

# Give A Damn



SOMEBODY UP THERE LIKES US!

The citizens of Cincinnati were offered the opportunity to send greetings to Ivymen through this cartoon by the local newspapers. The cartoons have started to arrive in the division and will be distributed by the Red Cross. The Doughnut Dollies have been responsible for implementing Operation Helpmate in the 4th Infantry Division. See story page 2.  
(Reprinted from The Cincinnati Post And Times Star)

## Bullets Follow Freeway Just Two Days Behind NVA Force

By PFC Ralph Springer  
DAK TO — Captain Roger Bohannon (Bellingham, Ore.) finally cleared the

base camp on a hilly ridgeline 12 miles from the 1st Brigade's firebase at Dak To.

After one uneventful night, the two companies again moved out on the trail and soon began encountering deeply dug and well fortified positions on a steep

... named Lieutenant James R. Warren (Hartsville, Tex.) to the new position. Warren was previously the executive officer of the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry. The new office, which is common to stateside installations, will continue operations on post under the control of the division staff. This will allow the staff more time to deal with the conduct of tactical operations. Operations which will continue under the control of the post commander include maintenance and snack bar, mail station, civilian labor coordination of activities, civilian engineer post transportation functions may be in the future.

### LOST & FOUND

DAK TO — There's probably a mad North Vietnamese soldier roaming the hills around Dak To with long fingernails and no way of opening his cans or lighting his cigarettes. Searching a sturdy underground bunker in an NVA base camp, discovered by two companies of the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, an Ivymen found a short piece of string with a small cigarette lighter, a homemade nail clipper and a well-used American C-ration can opener attached to it. The NVA who left it behind can claim his property at the Bullets' firebase by presenting a Chieu Hoi pass and his weapon.

## 3rd Brigade Finishes 102 NVA After Heavy Gunship Spray

SAIGON — The Ivy Division's 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry was engaged in a battle lasting less than two hours with a rear echelon North Vietnamese Army company near Hoi An on South Vietnam's northern coast which netted 102 dead enemy. Two companies of the 3rd Brigade's Cacti Green were airlifted into a rice paddy area on a search mission some seven miles southwest of Hoi An, 375

miles north of Saigon, at 10:25 a.m. Shortly after the landing, a small, bubble-domed helicopter screening the area spotted five men in uniforms and carrying weapons. The OH13 helicopter opened fire on the five men when an entire platoon broke into the open. Helicopter gunships sprayed the area with rockets, machine

gun and cannon fire. The remaining NVA were spotted hiding along a creek bed. By noon the bulk of the fighting was over and by 6 p.m. the Ivymen had swept the surrounding rice paddies and reported finding 102 NVA bodies. The gunships were credited with 87 of the NVA killed while only four Americans were reported wounded in the lopsided battle.



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### MG Peers Praises Battalion

## Five Dragoons Get Silver Star

DAK TO — Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander, awarded the Silver Star to five men, and in so doing paid tribute to the valor of the entire 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry.

"I have nothing but the greatest admiration for the men in all the companies (of the battalion)," the general said during a medal presentation ceremony which took place on the helicopter landing zone of the battalion's firebase southwest of Dak To.

General Peers' remark came after he had pinned the Silver Star upon five heroes of the battalion's eight-day battle against a multi-battalion force of North Vietnamese.

Receiving the medal, which is this nation's third highest honor for valor, were Second Lieutenant Charles W. ... and ...

(Glenside, Pa.), Staff Sergeant Raymond Ortiz (Earth, Tex.), Staff Sergeant Johnny E. Washington (Miami, Fla.), and Private First Class Douglas A. Dettman (Munster, Ind.).

General Peers said the battalion's four companies killed at least 355 North Vietnamese while losing 36 of its own during the eight days of fighting between Nov. 4 and 11.

"And frankly, what you have done here," the division commander continued, "will be long remembered in the history of our country."

and rocket ... area and two of the ... had crude ladders leading ... top of them where the NVA ... built wooden platforms for ... obstructed observation of ... valley below.

### Just Behind Them

"We're only about two days behind the element that was just here," CPT Bohannon said, surmising by observing some ripples left behind by the NVA.

An elaborate and well-protected command bunker was discovered near the center of the hills with sandbags, kitchens, sleeping quarters and a medical aid bunker.

Near the bunkers, proboscis men found clothes, hats, armbands, devices, rice and medical pills. On the trail, CPT Bohannon uncovered a list of an NVA squad noting names, assigned AK47 weapons and the amount of ammunition each was to carry.

"It would have been a tough job fighting up this hill," ... NVA were still occupying it," said First Lieutenant Robert Fackler (Winter Park, Fla.), an artillery forward observer, looking over a local village.



ON TIGHT!—MAJ Harvey F. Miller (Houston, Tex.) hangs to his Montagnard playmate during the trial run of a slide rail at Camp Enari, 4th Aviation Battalion. (USA Photo by ...)

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# \$500-Million Pay Hike Starts Oct

CAMP ENARI — A \$500-million military pay proposal has been sent to Congress by President Johnson. The increase calls for a flat 5.6 per cent across-the-board boost in basic pay for all military personnel.

The President recommended that the increases take effect on Oct. 1, 1967. Thus when the bill is approved the increase will be retroactive. Expected to be passed before Christmas recess, the raise will almost be a Christ-

mas bonus for the military. In proposing this bill President Johnson said "For our military personnel, pay alone can never reflect the full measure of our debt. On the battlefields, in outposts where there

is tension but no battle, in the vast defense installations of our country, these men and women protect our national security. We must assure them and their families that they will be compensated for their service on a

scale which is that of their co-workers. As a GI, you should be paid up, so should the Armed Services." The pay scale below is the new pay rate.

