

Increased Tempo In Francis Marion

1st Brigade Troops Smash Enemy Force

SAIGON—Mid-day last Sunday elements of the 4th Infantry Division's 1st Brigade raked an estimated North Vietnamese battalion, six kilometers south of Duc Co in Operation Francis Marion.

Company C, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry first made contact with what was first estimated as a NVA company at 11:30 a.m. The Ivymen reported receiving heavy 82mm mortar, B-40 rockets, small arms and automatic weapons fire.

The battalion's Company B, which was in a nearby perimeter, also started receiving automatic and small arms fire. Within a short time eight artillery batteries had massed their firepower on the attacking enemy.

More than 3,300 rounds of artillery pounded the

Communist force during the fierce battle. The heavy artillery barrages were given significant credit for chopping up the NVA force from which the Ivymen counted 124 bodies and took eight detainees.

The Ivy Division reinforced the two companies with two other infantry units which were air lifted into the battle area and a mechanized task force of tanks and armed personnel carriers. The 1st Brigade forces also seized large quantities of arms and ammunition from the enemy including 33 automatic weapons, assault rifles and machine guns, and three rocket launchers.

Friendly losses were reported as 19 killed in action and 38 wounded. Other late action late last week elements of the 3rd Brigade Task Force, 25th Infantry Division in Task Force Oregon killed 14 Viet Cong in scattered actions west of Duc Pho.

Also late last week, a Ivy Division long range reconnaissance patrol made contact with an NVA force, killing three.

The team led by Sergeant Camet C. Hawthorn (Rural Retreat, Va.) was inserted into an open area 15 miles southwest of Pleiku. They were met by immediate enemy fire.

"My radio man and I were startled when our point man began firing into the brush," related SGT Hawthorn. "There were at least four NVA down there waiting for us."

The team was immediately and safely extracted.

1st Bde CA Active

Civil affairs played an important part of operations for the Ivy's 1st Brigade as teams made 18 visits to different villages in one day and treated 407 Montagnards.

As part of a livestock improvement program, 15 pig troughs were built by 1st Brigade civil affairs personnel for the Montagnards.

"This is the first step in the program of livestock care and breeding," said Sergeant Eric H. Swanson (Spring Valley, Calif.), a member of the 1st Brigade's civic affairs section.

"We hope to eventually improve all the livestock breeds in the Province of Pleiku."

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VUNG DAT AM — The following fragmentary conversations were overheard at the 2nd Brigade base camp, 4th Infantry Division: "Lieutenant, contact Victor Charlie and tell them that supplies are on the way to their location"; "Three One, this is two six. Fire Mission"; "Able, this is Charlie, enemy concentration at coordinates 000001, request air strikes"; and "Fortified, give me Famous, please".

These are just a few of the thousands of calls made daily via wire and radio communications in the jungles west of Pleiku.

Making sure that everyone is able to communicate when they need to, is the job of the 2nd Brigade Forward Area Signal Center, commanded by First Lieutenant John B. Mott (San Francisco).

The platoon operates 55 telephone lines from its switchboard.

"We average over 800 calls a day," commented Lieutenant Mott. "There are three full-time operators — working eight hour shifts."

Radios play an important part in any operation and its the job of the battalion's maintenance to keep them working.

"Most of the time we can send a radio into base camp in the morning for maintenance and have it back to the unit by nightfall," reported Lieutenant Mott. "The platoon can also provide an integrated communications setup using wire and radio together," he added.

Support Units Change COs

CAMP ENARI — Two changes of commands within 4th Division support elements recently took place as Colonel Rex R. Blewett (Emmett, Idaho) and Lieutenant Colonel Emmett C. Lee, Jr. (Corsicana, Tex.), took over the Support Command and 4th Engineer Battalion respectively.

COL Blewett assumed command of the Ivy Division's Support Command succeeding Colonel Arthur B. Boudman.

In his farewell address prior to the passing of the colors, COL Boudman commented, "I do not leave with the customary mixed emotions. I leave with very definite emotions — but with no regrets. I believe that new concepts, new thinking and new ideas injected by new commanders are essential to a vibrant, vital organization."

Before the official change of command, Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commanding general, presented COL Boudman with the Legion of Merit for his "outstanding work in bringing the Support Command to Vietnam and to its present efficiency."

LTC Lee assumed command of the 4th Engineer Battalion succeeding Lieutenant Colonel Norman G. Delbridge (Detroit). The former commander received the Legion of Merit from Major General Peers.



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Camouflage-suited Ivymen

Circled By NVA Platoon

VUNG DAT AM — Camouflaged-suited Ivymen squatted motionless in the thick jungle foliage. Less than fifty feet away lay the body of a North Vietnamese Regular point-man.

Reacting swiftly to the burst of fire that felled the soldier, the remainder of the platoon — between 35 to 40 men — had flanked the Americans on three sides.

The next few terrifying minutes was to lead to each man receiving the Bronze Star for valor.

The Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP) had left its base at the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry's forward command post. They ran into more than they expected.

"We had spotted a couple of NVA north of our position," said Sergeant William Steffens (San Francisco), "so we moved a few meters south and set up our ambush. A few hours later our point man, Specialist 4 Francis Franscoviak (Francisville, Ind.), spotted a single NVA coming down the trail and got him with one burst.

"It was then we learned that

he was the point man for an enemy platoon."

As the enemy encircled the rigid LRRPs, an NVA officer began walking down the trail directly toward the hidden patrol with a drawn pistol.

"He spotted us," continued SGT Steffens, "and fired two shots almost point blank. We cut him down, then opened fire on the rest of the 'Charles' in view. I had time to yell 'May-day' over the radio before it was hit."

A sister LRRP patrol awaiting helicopter pickup nearby heard the signal call and directed the choppers to the vicinity of the besieged 4th Division unit.

Meanwhile, the patrol had killed five more NVA and then began running up the trail looking for a natural landing zone for the incoming choppers.

Two days later the patrol returned to the ambush site and found numerous pools of blood and blood trails.

Specialist 4 James Burke (New York) testifying to the closeness of fighting held up SP4 Franscoviak's bush hat. It had a neat bullet hole in the crown.

"I was kind of disappointed," said SP4 Franscoviak, "I had tried my damndest to look like a tree."

