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LETTER FROM HOME — A 1st Team trooper takes time to read his mail from home during a breather in a Cav. Operation. (US ARMY PHOTO)

Former 'Sky Trooper' Commands 1st Cavalry

Sp5 Marv Wolf

CAMP RADCLIFF— Maj. Gen. John Norton, a battle group commander with the 1st Team when it was in Korea, assumed command of the 1st Air Cav. Div. and within an hour a neatly lettered sign appeared on his office door:

«DO YOU HAVE THE FACTS?»

The sign seems to be typical of Gen. Norton's approach to one of the biggest jobs in Vietnam, running the Army's only airmobile division.

Since his recent assignment as CG of the famed Cav. Div., other signs of his determination have appeared. «WIN IN VIETNAM» proclaims a slogan on his helicopter.

In his initial staff conference, Gen. Norton set several goals for his new command. Besides an increased emphasis on maintaining the Div.'s huge stock of equipment and an equal emphasis on taking care of the troops, Norton stressed three other goals. Number one on his list: Prepare for and guard against surprise attack on the

base camp.

Towards this end he is keenly interested in the final phases of construction of the barrier line that surrounds the huge base.

One company commander, charged with the defense of a portion of this perimeter, said that when the division commander paid a visit to his sector and found a minor discrepancy, he «leaned on» the officer in charge of that phase of construction.

«There's no doubt that he means business,» added the company commander.

Gen. Norton also said that he is very much interested in further perfecting the art of airmobile warfare.

Since Norton was a member of the Howze Board, who's study and conclusions on Army airmobility led to the formation of the

11th Air Assault Division, from which the Cav. was redesignated last July, it seems likely that he knows how to go about the job.

The 48 year old general, who rose from 2nd Lt. to Lt. Col. in just over three years during WWII, set a final goal:

With thousands of the Army's original sky troopers nearing their rotation dates and soon to be reassigned throughout the rest of the Army, it is important that those leaving pass on everything useful to their replacements.

Gen. Norton, whose own qualifications include both fixed wing and helicopter ratings, as well as a stint as Chief of the Army's Air Mobile Div., appears to have the reins of the «Flying Horseman» firmly in hand.

By Sp4 Hank Allison

CAMP RADCLIFF — An Air Cav. soldier wounded in battle during the November Pleiku Campaign, has been awarded the nation's second highest medal for bravery, the Distinguished Service Cross, at Fort Bliss, Tex.

Sp4 Raymond Ortiz, a medic of Hqs. Co. 1st Bn., 8th Airborne Cav., was awarded the medal for exposing himself to heavy enemy fire while treating wounded infantrymen during a fierce fight near the Plei Me Special Forces camp.

The fight began when elements of the 1st Squadron, 9th Cav., ambushed two North Vietnamese companies on their way into Cambodia. After the ambush the 9th Cav. troops pulled back into their operational base area a few miles away and were almost immediately attacked by a North Vietnamese Bn. that had been on the trail behind the two, now totally destroyed, companies.

Soon it became apparent that without help, the small group of U.S. soldiers would be overrun and it was decided to reinforce them with an infantry unit.

Ortiz, who was serving as an aid man with Co. "A" as they air-assaulted into the beleaguered perimeter with the infantrymen of his unit.

He advanced to within 20 feet of enemy soldiers assaulting the perimeter to treat wounded men.

During the action, the young aid man was wound-

ed three times. The first bullet rendered his left arm useless and still he crawled from man to wounded man treating their injuries. He was hit twice more and still continued to aid the other wounded until he collapsed from loss of blood.

Ortiz personally carried six other soldiers to waiting evacuation copters but refused evacuation for himself until others could be taken out of the battle area.

Ortiz was evacuated the next morning and later sent to the United States for recuperation from his wounds.

He is now serving at Fort Bliss.

Full House

Officials have warned military air travelers using the McGuire Air Force Terminal in New Jersey for overseas shipment that there is a critical shortage of transient billets for incoming and outgoing passengers. It's been requested that personnel with dependents arrive at the terminal no more than 24-hours before flight time; unaccompanied personnel should arrive no more than six hours early. Space available passengers can expect to find no accommodations since they are last on the priority list.



ON THE FRONT LINE — A chinook 1st Cav. chopper pulls out after unloading its cargo of artillery in a forward area for fire support. (US ARMY PHOTO)

Saber News

Second Time Around

AN KHE — A former enlisted man and veteran civilian pilot, WO Jon R. Davidson of Vermillion, S.D., has been assigned to the Third Brigade.

Mr. Davidson first entered the U.S. Army in November 1958. Upon completion of basic training at Fort Carson, Colo., he attended Helicopter Repair School at Ft Eustis, Va.

The 27-year-old "Sky Trooper" then went to Fort Benning, Ga., where he served until March 1962 when he was honorably discharged from the service as a Specialist Fifth Class.

In February 1965, relying on his qualifications as an instrument-rated commercial pilot, he applied and was accepted for a commission as an Army aviator.

From February until December of last year he attended flight school at Fort Wolters, Tex., and Fort Rucker, Ala. Following graduation he remained at Fort Rucker as an instructor pilot until April of this year, when he was assigned to the 1st Cav. Div.

Awards By The Score

AN KHE — Twenty-nine officers and men were decorated recently when their Company Commander, Major Raymond D. Franklin, stepped before the 17th Aviation Company formation and presented them with the Air Medal. During the thirty minute ceremony, held at Camp Holloway, Major Franklin praised their "accomplishment and devotion to duty", as well as stressing the importance of the "can do" attitude.

Awarded the Air Medal were: Capt.; William R. Ankenbrandt and Troy D. Cooper, CWOs Hubert L. Cox and Phillip J. Byrnes, Platoon Sgt. Robert L. Bowington, SSGT George H. Scalf, SP5s James W. Longlee and Robert D. Hupp, and SP4 Larry R. Sanford. Awarded the Air Medal with the First Oak Leaf Cluster were: Capt.; Walter Urbach, Jr., Larry L. Welch and Robert P. Debardeleben; 1Lts: Charles R. Crescioni, Kenneth W. Allen, Robert M. Henderson, and Fred L. Bredehoeft; CWOs: Richard C. Manzke and Henry E. Swan; SP6 Robert D. Kimsey; SP5s: Arthur H. Beal, John T. Paschal, Robert W. Loeffler, Donald C. Calhoun, Gary L. Melby; SP4 Thomas O. Stoncipher and SP4 Jose Garcia. Awarded the Air Medal and the First, Second, and Third Oak Leaf Clusters were: 1Lt John K. Morrow and CWO Gerard A. Keeler.

