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**MAD-MINUTE WORKS FOR CAV. NOT SO LUCKY FOR VIET CONG**

A "Mad Minute" of heavy fire worked out for troopers of Company A, 1st Bn, 12th Abn Cav, but proved to be the undoing of VC elements which answered in kind.

Commanded by Capt. Jackie B. Cummings of Birmingham, Ala., Co. A was reinforcing Co. B of the 2nd Bn 8th Abn Cav, when the mad minute paid off.

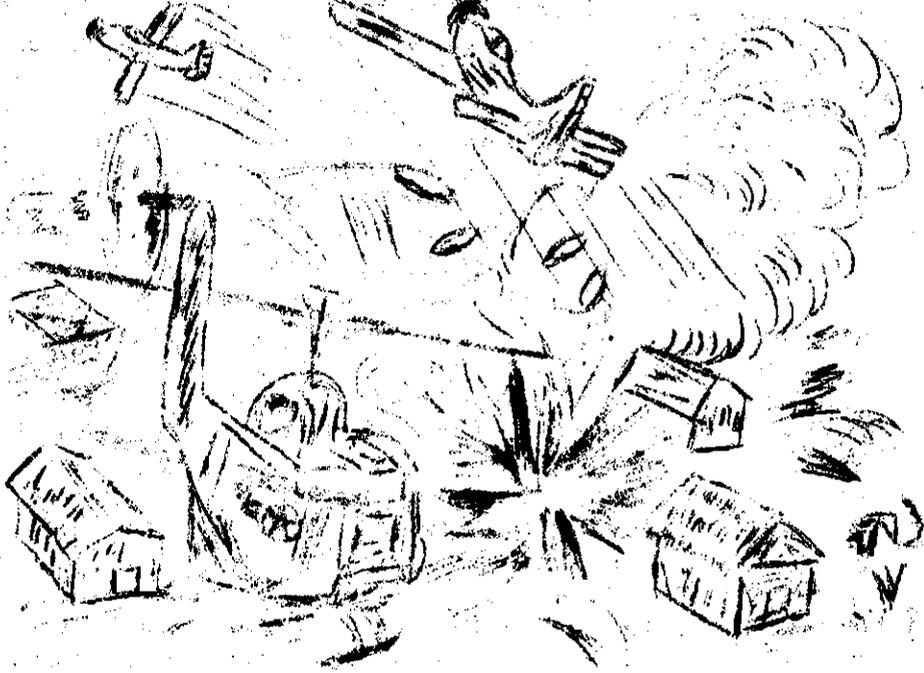
After spending an uneasy night near a well-traveled enemy trail, Cummings decided to execute the mad minute after suspecting that there were VC elements around and near his company.

Opening up with all of the company's weapons—after 15 seconds, the VC answered, throwing everything they had on the company, revealing their positions.

While aerial rockets and tactical air strikes were put on the enemy positions, Company C, 1st Bn, 12th Cav under Capt. Donald F. Warren of Atlanta, Ga., were opening up a medical evacuation route to Company A.

Co. B, 2nd Bn, 8th Cav, commanded by Capt. J. D. Coleman of Kalispell, Mont. joined Co. A in a march to the nearest LZ while rocket firing helicopters, tactical air strikes and regular field artillery battered VC positions.

Carrying wounded soldiers and all equipment, the two companies traveled well off trail through dense jungle (Cont'd on Page 3, Col 1)



**ENEMY DEATH TOLL CLIMBS AS 'CRAZY HORSE' CONTINUES**

Paratroopers of the 1st Airborne Brigade have killed more than 450 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese regulars during two and a half weeks of rugged combat in the Vinh Thanh Valley region, and the figure, by actual

body count, was still going up at press time this morning.

**WOUNDED 1ST-8TH OFFICER CONTINUES TO LEAD TROOPS**

A platoon leader from Co. C, 1st Bn, 8th Airborne Cavalry, burdened with a serious leg wound received from a punji stake, nevertheless continued to lead his troops, and eventually routed a Viet Cong unit.

