



Climbing to the top, is all in a day's work for these troopers of 3rd Bn, 7th Inf.

Photo by SP4 Dave Schaffer

Cottonbalers Harvest Flour (P)

By SP4 Dave Schaffer

FSB RIVIERA -- Elements of Charlie Co and Echo Recon, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf recently uncovered more than 46 tons of wheat flour found in the same general location some nine miles northeast of Ham Tan in three consecutive days. Some of the flour was in its original packaging from US firms.

An enemy soldier who rallied June 26 was a part of a security team which guarded a large cache led the Cottonbaler element to the area of the cache sites. "The first thing we came upon was 500 pounds of rock salt and 50 rolls of plastic poncho material," said Specialist Four Conrad Hendrickson, an RTO with Charlie Co from Salt Lake City, Utah. "We found

another 1000 pounds of rock salt and 200 pounds of corn near the first discovery."

Enemy Strike

As it was late afternoon, Charlie Co decided to set up a night perimeter and continue the search the next day. Just before dark the enemy struck.

"They hit us with RPGs and small arms fire," said Sergeant Lacey Tarver, a squad leader from Detroit. "No one was hurt. We realized we must have been near something important for them to hit us like that."

The next day revealed how important that hint of being near something was as the element came upon a hootch. Upon investigation of the first hootch flour was discovered. There were a series of hootches which represented a well organized cache. The hootch had a frame, roofed with the same green poncho material they had found before.

Flour Taken to LZ

In all 13 tons of wheat flour was found and was taken to an LZ where it was extracted to fire support base Riviera. The Cottonbalers received RPG and small arms fire as they were loading the cache. Quickly responding, pouring out return fire, the enemy was silenced.

Continuing to search the area where the flour cache was found, elements of Echo recon uncovered another cache site the

next day. The cache containing more flour was larger, with some 261 fifty kilogram bags of wheat flour weighing more than 14 tons.

In Good Condition

The flour was in good condition and the men in a sweaty and dusty task moved it to a LZ where it was picked up.

Again, the following day, for the third consecutive day another flour cache was discovered. "You could call us the Pillsbury Dough Boys," chuckled Specialist Four Jeff Neilson from Miami, Fla., as assistant gunner.

The cache of another 19 tons of flour was taken to fire support base Riviera where some of it was turned over to the 18th ARVN Div and the rest was given for use in civil affair programs in Binh Tuy Province.

RFs Hit Camp

By SP4 Dave Hauser

VO DAT -- The 119 Regional Forces accompanied by MACV advisory personnel and assisted by planning and logistical support from the 4th Bn, 12th Inf uncovered and destroyed an enemy base camp near here recently believed to be used for holding war prisoners.

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REDCATCHER!

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DSC Awarded to Warrior

By SGT Dana Boyd

CAMP FRENZELL-JONES -- SGT Richard A. Penry, 199th Light Infantry Brigade, Petaluma, Calif., was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest award for valor, at a ceremony held here July 28. The medal was presented by General William B. Rosson, deputy commander of MACV.

Penry received the Distinguished Service Cross for his heroic actions on January 31 of this year when his unit, Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, was attacked by a company size enemy force. During the initial contact Penry's platoon received a heavy volume of mortar, rocket and automatic weapons fire in its night ambush position.

All but three of the men in the platoon were wounded, the company commander was seriously wounded and the platoon had lost communication with higher headquarters when its radio was damaged.

"Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Specialist Penry ventured through enemy positions on three separate occasions to retrieve available parts from three damaged radios. He also made forays to the edge of the perimeter to gather

ammunition to supply the wounded.

When the enemy began a second assault, he moved to the most vulnerable sector of the perimeter where the wounded were unable to return effective fire. He stood up several times to throw grenades and to fire at the estimated forty-man force. Virtually alone, he succeeded in repulsing the enemy attack,"

stated the award citation.

Upon learning the radio needed more parts he again crawled through enemy fire to find the necessary parts which enabled the wounded company commander to call for support.

Though involved in the raging battle, Penry still found time to administer first aid and encourage the wounded to

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Brigade CP Moves to Mace

By SPS James Sheehy

FSB MACE -- In a series of moves which began on July 8th, the forward headquarters of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade relocated from Xuan Loc to this large fire support base; former home of Cottonbalers of the 3rd Bn, 7th Inf and the Old Guardsmen of the 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf.

Elements of the 25th Division officially took over the Xuan Loc compound July 15th, to end what had been one of the longest periods of time that the forward headquarters has remained in the same locale.

It was the third move the Brigade's forward CP has made in less than two years. Originally

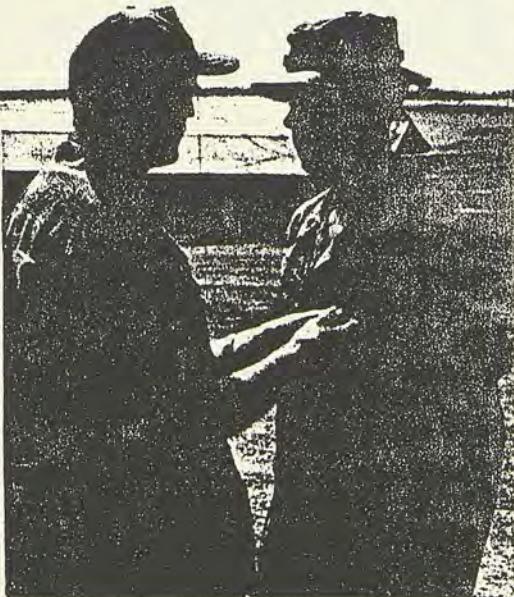
located in the "Fishnet" region below Saigon, the Brigade moved to FSB Blackhorse in June of last year, and then to Xuan Loc in late August.