CIDG Forces Are Important Elements In Central Highlands

VUNG DAT AM—One of the most strategic elements in South Vietnam's Central Highlands fighting forces is the Civilian Irregular Defense Groups.

These groups are unique in that they provide protection for the hamlets of which they are citizens, and act as scout and intelligence elements of neighboring Free World forces.

Their talents, however, are not limited to combat. In a war where the objectives are the hearts and minds of the people, the CIDG becomes a vital link between success or failure.

Kpa Phok, a Montagnard squad leader working with the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry's civic action section is such a vital link. The 21-year-old soldier has been with the CIDG for five years.

"Kpa is a good soldier," said Specialist 4 David Hutto (Hialeah, Fla.), an advisor with a Fifth Special Forces Group "B" Team operating out of Plei Me. "He is very conscientious and is a hard worker," the specialist added.



BONNET, VIETNAM STYLE—Easter was a long time ago but Private First Class Stanley E. Meacham (New York) just got around to modeling his new headgear arrangement used by Ivymen of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry as they move through the grass lands west of Pleiku.

(USA Photo by SP4 Mick Harsell)



STEADFAST and LOYAL



Chaplain's Corner

One Man Many Men

By Chaplain (CPT) Rene P. DuFour

"He was a devoted son and a generous brother . . . he worked hard, played and prayed with vigor. He hated injustices and tried always to right what he felt was wrong. He did not live an easy life, but a good one. He was happy in his new work with the Montagnard people, for whom he had a real love and respect . . . It hurt him to see 'wounds crawling with bugs' and some sickness that he felt could be prevented by a more healthful diet and sanitation."

I was deeply moved by this letter from the mother of a young American soldier killed in an accident in a Montagnard village in central Vietnam. Some time before I had been privileged to say the first Requiem Mass for her son. Surrounded by fellow-soldiers from his own unit, we had gathered together that evening in our chapel to commend his soul to God.

The death of any soldier has a lesson for us. It reminds us, the living, that he has paid such a great sacrifice, and that we have done so little in comparison.

The great majority of our soldiers in Vietnam will not be asked to make the supreme sacrifice. But everyone of us can learn much from the death of this young man. It matters little whether he died in the heat of battle or due to accidental causes behind the lines; a soldier's death is a testimonial of love and generosity for one's fellow men.

He may not have had the answer for all of earth's woes; I doubt very seriously if any man has. There are some people, mostly non-conformists and beatniks, who would have us to believe that they do.

But history will some day prove that most of this world's problems are not solved by slogans or protest marches, but by unselfish love and sacrifices such as shown in the death of a young soldier who was trying to help some of his fellow men.

Whether in war or in peace, these are the real and genuine heroes who are leaving the world just a little bit better because God has mysteriously allowed them to pass by our way.

Promotion Policy Switches

WASHINGTON (ANF) — Chief of Staff General Harold K. Johnson has approved a liberalized promotion policy in US Army, Vietnam to permit accelerated promotions to the grade of E-4, E-5 and E-6 as recommended by a Department of the Army personnel survey team which recently visited Vietnam.

The following promotion authority was given:

No limitation will be placed by DA on the number of in-country promotions an enlisted man serving in USARV can receive if otherwise qualified.

Up to five percent of the authorized strength in USARV, up to three percent of the authorized E-5 strength, and up to two percent of the authorized E-6 strength may be promoted from the grade below without regard to time-in-grade and time-in-service criteria.

Silver Star

- SP4 Richard M. Miller Co. C, 2nd Bn (Mech), 22nd Inf
- PFC Francis H. Good Co B, 3rd Bn, 22nd Inf
- CPT Leon R. Mayer Co B, 2nd Bn, 12th Inf
- SSG Jessie J. Robinson Btry B, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SP5 Norman L. Ballance III Hq & Svc Btry, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SGT Gary L. Hipp Co A, 2nd Bn, 12th Inf

Bronze Star for Heroism

- MAJ Donald L. Galgano Hq & Svc Btry, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SSG Sammy D. Kay Jr Co C, 2nd Bn (Mech), 22nd Inf
- SP4 Lawrence E. Pollock Btry B, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SP4 Arthur W. Price Co B, 3rd Bn, 22nd Inf
- PFC Edward Cibulski Jr Co B, 3rd Bn, 22nd Inf
- CPT Ronald W. Lind Hq & Svc Btry, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- CPT George C. White III Co C, 2nd Bn (Mech), 22nd Inf
- 1LT Donald A. Kyle Btry B, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SSG Ernest Potter Btry B, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SGT Michael R. Hobing Btry B, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SGT Clyde J. Silva Hq & Svc Btry, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SGT Milburn R. Van Meter HHC, 3rd Bn, 22nd Inf
- SP4 Carl R. Bailey Jr Co A, 3rd Bn, 22nd Inf
- SP4 Anthony Jones Co A, 3rd Bn, 22nd Inf
- SP4 Terrance L. McCann Btry B, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SP4 Eugene V. Pacinella Btry C, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SP4 Patrick N. Peters Btry B, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SP4 Willie E. Russell Btry A, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SP4 Don B. Schulte Co B, 3rd Bn, 22nd Inf
- SP4 James B. Stanley Hq & Svc Btry, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SP4 Edwin L. Suttton Co A, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SP4 Ricky D. Thornton Co B, 3rd Bn, 22nd Inf
- SP4 Augustine Velasco Co B, 3rd Bn, 22nd Inf
- SP4 Steven P. Walter Btry B, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SP4 Ronald W. Zecca Hq & Svc Btry, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- PFC Baxter H. Ellis Co B, 3rd Bn, 22nd Inf
- PFC James L. Hatadis Btry A, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- PFC Michael A. Persaiano Btry A, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- PFC Richard H. Waterson Co B, 3rd Bn, 22nd Inf
- PFC Johnny Williams Co B, 3rd Bn, 22nd Inf

Bronze Star

- LTC Ralph W. Julian HHC, 2nd (Mech), 22nd Inf
- SP4 Teddy W. Steelman HHC, 2nd (Mech), 22nd Inf

