



(U.S. Army Photo By SP5 Paul Sgroi)
Chief Warrant Officer Earl Sweeney checks the instrumentation of his helicopter before flying a practice mission at the 1st Cav's Test Pilot School. The school, just recently established, is run by the 15th Transportation Battalion. (See story and pictures on page 7.)

1st Cav Comes To Aid Of Chon Thanh District With First Senior High

By CPT Peter Zastrow

LAI KHE — With the aid of the 1st Cav., the 16,700 inhabitants of the Vietnamese district of Chon Thanh will have their first senior high school.

Although Chon Thanh provides its people with junior high schools, there has never been a senior high school in the district. Now with the financial assistance of the Cav, and the hours donated by volunteer workers, the first senior high school building is rising in the village.

As explained by Staff Sergeant Nguyen Tien Bien, S-5 interpreter for the 2nd Brigade, the Vietnamese educational system is divided into junior high school (approximately equivalent to the American first through fourth grades) and senior high school (grades five through seven). At the end of the fourth grade the student takes a test to see if he is qualified to continue his education; the same process

is repeated after grade six.

According to First Lieutenant Edward R. Torres, assistant brigade S-5, "For the children of the district, this new school will tremendously improve their opportunities."

At various times in the past, American units working in the Chon Thanh area have contributed to the self-help school building project. Even though the people of the district are doing the construction, the building materials are expensive. Both the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and the 1st Infantry Division have contributed toward the purchase of the needed supplies.

From the Chon Thanh District the word came to the S-5 section of the 2nd Brigade: an additional 100,000 piasters were needed to complete the building. The request was passed to the division G-5 who then provided the money.

As a result, in the village of Chon Thanh a concrete block and brick building is steadily reaching completion, looking strangely modernistic amid the Vietnamese homes in the area. More importantly, however, in the near future the children of Chon Thanh will have opportunities which were never there before.

Cav Doctor Makes 4-Pound Delivery

By PFC Tom Benic

QUAN LOI — An Army doctor in Vietnam has to be prepared for all types of emergencies — and that includes delivering babies.

"It doesn't happen often," said Dr. (Captain) David W. Decker, commander of Company B, 15th Medical Detachment in Quan Loi. "But we're ready for just about anything here."

Dr. Decker delivered a four-pound Vietnamese girl recently — the first to be born at the detachment's field hospital this year. The mother, Mrs. Nguyen Thi Nguyet, and daughter are doing well.

"Usually deliveries are han-

dled by village midwives," the doctor said. "But apparently the mother was having a little difficulty. The villagers called the MPs and they rushed her here."

The military police from the 545th MP Detachment answered the call quickly. Mrs. Nguyet lives inside the base perimeter in what was formerly a French compound.

"They asked if she could be taken to the An Loc Dispensary," said Specialist Four John Griffiths, "but we could see there wouldn't be time for that."

The MPs rushed Mrs. Nguyet to the base hospital at 8:45 a.m. — 15 minutes after they were first notified. The baby was delivered 10 minutes later.



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Cobras Have ESP

By SP5 Steve Haldeman

PHUOC VINH — A bullet sensor. More than the protective shield offered by a popular toothpaste, it warns helicopter pilots when they are being fired at.

Amounting to no more than a nose-mounted microphone and a relay box, this unique system can detect enemy rounds up to 300 feet away.

The principle the bullet sensor works on is that as a bullet travels through the air, it makes a cracking noise. There are also two wave lengths produced, one at the head and one at the tail of the round.

The microphone is activated by the front wave turning the system on and back wave turning it off, creating a beeping sound in the headset of the pilot.

Not only does the bullet sensor detect enemy rounds, but it can differentiate sizes.

A 5.56 mm projectile can be picked up at 100 feet with about 97 percent accuracy. A 7.62 round can be picked up at 150 feet with about 80 percent accuracy and .50 caliber at 300 feet with 20 percent accuracy.

At present, only two of the systems are on Cav birds. Two Cobra gunships from Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 20th Aerial Rocket Artillery carry the bullet sensors.

To test the sensor, Major George O'Grady, operations research center officer, had a machine gunner and a rifleman fire 150 rounds in the vicinity of his on-coming Cobra. The sensor detected 146 of the rounds.

"The object of the sensor is to know when somebody is firing at you," said the major. "Then the pilot can climb, leave the area, or go looking for the position."

The system is valuable for the Cobras because of their closed cockpits. On a Huey model helicopter, the doors are open and enemy rounds can be heard

snapping through the air whereas on the Cobra the outside world of sound is shut out.

How do other supersonic sounds effect the sensor? Not at

all. The snapping of the rotor blades and the turbine noises are all filtered out.

The only time the system will

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On The Prowl . . .



(U.S. Army Photo By SP5 Charles Spicer)
A powerful Huey Cobra helicopter from the 2nd Battalion, 20th Artillery streaks along the treetops on the look-out for Charles. Chances on getting hit are nil because of the bullet sensor.

... For God And Country

The prophet Samuel records the story of the choosing of Israel's first king (I Samuel 10: 17-24). The struggling new nation wanted a king who would be physically impressive, so the elders chose Saul, who was "head and shoulders" taller than his fellows.

God is concerned more with the quality of our spirits than with our shortness or tallness. However within the scope of spiritual matters it might be well to ask "How tall are you?"

Are you tall enough to look over the problems of life and see the providence of God? The most important lessons are often most painfully learned. Yet, in all things God's child can believe that God is working in his behalf.

