

JULY 4-190TH YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE

Like our for-fathers 190 years ago. The men of the Cavalry continue to defend freedom.

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From the Staff of the Cavalair to the men of The 'First Team' Happy Independence day

Cav And Allied Units Continue To Pound VC In Operation Nathan Hale

By PFC John UTT

AN KHE— The 1st Air Cavalry Division and allied units have killed a total of 315 North Vietnamese regulars by body count, seized 24 Viet Cong suspects and captured 117 individual weapons as well as 26 crew served weapons during the first 11 days of Operation Nathan Hale.

The Operation began on the sea coast near Tuy Hoa on June 19, when enemy forces launched an attack on the Special Forces camp (CIDG) at Dong Tre. The camp, situated at the bottom of a saucer shaped valley protected by outposts on the rim, was hit by North Vietnamese Regulars who overran the outposts and cut off the only road leading into the valley.

A call for help was answered by elements of the 101st Airborne Division. The troops of the 101st were lifted into a large peanut field on

an old plantation near the camp, and were immediately in heavy contact with the enemy. The area was subjec-

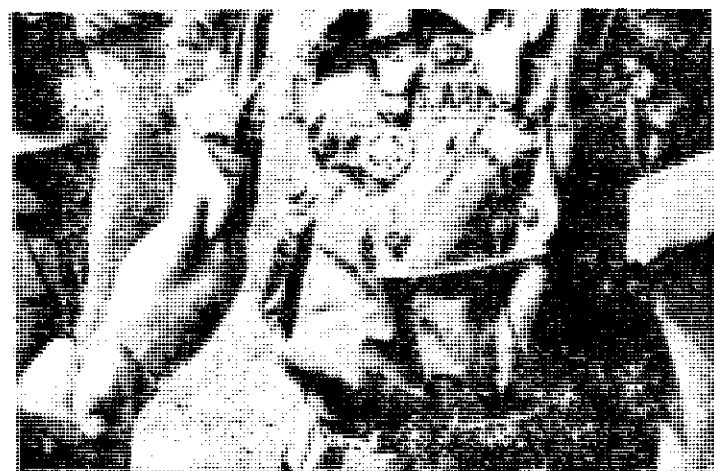
ted to Viet Cong small arms fire, mortars and 50 calibre machine gun fire from the (Cont'd on Page Eight)

Cavalry Convention To Be Held In Miami, Florida

The President of the First Cavalry Division Association has sent a special invitation to Viet Nam veterans to attend the next First Cavalry Division Convention to be held in Miami, Fla. Aug. 25-28.

Registration for the Convention, which has been underway for some time, will not be necessary for Viet Nam returnees although there will be a modest registration fee.

Three Official Delegates of the current "Sky Trooper" Chapter will be representing the active Division. A film covering the Cavalry Division's first year in Viet Nam will be shown.



Heroes Day. (See Story Below and Counterfold)

Machine Gunner Takes Command Of Platoon

CAMP RADCLIFF — Sgt. David Dolby is only a big strong soldier who hustles his M-60 machine gun with more pride than most troopers would with their best girl at their side walking down Main Street in their home town.

During a recent operation a stream of lead from 50 and 30 calibre machine gun fire poured into Dolby's platoon.

The platoon took several casualties immediately, including the platoon leader, who was still alive but badly

wounded.

TAKES WOUNDED

Dolby cradled his machine gun in his arms and rushed forward. He fired his weapon, until a lull in the fighting permitted him to attend to some of the wounded.

He moved his wounded buddies to covered positions and gave them first aid — including his platoon leader.

As the fighting continued, the platoon leader was hit for the second time.

TAKES COMMAND

«Dolby, I've had it,» said the dying officer, «Take command and get these people out.»

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Red Hawk Inn Has Best Cook

CAMP RADCLIFF — The Officers and guests who patronize the 11th Aviation General Support Company's Red Hawk Inn boast of having one of the best cooks in the 1st Air Cavalry Division.

Their pride and joy is Sp5 Gary D. Clevenger, who is nearing the end of his tour of duty in Vietnam.

Clevenger is unique in the Army because he has not had any formal training as a cook.

His entire training took place in his home — and his mother was his chief instructor.

Clevenger started his career as a cook at about (Cont'd on Page Three)

Cavalair Distributed In Saigon

SAIGON — For the benefit of 1st Air Cavalry Division soldiers in the capital city on TDY, leave or pass, the CAVALAIR will be distributed at two points in the Saigon area, beginning with this issue. (Cont'd on Page Eight)



READY FOR BUSSINESS—An eight inch self propelled howitzer of the 1st Cavalry Division points its ugly snout toward Charlie (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Marv Wolf)

EDITORIAL

"The America Way"

On July 4 we celebrate the signing of our Declaration of Independence. It was on that day we came into being as free men. The date: July 4, 1776.

It has been 190 years since that document was signed. But as documents go, the Declaration of Independence is barely passing into adulthood. England's



Magna Carta, for example, is more than 700 years old.

Every Fourth of July we celebrate brings us closer to the bicentennial of our independence. In the mileage of history you might say it is just around the corner.

But our growth to the leadership of the Free World in less than two centuries is a miraculous chapter in the annals of man. Our youth is our triumph, acknowledged by nations whose history is as old as civilization.