Pay grade	2 or less	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over
<b>OFFICERS</b>														
O-10	\$1503.90	\$1557.00	\$1557.00	\$1557.00	\$1557.00	\$1616.40	\$1616.40	\$1740.60	\$1740.60	\$1865.10	\$1865.10	\$1989.30	\$1989.30	\$2113.80
O-9	1332.90	1367.70	1397.40	1397.40	1397.40	1432.50	1432.50	1491.90	1491.90	1616.40	1616.40	1740.60	1740.60	1865.10
O-8	1207.20	1243.50	1272.90	1272.90	1272.90	1327.70	1327.70	1387.10	1387.10	1491.90	1491.90	1616.40	1616.40	1740.60
O-7	1002.90	1071.60	1071.60	1071.60	1071.60	1119.30	1119.30	1184.10	1184.10	1243.50	1243.50	1367.70	1367.70	1462.20
O-6	743.10	816.90	870.30	870.30	870.30	870.30	870.30	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	929.40	929.40	982.80
O-5	594.30	698.40	746.10	746.10	746.10	746.10	746.10	769.50	769.50	769.50	769.50	787.80	787.80	816.90
O-4	501.60	610.20	651.30	651.30	651.30	651.30	651.30	668.70	668.70	668.70	668.70	687.10	687.10	707.40
O-3	466.20	520.80	556.20	556.20	556.20	556.20	556.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20
O-2	373.50	443.70	532.80	532.80	532.80	532.80	532.80	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20
O-1	321.00	355.20	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70
<b>OFFICERS WITH OVER 4 YEARS' ENLISTED SERVICE</b>														
O-3				615.90	645.30	668.70	704.70	739.80	769.50	769.50	769.50	769.50	769.50	769.50
O-2				550.50	562.20	580.20	610.20	633.60	651.30	651.30	651.30	651.30	651.30	651.30
O-1				443.70	473.70	491.40	509.10	526.80	550.50	550.50	550.50	550.50	550.50	550.50
<b>WARRANT OFFICERS</b>														
W-4	474.60	509.10	509.10	520.80	544.50	568.20	591.90	633.60	663.00	686.70	704.70	728.10	752.10	810.60
W-3	431.40	468.00	468.00	473.70	479.70	514.80	544.50	562.20	580.20	597.60	615.90	639.60	663.00	686.70
W-2	377.70	408.60	408.60	420.30	449.70	458.00	465.70	503.10	520.80	538.80	556.20	573.90	597.60	639.60
W-1	315.00	361.20	361.20	390.90	408.60	426.30	443.70	462.00	479.70	497.40	514.80	532.80	550.50	573.90
<b>ENLISTED</b>														
E-9						452.40	532.10	551.40	564.30	576.60	589.20	601.20	632.70	694.20
E-8						378.30	390.30	402.60	415.50	428.90	442.80	457.10	471.90	487.10
E-7	284.40	340.80	353.40	366.00	378.30	390.30	402.60	415.50	428.90	442.80	457.10	471.90	487.10	501.90
E-6	245.10	297.60	309.90	322.50	335.10	347.10	359.70	373.00	387.00	390.30	402.60	416.90	432.10	448.10
E-5	211.50	260.70	273.00	285.00	303.90	316.20	329.50	343.80	358.10	373.40	389.70	407.00	425.30	444.60
E-4	177.50	223.20	235.50	254.10	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70
E-3	128.70	179.70	192.30	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60
E-2	106.20	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80
E-1	102.30	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20
E-1 (under 4 months)	95.70													



SGT J...  
 HHC, 1st Bn, 35th Inf  
 Co C, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf  
 Co B, 1st Bn, 14th Inf  
 SGT Lawrence R. Wilkey—HHC, 2nd Bde, 1st Inf Div  
 SP4 Tommy L. Latham—Co B, 1st Bn, 14th Inf  
 CPT William C. Pratt Jr.—Co C, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf  
 SGT James L. Smith—Co B, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf  
 SGT Frank J. Mullen—Co B, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf  
 Posthumous Silver Star  
 PFC Eugene Naylor—Co E, 1st Bn, 35th Inf  
 Distinguished Flying Cross  
 CPT John L. Gedelman—HHC, 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div  
 Soldier's Medal  
 CPT Donald M. Scher—Co C, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf

## Chaplain's Corner

I remember the hot sultry morning that I arrived in Vietnam. I was quite certain that

## We Do Give A Damn

EDITORS' NOTE: The city of Cincinnati adopted the 4th Infantry Division last April through Operation Helpmate. Since that time they have supplied the division with a multitude of items for use by men in the field as well as in base camp. The Red Cross Recreation girls "Doughnut Dollies" have been distributing the gifts.

... weeks went by with... speed, I often thought... man, whose name I did... know, but whose philosophy... would always remember... Every day that I spend here... doing my job is a counting day... no matter what I do or where I am, every day here counts.

Every month... publicized program... Division have receive... a list of the things the GIs... most.

If you belong to the majority of Americans who have been sickened by the antics of the antiwar demonstrators; have felt frustrated as to how you can best express your approval and support of the troops in Vietnam, then Helpmate is one answer.

All you have to do is get together with the members of your church, your fraternal club, or the people where you work, and decide on what month you'd like participate.

Somewhere in Vietnam your gift will help terrible loneliness that is a daily part of a GI's life. It will remind him that we in Cincinnati do indeed give a damn.

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# Regulars Attack NVA Position Three Times Before Nightfall

BAN BLECH (1/22)—The men of Company C, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, saw quite a bit of action during the month of November.

