats locked up control of the Senate last Tuesday night but the Republicans were writing history. They elected a Negro to the Senate for the first time since 1881 as Massachusetts voters sent former state Attorney General Edward Brooke to Washington over former Governor Endicott Peabody.

Further south, Tennessee was breaking with tradition. For the first time in the Volunteer State's history a Republican was elected to the Senate by popular vote—Atty. Howard H. Baker, son-in-law of Senate GOP leader Everett M. Dirksen. He defeated a battle-wise Democratic campaigner, Gov. Frank G. Clement.

In the far West, Ronald Reagan swept to a victory for the Republicans as he defeated incumbent Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown for the governorship, in California. Republican Robert F. Finch, who was Richard Nixon's campaign manager in the 1960 Presidential race was leading for lieutenant governorship over incumbent Democrat Glenn M. Anderson. That count was still indecisive at press time.

The **Observer**, too is breaking with "tradition." In place of the usual World News Summary, here is how the gubernatorial and Senate race went throughout the United States.

State	Governor Elected	Senator Elect
★ Ala	Wallace (Dem)	Sparkman (Dem)
★ Alaska	Hickel (Rep) leading	Bartlett (Dem)
Ariz	Williams (Rep)	None
★ Ark	Rockefeller (Rep)	McClellan (Dem)
★ Calif	Regan (Rep)	None
Colo	Love (Rep)	Allot (Rep)
Conn	Dempsey (Dem)	None
★ Del	None	Boggs (Rep)
Fla	Kirk (Rep)	None
Ga	Returns not available	Russell (Dem)
★ Hawaii	Burns (Dem)	None
Ida	Samuelson (Rep)	Jordan (Rep)
★ Iowa	Hughes (Dem)	Miller (Rep)
★ Ill	None	Percy (Rep)
Ind	None	None
★ Kan	Docking (Dem)	Pearson (Rep)
Ky	None	Cooper (Rep)
La	None	Ellender (Dem)
★ Maine	Curtis (Dem)	Smith (Rep)
Md	Agnew (Rep)	None
Mass	Volpe (Rep)	Brooke (Rep)
★ Mich	Romney (Rep)	Griffin (Rep)
Minn	Levander (Rep)	Mondale (Dem)
Miss	None	Eastland (Dem)
★ Mo	None	None
Mont	None	Metcalf (Dem)
NC	None	Jordan (Dem)
★ Neb	Tiemann (Rep)	Curtis (Rep)
Nev	Laxalt (Rep)	None
ND	None	None
★ NH	King (Dem)	McIntyre (Dem)
NM	Cargo (Rep)	Anderson (Dem)
NJ	None	Case (Rep)
★ NY	Rockefeller (Rep)	None
Ohio	Rhodes (Rep)	None
★ Okla	Bartlett (Rep)	Harris (Dem)
★ Ore	McCall (Rep)	Hatfield (Rep)
Pa	Shafer (Rep)	None
RI	Chafee (Rep)	Pell (Dem)
★ SC	McNair (Dem)	Thurmond (Rep)
SD	Boe (Rep)	Hollings (Dem) 2yrs
★ Tenn	Ellington (Dem)	Mundt (Rep)
Tex	Connally (Dem)	Baker (Rep)
★ Va	None	Tower (Rep)
Vt	Hoff (Dem)	Spong (Dem)—Byrd (Dem 4yrs)
★ W Va	None	None
Wash	None	Randolph (Dem)
Wis	Knowles (Rep)	None
★ Wyo	Hathaway (Rep)	Hansen (Rep)

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

Bob Kinsman

There's lots of good sports listening over Armed Forces Radio this weekend through Monday, with the "headliner" being the heavyweight championship fight between Cassius Clay and Cleveland (Big Cat) Williams. The Astrodome in Houston, Tex., will be jammed to the rafters, assuring the participants at least a financially rewarding evening.

And there is one other consideration. If the "Big Cat" catches up with the

Monday morning at 11 over Armed Forces Radio. Hope you'll plan to be with us at the Sports Desk to conclusion.

Added to our sports menu will be the collegiate game on Sunday between the University of California and West Point. This one kicks off at 3 p.m. with Berkeley, Calif., the setting.

Which reminds us that with the Army-Navy game coming up about two weeks from today, we hope to have a few former stars from each of the service institutions scheduled for our sports show.

Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Robertshaw, commanding general of the 1st Marine Air Wing and a former great at the Naval Academy; and Roger Staubach, the All-American quarterback of the Middies, have been contacted and are receptive. On the blotter we have the names of Capt. Bill Carpenter and General "Monk" Meyer, another All-American, to be contacted.

If anyone can report on "The Game" these gentlemen fill the bill.



Bob Kinsman

elusive Muhammed Ali with one of his bombs... the whole tab (probably \$100 ringside) will be well worth the price of admission.

Whether you like Mr. Clay or violently dislike him, he's been a champion in the ring. Outside of the squared circle... he's something else again. We'd personally like to see him get belted 10 rows deep in the plush Houston ball park. Don't bet the wheat crop on it!

At any rate, we'll be bringing you all the action

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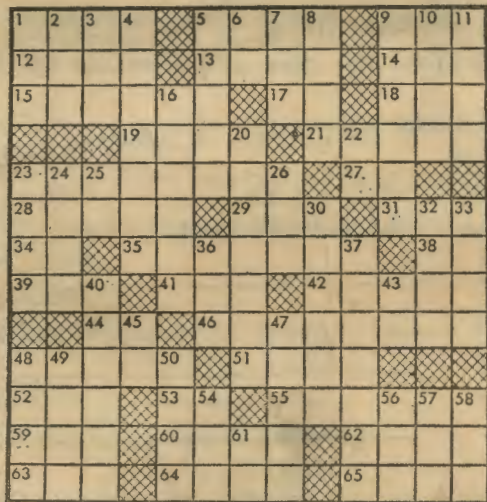
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ACROSS

- 1-Fish sauce
- 5-Bucket
- 9-Mournful
- 12-Room in jail
- 13-In addition
- 14-Mohammedan name
- 15-Most docile
- 17-Greek letter
- 18-Golf mound
- 19-The sweetsop
- 21-Challenged
- 23-Flags
- 27-A state (abbr.)
- 28-Fairy in "The Tempest"
- 29-Ethiopian title
- 31-Soft food
- 34-A state (abbr.)
- 35-Told
- 38-Symbol for tantalum
- 39-Man's nickname
- 41-Unit of Portuguese currency
- 42-Blackbird
- 44-Printer's measure
- 46-Scoffing
- 48-Citrus fruit (pl.)
- 51-Dispatched
- 52-Artificial language
- 53-Conjunction
- 55-Checked
- 59-Witty remark
- 60-One opposed
- 62-Memorandum
- 63-Beverage
- 64-Unusual
- 65-Chew upon

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- 1-Perform
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- 3-Shade tree
- 4-Tidier
- 5-Communion plate



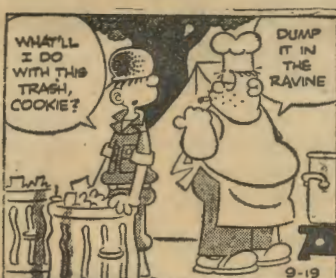
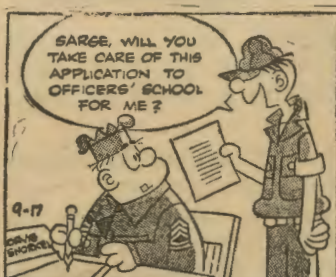
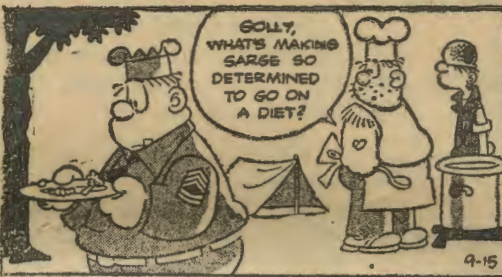
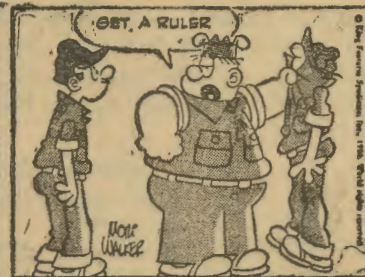
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BEETLE BAILEY

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'Hoi Chanh' Ballad Aired By Returnee

Cu Chi (USA) — Members of a certain Viet Cong unit in the 25th Infantry Division's area are being treated by an ex-comrade to a musical rendition of a guerrilla's woes and a Hoi Chanh's (returnee's) advantages.

The ex-comrade, a grenadier who turned himself in to the government under the Chieu Hoi program, surrendered at an ARVN compound in Ap Cay Trom, about four miles from the division's base camp.