The Declaration of Independence serves as our guide, our inspiration. Its basic principles seem a perfect definition of that elusive phrase, "The American Way."

Yes, it's true we are a young nation in years, but we'll never grow so old this famous passage from the Declaration of Independence will lose its meaning:

"That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness... (AFNB)"

Top-Flight Idea: Airmail To RVN For Five Cents

WASHINGTON (ANF) —

The nickel ice cream cone and the five-cent subway ride may be gone forever, but that lowly coin is now associated with an even greater bargain.

A special five-cent airmail service to Vietnam has been inaugurated by the Army and Air Force Postal Service in cooperation with the U.S. Post Office Department.

Needing only a regular five-cent stamp, letters bearing the address of a serviceman in Vietnam will be airmailed to San Francisco, transferred to the military mail system, and then flown to Saigon.

All addresses must have a five-digit APO number.



BIG LIFTET — A Flying Crane of the 1st Air Cavalry Division lifts equipment where it is needed twenty four hours a day. (US Army Photo)

Archie Moore Visits

CAMP RADCLIFF — Former light-heavyweight boxing champion Archie Moore on his recent visit to the 1st Cavalry Division, spent an afternoon visiting the staff and patients of the 2nd Surgical Hospital.

Moore, touring Vietnam for the Special Services branch of the Armed Forces went through-rever of the wards to help build the morale of the 1st Air Cav's wounded skytroopers.

Wounded Platoon Leader Continued To Lead His Men

CAMP RADCLIFF — A platoon leader of the 1st Air Cavalry Division's 1st Airborne Brigade, burdened with a serious leg wound

received from a punji stake, continued to lead his men, and eventually routed a Viet Cong unit.

Second Lieutenant John

H. Williams, Company C, 8th Cavalry, was leading his platoon on a clearing mission in the central Highlands when a group of well hidden VC opened fire on the cavalymen.

Williams received a painful ankle wound when he struck the stake during the operation. He continued, however, to lead his men until the VC positions were overrun.

During the action, the lieutenant also directed aerial rocket artillery and 105 millimeter artillery fire against the enemy.

'WE CARE'

AN KHE. — Many folks back home have written the Division expressing interest in Skytroopers who carry the banner of freedom in our efforts to stop the "Creeping Red Aggressor."

Some of these, who have expressed a desire to correspond with members of the First Team, are listed here for your convenience. Space will not permit us to print letters received from these patriotic citizens, but members of the Division who desire to correspond with them are invited to do so:

Diane Marie Schoedel is a 12 year old resident of 160 Lyndale Court, West Seneca, New York 14224.



Miss Beth Hughes of Box 14, Barneveld, N.Y. 13304, desires to correspond with a number of soldiers.

Barbara Reynolds is a 5 foot 6 inch blonde who lives at 711 East Chamberlin St., Dixon, Illinois 61021, who offers to get friends to write, too.

Mary Zitzewitz, 21, is the wife of an accountant and mother of two little girls. She states if you write your desires to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Zitzewitz, 922 Elmwood Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, she will do her best to help. The column will continue next week.

Marsha Hellman, 1104 W. Nevada, Urbana, Illinois, is a Junior at the University of Illinois.



She desires to have your photos.

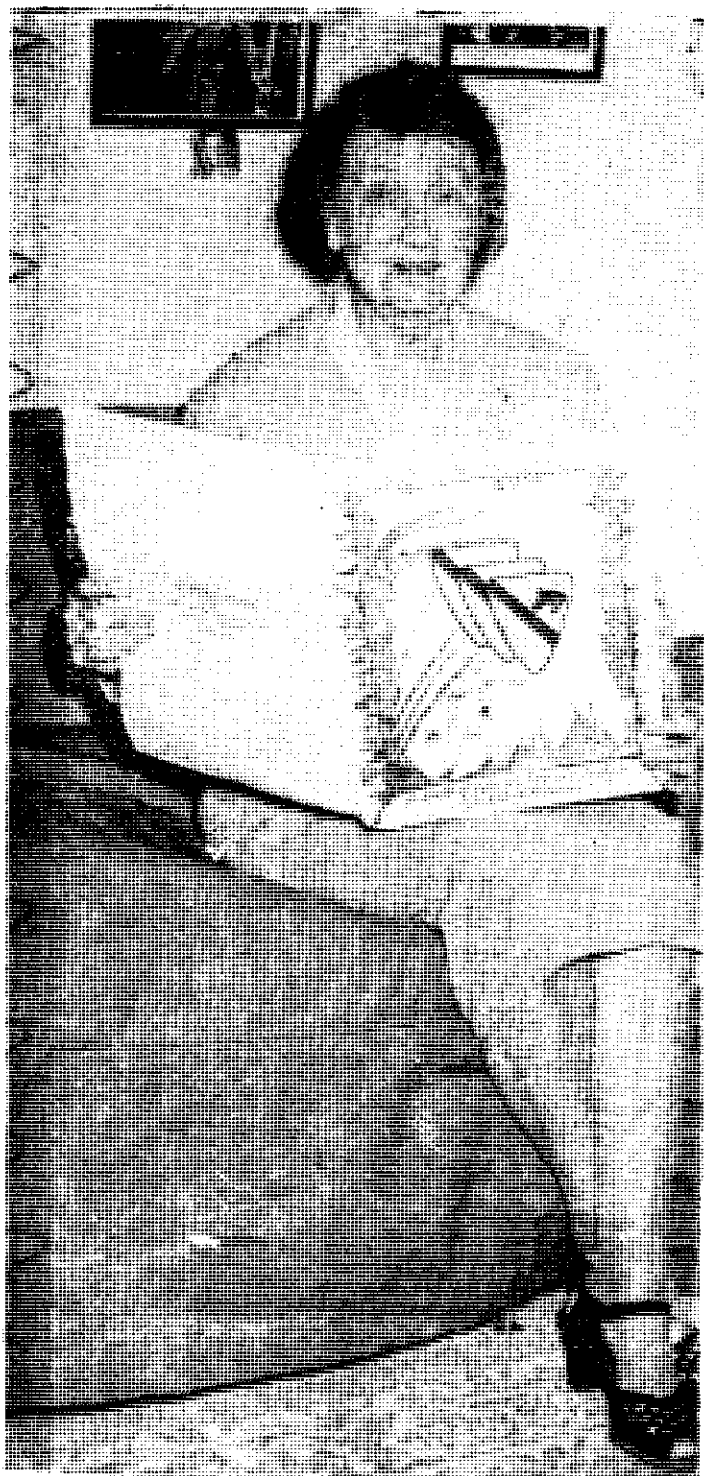
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A GREETING FROM HER FAMILY — Mother Dorcy, the "First Teams" honorary mother holds a card she received from the Division for Mothers Day. (US Army Photo)

