



Eye on the Weather

Combat Weather Team 2, 5th Weather Group and the 2d Bde. recently played host to Janie, the AFVN TV Weather girl. At the request of the weather station personnel, Janie, visited the Brigade TOC, receiving a full briefing on the mission of the brigade and the Combat Weather Team high atop Song Be Tower.

The lovely lass toured the brigade AO by helicopter, stopping at FSB Snuffy to visit with men of the 5th Bn., 7th Cav. The weather girl inspected a Cobra on the pad there and was given a guided tour of the aircraft by its obliging pilot.

Whisking away from FSB Snuffy, the shapely blonde dropped in on FSB Sunday Punch, inspecting the 155mm Battery there. Upon her return to the brigade CP, Janie gave the brigade commander his weather briefing, which is usually given by one of the Air Force Weather Team (U.S. Army Photo by Spec. 5 James Ventrilio).

1st of the 9th troops display selflessness

PHUOC VINH — Several members of the White Plt. of D Trp., 1st Sqdn. 9th Cav., were sitting around the hootch one evening recently when two people unexpectedly burst into their midst yelling they needed an M-60 machinegun.

The two men were engineers, and they said they needed the M-60 to spring two of their buddies and an engineer vehicle from an enemy ambush. As if reading their thoughts, the members of the White Platoon sprang into action. Grabbing their gear and heading out the door, Sgt. Robert L. Thompson, Sgt. Ervin L. Bier, Spec. 4 Timothy A. Betz, Edwin L. Kreutzer and William V. Nielson, along with Luc Long Scout Lam Tuc decided they would participate.

According to Maj. Hilbert Chole, operations officer for the 1st of the 9th, the men found themselves riding to the site of the ambush in a Pacific Architects and Engineers (PA&E) panel truck which the two engineers were driving.

Thompson directed the engineer driving, to stop his vehicle 75 meters short of the ambush site. When they arrived they noticed that a wrecker was already at the scene, with its lights shining on the ambushed truck which was lying in a ditch and burning. A GI was laying on the road next to the vehicle.

After posting security, four of the platoon members entered the kill zone of the ambush to find the other American. They located the soldier, who was wounded, administered first aid, and took him to the safety of the wrecker.

By this time, a 3/4 ton truck had also arrived at the ambush site. Thompson directed that a rope be tied around the man lying in the road and then attached to the truck. At this point the man's body was pulled away from the burning vehicle. It had been feared that the man's body might have been boobytrapped, so the rope procedure was used to insure the safety of the men in the immediate area.

As they departed the ambush site, the Skytroopers were taken under fire by an unknown size enemy force. The men returned the fire as their 3/4 sped away from the scene. They had barely been underway when two explosions ripped through the ambush area.

As the force returned across the Song Be bridge into the vicinity of Phuoc Vinh Village, they encountered the Red Plt. quick reaction force of D Trp. enroute to the ambush site.

The advancing vehicle was flagged down, and the ambush situation was explained to them. The forces then returned to Camp Gorvad together.

News in brief . . .

The 14th Military History Detachment is interested in obtaining from units or individuals NVA or VC uniforms, sandals, helmets, flags, or any other items captured from the enemy, excluding weapons.

Items donated will be displayed with the donor's name in either the Smithsonian Institute or the 1st Cav Museum. Interested units or individuals should contact the 14th Military History Detachment at Phuoc Vinh.

The Adjutant General's office has announced a change in policy regarding the modern Volunteer Army suggestion Program. Whereas initially, all suggestions were to be written and forwarded either directly or through channels to USARV, now suggestions may also be submitted by telephoning the Long Binh operator and asking for 2679 (A-R-M-Y) during normal duty hours. All suggestions submitted in this way will receive a written response.

FSB FONTAINE — A new twist has been added to the 2d Bn., 8th Cav's athletics and recreation program. Using bicycles instead of cars, Skytroopers of the 2d of the 8th have their own Vietnam-style "500" race.

The race, which consists of one lap around the inside of the firebase berm, is broken down into five classes: E-4 and

below, E-5, E-6, lieutenants and captains. These classes compete against one another and the winner receives a case of cokes, compliments of the losing team.

The first race scheduled was postponed due to a flat tire, which deadlined one of the bikes. One Skytrooper summed up the situation by saying, "We can't even get Firestone to support us out here."

PHUOC VINH — In keeping with the Chief of Chaplain's Calendar of Religious Events for February and with the 1st Cav's Human Relations Program Feb 14 was designated as "Race Relations Sunday."

The spirit of the day was characterized best by a message from Chief of Chaplains MG Francis Sampson: "The Army is committed to equal opportunity and a nondiscriminatory policy toward all soldiers, regardless of religion, race or creed. This commitment is not generated simply to contribute to mission accomplishment but because it is right and in character with our nation's basic documents of human and individual freedom on which this democracy is predicated. Moreover, it is exemplary of and consistent with America's Judeo-Christian cultural heritage."

These points were brought out in Sunday's sermons by Army chaplains everywhere.

Quits after close round

FSB BOLAN—Combat soldiers in the 11th ACR's AO sometimes scoff at the "may be hazardous to your health" warning on the C-ration packs of smokes. But at least one Blackhorse trooper claims he has joined the "unhooked generation."

Sfc. Alfred E. Smith of G Trp., 2d Sqdn., didn't pay too much attention to the Surgeon General's report on the cancer sticks. But, "day before yesterday Charlie gave me a warning nobody could resist."

"We were tooling along Highway 1 early in the morning, sweeping for mines. I had just taken a puff off my second or third Pall Mall of the day when what sounded like an AK round zinged under my nose, just as I was reaching for the horn to call our CP."

"You might not believe it—I admit I was shook and hit the deck pretty fast—but something happened to my cigarette. It felt like somebody just jerked it out of month, then the bullet bounced off the gun turret."

"That night when we got to Bolan without taking anymore fire, I wrote my wife and said I was hanging up smoking," the Blossom, Texas native said. "And that's been two days ago," the NCO added with a touch of pride.

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Dear FTHM,

How long does one have to be in Vietnam to be promoted? I've been over here for 11 months without going beyond E-3. They claim the allocations are low and the E-4 promotion list looks like a waiting list for a civilian labor union. I have never been in trouble, and it is a disgrace that the officers and NCOs in this unit cannot do more to alleviate this disgusting situation. I mean after all, what is the criterion for promotion? Is it professionalism, or being in the right place at the right time?