Army Commendation Medal For Heroism

- SGT Edward F. Smith Jr Btry B, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SP4 Louis E. Antaya Jr Btry A, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SP4 John E. Johnson Btry A, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SP4 Leo C. Mondello Btry A, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SP4 James A. Payton Btry A, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- PFC Louis W. Carlson Btry C, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- PFC William R. Cole Btry C, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- PFC John T. Barr Btry C, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- PFC Keith S. Greene Btry C, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SGC James W. Kiser Btry B, 2nd Bn, 77th Arty
- SP4 Donald K. Rogers Co B, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf, Hq & Svc Btry, 5th Bn, 10th Arty
- CPT Francis J. Komornick Co C, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
- SP4 Fred L. Josjor Co B, 4th Engr Bn
- PSG Marsial Rosario Co B, 4th Engr Bn
- SP5 James E. Henry HHC, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- MAJ Robert F. Carr HHC, 2nd Bn, 8th Inf
- SGT Roberto Martinez Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- PFC Russell A. Pierce Co B, 4th Engr Bn
- 2LT Jimmy D. Napier Co B, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
- PFC Roy Bethel Co C, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
- SP4 Dennis P. Stiern Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- 1LT Michael G. Moffitt Hq & Svc Btry, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- MAJ William J. Bender Btry A, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- 1LT Stephen D. Clement Btry A, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- SP4 Roy H. Kuitz HHC, 2nd Bn, 8th Inf
- SP4 Claude M. Greene Jr Co A, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
- SP5 Niles H. Walters Co C, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
- PFC Merrell R. Greene Co C, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
- SP4 Danny D. Roumpf Co C, 4th Med Bn
- SP4 George A. Pippins Btry A, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- SP4 Walter D. Drozd Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- PFC Donald Kentner Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- PFC Ronald R. Emerick Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- SP5 George Pointer Jr Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty

PFC Tommy Ellerbe

- SSG Sam A. Keys Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- PFC Leo C. Martinez Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- 1SG Donald J. Judy Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- SGT James C. Lee Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- PFC Billy J. Walter Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- SSG Robert J. Avery Hq & Svc Btry, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- PFC Randy L. Voke Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- PFC Valeriano M. Flores Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- PFC David A. Stempf Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- PFC Emmitt D. Rhodes Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- PFC Richard Riebel Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- SFC Thomas J. Davis Jr Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- PFC Charles J. Griffin Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- PFC John A. Harasym Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- SSG Charles R. Dunn Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- SGT David C. Miles Btry C, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- SP4 Robert J. Stark Co B, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
- SP4 Jose A. Barrera HHC, 1st Bn, 14th Inf
- PFC John Teilly Co C, 2nd Bn, 8th Inf
- SGT Ronald J. Belch Hq & Svc Btry, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- SSG Hossis R. Toepker Co B, 2nd Bn, 8th Inf
- SFC Thomas M. McLaughlin HHC, 2nd Bn, 8th Inf
- SP5 Bruce A. Knipe Btry A, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- CPT Gunnar C. Carlson HHC, 2nd Bn, 8th Inf
- SP4 Leslie J. Callugas 2nd Bn, 8th Inf
- PFC Arnold Lamb Co C, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
- SP5 Randy D. Aldridge Co C, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
- CPT Edward D. Northrup Jr Co B, 1st Bn, 35th Inf
- PFC Gary L. Allen 170th Aslt Hel Co
- 1LT Robert C. Winters Jr HHC, 4th Avn Bn
- MAJ William Klim Jr Co C, 4th Med Bn
- SP4 Gonzalo Avina Co B, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
- PFC Alvy A. Alexander Btry A, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- PFC Hans G. Marx Btry A, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- SGT Leroy Stegall Co B, 1st Bn, 35th Inf
- 2LT Joseph R. Weis

Army Commendation Medal

- SP5 Paul R. Corn Hq & Svc Btry, 4th Div Arty
- SP5 Gary J. Valley Co B, 1st Bn, 14th Inf
- SP4 Kenneth C. McPhail HHC, 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div
- 1LT Charles D. Collins Co A, 124th Sig Bn
- SP4 Robert J. Duff HHC, 3rd Bde TF, 25th Inf Div
- SP4 Tony S. Nunez 119th Aslt Hel Co, 52nd Cbt Avn Bn
- 70th Sig Det, 52nd Cbt Avn Bn
- HHC, 2nd Bde, 4th Inf Div
- SP4 John B. Ray HHC, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
- SP4 Stephan L. Speck Btry A, 4th Bn, 42nd Arty
- SP5 Paul C. Heams 4th Admin Co, 4th Inf Div
- SP5 Kenneth A. Byrnes 155th Aslt Hel Co, 52nd Cbt Avn Bn
- SP5 David L. Perkins 4th Admin Co, 4th Inf Div
- SP5 Jim B. Schreiber Hq & Co A, 704th Maint Bn,

Air Medal for Heroism

- WO1 Arthur J. Ohmer Co B, 4th Avn Bn
- SGT David C. Cook 119th Aslt Hel Co, 52nd Avn Bn
- SP5 Milliard L. Hone Co A, 4th Avn Bn
- SP4 Ronald J. Wood Co A, 4th Avn Bn
- MAJ Fred W. Goodenough HHC, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
- WO1 Jerry L. Peppers Co A, 4th Avn Bn
- SP5 Alfred F. Cuzzo Co B, 4th Avn Bn
- CPT Ronald H. Bryce Trp D, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav
- SP4 Jose A. Martinez Co A, 4th Avn Bn
- COL James George Shanahan 3rd Bde, 25th Inf Div
- SP5 Donald C. Calhoun Trp D, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav
- CWO Loye D. Brown Trp D, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav

Air Medal

- MAJ Paul L. Bauereis Co A, 4th Avn Bn
- SMJ Lee Roy G. Patrick HHC, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
- SMJ Welter W. Schmakel HHC, 2nd Bn, 25th Inf
- MSG Edward J. Riley HHC, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
- MSG Wilburn K. Beverly HHC, 2nd Bde, 4th Inf Div
- SSG Harrison P. Mease HHC, 2nd Bde, 4th Inf Div
- SP6 Andrew Park Jr Co E, 704th Maint Bn
- SP5 Dennis C. Krol HHC, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
- SP5 Robert L. Therrien Co B, 4th Avn Bn
- SP4 J. C. Currier HHC, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
- SP4 Robert W. Haldane Co A, 4th Avn Bn
- SP4 Joel M. Knox Co A, 4th Avn Bn
- SP4 Charles R. Little Co A, 4th Avn Bn
- SP4 Stephen J. Petrina Co A, 4th Avn Bn
- SP4 Allen J. Simon Co B, 4th Avn Bn
- PFC Donald L. Brag Co B, 4th Avn Bn
- PFC Franklin C. Campbell Co A, 4th Avn Bn
- PFC Wolfgang T. Mohl Co A, 4th Avn Bn
- PFC Larry Steedy HHC, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf



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MACV Issues New Ration Card

CAMP ENARI—A new ration card has been issued by the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, (MACV Form 333) which changes the cost-levels of radios U.S. Forces personnel may purchase while in-country.

