

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 2D SQUADRON, 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT
APO SA FRANCISCO 96357

SUBJECT: Commander's Notes Number 4

15 August 1971

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INFORMATION

1. Coverage of the Squadron on NBC-TV: On 23 July a report by NBC correspondent Phil Brady on our Rome Plow operations in the Boi Loi Woods played on the NBC Nightly News. The program is broadcast from New York to network stations nationwide, and is the primary news show of the day. Brady's narrative was added to the film footage and sound recorded by the two NBC crewmen who visited us on 21 July. The story provided a description of the plowing mission, and identified the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment by name. It ran for just under two minutes. A number of troopers have reported receiving mail from home commenting favorably on the coverage.

2. Blackhorse Association: CSM Tate recently forwarded \$309.90 to BG Patton, President of the Association; this sum included 20 lifetime memberships, 44 annual memberships, and \$61.90 in scholarship contributions. Please continue to drum up interest in the Association. Scholarship contributions were mighty slim for a 1,500-man squadron. If each trooper had given one Coke's worth of change, we could have sent in \$150.00. Let's make a continuing effort - not just on pay day - to permit loose change to be contributed to the scholarship fund. Receptacles in the clubs, properly safeguarded, might be one way to keep up our contributions.

3. Urinalysis Testing for Drugs: A recent change in manifest preparation procedures by the Tan Son Nhut ATCO will result in removal from flights of MACV Army permanent change of station and special leave personnel whose urinalysis results have not been received by the MACAG clearance agency by noon of the day before flight departure. The urinalysis and treatment program will also be expanded to include all US military personnel departing Vietnam for a 14-day CONUS leave. For details, see COMUSMACV message 190714Z June 1971 (on file this headquarters).

4. Reenlistments: SP4 James L. Pippins, How Battery; SSG William J. Slinker, F Troop; SFC William F. Iseman, Headquarters & Headquarters Troop; MSG Robert C. Slattery, Headquarters & Headquarters Troop; SSG Otis E. Simpson, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop.

POLICY

1. Backhaul of Brass and Ammo Cans: USARV has a protect in being to recover brass and ammo cans. TRAC has committed itself to return 15% of the brass and ammo cans issued to subordinate commands. To help meet this quota and preclude materials of war-making potential from falling into enemy hands, we will retrograde a portion of our expended brass to the 3rd Ord Bn, Long Binh (including casings from hand illumination, 40mm, .50 caliber, 7.62mm, 5.56mm, and .45 caliber cartridges). Expended brass recovered in the NDP should be placed in ammo cans and sent to Cu Chi in the morning backhaul. Brass recovered at Warrior should be sent to Cu Chi by convoy. The convoy will then pick up the brass sent that morning from the NDP to Cu Chi and retrograde it to the 3rd Ord Bn in Long Binh.

2. Bad Epithets with Regard to Vietnamese: I do not want epithets like "dink", "slope", etc., used in the presence of the Vietnamese.

3. Wearing the Crest: I encourage the wearing of the official Blackhorse crest by those troopers not involved directly in combat operations. When worn, the crest should be centered on the right pocket flap.

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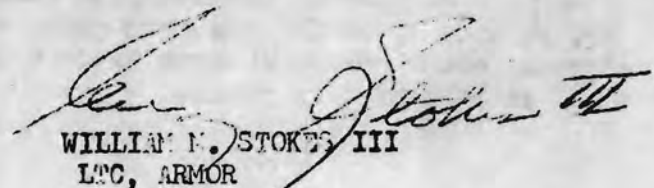
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4. Pay Day Procedures. There has been some confusion about the pay day procedures announced in Commander's Notes Number 2. The D-Day (and +1/+2) activities represent the latest dates for paying the contingents described. If pay officers can accelerate payment, all the better, e.g., if the pay officer can finish in the rear and move to the field on D-Day, fine

5. Domestic Hire Fund. (Reference USARV Reg No 230-2) Under no circumstances will individuals be authorized to: (1) Hire and pay Vietnamese Nationals for personal services and (2) pay additional emoluments to Vietnamese Nationals employed by the DOPIF. We will follow this USARV regulation. Starting on pay day, each troop/battery/detachment in Cu Chi and Phu Loi will collect the money to be changed to pay the hooch maid on the 30th of each month. Hooch maids and Vietnamese Nationals will never be given MPC's.

6. Phu Loi Installation Commanders' Conference (13 Aug 71). A number of points were discussed by the major Phu Loi commanders at their 13 August meeting which have policy implications: (a) Units must contract their daily hires and hooch maids; (b) post regulations require hats, buttoned jackets and bloused trousers; (c) Personnel trying to leave post out of uniform will be reported by the gate guards; (d) vehicles leaving organizational areas will be given a technical inspection, have a valid trip ticket and operators will have their driver's licences checked and (e) Vietnamese Nationals are subject to being fined for possession of US property/food when transporting such stores off post.


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