T.G.W., Jr.

Dear T.G.W., Jr.,

Unfortunately, it appears that it is neither. After spending a few hours on the phone trying to locate an answer I had to admit defeat. AG referred me to the unit commander of 15th Admin. Co., who in turn referred me back to AG. The main problem seems to be that no one in the Cav has an answer to your question. Many people do, however, seem to be concerned about the situation. All agree that the allocations are just not coming down from DA. The reason given to us was the cut-back in troop strength.

So, T.G.W., Jr., I am afraid I cannot answer your question. Rather than admit defeat, however, we will forward your question at this point to the Department of the Army and will print any response we may receive immediately. In the meantime, keep your head up, and don't trip on the red tape.

Dear FTHM,

There are a number of men in the battalion of which I am a member who are holding down leadership positions as acting NCOs. Due to the unfortunate lack of promotion allocations many of these qualified men will hold down a position (often that of a SSgt. Section Chief) for a number of months and then will DEROS as an E-4 or even an E-3. I realize that these men are only on unit orders as an NCO, and that they must give up their stripes upon leaving the unit. My question is this: If a man in this position will ETS from Vietnam, will he be allowed to wear the stripes he earned home, or will it read, "Thanks Jack, sorry 'bout that."

A.J.

Dear A.J.,

Once again, I have an unfortunate answer to report. Because the Army is not offering many promotions, as stated in the question above, many Skytroopers find themselves holding the position of "acting jacks." We have been informed, however, that you will have to give up your stripes when you leave your unit. And that applies to those ETSing also. So, as you predicted, you will be returning home as either an E-3 or an E-4, but I'm sure you'll at least get a "thanks, Jack, sorry 'bout that."

If you have a question you'd like to ask the Hoss, call it in at Phuoc Vinh No. 5289, or write: The Horse's Mouth, Information Office, APO In-Country 96490.

For God and country

"...be done with it"

by Chaplain (LTC) John Borley

"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

Matthew 6:12

Emerson once said: "Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could: some blunders and some absurdities crept in: forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day."

Forgetfulness is often a sign of absentmindedness, but it can also be an art.

How often we have heard people say, "I'll forgive you, but I won't forget what you did." This is not forgiveness. Have you heard the story about two men who attended a "hail and farewell" party while their wives remained at home with the children? By the time they returned to their respective homes it was extremely late, and when they got together again on the following day one of them said, "How did things go with your wife last night?"

His friend replied, "Oh, my wife got historical."

"You mean hysterical, don't you?" the other asked. "No, I mean historical," he said, "because she brought up every bad thing that I've done for the past ten years."

That kind of attitude not only disrupts the marital relationship, but it also hinders one's spiritual growth. Why? Because it is only when we are willing to extend genuine forgiveness to others that we can receive the forgiveness of God.

But how is it possible to forgive and forget? The answer can be stated in just one word - love. It is genuine sacrificial love that enables us to overlook the slights and to forgive the large offenses. This is a lesson well expressed by the proverb, "Let bygones be bygones."



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What Sort Of Man Reads Cavalair?

"Comrade commander, what is map of No. 1 People's Army Basecamp doing on front page of Cavalair? What you mean they no spell your name right?"

Stoup's scoop

Sandbagging made eaiser

Here's a hot item for you, Skytroopers. Don't be too shook if your unit is having difficulties with rotting sandbags. An answer has been found. The latest is an acrylic or wash-and-wear model found to be relatively unaffected by the sun's ultraviolet rays. When ordering this potential lifesaver, use Federal Stock Number 8105-935-7101.

For those of you following the progress of the modern Volunteer Army, here is the latest word on the progress being made to remove those old irritants.

General W. C. Westmoreland, Army Chief of Staff, has directed commanders to take rapid and positive actions to enhance service attractiveness and remove unnecessary irritants to the troops.

He has issued instructions to eliminate the following:

1. Reveille formations, except for ceremonial, training or other special occasions, and when held, they should be musters of all officers and enlisted personnel from the commander on down.
2. The pass form and sign-in-out requirements.
3. Bed check practices except for individuals undergoing punishment.
4. Locally imposed restrictions on distances that individuals may travel.

The Chief of Staff also relaxed restrictions on distances that individuals may travel non-combat areas, giving unit commanders discretion to serve 3.2 percent beer routinely during evening meals in mess halls and to install beer vending machines in barracks.

General Westmoreland also called for greater emphasis to be placed on the Army Community Service Program to take better care of families and to improve service attractiveness to Army wives.

Here is another first for the Army. Concern for public welfare during civil disturbances leads the Army's Combat Developments Command to test non-lethal munitions for use in disturbance control. Items being developed include grenades with rubber-cushioned bodies to prevent injury on contact, internal burning munitions, which greatly reduce the possibility of setting fires, 12-gauge shotgun shells made of polyethylene-filled pellets, and "bean bags" that are fired from a 40mm launcher.

Also in the news these days is some information regarding that long flight home on the "freedom bird." Scientists have been researching the reasons why the GI feels so out of whack after a long flight over several time zones. Studies by Walter Reed Army Institute of Research teams show that a soldier's performance and memory suffer for at least three

days after arriving from six time zones away. Most soldiers tested did considerably poorer on a math test administered in Thailand and Japan than they did on the same test given in Washington, D. C., prior to their flight. So you shorttimers had better plan to take it easy the first few days after you arrive home (as if you have to be told, right!).



LEGALLY SPEAKING

by Maj. Paul J. Rice

The Army legal assistance program may be on the verge of a breakthrough in providing complete legal services, at least for those service members who cannot afford to hire a civilian lawyer.

Until recently, JAG officers were forbidden from going into civilian courts to represent their soldier-clients. While every JAG officer is a full-fledged lawyer, he may not be a member of the state bar association in which he is serving his tour of duty.

Let's take an example. A soldier comes in to see his legal assistance officer to obtain information on how to adopt a child. It is his wife's child by a previous marriage. The legal officer will explain the steps which must be taken, but he will have to further advise his client

that only a civilian lawyer can go to court to finalize the adoption.