The old form, dated January 1, 1966, allowed two radios to be

bought worth \$20 or less and one radio worth \$20 or more. The new form, which is undated, permits purchase of one radio under \$20, one under \$30 and one over \$30.

The new limitations can be applied to the unused portion of the old ration cards.



A REAL VETERAN — LTC John P. Berres (Washington), commander of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, receives his third Combat Infantryman Badge from Colonel Charles R. Sniffin (Arlington, Va.), 2nd Brigade commander. (USA Photo by SP4 Steve Frye)

Keeping Inf Supplied Keeps Platoon Busy

By PFC Hugh Massey

LE THANH — Webster defines the word "support" as "to bear the weight of; to hold in position, keep from falling or sinking". A more exacting definition of the Support Platoon, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry could not be found.

Bearing the weight of an infantry battalion is an immense task, a task that covers a wide range of duties. Infantry companies in the field must be resupplied constantly with essential food, clothing and ammunition. It is Support Platoon's responsibility to see that all these supplies are loaded on helicopters and flown to the various fire bases.

From Division HQ to Forward Elements

Coordinating truck convoys between Division Headquarters at Camp Enari and 1st Brigade Headquarters at Jackson Hole is another responsibility of the Support Platoon.

First Lieutenant James Williams (Gordon, Alabama), leader of the platoon, says that driving on some of the unimproved highways between the two installations can be worse than driving in a snowstorm. Slick mud can greatly hamper the convoy's efforts.

At battalion headquarters at Jackson Hole, the platoon is currently engaged in a "beautification" program. It is designed to dress up the headquarters area by razing old bunkers and constructing new wooden buildings. There is also an effort to improve the grounds in the immediate area.

Who's First

Sergeant Paul Hardaway (Tyler, Texas), the platoon non-commissioned officer-in-charge, reported that the unit decided to establish a motto for the outfit. They decided on one and began to spread it around, writing it on their trucks and posting it where troops would be sure to notice. The 173rd Airborne Brigade claims they adopted the same motto—"WE TRY HARDER".

Regardless of who was first in Vietnam with it, the men of the Support Platoon, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry do try harder. They realize their key importance in the smooth operation of the battalion.



HEAVE-HO — Men of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry bring a huge log into their fire support base during a bunker-building project. The Ivymen specialize in overhead cover for protection from the enemy's frequent mortar attacks. (USA Photo by SP4 Mick Harsell)

No Sense of Defeat

Fights Wall Of NVA Lead

By SP4 Robert Boudreaux

VUNG DAT AM—Second Lieutenant Gary V. Rasser (Red Cloud, Neb.) sat on an empty ammo box and watched the remnants of his platoon file by on their way for hot chow. As they passed the "Red Warrior" officer, each man would smile and crack a joke with him.

They had just met "Charlie" on his own ground, a unit twice their size, and sent them running. The lieutenant was one of the heroes of the day.

"Things really started when third platoon became pinned down by 'Charlie' during a sweep," recalled 2LT Rasser. "The rest of the company moved up on line to aid the platoon, but Charlie began mortaring us and throwing out heavy small arms fire."

Thus began a deadly game of combat chess between a well-disciplined North Vietnamese Army force and the Red Warrior company. Most of the enemy were equipped with the Chinese-made AK-47 assault rifle.

As the company moved on line, Charlie made his move. With lightning speed the NVA charged between the first and second platoons, surrounding and battering the second, then assaulting the first.

Fought Through Line

"There was a line of NVA in front of us," said 2LT Rasser, "so we fought our way through that and reached what was left of the second platoon. We began to pull everyone back to the patrol base and discovered another line of Charlies."

Carrying the wounded, the Ivymen fought their way through an almost solid wall of enemy lead. Moving through the third line of NVA the Americans linked up with the weapons platoon.

The lieutenant and his radio-telephone operator, Private First Class Thomas A. Garty (Flint, Mich.), spearheaded each attack through the enemy lines.

At times the Ivymen engaged the enemy in hand-to-hand combat. A grenade hit the lieutenant in the leg and failed to go off. Mortar shrapnel whined passed, mingled with the buzz of enemy bullets. The men moved through.

No Sense of Defeat

"The lieutenant went through four M-16s and one machinegun," commented PFC Garty. "When it seemed we had no where else to go he would be up and charging straight at Charlie."

"I don't know how we made it out alive. There were Charlies all over the place."

Somehow they made it. Led by an Ivymen who had no sense of defeat the men battled their way back to the company's patrol base. There they prepared for an all-out enemy assault that never materialized.

Leave Time Limitations Set By DOD

WASHINGTON (ANF) — The Department of Defense has announced specific time limitations for special 30-day leaves granted personnel who extend for six months beyond the normal 12-month tour of duty in Vietnam.

The new modification permits leave to begin up to 60 days after the individual's normal rotation date where individuals were unable to take leave earlier due to operational commitments.

Previous policy was that special leave had to be taken within 30 days after normal DEROS. Leave may still begin not more than 90 days before normal DEROS.

Current plans do not provide for any 60-day leaves for those serving extended tours in RVN.

Third CIB Awarded To Battalion CO

By SP4 Steve Frye

VUNG DAT AM—The dedicated soldier serves his country well during peace time as well as during times of war.

In times of war this soldier is required to put forth a greater effort in defense of his country, his family and the American way of life.

Typical of these dedicated soldiers is Lieutenant Colonel John P. Berres (Washington), commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division. On July 12, Colonel Berres received his third Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB). The badge was presented by Colonel Charles R. Sniffin (Arlington, Va.), 2nd Brigade commander.