Second Lieutenant Jon H. Williams, a 23-year old native of Hawaii, was leading his platoon on a recent clearing mission, 18 miles northeast of An Khe when suddenly a group of well-hidden VC opened fire upon the Cavalrymen.

Williams, while in the process of directing his troops suffered a painful, (Cont'd on Page 3, Col 1)

Col. John J. Hennessey, commanding the joint US and Vietnamese forces on Operation Crazy Horse, said late Friday night that he hoped to surpass the 500 mark in the next two or three days.

As of press time this morning, the enemy death toll stood at 453 by body count, with an additional 309 believed to have been killed for a total of 762.

During the two and a half weeks of heavy fighting, 27 confirmed enemy soldiers have been captured with over 120 suspects detained. 67 individual weapons have (Cont'd on Page 3, Col 2)

## FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK:

## ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE

Once again you have dented a planned enemy offensive, and demonstrated your ability to match wits with him, and defeat him at his own game. As Operation Crazy Horse draws to a close, you can rest assured that you have handed your enemy an unanticipated defeat.

Being a joint operation, insofar as you were working with Vietnamese and Korean troops, your ability to work with other units in close coordination proved invaluable to the success of Crazy Horse.

The two Vietnamese Scout companies along with their armored Infantry and airborne companies, established excellent blocking positions and secured our artillery while patrolling in sector. The Republic of Korea Troops in the 2nd Battalion, 1st Cav Regiment from the Tiger Division blocked and swept the southwest portion of the area of operations, killing approximately sixty enemy soldiers. The four CIDG companies conducted numerous search operations, finding the enemy and enabling field artillery, aerial rocket artillery and air strikes to deal with him.

The combined employment of these forces enabled you to do that which you do best—fight. For the first time since arriving in Vietnam, all units of this brigade have engaged the enemy in a single operation, and as has always been the case, your aggressiveness and fierce determination won out.

Enemy forces, both main force and regional force units along with their North Vietnamese allies, were massed to conduct a major offensive in the Vinh Thanh area. These units were apparently waiting for bad weather to set in, and in all probability, intended to knock out the Vinh Thanh Special Forces Camp.

From the 16th of May, when Operation Crazy Horse began, you were able to keep the enemy on the run, disrupting his plans while crippling his units. The number of enemy soldiers killed, 453 by body count, is of course, far lower than the number actually killed. In many of your actions, there was ample evidence that enemy dead had been cleared from the battle area before a body count could be taken.

The numerous individual and crew-served weapons captured, ammunition, medical supplies and military equipment seriously hurt the enemy and weakened his chances of making a comeback in the immediate future. In fact, many communist units abandoned the area rather than face you in a show-down. In brief, you have done it again, and I commend you for a job well done.

WIN IN VIETNAM

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

## ANONYMOUS

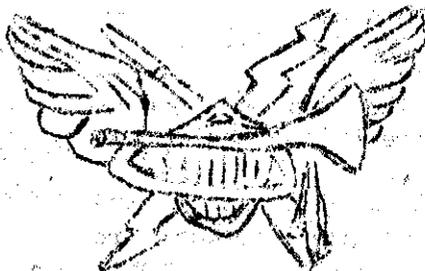
Take a look, sometime, at the index of a hymn book and discover for yourself how many hymns were written by that great poet, "Anonymous"! The Armed Forces hymnal, which we use, lists 31 hymns to the credit of Anonymous, among them some of the best known, such as "Adeste Fideles," "Come Thou Almighty King," and "Fairest Lord Jesus."

And these are not the only things that Anonymous did! Many of the great gifts in life have come from his hands. Who invented the wheel? Who first made fire? Who first pried loose a great stone by using the principle of leverage? Nobody knows. We say it was Anonymous.

Consider the story of Christian faith. How many of those who have greatly served the cause of Christ have no other name than Anonymous. There was, for example, the man who made possible the Last Supper by allowing the Master to use the upper room of his house to observe the Passover with his disciples. And there was the town clerk of Ephesus, who saved the life of the Apostle Paul by a flash of inspired common sense amidst hysteria.