Are you tall enough to look over the flowered walls of your own church or synagogue and see the corners of the earth? Many of our brothers are tired, hungry, sick and dying. We must care.

Are you tall enough to hear the voice of God above the voice of the world? Do we recognize God's voice? It often comes in a whisper and can easily be crowded out.

If we are not tall enough we

can still grow. The Apostle tells us that we are to be no longer children but to "grow up in all things unto him." Grow tall young man!

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Tender Loving Care . . .



Specialist Four Willard Godbey, a medic with the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry, treats a little girl's finger while a village elder looks on approvingly.

First Team Salute To 101st Div

The 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) celebrates its 27th birthday this week.

The division was activated at Camp Claiborne, La. on August 16, 1942.

Its first troops landed in Vietnam on July 29, 1965 and have taken part in Operations HAWTHORNE, GIBALTAR, GERONIMO, MALHEUR, AUSTIN II, PICKETT, and CHECKERBOARD, among others.

The men of THE FIRST TEAM salute the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile).

AER Campaign Coming To End

PHUOC VINH — The annual Army Emergency Relief-Army Relief Society joint fund campaign is drawing to a close, with August 15 the last day Skytroopers can help make this year's fund drive the largest ever.

To apply for this financial aid,

you should contact the AER officer (the Cav's is Captain Doyle at Bien Hoa 4781) or the local Red Cross chapter when an AER officer is not available.

If you want to help yourself and help one another, contribute to the AER-ARS joint annual fund campaign. You may never know when you may need help.



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Knights Tryouts Are Set

The Golden Knights will conduct their annual free-fall tryouts at Fort Bragg, N.C., October 27 through December 13.

Each man selected for attendance at the seven-week session will participate in 100 to 150 free-fall jumps and ground training. Personnel possessing the following qualifications are encouraged to write the Commanding Officer, U.S. Army Parachute Team, P.O. Box 126, Fort Bragg, N.C., 28307, for a tryout application: a Regular Army enlisted man; airborne-qualified and a minimum of 100 free-fall jumps; stationed in CONUS or returning from overseas; 18 months remaining on current enlistment; neither military nor civilian court convictions.

Cav Meets Soon

This year's reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division Association will be held at Ft. Benning from August 22 through 24 under the leadership of Brigadier General Oscar E. Davis, commanding general of the Training Center at Ft. Benning.

The Ralston Hotel in downtown Columbus has been designated as the command post for the 22nd annual reunion.

Major General E. B. Roberts, 1st Cav commander, will send a taped greeting to be played at the convention.

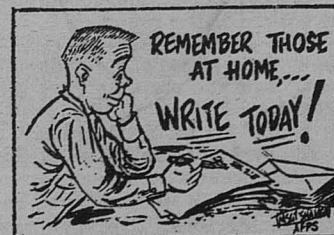
Specialist Four Bill Ellis, a young Skytrooper who writes and sings Cavalry songs, will present his ballads at the reunion.

All guests should register at the Ralston, and pick up identification badges, bumper stickers insignia decals and tickets. Special registration will be available at the Main Post Open Mess for those ex-Cavalrymen (whether or not still on active

duty) who prefer to participate in only a part of the overall program.

The Memorial Service will be held in Marshall Auditorium on Sunday morning, with Lieutenant General W. O. Kinnard the Memorial speaker. Before the service, the Association, represented by key personnel, will place a wreath at the 1st Cav Memorial and Fountain at the Georgia Welcome Center.

This year's reunion will be one of the biggest and best ever. And for you Skytroopers going home in August, the convention is a good way of keeping in touch with the guys you've met in Vietnam. Don't be left out — grasp the opportunity and attend the 22nd annual reunion.



Improvement Helps Grant Stand Taller

By PFC William Block

LZ GRANT — Every battalion will try to improve a landing zone while stationed there, but in the case of the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry, LZ Grant has practically been redesigned and completely renovated.

Under the direction of First Lieutenant W. Frank Montgomery, the 2nd Platoon of Company B, 8th Engineer Battalion is completing five projects assigned to them in support of the base defenders.

Where "greenline" perimeter bunkers were previously surrounded by a sea of mud, areas were drained, foundations laid, and a durable perimeter road constructed. Along the road, corrugated culverts now drain the monsoon rains to places outside the perimeter. Where holes had remained after bunkers had been removed, the engineers employed dump trucks and tractors to fill the holes and level the ground for more efficient use.

A double-apron fence with triple-standard concertina wire was also strung around the perimeter to supplement the barbed wire already there. Finally, plans for construction of a Tactical Operations Center were made.

The 1st Bn, 12th Cav and supporting artillery units added their own improvements to the list. Old bunkers, which were attracting rats, were replaced with new ones. "Greenline" bunkers were reinforced with new sandbags, reequipped, reorganized, and standardized.

Everything on the LZ is now identified with a new, attractively painted sign. The barber's tent has one that reads: "Dave's and Doug's Clip Joint." One culvert is labeled the "Tunnel of Love."

In addition, each support element on the LZ features a brightly-colored nameplate. The largest sign, however, is mounted at the main entrance to the LZ and proclaims: "Welcome to LZ Grant, Courtesy of the 1st Battalion, 12th Cav. You've seen the rest, now look at the best."

From a Sorority . . .