PCS For Liz A Sad Day At Cav Enclave

Sp4 Edwin Haynes

CAMP RADCIPE — Yes, the time has come Elizabeth Miller, of Atlanta, Ga., known to all the 1st Cav Troopers as "Liz" to depart An Khe. She has been reassigned to Nha Trang.

Liz has been working in Recreation Centers since October, 1964, when she went to Korea for a year.

The An Khe Recreation Center was opened May 1, by Liz and three other Red Cross Girls.

Liz likes it here in the 1st Cav Division, because, she said, «have never seen so much enthusiasim and high moral.»

«We have never seen such enthusiastic support,» said all the girls.

Liz is gone, but not all is

lost— Mary Cherney of Milwaukee, has arrived to take her place.

Mary has been with the Red Cross since July, 1965. Her first tour was with the 7th Infantry in Korea. She arrived in Vietnam in November, and at An Khe on June 26.

«We have worked in everything from a French plantation with velvet curtains to a tent with a dirt floor, she said of her first eight months in Vietnam.

Troopers Letter Brings A Chance For Education To Song Tan People

AN KHE — The Division's 1st Airborne Brigade added to its Civic Affairs achievements by «breaking ground» for a new school to be erected in the village of Song Tan, near An Khe.

Amidst a group of happy, grateful Vietnamese.

Cook...

(Cont'd From Page One) the age of seven when he hung around the kitchen and watched his mother prepare meals.

At the age of 14 he got his big chance to prove himself.

«I really wasn't in charge, I just got to burn the beans.» He said.

However, his cooking for the Officers of the 11th Aviation Group has prompted several to recommend chef's school to Clevenger when he completes his military service.

«It's a little early to make any plans,» he said. «I plan to stay in the army another four or five years.»

Clevenger is presently awaiting rotation to the United States and will be stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

Lt Col Kenneth D. Mertel, Deputy Brigade Commander, and Mr Do Duong, Song Tan's chief, alternated in the ceremony.

Made possible through contributions from residents of Virginia, Alabama, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, the school will consist of three rooms, seat approximately 200 students, and will measure 24 by eighty meters. The building will cost about 165,00 Piastres, the equivalent of \$1,400.

A former member of the

«all the way» brigade, Sp4 Ira Black, started the ball rolling several months ago when he informed his grandmother in Roanoke, Virginia, of the need for a local dsipensary to provide medical service to Song Tan's populace.

Black's grandmother and his father contacted a local newspaper, and the ensuing response brought enough contributions for the dispensary, leaving enough extra with which to construct the much-needed school.

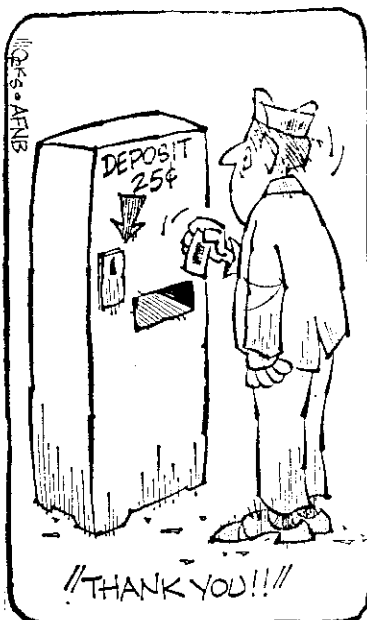


BUILDING UP— Storm clouds over An Khe prophecy another rainy monsoon day for the "Sky Troopers". (US Army Photo by Sgt. Marv Wolf)

Pilots Thanked

MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS helicopter pilots in RVN have been credited with dramatic achievement during the past year for fast evacuation of wounded. Army's MSC Chief, Col. William A. Hamrick, credits pilots with significant contribution.