Under the new concept which is now in the testing stage at Fort Riley, Kan., and Fort Dix, N.J., that same soldier who could not afford a civilian lawyer for the adoption proceedings will be represented in the civilian court by his legal assistance officer. This service will probably be limited to those soldiers and their dependents who are most in need of financial assistance. But in those cases it will be not only a great assistance to the soldier, but also to his command.

While the present pilot program is limited in its scope, it has the support of the Department of Defense, the American Bar Association and the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Social workers used for Amnesty Program

by Spec. 4 David Moore

PHUOC VINH - Men with training or degrees in social work are being pulled off the battlefield and back to the rear area to staff the Army's program of rehabilitation of drug users, in at least one of the remaining divisions in Vietnam.

When Amnesty, the Army's drug rehabilitation program, was instituted in the 1st Cav, personnel trained in social work were needed to fill the many counseling positions established at the unit level, according to CSM James A. King. King is with the 15th Medical Bn., medical arm of the 1st Cav.

The manpower need was met, according to King, by hunting through division files to find men with necessary educational background. Often, King said, the people had to be pulled from battlefield units.

These people, trained in social work, operate within the Amnesty Program counseling the drug user who wishes to kick the habit and moderating group therapy sessions aimed at helping ex-users adjust to their

new nondependence.

One of the major problems Amnesty faces, King said, is the high turnover among people qualified to act in a counseling capacity. "Many are halfway through their tours before they are assigned to us," he said. By the time they've become really proficient, they're usually nearing the end of their Vietnam duty, and others have to be found to fill the spaces they leave."

King said that when 15th Med began taking the first steps to set up a drug rehabilitation program, the unit found themselves forging into an essentially uncharted area. "It was a new thing for us," he said.

Although ultimate responsibility for Amnesty rests with the Division Psychiatrist and the Surgeon General, much of the responsibility for structuring the unit Amnesty programs falls on the shoulders of the doctors, said King. "It is their active interest which can make the Amnesty program effective."

Dog given new life

PHUOC VINH - Only cats are supposed to have nine lives. There is a dog in the 1st Cav, however, who (died) recently yet is still alive and well around the 1st Sqdn, 9th Cav area here.

Before his (death,) Sam the Tracker had an illustrious past. A Black Labrador retriever, he was born in Great Britain in 1963. At the age of 1, Sam was bought by the British army and trained as a tracker. When the British undertook to train American personnel in the art of combat tracking, Sam participated and eventually was assigned to the Americans.

Sam served in Vietnam with the 66th and 62nd Combat Tracker Plts. for three and a half years. During that time, he tracked numerous VC and NVA. He was twice wounded in action and received recognition for valor on two occasions.

Since local canine diseases preclude sending the dogs back to the States, as tracker dogs reach a certain age they are

permanently "put to sleep." By the time Sam's "retirement" arrived in October of last year, the people in the 1st of the 9th had grown attached to Sam and were reluctant to part with him.

"He got to be a well-known personality around here," said 1st of the 9th Personnel Officer Capt. G.F. Eacott. "About once a week, the jeep driver used to take him to the river for a swim."

So, Sam the Tracker officially "died" on Oct. 21, 1970. The record shows that while enroute to track a blood trail, the personnel carrier Sam was riding in was destroyed. According to the record, Sam died of multiple fragmentation wounds suffered in the incident.

Sam the Tracker died only on paper, and the large Black Labrador seen around the 1st of the 9th AO, the one who is beginning to gray around the face and eyes, is the same Sam. It's a dog's life—for Sam, it's his second.

NFL players visit 2d Bde.



Visitors

Joe Scibelli, who plays guard for the Los Angeles Rams, talks with Skytroopers at FSB Snuffy. He and four other National Football players recently visited the 2d Bde. AO (U.S. Army Photo by Spec. 4 Rich Werner).



Too Good to Eat

When Air Force SSgt. Francisco Balleste-Baeza left and Army Spec. 4 Bill Eckhardt bought Zero from a Bien Hoa villager about six months ago, they had visions of mouth-watering ham on their minds. Time passed and Zero grew, and the two soldiers decided they would perform their own Valentine's Day Massacre. About two weeks before the target date, Balleste-Baeza and Eckhardt, both members of the Air Force OLB 5th Weather Service in Phuoc Vinh, discovered they had grown too close to Zero to slaughter her. Since both are leaving Phuoc Vinh soon, they turned to Division Chaplain (LTC) John Borley to help them find a new home for Zero. Father Borley came up with the ideal home—a Cambodian refugee parish in the Phuoc Vinh village. The two soldiers presented Father Michael LeRoux, pastor, with a squealing pig right before Valentine's Day. Father LeRoux assured the two that Zero would be used for breeding instead of eating. (U.S. Army Photo by 1st Lt. Ben Garcia).

PSYOPS missions spread word

by Pfc. Conrad Leighton

BIEN HOA - The Cessna Super Skymaster (02B) flew alongside the much larger C-47 to have a good view of a leaflet drop. "A C-47 can drop a million leaflets in a day," pointed out Capt. Myron Loss, the 02B's pilot, "they can really flood an area." The big bird's paper trail was vivid testimony for what he said.

The 02B peeled off and started on its own mission as part of the 9th Special Operations Sqdn. After finding a target on the map and spotting it

below, Loss set up his tape recorder and started giving the countryside his selection of tapes through a 1800 watt speaker system. He circled around the target area, giving its inhabitants his best sound and this Army passenger's stomach began to curdle.

Loss is proud of the response he has gotten from the enemy. "They shoot at us," he said, "our program makes them mad. We've had some hits but we haven't suffered any casualties."

"Sometimes we get a quick-reaction tape mission," he added. "We have an aircraft make a tape directly from the radio and broadcast it or we can broadcast it directly from the radio without making a tape."

After several hours, the last part of the mission, the leaflet

drop, was started. This passenger went into the back seat and prepared to throw out the Chieu Hoi pamphlets, his stomach in turmoil. A few pamphlets were cast to the wind.

"We drop what we call (spotter charges) of leaflets to see where the wind carries the pamphlets," explained Loss. "It's hard to judge because heat rises from the sun-heated ground or a moist rice paddy. I think I know how the leaflets are falling today."