(U.S. Army Photo By SP4 Bill Sill)

Soldiers from Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry are all smiles as they receive gift packages from a sorority at the University of Arkansas. The young ladies contacted the wife of a 1st Cav soldier on duty in Vietnam, hoping that they might send needed items to combat soldiers. Many more gifts have been received by the unit.

Sorority Sisters Aid Skytroopers

By SP4 William Sill

QUAN LOI — The first package reached the men at the beginning of March, and much to their delight, there were many more to follow. The lucky members of the 1st Cav's 3rd Platoon, Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry had been permanently adopted by the ladies of Beta Sigma Phi, Upsilon Chapter.

These sorority sisters from Fayetteville, Arkansas, are continually engaged in goodwill projects, like supplying a platoon of men serving in Vietnam with some of the everyday luxuries so difficult to obtain.

They approached Mrs. Muriel Howard, a former sorority member, with the idea. She gave them the mailing address of her husband, Sergeant First Class

Eddie A. Howard, who was then serving as a platoon leader.

As each new package arrives, the men eagerly gather around to share its contents. Specialist Four Charles Cook commented, "Thanks to Mrs. Howard's friends I got nice warm feet with 'stateside' socks instead of military ones."

He's not alone; the whole platoon enjoys the cool, white cot-

ton socks that come with each package. They also enjoy the lemon-flavored ice tea and other concentrated drinks that arrive with the refreshingly different canned goods.

If these fine women could be there as the packages are opened, see faces filled with gratitude, then they would know their efforts are well worth the trouble and expense.

Cordon and Search Operations Prove Harmful to VC Security

By SP4 Richard Craig

TAY NINH — While continuous Allied victories on the battlefield occupy our attention, a quiet war, and a war of equal importance, rages silently in the villages and hamlets of South Vietnam.

It is the war against the enemy's shadow government, the Viet Cong infrastructure.

One of the most effective ways to combat the infrastructure is through cordon and search operations.

A cordon and search operation

was recently conducted in Xa Tan Hung village, 14 miles northwest of Tay Ninh City.

Shortly before sunrise, elements of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry, combat assaulted to positions east and west of the small village. They quickly set up around the village, cutting off all routes of departure. After the infantrymen completed a thorough sweep of the village, members of the Viet Forces arrived at the scene to interrogate the local populace.

Later, Dr. (Captain) Anthony Turel of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry, and a MEDCAP Team, conducted a first aid clinic in the village. "We treat many types of simple ailments," said Captain Turel, "and refer serious cases to the district hospital. All in all, I think we do a lot of good out here."

After a thorough search is made of the village by the National Police, and after the villagers have been questioned about the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army personnel operating in their area, the National Police are extracted from the village.

"We think they're a very successful means of routing the VC," said Captain Robert Wilson, commanding officer of Company B. "Not only does it destroy the Viet Cong's leadership in a village, but the people deal primarily with the National Police. It reaffirms the credibility of the Saigon Government."

In addition to the Viet Cong captured in the village, valuable intelligence was gained for future operations in the area.

Watch Yourself If Supply Room Becomes Noisy

By SP4 George V. Vindedzis

LAI KHE — When you enter the Headquarters and Headquarters Company Supply room at Lai Khe, pay no attention to any blood-curdling yells you might hear. It's only Private First Class James O. Harper practicing karate stances and blows.

PFC Harper, supply clerk at the 2nd Brigade Headquarters, holds a first-degree Black Belt in karate.

After three years of intensive training at various schools, PFC Harper earned the first-degree Black Belt.

"The instructor determines whether or not you're promoted to the next degree or belt," said the karate expert. "If you don't have your lessons down pat, you start from scratch with emphasis where it's most needed. Then when the instructor thinks you're ready, he'll spar with you again. If you do well, he'll promote you."

While stationed at Lai Khe with the 2nd Brigade, PFC Harper takes time in the evenings to give special instruction in karate to his friends and other interested personnel. "I do it mostly for the enjoyment of teaching karate to others," said the supply clerk. "When I get out of the Army, I plan to open my own school, so this training also provides me with the practice I need to keep in shape."

So, anyone planning a sneak trip to the Blackhorse Brigade supply room, beware: PFC Harper is waiting, and the blood-curdling screams may be yours.

MEDCAP . . .



