



ALL WET . . . BUT HAPPY—is Nguyen Van Quan, one of 60 youngsters from the Don Bosco Orphanage who attended a swimming party hosted by Special Troops, U.S. Army Vietnam (USARV) at an Army pool in Saigon. (Photo by Sp4 Tony Fast, USARV-IO)

15,000 Safe Air Hours Logged By 224th Avn

TAN SON NHUT, (1st AVN-IO)—The 224th Aviation Battalion passed a milestone recently when Capt. Michael J. Wolfe and CWO Ruben Moreno landed at Tan Son Nhut airfield near Saigon.

Their landing marked the 15,000th accident-free hour flown by the battalion's pilots. Wolfe and Moreno are members of the 146th Aviation Company 224th Avn. Bn.,—one of four aviation companies comprising the battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Richard A. Rusk.

"The experience and professionalism of our aviators, coupled with an aggressive aviation safety program make the difference," Rusk said. "Our goal is a zero accident rate. So far we have met that goal, and a great deal of credit must be given to our maintenance people. They have done a remarkable job under often-adverse conditions."

Major Rufus R. Hart, the bat-

talion aviation safety officer, said, "The effectiveness of our safety effort expresses command implementation of the safety program at unit level. The responsibility for safe flying rests with the aviation company commander. The record shows that this responsibility is clearly recognized at all levels of command in the 224th."

"However," added Rusk, "we do not plan to rest on our safety laurels at this point. We have barely scratched the surface in our safety effort."

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Civic Action 'Big With Troopers

BIEN HOA, (173rd ABN-IO)—Civic Action is a big thing among the men of the 173rd Airborne Brigade. Every company's civic action team is constantly thinking of ways in which they may help

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Success Recipe

Chaplain (Maj.) Ross C. Wright

The fire chief of a small town in the north of our state once took two days off during the Christmas season after posting a warning.

"Positively No Fires Allowed!"

The successful Christian life would be delightfully simple if only we could do this with the problem of sin. I use the term sin here in its broadest application. In Romans 7:7-20 Paul gives us a relatively simple solution. Like all solutions, formulas,

remedies, prescriptions or recipes, they must be followed.

"When all else fails read the directions," one manufacturer advises. Could that be our problem in this era? However, we

can neither prevent fires nor stop our failures and shortcomings by legislation, nor even by determination alone. We must all confess

to the disappointing experience of often finding ourselves continuing to do the very same things we disapprove. Even the ancient pagans knew of this inward struggle. "I evidently have

two souls," Xenophon said. In addition to feeling sorrow about this problem, St. Paul determined to do something about it. He discovered and recommends the

rather simple idea of "dying to self" and "letting Christ dwell within" (see Galatians 2:20).

Do you desire to live a better life than you now live, to be a

better person, to overcome the gravity-pull of doing less than your best? If so, read Chapters 6-8 of Romans, and apply the simple formula given there.

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"FOR MY DADDY IN VIETNAM"—Says little Billy Wilson as he receives a Georgia state flag from Governor Carl E. Sanders. The flag was requested by SSgt. J.R. Wilson, now serving here, to display in a house shared by himself and six other sergeants. Looking on during the presentation is Wilson's wife Ernestine, and Georgia Secretary of State Ben Fortson (seated).

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American-Korean Relations Boosted By 14th Avn Captain

PHU TAI, (1 FFV-10)—Captain

Victor M. Hernandez and Capt.

Sung Il Moon have become good

friends since the American officer

"joined" the Korean Army in Sep-

tember.

That's when Hernandez of the

14th Aviation Battalion was at-

tached to the ROK Army's Capitol

Division to coordinate the bat-

tion's helicopter support of the Ko-

reans during Operation Meng Ho

6.

Moon, of the division staff,

works with Hernandez on helicop-

ter requirements. Their "office"

is Hernandez' jeep and their

"staff" consists of Sp4 Robert J.

Plunkett a battalion operations

specialist.

The mission of the Korean in-

fantry during "Meng Ho 6" was to

seek out and destroy Viet Cong

holded up in the Phu Cat Moun-

tains, a hill mass from which they

controlled Highway 1, the main

coastal road in the central high-

lands.

During the first 12 days of

"Meng Ho 6," Hernandez was call-

ing for missions of 12 to 25 chop-

pers daily. During that time the

American battalion moved 7500

Korean troops, flew in 5000 tons

of ammunition, water and ra-

tions, and fired 6000 rounds of

40mm grenades, a thousand 2.75-

inch rockets and 370,000 rounds

of machinegun ammunition.

panies of the 168th Combat Engineer Battalion have developed a new process that will enable them to conserve construction aggregate, a hard-to-get ingredient used in mixing concrete pads for buildings.