With that, the 02B made a long bombing run, littering the ground with paper. This passenger, in the advanced stages of losing control of his digestive system, hung his head out of the window. The plane returned to its home airfield, its mission complete.

Eagle flight of Blackhorse Bde. covers possible supply route

FSB BUTTONS - Spreading clouds of dust and creating miniature whirlwinds on the roads to Phuoc Long Province, Eagle Flight takes to the air and the road to seek out the enemy.

Operating on the assumption that the enemy would try to use the most obvious supply routes, Phuoc Long's roads, the Blackhorse Bde. decided to counter the moves by sporadically checking traffic.

An Eagle Flight is made up of three Hueys and one Cobra, which provide additional firepower if any is needed. The birds usually come from the 227th Assault Helicopter Bn. in Phuoc Vinh.

Personnel who go in on the ground, once the flight has

landed are made up of Skytroopers and National Police elements or PFs.

When the flight spots a suspicious vehicle, which may be anything from a stalled Lambretta to a rolling lumber truck, a slick will drop down and land directly on the road, dispersing its load of men, who search and question the occupants of the vehicle.

The flight has been in operation now for about three months and although its diligence has yet to pay off in any grand prizes, its effectiveness can be measured by its low yield, for now the enemy will know the roads are covered by the 2d Bde. Eagle Flight.

1/7 Recon finds complex

Photos and story
by Pfc. Conrad Leighton

NEAR FSB NOBLE - It isn't very often that grunts sleep under a roof in the boonies. They virtually have to capture a roof, which seems unlikely in the middle of nowhere, but that is what Echo Recon, 1st Bn., 7th Cav did recently.

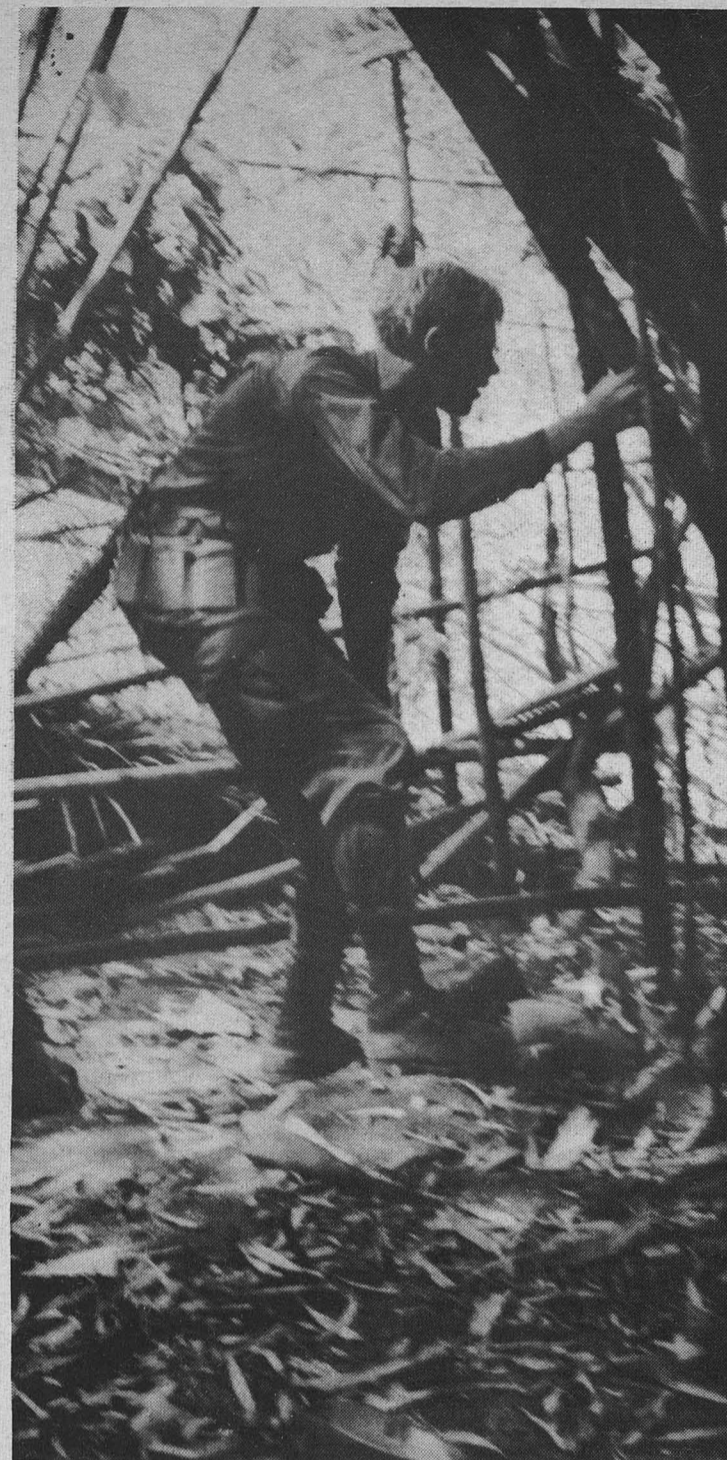
About 100 NVA had built thatched-roof hootches, an unusual permanent type of structure for this remote section. For some reason, the NVA left the large hootch and bunker complex. The hootches at one end of the complex were much newer than at the other, leaving indications that the enemy had used the complex until recently.

For six days Echo Recon had been walking along a large NVA infiltration trail. Fresh slick tracks along one stream and the suitability of the terrain for the NVA kept the GIs alert and quiet.

First Lt. John Lynch, platoon leader, had a definite hunting ground in mind. "We know that during the dry season small streams dry up," explained Lynch, "and the enemy has to find large flowing streams to survive. By staying on the trails and staying near water, we think we can find the NVA."

As it turned out, his theory was correct. On the sixth day into the mission, the lieutenant sent a squad up a trail along a stream and hit paydirt, eleven NVA hootches. He then moved up the platoon to the small village, and after a thorough search of the area, sent out another squad which found two more parts of the village up the trail.