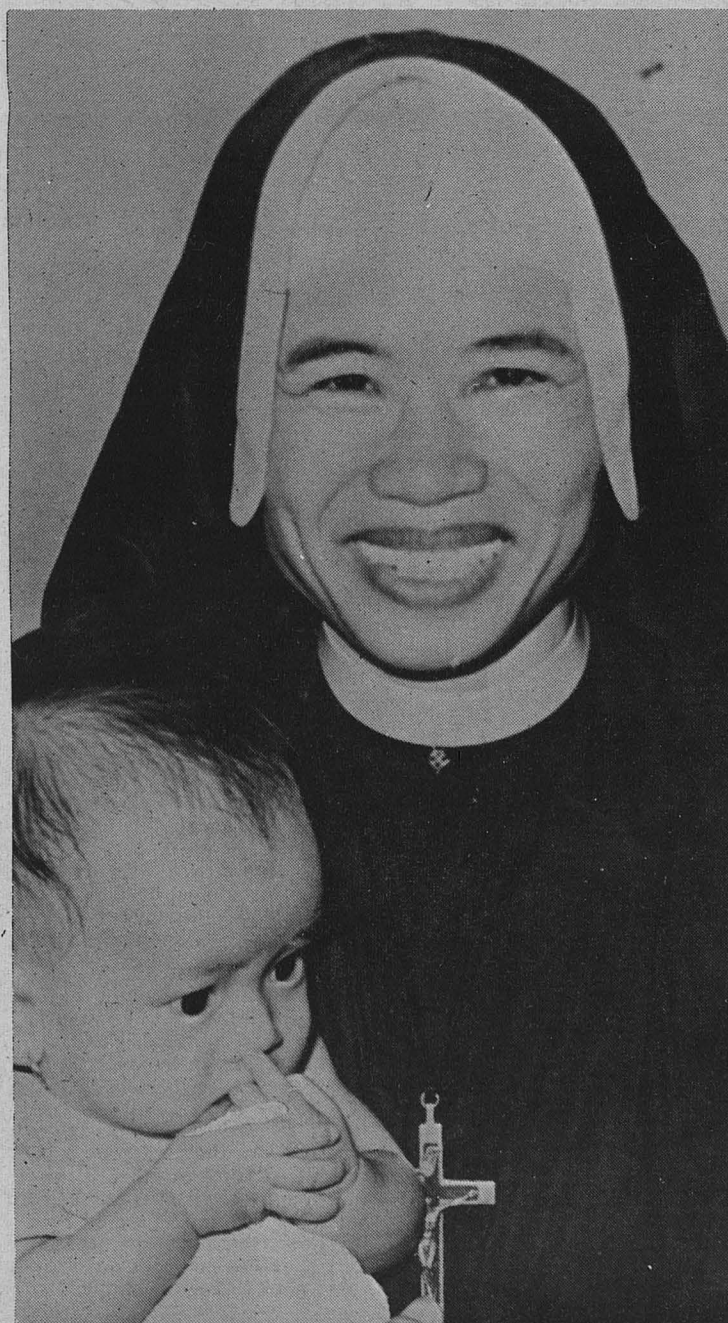
(U.S. Army Photo By SP4 Eric White)

Captain Anthony P. Turel, a doctor assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry, gives a small boy a thorough examination with his stethoscope during a MEDCAP in III Corps.

Small Faces Portray Timeless Saga



Tender loving care is important everywhere in the world. An American military doctor administers some of that—and a little medical treatment, too.



Sister Nguyen Thi Lanh, Mother Superior at the Bien Hoa Hospital and Orphanage, spreads her affection everyday to hundreds of orphans.



A stroller inhibits this child from moving where he wants right now, but it doesn't keep him from becoming alert and taking his place in Vietnamese society.

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BIEN HOA — Faces, some happy, others sad, tell a never-ending story. The play began a long time ago — perhaps when man first strode about the earth — and it continues even today. The saga's lines are written around the subjects of famine, poor living conditions, and disease, all caused by war.

The Vietnamese people are actors in the play, but they, like most people, have chosen not to follow the script as it is written for them. They have a deep, sincere desire to change the play's illogical sequence, so that they might also "live happily ever after."

The 1st Cav has been able to support the Vietnamese effort to change their health standards by offering scholarships to needy nursing students attend-

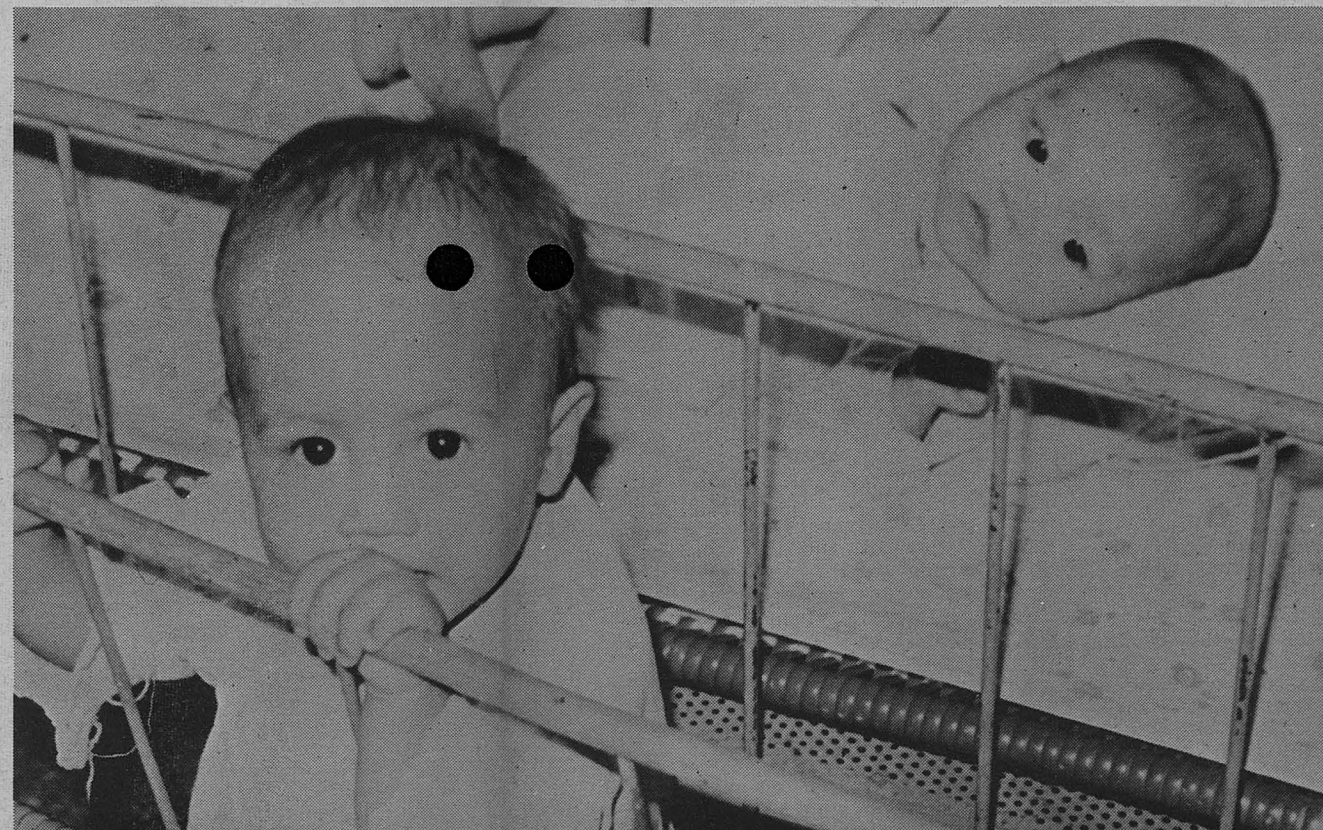
ing the Bien Hoa Hospital and Orphanage Nurse Training Program. The scholarships cover a portion of the student's tuition and living costs while he or she participates in the one-year program.

