



**WAR CHILDREN**—The other battle Ivy soldiers are fighting is the happier job of winning the hearts of the people. Perhaps, there is no better way to do this than by making friends with the youngsters. A story and more pictures about this important task appear on pages 4-5 (USA Photo by SP4 Ron Uszak)

# IVY LEAF

## FAMOUS FOURTH

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## Regulars Snarl Supply Line Used By NVA Near Border

By SP4 James Doyle

**BAN ME THUOT (1/22)** — It took two days to do it, but when they were through the men of a relatively new company had tied a knot in a North Vietnamese supply line.

After clashing with the NVA near the Cambodian border, Company D, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry was officially credited with killing six and capturing five of the enemy in addition to 38 rounds of new 82mm mortar ammunition and other new equipment.

The fire fights were the first the company had with the North Vietnamese since arriving in Vietnam four months ago.

The action started when the 2nd Platoon of Company D was making a sweep of the flat tree-studded landscape, near the border northwest of Ban Me Thuot.

The previous night, the company's patrol base was probed by an unknown size enemy force. That morning, the 2nd Platoon was following a fresh trail resulting from the contact.

**Just Sat Down**

"We had just sat down to eat," remarked Private First Class Jim Dillard (North Hollywood, Calif.). "Part of our patrol was on one side of the trail, and the other part was on the opposite side. We were spread out in a circular perimeter."

That's when the point of the NVA squad came down the well-used trail and opened fire on the Americans.

"One of the NVA threw a grenade," remarked Dillard, "and hit Private First Class Larry Thorpe (Salt Lake City, Utah)

in the back. For some reason the grenade was a dud."

The "Regulars" opened fire, and the enemy began to run.

"I shot one," said Private First Class Arthur Baker (Tallahassee, Fla.), "and ran over and grabbed him as he lay on the ground."

**Humming Artist**

"He was just sitting there humming and drawing pictures in the dirt. I think he was happy to be captured," quipped PFC Baker.

Pushing forward in a sweep, the platoon found what the enemy had been carrying—38

brand-new mortar rounds.

"They had them hanging from poles and covered with leaves," noted PFC Thorpe. "It looked like some kind of fruit at first."

Continuing the sweep to the river, the patrol engaged still another NVA who was hiding near the bank of the stream.

**Enemy Sent Flying**

Lobbing several grenades into the enemy's hiding place produced one airborne NVA who was blown into the river by the blast.

Finding nothing further, the Regulars returned to their (Continued on Back Page)

## Monkey Mans His Post During Mortar Attack

**DAK TO** — Banana in hand, Private First Class Hoss (Kontum Province) looked on while the orders were read awarding him the honorary rank of first lieutenant, and three honorary medals, the Bronze Star with "V" Device, the Purple Heart and the Army Commendation Medal. Lieutenant Hoss is now acclaimed the most decorated Spider Monkey in Vietnam.

An honorary member of the 1st Platoon, 4th Military Police Company Hoss was cited for bravery above and beyond the call of duty in the recent mortar attack on the 1st Brigade base camp at Dak To. Seven pieces of shrapnel were found

in his cage following the barrage but 1LT Hoss refused to leave his post and take cover. "He exhibited great courage and is indeed a great credit to the 4th MP Company," the citation concluded.

The honorary medals were awarded by First Lieutenant Harry Potts (Thomasville, Ala.) commander of the 1st MP Platoon. They will be placed on Hoss' cage located in the platoon area.

His main duties now consist of conducting his own shake-down inspections of the MP platoon barracks. Items of particular interest include gum, candy, fruits and other goodies that are left unsecured.

## 'Fire In The Hole!'

# Hill Face Changed

**DAK TO**—"Fire in the hole!" echoes over the crest of Hill 1338, an explosion follows and seconds later a great timber comes crashing to the ground.

This cry can be heard several times hourly, along with the constant drone of chain saws while several acres of trees are cleared for the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry's new fire base.

Supporting the battalion for the past four months, the 2nd Platoon Company A, 4th Engineer Battalion, arrived at the new site two weeks ago and went to work.

