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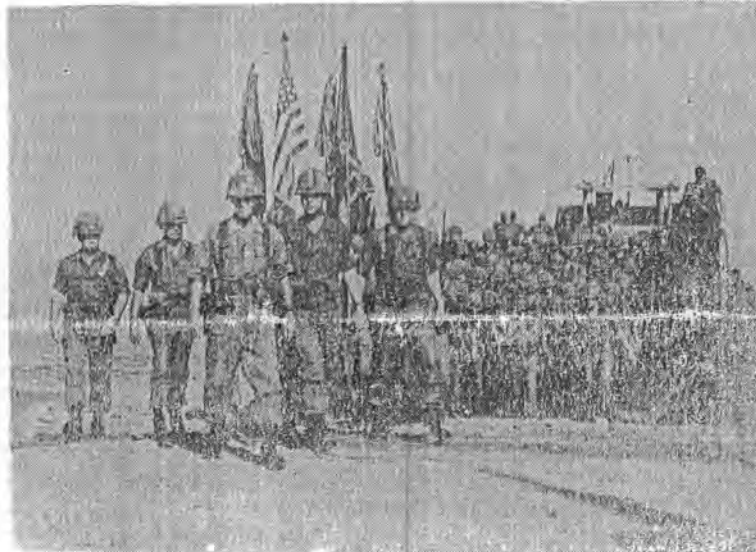


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# 15 Enemy Captured By 3/8th Infantry



LAST ARRIVALS — Colonel Marshall B. Garth, 3rd Brigade commander, leads his troops ashore at Yung Tau. The brigade was the last element of the 4th Infantry Division to arrive in Vietnam. See Page 3 for story and additional pictures. (USA Photo)

## 'Dragoons' And 'Braves' In Two Separate Operations

Tuy Hoa (4th Div. IO) — The 1st Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division captured 33 Viet Cong suspects and killed a VC tax collector in two separate operations not more than 500 yards from its perimeter.

A platoon-size ambush was set up near the village of Phu Hiep by the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry. Scattered fire

and hand grenade explosions punctuated the night. The battle became heaviest as did the monsoon rain around 3 a.m.

When the platoon received fire from a native boat, naval gunfire and helicopter support was requested. The following morning a company-size sweep to Phu Hiep picked up the suspects. Fifteen of the captives were later confirmed as Viet Cong.

The following night a ambush patrol was sent out by the 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry. The patrol ambushed and killed a Viet Cong tax collector who was leaving the village of Phu Hiep with his collections.

The "IVY LEAF" is your newspaper—the news in its columns should, and will be about you. However, we need your help.

What's happening in your company—in your battalion? Let the Information Office know, we will be glad to hear from you. If you have a story, write it down—just the facts, we'll make a story from them for you.

We'd like to feature every unit in the pages of "IVY LEAF"—so let us hear from you!

# Ivy Division Carries Fighting Tradition To Vietnam

By Capt. Lee F. Hardy, Jr.

Pleiku (4th Div. IO) — The Marne, Meuse-Argonne, Normandy, the Bulge... and now the jungles and highlands of Vietnam. The Famous 4th Division, victorious in the fields and cities of France and Germany in two world wars, has arrived in combat in the Far East.

The Ivy Division, whose elements began arriving in the Central Highlands in late July, is a greatly modernized descendant of the infant division which was organized on December 3, 1917, at Camp Greene, N.C.

Under the command of Major General George H. Cameron the 4th arrived in France in June 1918—one year after the Americans entered the war in Europe. The new division suffered its toll of casualties even before its arrival on the

Western Front. A German torpedo killed 56 Ivy troops when the British transport ship "Maldovia" which was carrying them ashore was sunk off the Isle of Wight.

The 4th received its baptism of fire in World War I in the Aisne-Marne Campaign, later participated in the vicious fighting at St. Mihiel Forest, finally driving eastward to Allied victory after the Meuse-Argonne Campaign. The soldiers wearing the Ivy Leaf patch were called "the men with the terrible green crosses" by the German troops during the hardfought last months before the Armistice. After seven months of occupation duty in Germany, the men of the division returned home in July 1919.