An Khe Market



Maps Find A Way

DONG TRE — During a recent operation, the Third Brigade of the First Air Cavalry Division used more than 24,750 square feet of maps, with a total weight of 100 pounds.

The Brigade brought 1100 sets of map, nine sheets to a set, each map sheet being about five feet square, for use in the operations.

The maps are handled by Capt John R. Pritchard.

Lt. John B. Sonroy, a forward observer for Battery C, First Battalion, 21st Artillery, said that his mission is to give fire support for the infantry units.

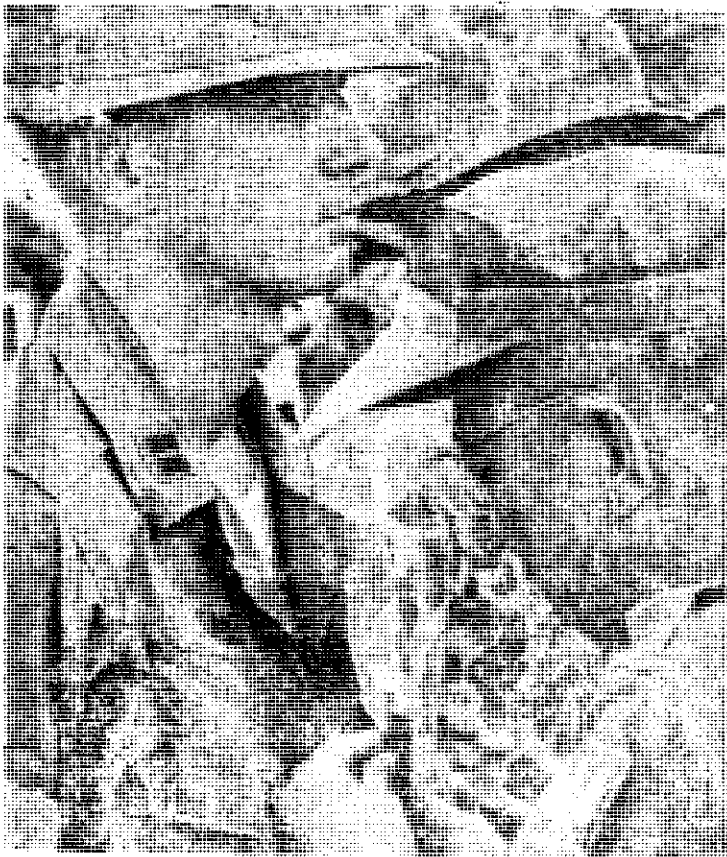
Conroy said, «By knowing where I'm located on the map, I can tell where the enemy units are.» knowing the location, he could call for fire support. «To me, a map is my main source of information and, without it my firing would be inaccurate.»

The maps are made by

the Department of the Army in Washington, D. C., various other sources, and photos of Vietnam.

Runaway pony brings out 'trooper' in soldiers.

A military convey was forming and preparing to go to Pleiku from An Khe when a Vietnamese pony ran down the road with a buggy throwing the driver out. Sp4 Ronald Mathis, a member of the 545 Military Police Company quickly recruited PFC David Gulley, an infantryman, to help him stop the runaway. They pursued the pony in a jeep, with gulley trying to grab the reins failing to do this, mathis drove the jeep very close to the cart, actually bumping it once, while gulley leaped from the jeep into the cart in true wild west fashion. He grabbed the reins, and brought the horse under control.



CAPTAIN WILLIAM C. COMEE:
All around good commander



II CORP HONOR
GUARD PREPARES
FOR THE
CEREMONIES



SPECIALIST 4 DAVID
"Take Command and get my m



MONTANGARD WOMEN JOIN THE FIGHT

During Colorful Ceremonies:

Vietnamese Decorate

SAIGON (TTCAV)— The scene was Pleiku, Republic of Vietnam, a scene with very little change, might have been Troy, Thousands of years ago. If it had been Rome during the reign of the Emperor Augustus, it might have been the Magna Carta. It could have been Waterloo after the defeat of Napoleon in the Republic of Vietnam, on a hot and humid day.

Colorful Day

While thousands of Vietnamese, Montangard civilians and soldiers watched, the bright colors, waving standards, marching bands and pomp could very well have described the scenes set forth in the last paragraph.

For on that June day the government and the people of Vietnam paid homage to its heroes. Unlike the ceremonies of old, this was a truly international tribute. Three members of the First Air Cavalry Division were among the two dozen Americans, Koreans and Vietnamese soldiers who were being cited for conspicuous gallantry and bravery for actions taken

in the Republic of Vietnam.

Troopers Awarded

Receiving the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and the Vietnamese Medal of Honor (1st Class) was Captain William C. Comee, of A Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry. A Company has seen a great deal of action over the last ten months. Captain Comee can't think of a single reason why he deserves or was selected for the awards. But his Brigade commander selected him as a "Combat leader of unusual courage and capability who had continuously done an outstanding job during several bloody encounters with

the enemy."

Special 5 Charles Lose, a medic with Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry, received the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and the Vietnamese Medal of Honor (2nd Class). Lose has saved many lives during his tour with the division.