Mace, located at the base of Signal Mountain, was originally built by the Cottonbalers who recognized the site as a perfect area from which to launch and direct operations against enemy forces in the area of Gia Ray.

In May the base was turned over to the Old Guardsmen.

Although there are still many improvements to be made, elements of the 87th Engineers have done much to prepare for the arrival of new personnel. A new Tactical Operations Center (TOC) has been built, additions

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SGT Richard A. Penry proudly received the Distinguished Service Cross for his valorous actions under fire. Awarding the medal is General William B. Rosson, deputy commander of MACV.

Photo by SGT Dana Boyd

Heavy Voter Turn Out in Vietnamese Provincial Elections

By SP4 Jon Sweet

XUAN LOC -- In the recently held province-wide elections, the first since the TET of 1968, heavy voter turn out was reported with some 67 percent of the 66,523 eligible voters in Long Khanh Province's three districts voting.

Silently overshadowing the significance of the high voter turnout was that election day proceeded with minute incidents of Viet Cong harassment, even though allied intelligence reports indicated the enemy was primed to thwart the election.

"Two years ago the VC were very strong in our

province, but now the situation is such that they can't make a big step," said Lieutenant Colonel Bui Duc Diem, Long Khanh Province chief. "This is not to say, however, that we were over-confident. We had a protection plan worked out with the regional and popular forces and the 18th ARVN Division."

On election eve, moods ranging from confidence to fear were portrayed throughout the province. In Xuan Loc, the provincial capital, children ate ice cream, while their fathers sipped beer at the popular dimly lit Yen Linh sidewalk cafe. At the 18th ARVN Division's officers' club, members danced to the varied sounds of the "Battle Field" band at a promotion party.

Some 20 miles away in Bau Ham, a village of 6,000 residents and known enemy supply point, people locked their doors at dusk while a regional force unit called in from a four-day mission provided a perimeter of security.

"Everyone is afraid, but we plan to vote," said a 50 year old Bau Ham farmer who was married and the father of eight children. "I lived here for eight years, and I do not feel much safer now than I did when I first came here."

Three months prior, the farmer's six family dwelling was hit by three B-40 rockets and has since been rebuilt with the aid from a US Civic Action program.

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Personal Records

Many times you will be asked to produce records showing your military service. Also, these papers hold the key to benefits you, your family, or your survivors may claim many years after you leave active service. You have an important responsibility to yourself and to them in preserving these papers in orderly fashion through the years.

If you have not already done so, start your personal record file. The large envelope your discharge papers probably were or will be in can be used for this purpose, or any file folder will do the job. This personal file will save much searching as the years pass and will provide orderly safekeeping for your service-associated papers.

Use the file to keep available and in good condition the following papers:

Your "shot Record" You and your dependents should not only keep immunization records, but the immunizations themselves should be kept up to date. Continual immunity to typhoid, smallpox and tetanus is especially important.

Your government insurance policies, together with premium payment records.

Papers associated with your active duty, such as order to and releases from active duty, pay vouchers, warrants, commissions, diplomas and citations.

All Veterans Administration forms and correspondence, including certificates of eligibility for loans, "C" (file) number records and other papers related to administration of your rights as a veteran.

DD Form 214, Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge. A brief account of your service, this important form should, for your own protection, be registered with your county recorder. Keep the original in a safe, fireproof place. Photostatic or certified copies in your personal file are valuable as ready references. Copies are required as evidence of eligibility for veterans benefits.

Certificate of Service. This is the official record issued instead of a discharge certificate to a person returned or transferred to the Reserve. Register it with your county recorder and keep the original in a safe, fireproof place.

Certificate of Discharge. This form is the official record showing the nature of your service and separation. It should also be registered with your county recorder and the original kept in a safe, fireproof place.

Family records such as marriage licenses, birth certificates, death certificates, divorce decrees, guardianship or custody evidence, adoption papers and other such documents are permanent records you are also obligated to care for properly and will probably need many times.

Never give the original copy of a permanent personal or family record to another person, even for business purposes. Certified copies have all the legal status of originals and insure that when the original is needed again it will be available. (AFPS)

Vehicle Color and Markings

An increasing number of military vehicles have been noted with improper color paint and incorrect markings. AR 746-5 with USARV Supplement No. 1 to this AR is explicit in its provisions for proper color and markings. The only authorized deviation from the provisions of

the Army Regulation and USARV supplement is that which authorized commanders to paint unit slogans or nicknames on vehicles to enhance morale. Such markings will be within the bounds of propriety and tact.

Glimmering Cross reflects on Roll of Honor which hangs in the Brigade chapel commemorating those honored Redcatchers who paid the supreme sacrifice.

Photo by SGT C. Winston Taylor



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The Chaplain Speaks



Chaplaincy Begins 196th Year

By Chaplain (CPT) Frank J. Hendrick

Just a few days past, on July 29, the United States Army Chaplaincy commemorated its 195th anniversary of service to God and country. In the year 1775 the Continental Congress established the Chaplaincy. By this act our founding fathers indicated their awareness of the vital role which religion plays in the life of the nation's soldiers.