Working in the hospital wards and in an adjoining orphanage during the afternoon, after attending classes in the morning, provides the students with well-rounded hospital experience, much like a practical nurse's program in American schools.

As small children, mothers-to-be and wrinkled elderly persons crowd the corridors and rooms of the hospital and orphanage, the voluntary contributions of Skytroopers are helping in a small way, as these students seek increased knowledge and improved living conditions for their countrymen.



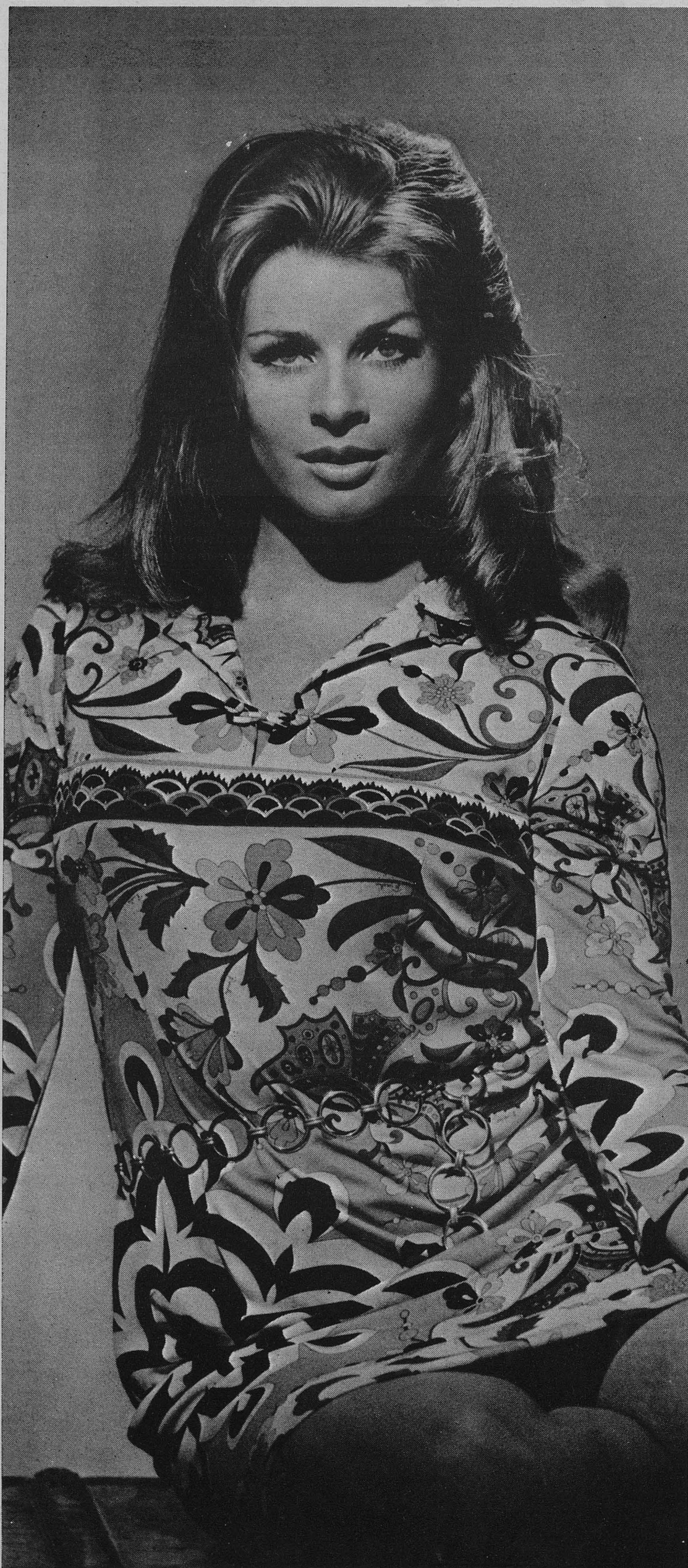
Better medical facilities and qualified doctors and nurses will make this youngster's life happier, healthier... and longer.



