

A SOLDIER WITH A BANDAGE ON his arm walked by and Minh stopped him. He pointed to the bandage and said, "VC boom boom?"

"Yeah," said the soldier. "VC boom boom."

Minh pointed to a three inch scar on his own leg and said, "VC boom boom. 'Merican number one, VC number ten."

"Have you seen any VC?" I asked.

"VC come. Boom-Boom, kill, take rice."

The little man had analyzed the overall situation very well for

4 Out Of 5

Buy Bonds

At Log Comd

SAIGON, (1st LOG-IO) — Four out of five troopers in the 1st Logistical Command are now buying U. S. savings bonds, with a present overall 83.1 per cent of command participation up seven per cent from a month ago.

Bond investments by over 23,000 logistical command personnel are now high above the latest reported U. S. Army-wide average of 75.3 per cent, bond campaign officials at headquarters said.

Continuing to lead the vanguard of subordinate commands in bond purchases are the soldiers and nurses in the Qui Nhon Support Command, where some 95 per cent are participating via payroll deductions. Hot on the heels of Qui Nhon, with less than a percentage point behind, is the 4th Transportation Command and US Army Support Command, Cam Ranh has surpassed the 90 per cent goal—the "bone minimum" target of the campaign.

117th Avn Co. Joins 101st Strike Force

DAK TO, (101st ABN-IO) — A proud but battle weary battalion commander of the 101st Airborne Division, Lt. Col. Henry E. Emerson, made a special trip by helicopter recently to address members of a veteran aviation company in their base camp here.

His sole mission was to personally commend and thank each member of the 117th Aviation Company for their acts of heroism and outstanding services performed during Operation Hawthorne.

Lieutenant Colonel Emerson, known locally as "Gunfighter," stood surrounded by the entire company as he welcomed them as individual members of his Strike Force. "You are now part of our unit," he said, "in every battle and every mission. Our victory is your victory."

He continued, "Your accomplishments have been totally remarkable. The amount of enemy exposure that your pilots and crew-members have subjected themselves in areas of hostile fire defies description.

"Gunfighter" summarized the successful Operation with final statistics, battle experiences, and significant tactics that "changed the tide." He explained his New Frontier Strategy that for the first time in Vietnam, has established offensive front lines. "From now on," he concluded, "the Strike Force, with your assistance, will stop them at the border—coming and going."

Before departing to join his units in combat, he met and congratulated every member of the aviation company.

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EDITORIAL

'The American Way'

ly 4 we celebrate the signing of our Declaration of Independence. It was on that day we came into being. The date: July 4, 1776. been 190 years since that document was signed. oments go, the Declaration of Independence is ing into adulthood. England's Magna Carta, for example, is 700 years old. irth of July we celebrate brings us closer to the bicentennial



endence. In the on stage of history you might say it is just corner. growth to the leadership of the Free World in less than two a miraculous chapter in the annals of man. Our youth is n, acknowledged by nations whose history is as old as aration of Independence serves as our guide and our is. Its basic principles seem a perfect definition of that elusive e American Way." eue we are a young nation in years, but we'll never grow famous passage from the Declaration of Independence will uring: men are created equal; that they are endowed by their certain unalienable rights that among these are life, the pursuit of happiness.... (AFNR)

New Techniques Shared

(1st LOG-10) — Ad-delivering a series of lectures to medical students and interns in the Saigon area. "We've been varying the topics to give these young men and women an opportunity to learn a wide range of subjects," Captain Berg explained. "They're an eager and intensely interested group," Captain Jacobs declared. "Of course we

1's Corner:

Can Take It

grandfather took me at age nine to an Ohio who drilled deeply into several molars as my g into leather. Throughout, I wondered whether nake it. When it was over he handed me a clip- eading "I'm a member of the 'I-Can-Take-It

ew pride overcame the pain. So here our country od ask us or allow us simply to stand and take ge and the button are different but the idea's

e is some value in simply enduring. Saint

Pass In Review:

Awards and Decorations

SILVER STAR
(Posthumous)
SSgt. John Willoughby
PFC Edmund M. Masterson
SILVER STAR
SP5 Roy Bean

LEGION OF MERIT
Col. Jack M. Pollin
Col. William A. McKeen
Col. Richard W. Aronson
Lt. Col. Earl K. Buchan
DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
WO Thomas E. Bowen
CWO Michael G. Lindell
Capt. James M. Rice