Two things are suggested by these thoughts. One is that no one can set a limit to the amount of good a person can do if he doesn't care who gets the credit. The second is that if our world is ever to be truly saved, to be made secure and liveable, it will be done by Anonymous. That is, it will be done by those who do not leave their names on the great rolls of history, but who are part of the forces making up public opinion and public action that will ultimately make a better world. That means you and me.

Anonymous



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### MAD MINUTE WORKS FOR CAV (Cont'd from Page 1)

by-passing an enemy ambush, which Company C subsequently fought their way through to join the other two companies on the landing zone.

Both Cummings and Coleman had particularly high praise for medic PFC John Leonard, 23, of Columbus, Ohio, who appeared to be everywhere at once during the earlier battle, treating wounded from both companies.

After the three companies married up on the LZ, medical evacuation by chopper was rapidly accomplished and that night, an enemy attack was repelled.

### WOUNDED 1ST-8TH OFFICER (Continued from Page 1)

near-crippling ankle wound, however this handicap only served to arouse him and his ensuing actions were instrumental in inspiring his men and eventually the VC positions were overrun.

Despite his wound, Lt. Williams led his men on an assault on the well fortified VC positions, and at the same time directed aerial rocket artillery and 105mm field artillery fire against the enemy.

When the smoke cleared, 7 VC were dead and another of several areas had been recovered from the Viet Cong.

Battery A, 2d Battalion, 19th Artillery, has shown some Korean "ROK" soldiers how the 1st Air Cavalry Division's airmobile artillery operates.

Battery A was in a blocking position during Operation Crazy Horse when it was decided that the ROK cannoners take over the position.

"It was the first time that the ROK artillerymen had ever seen a movement by air," said 1st Lt. Richard Arnold, a native of Los Angeles and unit Exec.

The Koreans moved into position on the side of the mountain, and then moved their own guns back into Happy Valley.

### ENEMY DEATH TOLL GOES UP (Continued from Page 1)

been seized along with 12 crew-served weapons.

In the ammunition department, 26,000 rounds of small arms ammo were confiscated, 47 60mm mortar rounds, and 27 Recoilless Rifle shells. 220 grenades were seized and 3 PRC-10 radios, 14 high-explosive land mines were also picked up.

The VC were also hurt in the grocery category when 90,025 pounds of rice and barley were captured. Not to be neglected was the medical equipment captured which included surgical instruments, bandages, etc. and 240 pounds of medical supplies, such as blood plasma, morphine, penicillin and various drugs.

In addition to the 1st Brigade's three Infantry battalions, and artillery battalion, several other Division units were attached to the brigade during Crazy Horse, which included the 1st, 5th; 2nd, 12th; 1st, 21st Arty and 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry. Four CIDG companies, three Vietnamese and one Montagnard worked with the brigade and elements of Company B, 5th Special Forces Group.

### BLACKHATS ASSIST 1ST BDE WITH CRAZY HORSE LZs

The 1st Air Cavalry Division has "Blackhats" in their midst. Composed of three 4-man teams, the "Blackhats," also known as "Pathfinders," are responsible for the setting up of landing zones (LZ), and controlling the traffic on the landing zones.