SP6 Charles W. Jordan received the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

Brothers Re-united

In other news, C Battery was the scene of a family reunion on the 29th of March. During a lull in fire missions, two brothers who hadn't seen each other in three years got together at C Battery's position just north of Qui Nhon.

The two brothers are Sp4 Tony F. Wallace, C Battery, 3rd., 18th Inf., and SSgt. Charles C. Wallace, HHC 2d bn, 35th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division.

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THE FIRST TEAM

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A HELPING HAND—A 1st Cav Chinook lifts out a marine chopper shot down by the Viet Cong Near Da Nang. (US ARMY PHOTO)

Legislature Passes Bill:

Georgia To Build Cavalry Memorial

AN KHE — A monument to honor all the men of the 1st Air Cav. Div. in Vietnam has been ordered designed and built by the legislature of the state of Georgia.

A resolution ordering the monument erected in Columbus, Ga., former home of the division, was introduced in the state house of representatives and had been approved by both houses on February 18th.

Some concern was expressed by Columbusites over a clause in the resolution that said the monument was to be built "When funds were made available therefore." However, Governor Carl Sanders has promised to make the money available from his emergency fund.

First estimates are that the monument will cost from three to five thousand dollars although no proposed plan has yet been submitted.

The bill proposing the monument was penned by Rep. Bill Fleming of Augusta, Ga. Fleming said that his move was designed to show Georgia's appreciation to the men of the 1st Cav. for the fight they are waging against communist aggression in Vietnam.

The resolution concludes by saying. "Now, therefore be it resolved by the general assembly of Georgia that a suitable monument be erected in Columbus, Ga. in honor of these outstand-

ing men of the 1st Cav. Div. — those who have died and those who live today — and their families as an expression of gratitude by the people of Georgia. The Secretary of state is hereby directed to make whatever arrangements are necessary relative to the construction of such a monument."

Clean Clothes Hot Showers Keep Men Happy

LA THANH — One-day laundry service and hot showers greeted paratroopers of the Army Air Cav. Div.'s 1st Airborne Brigade at the end of a day of combat.

Three days after OPERATION LINCOLN began in the Central Highlands west of Pleiku, the facilities were open on a daily basis, accommodating more than 3,000 sky troopers assigned or attached to the 1st Airborne Bde.

According to Cpl. Frank A. Couch, 20 of Bridgeton, N. J., foreman of the showerpoint "A continuing stream of Cavalrymen use the shower daily, and the before and after change is extremely noticeable."

Located adjacent to the

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latest arrival at the 1st Cav. Div. Arty. Hq. is a four pound female Ocelot.

The kitten goes by the name of "Choi oui," which is the Vietnamese equivalent of "gee whiz." And like any other cat, she doesn't recognize any master, but Sp4 John J. Broadwell has other ideas.

Broadwell, who drives for the Division Artillery Supply Officer, found Choi Oui hiding in a tree near Kontum during OPERATION LINCOLN. After deciding to capture her, he enlisted the aid of a Montagnard tribesman and the unwilling kitten was bagged in the best Clyde Beatty tradition.

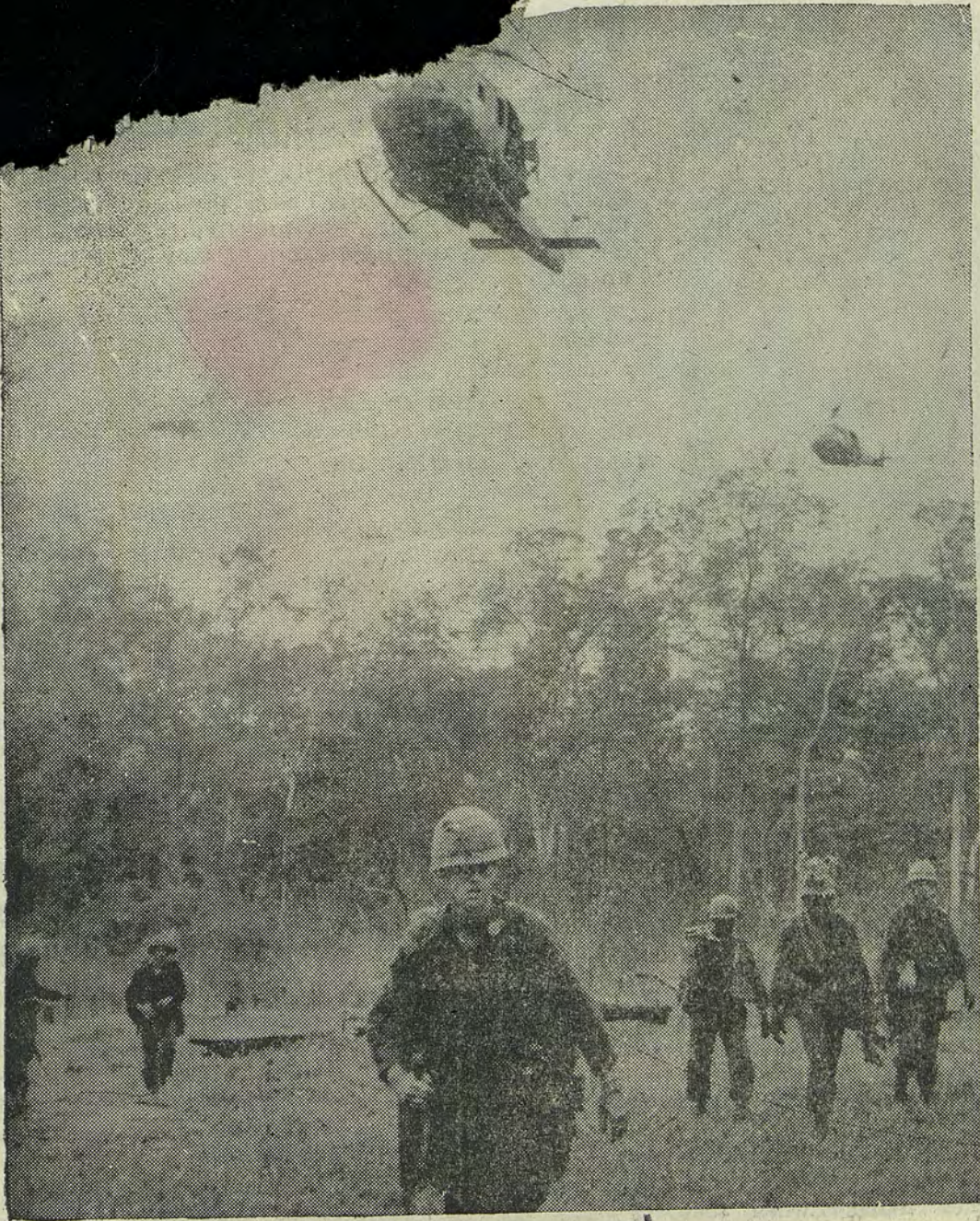
Choi Oui still lives in a tree, but she is now on a long leash and sports a fancy collar and "dog tags" which proclaim to all that she is the property of Specialist Broadwell and has had her rabies shots. The La Puente, Calif. soldier plans to take her home with him in December and is confident that the leash will be a part time thing by then.