Recently, the company, commanded by Captain Lee Kleese, was moving down a trail with the 2nd Platoon at the point position. The point element spotted two North Vietnamese sitting off to the side of the trail and exchanged fire with them, pursuing them farther down the path.

As they moved farther up the trail, they came in contact with another individual. Once, again, fire was exchanged, and as the individual fled, the 1st Platoon point element with the company's headquarters group, gave chase.

### Regulars Assault

The lead element had moved about 1,500 meters up the trail, when they were again in contact. By this time, the elements involved consisted of 13 men: the 1st Platoon point element, led by First Lieutenant Dennis Daggett and CPT Kleese with the headquarters group.

CPT Kleese immediately organized an assault on the enemy positions with grenades and

small arms fire. The assault was hit by fire on three sides. "If you had held up one finger, it would have been hit. The fire was that thick," remarked 1LT Daggett.

The first assault was forced back by the extreme fire. The remainder of the 1st Platoon and one squad of the 2nd Platoon joined the assault team.

Gunships were summoned in an attempt to dislodge the enemy from their positions.

### One More Time

With reinforcements on hand, a second assault was begun which forced the enemy to a quick retreat. Withdrawing to a line of well-protected secondary positions, the North Vietnamese weren't easily routed and once more the assault group was forced to pull back.

Again, gunships were called in to provide cover for the re-

moval of casualties.

A third assault was attempted, and had fought its way well into the enemy positions before it too was halted. This assault team consisted of the 1st and 2nd Platoons.

Following the third assault, a reinforced squad was sent to secure a landing zone for the evacuation of wounded and ammunition resupply. CPT Kleese then drew the company into a perimeter for the night and requested further gunships and air strikes.

The following morning, a sweep of the contact area disclosed at least 100 bunkers and defensive positions. The enemy force had escaped during the night, taking their dead and wounded with them.

There was strong evidence that the enemy had sustained heavy casualties.

## Writer Returns To Pen Dak To Battle History

CAMP ENARI—"The biggest battle in the Central Highlands to date and perhaps quite significant," declared Edward Hymoff, military historian, upon his return to the Ivy Division to add additional chapters about the Battle of Dak To in his division history.

The author, who covered the fighting in the Ia Drang Valley and Chu Prong Mountains in his book about the 1st Air Cavalry Division, pointed out that the Ivy Division's infantrymen could look back with pride at the massive defeat they had inflicted on the enemy.

The North Vietnamese regiments, he pointed out, were far superior to the enemy who had engaged the 1st Cavalry in November, 1965. "After all," he declared, "he had two years of additional combat experience since that first slugging match two years ago. Also, the Ivy Division had a solid year of combat under its belt. What occurred was a natural progression of events."

Mr. Hymoff surmised that the Ivy Division "despite the disadvantage of not being allowed to pursue the enemy units into diplomatically 'off limits' areas across the nearest borders still has managed to inflict great damage."

"You might say that the Iyemen from the 1st Brigade and the additional supporting troops from the 173rd Airborne Brigade, the 1st Cav's 1st Brigade and the ARVN all defeated the enemy despite having one hand tied behind their backs," he added.

Mr. Hymoff declared that inasmuch as the Battle of Dak To was so significant, he decided to return to the division and research additional facts to add this important military campaign to the book. He admitted that the book will be "somewhat delayed" but it will now cover a segment of the division's history about which all Ivy soldiers can take pride.

Information about the Ivy Division's Vietnam history can be obtained from the division information office.



NOBODY, NOTHING—Neither rain nor sleet nor NVA can keep this 1st Brigade mailman from his appointed rounds. Not even the Battle Of Dak To was able to keep mail away from the Iyemen. (USA Photo)

### Price Was High

## Braves' Fear Helped Fight A Lot

By SP4 Andy Pipon

DAK TO (3/12) — The men from the 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry feel that fear may be one reason why they did such a fine job of combating North Vietnamese efforts to control the hills surrounding Dak To.

The mountains, which were the scene of some of the worst fighting in Vietnam, brought out the one sense most men try not to show—FEAR.

Every man who knows his life is at stake has all the more reason to be afraid because life is the highest price any person can pay. When the Braves were asked how fear affected them in recent battles, most expressed similar feelings each in his own way.

"I was so scared that my mind didn't do much thinking. The only thing I concentrated on was that we were on the hill to do a job and that was to take the top," said Specialist 4 Gaystright (Joplin, Mo.). He

is a rifleman with the Apache reconnaissance team who assaulted Hill 1338.

Staff Sergeant Homer Fox (Burnsville, N.C.), a Company A squad leader, explained that fear may be a hindrance or a benefit to a man under fire.

"Fear helps a man when it makes him take action without thinking about the danger involved. The moment he gets time to stop and think, he may be useless until someone gives him a good kick to get him moving again. I think fear makes a man more aware and deliberate with his movements," said the sergeant. SSG Fox was in the first enemy action at Dak To on Hill 1338.

Another rifleman, who fought on the hill, answered how fear affected him with deep sigh. "I really couldn't tell you what made my legs move up that hill because I was so scared. I guess it was only natural. I was afraid of what the enemy would

do to us if we didn't take the hill," he added.

Captain Donald M. Scher (Huntington Station, N.Y.), Company C commander, remarked that every man is instilled with fear but it increases with pressure.

"The pressure was on all of us every time we met with the enemy but the fear of the men seemed to be put out of their minds. Most of the men reacted as ordered and they did the best job of fighting that any company commander could expect of his men. I think an explanation of fear is that every man pondered that he might not perform to the best of his ability."