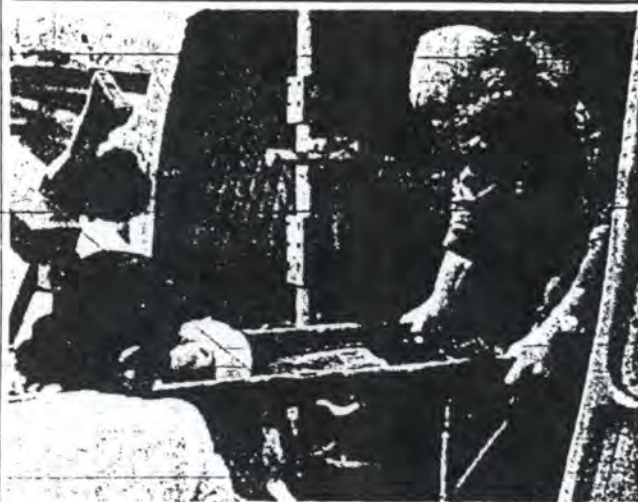
BRONZE STAR MEDAL
(Posthumous)
Capt. Martin D. Reilly
Sgt. Thomas Brewer
BRONZE STAR MEDAL
Sgt. James E. Phillips
SSgt. Jack L. Tate
Sgt. Bobbie B. Besser
PFC James E. Roy

SSgt. Andrew J. May Jr.
2nd Lt. Arthur L. Minnefield
SSgt. James L. Mattingly
1st Lt. Cecil L. Harrison
1st Lt. Ralph C. Southard
Sp4 Amador B. Garcia Jr.
SSgt. Sylvester H. Wilson
SSgt. Lloyd Roberts
PFC Richard M. Salazar
1st Lt. Paul D. Hutchins
Sgt. Gerald L. Tedder
1st Lt. Larry G. Lebowitz
Capt. Gordon K. Downey Jr.
Sp4 Greg Ricketson
Sgt. Louis C. Swann
PFC Malcolm Holmes
1st Lt. Chester F. Kempinski
Sgt. Robert T. Sloan
Sp4 Stewart Lavochnik
Sgt. Michael W. Station
Sgt. Donald E. Bear
Sp4 James C. Bennett
SFC George O. Grocker Jr.
SSgt. Manuel C. Cruz
1st Sgt. Rodman L. Cuzort
Mat. Frank L. Davis
SMat. John Dobransky
1st Sgt. Roger J. Donovan

1st Lt. John H. Dorland
Sgt. Thomas S. Evans
Lt. Col. Henry R. Griffin
Maj. Merritt R. Holcomb
Lt. Col. Thomas D. Longino
1st Sgt. Thasilo R. Macias
MSgt. L. C. Pennycook
2nd Lt. Howard R. Reeves
Capt. Richard R. Sklar II
Lt. Col. Jerry L. Teague
Sp4 Eddie Porter Jr.
SSgt. Loney Borgardt Jr.
PFC Harry J. Magglos
Sp5 Gerald T. Carney
Sgt. James W. Allen
PSgt. Alton W. Barker
PFC Donald L. Smith Jr.
SFC Albert T. Ledford
Sgt. Thomas E. Sandusky

PFC Edward J. Sheppard
PFC Joseph Gribb Jr.
SFC Andrew W. Arrant
PSgt. Michael J. Rivera
Sgt. John C. Rumph
1st Lt. Byron E. Byerley
1st Lt. Kenneth R. Ekland
1st Lt. Eduardo J. Fernandez
PFC Robert C. French
Sgt. Billy J. Luce
Sgt. Thomas R. Wallace
PFC George N. Kirtley
1st Sgt. Theofilos Macias
2nd Lt. Richard Hoffman
SSgt. Arthur C. Juniewicz
PFC Charles H. Osborne
Sgt. Ronald Jennings
Sp4 Melvin L. Borden
SSgt. Thomas R. Coppinger III

Ox-cart Victim Lifted



MED-EVAC—Miss Cao Thi Thu is transferred from an ambulance to a U.S. Army helicopter for evacuation after being run over by an ox-cart.

(Photo by Sp4 Norman Weersing, 1st AVN BDE-10)

TAY NINH, (1st AVN BDE-10) lance rushed up to the helicopter. The pilots of a 120th Aviation Company helicopter had been waiting at Tay Ninh airfield to go on a civic action mission to the top of Nui Ba Den Mountain when they received a request from Tay Ninh Hospital. Earlier that morning a little girl had been run over by an ox-cart and needed prompt evacuation to Saigon. Could she go in the 'chopper? "Sure, we can do it!" replied Maj. Gerald D. Burroughs, operations officer of the 120th. A few minutes later an ambu-



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Dust-Off Rescues Children Hit By Viet Cong Mortars

DI-AN, (1st INF-10) — On a dark rainy night, last week Viet Cong mortars struck the village of Long Thanh near the 2nd Brigade Base Camp at Bear Cat. Special Forces personnel in the area relayed an urgent plea for medical help from the district adviser and minutes later ambulances of Company C, 1st Medical Battalion, were on their way.