What does she eat? Fish, milk and cooked meat make up her diet. Broadwell figures that it's better to leave raw meat off the jungle cat's menu. Choi Oui can make short work of a can of tuna and a cup of milk now and when she reaches her maximum weight of 30 pounds, the grocery bill may take a steep upward turn.

"Ocelots make great pets," said Broadwell with a grin, "that is once they get used to the domestic scene."

shower-point is the laundry, which also operates full-blast, providing 24-hour service. Foreman of the Laundry Service is Cpl. William R. Maryfield 22, of St. Charles, Mo.

The shower facility is operated through the courtesy of the 625th Quarter-Master Co. while the laundry is handled by the 526th Quarter-Master Co. Both are direct support units.



COVER FIRE—Cav. troopers advance on a search and destroy mission while, Rocketships of the 1st team stay close to provide fire support. (US ARMY PHOTO)

No Roof Over His Head:

Monsoon Brings Unique Problem To Cav Officer

By Capt. Forrest F. William

CAMP RADCLIFF—With the torrential rains of the monsoon season just weeks away, Maj. Loren Webb, 11th General Support Company, is getting prepared. Maj. Webb of Denmark, South Carolina, is improving his living quarters, known as a «Hootch» in soldiers' slang.

All was finished except the roof when Webb spotted an ad in his hometown newspaper, The Barnwell People's Sentinel, for free roofing estimates. Just for a joke he wrote to the Palmetto Roofing Company of Orangeburg for an estimate on his unique roofing problem.

«Gentlemen:

I have almost completed my «Hootch» and am in dire need of a roof as the

monsoon season is almost upon us over here. I would appreciate one of your free estimates without obligation with all possible dispatch.»

«I was going to call collect as advertised, but I decided against that at the last minute. However, you may contact me by simply calling the San Francisco operator and asking for An Khe, Vietnam, Lonely Switch.»

Well, Major Webb got his reply:

«Dear Sir:

In response to your request, I placed the telephone call per instructions only to be disappointed to learn from the San Francisco operator that calls to your area are booked several weeks in advance. However, I did place the call and will look forward to

discussing the subject of roofing with you when said call is completed. However, it may be to your advantage to call a local roofer since the monsoon is so near. With kindest personal regards to you and the entire First Cavalry. I am respectfully yours.

/s/ George Malcom, owner Palmetto Roofing Company.

P.S. — I enjoyed your letter very much and I am going to try to get pictures and letter printed in the Barawell paper. I am a veteran of four campaigns and one D-Day invasion. May I wish you God Speed.»

Now Maj. Webb and his surveillance platoon are waiting for a phone call from Mr. Malcom and looking for a local roofing contractor.

1700 Joined So Far:

'Sky Trooper' Membership In Div Chapter Going Strong

CAMP RADCLIFF—Dues for more than 1700 associate memberships in the «Sky Trooper» Chapter of the 1st Cav. Div. have been collected from present members of the division in Vietnam.

With only one-third of all divisional units reporting thus far in the membership drive, the major command with the highest percentage of members is the 2nd Bde. with a total of 955. The first unit to gain the 100 mark was Battery «C», 2nd Bn., 19th Arty. The Division G-3 section is now also in the 100% category.

Maj. Moses D. Smalls, Association project officer said that division officials expect a high overall percentage of association memberships when the tactical situation allows units to return to the base camp and conduct membership drives. Thus far in the drive, only one-third of all divisional units have reported their memberships.

Maj. Gen. Harry W. O. Kinnard, former 1st Cav. Div. commander, said that he encouraged all men of the division to become members of the association. He said, «While I encourage you to become members, I have in mind much more than creating an accumulation of dues payers. I hope we can create a vibrant association founded on good will and the memory of shared hardships and success and dedicated to those American traditions to

which the 1st Cav. Div. has given long and honorable service.»

One of the first projects the new chapter will undertake will be to send one enlisted and one commissioned representative to the association's convention in Miami, Fla., during August of this year.

Charlie Goes Hungry During 1st Cav Patrols

KONTUM — The Recon platoon of «D» Co., 2nd Bn., 5th Cav., interrupted the life of two enemy villages and confiscated a large weapons cache in the process without seeing their foe.

Sgt. Rogelio Salinas of San Antonio, Tex., recon platoon Sgt., led his men on a sweep through a region of jungle in the operational area of the brigade's Operation Mosbey II. While on this sweep, the men stumbled upon an 11-house village in the middle of the jungle. Nobody was in sight, but the men found ample evidence that someone had very recently been in the village.

«We found much food and a few pots of tea on the tables,» said Sgt. Salinas, «all of it was still hot. They must have heard us coming and got out of there in one big hurry.»

The men were speculating on just who had been in the village, when a shout gave them the answer. One of the men had found a large arms cache in one of the huts. Included in the cache was .30-caliber machinegun ammo, hand grenades and Chinese Communist binoculars.

After calling for choppers to lift the captured gear out, the patrol moved on. About a thousand meters farther they found another village with more food on the tables. Again there were no people around.