They might have been born anywhere, but they were born in a country of war. And their eyes tell that they do not know that yet. Perhaps it will be over before they need to know, before it touches them.



There are those for whom the politics of Saigon, Washington and Paris are as remote in meaning as in geography. What is meaningful is food, warmth, care and not to be scared anymore.



Voluptuous Senta Berger plays a double agent in "The Ambushers" (Columbia Pictures), the latest Matt Helm spoof on the espionage game. The flick features Dean Martin (who actually gets paid for this kind of rigorous work), Miss Berger, Janice Rule and a dozen beautiful Slaygirls.



New Dpty C of S

Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Conrad took over as Deputy Chief of Staff July 9. The colonel replaced Major Ward LeHardy.

This is Colonel Conrad's second tour in Vietnam. From July 1963 to June 1964 he served as a battalion advisor for the 25th ARVN Division. His last assignment was as a student at the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth.

His wife and three sons presently reside in Highland Falls, N.Y.



LTC Conrad

New G-3

Lieutenant Colonel Richard W. Wood, ex-commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry, has replaced Lieutenant Colonel John V. Gibney as the division

G-3, also an ex-commander of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry.

Colonel Wood's two children and wife presently reside in Springfield, Va.

Colonel Gibney will study international relations this fall at Columbia University.

Engrs Top CLC

The 8th Engineer Battalion provided the two top graduates in the Combat Leadership Course for the first class of fiscal year 1970. Specialist Four William Fraser (left) took top honors while Specialist Four Thomas

Sullivan placed second.

The 10-day class involves patrolling, map reading, and testing and is designed for infantry MOSs.

The Skybeavers have an outstanding record in the CLC with having two first places and one second place in the previous two classes.



(L-R) SP4 Fraser and SP4 Sullivan

Brothers Together

Captain William J. Lacey, Jr., and his younger brother, Sergeant Richard S. Lacey, served together with both Headquarters

Company and Company D of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry. The captain was the company commander while his brother was the supply sergeant.

When Captain Lacey was reassigned as a G-3 briefer, his brother remained with Company D.

Best Aircraft

The division's best aircraft award for June went to the Air Ambulance Platoon, 15th Med Bn. The crew was: Captain Donald Clawson, CWO Ronnie Blagg, SP4 Floyd Wheeler and SP4 Harold Daily.

Other winners and the crews and categories were: Category 1: CWO Burt Bollar, CWO Rabon Smith, SP5 Bob Mims, and SP4 Walter Meredith of Company A, 229th AHB.

Category 2: Captain Donald Clawson, CWO Ronnie Blagg, SP4 Floyd Wheeler, and SP4 Harold Daily of the Air Am-

bulance Platoon, 15th Med.

Category 3: Mr. Kirk Adams, Mr. Kevin O'Shea, SP6 Elton Chappell, SP5 William Cotton, and SP4 Ronald Camp of Company A, 228th ASHB.

Category 4: Lieutenant William Dobbs, CWO R. Hatfield, and SP5 Kenneth Richmeyer of Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 20th Artillery, ARA.

Category 5: No entries. Category 6: Mr. Thomas Ellist and SP4 Gregory Puppo of the 11th GS Company.

During June, Company B, 228th ASHB had an 80 per cent aircraft availability, the highest in the battalion.

DISCOM XO

Lieutenant Colonel Bentley J. Herbert was named the new executive officer of Division Sup-

port Command. The colonel served in Vietnam in 1965 as the commander of Company B, 15th TC Bn. His assistant is Major Matthew D. Schuster, Jr.

Safety Stressed As Pilots Attend School

BEAR CAT — Anyone silly enough to get caught throwing a monkey wrench into a 1st Cav helicopter's sensitive system would find himself facing serious charges.

There are individuals doing just that, and they are doing it eight hours a day, five days a week. They tamper with a helicopter — and they get away with it, too.

In fact, they're even commended for their fine work.

It's all for a good cause, however, and it's a vital part of "in the air" classroom procedures at the Cav's newly established Test Pilot School, operated by the 15th Transportation Battalion.

This phase of the instruction is a very serious version of the old

"hide the thimble" game. The instructors at the school purposely induce mechanical problems in a chopper, problems that a trained maintenance test pilot should immediately recognize and diagnose. Then each one of the four students in the week-long school is given, in turn, the task of finding these problems.

According to Major John R. Smith, G-4 aircraft maintenance officer, the school was started because there was a pressing requirement for maintenance test pilots in the division. This need resulted when the division switched to the new decentralized aircraft maintenance program, now being phased into operation.

A student attending the school had this reaction: "The test pi-

lot school at Fort Eustis is very good — but strictly academic. Here, however, we get close to the bird and actually fly the ship under tactical situations as we learn. I'd say this school is going to help a great deal."

Chief Warrant Officer Kenneth Jacobsen, who is in charge of the school while on temporary duty from Company C, 227th Assault Helicopter Battalion, said that the training program will likely be increased in size and scope as time goes on.

One of the plans under consideration would include a systems analysis course, according to WO Jacobsen and Major Smith. These two officers, and several others, think the program has sufficient merit to recommend its adoption by other aviation elements in Vietnam.