Ordinarily, a complete pad of concrete is poured within the wooden forms framing the pad.

The new method consists of placing a second form two feet inside the normal 20 x 50 foot

form. Concrete is placed in this outer area to provide a strong foundation for the building. After

mixing and placing the concrete in the outer area the placing

team moves on and repeats the

process at another location.

With the hardening of this out-

er ring, of concrete, another

building team moves in and

erects the structure. When the

building has been completed, the

placing team returns to fill in

the 16 x 46 foot center section

with a plain sand and cement

mixture.

Sand is readily available in

the Lai Khe and Phuoc Vinh

area, however the much needed

aggregate must be transported

into these isolated areas from

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distant locations.

Leonard Losacco chose an unconventional means to protect himself recently—a plaster cast.

Assigned to the Ivy Division's 2nd Brigade as motor sergeant for Company C, 4th Medical Bat-

talion, Losacco was recently engaged in completing log books and inspecting equipment. Reaching atop a generator, he suddenly

felt something strike a cast on his wrist—a deadly rustle viper measuring a foot and a half in

length.

With one swift move, the sergeant knocked the snake unconscious. "I used what I had at hand—my cast," explained the

sergeant.

He went on to tell that while

serving in Korea a few years

ago, an armed personnel carrier

had run over his wrist. The in-

jury never properly healed. When

the wrist began acting up again,

Losacco visited the medics of his

unit who in turn placed the cast

on his hand.

"I never thought I'd put it to

the use I did, but I'm glad the

cast was there when I needed

it," said the sergeant. "I guess

you can say I did what came

naturally and let out a yell. It

all happened very quickly."



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patrol joined in the fighting. When the brief encounter was over, five VC lay dead.

De Vries Earns SS

TAY NINH, (196th INF-10)—The Silver Star was recently awarded to Capt. Russell De Vries, for exposing himself to heavy fire and inspiring his men during an all-out attack by 25th Infantry Division units upon the Viet Cong.

Captain De Vries was leading his men of Company C, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry, closely behind Company A, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, when the VC opened up with automatic weapons, rifle grenades and small arms fire.

De Vries maneuvered his company left and came up on line with the pinned down company. Running and crawling approximately 100 yards to within 35 yards of the VC under a mass barrage of bullets and thick underground, De Vries personally maneuvered with his third platoon into a position to return fire on the enemy.

RVN Pilot Crash Lands 2nd Time In Same Area

CU CHI, (25th INF-40)—While controlling his unit's actions north of the 25th Infantry Division's base camp here recently, Lt. Col. William E. Davis looked from his command and control (C and C) helicopter and saw a Vietnamese Air Force A1-E Skyraider whistle by with its engine on fire.

The 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry commander ordered his pilot to follow the craft. As both aircraft passed over the base camp, Davis saw the Skyraider's engine quit and the Vietnamese pilot labor over the controls to keep his airplane stable during its dive for the ground.

The C and C ship kept a cautious distance behind the fighter and watched. Clearing the base camp, the Skyraider's pilot chose a deep rice paddy immediately beyond the perimeter. With landing gear up, he eased the belly down and held on as the aircraft dove through the water. One hundred and fifty yards later, the

CIDG Forces Kill 15 Enemy; Capture Weapons, Equipment

NHA TRANG, (5th SFG-10)—A search and clear operation designated as Task Force Prong was conducted near Plei Diereng recently. Prior aerial reconnaissance had indicated that anti-aircraft weapons were being emplaced in strategic locations throughout the area and Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) Reaction Forces (Mike Force) commanded by Capt. Clyde J. Sincere Jr., were dispatched to the area to locate the anti-aircraft positions and destroy them.

Mike Force's Company 2, commanded by Lt. Robert Jacobelly was crossing a stream when the lead element came up behind a VC carrying party. Catching Charlie off guard is a rarity, and, taking advantage of this element of surprise, Jacobelly and MSgt. Frank Quinn ordered the lead element to assault the enemy party.

For an hour and thirty-five minutes, the battle raged. Auto-

matic weapons, snipers, and demolitions greeted the Mike Force, but they fought on until the VC fell back. When the enemy retreated, he left behind two anti-aircraft guns, with parts and ammunition, two sub-machineguns, and some 33 individual packs loaded with sufficient equipment,

food, and supplies to last 12 years. Sincere called for a helicopter to extract the booty and then proceeded in pursuit of the enemy. With three VC killed and several wounded to their credit, the Mike Force pursued even more aggressively. The chase lasted for three days.

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25th Infantry Division—Units of the Tropic Lightning Division engaged in scattered actions in Gia Dinh and Binh Duong Provinces have killed 11 Viet Cong and captured two. Elements of the 3rd

Brigade Task Force involved in "Paul Revere IV" engaged an enemy force of unknown size and killed six in a 10-minute battle. Other division units engaged in Operation Lamkat near Long An reported no significant contact. Cumulative friendly casualties in all division operations have been light.