Treated Wounded

Lose working under intense enemy small arms fire treated wounded during the Ia Drang Valley battle early in November of last year. The fire was so intense that on several occasions he used his own body as a human shield to protect the wounded troopers under his care. In the process he received serious wounds from sharpnel.



"HAND SALUTE"



SPECIALIST 5 CHARLES R. LOSE:
Shielded wounded with his own body

**ANCIENT
WEAPONS WITH
A MODERN
CONCEPT**

SPECIALIST 4 DAVID DOLBY:
"and get my men out of here."

brate Allied Troops

Public of Vietnam, on a hot and humid June day in 1966. The thousands of years before the birth of Christ. It might have been, it might have been Runnymede in 1215, and the signing of after the defeat of the armies of Napoleon. But it was just Pleiku, June 1966.

enemy."
Specialist 5 Charles Lose, died with Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and the Vietnamese Cross of Honor (2nd class). Lose has saved lives during his time with the division.

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working under enemy small arms fire, he was wounded during the Ia Drang Valley battle in November of last year. The fire was so intense that on several occasions he used his body as a human shield to protect the wounded troopers under fire. In the process, he received serious wounds from shrapnel.

Takes Command

The third Cavalry soldier honored was Specialist 4 David Dolby, a machine gunner with B Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry (Airborne), who also received the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, plus the Vietnamese medal of honor (2nd class). He was told by his dying platoon leader, "Take command and get my men out of here," during a fierce fight near the Cambodian border last month. The young specialist did just that, firing his machine gun, leading point blank charges against enemy positions and carrying wounded to safety.

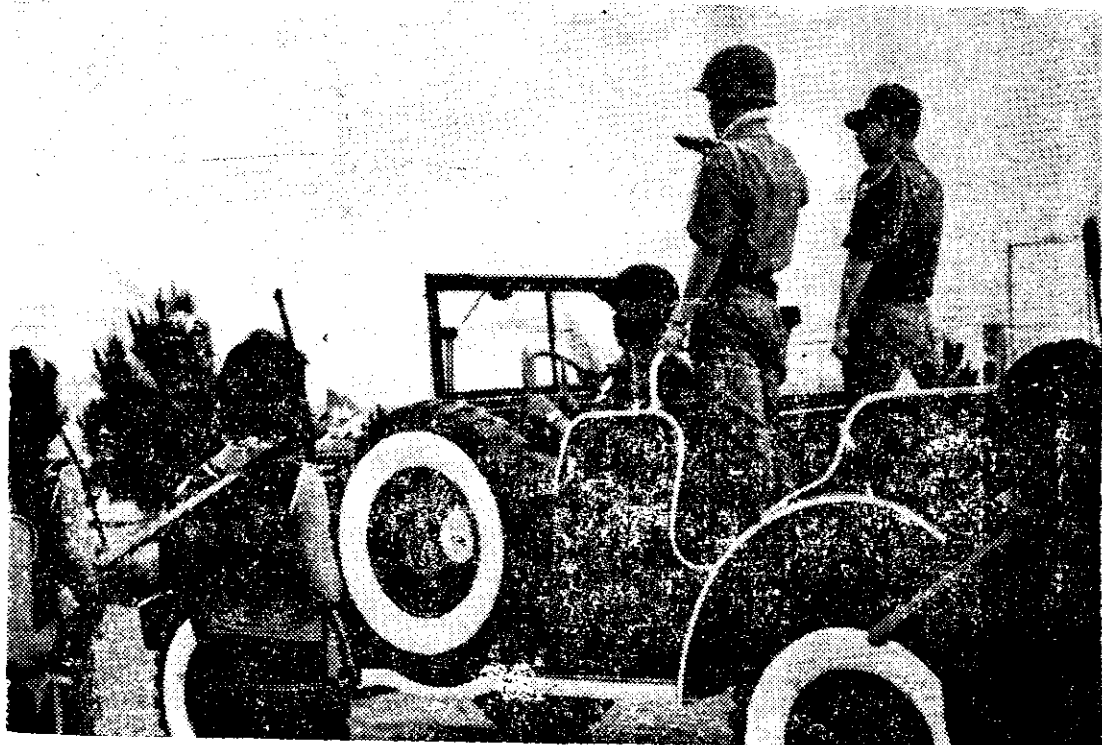
He organized the remnants of his platoon

against a battalion size force of the enemy and held out until the rest of his company arrived to reinforce him.