When the troopers finished searching this village, they returned to the base camp. The patrol had captured much enemy materiel and had ruined the dinners of at least some of their elusive foe.





END OF THE RIDE—Charlie really must have night mares trying to figure out where a 1st Team chopper is going to come down. Sky Troopers and their amazing versatility keep Charlie on the run. (US ARMY PHOTO)

Non Explosive Is New Ammo

AN KHE — The new battery mascot for Service Battery, 3rd Bn., 18th Arty. is a three month old black half-breed Vietnamese pup called Ammo. Ammo, a registered license holder, cost the battery approximately 150 piastres and was purchased when he was three weeks old. The origin of his name comes directly from the 19 men of Ammo Section of Service Battery who claim ownership of the pup.

Ammo carries on his daily activities of eating and sleeping and nightly activities of barking, harassing locusts, chasing guards on duty (which no one seems to mind) and making friends with the mess Sgt.

Ammo goes on the battery field problems with the Ammo Section as mascot for morale support, friendly companionship, and a good luck token. He has the only record of a dog his size and age of catching two rats and one jungle cock during his tour of duty in Vietnam.

The pup can be found any night of the week hanging out in his favorite haunt, namely Service Battery orderly room where he is constantly the center of attention, always patiently and faithfully guarding the area.

Like Caveman Days:

Intelligence Moves Back Underground

CAMP RADCLIFF—The men of the Army's Air Cav Div. 3rd Bn., 18th Arty, have completed work on a large bunker to provide office space for their Fire Direction Center, Intelligence and Operations sections.

The bunker which has 720 square feet of floor space, is called «Jackson House» for MSgt. Andrew Jackson, of Tacoma, Wash., the projects' primary supervisor.

The bunker is well insulated by its thick walls, and a mahogany tree which grows through the ceiling shades the roof. The men say it's like living in a futuristic house to have a tree growing up through the middle of the room.

SSgt. Burley Mills of Spanaway, Wash., construction foreman of the project is quite pleased with the job his men have done with the materials at hand. He cites one feature that most family men wish came along as part of the deal on a new home.

«We don't owe anything on it, do we?» he says with a grin.

Inside, the bunker has a special lighting system that operates on 110, 28 or 24 volts. The sound proof bunker has a beam ceiling treated with chemicals to discourage termites, and a vegetation system made of powder canisters from the Bns. 175mm howitzers.

The most unusual feature

of the unique structure is the men's «PET» orchid. They found it when they were felling timber for the roof beams and planted it in a crevice between the sandbags where it now provides a delicate contrast to a very rugged building.

Fixed Nears Completion

AN KHE — When Brig. Gen. John M. Wright of Los Angeles, California, asst. div. commander of the 1st Air Cav. Div., first unveiled his concept of the Airmobile Div. base camp at An Khe, it included an airstrip.

Now, after eight months of constant combat operations, the camp, built around the «Golf Course» the world's largest heliport, has that airstrip. Div. pilots landed the first plane, a CV-2 Caribou, on it Thursday, May 5.

The 3250-foot strip runs along the edge of the heliport and when surfaced with a new plastic material will be able to support the landings of big, four-engine Air Force C-130 cargo planes.

With a 5 percent grade from end to end, the field can handle runoff from the monsoon rains. The earth moving and surface work is being done by Hq. and «C» Co.'s of the Div.'s 8th Eng. Bn.

Lt. Kenneth Kvam of San Francisco, California, executive officer of Hq. Co., says the new plastic «membrane» which will surface the runway is as durable as the pieced steel planks presently in use and is also cheaper and easier on aircraft tires.

The airstrip is the se-

venth one for the men of the 8th Eng.'s. They have also built airstrips at Bong Son, Phu Cat, Polly Kling, L. Z. Cat, Polei Mrong, and landing zone «Oasis» on the highlands plain near the Cambodian border.

The field at landing zone «Oasis» is the only other strip in Vietnam covered with the new membrane material and its success as an all-weather field sparked the use of the new material for the airfield at the Div's base camp.

Third Brigade Cav Troopers Adopt Village

CAMP RADCLIFF—Troopers of the Div's 3rd Bde. have adopted another village in its continuing program of Civic Affairs and assistance for the people of South Vietnam.

The Bde. has been given permission to operate in the village of An Dinh, a series of small hamlets about six miles north-east of An Khe.

Presently, the village provides homes for 800 residents. Prior to Viet Cong intervention last year, more than 1800 people lived there.

«We've just started to work in the village,» said Capt. Don Colleti, the Civic Affairs officer for the Bde, «but it has great potential.»

Cuu Anh, a village two miles north of An Dinh was adopted by the 2nd Bn., 7th Cav. in January.

Construction on a three-room dispensary has been started. When finished, the medical building will house living quarters for a full time nurse, an examining room and a six bed ward.

The school in Song An has been opened for the first time in almost a year. The villagers along with «Sky Troopers» from the 1st Bn., 7th Cav. reconstructed the school which had been closed since April of last year. Plans are now under study to start a laundry business in the village.



A HELPING HAND, OR SKY HOOK—The 1st teams flying Crane helps lift a disabled Cav. chopper into a safe landing for repairs. (US ARMY PHOTO)

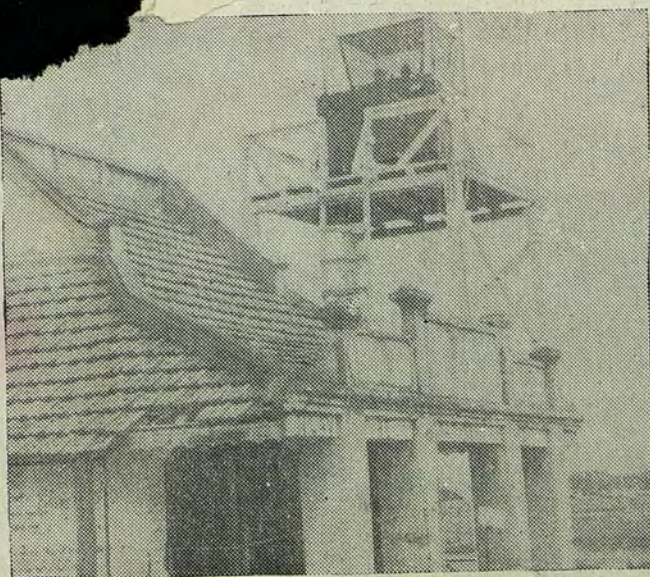
AN KHE — 'T'was the hot sultry afternoon of Sept. 15, 1965, when the main body of Co. D, 15th Trans. Bn., 1st Cav. arrived in their area bordering the 1st Cav. Golf Course. What the men saw was a forest of trees, brush, and mounds of ant hills, all of which had to be removed to accommodate their maintenance operations.