September 1943... World War II had flamed across

Europe for four years, and the Famous 4th was once again called upon to halt the spread of aggression. The division arrived in England in January 1944 and the "Panthers" of the 8th Infantry Regiment led the division forces ashore on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Relieving the isolated 82nd Airborne Division at St. Mere Eglise, the 4th cleared the Cotentin Peninsula and took part in the capture of Cherbourg on June 25, 1944. After heavy fighting in France during the month of July 1944 the division broke through the left flank of the German Seventh Army, helped stem the German drive towards Avranches, and by the end of August had moved to Paris, assisting the French in the liberation of their capital city.

Speeding across Europe for the heart of the German homeland, the men of the Ivy Division moved across the Siegfried Line in September 1944, met the German Winter Offensive in December and finally overran the German positions in January 1945. Speeding on across the Rhineland, the 4th crossed the Bavarian borders in February 1945, raced across the Rhine in March and finally secured a bridgehead across the Main River at Ochsenfurt on April 3, 1945. At the end of the war the men of the 4th were once again stationed in occupation duty deep in the heartland of the enemy.

November 1966... deep in the hills and jungles of South Vietnam the men of the Ivy Division are once again meeting the strong arm of

aggression with the fighting traditions that have carried them through two world wars. The terrain is strange, the enemy tough and elusive; the challenge to the men of the division is real, constantly present, and unlike any challenge issued to the Ivy Division before. But the heritage and honor of Medal of Honor winners Staff Sergeant Marcario Garcia of the 22nd Infantry and Lieutenant Colonel George Mabry of the 8th Infantry, of the many men who have fought and died under the Ivy Leaf will be reborn again in the men of this division. In campaigns like Paul Revere and Seward, in outposts in Plei Me, Plei Djereng and Tuy Hoa the men of the Famous 4th will always be...

STEADFAST AND LOYAL.

## Montagnards Helped By 'Abandoned Wives'

Pleiku (4th Div. IO) — The "Abandoned Army Wives" of Ft. Lewis, Wash., whose husbands are serving with the 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam, are proving beyond a doubt that "someone cares."

Far from being "abandoned" as the name humorously implies, the Army wives

## WWI Veteran Recalls Division Move In 1918

Pleiku (4th Div. IO) — In August 1918, 48 years ago, the 4th Infantry Division was deployed to relieve the 42nd Division and pursue the Germans who were retreating toward the Vesle River in Germany.

Today the division's and Brigade is stationed in the Vietnamese Central Highlands to help strengthen Free World forces in Vietnam.

The similarity of dates of deployment and missions was noted by W. R. Forker of Youngstown, Ohio, in a letter to the commanding general of the 4th Infantry Division.

The 73-year-old veteran, a private first class in the Army in 1918, served with F Company, 47th Infantry. In his letter, Mr. Forker quoted orders received from I Corps directing the 4th Division to relieve the 42nd Division the night of August 2 and 3, 1918.

He added, "The 4th Division, under constant shell and machine gun fire, stayed continuously in action in the Meuse-Argonne for 24 days, a record unsurpassed by any other division — French, British or American — in the whole war."

Inclosed in Mr. Forker's letter was a clipping from his hometown paper dealing with the arrival and deployment of the division's and Brigade commanded by Colonel Judson F. Miller. The clipping together with Mr. Forker's memory of his own experiences enabled him to bring to light the unusual coincidence.

For more than a year Mr. Forker has conducted a campaign in the Youngstown area to promote letters to servicemen in Vietnam.

maintain close contact with their husbands through the U.S. Mail.

Captain Roger C. Miller, executive officer of the division's C Company, 4th Medical Battalion, and his wife Pat, who resides in Tacoma, offer an excellent example.

It all began with a letter from husband to wife typical of millions sent from Vietnam. In one particular letter Captain Miller mentioned the Montagnard natives in the villages surrounding the division's and Brigade base camp and their needs.