## Dragoon Walks Up Hill He Rolled Down Before

DAK TO — A head popped up; a machine gun began to clatter; and Specialist 4 Jimmie A. Wright (Center, Ala.), pointman for a five-man reconnaissance team, did the only thing he could to stay alive.

He tumbled backward down the steep, vine-covered slope he and his platoon had just scaled.

Minutes later, Captain Ronald Collins (Smithtown, N.Y.), Company B commander, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry, called for the team to pull back and directed artillery and air strikes upon the trench-infested summit of Hill 1294 near Dak To.

Afterward, all of Company B started back up the hill ready to tangle with the enemy.

Private First Class Robert D. Sherry (Sand Springs, Okla.) led the artillery back up the

hill, guiding the 105mm shells on target. The rounds whistled over him, exploding about 75 meters to his front.

At one point, jagged shrapnel started falling too close to PFC Hillsberry's lead element. He lifted the targets a few meters farther forward and continued walking up the hill all the time calling for more shells.

The hill was silent when Company B reached the peak a second time. Only a case of North Vietnamese mortar gun ammunition and the deserted trenches remained.

The enemy, apparently a stay-behind force for a larger unit which had once held the hill, had vanished — or perished — when the Dragoons cut loose with their arsenal of bombs and artillery.



ON THE ATTACK—Iyemen of the 1st Battalion during a combat assault near Pho... normally works with the 3rd Brigade



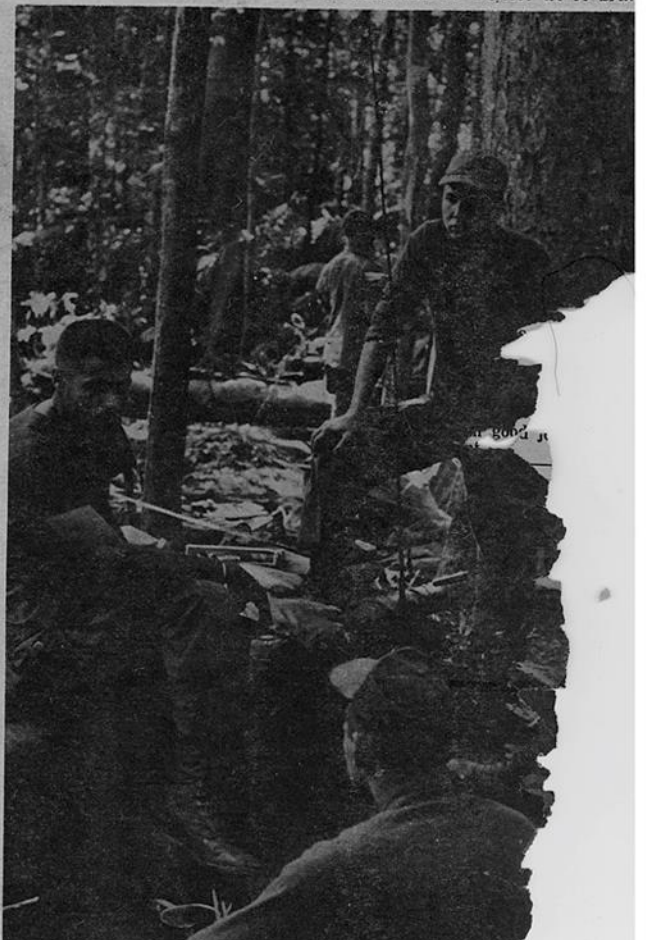
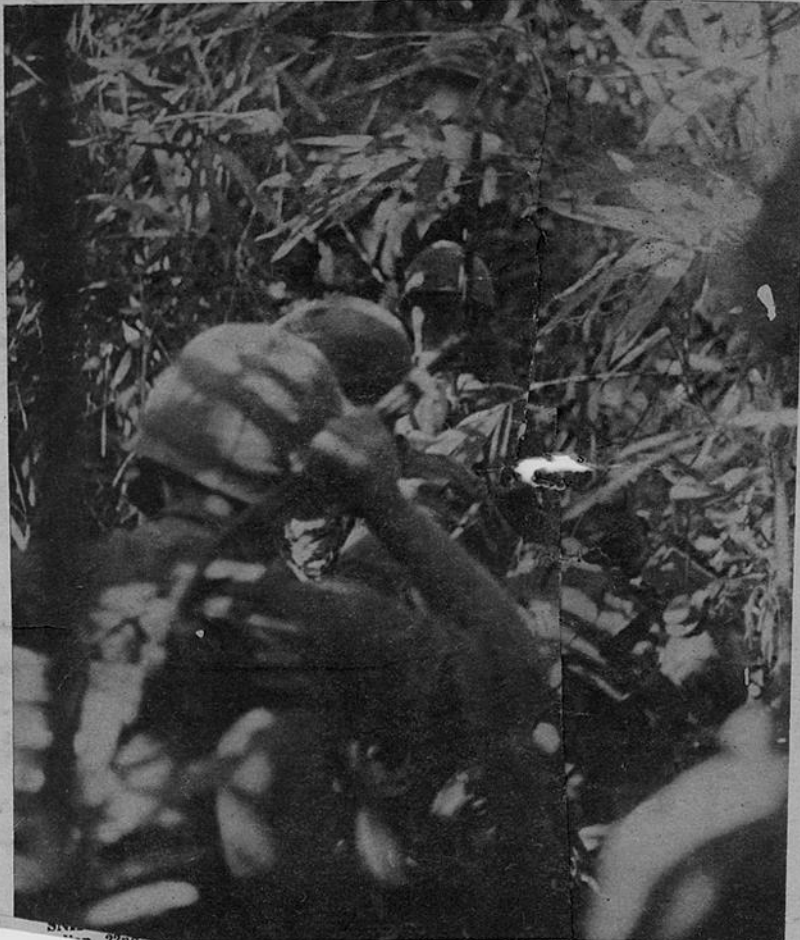


3RD BATTALION, 12TH INFANTRYMEN POUR OUT OF A 4TH AVIATION BATTALION HELICOPTER NEAR DAK TO.