1st Infantry Division—Elements of the division participating in "Lam Son II" near Saigon reported no significant contact. Other units of the division are mopping up after completing Operation Attleboro in the Tay Ninh-Binh Duong area.

1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division—A company of the division received small arms fire near Tuy Hoa and returned the fire, killing six Viet Cong. Two enemy were captured and three suspects detained. Cumulative friendly casualties are light as the paratroopers continue Operation Geronimo I.

11th Armored Cavalry Regiment—No significant contact reported.

4th Infantry Division—The 3rd Brigade has terminated Operation Freemerton in the Rung Sat Special Zone. A total of 24 enemy were killed during the operation. Friendly casualties were light. In "Paul Revere IV," elements of the 1st Division reported light contact with the enemy. Cumulative friendly casualties are light as the operation continues.

173rd Airborne Brigade—Paratroopers are encountering very light enemy resistance as they continue Operation Waco in the

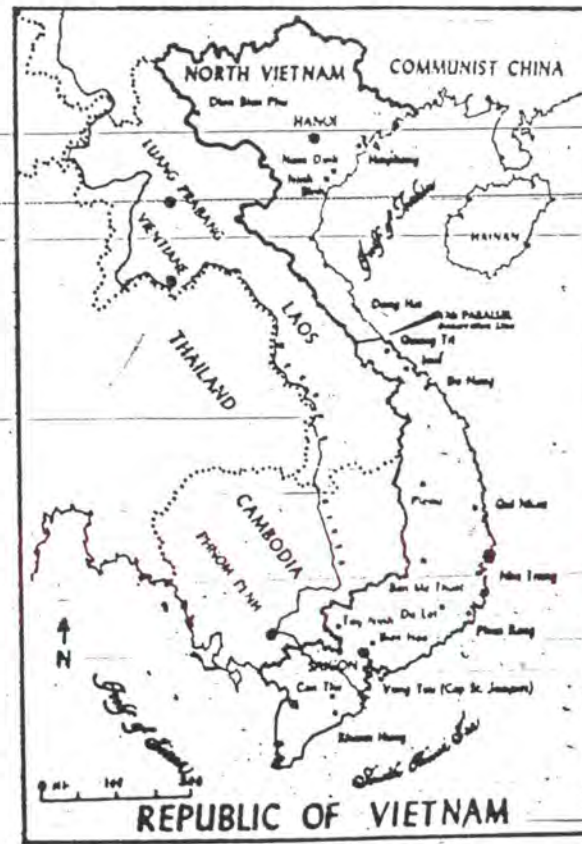
figures lurking around them.

"If you hit 'em," the sergeant said, "get back here fast."

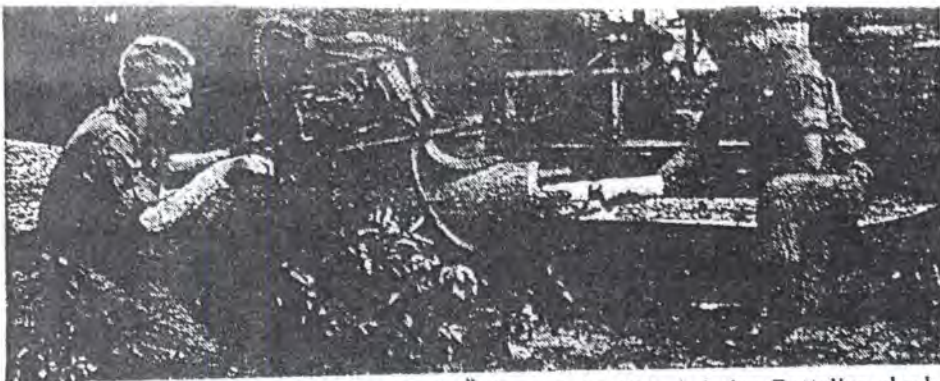
But the two men sweated it out. The VC were within their sights a number of them, but the Americans remained quiet.

Finally, out of uncertainty and desperation, the enemy started throwing rocks in the company's general direction with the hope of drawing some fire. All remained quiet.

"One rock ricocheted off something and hit me in the back," Cardova said later. The VC eventually fell back into the jungle.



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NO MARGIN FOR ERROR HERE—Members of the 10th Aviation Battalion check the armament on their UH-1B gunship before moving out on a mission. Specialist Four Bobby R. Hamby (left) checks a machine gun while PFC Wylie E. Gardner loads a 2.75-inch rocket. The unit is now participating in Operation Seward. (Photo by Sp5 Walter Lankston, 54th SIG-10)

10th Avn Gunships Provide Much Trouble for Viet Cong

TUY HOA (I FFV-10)—They hunt Viet Cong at 90 miles an hour in their lethally-armed gunships, this crew of a pair of armed Huey helicopters of the 48th Assault Helicopter Company, part of the 10th Aviation Battalion, located here on the coast of the South China Sea in Vietnam.