"Since then we've leveled more than 1,000 trees and blew almost 7,000 pounds of explosives," said Platoon Sergeant Kiyoshi S. Agena (Wahiawa-Oahu, Hawaii).

The 15-man platoon had no sooner started clearing when

they turned up an underground North Vietnamese Army hospital complex which, "looked more like an NVA R&R center," according to Sergeant Agena.

After caving in the tunnel complex with explosives, the platoon returned to its timber-clearing task.

"We blow the average tree down with 10 pounds of explosive, wrapping it around the tree about five feet from the ground," explained Sergeant Agena.

"Fire in the hole," is sounded and an earth-shattering explosion brings the timber down.

Chain saws are used to fell smaller trees as well as for cutting up the large ones.

The clearing provides landing zones for helicopters, fields of fire for small arms and eliminates the "mask" for artillery fire.

The platoon works mainly for the battalion but also supports the line companies as needed. "They put in a hard day working from dawn to dusk but they seem to like it, and they are no complaints," added Sergeant Agena.

"Morale is good—and that's the main thing, I guess," he said.

## Youth Warns Of NVA Mine

**VUNG DAT AM** — Thanks to the sharp eyes of a small Montagnard boy two probable incidents were avoided recently.

While walking along Highway 14 leading to the 2nd Brigade forward support base here the boy spotted an anti-tank mine planted along side the road.

The Montagnard alerted the 2nd Brigade MPs who called on Company B of the Fourth Engineers to disassemble the mine.

A search of the area found a similar mine not more than 100 meters away.

The mines were set off to the side of the road along the path used by the brigade's armored personnel carriers.

## Pass Offer Nets NVA

**BAN ME THUOT (1/22)** — "Hey, he's worth a three-day pass," shouted Private First Class Rainer Guensch (Lake Oswego, Ore.) to one of his buddies during a firefight northwest of Ban Me Thuot.

With that, PFC Guensch, Company D, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, made a flying leap and pounced on an NVA soldier that was crawling around a tree toward two of his buddies.

"I saw him start to crawl around the tree," he indicated waving his arm, "then the next thing I knew, I was running after him. They say bullets were hitting the dirt around me, but I didn't notice them."

Before the North Vietnamese Army soldier knew what was happening, PFC Guensch—in his finest Batman style—jumped on him. The startled NVA threw up his hands and the private dragged him back inside his company perimeter.

Not until after he returned did he realize he had been in front of his perimeter.



**DOGGONED** — That seems to be the way this gunner and his canine friend size up the situation as they watch the action from the deck of a self-propelled 175mm cannon during a recent phase of Operation MacArthur. Both are with Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery which supports the 2nd Brigade near Ban Blech. (US Army Photo by SP4 James Doyle)

Westmoreland Lauds Ivymen

Victory At Dak To

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the text of the remarks made by General William C. Westmoreland to members of the 4th Infantry Division at Dak To.)

"The victory of Dak To was an operation in military teamwork on an international level—troops of the United States and the Republic of Vietnam working together. As commander of all the forces here, I am extremely proud of the job that was done.

"I was in Vietnam when the battle began, but I was summoned to Washington by the President, and returned here two days ago. While I was in Washington the battle was raging. I was glad for the victory that was being achieved while I was over there. I reported to the President, the members of Congress and their committees, and to the American people nationwide over radio and television, in an address at the National Press Club of Washington. More than 100 million Americans heard and saw me through the news media, and I was glad that while I was reporting what was happening in Vietnam, you were defeating the enemy. The people back home want to know what is happening in Vietnam, and when they learn the true picture they will support us, and are supporting us.

"You were winning the battle of Dak To. It is a costly undertaking we are in, in American lives and resources, and we do need the support and understanding of the people back home. They will continue to support us as long as the people of Vietnam want their freedom and their liberty.