IVYMEN CHOW DOWN IN A BAY

# RING AROUND DAK TO—



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SO THICKET WHILE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS NEAR DAK TO.

IVYMEN WIND THEIR WAY THROUGH THE TALL JUNGLE GRASS NEAR DAK TO.



DISCUSSION.

DRAGOONS ARE ALL EYES AS THEY KEEP A SHARP WATCH THE ENEM

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MacArthur.



# Ivy's Headhunters Fly Record 1,000-Hour

By PFC William Gruber  
**CAMP ENARI** — To the "Headhunters" of Camp Holloway, visual reconnaissance is the name of the game — and they play it for keeps.

During November, the 4th Platoon, 219th Reconnaissance Airplane Company (RAC), flew a record-breaking 1,000 hours in support of the 4th Division and attached units, while increasing their enemy sightings by 90 per cent.

A celebration of that occasion got underway last week at the Headhunters' headquarters at Camp Holloway as Lieutenant Colonel Robert P. Story (Griffithville, Ark.), Ivy Division intelligence officer, and First Lieutenant Joseph Thornton (Raiford, Fla.), a Headhunter pilot, touched down in one of the platoon's Birddog (O1D) aircraft marking the month's 1,000th hour.

"When I came to the 4th Division almost four months ago, I learned of your efforts and as time went on learned to like your kind of people," said LTC Story. "What I really admire is your 'can do' type of attitude whenever something comes up. You have made a tremendous contribution to the 4th Division's job of surveillance."

The 219th RAC arrived in Vietnam in June 1965, as the second O1D outfit in the war torn country.

## Variety Of Missions

"The fixed wing 'Birddog' aircraft which seats a pilot and one crew member is preferred over rotary-wing aircraft for visual reconnaissance," explained Captain Charles W. Barnes (Fort Walton Beach, Fla.). "They fly longer before refueling, offer better vision, and are faster than choppers, thereby less vulnerable to enemy fire."

The platoon is called upon to perform a variety of missions in addition to their daily surveillance flights. Primarily their mission is to gather intelligence, and when necessary, to direct ground fire against enemy positions. On some occasions they will employ the Birddog wings attached to make low sweeps to lob grenades or shoot at the enemy. "It's one of the last glamorous jobs left in Vietnam," commented CPT Barnes. "You're up there all alone in search of the enemy, and when you find him you try to destroy him with whatever you can get your hands on."

A ground unit aerial observer

or one of the crew chiefs mans the rear seat in Birddog operations, and what they can usually get their hands on includes a large assortment of grenades, an M-16 rifle and sometimes a machine gun.

## One Bird Lost

In over 2½ years of scanning the Central Highlands the 4th Platoon has lost only one aircraft to enemy ground fire.

While on a mission in late September, Warrant Officer Theodore R. Fiedler (Holyoke, Colo.) and First Lieutenant Hansford Bohanon (Comfort, W. Va.) turned up a nest of enemy

anti-aircraft guns which opened up on their airplane.

"Bohanon was flying high ship and I was in low ship," explained WO1 Fiedler. "I spotted something and dropped down to take a look. There were three enemy anti-aircraft positions beneath the trees. They opened up on me, I was hit and crashed on the side of a hill about 300 meters away."

WO1 Fiedler and Specialist 4 Jack King (Coos Bay, Ore.), his crew chief and observer, were uninjured. They were rescued with the help of 1LT Bohanon who made several

passes and marked their position.

## In Greater Demand

As for the record-breaking month, Captain Joseph S. Davis (Austin, Texas), 4th Platoon commander, attributed it to a greater demand for their services due to the intense situation at Dak To and their ability to meet that demand.

"I can't speak highly enough of our pilots, crew chiefs and maintenance men," said CPT Davis. "They are an excellent group."

"These men have a sincere desire to do the job and provide

the best support possible Major Fletcher H. Maffett (S.C.), 219th RAC commander.

Adding to this, 2nd First Sergeant Raymond Reirsan (Minneapolis) says has been in the Army 22 years and has, "never seen a company with as much esprit de corps as this one."

The steak and ale celebration got under way after LTC Story was dubbed an honorary Headhunter and presented with the traditional wood-carved replica of a Headhunter.

How did the company come to be known as the "Headhunters?"

"Well, we hunt brassards. VC and the NVA value them. I explained Sergeant First Class Eddie D. Frazier (Battle Creek, Mich.). "Meanwhile we drop leaflets warning them that we are headhunters, and if we don't give up, we'll have their heads."

## Warrior Knocks Off Two NVA

**BAN BLECH** — The 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry was on a search and destroy mission near Ban Blech when they came upon a heavily traveled trail. First Lieutenant Sherill Clements (Fort Pierce, Fla.), platoon leader, decided to set up a hasty ambush.

Platoon Sergeant Raymond A. Coulter (San Francisco) deployed his men at a 45-degree angle to the trail and began the long wait. A sister element had made contact earlier in the day killing one enemy soldier. More were expected to travel the apparent infiltration route.