The returnee explained that he formerly sang classical Vietnamese music in Saigon. Believing Viet Cong propaganda, he joined the VC last year and became a front-line soldier in Tay Ninh Province.

Before long, he became dissatisfied with Viet Cong life and objectives and rallied to the side of the government in response to 25th Division leaflets.

One morning in late October, the grenadier was ordered to go to Loc Hung, a village about 10 miles northwest of here, to buy food. He slipped from the village and walked to an ARVN compound to turn himself in.

At 25th Division headquarters, the returnee offered his services as an entertainer and wrote music and words for a song explaining the advantages of becoming a Hoi Chanh.

Division psychological operations personnel taped the performer as he accompanied himself on a guitar and the ballad is now played through loudspeakers mounted on

helicopters dropping leaflets on the unit.

The balladier seemed confident that his song would become a hit in his old unit. "They'll recognize my voice," he said. "I sang to them often."

VC Suspect Is Mail Carrier

Cu Chi (USA) — Mail from home is a morale booster to everyone, and it is anticipated that if the Viet Cong around here lose their morale it may be because their mail carrier was picked up as a VC suspect.

Sp4 Fred Robinson of St. Paul, Va., was conducting a search of one of the houses in a village near the 25th Infantry Division base camp when he saw a woman who, he said, "just looked like a VC."

He apprehended her and started to take her to the unit for questioning. She stopped and picked up a plastic bag containing some papers.

But later they were letters from the VC to their families," Robinson said.

The letters were turned over to ARVN intelligence agents and the woman was taken to the division base camp.



COLOR GUARD — The colors of U.S., Free World and ARVN forces are part of National Day parade.

Vietnam's National Day A 'New Era In History'

Saigon (MACV) — The people of Vietnam observed the third anniversary of the beginning of a new era in Vietnamese history Nov. 1. It was a festive and elaborate celebration. Only by being so could National Day fulfill its vital, even urgent, purpose.

National Day, the annual occasion to show patriotism and to demonstrate the unity of the nation, marks the overthrow of the Diem regime. For the Vietnamese, it holds the same meaning the Fourth of July does for Americans.

Such an occasion fills an essential need for a

people who, as President Johnson recently said, "have been fighting and suffering and dying for longer than many of us have lived."

Statues were raised in parks and squares to honor Vietnamese armed forces and heroes of the long struggle for freedom. Speeches told of the Republic's accomplishments in the past year. Graves of the fallen were decorated and cemeteries were dedicated. Throughout the country prayers for peace were said.

A display of aerial power and military equipment was symbolic of growing strength. Representations from every walk of Vietnamese life showed the new era to be one of unity and common purpose.

Participation by U.S. and

Free World forces provided unquestioned evidence of the wide support Vietnam receives in its struggle against communism.

The day showed popular support for the Vietnamese military forces. Outstanding performances were rewarded with decorations and promotions. The wounded were visited and given gifts. The people cheered their marching military units.

Civilian accomplishments also were recognized and the honor and respect of the military was returned.

National Day gives all the world a clear look at a young nation's dedication in facing the future. The hope of a valiant people was rejuvenated and the bonds of unity drawn a little tighter.

Medcap Role Stressed By Battalion Surgeon

Ben Luc (USA) — Capt. Morgan A. Cowan of Thomaston, Ga., is a quiet person who doesn't want to talk about himself or his job, but what his 25th Infantry Division medical team is doing for the people of the small Delta town of Ben Luc is worthy of mention.

As surgeon for the 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry, Captain Cowan has the primary mission of treating U.S. and Vietnamese forces. Much of his time is spent in his secondary function, the Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP).

Since the unit arrived at Ben Luc in mid-September

more than 1,300 people have been treated.

"We are now conducting two to three MEDCAPs a week. In addition, some of my staff always remains back at our base camp to assist any American and Vietnamese and we have medical personnel on all of the operations," Captain Cowan remarked.

Commenting on the condi-

tion of the people around Ben Luc, Captain Cowan reflected, that "generally the people here are well-fed and healthy. Most of all they are genuinely interested in their own health."

The captain said that on MEDCAPs his men make available to the villagers aspirins, vitamins, iron tablets and soap — all of which they eagerly accept.

He summed up his experiences in Vietnam by noting that, "It has given me an important chance to see a different type of patient who leads an entirely different way of life than the one I was used to in the U.S. I've thoroughly enjoyed working here and feel the experience will help me as a doctor."



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