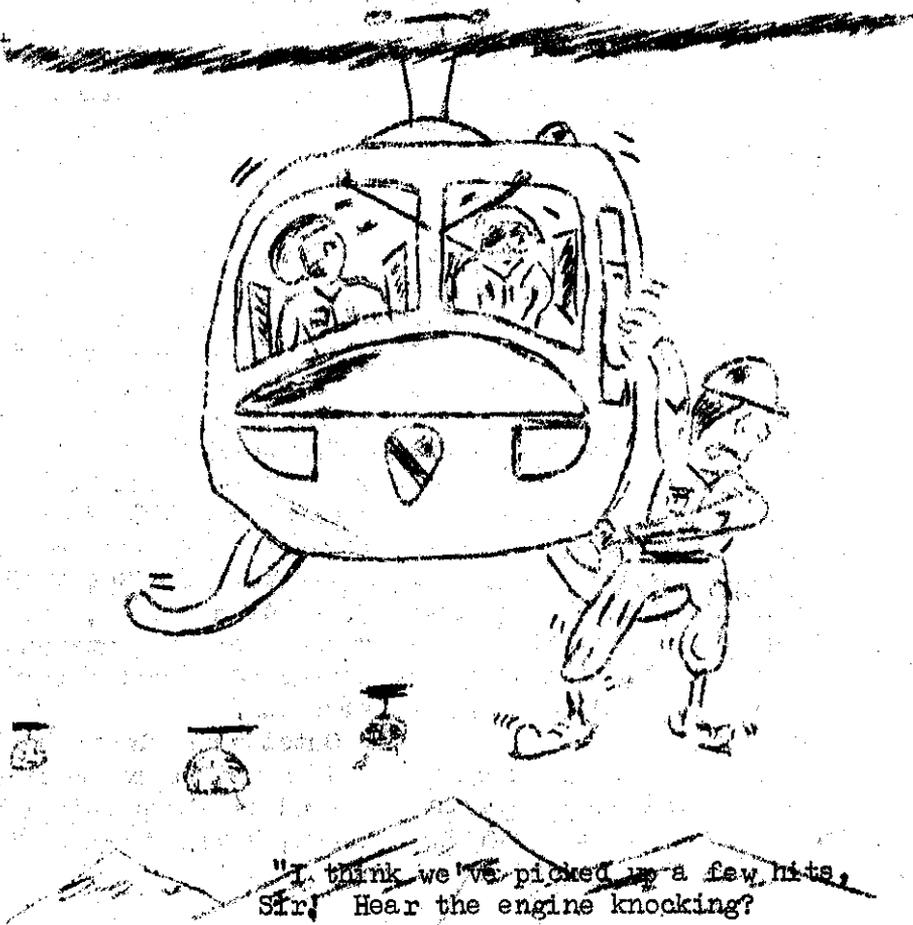
Functioning in a similar capacity to military policemen at traffic control points, these hand-picked Sky Troopers relate the wind direction, speed, visibility, and assist in any other capacity helpful to the landing of the Airmobile division's numerous aircraft.

One team of "Blackhats" is currently supporting the 1st Brigade on Operation Crazy Horse.

### UNIFORM PRICES TO RISE— SOME MORE THAN 50 PERCENT

Bargain-Hunters will have to call on the Quartermaster clothing sales stores before 1 July of this year if they expect to save money on uniform items.

Price tags on 19 enlisted uniform items are expected to go up on that date, with some jumping more than 50 percent.



"I think we've picked up a few hits, Sir! Hear the engine knocking?"

## 1ST 8TH MUSTANGS LAUNCH CLASSIC MOUNTAIN ATTACK

Paratroopers of Lt Col Levin B Broughton's 1st Battalion, 8th Airborne Cav clashed with Viet Cong guerrillas two weeks ago today in a classic company-attack killing 51 by body count, and earning high praise from top division officials.

Leading the attack on 21 May was Capt. Roy D Martin of Laurel, Miss., a former champ on the U.S. Army Parachute team and now commander of the 1st Mustangs Company B.

Capt Martin launched the assault in Binh Dinh Province, reinforced by elements of the 1st-8th Company C, and by brilliant maneuvering of his forces managed to bottle up the enemy, split his forces in two, and destroy fleeing enemy elements.

Making their initial contact at 10:00 a.m., the entire action from the beginning until its successful conclusion was a moving portrait of clockwork, military precision.

In the early stages of the battle, Bravo linked up with Charlie, and had the benefit of a 4th maneuver element when Co C's 3rd Platoon under 2nd Lt Frank R Vavrek of Nemaquin Pa., joined the fight.