There is a high degree of correlation between the life of a soldier and the life of a man of God. A soldier, by his strength, courage, and training is prepared to withstand the assault of the enemy upon his property, his family, his nation, and himself. Hence a soldier is capable of presenting a strong defense. Furthermore the soldier is dedicated to an offensive role when such is necessary to create

or insure justice and peace on earth.

The man of God whether Christian or Jew is engaged in a defensive encounter day by day. The Scripture says: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion goes about, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8. The world, the flesh and the devil are constant sources of temptation against which we must daily guard.

As the soldier in a positive stance works for order and tranquility, so the God fearing man strives to cultivate in his life the divine virtues of faith, hope and charity.

The chaplain has many wonderful opportunities to witness the parallel growth of virtue in the soldier. When a man assumes his guard position in

defense of the perimeter he protects his fellow man and aids in the success of the mission. The discipline which the bunker guard practices is advantageous to successfully fulfilling his military duties and most helpful in overcoming spiritual temptation. St. Paul aptly wrote: "I chastise my body and bring it under subjection lest having preached to others I myself should become a castaway." 1 Cor. 9:27.

The Redcatcher who is on a patrol assumes an integral position in the over-all quest for justice in behalf of people who have suffered at the hands of an aggressor. The determination exhibited by our young men is the same that is required in the quest for high moral values which the world desperately needs.

Indian Leads

By SP4 David Hauser

FSB NANCY -- It is not just any soldier that is asked to lead his company through a potentially dangerous enemy area.

But Specialist Four Raymond Teeple, a pointman with Barracuda Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf is not just any soldier. A descendant of the Chippewa Indians, Teeple from Bay Mills, Michigan, has been asked to walk point many times during the five months he has now spent in Vietnam.

Some of his buddies refer to him as "the Indian tracker" because of his skill in detecting the enemy's presence, but Teeple doesn't think being an Indian has much to do with it. "I really didn't do much hunting back home," he said, "except for girls maybe."

What does it take to make a good pointman? -- the lead man in an element upon whom all the other members are dependant to alert them about dangers they may encounter.

"The main thing you've got to do is keep your eyes open.

Warriors

Listening is also a key to the pointman's success, you've got to be alert all the time, watching for trails, broken bushes and other signs the enemy may have left behind," Teeple explained. "Most important you have to look up in the trees in addition to keeping your eye on the ground all around you."

According to members of the first platoon, Teeple has lead them through enemy territory with ample warning in time to assault when the enemy was spotted.

On one such mission recently, Barracuda Co had come into a large enemy bunker complex where they made contact killing two enemy and capturing their weapons.

"We were finding bunkers on all sides," recalled one platoon member, "and another guy was walking point so we asked Teeple if he would take over and get the company through the area safely."

Asked how he liked being pointman Teeple said, "Actually I don't like it, but if you are humping in the jungle it is one of the best places to be."



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Awards and Decorations

The awards presented the men of the 199th Infantry Brigade are justly earned and are a small reward for the outstanding job done. The men have shown great devotion to the Brigade and to their comrades in their units. The men's actions reflect credit upon themselves, the 199th Infantry Brigade and the United States Army. **Bronze Star Medal (Valorous)**

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D Trp 17th Cav: PFC Stephan G. Gubat. 152d M.P.'s: PFC Edwin M. Ball; SP4 Michael G. Marqueta; SP4 James H. Nappier; PFC Daniel N. Ruey.

Bronze Star Medal (Valorous)

4th Bn, 12th Inf: SGT Garry L. Franklin.

Air Medal (Valorous)

2nd Bn, 3rd Inf: CPT Samuel M. Bergin.

HHC, 199th Bde: PFC Gerald D. Vickers; SP5 Michael S. Freeman. **Army Commendation Medal (Valorous)**

4th Bn, 12th Inf: SP4 Larry T. Lienhard; SP4 Jimmy R. Sisk; SGT Marlin A. Rochester; SP4 Efrain L. Martinez; PFC Perry M. Franklin; PFC Larry A. Nelson; SP4 Michael C. Gritzmacher; SP4 David G. Jones; SP4 David E. Erickson; SP4 Jerry L. Hoof; SP4 Joseph E. Collins; SP4 Richard Contreras.

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Rolling up concertina wire can be a sticky business as elements of 5th Bn, 12th Inf leave FSB Verna.
US Army Photo by SP5 Evan Mower

LTC Chaflin Commands Cottonbalers

By SP4 David Schaffer

FSB RIVIERA — Lieutenant Colonel Leonard D. Chaflin assumed command of the 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. here on July 11. Outgoing commander Lieutenant Colonel Bibb A. Underwood was hospitalized for injuries recently sustained when the helicopter he and Colonel James B. Hendry, Brigade deputy commander, were passengers crashed.

Chaflin graduated from Georgia College with a degree in Business Administration in 1953 and received his commission in the Army.

His foreign service has brought him to Europe where he served as a platoon leader and executive officer with the 11th Inf. He served as an adviser and interpreter in Iran and served as S3 commander and battalion executive officer of the 2nd Bn, 27th Inf during his first tour in Vietnam. In 1970 he returned to Vietnam as deputy commanding officer of Delta Co, 1st Special Forces.

Among LTC Chaflin's awards are: Bronze Star, Air Medal with 2nd Award and Combat Infantryman Badge.