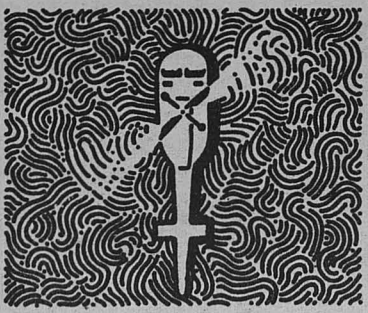
Thus the Skytroopers found accommodations for the night. GI air mattresses, mosquito nets on bamboo matting under a thatched roof and a built-in bunker below provided more comfort. This still wouldn't compare with stateside standards, but for Echo Recon this was the life.



When an enemy complex is discovered in the midst of the jungle, the reconnaissance platoon moves cautiously at first, then more boldly as it becomes apparent that the enemy has vacated. After each hootch has been checked out and cleared by the platoon members, the men secure the area for the night and break for chow like the four recon members in the sun-dappled clearing below.

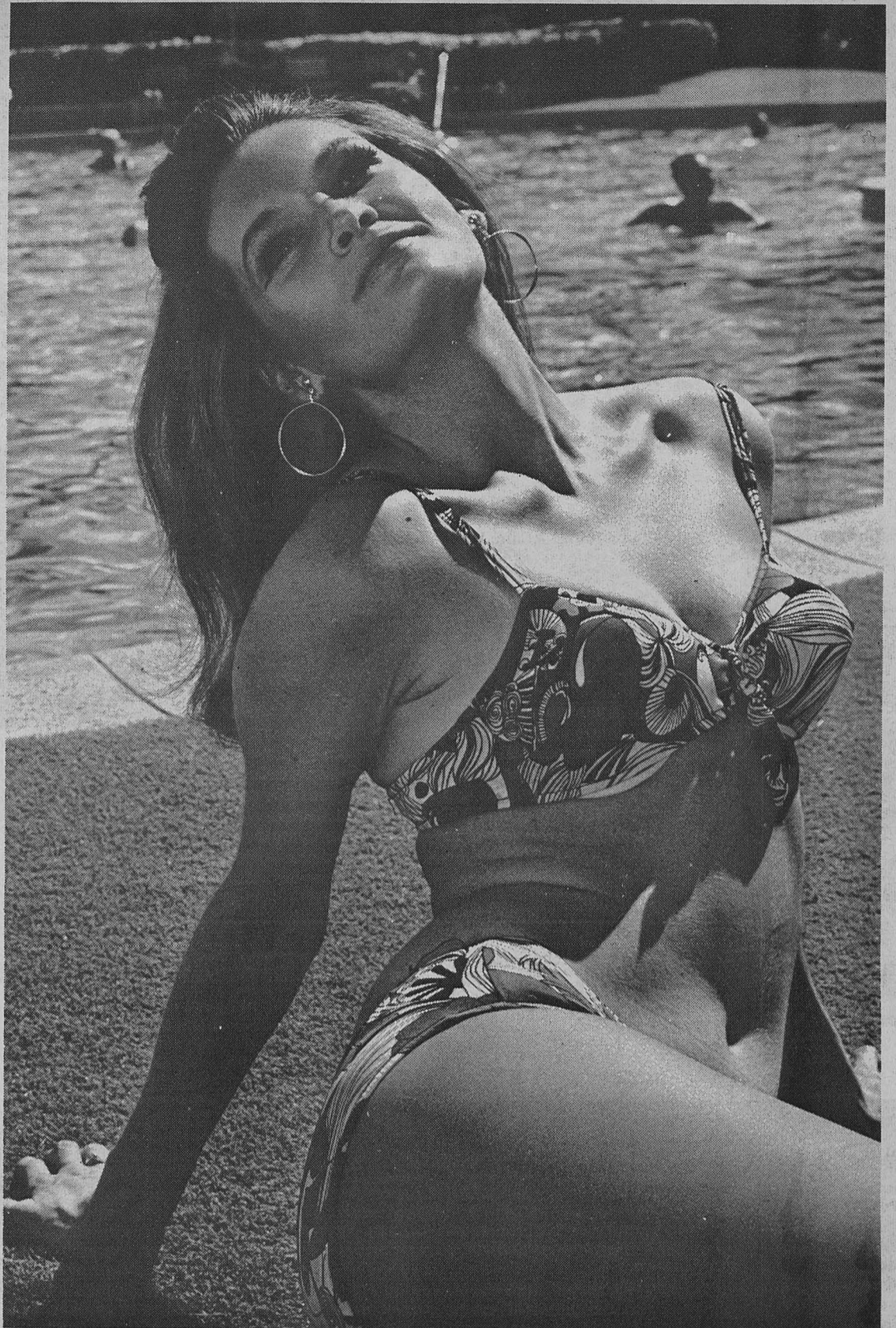
At bottom right and left, Echo Recon members check and clear vacated enemy hootches. Above, a Skytrooper who has found a seat among the abandoned enemy living quarters takes a welcome moment of relaxation after a day of carrying a heavy load of provisions and ammunition through the jungle.





ROTOR WASH

Skytrooperess of week



Saluting policy changed

WASHINGTON - Salutes are no longer required to be rendered by or to personnel in vehicles, according to the latest word from the Department of the Army. An exception has been made for gate guards who will continue to salute recognized officers in official vehicles only.

In another change to the rules, salutes are no longer required to be rendered or returned if either the senior or subordinate or both are in civilian attire.

Word has been issued to local commanders to "carefully review saluting policies for their installations. Where considered desirable in their judgment, they will develop and publish modified saluting policies for congested, student or high-density living areas where saluting would be highly repetitious or otherwise unfeasible."

Personnel will also not be required to wear military headgear on or off a military installation while in a private or commercial vehicle.

Rank slowed for Lts.

WASHINGTON - Promotion of 1st Lts. to Capt. will come more slowly beginning in July.

Effective July 1 the time-in-grade (TIMIG) requirement for a 1st Lt. to be promoted to temporary captain, Army of the United States, will be gradually extended.