Pfc Abraham J. Schwartz, 19, of Brooklyn, N.Y., a rifleman in Co. C claimed the first VC kill of the day. Serving as point, he dropped the VC infiltrator at point blank range with three quick shots, two of which found their mark.

Employing his platoons with unerring judgement, Martin took maximum advantage of fire and maneuver, shifting the roles of each platoon to conform to the situation.

Proceeding the final attack on the enemy hill-top position, a tactical air strike and aerial rocket artillery pounded the enemy held area, with rounds frequently exploding as close as fifty meters in front of Martin's attacking elements.

Controlling the tac air strikes and rocket-firing Army helicopters from the

ground was 2nd Lt Michael C. Livengood of Billings, Montana, the company's Artillery Forward Observer. Hastily established blocking positions stopped two enemy attempts to break out. Desperate, the entrapped VC were frantically moving about, ignoring the well protected bunkers that they previously occupied.

In one action, Vavrek's platoon joined Bravo's 3rd Platoon under 1st Lt Jared G East of Lake Charles, La. and stopped an enemy attempt to move west for an attack on Martin's rear elements.

Putting down a deadly base of fire, the two platoons thwarted the enemy maneuver, permitting the remaining elements to assault to the top of the hill, splitting the enemy forces.

Upon reaching the top of the hill, PSG James L Johnson of Clarksville, Tenn. launched hand-grenade attacks with the men of the 2nd Platoon, hitting the bunkers.

This in itself was no small feat, as many of the bunkers had overhead protection, affording little opportunity for lobbing in grenades.

Among the many singled out for top performance included Sergeant Anthony Lopez of El Paso, Tex. and Sgt. Joseph L. Roberts of Washington, D.C. Both are squad leaders in Co B.

Sp4 Jerry K Brown of West Terre Haute, Ind., the company RTO, smoothly and effectively handled communications, while Sp4 William R. Goode of Salem, Va. was cited for an outstanding job as the mortar forward observer.

Outstanding unit cohesion and splendid teamwork obscured many top individual deeds, making it impossible

"TAKE COMMAND DOLBY —  
GET THESE MEN OUT"

by 1/Lt J.W. Langston

"Take command Dolby, get these men out." These were the dying words of the platoon leader of the 1st Platoon, Company B, 1st Bn, 8th Abn Cav when Co. B came upon an estimated battalion enemy force on the Denver Trail.

The 1st Platoon came under heavy automatic fire from directly in front of them some sixty to one hundred meters. Two 50 and two 30 caliber machineguns opened up at the same time. Troops were heard to say, "It sounded like a Mad Minute." Several men were killed instantly, and the platoon leader was badly wounded. PFC Dolby, big in appearance and actions, who handles an M60 machine gun as if it were a toothpick, rushed forward amid a hail of enemy fire to render assistance. He fired his M-60 at the enemy positions, assisted the wounded, and placed them in safe, covered positions.

Dolby also administered first aid to his wounded platoon leader and continued to fire on the enemy.

Upon being hit a second time, the platoon leader called to Dolby, stating "Dolby, I've had it, take command now, and get the troopers out." During the heated battle, which raged for some 2½ hours, Dolby made frequent trips back and forth, assisting the wounded while pouring fire on the enemy at every opportunity.

to do justice to all involved, but every soldier functioned with the highest degree of professional skill and bravery.

Commenting on the operation, the Brigade Commander Col. John J Hennessey stated:

"This was a classic attack against a well dug-in enemy position which required good sound leadership and the highest state of training and discipline. The entire brigade is proud of them.

1ST-12TH PLATOON CITED BY CHARLEY BLACK IN LEDGER

The 3rd Platoon of Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Abn Cav was cited recently by Georgia Newsmen Charley Black after a daring attack during Operation Lincoln west of Pleiku.

Black cited several members of the platoon for outstanding courage and aggressiveness in an article to the Columbus Ledger dated May 4, 1966.

Two squads from the 3rd platoon attacked up a slope with little cover, and destroyed remaining elements of a North Vietnamese Platoon which were well dug in, without taking a single friendly casualty.