A New Dimension

"This victory of yours is a new dimension in professional warfare, and I am proud of each and every one of you. I congratulate your commanding general, Major General William R. Peers, the brigades and regiments, from their commanders right on down to the platoon and squad leaders, and all their personnel. The same goes for the men in the rear, without whose support the plans could not have been carried out. I cannot fail to also mention the part played by the 1st Logistical Command at Qui Nhon, the elements of the POL and ammunition depots, ration and maintenance, as well as the trucking elements and their drivers. The helicopters, gun ships and their pilots, the Air Force and the Marines, the 3rd Air Defense with their B-52s, all played an important part that helped to make this victory possible, which could not have been a-

chieved without the support of everyone, individually and collectively.

"What was done here will go down as one of the decisive battles fought in Vietnam, and I dare say that it will go down in military history as an example of what can be done to an elusive enemy. This battle was planned for a long time by the enemy, for two main reasons—to win a victory, politically and psychologically. He failed on both counts.

"He had been working for many weeks on his plans, but you frustrated those plans. The solid front by the Americans and the Vietnamese proved just that. A Commander's Value

"The high quality of leadership shown and demonstrated by MG Peers and all the other commanders made the battle of Dak To one of the greatest victories of the war. The joint efforts of the 4th Infantry Division, the 173rd Brigade, the brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division, ARVN airborne battalions, the ranger battalions, the battalions of the 42d Regiment, and the Civilian Irregular Defense Group, Popular Forces, Irregulars and Task Forces all contributed to this victory. It has been proven that a unit is only as good as its commander, and a commander who doesn't want to fight has a unit that doesn't care to fight. No unit can be beaten when it is well led by a fighting leader.

"The goal of the enemy operating from Cambodia and Laos was to take this valley, demoralize the inhabitants, and thus gain both a political and psychological victory which was to be used to the maximum in propaganda. But the enemy failed, because of you. Again I congratulate each and every one of you for making this victory possible, and I am sincerely proud of what you have done."

Big Leave

WASHINGTON—A new law enables servicemen in Vietnam to accumulate more than 60 days of leave-time.

The law was passed on the last day of the 1967 congressional session when the House of Representatives accepted the Senate version of the bill. It permits servicemen in a combat zone to accrue up to 90 days of leave in lieu of the 60-day limit applicable to all other U.S. servicemen.

The additional leave, however, must be used before the end of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which a soldier leaves Vietnam.

Men not using the extra leave within the time limit will lose it.



STEADFAST and LOYAL

Silver Star

- SP4 Terry E. Turner—Co B, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
SSG Raymond Ortiz—Co B, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
1LT Hubert W. Brucker—Co D, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
1LT David L. Whaley—Co A, 1st Bn, 14th Inf
SSG Johnny L. Washington—Co D, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
PFC Douglas A. Dettman—Co C, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
CPT Richard B. Granger—Co B, 1st Bn, 14th Inf
SSG Robert S. Noel—Co A, 1st Bn, 35th Inf
LTC Norma L. Tiller Sr.—HHC, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
1SG Landon M. Pharris—Trp C, 3rd Sqdn, 4th Cav
CPT Donald M. Scher—Co C, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
CPT Neil D. Buie Jr.—HHC, 1st Bde, 4th Div
Distinguished Flying Cross
LTC John P. Berres—2nd Bn (Mech), 8th Inf
WO1 John M. Genser—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
CWO John L. Meyers—HHC, 3rd Bde, 4th Div
WO1 Billy C. Hupp—Co B, 4th Avn Bn

Posthumous Distinguished Flying Cross

- WO1 David E. Thomas—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
1LT James E. Pavlicek Jr.—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
Bronze Star For Heroism
SGT Jean-Guy Sejourne—HHT, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav

- LTC John P. Berres—HQ, 2nd Bn (Mech), 8th Inf
PFC Marcus J. Gannon—HHC, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
PFC Steven C. Moore—Co E, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
2LT Robert T. Peters—Co A, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
PFC Mark A. Woolf—Co B, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
SGT James T. Underhill—Co C, 1st Bn, 14th Inf
SP4 Richard A. Sanders—HHC, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
SP4 Curtis O. Gill—Co B, 1st Bn, 14th Inf
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1LT Robert E. Bagwell—HHC, 4th Div Arty
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- SFC Robert L. Smith—Co B, 1st Bn, 14th Inf
SGT Terry A. Ernest—Co B, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
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PFC Ronald A. Brunty—Co C, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
2LT Ronald S. Ekasala—Co C, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
SP4 Rivera D. Rivera—Co C, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
SSG Robert L. Eirling—Co C, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
SSG Lee E. Knight—Co C, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
SP4 Charles L. Mathews—HHC, 2nd Bde, 4th Div
Posthumous Bronze Star For Heroism
PFC Dennis E. Warne—Co B, 1st Bn, 35th Inf
PFC Norman J. Livingston—Co D, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf

- SP4 Robert J. Winters—Co C, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
PFC William N. Richardson Jr.—Co D, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
SP4 Robert M. Bates—Co C, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
PFC Francis J. Cormier—Co C, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
PFC Bernhardt W. Miller—Co C, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
PFC Bruce A. Paquette—Co B, 1st Bn, 14th Inf
PFC Frank V. Raz—Co B, 2nd Bn, 35th Inf
SP4 James O. Thomas—Co A, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
PFC James T. Coon—Co D, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
SP4 John J. Collins—Co B, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
SP4 Marion F. Henderson—Co A, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
SP4 Tyrone C. Marsden—Co B, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
SP4 David W. Barkfelt—Co A, 1st Bn, 14th Inf
PFC Donald W. Hollenbach—Co D, 1st Bn, 14th Inf

- SSG George R. W. K. Greenwood—Co D, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
PFC Ralph H. Bartlett Jr.—Co E, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
PFC Alpha L. Buford—Co A, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
SGT James D. Yeakley—Co C, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf
PFC Bernhardt W. Miller—Co C, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf

- PSG Harold Dickerson—Co B, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
PFC David A. Hayes—Co A, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
PFC Charles J. Williams—Co B, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf
SP4 Jerome Thompson—Co B, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
PFC John W. Page—Co A, 1st Bn, 14th Inf
PFC Ronald D. King—Co B, 3rd Bn, 12th Inf
PFC Bruce A. Wagner—Co B, 3rd Bn, 8th Inf

Posthumous Bronze Star

- SGT James E. Howard Jr.—Trp C, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav
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PFC Jimmy D. Roberson—Trp B, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav

- CPT Michael A. Casp—Btry A, 2nd Bn, 9th Arty
MAJ Gerard M. Wynn—HHC, 1st Bn, 35th Inf
Air Medal For Heroism
CPT Richard P. Donnelly—HHC, 1st Bn, 22nd Inf

- WO1 Stanley S. Smeltzer Jr.—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
WO1 John M. Genser Jr.—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
SP5 Donald J. Caseltine—Co A, 4th Avn Bn

Posthumous Air Medal For Heroism

- SP4 Randall W. Ernberger—Co B, 4th Avn Bn
SP4 James E. Anderson—Co B, 4th Avn Bn

Air Medal

- CPT George N. Plocek—HHC, 4th S&T Bn
WO1 Ralph J. Colavolpe—Trp D, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav
WO1 Thomas M. Graig—Trp D, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav
WO1 Douglas L. Jackson—Trp D, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav

- 1LT William K. Comee—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
1LT Randall W. Fruit—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
1LT Earnest L. Grimm—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
1LT Donald J. Myers—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
1LT Thomas D. Stieler—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
WO1 Peter K. H. Hansch—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
WO1 James A. Donoghue Jr.—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
SP6 Jimmy M. Evans—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
SP5 Jimmy A. Gann—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
CPL James McLaughlin—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
SP5 Michael J. Collins—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
SP4 Donald J. Breaux—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
SP4 Mario P. Cotugno—Co A, 4th Avn Bn
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- WO1 David G. Fridlington—HHC, 2nd Bde, 4th Div
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LTC John H. Madison Jr.—HHC, 1st Bn, 8th Inf

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PFC Richard J. Livreri—Co B, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
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SGT Samuel E. Squalls—Co B, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
SGT Thomas L. Miller—Co A, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
SP5 John F. Buckley—Co B, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
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SFC Frank T. Alderson—Co B, 1st Bn, 14th Inf
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SSG Alfred M. Hayes—Co B, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
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# War Makes 'Knife Dance' Hard To Do

By PFC Ralph Springer  
 DAK TO — The war has put a cramp in the style of Sergeant First Class Pesamino Pele (American Samoa), who proudly says he's the division's only Polynesian platoon sergeant.