After a days toil on the brush, trees and hills, the men were tired and sweaty and in need of a shower. At the time the shower point was about five miles one way from Co. D's area. On the way back the dust was so thick, that they really didn't feel clean upon arriving back in the area. This of course started a trend of thought toward a shower of their own.

After a month of toil and sweat, Co. D finally had their own shower, but to maintain enough water in the tank to shower some 300 men we had to keep a truck and trailer on the ready all day. About a month and a half after arrival a well was started. After digging some 12 ft., solid rock was encountered over the whole bottom. «Well abandoned,» a new one started close to our shower. With the assistance of PFC James O. Ward the chief well digger, the new well began to take shape.

After reaching a depth of 13 ft. they were getting sufficient water to start using the well. The hole was cased and an electric pump was purchased and mounted on top of the tank, a float affair was devised and connected electrically with the pump motor. When the level of the water in the tank dropped eight inches pump came on and when full, the pump would cut off.

A rock wall was built around exposed casing and a roof built on top to resemble an old rustic well. Again PFC Ward was called upon to go into the hole and dig deeper. As a last resort the well was drilled and dynamite used to break up rock. Co. D can proudly say that they now have a well some 15 ft. deep with 7 ft. of water. Appreciation goes to PFC Ward who definitely became the chief well digger.



OLD AND THE NEW— The 1st Cav. fire station number one stands next to the control tower on the golf course. The station is a small buddhist shrine that had fallen into disuse and was covered by the jungle when the 1st Cav. arrived in September of 1965. (US ARMY PHOTO)

School Students Support Civic Affairs Program

AN KHE — New York high schools have begun providing badly needed food and clothing to the people of Tu Luong village near here.

The project began when a 1st Air Cav. Div. SMaj. received letters from two New York schoolgirls asking what they could do to help the United States effort in Vietnam.

SMaj. George A. Butcher of Quincy, Mass., wrote back to Angela Trezzo of Brooklyn, N. Y. and

Kathryn Murray of Flushing, New York and told them that his men didn't need much, but that his unit, Cav. Div. Arty. had adopted a village that did.

The girls went to work collecting clothing, food and toys at St. Agatha's High and Flushing High School, from friends, classmates and even business firms in their neighborhoods.

Three grocery firms have sent 40 cases of groceries and baby foods and the girls are packing boxes of clothing they have collected for shipment to the villagers.

The Flushing High School students have published the SMaj.'s letter in their local newspaper to gain more support for their project.

Birds Vs Birds In 'Hot' Rivalry

AN KHE — With the Army's increased use of helicopters, a good natured interservice rivalry has sprung up between fixed wing pilots and those who fly the «Whirlybirds.»

When a flight of helicopters from the 1st Air Cav., the Army's elite, helicopter-borne outfit, landed to refuel at a dirt airstrip used by psychological warfare planes, the pilots of the single engine, loudspeaker equipped aircraft didn't miss a chance to deliver a stinging blow.

As he taxied through the billowing cloud of dust kicked up by the helicopter rotors, he announced over his loudspeaker,

«Ladies and gentlemen, on my left is the Army's newest energy producing machine, the UH-1D Iriquois Helicopter. The Iriquois efficiently transforms JP-4 Jet Fuel into vast quantities of dust... Good morning, gentlemen, and welcome to Phan Thut.»

Cav Troopers Continue To Improve Camp Conditions

By PFC Roy Hemingway

AN KHE — Improvements have been made around the 1st Cav. Div's 2nd Bn., 8th Cav. area. A new Bn. mess hall for the «Cavalairs» has been constructed by the 84th Eng. Bn.

As a result, the three previous structures, of which the old mess hall was composed, have been renovated.

The first kitchen is now a shower room which can comfortably accommodate 20 men at one time. The shower is supplied water from the Div. water point and hold 800 gallons.

The old dining room is now an Enlisted Men's Club. The spacious and elaborately decorated club has numerous gayly colored tables and chairs and is still in the process of improvement.

The second kitchen is now a battalion aid station operated by the medical platoon. The station, headed by Capt. Charles Greenhouse of Hq. Co. from Laurelton, New York, has the capability of treating lacerations and minor diseases, giving immunizations, first-aid, and perform minor surgery.

According to Sp5 Rudolph Davis of Waycross, Georgia, an average of 35 to 40 patients are treated per day.

The aid station, which is

one of the finest in the Div. is still in the process of improvement. It was dedicated May 10th, in memory of three of the men of the Bn. who gave their lives during Operation Lincoln.

Novel Cooks Feed Number One Chop-Chop

CAMP RADCLIFF — After cooking 138,400 meals in Vietnam, the cooks of the Army's 1st Cav. Div. Hq. Co., 11th Aviation Group finally got a day off.

The chiefs were replaced by a most novel volunteer staff; a major, Buel R. Powell of Hillview, Ill., company commander, the company's 1st Sgt., William A. Bartholomew, Richmond, Va., three SFCs Billy W. Barbee, Robert P. Walville, S.C., SSgt. Daniel F. Conte of Columbus, Ga., and CWO Hugh J. Chauvin of Gulfport Miss.

Sgt. Barbee, who had previous experience as a cook supervised the neophyte chefs and made sure that when the recipe called for pepper, no one added nutmeg.

Since it was a special occasion, the mess sgt. had procured a supply of steak and the men had scrambled eggs and steak for breakfast. For supper, they had charcoal-broiled steak, potato salad, cold slaw, chocolate cake and fresh juice. Breakfast was from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and supper was from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

No one complained about the food — which must be some kind of a record. But, just in case anyone was dissatisfied, a crudely lettered sign on a paper napkin tacked to the outside of the mess hall read, «Do you know your rights under Article 31?» Article 31 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice is the military equivalent of the Bill of Rights!