Brigade Summary

July 10

Old Guard Elements of Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf operating eight miles southeast of FSB Mace discovered a small cache and destroyed its contents.

July 11

Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf conducting a sweep of an area 21 miles north-northeast of Mace, discovered a bunker complex consisting of 40 bunkers with three feet of overhead cover. Found in the complex was a cache consisting of 500 pounds of rock salt and 50 to 100 meters poncho material.

July 12

Dragon 34 helicopter gunship, opconed to the Brigade, sighted and engaged one enemy soldier, killing him in an action that took place 12 miles east of Mace.

Night defensive perimeter (NDP) used by Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf received small arms fire. Artillery from 2nd Bn, 40th Art was called in support. Later that evening, enemy were sighted on the perimeter and were engaged. Enemy returned with RPG fire and US gunships flew in support with unknown enemy casualties.

July 13

Elements of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged four enemy soldiers, killing two in action 11 miles east of Mace.

Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf on continued operations found an additional 61, fifty kilo bags of wheat flour and 200 more fifty kilo bags nearby, bringing the total to 14.25 tons.

In an area five clicks north of Charlie's find, Old Guardsmen of Bravo Co found a small cache and took charge of the contents.

July 14

Elements of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged four enemy soldiers, killing two in action 11 miles east of Mace.

Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged four enemy soldiers with automatic weapons fire 23 miles northeast of Mace killing two and capturing one RPG launcher, one chicom pistol and four rucksacks.

July 15

Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf found two caches consisting of food items and other miscellaneous goods.

July 16

A patrol of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged four enemy soldiers with automatic weapons fire 23 miles northeast of Mace killing two and capturing one RPG launcher, one chicom pistol and four rucksacks.

July 18

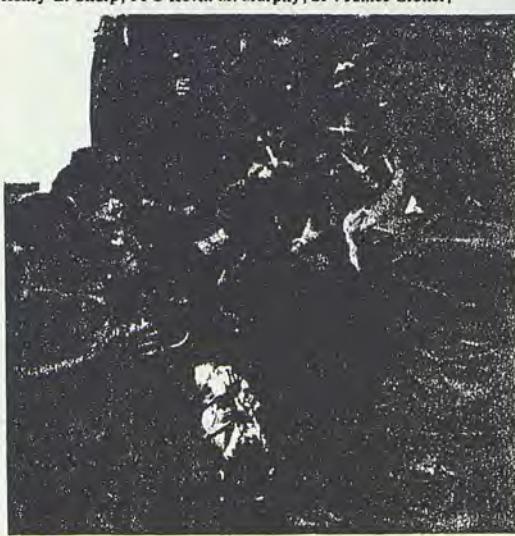
While on operations 38 miles northeast of Mace, elements of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf discovered and extracted a food cache consisting of 58, fifty kilo bags of wheat flour.

July 20

Warriors of 5th Bn, 12th Inf on operations 18 miles northwest of Mace found several hootches and a well on a heavily traveled trail.

July 21

Elements of M Co, 75th Rangers while moving down a trail 31 miles north of Mace heard small arms fire. Upon investigation they discovered a tunnel complex and small base camp. Continuing to sweep the area the unit made contact with an unknown sized enemy force, killing one.



MPs assist some of the 68 refugees who recently turned themselves over to elements of 3rd Bn, 7th Inf to board Chinook taking them to Ham Tan for resettlement and medical aid.

Photo by 1LT John R. Randt

Insurance Coverage Increases

WASHINGTON (ANF) — Life insurance coverage for servicemen has been increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000 as a result of a bill President Richard Nixon signed into law in June. The new also covers reservists and members of the National Guard and Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC).

Insurance protection is in force for these groups only during certain training activities and while traveling to and from training areas.

Servicemen on active duty will now pay \$3 instead of \$2 monthly for the increased coverage, while premiums for reservists, member of ROTC and National Guardsmen will be \$1.80 per year.

The law also extends from 120 days to one year the insurance of full-time servicemen who have totally disabled at the time of military separation, if their condition remains unchanged.

Reservists, members of ROTC and National Guard are insured for 90 days after a training period if they suffer a serious disability while training.

Insurance coverage for most servicemen continues for 120 days after separation during which time they may convert to individual policies to continue protection indefinitely.

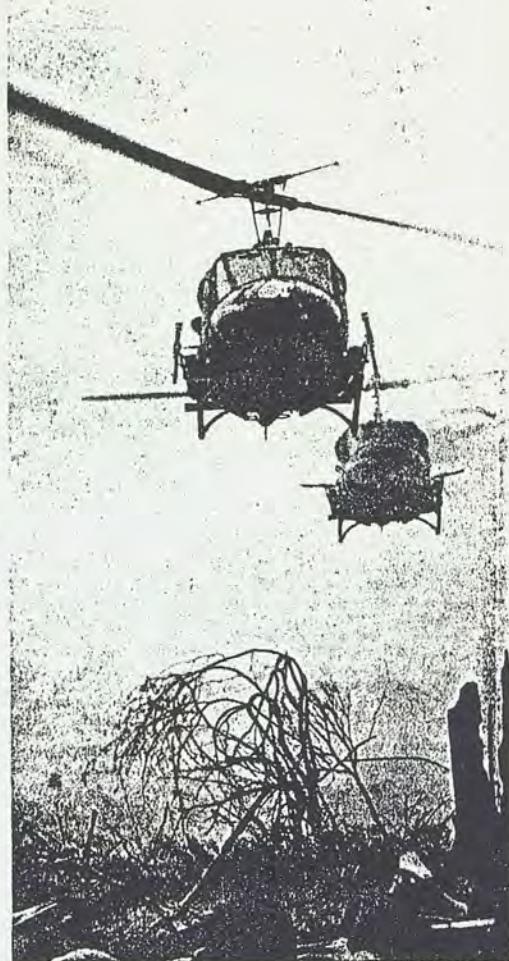
The life insurance program for servicemen is supervised by the Veterans Administration, but is provided under a commercial life insurance policy in which about 600 companies participate.