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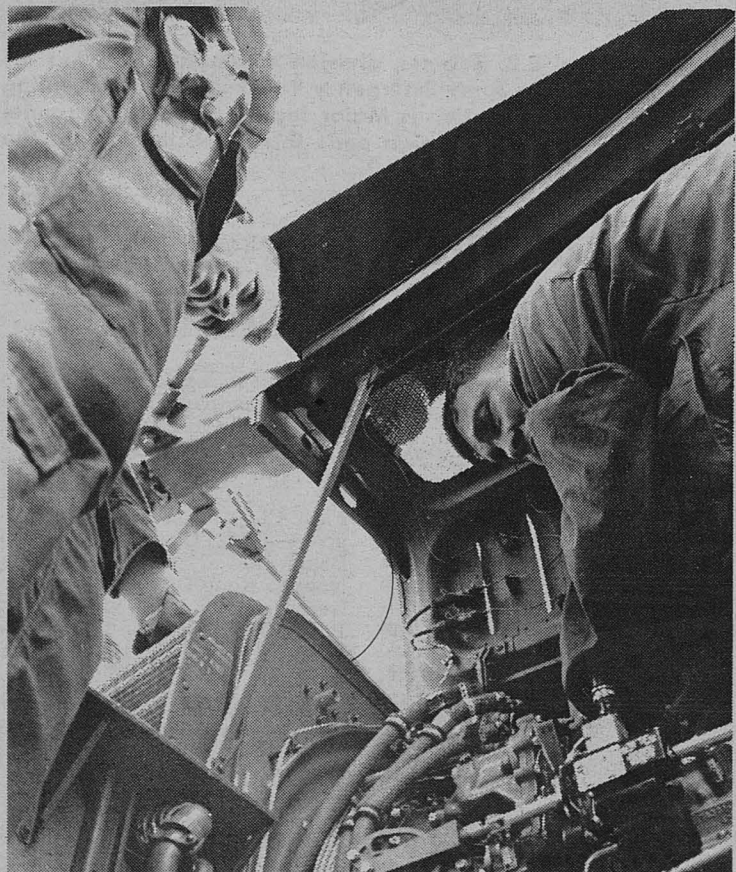
Chief Warrant Officer Kenneth Jacobsen, an instructor at the new school, reads the test pilot check manual as Warrant Officer Lawrence A. Olson performs the required check. Mr. Olson is a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade.



A great deal of time is spent actually flying the helicopter. This practical experience will help the pilots when they return to their respective units, as they will then be better able to properly check the maintained aircraft. Here Captain Moselle watches WO Olson perform an in-flight check in a Huey.



After discovering a deficiency during pre-flight checks, WO Jacobsen shows the cause of the problem to Captain Gary Moselle. CPT Moselle is the support platoon commander of 11th General Support Company.



Captain Gary Moselle watches as Staff Sergeant Workman of the 765th Maintenance Battalion shows where to check for an engine vibration deficiency.



Warrant Officer Olson performs a pre-flight check on the main rotor. This is only one of the basic steps in the helicopter test pilot's checklist.

Dog Takes Over Police Calls, Too

By SP4 Richard Craig

TAY NINH — What has four legs, rides in a helicopter, sleeps in the tactical operations center (TOC) and picks up cans with its teeth? A dog named "Yellow One."

A year ago, when the 1st Cav's Company C, 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion was at Quang Tri, the young puppy was given to members of the unit by an elderly woman at the La Vang open market.

"We didn't waste any time breaking him in," said Specialist Five Don Greek, the unit's company clerk. No sooner had the pup's eyes opened when the Skytroopers made him a "seat" out of an M-60 ammo box. He began flying daily on a command and control chopper.

Now, almost a year later, most of "Yellow One's" friends have gone back to the states, and he's been taken off flight status. But he's still working on the flightline, doing many necessary tasks for the well-being of the unit.

"The dog is a damned nut," according to Captain Lee J. Golembiewski, a pilot for Company C. "He's only flown in my bird a few times, but he's a real scream to watch. His ears flop in the wind and he really seems to dig flying."

Now, the canine aviator contents himself with keeping a close watch on company affairs — and he seems to take his work very seriously.

Like the unit's other three dogs, Pabst, Blue Ribbon and Beer, he never misses a formation.

"As soon as the whistle blows," said Specialist Greek, "all the dogs run for the formation. Sometimes they form up before the rest of the company."

After formations, Yellow One assists with the morning police call, leading his fellow dogs around picking up paper and tin cans. Beer is particularly good at this task, and usually deposits all refuse in the drainage ditch.

Following the police call, Yellow One goes to the operations center, where he usually monitors the tactical situation 'til lunch time. After a hearty lunch at the mess hall, he retires to the NCO hootch, where he takes a nap under the bed of his guardian, Sergeant First Class Rufus Burks, platoon sergeant for the 1st Platoon.

"I'd be lost without him," said Sergeant Burks. "He never misses his afternoon nap, but he deserves it. He serves a very necessary function here at the company. He's a great morale booster."

Not all of Yellow One's deeds are tangible, but many are significant. He doesn't bring the men guarding the flightline coffee (although it's rumored that he's tried), but he does make the rounds of the flightline several times a night, insuring that the men are awake.

And he is more or less in charge of the other dogs within the unit, keeping them in line, and perhaps making sure that they are properly groomed.

Even the MPs at the main gate show their respect. Yellow One and his friends never encounter difficulty when they want to go downtown.

ESP—

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falsely register is when the Cobra takes off. As the blades tip forward for takeoff, the downward wind rush moves over the microphone, activating the sensor.

Sometimes this has caused pilots to think the sensor is inaccurate," said Major O'Grady. "But once they know this is normal, there is no problem."