Working with the brigade civil affairs section, the captain offers medical assistance to the natives, and has frequent dealings with them.

"I casually mentioned a few items the natives needed," said the captain, "and Pat took it from there."

Indeed she did. With the assistance of fellow members of the "Abandoned Wives Club" — including Mrs. A. S. Collins Jr., wife of the 4th Division commander, and Mrs. David O. Byars Jr., wife of the 1st Brigade commander — Mrs. Miller set the wheels rolling.

The result was 11 huge cardboard boxes deposited at the entrance of Captain Miller's tent in Vietnam's Central Highlands.

"To say the least, I was both surprised and pleased," said Captain Miller. "Pat and the ladies back at Ft. Lewis really did a great job. I'm very grateful."

A department store contributed most of its left-over summer stock including toys and clothing. Hardware stores donated boxes of nails. Local motels gave soap.

"We're getting excellent support from the folks back home, making our job out here so much easier," commented the captain.

Sorting through the boxed goods, it became apparent that local Montagnard children will soon be sporting Tacoma Cubs baseball T-shirts — a contribution of that organization.

The thought behind 11 cardboard boxes, their contents, and the persons responsible for sending them all prove that "someone cares."



## Cast Your Ballot!

Time is running out for 4th Infantry Division troops who plan to participate in Tuesday's general elections in the United States.

Servicemen who have received their absentee ballots should — if they have not done so — promptly mark and mail them so they will reach local election officials before deadlines.

Your unit voting officer has all the information for your homestate. Check with him today. Most state deadlines are on or about election day.

Remember, exercise your constitutional guarantee — the right to vote — by casting your ballot through the U.S. Mail.

## Division Postal Personnel Offer Christmas Mail Tips

Pleiku (4th Div. IO) — With the Christmas holidays a few weeks away, troops of the 4th Infantry Division are reminded by postal personnel that now is the time for mailing packages to the States.

To insure delivery of gifts in time for Christmas, packages leaving Vietnam by surface mail must be sent early this month. Packages going air mail must leave before December 10.

Packages weighing less than five pounds paid at the fourth class rates are being sent to the States by air on a space available basis. Upon reaching the West Coast, they are treated as surface mail.

All packages mailed by military personnel, regardless of value, are given a duty-free exemption of \$50. The only requirement is that a statement reading "bona fide gift — with \$50 exemption claimed under

Washington (ANFB) — About 2,000 students are attending some 247 colleges and universities on Army scholarships under ROTC Vitalization Act of 1964. Additional scholarships are authorized yearly until 5,500 maximum are in effect by school year 1970-71.

Students' tuition, text books and lab fees are paid and they receive \$50 monthly subsistence allowance.

Public Law 89-368" be placed on the outside of the package.

Certain potentially dangerous items may not be mailed. Among these are ammunition, paints, matches, grenades and some types of plants. Servicemen in doubt about what items are mailable should consult Army Post Office authorities.

Outgoing parcels should be properly wrapped and secured with string to avoid damage in handling. Packages should also be clearly addressed to insure deliver.

## Six NCOs In 1st Bde Reenlist

Tuy Hoa (4th Div. IO) — Colonel John D. Austin, 1st Brigade deputy commander, administered the oath of enlistment to six noncommissioned officers during recent ceremonies at the brigade's base camp.

Prior to the formalities U.S. Army Vice Chief of Staff General Creighton W. Abrams Jr. commented that the men of the Ivy Division's 1st Brigade "are members of the best brigade we have."

Taking the oath of enlistment were First Sergeant Stanley E. Holland, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry; Master Sergeant Richard F. Lehmen, Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade; Sergeant First Class Robert F. Folt, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry; Staff Sergeant Ambrosia S. Jurando, Troop A, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry; Staff Sergeant Leonard F. Kudron, Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry; and Staff Sergeant Clyde R. Porter, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry.

Washington (AFNB) — Less than a year remains for WWII veterans to take advantage of GI guaranteed or insured loans. Next July 25 is deadline for WWII veterans eligibility.