These aren't the only gunships of the 10th Bn., of course, but the crews are typical: men who look for trouble so that the infantry soldiers they support can more safely and speedily accomplish their missions in jungle and rice paddy, on the coast or in the mountain.

Aircraft commander of one of the gunships is Capt. Donald R. Kelsey; WO Donald L. Craft is the co-pilot; and the gunners are PFC Wylie E. Gardner, who is also crew chief, and Sp4 Bobby R. Hamby.

Crew of the other gunship is Capt. James F. Price; CWO Dominick L. Guccione; crew chief and gunner Sp5 George Parker; and SSgt Richard C. Patterson, gunner.

Except for Craft and Gardner the octet has been flying together for 11 months; the others have been on the team for about eight months. Each crew supports the other on missions so well that Kelsey calls Price his favorite insurance man. Kelsey's ship, however, has been hit 19 times compared to the one slug the Viet Cong have punched into Price's chopper. But for each of these hits, the VC have paid, and paid, and paid.

The choppers are armed to exact payment. Kelsey's ship totes 14 2.75-inch rockets and six machine guns with a load of 8000 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition. Price's helicopter carries 300

40mm grenades fired in bursts like a machine gun, 14 rockets and two machine guns with 4000 rounds.

The 10th Avn. Bn. supports the 1st Brigade of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division, and elements of the Republic of Korea (ROK) and Army of Vietnam (ARVN) in the Tuy Hoa area. The gunship crews know them well and the soldiers on the ground, especially the troopers of the 101st, are equally familiar with the helicopter men.

Take, for example, an incident near Dak To, early last June. The mission of the two ships was to cover a helicopter evacuation of about 25 wounded Americans. The 101st had two artillery batteries, an infantry company and a battalion command post at the position.

The gunships had just begun covering the evacuation when the VC attacked with an entire battalion. Knowing the gunships were in the immediate area, the paratroopers called for support. The choppers got the med-evacs out, then came roaring in.

The Viet Cong had already broken through the infantry perimeter and actually seized an artillery piece which they unsuccessfully attempted to turn on the Americans. Price came in firing his grenades, as did Kelsey with his rockets and Guccione in a third ship—he happened to be flying nearby and heard the call. Between them, the trio of choppers made 12 passes over the enemy until the infantry asked them to stand by.

The troopers then drove off the enemy who left 105 dead, some of them wounded, and seven helicopter-loads of weapons and equipment. During the entire fight, the first two choppers fired 28 rockets, 300 grenades and 20,000 rounds of machine gun ammunition. There were no American casualties, ground or air.

So effective has been the work of the gunships that infantry commands have come up with a new gimmick. "They think we're pretty effective and use us as 'always ready' artillery," says Price.

Even at base camp, a desolate stretch of sand and cactus near Tuy Hoa, the gunships are ready, always fueled, always armed, ready to search out and destroy the enemy wherever he might begin a fight.



TWO CAPTURED—Two Vietnamese suspected of being Viet Cong are held under guard by a pair of troopers from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. This is off Operation Seward. (Photo by Sp4 Richard C. Parker, 69th SIG-10)

ments arriving in the 1st Brigade, Big Red One Division are being offered a 40-hour indoctrination course.

The best of the brigade's professional officers and NCOs, all of whom have been through combat either in Vietnam or Korea, are the instructors. They are volunteers who do the job in their spare time, according to Capt. Thomas Latzka, who commanded the course for the first three months.

The course begins with classroom work where the men are constantly reminded of the difference between this and other wars the U. S. has fought in. The students go through classes of enemy mines and booby traps. Every conceivable type of booby trap used by the Viet Cong is explained and demonstrated to the men.

At the firing ranges, they undergo zeroing and familiarization with their individual weapons. Many of them fire the Army's new M-60 machinegun, M-79 grenade launcher, and the M-16 rifle.

They are taught small unit defense, how to move from one area to another, field sanitation, land navigation, anti-ambush procedures, tactics, and march discipline.

The very terrain in this heavily wooded sector of Phuoc Vinh is invaluable for this training. The instructors are quick to point out that they would find themselves in similar terrain for the next 11 months in Vietnam.

Next is the most difficult and probably the most interesting courses of all: patrolling and daylight search and destroy operation. The students are broken down into squads. They come down the rutted road and turn into heavily wooded terrain. They cross a creek, often waist deep with leech-infested water. An "enemy" base camp well hidden from observation is their target.

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