Since the bullet sensor was originally constructed for the UH1B (Huey model) helicopter,

Major O'Grady had to make adjustments for the Cobra.

"I had to figure the average tilt at which a Cobra normally flies and also the aerodynamics of the air passing over the nose," stated the major. "Then we adjusted the microphone so it would be in virtual equilibrium a majority of the time."

Just how effective is it in actual combat? All but two of Battery A's Cobras have taken rounds during flight. The two that haven't are the ones equipped with the bullet sensors.

You're On Target . . .



(U.S. Army Photo By SP4 Bill Ahrbeck)

Captain Francis J. Probst, commanding officer of Company D, 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry, watches 'Blue Max' Cobras work out on the enemy near Landing Zone Ellen. Here he adjusts the aerial rocket artillery much as he would tube artillery.

Captive To Be Held As NVA Ally

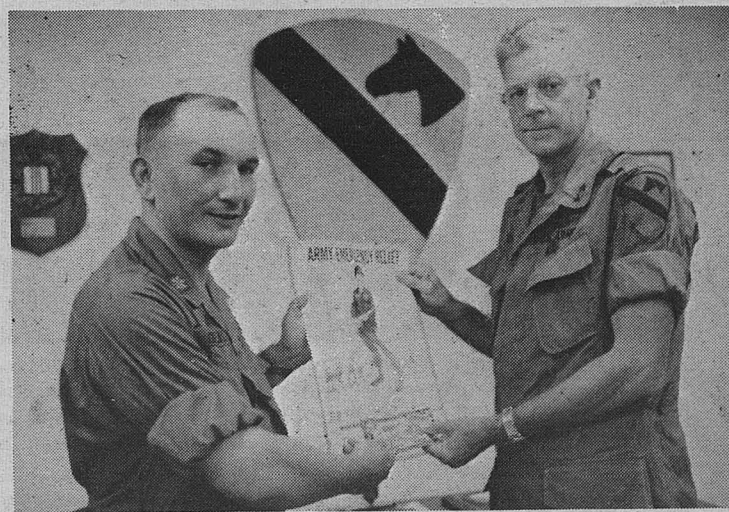
By PFC William Block

LZ GRANT — A very uncooperative detainee, captured recently in a bunker complex by Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry, is being detained at LZ Grant for further questioning.

"He just won't talk," complained Private First Class David L. Matthews, his main interrogator. The captive has even refused to provide his captors with name, rank, serial number, or date of birth.

Any NVA personnel wishing to claim him will have to do so at LZ Grant.

The Boss Gives . . .



(U.S. Army Photo)

Major General E.B. Roberts, division commander, makes his contribution to the Army Emergency Relief program. Accepting the general's contribution is Major Jean R. Corbeil, Personnel Services, G-1. The campaign ends this week throughout the division . . . have you given?

Chunkers For Chuck . . .



(U.S. Army Photo By SP5 Paul Sgroi)

Getting its load of 40mm grenades is a deadly Huey Cobra from the 2nd Battalion, 20th Artillery, Aerial Rocket Artillery.

Girls From U.S. Hold Spell Over Cavalry Soldiers

By PFC William Block

LZ GRANT — Hot and hungry Skytroopers of the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry were all smiles during a recent dinner hour at LZ Grant. Filet mignon? No. The food-servers were two cheerful, good-looking blondes from the States.

The girls, Kay Wellinger of Anderson, Ind., and Lynn Andrews of Kellogg, Idaho, also conducted a historical name game, but only a few of the men were able to concentrate on history.

Kay and Lynn are serving a one-year hitch with the American Red Cross in its Supplemental Recreation Activities Overseas. The program operates only in Korea and Vietnam. The 120 girls working in Vietnam don't seem to mind the label of "Donut Dollies," even though they pass out more small talk and smiles than doughnuts.

The main requirements for girls wishing to join the program are that they be single, 21 to 25 years old, and college graduates.

"Some men always have the wrong idea of why we girls are here," commented Kay. "Most soldiers, however, don't really care why; the mere presence of American girls is appreciated."

Interpreters Become Cav Honorees at Presentation

By SP4 George Vindedzis

LAI KHE — In a recent ceremony at Lai Khe, four men, who have worked with the 1st Cav since it arrived in Vietnam, were made honorary Skytroopers.

The four men are members of the interpreter team attached to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 2nd Brigade. Colonel B. D. Greene, Jr., the brigade commander, presented the honorary Skytrooper certificates to the four interpreters who have been with the Cav since 1965, as well as to the remaining members of the interpreter team.

According to the Brigade S-5, First Lieutenant Michael J. Malloy, "The certificates are intended to provide recognition for the Vietnamese people, who are working with their Allies."

The four senior NCO's who have accompanied the Cav from one end of Vietnam to the other are Sergeant First Class Nguyen Van Ngan, now NCOIC of the brigade team, Sergeant First Class Le Van Luom, Sergeant First Class Huynh Tan Pham, and Sergeant First Class Nguyen Khac Dau, who recently transferred to the 545th Military Police Company. The team leader is Warrant Office Nguyen Van Le.

The interpreter team, a total of eight men with the 2nd Brigade, also includes Staff Sergeant's Tien Binh, Trau Van Danh, and Vu Van Ba.

The interpreters work primarily for the S-2 Section, where they translate captured documents, and also for the S-5, where they are instrumental in conducting civil affairs and psychological operations.