One squad, led by SSG Ronald T Anderson raced up the slope on the right, while the other, under SSG Burnis Backnell attacked up the left. Neither had any real cover, and assailed by fire.

Said 3rd Platoon Sergeant Riley Bradley, "It looked like a demonstration at Fort Benning."

The two squads had overran an enemy hill-top position, and at the end of the battle, 14 enemy bodies and 15 weapons, including three machineguns, was all that was left to show for the enemy's presence.

BRIGADE'S AIRBORNE BIG GUN EN FIRES 100,000TH ROUND

The 1st Brigade's 2nd Battalion, 19th Artillery let loose its big guns again and this time the unit reached a long-to-be-remembered milestone as it fired its 100,000th round since its arrival in Vietnam. The 2/19th arrived in Vietnam on 21 Sept. 1965 and were operational two days later.

All batteries were firing at the same time in support of the Brigade in Operation Crazy Horse, so it was not immediately known which battery fired the 100,000th round. To date, the 2nd-19th Artillery is credited with killing 79 VC. Howitzers of the 2nd, 19th are playing a major role in the current operation.

## DELTA CAPTURES VIET CONG UNCOVERS ARMS CACHE

An eleven-man patrol from Company D of the 1st Battalion, 8th Airborne Cavalry destroyed another Viet Cong hideout while sweeping through a VC infested area approximately 20 miles northeast of An Khe.

AIR CAV REVENOOSERS GET VC MOONSHINERS

Recon troopers from the 1st of the 9th accidentally became "Revenoosers" two weeks ago, and busted up a Viet Cong "Moonshine" operation in the Vinh Thanh Valley while with the 1st Brigade on Operation Crazy Horse.

The incident occurred when Pfc Jeffrey C Lawley, 18, of Canton, Tex. was serving as the point, leading members of his platoon down a creek while searching for the VC.

Lawley had jumped into the creek about 20 meters ahead of his fellow troopers when a VC squad, also in the creek, opened up on him with automatic weapons fire.

Ducking quickly into the water, Lawley swam back to the platoon, after which the Platoon Leader, Capt. Allan Matthews Jr of Augusta, Ga. and members of the platoon moved in on the VC, at the same time recovering Lawley's rifle which had been dropped in the scuffle.

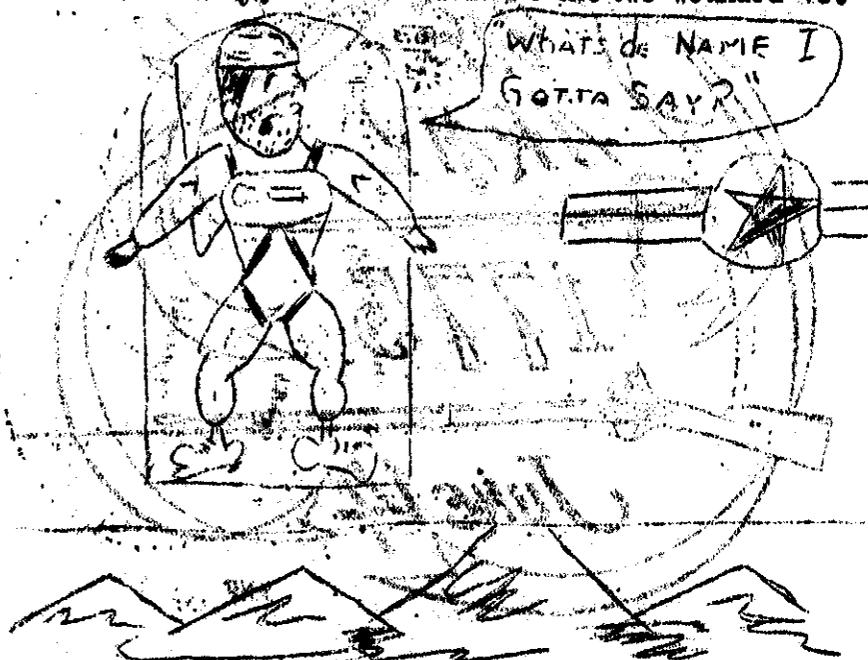
When gun ships of the 1st Squadron, 9th Cav were called into the area, the VC hastily evacuated the area, where they had been making moonshine of the rice wine variety.