All personnel, E-4 (with over four years service) and above, who receive reassignment orders for duty outside CONUS where travel of dependents is authorized, will report to Personnel Actions Branch immediately to make application for concurrent travel of dependents.



Troopers of D Troop 17th Cav patrol woodline in search of enemy positions.

Photo by PFC Bob Latall



Flying through a downpour, two choppers of the 68th Assault Helicopter Co insert elements of 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf.

Photo by SP4 Todd



Makeshift mirror saves the day for this infantryman.

US Army Photo by SP4 Evan Mower



Calling to his platoon members to move out, SGT Larry Lauffer of Apache Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf airmobiles into LZ with his men, beginning operations around Vo Dat.

Photo by SP4 Dave Hauser



Members of D Btry, 2 Bn, 40th Arty fire in response to incoming enemy mortars at FSB Brown in Cambodia.

Photo by SP4 Andy McCullough



Warriors join together to help load one of their wounded on to a dustoff chopper.

Photo by SP4 Dave Hauser

Correspondents Capture 199th's Spirit

CAMP FRENZELL-JONES -
The *Redcatcher!* has several very talented correspondents performing a two fold task.

First, the correspondents report various battalion and Brigade news events, gather information for battalion scrapbooks, hometown news releases and outside news media release. The correspondents devote long, arduous hours gathering information from interviews and on the scene observation, often running many risks under combat conditions.

A second task is photographic

coverage of general news events within the Brigade, capturing the *esprit de corps* of the battling Redcatchers. The photographic results are often excellent quality despite frequent film and chemical shortages, not to mention the adverse effect the extreme heat has upon the photographic process.

The centerspread this week is a composite from the works of several *Redcatcher!* correspondents taken recently during various Brigade operations.

! Helicopter
Todd Weber



A pathfinder of 68th Helicopter Assault Co prepares to 'Pop smoke' to denote landing zone to hovering choppers.

Photo by SP4 Todd Weber



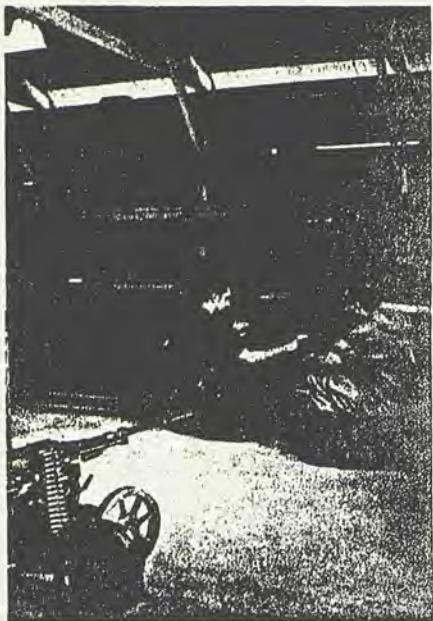
Chopper raises a cloud of dust as it guides into enemy territory during an eagle flight of Echo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf.

Photo by SP4 Dave Schaffer

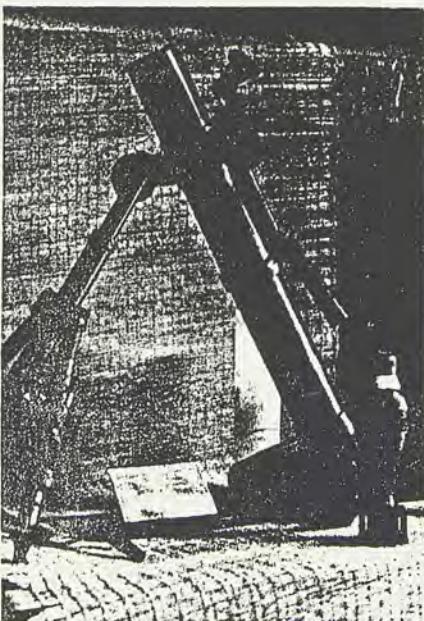


Pilot watches for return of his fellow choppers after insertion at hot LZ.

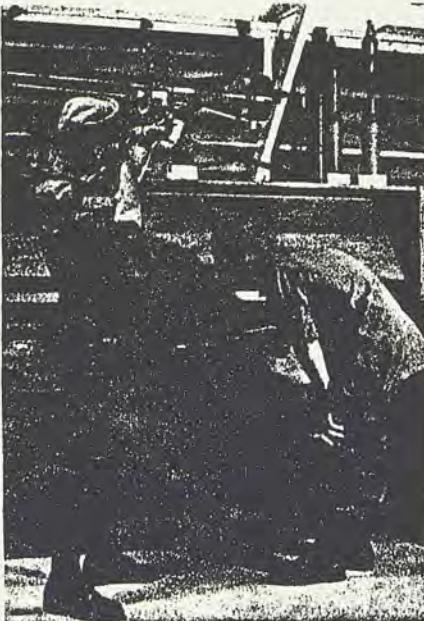
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ILT Clifford R. Williams, OIC Redcatcher Museum, places a Chinese RPG-2 into the display case, assisted by Specialist Four Bruce Whittey.