The loan eligibility for WWII vets is determined by a formula which adds 10 years to the date of their last discharge plus one year for each 90 days of service.

Deadline for Korean War veterans is Jan. 31, 1975.



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# 3rd Brigade's Arrival Completes 'Ivy' Move To Vietnam

**Vung Tau.**— The 3,300 men of the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, disembarked at the port city of Vung Tau October 12 completing the Ivy Division in Vietnam and bringing U.S. troop strength in the war to about 325,000 men.

Colonel Marshall B. Garth, brigade commander, led a headquarters element and the

brigade colors from the troopship USNS Walker to the welcoming party ashore.

The official party included Lieutenant General John A. Heintges, deputy commanding general of the Military Assistance Command Vietnam; Lieutenant General Jonathan O. Seaman, II, Field

Force Vietnam commanding general; Major General Arthur S. Collins Jr., commanding general of the 4th Division; Major General William E. DePuy, commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division; and Colonel Do Ke Giai, 10th ARVN Division commanding officer.

The unit was also greeted by the 1st Division Band and petite lei-bearing Vietnamese flower girls.

The brigade, formed in October 1963, is composed of three infantry battalions, one artillery battalion, one cavalry troop, and organic supporting elements.



First ashore from the 4th Division's 3rd Brigade were the colors.

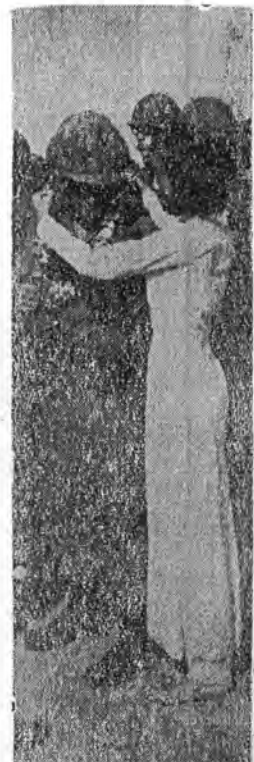


Lieutenant General John A. Heintges, deputy commander of the Military Assistance Command Vietnam, delivers the welcoming address to the 3rd Brigade.



The approximately 3,300 troops of the 3rd Brigade come ashore at Vung Tau. Their arrival upped U.S. Forces in Vietnam to 325,000 men.

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A young Vietnamese lady decorates a 3rd Brigade soldier with a traditional welcome lei.

## ARMY VICE CHIEF OF STAFF

# Gen. Abrams Visits Combat Elements Of Division

By Sp4 Richard Obermaier

**Pleiku (4th Div. 10)**—Combat elements of the 4th Infantry Division in the Central Highlands were visited by General Creighton W. Abrams, vice chief of staff, U.S. Army, during his recent inspection tour of South Vietnam.

General Abrams, accompanied by Major General Arthur S. Collins Jr., commanding general of the 4th Infantry Division and Brigadier General Glenn D. Walker, former commander of the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, and present assistant division commander of the 4th Division, inspected armor, infantry and artillery units during his tour.

Moving from area to area in a flight of helicopters, the vice chief of staff and party visited the forward command posts of the 2nd Brigade, 4th Division, and 3rd Brigade, 25th Division.

General Abrams, along with the two commanders, talked to several soldiers manning artillery and mortar pieces at the forward positions and questioned them on their equipment and jobs. Before his walk-through inspections of each command post, the visiting general attended a briefing and obtained a report on each unit's mission and patrols.

After a brief stop at a nearby Montagnard village, General Abrams and his party returned to the New Pleiku Airport where the general boarded an Air Force plane and returned to Saigon.



**ON PATROL** — PFC Roger K. Davis moves out through the underbrush while on a patrol led by Division Sergeant Major Thomas J. Tobin. (USA Photo by PFC Robert Kholos)

## Soldier First

# Division Sergeant Major Leads 'Staff' Patrol

By PFC Robert Kholos

**Pleiku, (4th Div. 10)**—The old saying that an Army man, regardless of his duty assignment, is always a soldier first is being put into practice by the 4th Infantry Division commanding general's staff.