"I will wear this badge proudly," said LTC Berres.

First CIB In 1944

The lieutenant colonel received his first CIB in August 1944. At this time, he was a staff sergeant with the 112th Infantry, 28th Infantry Division in Normandy.

During the Korean War, Colonel Berres served as commanding officer of Company A, 15th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division. He received his second CIB in December, 1950.

Colonel Berres relates that

there is quite a difference in the Korean War and the war in Vietnam.

"In the Korean War we were either advancing or withdrawing. Our mission was to kill the enemy," said the "Panther" leader. "This is not so simple in Vietnam. Our mission here also includes finding the enemy. In the Korean War the enemy was easily found."

More Responsive

The colonel said that he had noticed in each new war that the men were more responsive to command, that their attitude was better and that the men were more dependable.

"This one year rotation policy is a good policy. The men know that if they go all out in doing their job the time will pass faster," said the battalion commander.

"The young man in Vietnam loves his country and has as much or more pride in personal accomplishments as the soldiers of the past," he added.

LTC Berres seems to think that the morale of the infantryman is higher than that of his buddies at home.

"The challenge of facing death ties men together," said the three-war veteran.

Observation Post Spots Reconnoitering Enemy

VUNG DAT AM — A well-camouflaged enemy patrol learned recently that over confidence doesn't pay off when they are dealing with the "Regulars" of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry.

The patrol was apparently trying to make a reconnais-

sance of the "Regulars" fire support base under the cover of heavy rain when they were spotted by an observation post.

Private First Class Martin E. Kispert (Baltimore) commented later "I had just got out to the observation post (OP) when I started seeing brush move."

"At first I thought it was part of our own sweep," he added, "so I stood up to see and I saw they were Viet Cong."

Standing near a machinegun bunker fifty meters behind the observation post, Sergeant Walter A. Burger (McDowell, West Va.) saw PFC Kispert running toward the bunker.

"He was yelling, 'They're coming, They're coming!'" said SGT Burger. "I didn't believe it at first but then I saw a bush get up and start walking. As soon as Kispert was in we opened up on them."

The enemy force, described by PFC Kispert as "ten to fifteen men," received a hail of fire from a machinegun, several M-16s and a grenade launcher. Impending darkness prevented the unit from going after the enemy patrol.

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By CPT Lee
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MOBILE BOARD A HELICOPTER

IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE . . . AW, I GIVE UP!



FIND THE SOLDIER?

You shouldn't be able to find the soldier in the above picture. Hidden in the trees and bushes are 17 members of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, after a class on camouflage given by the battalion commander, LTC Thomas G. Roselle (see if you can find him in the picture). (USA Photo by SP4 Mick Harsell)

'Fixers For the 4th'

Keep Ivy Guns Booming

CAMP ENARI — Keeping the Ivy Division guns booming is a round the clock job for the men of 704th Maintenance Battalion. Providing support maintenance to the 4th Infantry Division, men of Headquarters and Company "A" Armament Platoons perform repairs on all kinds of weapons from the .45 caliber pistol to the big eight inch howitzers that protect the base camp and support men in the forward areas.

Under the supervision of Warrent Officer Don Dowdy (Cleveland, Tenn.), the armament platoon takes pride in its ability to repair just about any kind of fire control instrument or weapon.

The armament platoon consists of three sections, an artil-

lery section which repairs howitzers, mortars and large guns; a fire control section which specializes in work on sights and instruments used to direct fire; a small arms section which repairs individual and crew-served weapons such as rifles, machineguns and pistols.

Field Artillery Section
The field artillery section is supervised by SP5 Harold Denman (Yakima, Wash.).

"We have plenty of work," according to SP5 Denman, "and many of these weapons such as the towed 105mm howitzer were about to be phased out of the Army weapons system, but over here they've found them indispensable. We have to replace some worn parts on these weapons because of their age but

once we've worked on them, they're good as new."

In the small arms shop, SP4 Kenneth Green (Cleveland) is kept busy repairing the many small arms and crew-served weapons that are brought in everyday.

Green has had seven months of actual field experience having been attached to the First Cavalry Division and later to the 69th Armor as the unit armorer. In the field SP4 Green packed his tools and spare parts on his back and traveled right along with the infantry troops.

Prefers The Field

Comparing his job in base camp with the first seven months, SP4 Green said, "I liked it in the field, it was more exciting and less formal than base camp."

Keeping small arms repaired is an endless job for the specialist and others in the shop. "We just about always have a backlog of 20 to 30 weapons to repair," according to SP4 Green.

Besides the permanent small arms shop in base camp, Headquarters and Company "A" has a mobile shop van that can perform repairs on the spot.

"This saves units in the field a lot of time in getting minor repairs done because they don't have to bring the weapons into the base camp," claimed Mr. Dowdy.

Fire Control Section

The fire control section is the most technical and exciting of all the sections in armament platoon. Many lives can depend on the accuracy of sights and fire control devices.

Keeping the Ivy Division's weapons going is a full time job not only for WO Dowdy's platoon, but also for contact teams of "C" and "D" Companies of the 704th Maintenance Battalion. Each of these companies has a direct support armament contact team located near the area where troops are operating enabling them to give service at a moment's notice.

Medic Hoped Never To Utilize Training; Not The Way Of War

By SP4 Robert Boudreaux

VUNG DAT AM — Private First Class John Stroud (Seattle) was trained as a combat medic. Like all medics he hoped never to utilize his trade. But, in war it is this trade that means life or death for the wounded soldier.

In a lonely valley in Vietnam's Central Highlands, the "Red Warrior" medic found himself the only medic in Company B alive with the Ivy unit cut off by an enemy force estimated to be

at least twice their size.

When PFC Stroud's platoon leader was hit in the leg by an enemy bullet during the initial phase of the contact, he rushed over to aid him. Off to his right, another man was hit by mortar shrapnel.

"It all happened so fast I didn't have time to think," said young medic. "Guys were taking shrapnel wounds all around me and Charlie was putting out heavy small arms fire all around us."

Disregarding the intense enemy fire, the "Doc" ran from wounded to wounded treating each man and moving the more severely hit back to the company's patrol base to be evacuated.

"Charlie had us surrounded," recalled PFC Stroud, "and he kept dropping mortars wherever we turned."