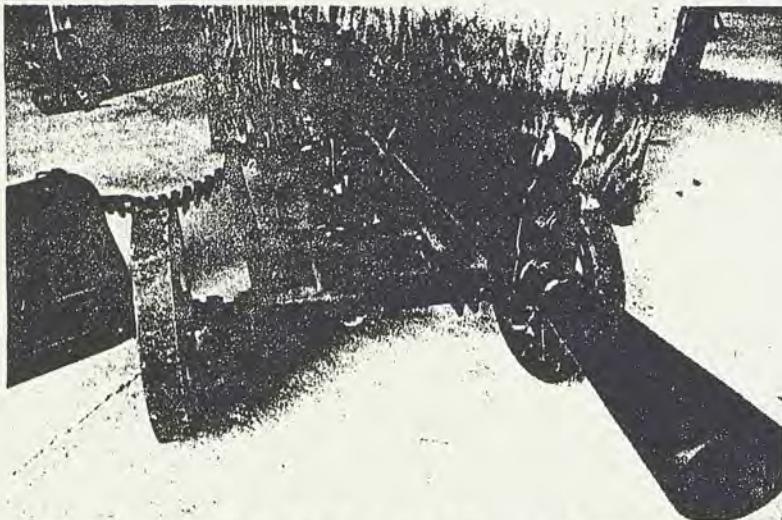


Chinese 60mm mortar, an effective light weight mortar (27 pounds) carried by NVA regulars. The mortar was donated by 3rd Bn, 7th Inf.



Two Redcatchers taking advantage of the Museum open display cases.

Redcatchers Display Cache



Photos By SP4 Dave Hauser

Story By SP4 Bruce Whittey

7.62mm Chinese heavy machine gun with wheeled mount. Displayed with ammo box and 250 round metallic belt. This machine gun is the standard heavy machine gun of the Communist world and is very reliable. Donated by 4th Bn, 12th Inf.

CAMP FRENZELL-JONES — If you should be walking around BMB and stumble into building number 13170 at the corner of Redcatcher and Cottonbaler Avenues, the uninformed might think at first they had discovered a huge enemy cache. But a closer investigation will show this to be only half-true, for this cache has been secured by friendly hands as part of the 199th Infantry Brigade's Redcatcher Museum.

"It's a good feeling to see an enemy cache in the proper hands," said a recent visitor to the museum.

"At least we don't have to worry about booby-traps while checking out these weapons," said another visitor.

Located in the old chapel building, the Redcatcher Museum has on exhibit a fantastic amount of captured enemy weapons and equipment which are displayed with the visitor in mind. Contrary to most museum policies, a number of the items on display in the Redcatcher Museum are placed in open show cases enabling the visitor to handle and inspect the item more closely.

The Redcatcher Museum's collection contains artifacts representing the Brigade's operations from the "Pineapple" region of southwest Saigon, to the caches and basecamps of Long Khanh Province, and to the recent operations in Cambodia.

The most talked about acquisition to the Brigade's Museum contributed by 5th Bn, 12th Infantry. Uncovered in the Fishhook region of Cambodia, the display includes two 82mm Chinese mortars complete with optical sights, set-up kits, aiming stakes, and back packs. A newly developed lightweight Chinese radio is also included in the Cambodian display.

Possibly the most complete exhibit is the Museum's collection of enemy ammunition and explosives donated and deactivated by the EOD Team of 3rd ORD. The collection ranges from 12.7mm armor piercing rounds to 85mm anti-aircraft shells, as well as a complete range of enemy grenades.

Also housed in the Redcatcher Museum is an enemy medical exhibit which includes medical instruments, first aid kits, antibiotics, and vitamins.

A number of heavy weapons are on display including a Chinese 75mm recoilless rifle, captured by 3rd Bn, 7th Infantry in the jungle region of Long Khanh Province, as well as 122mm Soviet rockets, donated by 2nd Bn, 3rd Infantry found in the "Pineapple." Enemy small arms and machine guns are represented by over 45 makes and models.

Other exhibits include items of enemy equipment and

supplies, donated by 4th Bn, 12th Infantry; the record setting millionth round fired by 2nd Bn, 40th Artillery; a memorial to Brigadier General William R. Bond, past Brigade Commander; unit display boards, containing unit histories and photographs of its men in action; and combat art on loan from the 40th PI Detachment.

The purpose of the Museum is twofold according to ILT Clifford R. Williams, the museum's OIC. "In addition to serving as a resource to familiarize troops with combat materials used against them, the museum is also a monument to the accomplishments of the Brigade's units."

Members of the Museum staff stand ready to answer questions concerning any items on exhibit and to assist anyone wishing to photograph the items on display.

Housed in the same building with the Museum are the offices of the Redcatcher Association which offers for sale Brigade crest souvenirs and memberships in the Redcatcher Association. All money collected is the source of the 199th Infantry Brigade's Scholarship Fund.

The Redcatcher Museum is open to the public from 8-5 daily.

The Boxer

By SPS James Sheehy

FSB MACE — One expects to meet a lot of fighters while serving in Vietnam, but once one meets Staff Sergeant Robert Corniel you've met the champ.