GIDDY-UP, BULLOCK— Transportation around the central highlands camp at An Khe is quite diversified. Modern busses to blistered feet, or if your on the native side, a ride on a bullock, (US ARMY PHOTO)

Chaplains Diary

By Chap. Edwin R. Andrews

CAMP RADCLIFF — «I'd give anything for a coke right now.»

The comment struck a chord deep inside me, though I put in my vote for root beer. Jeff, though, upheld his «coke craving,» and we were off on one of those conversations that come straight from the heart — or the stomach.

PFC Jeffrey Biles and his pup-tentmate, PFC James Bullard of Co. A, 13th Signal Bn., were waiting for a message center run when our paths crossed in the Adjutant's tent.

«When I get back home, that's what I want,» continued Jeff. «A king-sized coke, a steak about two feet across, and lots of French fries.»

«How about a pizza about that size?» put in Jim, «And nice hot biscuits.»

«Muffins.»

«Well, any kind of hot bread.»

«Yeah,» said Jeff, «and if anybody puts a piece of chicken or a bean on my plate, I'll throw it at 'em'.»

This mouth-watering stream of conversation drifted through a eulogy on MacDonald's hamburger stands to the subject of boxes of food from home — CARE packages, they're called here.

«I remember getting a big three-layer cake from my grandmother when I was on Desert Strike maneuvers,» grinned Jeff. «It was mailed to Fort Hood, Texas, then it bounced around in two or three mail sacks out in Louisiana before it got to me. It was beat to a pulp, but we ate every crumb of it — had to fight the ants for it the second and third day.»

Jim, a Charlotte, N.C. soldier, and I began to suspect that Jeff was from Texas rather than from Wichita, Kansas, as he claimed. When we accused him of tall tales he rose to the occasion magnificently.

«I remember one time when I was going home from Fort Benning, I stopped at a little place in Longview, Texas, that had a big sign saying they made the biggest hamburgers in the world. I went in and told them I wanted the biggest they had, and they brought out one made of five pounds of beef.»

«It cost me \$2.00, but I bought it and nibbled on it all the way home. In fact, it lasted a couple of days after I got there. My girl friend and I finished it up on a picnic.»

We hooted at the story, only to have irrefutable evidence brought in.

«It's a fact,» insisted Jeff, «When I took my car home in August before I came over here, I bought another one and kept it until I got to Wichita, so my mother could see how big it was.»

Jim and I conceded the eating championship to Jeff.

Jim and Jeff left then on their message center run, still babbling of cookies and the like.

And here I am alone — hungry for cokes and hamburgers and pizzas Hungry for home.



OUT AND AT THEM — «Sky Troopers of the 1st Cav. dismount from their choppers to rout out the enemy during Operation Lincoln. (US ARMY PHOTO by Sp4 Glen Rasmussen)»

Hon Cong — Non Com:

Lonelist Job In Vietnam Never Gets Him Down

AN KHE — SSgt Herbert Condon, of New Bedford, Minn., has one of the loneliest jobs in Vietnam—but he doesn't let it get him down.

For one thing, he's perched on a tiny hilltop some 1500 feet above the huge 1st Air Cav. Div.'s Camp Radcliff, and the only way up or down is by helicopter.

Condon is the non-com in charge of communications specialists, radar operators, searchlight crewmen, artillery observers and maintenance men who make their home on Hong Cong Mountain.

Condon's men are protected by an infantry unit. The infantrymen are rotated regularly to and from other duties and regard the security job on the lonely peak as «R&R» from looking for the Viet Cong.

The communications crews, however, are permanently assigned, and leave only when their Viet-

nam tour is completed, or their unit replaces them.

The Div.'s 13th Signal Bn. is in charge of the outpost, but such supporting units as the 54th and 586th Signal Co. and the 18th Aviation Group are represented by teams of specialists.

Although water, food and other supplies are brought in daily by chopper, few of the men take advantage of the transportation to visit the main base below.

«This is home,» said one radio operator, «and I've only been down the hill three times in seven months.»

The Cavalrymen have built themselves a messhall, which doubles as a chapel, and twice a week Division Chaplains drop in to hold Protestant and Catholic services.

Most of the soldiers have personal radios, and besides reading, listening to music from the Armed Forces Radio Station in the valley below that is the only form of amusement available on the rocky crest.

The hard-working tenants of Hong Cong mountain have taken advantage of their lack of recreation fa-

cilities to improve their living conditions. Slabs of rock have been utilized with cement to make solid flooring, and bamboo matting brightens up the walls.

Because of its lofty position, being really 'On Top' of the other Div. installations it is usually on 'Top' of the itinerary for visitors.

Such distinguished persons as Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara and Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Harold K. Johnson have inspected the installation.



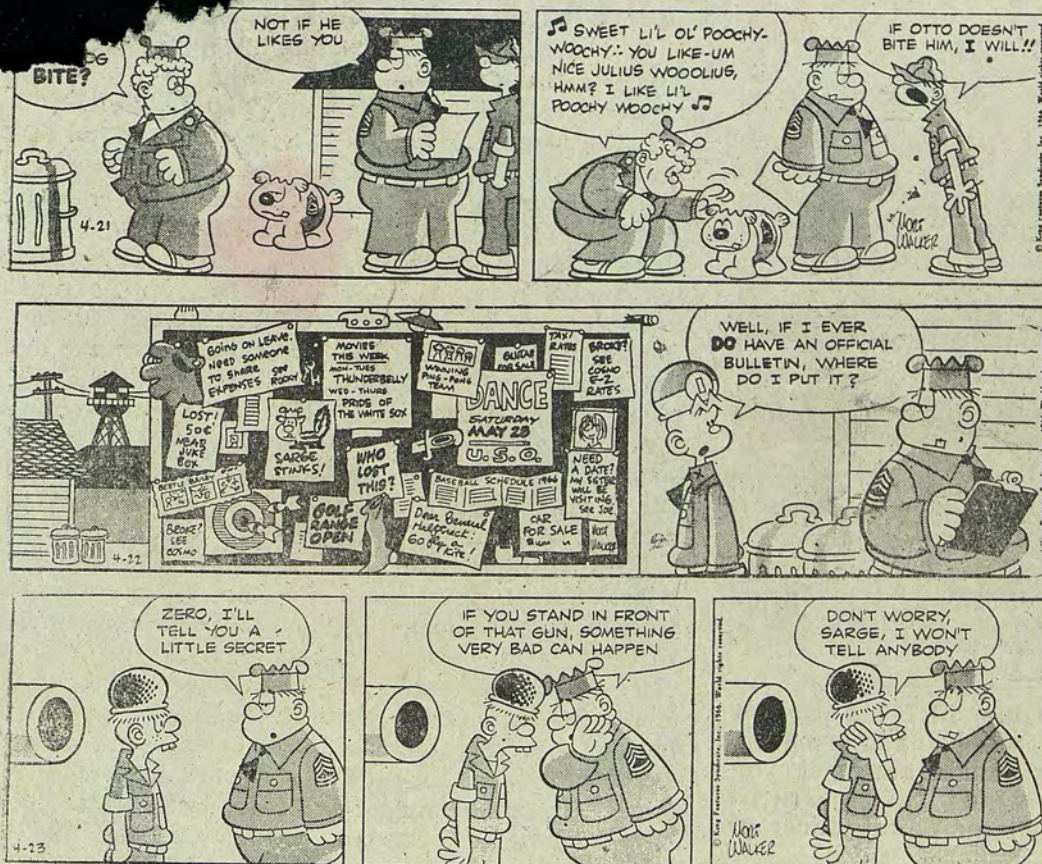
FOLLOW ME — The famous call of the infantry seems to come to life as these 1st team troopers assault a Viet Cong position. (US ARMY PHOTO).