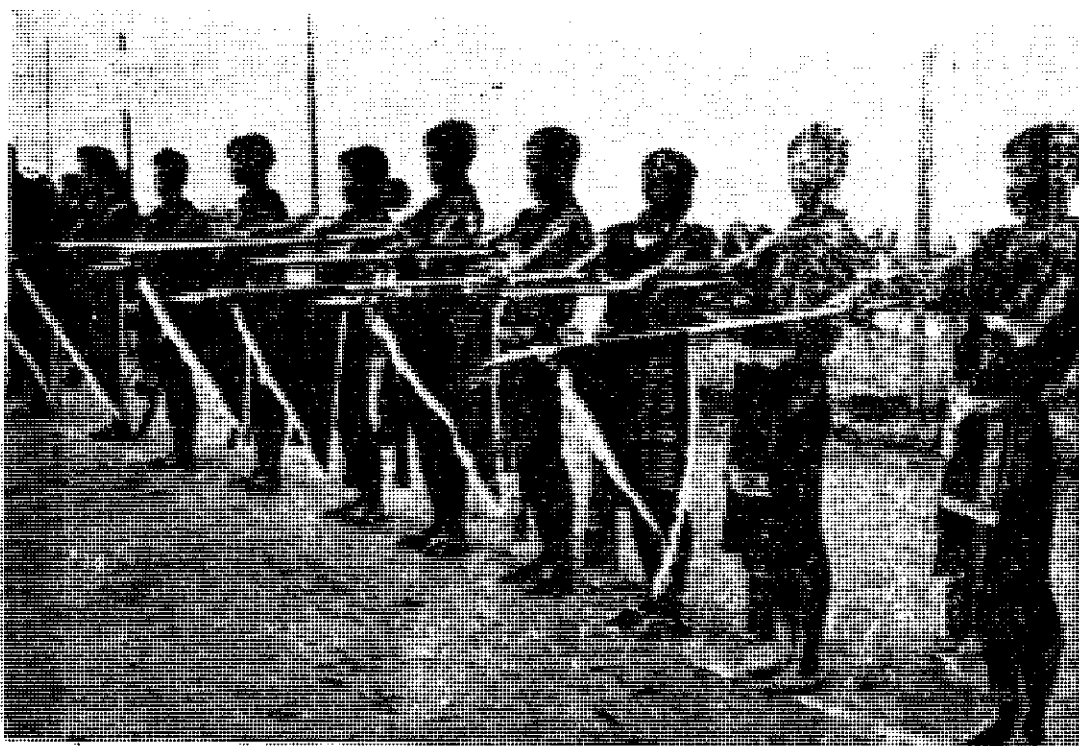
The awards were presented by Lt. General Nguyen Huu Co, at ceremonies near second Corp Headquarters in Pleiku.

Dignitaries

Among dignitaries on hand for the ceremony were, General Thieu, Chief of Staff, Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky, Major General Stanley (Swede) Larson, Commanding General 1 Field Force and Senior Advisor to II Corps, and Colonel William A. Becker, Assistant Division Commander, First Air Cavalry Division.



GENERAL NGUYEN HUU CO REVIEWS THE TROOPS



STANDARDS HELD BY TRIBESMEN COME TO THE SALUTE

1st Cav. Gunners Operate Openly In View of Enemy

CAMP RADCLIFF — "Eagles," "Mountain Men" and "Cloud Climbers" — that's what artillerymen of the 1st Air Cavalry Division are sometimes called. When emplacing their artillery batteries, the flying redlegs have just about abandoned valley floors in favor of mountain tops.

In the Central Highlands of the Republic of Vietnam it is sometimes difficult to find good gun positions. The best ones are in the cleared flat valley floors, but here, security becomes a problem and it is easy for the Viet Cong to fire from the hills down onto battery positions.

The next logical step was to look for positions which would eliminate this threat. Many of the mountain ridges are bare and, though not ideal for gun positions, are accessible by air and

easily defended. These areas are becoming more popular, and now rate number one on the reconnaissance list.

Some of the mountain-top positions present an odd picture. Sometimes guns are emplaced in a line along a "razorback" ridge. Twenty feet to either side may be a 45- to 60-degree slope. It is not uncommon to fire at targets from 400 to 600 meters below the battery position. At times, the positions are lost in the clouds. At other times the positions are clear, but the valley floors are covered with clouds. The air route is usually the only way in or out for the guns, ammunition and supplies.

There are some advantages. The positions are easy to defend, releasing more infantrymen for other tasks. There is much less danger of the helicopters, the batteries' lifeline, being fired on when flying into or out of the positions. And there's one advantage that clinches all arguments — it's cooler!

Even when busily engaged



FIRST IN — The Golf Course at An Khe now boasts of having a field within the camp. It is now possible for C-130's to land within the base itself thus preventing the long drive thru An Khe. (US Army Photo)

Major Buckley Takes The Reins of B Troop 1/9th

CAMP RADCLIFF. — Major Morton C. Buckley, has replaced Major Howard E. Brown, as Commanding Officer of B Troop 1st of the 9th Cavalry of the 1st Air Cavalry Division.

Major Brown has assumed a post in the S-3 (Operations) section of the 1/9.

in providing fire support to infantry battalions, the artillerymen engage in a subtle form of psychological warfare. The Viet Cong can see, clearly painted on the highest rocks, the huge yellow and black patch of the Division.

Stateside View Of The 'First Team'

The following is an Open Letter written to the men of the First Cavalry Division by Mr. Pat R. Cuda, of 2028 N. Holton Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The length the letter does not permit us to publish it all in one issue, thus it will be published in its entirety over the next several editions. ED

Dear Yanks, I deem it a high privilege indeed to be able to write to you today. There are many interlocking motives that cause me to do so. I want to write to you as a civilian, and as an ex-soldier who was ready to give everything that he had for you and for himself, for God, for country, and for mankind.