As metal whined all around the tall medic's head he pushed back to the company's patrol base along with the remainder of the company. All into the afternoon, as the battle raged around him, PFC Stroud tended his men. They asked for little and he gave them all he had.

When help came with the arrival of Company C, PFC Stroud, resupplied by the dust-off choppers, was still at work treating the minor wounded.

Only when his company was returned to the "Red Warrior's" forward fire base did the medic pause long enough to eat. Then began the medical paper work that inevitably follows every battle.

'Panther' Top Is Really Top

VUNG DAT AM—All soldiers refer to their first sergeant as "Top." He is the one who sees that the troops are taken care of and who is their go-between with the "old man."

Typical of these dedicated soldiers is First Sergeant Ernest E. Hoskies (Elizabeth City, N.C.), "Top" of Company B, 2nd Battalion (Mech), 8th Infantry.

"Top is the right word to use in describing the first sergeant," said Specialist 4 Andy Womack (Murfreesboro, Tenn.). "He is always number one when it comes to getting mail, cold beer, hot chow and the other extras out to the forward units. In addition, he has to take care of the administrative duties back at the Oasis."

ISG Hoskies knows what the men want. He is a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. In the Second World War, he was a dispatcher with the 67th Ordnance and during the Korean conflict he served as a first sergeant in the 24th Infantry Division.

"Top" is a hard working man," described First Lieutenant Richard Eaton (Wakefield, Mass.), commanding officer of Company B. "We are fortunate to have such a man as our first sergeant," he added.

The first sergeant says that it gives him a great deal of satisfaction to see that the men in the field get the supplies they need — no matter how much work is involved.

"They're out there fighting this war and someone back here in the rear has to see that they get the supplies when they need them. I'm proud to be able to do that," said the veteran soldier.

Stunned NVA

LE THANH — A shocked and dazed NVA soldier was captured recently after one of his comrades walked into a trip flare and exposed him and 14 other NVA while they were wandering through the jungle west of the 1st Brigade headquarters at Jackson's Hole.

The NVA patrol walked into the flare just after sunset. Several of the enemy managed to avoid the flares before one of them ignited illuminating the whole perimeter.

The patrol, realizing what they had done, immediately took an about face and scattered into the darkness — all except one. When the flare ignited, he instantly fell to the ground and remained there until sunrise.

The flares were set up for the night as protection by Company C, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry.

The next morning, a platoon from the company was sent out around the perimeter to search for the enemy. They found the stunned and dazed soldier still hiding in the underbrush.

Apparently, the flare had frightened him to such a degree that he lay there in a semi-state of shock in the thick jungle growth until the platoon found him.

Supplyman Is 'Sugar Daddy'

VUNG DAT AM — The "Red Warriors" of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry is one of the few units in Vietnam which has a "sugar daddy".

The man with so sweet a title is Specialist 4 Paul H. Gibson (Trenton, N.J.), resupply specialist for the battalion's line companies. It is his job to see that all supplies brought to the battalion's forward fire base, destined for further dispersment, reach the proper destination.

He is everyone's friend. Prior to entering the service, SP4 Gibson enjoyed much the same success. He worked as inventory assistant and representative of the Stuckey Pecan Shop; an East Coast candy firm with shops from New Jersey to Florida.

"I developed quite a sweet tooth while working at the shops," said the specialist, "and being in Vietnam has only increased it. My job with the Army is much the same as that of Stuckey's, except the variety of sweetstuffs is not as great and 'Charlie' was nowhere around to sample our wares."

"Tons of supplies come through our channels every day, and there is no room for mismanagement. It's an assignment that sometimes doesn't make one's outlook very sweet."

'Monkey Shines' Keep Recon. And 'Regulars' Busy Beating Bushes

VUNG DAT AM — It all seemed like "monkey business" to the men of Company B, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry.

First there was a report from a reconnaissance patrol way out in the jungle saying that an NVA had been sighted in a tree and several more on the ground below him. Then, B company was brought in by chopper to a nearby landing zone to sweep the area.

The company moved 500 meters through the thick jungle toward their objective the first day and then made camp.

Waving Bamboo

The next morning, the first platoon moved out in the lead. As they neared the place the NVA had been sighted, the point man looked out across a draw and saw bamboo waving.

"We saw three shapes over there," said Second Lieutenant Jerry Lindsay (Enon, Ohio), leader of the first platoon. "From that distance they could have been humans, but I've never seen a human run head first down a tree and that's what they did."

After crossing the draw the company reached the spot they'd been given as the NVA position with no further excitement. The reconnaissance patrol was still in position across the river so B Company gave them a call.

Couldn't Be Seen

"They said they had seen NVA on the ground but they couldn't see us," said 2LT Lindsay. "We were in bamboo."

"We cut a tall bamboo pole and put a sandbag on the end waved it around. They saw it and said that was where the NVA had been. We still didn't see anything so we continued our sweep. When we were leaving I saw another monkey going across the tops of the bamboo."

Rain, Slush, Mud

4th DIVISION'S APO ON THE GO

CAMP ENARI — Problems, problems, problems!

Everyone has them and at times it seems one can never get rid of them, especially personnel of the 4th Infantry Division's Postal Section.

No matter how hard or how late they work, they are continuously faced with daily problems of receiving and sorting "in-coming" and "out-going" mail; selling postage stamps, postal money orders and parcel post stamps, and weighing individual packages as well as answering questions anyone might have concerning rates, postal zones and insurance.

During the first quarter of 1967—January thru March—the post office handled 44,220 money orders which amounted to some 2.5-million dollars.

These figures rose considerably during April, May and June to nearly 3.5-million dollars in sales with 55,733 money orders issued.

Too Many Money Orders

"This is entirely too much," explained 1LT Monty W. McCall (Fresno, Calif.), division postal officer. "Individuals, especially those coming in, should make out adequate allotments to accommodate their savings. This would lighten the heavy money order load which continues to grow every day."

In addition to the money order sales problem, the post office also faces the heavy pile of stamp sales. Like the 26 percent increase in money order sales, the post office handled \$43,539.50 in stamp sales during the first quarter of the fiscal year and \$70,681.20 in the second—a 40 percent increase.

This increase can be attribut-

ed to the large influx of additional personnel as well as individuals rotating back to the States mailing their personal items home. It is also due to the recent establishment of a branch Post Office at the main Post Exchange.