A mess sergeant with the Generals mess here, from Honolulu, Hawaii, Corniel was skirting greatness as a professional boxer a decade ago.

He began his career at the age of 14 when he won the Hawaiian AAU title and at age 15 he was National Featherweight Champion. Three years later he was in the Army and setting records as the All Army, All Inter-Service Champ for three years running.

In 1956 Corniel won a place on the American Olympic team and went on to win a silver medal in the welterweight division of those Melbourne games.

While still in the Army he decided to be a professional boxer. "It's hard to go pro in the service—if something happens to you, you have to pay for any hospitalization needed," explained Corniel. "In addition you have to schedule your leaves around your fights—it can be hard."

He won 11 of 12 pro fights, his biggest he remarked was when he fought Danny Ortega at Madison Square Garden. He put Ortega away in the fifth round and following the fight was rated fourth in the world welterweight division by Ring Magazine.

During this time he fought in Russia, Finland, Czechoslovakia and Japan where he defeated the Japanese light weight champion.

As Mark Twain once put it, "Underneath the fighter, there is the man." Corniel is no exception. "I was getting old and after all boxing was just a sport to me, so I decided to retire. I took my share of beatings in the ring too, and I figured it would be better to hang up my gloves before something serious happened."

The story does not end there however, for Corniel's philosophy on life would bring a smile to Zorba the Greek. "You know, there are two ways to be a champ, the one who wins the prize and the one who loves people."

"Now the sports champ is only a champ in the ring—once he leaves the ring the people are always sizing him up," after a pause he continued, "now in my book, the true champ is the guy who helps others, makes them smile and goes out of his way to show respect."

"Respect. That's a big word today—I think people have forgotten about it. Another thing you have to remember is love—that's what keeps the world going and without it you haven't got anything." According to Corniel the man who incorporates all the above is the true champ, the man who deserves praise.

The sergeant now enjoys reading poetry and on occasion has tried his hand in writing some—mostly about happiness and smiles. Fighting according to SSG Corniel is an art, but then so is poetry and home spun philosophy; and of the latter he has become somewhat of a master.

As to fighting today, Corniel looks at it this way, "I think Clay is still champ. There's a lot of problems in pro boxing but I think that everything will work itself out. It's a lot like the kids today—everything in turmoil, but there's still hope."



Smiling sexy, seductive Sally Sue Sheehy swims in the sea surf at sunspot Sussex, Sweden, soon to be seen starring in San Francisco Sadie at cinemas everywhere. Do you think this is too much to swallow?

Radar's Sensitive Eyes Pinpoint 'Charlie's' Location

By SP4 W. Andrew McCullough

FSB Verna — In author Aldous Huxley's world of 1984, "Big Brother" kept a suspicious eye on all activities of friend and foe alike. The enemy of the 199th Infantry Brigade in III Tactical Corps could easily feel the same intrusion of privacy from a similar kind of prying eye—2nd Bn, 40th Artillery's AN/MPQ-4A (Q-4) radar.

In Army field manual terminology, the Q-4 is a mobile, pulse modulated, dual-beam, beam-intercept radar. In more comprehensible lingo, it is a counter-mortar and counter-battery radar set which locates mortars and rocket launching sites, observes registrations, adjusts fire, and detects and locates moving targets. When modified, it may be used to locate low-trajectory weapons such as Howitzers.

Very little goes "unseen" by the highly sensitive Q-4 set. According to operator-maintenance man Specialist Four Terry L. Hudson from Ft. Wayne, Indiana, the set frequently picks up a sundry assortment of flying objects, such as Cobra Gunships, birds, and even insects.

The 2nd Bn, 40th Art's radar team does not work for the Brigade's units alone. Frequently it is called upon for registration and hostile fire spotting by the 2nd Bn, 35th Arty, the 7th Bn, 8th Arty, and the 18th ARVN Arty.

Among the many functions of the radar team is registration of high burst (HB) and mean point of impact (MPI) rounds fired from our own Howitzers. To assist the firing batteries with registration, the radar section keeps direct communications with the Fire Direction Center (FDC) at all times. Radar registration is normally much faster than a registration conducted by a ground observer. Another advantage is that radar is highly accurate during periods of poor visibility when ground observation is ineffective.

The Q-4 is invaluable in terms of lives saved through its accurate detection of enemy mortar and rocket launching sites. This enables a firing battery to knock out a hostile launching site with few as one to two well-placed rounds.

But accuracy isn't the Q-4's only asset. The Q-4 operator can zero in on the exact location of a mortar or

rocket launcher just 15 seconds after the first missile has been fired! Only a few seconds afterwards, the firing battery has the exact data it needs for a counter-fire mission.

Any radar set, however, is only as effective as the men who operate and maintain it. The 2nd Bn, 40th Art's radar section has been rated "outstanding" during the past year of Command Maintenance Management Inspections (CMMI's) conducted quarterly by II Field Force.

The CMMI's rating is based largely upon the radar section's high level of consistent accuracy, the number of hostile fire locations the section has picked up in and out of its operating sector, and the few number of hours the set has been inoperable. Over the past eight months, the set has been out of commission for only four and one half hours!

Rarely heard about by the average soldier but always on the alert, the 199th Infantry Brigade's radar section has proven to be one of the best—if not the very best—of radar units in Vietnam today.

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remain alert, as he repositioned them to repel further attacks. Because of Penry's heroic action the men were able to remain alert until help arrived and disaster was averted.