The sky trooper force was sweeping through a village when the patrol's point man, Sp4 M.L. Jenkins, a 22-year old native of Flint, Michigan, suddenly spotted four armed VC as they entered the opposite end of the village, unaware of the Cavalrymen's presence.

Jenkins immediately fired upon the VC, wounding one of them as the rest of the patrol unleashed their fire power on the remaining VC, wounding another of the group as the other two VC escaped into the thick undergrowth.

The patrol, under the leadership of 2nd Lt James A Bryant of Irvington, Va. and Sgt. Robert E. Walker of Franklyn, Ky., then proceeded to give the village the "Winchester" treatment, a slang term which means to destroy or burn anything which can prove useful to the VC. The village contained numerous bunkers and escape routes, confirmed by intelligence reports.

An arms cache was uncovered which included; two rifles, one a German-made Mauser, and the other a French-made carbine; several military documents containing information regarding VC operations, as well as the two wounded VC.



## OLD GLORY - THE SYMBOL OF NEW GLORIES FOR MAN

The first National Flag, the Great Union Flag was raised by George Washington on New Year's Day in 1776 on Prospect Hill in Somerville, Mass. Its bold red and white stripes were visible to the British watching from distant Boston. Since that day, the American Flag has been revised several times to accommodate the rapidly expanding Nation.

With the design of the Flag established by law, the number of stars in the field of blue continued to grow with the growth of the Union itself.

With each entry on the spiraling list of American contributions to man's welfare, the Flag assumed a new dimension, a greater depth of meaning for the peoples around the world. Old Glory was the embodiment of the new glories that increasingly mantled the Nation. May it always fly over the land of the free—home of the brave.

## THE FLAG & U.S. ARMY DAY

A week from next Tuesday, 14 June, we will observe Flag Day, a special day set aside by Congress on 3 August, 1949, for all citizens to pay tribute to their flag, a brave symbol of liberty. It is perhaps significant that on that same day, we will observe the 191st Anniversary of the United States Army, for it is undeniable that throughout America's history one group has been particularly aware of the majesty and the meaning of the Flag and all that it represents, one group could always be depended upon for allegiance to the Stars and Stripes — the United States Army.

To the soldier, Old Glory has never been merely a piece of cloth. It has been a rallying point, an inspiration, a sacred charge. At home and on the battlefield, the United States Army has served under the Stars and Stripes, loyally, faithfully, and uncompromisingly; supporting and protecting it and all of the things for which it stands. The story of our Flag and the story of the Army run parallel. To tell the story of one is to tell the other.

In 1917, on the 140th anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes, President Wilson said, "This Flag which we honor and under which we serve is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought, and our purpose as a Nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours. It floats in majestic silence above the hosts that execute those choices, whether in peace or in war. And yet, though silent, it speaks to us — speaks to us of the past, of the men and women who went before us and of the records they wrote upon it. And it speaks to us of the generations yet to be born who will carry on faithfully tomorrow.

From the grim freezing torture at Valley Forge to the steaming hot jungles of South Vietnam, American soldiers have proudly carried the Stars and Stripes and fought for it in each of our country's wars. It has gone everywhere with the American soldier, and has looked on silently as the Army made its contributions to American history, in peace as well as in war.

The Stars and Stripes was carried into the disease-ridden jungles of Panama by Army volunteers who accompanied Army Major Dr. Walter Reed to wipe out the then dread disease, Yellow Fever.

It flew proudly over Cape Canaveral on January 31st, 1958 when America's first satellite, Explorer I was launched by the Army, and boosted into outer space by the Army-built Jupiter Missile.

Now, nearly 2 centuries after its creation, Old Glory still stands, witness to the history of our nation, and its Army.