1st Lts. who have demonstrated that they are fully qualified will attain eligibility for promotion to Capt. as follows:

Active Duty DOR as 1LT	Promotion Eligibility to Captain
1 - 15 Jul 70	12 mo. TIMIG, 1 - 15 Jul 71
16 - 31 Jul 70	13 mo. TIMIG, 16 - 31 Aug 71
1 - 15 Aug 70	14 mo. TIMIG, 1 - 15 Oct 71
16 - 31 Aug 70	15 mo. TIMIG, 16 - 30 Nov 71
1 - 15 Sep 70	16 mo. TIMIG, 1 - 15 Jan 72
16 - 30 Sep 70	17 mo. TIMIG, 16 - 29 Feb 72
1 - 15 Oct 70	18 mo. TIMIG, 1 - 15 Apr 72
16 - 31 Oct 70	20 mo. TIMIG, 16 - 30 Jun 72
1 - 15 Nov 70	22 mo. TIMIG, 1 - 15 Sep 72
16 - 30 Nov 70	24 mo. TIMIG, 16 - 30 Nov 72
1 - 15 Dec 70	26 mo. TIMIG, 1 - 15 Feb 73
16 - 31 Dec 70	28 mo. TIMIG, 16 - 20 Apr 73
1 Jan 71 and after	30 mo. TIMIG, 1 Jul 73 and after

Authority to promote fully-qualified officers will continue to be decentralized to designated field commanders. Decentralized promotions to captain will continue until June 30, 1973. After that date promotion to captain will be based on recommendations of selection boards convened at DA level.

After July 1, officers leaving active duty upon completion of a two-year initial obligation are not eligible for promotion to captain, concurrent with their release.

Officers serving on a short-term extension in accordance with paragraph four, DA message 192139Z June 1970, are not eligible for promotion to captain. (ANF)

Flight schedule revised

The revised fixed-wing schedule within the 1st Cav AO is as follows:

ARR 403/C-7A	DEP 401/C-7A	DEP 467/C-7A
0800 Bien Hoa	0830 0745 Bien Hoa	0800 Bien Hoa
0915 Song Be	0935 0820 Tan Son Nhut	0900 Tan Son Nhut
1005 Bien Hoa	1025 0940 Phuoc Vinh	1000 Phuoc Vinh
1055 Phuoc Vinh	1115 1025 Song Be	1045 Song Be
1130 Bien Hoa	1230 1125 Tan Son Nhut	1210 Tan Son Nhut
1315 Song Be		
1405 Bien Hoa	ARR 402/C-7A	DEP 402/C-7A
1455 Phuoc Vinh	1425 0730 Bien Hoa	0800 Bien Hoa
1530 Bien Hoa	1550 0820 Gia Ray	0830 Gia Ray
1630 Song Be	1650 0850 Bien Hoa	0900 Bien Hoa
1720 Bien Hoa	TERM 0920 Phuoc Vinh	0930 Phuoc Vinh
	1000 Song Be	1010 Song Be
ARR 402/C-7A	DEP 1040 Phuoc Vinh	1050 Phuoc Vinh
0800 Bien Hoa	0815 1110 Bien Hoa	1210 Bien Hoa
0845 Phuoc Vinh	0905 1230 Tan Son Nhut	1250 Tan Son Nhut
0920 Bien Hoa	0940 1310 Bien Hoa	1330 Bien Hoa
1025 Song Be	1045 1400 Song Be	1410 Song Be
1115 Bien Hoa	1135 1430 Phuoc Vinh	1440 Phuoc Vinh
1205 Phuoc Vinh	1225 1500 Bien Hoa	1600 Bien Hoa
1250 Bien Hoa	1350 1620 Gia Ray	1630 Gia Ray
1410 Tan Son Nhut	1430 1650 Bien Hoa	TERM Bien Hoa

Personnel are reminded to comply with the provisions of Cav Regulation 55-8, which specifies that travel to Bien Hoa will be restricted to the following categories: DEROS, R&R, and leave, personnel physically assigned to Bien Hoa, official business with Division AG, Finance or Support Command.

Travel within the FIRST TEAM's AO excluding Bien Hoa may be authorized on Cav Form 135-R. Travel to Bien Hoa must be authorized on Cav Form 135-A-R, which may also be utilized for any destination within the Cav AO.

Personnel desiring to be manifested for these flights will report to their respective airfield terminal 60 minutes prior to aircraft departure time.

Waiting by the Water

Things seem to be looking up, as this young lady indicates. Maybe it's because every day more and more Skytroopers will be marking off days on the calendar as that magical DEROS approaches. Sorry, we don't have the sunbather's name or any other pertinent information.

	M A R C H						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
&	1	2	3	4	5	6	
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2d Bde. Council finds rap sessions help

Editor's Note: Not long ago a Human Relations program was instituted in the 1st Cav. Purpose of this program is to improve human relations and assure equal opportunities and fair treatment to all personnel assigned or attached to the First Team. Each brigade in the Division then formed a Human Relations Council. These councils are designed to discuss and study all aspects of human relations, including racial incidents, and to evaluate them in order to prevent future incidents. The councils have been given as much leeway as possible so they can addust to the particular needs of their brigade.

The 2d Bde. council, composed of officers and enlisted men from the main racial groups and ethnic minorities along with the brigade chaplains, has formulated a program consisting of two phases. The first phase is a "tell it like it is" approach, with the Council conducting seminars at the various brigade units, and attendance mandatory for all E-6s and above. In these meetings the Council attempts to provoke discussions on racial and ethnic matters, and everyone is invited to participate.

Phase Two is geared toward the junior enlisted men. Rap sessions are held twice a week where the men can come together for informal discussions to air their views and make an effort to understand each other's life-styles.

Cavalair reporter Spec. 4 Rich Werner arranged and participated in a rap session recently with members of the Council. Participants included CWO Archie Wiley, Capt. Lucien Sias Jr., Spec. 4 Douglas Judkins, all Blacks; Chaplain (Maj) Robert Kleinworth, Pfc. Jerry Thursby, both Whites; and 1st Sgt. Concepcion Matos, Puerto Rican.

Werner began the discussion:

CAVALAIR: Do you think the seminars aimed at the career soldiers are doing any good?

MATOS: Any exposure is good. The senior NCO's mind has developed in one direction, and that's the mission first. When a young black soldier yells discrimination the NCO thinks he is using his color as an excuse to get out of work. We must teach the NCOs because they are the ones that have to get a job done and show results. They must be able to cope with all situations and satisfy their men, too. Something like discrimination many times does not occur to them. Of course, I'm speaking generally. Not all NCOs are this way, but there are enough to warrant concern.