BILLET PROOF...



«WAS IT SOMETHING I SAID?»

BY MORY WALKER



PEANUTS

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



SCHEDULE

A.F.R.C., Vietnam

RADIO

(News on the hour unless otherwise indicated)

MONDAY—THROUGH—FRIDAY

0005 Johnny Magnus	1830 Bandstand USA
0105 Station Sign Off/On	1905 Jim Ameche
0108 Be Still and Know	2005 Mon.-Hall of Fame
0110 Night Train	Music From America
0505 Country Corner	Tues.—Footlights and
0605 Dawnbuser	Sound Tracks
0630 Headlines & Sports	Wed.—Jazzbook, Vol. II
0635 Chaplain	Thur.—George Shearing
0640 Dawnbuser	Fri.—Folk Music of the World
0705 Chaplain	2105 Australian News
0710 Dawnbuser	2110 Mon.—I Am An American
0830 Ira Cook	Tues.—Men and Molecules
0905 Destination Noon	Wed.—Spectrum USA
105 Bill Stewart Show	Thur.—Science Editor
1300 World News Roundup	Fri.—Jeffersonian Heritage
1315 Analysis of Events	2125 Tue.—Thur.—Night Beat
1320 USO Show	2140 M, W, F—Night Beat
1330 World of Show Business	2200 News Thirty
1405 Monitor	2230 Night Beat
1505 C&W Jamboree	2330 Tonight Show
1605 Swinging Sixties	

SATURDAY

0005 Jazz Showcase	1315 Swing Serenade
0105 Station Sign Off/On	1405 The World of C&W Music
0108 Be Still and Know	1605 Swinging Sixties
0110 Night Train	1805 Shindig
0505 Big Bands	1830 Australian Show
0530 Point of Law	1905 Sammy Davis Jr.
0535 Sounds of the Sixties	2005 Grand Ole Opry
0605 Dawnbuser	2105 Australian News
0630 Headlines & Sports	2110 Night Beat
0635 Dawnbuser	2200 News Thirty
0905 Destination Noon	2230 Night Beat
1205 Swing Serenade	2330 World of Jazz
1300 World News Roundup	

SUNDAY

0005 Patty	1300 World News Roundup
0105 Station Sign Off/On	1315 Panorama
0108 Be Still and Know	1605 Issues & Answers
0110 Night Train	1630 Best from Interlochen
0505 Moods in Melody	1705 Spectrum
0530 Banners of Faith	1805 Enchantment of Music
0605 Navy Hour	1835 Meet the Press
0630 Serenade in Blue	1900 Steve Allen
0645 Navy Swings	2005 Suspense
0705 Army Hour	2030 You Are There
0730 Catholic Hour	2105 Aussie News and Sports
0805 Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir	2115 Studio 7
0830 Protestant Hour	2200 World News Roundup
0905 Sunday Serenade	2215 Studio 7
1205 Silver Platter	2330 11th Hour
1230 Folk Music of the World	

TELEVISION

MONDAY

2000 I've Got A Secret
2030 Information Feature
2100 News
2105 Combat
2200 Ben Casey
2300 News
2305 Sign Off

WEDNESDAY

2000 Voyage To the Bottom of the Sea
2100 News
2105 Where The Action Is
2130 The Tonight Show
2300 News
2305 Sign Off

FRIDAY

2000 To Tell The Truth
2030 Armed Forces Feature
2100 News
2105 Gun Smoke
2209 Danny Kaye Show
2300 News
2305 Sign Off

TUESDAY

2000 CBS Golf Classic
2100 News
2105 Rawhide
2200 Red Skeleton
2300 News
2305 Sign Off

THURSDAY

2000 G. E. College Bowl
2030 NFL Highlights
2100 News
2105 Perry Mason
2200 The Jimmy Dean Show
2300 News
2305 Sign Off

SATURDAY

2000 Sports Special
2130 News Headlines
2200 Hollywood Palace
2300 News
2305 Sign Off

SUNDAY

2000 Weekly Newsreel	2200 Ed Sullivan
2030 Ted Mack	2300 News
2100 News	2305 Sign Off
2105 Bonanza	

Armed Forces Radio
An Khe

AM-FM 99.1 mc

Mon-Sat 3:05pm to 6:30pm "Showtime"

Mon-Sat 8:05pm to 10:00pm "Starlight Serenade"

Sun. . . 9:05pm to 10:00pm "Sunday Music"

The music you're listening to on FM is donated, if you care to donate music to the station to help build the music library, a copy of the recording will be made and your tape or record will be returned to you.

Our thanks to the people who have already donated music to better the FM programming.