Long Waiting Line

As a result of their present limited facilities, the division's APO's face still another problem—a long waiting line. Although this may be considered only the soldiers' problem, it is still of great concern to the personnel working in the post office.

"It is hoped that the new Post Office building with its improved facilities which will include more windows and a larger lobby which will disperse the discouraging, long waiting line," the lieutenant hopefully added.

Another problem the 29-man crew copes with in their attempts to make the three-times-a-day mail-run to Pleiku is the common everyday problems of the "monsoon" rains, muddy roads and vehicle repairs.

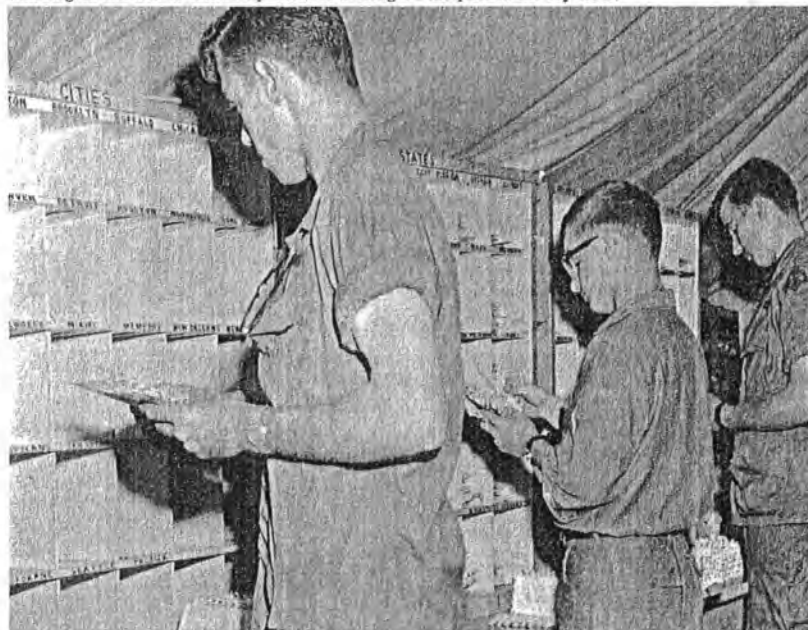
Mail To The Boonies

Not only does the post office maintain their Pleiku mail-run, but they have postmen aboard the different helicopters commuting between the division's Camp Enari Base Camp and its different units—3rd Battalion, 25th Infantry; 2nd Brigade's Oasis base camp and 1st Brigade's Jackson Hole.

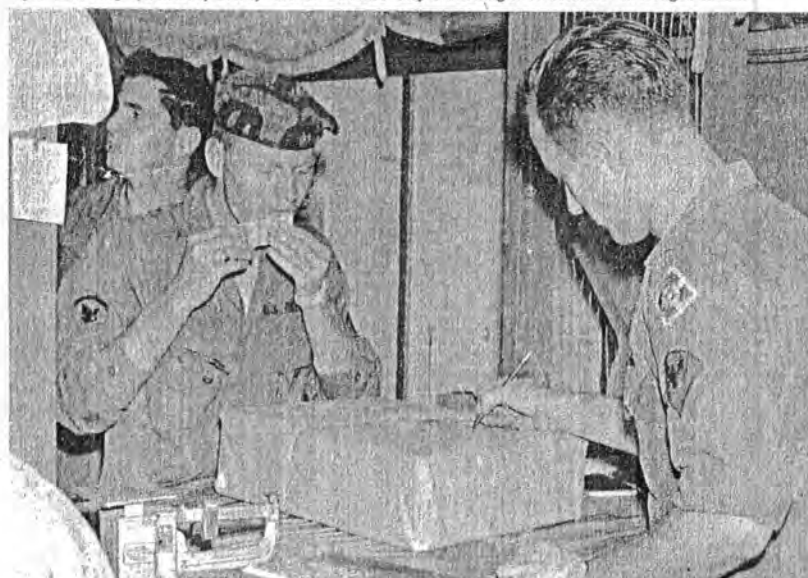
Also, the post office manages branch APO's at each of these units. Handling well over 25,000 "out-going" letters per day, the men begin work promptly at 8 a.m. and often find themselves still at it around midnight in order to get the soldier's mail to him as soon as possible.



POSTMARKS THE EASY WAY—As PFC Dean Hamilton (Baldwin Park, Calif.) demonstrates, postmarking thousands of letters by hand is a thing of the past in the Ivy APO.



MIAMI, MEMPHIS, SAN ANTONIO—Sorting letters home is a daily, day-long chore for the men of the 4th Division's Postal Section. PFCs John Head (El Cerrito, Calif.), Joseph Crow (Pittsburgh) and Lyle Mahoney (Waukon, Iowa) attack another day's onslaught of soldiers' messages home.



MAN, THAT TASTES GOOD!—SP5 Jerry Howell gets his stamps ready as postal clerk SP4 Peter Aviko (Chicago) prepares his package for mailing.

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SP4 Al Seagroves
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SP4 Ronald Sato



MONEY GOING HOME—PFC Fred Popenoth (Cleveland) makes out one of the thousands of money orders that the postal section handles each month.



FLYING PX—PFC Nelson Thompson (Philadelphia), left, operates a traveling PX for his unit, the 1st Battalion, 96th Artillery. A ¼-ton trailer, loaded with sundry items, is slingloaded from a CH-47 helicopter at the unit's Pleiku base and then flown to the unit's various outposts.

(USA Photo by SP4 Mick Harsell)

Slingloaded Trailer In Field Serves As Special Jungle PX

VUNG DAT AM—The "Regulars" of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry have more than one reason to be happy that they've got C Battery, 1st Battalion, 96th Artillery in their firebase.

The fire support given by C Battery's 155-millimeter towed howitzers is the main reason, of course. But, the jungle Post Exchange (PX) that serves C Battery is an added benefit for the regulars.

The jungle PX is the nickname the men have given to the service provided by Private First Class Nelson Thompson (Philadelphia) of the 96th's base at Artillery Hill near Pleiku to the 4th Division's 2nd Brigade Headquarters at Vung Dat Am.