WILEY: We first have to recognize that problems exist before we can try to understand and solve them. This is where the seminars come in. Too many career people are out of touch with the problems of today. We hope these discussions will help them to better understand these problems.

JUNDKINS: We've got to acknowledge there is a problem. I think the older whites don't want to change. The world changes and they're not changing with it. All we can dd is try to sit down and reason this out together. Some are awakened in these discussions, but unfortunately some will never understand. They're closing their eyes to discrimination. They've downed the Black for so long that it's a normal attitude. Now that we Blacks are trying to help ourselves, they think we're militant. We're not looking for sympathy, just recognition that we are black and proud of it. The White man has taken Black pride too lightly. I think they'll find a better soldier if they recognize a man's beliefs and pride. A man without pride isn't much of a man. I think the board is a good idea. You're not going to make everyone understand, but if only a few people see the light in my lifetime maybe my children will be able to tell the difference.

THURSBY: Appearance-wise, there seems to be no problem. And if the career soldier is not in contact with the junior EM, he just won't see the problem. It's difficult to see racial discrimination unless you are the one who is discriminated against.

CAVALAIR: Are the rap sessions accomplishing anything?

THURSBY: I've found that the already open-minded Blacks and Whites attend the sessions. But those aren't the people we're trying to reach. There seems



Rap Session

Members of 2d Bde.'s Human Relations Council get together for a gab session (U.S. Army Photo by Spec. 5 James Ventrilio).

to be a fear of rejection on the part of both races. We haven't had as good a turnout of Whites as we've had with Blacks. I guess some Whites felt they already understand the problem. The trouble is, few really do.

WILEY: People tend to be wary and fearful of things they don't understand. Whites tend to think they are the accepted standard, and don't need to relate to other peoples. Black pride makes them fearful, because they don't understand it. The white myth that you have to be like them to do a good job is ridiculous. A man can achieve and still be what he is and what he believes. The rap sessions up to now have not attracted the complacent people that need reaching.

CAVALAIR: Two of the biggest grievences among the Blacks toward the Army are promotions and good jobs in the rear. Is there any basis to this, in your opinion?

SIAS: I don't think a man should get a job in the rear just because he is Black, but from personal observations I don't think he is given the same consideration.

KLEINWORTH: The Army is not running a kindergarten. We try to be as impartial as possible, but I think percentage-wise, Blacks get more rear jobs than the whites. Overt efforts, especially in this brigade, have been made to see that everyone is treated fairly. If a Black gets a raw deal, it is exaggerated more than if the White got it. After a while it appears that all Blacks are getting a raw deal.

JUDKINS: Blacks feel that they won't get rear jobs or be promoted because the White 1st Sgt. doesn't trust him. Why strive for it when you know you won't get it?

WILEY: Then the NCO can turn you down because you're not doing a good job. It's just a vicious cycle.

THURSBY: The White NCO can rationalize by saying he's not doing a good job, and thus not promote him. This may be just a subconscious act of discrimination on his part.

MATOS: The Black percentage that goes to the rear, I think, is the same or greater than the White. They have a better chance, but they believe differently. NCOs have to be very impartial but I think some Blacks think they deserve more, particularly from a Black NCO. If we deviate one way, we hurt the other group. You see, we're caught in between.

WILEY: As with White NCOs, some Black NCOs have been out of touch with these problems. They think OD, too.

JUDKINS: A lot of Black NCOs don't know what's happening anymore. They move up the ranks to a secure position and turn as white as a lily. They become as blind to racial discrimination as the White NCOs because by virtue of their rank they don't come in contact with it like we do.

KLEINWORTH: I have never met a Black NCO or officer who wasn't concerned about his race. The Black career soldier isn't going to bestow a form of nepotism on them. But that's what some Blacks want and if they don't get it, they think he has forgotten he is Black.

THURSBY: I think the racial thing has gone too far. Too much emphasis is placed on little things, rather than the entire scope. The Blacks say they don't get preferences to rear jobs, and the Whites say the Army is favoring the Blacks. I don't know who is right.

CAVALAIR: Do you think that living together as we do in Vietnam has helped ease racial tensions?

THURSBY: Racial tensions are eased by living together and finding out how each other ticks. Young Blacks and Whites can be brought together because of their common enemy, the military establishment. But there still is sort of a voluntary segregation. People tend to associate with people who are most like themselves. Thus, there isn't the exposure as we might think.

WILEY: There is a degree of exposure on hand, but for the most part people will go back to the world with the same myths and misconceptions they came with. Even if Whites and Blacks are heavily exposed to each other, I think they'll revert to their old ideas once they are back in their own peer groups. Most people don't like to think. They'd rather have someone else form their opinions for them. It's too bad.

CAVALAIR: Do you have any predictions concerning race relations in the future?

THURSBY: I think we have to look at the Army as an integral part of the American society. No matter how much we try to ease relations through such programs as the Human Relations Council in the military, not much good will come of it if the rest of the society remains unchanged.

WILEY: We're at a point where the races, as never before, are trying to understand each other. It's only the beginning, but I am optimistic about the future.

MATOS: Yes, at least we're trying. I think the efforts we put in today will produce harmony and peace among the races tomorrow.

CAVALAIR: Thank you, gentlemen.



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Top-notch

Lifers at FSB Buttons are on the ball while making good use of their free time. Competition is left to the playing field and morale is high (U.S. Army Photo by Spec. 4 Rich Werner).

All work and no play . . .

FSB BUTTONS — "Smalley's Sadists versus the Keystone Cops at 1500 hours" read the daily bulletin of the 2d Bde.

Interpreted, it meant Smalley's Sadists, the field grade officers of the 2d Bde., would do battle on the volleyball court with the Keystone Cops, MP variety.

Each day a softball, basketball and three volleyball games are played here as part of the new A&R program instituted by Col. William Louisell, the Blackhorse Bde. commander.

First Lt. Dick Patterson, A&R officer, organized three leagues and set up the playing schedule which includes every major unit on Buttons.

"The response was tremendous," said Patterson. "People aren't just sitting around getting bored during their free time. They look forward to the

competition and the physical exercise each day."

Also responsible for the movie schedule, Patterson obtains a total of 14 different movies from Bien Hoa each week. Nine can be seen at Buttons while the others are shown at the battalion firebases.