Sp4 Ken McConnell
Radio, An Khe

Obverse: Yellow And Black

PHẦN THƯỞNG

ĐỀ-NHẤT SỰ-ĐOÀN KÝ-BÌNH KHÔNG-VÂN HOA-KỲ có mặt tại đây là do sự yêu-cầu của VIỆT NAM CỘNG HÒA để giúp Quốc-gia này tái-lập An-ninh và Hòa-bình. Bạn có thể tiếp tay bằng cách:

Nếu bạn có tin-tức gì liên-quan đến Việt-cộng, xin vui lòng báo cho Cảnh-sát Quân hoặc một đơn-vị Quân-đội Hoa-Kỳ nào đó. Bạn sẽ được

Sự hợp-tác của bạn đoạt được vũ-khí và tin-tức Việt-cộng cho Cảnh-Sát Quân sẽ đem lại phần-thưởng cho bạn. Hết đây.

Mọi người đều được hưởng kẻ cả Việt-cộng và Quy-chánh Quốc-gia hoặc quân để bắt được đồng-ban.

Cho họ tới truyền-đơn này.

US Forces, take the bearer to your Unit Commander or Intelligence Officer.

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HARRY W. O. KINNARD
Maj General
1st Air Cav Div

This document, could in all probability save your life! As a new step in fighting Viet Cong influence among the people, rewards for information and documents are being offered. If any Vietnamese should approach you carrying the above pictured document, which is Yellow with black stripes, the colors of the flag of Vietnam, take him to your commanding officer or Div. G-2 at once. ED.

Reverse: White

PHẦN THƯỞNG MÃ

Tin-tức đưa đến:

a. Bắt được nhân-viên

Chính-trị viên VC, Tình-báo viên VC, lính VC
thưởng từ 50\$ đến 15,000\$

b. Lấy được quân-dụng, vật-liệu, hoặc vũ-khí

Mìn VC hoặc bẫy mìn	thưởng từ 50\$	đến 600\$
Dụng-cụ truyền-tin	thưởng từ 100\$	đến 3,000\$
Súng lục, súng trường	thưởng từ 800\$	đến 3,000\$
Dại-liên	thưởng từ 4,000\$	đến 7,000\$
Dại bác không giặt, súng cối đại bác	thưởng từ 2,000\$	đến 40,000\$

c. Lấy được tài-liệu

Tài liệu tình báo VC	thưởng từ 100\$	đến 2,000\$
Mật-mã truyền-tin VC	thưởng từ 100\$	đến 10,000\$

* Bất cứ tin-tức có giá-trị nào đến ĐỀ-NHẤT SỰ-ĐOÀN KHÔNG-VÂN HOA-KỲ sẽ được lãnh thưởng.

The Great Helicopter Race

By Sp4 Ken McConell

CAMP RADCLIFF— The pilots of the Div. are serious about their work, and discussions of the merits of various types of helicopters as opposed to those that the other guys fly are liable to erupt into full scale war.

But, colonels can't very well go around punching each other in the nose—especially if they are friends.

Lt. Col. Jack Cranford and Max Clark, who are, by the way, friends, were arguing the respective merits of their units and helicopters, when they decided that the only way to settle the rivalry and prove or disprove the rash claims Clark was making for his new 540 model, big-rotor UH-1B gunships was to have a race.

The 227th Assault Helicopter Bn., Col. Cranford's outfit, couldn't see how Col. Clark's big cargo-carrying twin rotor Chinooks could even hope to keep up with a sleek new gunship.

The 227th sent Col. Clark a steel banding machine for wrapping cargo, «just in case he needs something to keep his mobile home together.»

Clark's outfit, the 228th Assault Support Helicopter Bn. retaliated by sending handbills to all division units ballyhooing the race

and saying that the next battle cry of the Huey crowd would be «Wait 'til we get Cobra,» a new super speed helicopter scheduled for delivery to Vietnam units next year.

At the controls of the CH-47 Chinook were CWO's William A. Ralston and Carlton H. Lindsey, both of Columbus, Ga.

Jockeying the new 540 «Huey» were Maj. William E. Hattaway of Coppers Cove, Tex., and Capt. James Hunt of Kingfisher, Tex.

The race course was laid

An
'Just Like

By Sp4 Hank Allison

CAMP RADCLIFF— The sign above the door says, «Mario and Joe's Barber and Beauty Salon.»

Inside, where Mario Perotti of Elizabeth, N.J. and Joseph Smeck of Chicago, Ill., hold court, you could swear after a comfortable ten minute wait listening to the radio and reading a hunting and fishing magazine, that you were in either of their home towns at the corner barber shop and not at the Cav. Div.'s base camp 240 miles north of Saigon.

It's a hard quality to describe, but all men know what it is that makes a barbershop and not just a place to get your ears lowered. It's composed perhaps of one part liniment smell, one part dog-eared sports magazines and one part comfortable chairs all mixed together with the baseball game on the radio and the guy holding the shears who can carry on 50 different conversations on the topic of the day without starting an argument with anyone.

Whatever it is, these two young businessmen have it. Perotti started the en-

terprise at Div. Hq. in December, 1965, with one pair of barber clippers and a comb.

When he was interviewed for the job, he revealed three years experience as a hair stylist on the distaff side of the fence. The Sgt. asking the questions growled, «That's close enough.» Perotti had a job.

Since Smeck's arrival in March, the shop has expanded from that one pair of clippers to a two-chair salon that can give you a shave, haircut or shampoo. Perotti even styles the hair of the Army nurses and Red Cross Donut dollies!

The two soldiers have invested some \$400 in the shop. In return, they get to keep 60% of the income of the shop. This covers supplies, which they order through barber supply houses in the states and laundry for the smooks and towels with a little left over for Perotti and Smeck. The remaining 40% goes to build recreational facilities for the men in the Div. Hq. Co.



REST TIME— Two 'Sky Troopers' of the 1st Cav. take a breather during a 1st team operation in the central highlands of Vietnam. (US ARMY PHOTO)

out between Mang Giang Pass on Highway 19 and the Div.'s «Golf Course Helipad,» largest in the world, at the base camp near An Khe, some 23 kilometers away.

To add an element of extra safety to the race, it was to be a timed-speed race with each helicopter making one run against an average of three stop watches.

The crowd at the control tower of the helipad strain-

ed their eyes to spot the assault craft on its way in. When it came over the tower at full speed, the average time recorded was 5 minutes, 41 seconds.

Next, the big cargo-carrier lifted off and exactly five minutes later, it too roared over the control tower.

What did the chastised assault-craft camp say — «Wait 'til we get the Cobra.»

Col. Clark v a victory