LOVE OF COUNTRY

Joseph De Maestri, a great political philosopher, once said that "Patriotism is the love of one's country; it is the sacred compact between the noble past, the creative present and the future. Everything that we hold dear in our lives today has been bought at a tremendous price by those who have gone before. The challenge of today is to see that those things are not lost, to be willing to live and fight, to sustain and maintain and share and increase them, and hand them onto the future. There is no creative future except as it relates to the present." And so today you men are the symbols of the finest, the highest and the best that democratic civiliza-

tion can produce, with the challenge of appreciation for the past and a keen desire to hand our democratic civilization onto the future.

FOR A CAUSE

Sometimes we ask ourselves, "What are we fighting for?" In World War I and World War II we were fighting for the fundamental principles of democracy; and after we won those wars there were certain individuals who stole the things that we won — stole them from us and we practically lost them in the years that followed; but if we had not won those wars the things that are jeopardized today would have been lost then and we would have had no freedom in the years in which you men were growing up as youngsters, as boys in grade school, high school and in college. But, you see, civilization is something that is continually at stake. It demands a daily plebiscite. We have got to think for it, live for it, fight for it and die for it, or else there is no continuing civilization.

(Cont'd Next Week)

Can't Beat R&R In Penang An Island City

AN KHE. — Penang, Malaysia, is another "what's happening" spot for rest and Recreation leave for men of the 1st Air Cavalry Division.

The most prominent of the many outstanding features in Penang is the Generosity of the people and the genuine friendliness they show strangers.

For comforts and entertainment, the prices in the city are extremely reasonable.

A steak dinner with all the trimmings costs less than a dollar, and a taxi ride through all of the city costs only about 30 cents.

A luxurious hotel room overlooking the ocean, with air conditioning, TV, breakfast and newspaper served in the room daily, runs about \$6.00 per day.

Penang, an island adjacent to the west coast of the Malay Peninsula in the Strait of Malacca, was the first British-Malay settlement in the 18th century, and now has a population of over 649,000.

Malay is the National Language and English is the official Languages.

Remember! When You Use The Division Pool...





HANDS OF MERCY—Men of the First Air Cavalry Division treat a wounded North Vietnamese captured during a recent Cav. operation. (UPI Radiophoto)

Support Your Nation... ...Buy US Savings Bonds

Every time a First Team soldier fires his M-16 rifle or an M-79 grenade launcher ...every time he leaps aboard a helicopter in pursuit of the elusive Viet Cong ...he should think about the research and development program his nation has launched over the past years which made these fighting tools possible.

Were it not for these tools of the fighting man, more lives would be forfeited for each acre of land freed from the Cong. More men would succumb to the blast of a mine along a lonely jungle trail... more men would lie ineffective while treating the awful wounds of punji stakes.

Helping our government to help us is a fair way to look at things. A great portion of our nation's research and development has been made possible through the purchase of savings bonds by military personnel and civilians alike.

Not only do these bonds help finance our efforts to

have to do is visit your company orderly room and tell your first sergeant you want to take out a bond allotment. You'll be surprised the way his face lights up with a smile. Allotments are available with which you may purchase a bond per month, or, if your finances won't permit, you may elect to deduct as little as one-fifth of the cost of an \$18.75 bond each month.

So rally to the support of your government ... take out a Class B allotment today. If you already have one, think about what it will mean to you later, and increase it.

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...IN YOUR
MAIL, USE
ZIP CODE**

improve ourselves, but they reward the purchaser with interest. This interest continues as long as the bonds are outstanding, and enjoy a special treatment so far as income tax is concerned.

During our stay in the 1st Cavalry Division, we pay little or no income tax on our military salaries. This treatment does not, however, extend to our earned interest from savings, stocks, industrial bonds and the like.

Government savings bonds, however, are tax-free according to the income tax laws of most states. Federal income tax may be deferred until the bonds are cashed, at a time when income has waned owing to retirement, for one example.

Purchase of savings bonds is very easy, too. All you

The Scrounger



'Mad Minute' Brings Backfire To Charlie

AN KHE—A "Mad minute" of heavy fire worked out for troopers of the Army Air Cavalry Division's 1st Airborne Brigade, but proved to be the undoing of Viet Cong elements which answered in kind, during action at Happy Valley.

Company A of the 1st Battalion, 12th Airborne Cavalry, under Captain Jackie E. Cummings, was reinforcing Company B of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Airborne Cavalry, when the minute paid off.

After spending an uneasy night near a well-travelled enemy trail, Cummings decided to execute the "mad minute," suspecting VC elements around and near his company.

MINUTE BEGINS

The company opened up with all weapons and 15 seconds later the VC answered, throwing everything they had on the troopers, and revealing their own positions.

While aerial rocket and tactical air strikes were made on the enemy positions, Company C of the 12th, commanded by Captain Donald F. Warren, opened a medical evacuation route to Company A.

Company B of the 8th, under Captain J. D. Coleman, joined Company A in

the march to the nearest landing zone while rocket-firing helicopters, tactical air strikes and conventional field artillery battered the VC positions.

Carrying wounded soldiers and equipment, the two companies travelled well off trail through dense jungle, bypassing an enemy ambush, which Company C later tripped and fought through on their way to join the other companies at the landing zone.