Among the dignitaries present at the ceremony honoring Specialist Penry were Lieutenant General Michael S. Davidson, II Field Force commanding general, Colonel Joseph E. Collins, Brigade commander and many military leaders from III Corps area. Also present was the USARV 266th Army Band.

Penry, who concludes his Vietnam tour on July 30, also holds the Army Commendation Medal for Valor (First Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star, Air Medal and Combat Infantry Badge.

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to the mess hall are complete, tents are up and finishing touches to six man igloos are in the process. In addition, such comforts of "home" as showers, electricity and telephone communication are rapidly nearing completion.



Chinook hauls in a net with a portion of the 46 tons of flour found recently by elements of the Cottonbalers, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf nine miles northeast of Ham Tan.

Photo by SP4 Andy McCullough

Vietnamese Provincial Elections -

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"The VC tried to demoralize us last night by bringing a body to the outskirts of our hamlet and leaving it there," said a senior resident of nearby Bau Dien.

Religious influence was particularly notable in Kien Tan District 60 miles north of Xuan Loc. Out of five candidates seeking three positions, the victors had the support of the Catholic priest in the area. The four man political parties exerted minor influence upon the campaign.

"Most of the winners are young and independent," said LTC Diem. "The incumbent council members decided to run again and were beaten by the younger candidates."

Five of the new council members will be on leave from their military positions. One was a civil servant, another a farmer and the remaining one a

professor at a Catholic school. All were between the 25 to 38 year old age bracket.

The Vietnamese government has allotted Long Khanh Province 10 million piasters to spend during its fiscal year, thus giving considerable political power to the council members.

Although the government restricted the 27 candidates to using leaflets, posters and public appearances as campaign tools and set the dollar value of the campaign, most of them readily admitted digging into their personal coffers for additional funds. A typical campaign cost 40,000 piasters, but a losing candidate reported his bill would run 600,000 piasters.

During the two month campaign, the candidates were escorted in a group by province officials to nearly every village and hamlet in the province. All the candidates' names were placed in a hat, and the name drawn out first was that of the candidate first to speak.

Issues included more schools, better security in rural areas, keeping the farm laborers from being "oppressed" by large scale landowners and preventing "illegal imprisonment, torture, and beating."

"During the French occupation, many good leaders were killed by the French and communists," said the veteran political observer who himself has been labeled for death by the Viet Cong. "Consequently corruption digs its roots to deep into Vietnamese society. We are counting on our young cadre with new ideas to wash this away and build a cornerstone for our future."

A Defense official said a recognized vocational or technical school is one which is approved by state board for vocational education or is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association listed by the US Commissioner of Education.

M Co Rangers

By SP4 Ronald Shaw

FSB Mace - The Rangers of Co M, 75th Inf are a unique fighting unit in the 199th Infantry Brigade.

Unlike the line companies in the infantry battalion, the Rangers operate as an independent unit, utilizing small teams of highly specialized men. Operating in small numbers, particularly for the Rangers, has its advantages.

"One good aspect of operating in small numbers is that you have very few casualties," commented Captain John W. Perkins, commanding officer of Co M, 75th Inf. "In most cases we work entirely alone."

The Rangers have two types of operations. One is an ambush operation. "We pull both daylight and nighttime ambushes," said the Steelville, Mo. CO. "On the nighttime ambushes, we employ maximum use of the mechanical ambush.

The second type of operations is the Recon Patrol. "My men go out and see what they can find," said Perkins.

On most operations, however, the Recon mission sometimes results in an ambush mission. "The men recon the area for good ambush sites, then they set up the ambush," said Perkins. "If there are results from the ambush then the entire team is extracted."

A normal operation lasts for four or five days. Each team is inserted clandestinely at a predetermined LZ. "You see, Charlie's not supposed to know we're there, until we blow the bush on him," said one experienced NCO. "After that happens, we pull out to a different LZ and are extracted."

A good deal of planning goes into each operation. "The day before the mission is to start," said Perkins, "the team leader and I will recon both the insertion LZ and the extraction LZ in a chopper. This gives us a good idea of the terrain the men will be going into, and leaving from."

If contact is not made within four or five days, the mission is cancelled and the men are extracted for a three or four day standdown. "The men use this time to clean up their equipment and retrain. We must constantly retrain," said Perkins.

If a team finds itself in trouble, the radio is a lifesaver.

"The men have maximum support. All they have to do is call in for arty or air support and they get it," said Perkins. Each man carries a basic load of ammunition and each team carries M-60's, M-79's and M-16's.

The men of Co M, 75th are a vital asset to the operation of the 199th Infantry Brigade. By working clandestinely, using hit and run tactics, the Rangers have earned themselves the respect of the entire Brigade. Hard work, rigorous training, and practical experience have, indeed, made the Rangers one of the Brigade's finest fighting units.

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The prisoner holding site contained four tin and straw roofed hootches with six by ten foot floors built three feet off the ground with stocks for securing prisoners hands or feet on one end of the hootches platforms.

Regional Forces commander, Lieutenant Le Phio estimated some 20 persons had evacuated the area just an hour or so before his unit swept into the area.

Following their extraction from the enemy base camp, Colonel Joseph E. Collins, Brigade Commander, visited the 119 Regional Forces and offered praise for their work.

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A chopper of the 68th Helicopter Co prepares to land in a landing zone approximately 25 miles southeast of Xuan Loc to extract elements of 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf.

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