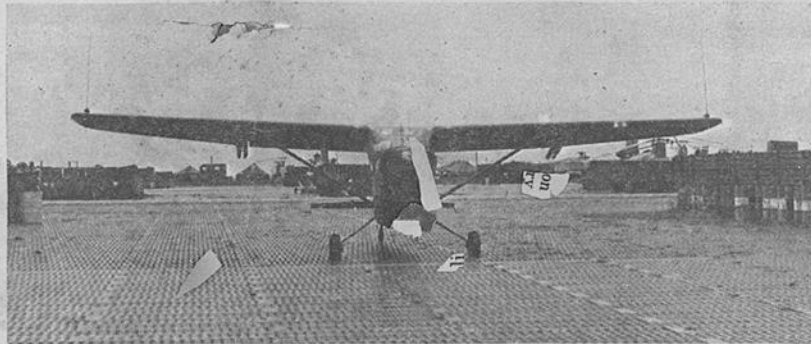
Private First Class Hector N. Santiago (Brooklyn, N.Y.) put out a claymore mine in the curve of the trail.

Thirty minutes later PFC Santiago heard movement. Glancing up, he spotted two North Vietnamese armed with an AK-47 rifle and an old U.S. Springfield. The Ivyman waited until his success was sure and let go with the mine killing both enemy soldiers.

When PSG Coulter heard the explosion he crawled to investigate.

While observing the NVA PFC Santiago cried, "Sarge, What did I do?"

"You did a damn good job," replied the sergeant.



**GRAND LANDING**—One of the 4th Platoon, 219th Reconnaissance Airplane Company's nine O1D Birddog aircraft touches down to mark a record breaking 1,000-hours of flying time in support of the Ivy Division last month. (USA Photo by PFC Bill Gruber)

## For Passengers Only

# Two Ivymen Open Terminal

**DAK TO** — The knotty problem of matching men with available helicopter rides from Dak To to Camp Enari has been solved by a pair of enterprising 1st Brigade Ivymen.

The "Dak To International Airport" passenger terminal, a brainchild of First Lieutenant Ivan Pierce (Boise, Idaho), 1st Brigade assistant adjutant, officer, and Chief Warrant Officer J.R. Walters (Sanford, NC.), the brigade's food advisor, was, in two short weeks, almost eliminated the confusion in dispatching men from the brigade's Dak To fire base to the division base camp area.

"It doesn't look real professional right now," said LT Pierce, gesturing towards the ammunition crate benches. "As we get passengers in daily we casually detail a few to help

build up the terminal. Pretty soon we'll have a nice place."

In small letters on the main identification sign is the phrase, "A Subsidiary of Teeny-Weeny Airlines, Inc."

"This passenger terminal works closely with 'Teeny-weeny Airlines, Inc.' which is actually the 1st Brigade's aviation unit," said CWO Walters.

Presently in early stages of its

## Panther's Wife Just Laughs

**VUNG DAT AM** — Specialist 4 James H. Kilgore (Whitwell, Tenn.), 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry, was surprised to hear of the expression on his wife Ann's face when she heard he had received an injury. Ann burst out in tears, tears of laughter.

While loading a 500-pound refrigerator to be sent to the battalion fire support base at Dak To last month, SP4 Kilgore received a broken finger when the refrigerator landed on his hand.

"They (his helpers) were pushing when I was hollering stop," commented the specialist.

SP4 Kilgore wrote his brother Paul a letter, telling him of his accident, but had failed to mention his misfortune to his wife. His father heard the news and told his son's wife of the news.

"Did you hear what happened to James," the specialist's father said with a serious expression on his face.

"No," answered Ann. "He broke his finger," reported SP4 Kilgore's father.

At the relief of this news, Ann broke into tears of laughter. "I'll fix her when I get home," commented SP4 Kilgore jokingly.

projected development, the air terminal is outfitted with two parachutes for overhead cover and homemade benches that seat 30 people.

"We are slowly improving though," said 1LT Pierce. "We now have a tape recorded message that instructs people to check-in, take a seat and wait for an outgoing aircraft."

There is no priority involved in catching a ride back to Camp Enari or other Pleiku area stops, according to CWO Walters. The terminal is run on a strictly first come, first served basis.

Averaging about 40 men a day, the Dak To air terminal is handling an ever-increasing load. "We hope someday to rival the major airports of the world in service," added CWO Walters.

"Of course, we're non-profit. We didn't plan it that way but that's the way it's turned out," he quipped.



**SNIPER FIRE**—SP5 Tom Newberger (West Bend, Wis.), 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, crouches down beside a Montagnard hut upon by an enemy sniper during Operation Home. (USA Photo by SP4 James Doyle)



**TEENY-WEENY AIRLINES, INC.**—Their planes don't fly but service is tops and if you're short of cash you can charge fare according to 1LT Ivan Pierce (Boise, Idaho) who is serving a new sign announcing the business. (USA Photo by PFC Ralph)





**IT'S ALL IN THE FAMILY**—Although almost two decades apart, 2LT Werner Chamberlain (Stockton, Calif.), Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, is serving with the same unit his stepfather served with in 1953. It's also 2LT Chamberlain's second assignment with the unit since 1964. (USA Photo by 124th Sig En)

# Ivyman Pens Poem Thinking Of Home

**DAK TO**—Private First Class Michael A. Anderson (Dayton, Ohio) is just 18-years-old, but he has lived beyond those years in terms of the experience which makes men of boys.

He's the radio operator for Captain Terence M. Bell (Plymouth, Mich.), commanding officer, Company D, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry.

For more than two weeks, the youth fought alongside his captain in the bamboo-covered mountains and valleys south-west of Dak To. At one time,

pinned down by machine gun fire, he watched black ants crawl up and down his arms while waiting for the order to move up a hill toward a hidden enemy.