Both Cummings and Coleman had particularly high praise for PFC John R. Leonard, who appeared to be everywhere at once during the first battle, treating wounded from both companies.

When the three companies had "married up" on the landing zone, medical evacuation by helicopter was rapidly accomplished, and later the same night a strong enemy attack repelled.

Overnight Stay Was Not Their 'Cup Of Tea'

CAMP RADCLIFF — A Chief Warrant Officer and his crew had just been rescued from an unexpected night's stay in the dense jungle, during the 1st Air Cavalry Division's Operation Crazy Horse.

"What a night," were the words of CWO Frank Mor-

eno, as he climbed aboard the UH-1B Helicopter.

The ordeal had begun the previous day when the crew, from Company A, 229th Aviation Battalion, was called on to transport reinforcements to a civilian irregular defense group (CIDG) position which had been under heavy attack.

"We were on the mission," explained WO Jose A. Suarez, "when the sky filled with automatic weapons fire. The engine went silent and we had no choice but to put the chopper on the ground. Luckily we made it to the landing zone held by the CIDG troops."

After calling in aerial rocket ships, Moreno organized his men for the long night ahead. "There wasn't much activity until three a.m. and then they hit us hard," he explained. "At dawn, the attack ceased, and we counted 17 bullet holes in our chopper." "Needless to say I am happy to get out of there," he added.



ON THE JOB—Naked To The Waist a group of artillerymen from the 1st Air Cavalry file through a jungle landing zone near the Cambodian border. The cannoners had stripped because of the extreme heat. They are about to clear brush and stumps from the area to permit the landing of large helicopters (US Army Photo Sgt Marv Wolf)



PROUD IN HISTORY — Major General John Norton, commanding general, 1st Air Cavalry Division greets new arrivals to the division before they are assigned to their new units. (US Army Photo)

Nathan Hale...

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heavily wooded slopes of the valley.

Troops Called

More troops were called in, and elements of the 1st Cavalry Division and Marine landing force headed for the scene.

The "Sky Troopers," under Colonel Hal Moore, landed on the valley rim and moved their way down the slopes relieving pressure on the camp.

1st Lieutenant Le Duc Trong, commander of the 18th Regiment, pulled his men back into the hills upon the arrival of the reinforcements. He reported to his commanding officer and was

ordered to probe and harass the American positions during the night.

Trong was to report back at six in the morning. At this time the 18th, joined by the 8th and 9th Regiments were to overrun the American positions.

To Surrender

The Lieutenant, who had been in South Vietnam for four months new the American units he faced from experience. He argued during the night with the Regiment Tactical Officer about surrendering. He felt his company was being sacrificed.

He moved his company and carefully approached the

Cavalry and roist positions on the slope, and deployed over 100 men in the peanut field.

He felt that if he had not done so, the political cadre present in his company would have attempted to stop his men from surrendering.

He settled down to await the approaching dawn.

In response to the noise made by Trong's men, the roist positions opened up with a "Mad Minute," and in the ensuing battle, 115 Viet Cong were killed, while the two American units did not lose a man. Trong and six others were captured.

This actions spoiled the annihilation plans of the enemy and his units were forced to retreat inland where they are now being hunted.

Combat Engineers Wish Departing Commander 'Adieu'

CAMP RADCLIFF. — The Eighth Combat Engineer Battalion said farewell to departing commander Lt. Col. Robert J. Malley of Nauwauk, Minn., and greeted incoming commander Lt. Col. Charles G. Olentine, of Muldrom, Okla.

Major General John Norton, 1st Air Cavalry Division Commander was present at ceremonies recently conducted to accept the battalion colors from Col. Malley and present them to Col. Olentine.

Col. Malley who had commanded the battalion since its initial air mobile activation at Ft. Benning, Ga., has been assigned to the U.S. Army war college at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Col. Olentine, a west point graduate, class of 1949, formerly served with the office to the Chief of Engineers in Washington, DC before coming to the 1st Air Cavalry.

VC Tiger Hits The Dirt

CAMP RADCLIFF. — An alert trooper from the 1st Air Cavalry Division thought he heard an enemy soldier creeping up on him and opened fire.

A five foot tiger fell dead with eight M-16 rifle slugs in its chest and face.

The «Viet Cong Tiger» was trying to approach the position of Sp4 Richard Chatman, when the rifleman stopped him cold.

Chatman was with his unit, Company C, 1st Battalion 12th Cavalry when the incident occurred. The Company was part of a larger force that was securing highway 19 west of An Khe.

The Carcass of the Huge Cat was taken to a taxidermist in An Khe where he will be stuffed and made into a trophy.

Sweetheart Of The Week

The Cavalry Cutie for this week is Miss Lavada Jacobs, the best girl of



MISS LAVADA JACOBS

PFC Aubrey Ammons, of Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Division Artillery, Metro Section.

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Dolby...

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EVACUATES WOUNDED

The battle raged on and Dolby split his time between firing and making evacuation trips with the wounded until all the casualties were safe.

He rallied his men until they formed a tight defensive screen against the still-attacking enemy, and the Americans held tight until daylight and reinforcements arrived

For his actions Dolby was awarded the Vietnamese Medal of Honor, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Star, in a colorful ceremony at II Corps Headquarters, Pleiku.

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