A small patrol led by the division's sergeant major recently went on a six-mile tactical mission outside the base camp in search of Viet Cong or evidence that the V. C. had been there.

The five-hour combat patrol was made up of the commanding general's staff which included Private First Class Patrick H. Schmidt, stenographer; Specialist 4 Roger D. Anderson, driver; Private First Class Augustin H. Debellis, liaison driver; Specialist 4 Robert J. Hecht, orderly; Specialist 4 Jack H. DeLarm, staff clerk; and Sergeant Major Thomas J. Tobin, division sergeant major.

Sergeant Major Tobin, who was an infantryman during the Korean War, trained his men on the fundamentals of a combat patrol. This training

included fire and maneuver, using hand grenades, operating the M-79 grenade launcher, proper use of camouflage, how to keep the flanks and front secure while patrolling, and what to look for on the ground.

The patrol plunged through thick underbrush, elephant grass, streams, mountainous terrain in hot, humid weather, but failed to uncover any Viet Cong. However, certain evidence such as bamboo markings were found. This indicated the Viet Cong had been there.

Sergeant Major Tobin said that the men "learned very fast and did an exceptionally good job."

These patrols will go out at irregular intervals or when needed and will also be used as a reaction force in the event that another outside patrol comes under heavy fire.

In the future Sergeant Major Tobin says he will train other enlisted men as patrol leaders so that a number of patrol teams will be ready when needed.

# 'Charlie' Comes To Camp, Gets Red Carpet Care

By Sp4 Fred Karolski

**Pleiku (4th Div. 10)**—An informed Army spokesman revealed this week that "Charlie" had infiltrated the motor pool of Company C, 4th Medical Battalion.

"We all knew that 'Charlie' was here near us," the spokesman said, "but no one lost any sleep or worried about it." "Charlie" was wearing the traditional black "clothes" usually associated with him but he stood only six-inches high, perhaps the smallest "Charlie" in Vietnam.

"It wasn't his size though that caused us not to worry because 'Charlie' was still able to take sharp nips at us," the spokesman continued. He explained that "Charlie" is not a Viet Cong but rather a "Viet Dog."

"Charlie" was given to motor pool personnel by friendly Vietnamese who live in the village of La Son near the 4th Infantry Division's base camp. He has black, fluffy fur and white paws.

The spokesman, Private First Class Gus Baseleon of Chicago, a mechanic at the motor pool, said, "We issued 'Charlie' his own dog tag

with his serial number of 00 000 001. I outrank him though because he is only a buck private."

The mechanic feels that "Charlie" is a big morale booster in spite of his small size. "He provides us with a touch of home and takes our minds off other problems," PFC Baseleon said.

## 2nd Brigade, CIDGs Teamed

**Pleiku (4th Div. 10)**—Members of the 4th Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade have joined Vietnamese Civil Irregular Defense Group forces in conducting night ambush patrols near the brigade's forward area in Pleiku Province.

Vietnamese soldiers from the military reservation of Quan Thanh-An, located near the forward area, are integrated with 2nd Brigade troops. Utilizing the "buddy" system, the men patrol a different avenue of approach nightly.

The ambush patrols usually include American soldiers, Vietnamese soldiers and an interpreter.

# Job 'Well' Done By Engineers

**Tuy Hoa (4th Div. 10)**—Company A of the 4th Engineer Battalion of the 4th Infantry Division recently completed drilling the first well at the division's 1st Brigade base camp.

Dug with the help of Vietnamese workers, the well measures 40 feet in depth and holds 10 feet of water.

Construction of the well was under the supervision of the Pacific Architect and Engineer Company of California, contractors for the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

It is anticipated that three additional wells will be drilled at the base camp in the near future.

**NEW WELL**—A local construction worker observes the newly-dug well at the 1st Brigade base camp.

(USA Photo)