At another time, he grabbed his radio and rolled into a fox-hole while a tree-borne sniper fired at him.

When he came back to the 4th Division's forward base at Dak To, he ran into his best friend, who used to live across the street from him in Dayton. Together the pair chatted for hours about "the old days."

That night he pulled his air mattress from his tent and, using only the moonlight for light, wrote a poem to the friend, Specialist 4 Darrel Malone. Parts of the poem, called "Thoughts of Home," are as follows:

"You go to your room, get out your pad,

Write poems of things that make you sad.

You're gone now, you're not back there

But you're going home and to that you swear.

You're not there, not anymore.

You're over here with me, in a man's war.

We are both fighting, fighting for our lives,

Praying to the Lord, we'll try to take wives.

Once we were boys without sin.

Now we're grown, killing other men.

Blood on our hands, scars in our minds,

We pray again to get out of these binds.

Once we leave this God-forsaken land,

We will kneel in silence and fold our hands.

We will pray to the one up above:

Thank you dear Lord, for your love."

## Second Of Family With Unit

**DAK TO** — Although almost two decades apart, two members of the Chamberlain family have helped make Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry the fighting unit it is today.

Second Lieutenant Werner Chamberlain (Stockton, Calif.), now a platoon leader with the company, and his stepfather have both served with Company A.

Lieutenant Chamberlain's stepfather was the company's first sergeant when the unit was in Germany in 1953. Today, in Vietnam, 2LT Chamberlain is perpetrating the tradition.

Entering the Army when he was 20-years-old, 2LT Chamberlain first joined Company A in 1964 as a sergeant when the battalion was at Ft. Lewis, Wash. He stayed with the unit, attaining the rank of staff sergeant and heading a platoon in 1966 when he decided to go to Infantry Officer Candidate School.

After receiving his gold bars at Ft. Benning, Ga., the lieutenant commanded a basic training company at Ft. Bragg, N.C., before coming to Vietnam.

As fate would have it, 2LT Chamberlain was assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, commanding the same platoon he formerly served with as platoon sergeant.

## Three Thankful Men

# Bullets Fail To Explode Mine

**DAK TO** — Three 1st Brigade Ivy men can be thankful their claymore mine didn't explode when they triggered it one night on a company listening post (LP).

Specialist 4 David Stalder (Hooker, Okla.), Private First Class Robert Warden (Downers Grove, Ill.) and Private Larry

Skelton (Joplin, Mo.) were manning a listening post which Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry had established beyond their night location perimeter.

"We were sitting there staring into the darkness," said SP4 Stalder, "when we began hearing voices to our front. We called the command post and reported it. They said to sit tight and observe for a little while longer."

Soon, the three men heard a radio crackling in the night. Other listening posts around the company's night location also reported hearing voices and movements around them.

"We decided to blow our claymore and make it back inside the perimeter," SP4 Stalder recalled. "I motioned the other guys to start towards the perimeter and then triggered the claymore and started back myself."

I got back to the perimeter and realized that the claymore hadn't fired."

Another listening post had triggered its claymore and rushed back to the perimeter after hearing voices and movement. The small group waited several hours before venturing back to their guard positions.

"We didn't hear any more voices after the other LP blew his mine," PFC Warden said, "so we moved down the hill to check out our claymore to see why it hadn't gone off."

Reaching the deadly, buckshot-filled mine, the three men found that it was facing up the hill towards the listening post. A trip flare had also been dismantled and tied to a tree.

## Short-timer Steps On Grenade

**DAK TO** — Sergeant Mike Napurano (Elizabeth, N.J.) is so short he is stepping on North Vietnamese grenades. He's only 4 feet 10 inches tall, and he's only two more weeks left in the Army.

Napurano, a squad leader in Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, was moving with his squad through a marshy area about 10 miles from the 1st Brigade's firebase at Dak To.

He had just moved from our position on a hilltop," Napurano said, "and had a stream when the call that NVA bodies had been spotted. Everyone was told to be alert."

Napurano had rockets and the men of Company A were on the lookout for NVA bodies and equipment in the area.

While crossing the stream we stopped to rest and pick up some supplies," the squad leader said. "I was moving forward with my men when I stepped on a grenade under my foot."

When the sergeant stepped on the stick grenade half buried in the soft ground. The grenade was still intact but the shock wave was still prove fatal.

Napurano got up and turned back to see the company commander, Sergeant Mike Napurano said. He was about to be messing with an enemy

## B'day Cake Unharmed In 12,000-Miles

**BAN BLECH** (1/22)—"Happy Birthday Mar."

A white birthday cake in a plain box with a thin plastic window, was carried 12,000 miles from home to Specialist 4 Marlin Muir (North Tonawanda, N.Y.), Company B, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, at the Regulars' fire support base.

Upon reaching the Pleiku army post office, having been flown from Cam Rahn Bay, the cake was picked up by Specialist 4 John Knotowicz (Torrington, Conn.), the battalion's mail clerk, who delivered it to Company B.

"There wasn't a mark on the box. It was good as the day it was mailed," remarked the mailman.

The next morning, the cake was shuttled to the firebase by helicopter, and presented to SP4 Muir by Lieutenant Colonel William Junk (Tulsa, Okla.), Regulars commander.



**IN APPRECIATION**—COL Charles Miffin (Arlington, Va.), 2nd Brigade commander, presents a new Republic of South Vietnam flag to CIDG forces who worked with the 2nd Brigade near Ban Blech. (USA Photo by Sp4 James Doyle)



# Braves Find Enemy Battalion-size Camp; Dragoons Explore It

By SP4 Wayne Nicholas  
DAK TO — Go and find a triple canopied jungle and begin to dig.