The trailer is slingloaded to a CH-47 Chinook helicopter which airlifts it to the Regular's fire support base. As soon as he arrives, Thompson sets up shop.

PFC Thompson has learned what to stock in his mobile PX. "I try to guess what they want," he explained. "Film and deodorant are the two biggest sellers and the new men want cameras. We also sell quite a few radios."

The popularity of the service is shown by the brisk business. "I usually sell almost everything I bring out," PFC Thompson added.

'Warriors' In 8 Hour Fight

Burst Of Small Arms Fire Breaks The Quiet Morning

VUNG DAT AM — "We had just strapped on our gear and were about ready to move out. Then off to our right there were a couple of bursts of automatic weapons fire."

It had been a peaceful night for Specialist 4 Alberto Lopez (P.R.), a squad leader with Company B, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, and the day dawned bleak and grey as if in omen of events to come.

Within a few minutes a burst of small arms fire would signal the beginning of eight hours of hell as the "Red Warrior" company battled an NVA unit determined to destroy the Ivymen during Operation Francis Marion along the western border of South Vietnam.

With A Nervous Puff

"Our third platoon went on a sweep to link up with Company C," continued the specialist. He puffed nervously on a half wet cigarette as he once again went through the longest day of his life. "They ran into heavy small arms fire and were pinned down."

"Our company commander called for the second platoon to go out and help the third platoon break contact. They too

came under heavy small arms and sniper fire, but were able to pull back far enough to be joined by the remainder of the company. We then moved on line and prepared to go after the third platoon when suddenly 'Charlie's' mortars began falling all around us.

"I have never seen anything like it in my life. Everywhere we turned there were mortars falling. Charlie seemed to be firing on us from all sides. Somehow Moors (Private First Class Charles W. Moors, Rochester, N.H.) and myself fought our way back to the patrol base."

Stop For Wounded

As they fought their way out of the hail of enemy mortars and bullets the two men stopped to aid their wounded buddies and helped them back to the fortified perimeter.

"There were wounded everywhere," said PFC Moors, "most of the guys were getting hit from the shrapnel. I don't know how the two of us made it like we did. I guess somebody up there likes us."

The two men fired magazine after magazine of ammunition at the elusive, camouflaged enemy as he flitted from bush to bush.

"Charlie was getting ready to assault," commented SP4 Lopez, "and we were firing as fast as we could. When we got back to the patrol base there were already a lot of the guys back. A lot of them were wounded and the medics were calling in 'dust-offs'."

"There was a medic who must have been some kind of superman. He was everywhere pulling the wounded into the perimeter, treating them and working to keep them from going into shock."

To The Rescue

Company C, discarding its gear in an effort to speed to the rescue of the beleaguered Ivy unit, arrived at the patrol base a few hours later and relieved the battle-weary men.

"Those guys don't know how good they looked," said PFC Moors. "When they came in I guess Charlie figured we were too much for him, and never assaulted our position."

It was a hard day. For two Ivymen, it was a good day to be alive.

The Ivy unit inflicted heavy casualties on the NVA. Sweeping the battle area the next day, Ivymen discovered 150 enemy bodies.

'Warrior' Mortarmen Are Unaware of Fire During NVA Assault

VUNG DAT AM — When enemy mortar rounds begin falling on the forward fire base of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, everyone scurries for the nearest bunker or foxhole; everyone, that is, except Staff Sergeant Marion A. Wims (Blakely, Ga.).

No, the "Red Warrior" is not

Cavalry Discovers NVA Spot

VUNG DAT AM — The men of the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry's forward command post can sleep well—knowing the "Bisons" of Troop D are on the job.

On a recent patrol southwest of the command post two squads of Troop D found four enemy mortar positions and a complex bunker system.

"The mortar positions were freshly dug," said Specialist 4 Louis Veloz (Pacoima, Calif.), teamleader, "and there were footprints all around the bunkers."

"We blew up the bunkers and caved in the other positions. The footprints led away from the enemy position and blended in with numerous other prints on a nearby trail."

"The positions were well camouflaged," commented Private First Class Earl A. Lloyd (Warwick, R.I.), point man and discoverer of the positions. "I almost went right by them. They were less than 2,000 meters from our command post."

As the men were crossing a large rice paddy, Private First Class Danny L. Bolin (Casey, Ill.) radio operator, began looking for some solid ground on which to cross. He took one step and ended in mud up to his neck. "It was Bolin's first patrol in that type of terrain," said SP4 Veloz. "I yelled to him, but it was too late. He had already taken the step."

The remainder of the trip was a repetition of men stepping off into chest high water buffalo wallows and irrigation pits.

But, the men didn't mind. They were returning to a hot meal and dry clothing.

Superman in disguise, nor has he taken leave of his senses.

When the cry of "Incoming mortars" is heard Sergeant Wims hastily assembles his 4.2-inch mortar platoon and proceeds to give Charlie some of his own medicine.

"We can't hide when 'Charlie' tries to bring smoke," said the veteran of countless mortar attacks. "Once we receive the coordinates of his location we can return counter-mortar fire. My men often find themselves lobbing rounds out while incoming rounds explode around them, flinging shrapnel everywhere."

"Of course, we don't only fire when fired upon," continued SSGT Wims, "our mission is to support all of the companies of the 'Red Warrior' Battalion, and that we do well."

Indicative of the platoon's effectiveness was the tremendous coordination and firepower displayed once during an all-out enemy assault on the battalion's firebase. Oblivious to the hail of small arms fire and flying shrapnel, the platoon slammed round after round into the NVA ranks and broke up what was obviously a well-planned attack.

Since January of this year, the mortarmen have thrown more than 23,000 4.2-inch rounds at the enemy.

"And," commented SSGT Wims, "we don't intend to stop."

'Panthers' Find Complex

VUNG DAT AM—North Vietnam Army soldiers may find that some of their mess facilities and living quarters are a little "messed up" should they decide to return to an area some 11 kilometers southeast of here.

While on a patrol, Company C, 2nd Battalion (Mech.), 8th Infantry found a bunker complex estimated to be company size.

There were approximately 100 bunkers in the area and extensive work had been performed on overhead cover. In addition, mess facilities were found in the complex.

The bunkers were set up in a perimeter with two machine gun positions stationed at strategic locations and seemed to have been used within the last three weeks.

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