Fighting rain and mud the ambulance drivers, PFC Bruce M. Williams and Sp4 Richard Bilmyer, forged their way to the Special Forces area to pick up the casualties.

All five were in critical condition and all were children.

The radio jeep called for a dust-off helicopter to meet them back at the clearing station.

One child was near death, another needed amputation.

At the clearing station, Capt. Donald D. Cofield and Capt. Leonard J. Kut assisted by Capt. G. Ramirez-Schon, made a super human effort to give the emergency treatment while the helicopter, hindered by low ceilings, tried to land.

One child died, but the rest were successfully treated and

evacuated to the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital in Saigon.

The father of three of the children, including the one that died, rode with the ambulances to the clearing station and stayed with the child to the last.

When he returned to his village the next morning, American soldiers were already starting to rebuild his damaged house.

Awarded . . .

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and throwing hand grenades. He then moved back to his own group and began evacuating the dead and wounded. When he reached the main camp he called in air strikes and mortar fire on the area that had been attacked and destroyed what was left of the Viet Cong positions.

Sergeant Crabtree was decorated for his actions while in the defense of the Special Forces compound and province capital at Song Be, May 11, 1965.

During the late morning hours a Viet Cong battalion attacked the compound, firing 75mm pack howitzers, 57mm recoilless rifles, mortars, machineguns and rocket launchers, which enabled them to infiltrate and employ suicide squads to breach the camp's defense.

Crabtree manned a light machinegun in the forward position of the camp and took the brunt of the attack. Crabtree continued to fire his weapon into the charging hordes of Viet Cong until his gun jammed.

The sergeant, then moved to a 60mm mortar and began a barrage against the enemy who had infiltrated the rear of the camp. Crabtree was wounded by grenade shrapnel and bleeding badly but he never left his position. He continued to fire the mortar until the attack was repulsed.

DSC Awarded . . .

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Medal. The Distinguished Service Cross, second only to the Medal of Honor, was presented by Brig. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commanding general of the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Center for Special Warfare (Airborne).

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Man's nickname

4. Conjunction

6. Bend over

11. Like a bear

13. Chief

15. Compass point

16. Parts of flowers

18. Artificial language

19. Grand Duchy (abbr.)

21. Man's nickname

23. Decorate

24. Rail bird

25. Take one's part

28. Compass point

29. Shoot at from cover

31. Girl's nickname

33. Enrichment

34. Young salmon

36. Shore bird

38. Quiet

40. Boisterous festivity

42. Loop

43. Cover

47. Chimney carbon

49. Part of speech

50. Girl's name

51. Druggery

54. Parent (colloq.)

53. Truistic deity

56. Lattice work

59. A state (abbr.)

61. Relative

63. Tour

65. Portions of medicine

66. Compass point

67. Before

DOWN

1. Large cask

2. A state

3. Manuscript (abbr.)

4. Emits

5. Chairs

6. Slim

7. Number

8. Skin

9. Hypothetical force

10. Die

12. Exists

14. Shake

17. Spanish character

17. Principal

20. Fall in drops

23. Note of state

24. Steamship (abbr.)

25. Three-banded armadillo

27. Verve

29. Goddess of discord

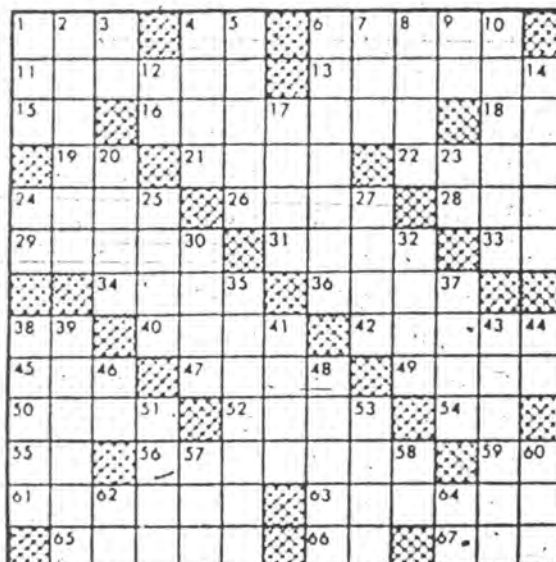
30. King of beaks

33. Lodgers

37. Weaving machine

38. Puppets

39. Frightful



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