"I've had commanders tell me their drug problem has lessened since the A&R program started. Others have mentioned that racial tensions have also decreased," commented Patterson. "I guess the guys were just bored to hell."

There is no doubt that the new A&R program has helped boost morale on FSB Buttons. As the old saying goes, "All work and no play makes the Skytrooper a dull boy."

Radar 'eyes of night'

by Spec. 4 Leif Hansen

PHUOC VINH — Radar assigned to Divarty is "the eyes of night" for this AO. With radar on the watch the guns never cease to fire and the enemy is constantly kept on the move.

As Radar Officer CW2 Edward C. Ney pointed out, it picks up where the bunker lights leave off and continues its search when the birds are grounded.

The 1st Cav has three different types of radar systems strategically located throughout the AO. These are the Q4, TPS-25 and the Pipsi-5.

The Q4 is the largest of the systems, with the greatest range accuracy. It is a counter-mortar system capable of registering within five meters of a target. The operator's radar control indicator is similar to a small TV screen tuned in to what looks like the surface of the moon. By watching the screen and operator can pinpoint a round and with the help of a computer give S-2 a 10-digit grid coordinate.

The TPS-25 is classified as a battlefield surveillance radar system designed to detect and locate moving ground targets. It gives an audible as well as a visual presentation and is equipped with a plotting board for tracing moving targets and predicting a point for fire. Sgt. James Perry explained that the system, with its 6400 mill azimuth, is placed on a 50 ft. tower to give it better line of sight capability. "Contrary to popular belief," he commented, "radar can't see through mountains or other solid terrain features." Interference registers audibly as the static of a radio, whereas a vehicle moving down a road has its own distinct high-pitched sound.

The Pipsi-5 also registers audibly and visually. Sgt. Thomas Douglas explained, "A bright dot on the scope is a moving target. The dull colors are trees or perhaps the wind blowing. Each thing has its own sound and the operator must train himself to distinguish the different sounds from the 'background noise', as he must also know the characteristics of his own set." On this set a group of people moving in the distance sounded like the rustling of cellophane.

The Pipsi-5 is small and light enough to back-pack and it is easily set up in a night ambush position, since it is run on batteries rather than a noisy generator. The pipsi is also ideal for bunkers and tower guards and can be used in conjunction with the starlight scope.

When there is trouble with a set, 'Radar express' goes into action. Within 15 minutes a maintenance crew is in the air and on its way to either repair or DX a set, enabling the eyes of night to keep a 24 hour surveillance.

Spec. 5 Terry Hudson has spent most of his tour as an operator. "Time on a set," he says, "can go slowly, but a little action makes it all worth while. You can see the mortars coming right out of the tubes, you call in the 'grid' and then watch them saturate the area."

Hudson has had six out of seven sightings confirmed. He feels that as soon as radar moves into an area the enemy moves out or has to change his tactics. "With the radar in effect," he says, "the enemy can only get a couple of rounds off from a tube without giving away his exact location, and even then he's taking chances."

Country doc

Mend body 'n soul

by Spec. 4 Rich Werner

FSB BUTTONS — M.A.S.H. it's not.

In fact, the battalion surgeon is more like the old time country doctor. He is known affectionately as the "Doc" and serves in a variety of roles, from patching wounds to acting as a chaplain.

Most battalion doctors spend three months at a forward firebase, another three months in the rear at 15th Med., and possibly the rest of the year's tour at one of the huge hospitals in Long Binh.

At the firebase the day usually begins with morning sick call. Routine cases such as changing dressings, checking skin diseases, suturing cuts, and giving shots for VD float in during the hours of 8 to 10 in the morning. Along with the legitimate cases come the shamblers. Shamblers usually have a field day with a newby doctor. But soon the Doc catches on and learns to point out the fakes.

"The longer I'm here the more atuned I am to picking out the shamblers," said Capt. Douglas Turtzo, the battalion surgeon for 1st Bn., 8th Cav, at FSB Betty. "They have certain complaints that usually don't fit the illness, and most are chronic complainers. After a while I know them by name."

Capt. Steve "Doc" Weber doesn't experience this rush hour sick call. He is the battalion surgeon for the 1st Bn., 77th Arty here.

"My people don't have to go into the bush like the grunts," said Weber. "So most of the shamblers just want to get out of a dirty detail."

Besides their medical duties, the Docs are responsible for mess hall inspection, rodent control and proper disposal of latrine wastes. The Docs also give classes on heat exhaustion, malaria control and the Drug Amnesty program.

"In the last two weeks I've had six or seven people come on the program," commented Turtzo. "If a man is on the hard stuff heavily, I send him back to the

rear because he'll have a difficult time with withdrawal. If it is not severe, I try to help him right here at Betty, by keeping him busy, giving him mild tranquilizers, and having bag sessions to talk about it."

Doc Weber conducts MEDCAPS twice a week at two orphanages in Song Be village.

"Every time we go out, we line the kids up and give them medicine for worms and parasites or treat them for malaria," Weber said. "Just about all the children have one of these ailments. When a child is sick and we can't help very much, as with a virus, we give them medicine anyway. They expect medications from Americans."

"It will be gone next time when we come back, whether we give them anything or not. But it helps to promote relations if we do. The kids particularly love the Cepacol throat disks. When they see those they all line up and fake sore throats," he added.

Probably one of the most important functions of the battalion surgeon is to screen patients before they go to 15th Med, particularly for suspected malaria cases.

"Even though malaria is fairly common, anybody who gets the slightest fever immediately thinks he's caught malaria," said Turtzo. "If we didn't screen them 15th Med would be overflowing with people who think they have it."

The Docs get many patients coming to them for other than physical illness.

"I get a lot of people coming to me with personal problems, since we don't have a chaplain stationed at Betty," continued Turtzo.

The battalion surgeon has a variety of duties that means different things to different people, but to all he is still the friendly old country Doc.



Robin Hood in the Song Be Forest

Believe it or not, his name is actually Robin Hood. He's a 1st lieutenant, and runs the Public Information Office at 2d Bde. Hood claims he searched the AO thoroughly for a Little John, but was forced to settle on a Montagnard mission worker to teach him the fine arts of the crossbow (U.S. Army Photo by Spec. 5 James Ventrilio).