Dig deeply. Dig silently. It will take the Americans a long time to find your position, hidden there within the Mother Earth and beneath the 200-foot trees.

It is almost as though these were the North Vietnamese instructions when they began to set up what appears to have been a regimental base camp on an obscure southern slope of the now battle-scarred Hill 1338.

The camp was originally found by 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry. Then Company D, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry moved in for a closer look.

### Find Plenty

After the first day of exploring the camp, the Ivymen uncovered nine large tunnels, one of which, lined with logs, had apparently been used as an enemy medical aid station.

Three enemy graves were discovered.

"We also found all kinds of bunkers, some with fighting positions, some with just overhead cover," said Specialist 4 Kenneth W. Brown (Graham, Okla.), one of the men who explored the camp which stretched more than 700 meters.

Left behind by the enemy were several small arms rounds, a box of hand grenades, mortar rounds and fuses, an anti-tank mine and even two Communist-made versions of the deadly claymore mine.

From the hospital tunnel, measuring three to five feet wide, eight to 10-feet long and six-feet high, came two bamboo stretchers, a rucksack full of medical equipment, including a white surgical mask, and an operating table.

### NVA Short-timer

Cooking facilities were concealed beneath thatched roofs, and smoke was carried off along a leaf-covered trench.

Scribbled on a wall in one of the caves was the name of a Vietnamese soldier along with a calendar.

"It was probably written there by a North Vietnamese short-timer," quipped Lieutenant Colonel Glen Belnap (Carlisle, Pa.), the Dragoons' battalion commander.

LTC Belnap also said the site was apparently an enemy base camp, similar to an American firebase. He said the camp may have supported battalion-sized forces which were dug in near the summits of Hills 1338, 1262 and 1294. The campsite was located near a valley floor in the center of the three hills.

Although most of the tunnels were left untouched by the fleeing enemy, he had completely caved in one hillside. Communication wire ran along the paths and vine-covered slopes of the camp, and a stream cascaded down a hillside.

Now Ivymen came and began digging, blasting and searching where, only days before, a hidden enemy had once dug, dwelled, and then, fled.

## PFC-NVA Have Old West Duel

BAN BLECH (1/22)—The days of the Old West and the gun duels which were credited by a gunfighter's speed at the trigger. However, Private First Class John Quintero (El Paso, Tex.) might beg to differ.

PFC Quintero, Company C, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, was walking at the head of a reinforced squad, when they came to a small blind bend on the trail they had been following.

He peered cautiously around the turn and came face to face with a very startled North Vietnamese soldier, no more than four feet away.

"He looked just as surprised as I was," recalled PFC Quintero. "We just stood there and looked at each other for what seemed an hour. Then we both started to move."

Both PFC Quintero and the enemy, who carried an AK7, had their weapons in the firing position.

"It was just a question of who was faster on the trigger," PFC Quintero stated. "I was lucky."



**TIGHT SQUEEZE**—A 170th Assault Helicopter Company chopper idles in close quarters as Ivymen from the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry hop aboard. The Bikinies have been supporting the 1st Brigade in Operation MacArthur. (USA Photo by SP4 Wayne Nicholas)



**INTEGRATED TEAM**—SSG Cliff Popay (Calhoun, Ga.) tells a CIDG friend who was working with the 2nd Brigade what he saw on a long range reconnaissance patrol near Ban Blech during Operation MacArthur. (USA Photo by SP4 James Doyle)

## Cacti Learn RVN Lessons Can Pay Off

TAM KAY — Careful attention to detail and respect for the lessons learned in Vietnam paid off for two members of Company B, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry.

Specialist 4 Mark Marek, squad leader, took the point position and as he led his platoon down a trail spotted a barely discernible door to a spider hole.

At first he noticed only a straight crack in the earth. The unnaturalness of the crack was a clue, but the giveaway came on closer inspection. SP4 Marek then spotted the well disguised handle to the door.

The platoon leader was notified of the situation and assigned SP4 Marek and Private First Class Robert Miller to check it out. The two moved up again and fired into the door with their M-16s. This was the other of those things expected to happen — small arms fire keep anyone inside away from the door.

The rifle fire tore a hole large enough to throw a grenade through. But when Miller went to throw his grenade through he saw movement inside the hole. Moments later an enemy grenade flashed and exploded inside the spider hole. Charlie had waited hoping the Americans to open up, giving him an opportunity to open up the door. The opportunity never came.

PFC Miller followed the first grenade with his own fragmentation. The explosion was observed by the two in and respect for lessons learned. B Company's bodies with no friends ties.

## Regular

(Continued from Page 1) ing down the steep side of twin peaks.

Later in the afternoon tenant Colonel John (Colorado Springs, Colo.) talion commander, flew area to see the comp

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## Bellowing Pachyderm Misses LRRP Team

BAN BLECH (1/22)—Several tons of charging pachyderm gave a 2nd Brigade long range reconnaissance patrol a few anxious moments.

Specialist 4 Dave Morgan (Richmond, Va.) was the last member of his team to cross a small open clearing.

Halfway across the field, he glanced up and spotted a large elephant slowly lumbering out of a tall patch of grass.

"He let out a bellow that sent chills down my spine," exclaimed SP4 Morgan. "I didn't know which way to run."

The elephant spotted the lone LRRP member and with a loud trumpeting, began his charge.

The hunter had suddenly become the hunted.

But to the specialist's astonishment, the giant beast rushed only five feet before he tumbled to the ground.

The elephant had been hobbled, much the same as a horse might be.

"I was just as glad we didn't stick around to find out where he came from. I don't think I could have taken any more excitement," remarked SP4 Morgan.