The sergeant, who belongs to the 2nd Platoon, Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, manages to maintain his Polynesian heritage in the Army except during times he is with combat units.

"It's a little hard to perform my 'Knife Dance' out here, though," he said, looking at the bellicose hills and ridgelines

near the Cambodian border.

The platoon sergeant left American Samoa, a tiny island chain in the South Pacific, in 1951 when he was 20 and joined the Army in Hawaii.

After serving in the Korean War, Sergeant Pele returned to Fort Lewis, Wash. where he was assigned to the Special Services unit there. "That was a good thing for me and my sideline career in entertaining," he said.

Taking advantage of a 30-day leave, SFC Pele performed at the Hawaiian Pavilion of the Seattle World's Fair in 1962. Fol-

lowing the fair and his leave time, he was once again sent to Korea, this time assigned to a Special Services group.

After a year Korean tour, the veteran sergeant was reassigned to the Special Services detachment at Fort Lewis.

"That was 1963," SFC Pele said, "and I joined a group called the 'Polynesian Pageant' which was performing at the Seattle Sea Fair. We toured Alaska and Canada with our show."

The television series, "McHale's Navy," filmed part of its

shows at the Sea Fair in 1963, and SFC Pele performed his "Knife Dance" with the 15-member Polynesian Pageant group on the TV series.

"I found out later that the goofy ensign on the show, Tim Conway, was a Specialist 4 in the Fort Lewis Special Services unit before I was assigned there," Sergeant Pele added. "It was quite a surprise."

In 1964 the Ivy platoon sergeant, nicknamed "Buffalo" because of his towering size, was assigned to a basic training company at Fort Leonard Wood,

Mo. as a drill sergeant. "After a day with the troops, I would perform at different clubs on post," he said with a grin. "I kept in shape that way."

Since coming to the 4th Division, Sergeant Pele has had a few chances to exhibit his mastery at flame-tipped sword dancing or delicious Polynesian cooking.

"Maybe when I get back to base camp or the States," he said wistfully. Polynesian cooking and dancing are part of my ancient heritage. I want to perpetuate it."

## LRRP Team Grabs Wounded Viet Cong In Unfriendly Village

VUNG DAT AM (1/22) — The Viet Cong built a hut by day in front of the watchful eyes of a Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP) team and then spirited it away by night.

One of the hut-builders, however, never lived to construct another thing, and his companion led the LRRP team into an enemy-infested village.

Early one morning the team, headed by Staff Sergeant Cliff Popay (Calhoun, Ga.), spotted five Viet Cong building a hootch.

The next morning, the hut had vanished — along with the occupants.

a LRRP shout 'you're covered man,'" added SSG Popay.

The LRRP he referred to was Specialist 4 Murphy Mitchel (Maxton, S.C.). He, along with Specialist 4 Walt Austin (Elkins, W. Va.), provided added firepower as the LRRPs beat a hasty trail to the extraction point.

## Fire Fight Costs Foe Equipment

CAMP ENARI — A base camp patrol, combing the area around the Catecka tea plantation six miles from Camp Enari, made brief contact with a small enemy force recently and discovered a cache of supplies and equipment.

The patrol, composed of men from the 704th Maintenance Battalion of the Division Support Command, came under fire early in the morning as it broke into a clearing. An estimated 25-30 man force had opened up on them and then fled into the dense jungle.

"We hadn't found much until we broke into the clearing," said Staff Sergeant Finis Ryals (Waco, Tex.), the patrol leader. "They were probably eating when they heard us coming."

After artillery and gunships led by Major Warner Baxter (San Antonio), E Company, 704th Maintenance Battalion, commanding officer, had saturated the probable escape routes, the men started gathering the supplies and equipment left behind.

Enemy documents, new North Vietnamese Army uniforms, medicine, .45-caliber ammunition, knives and machetes, picks and shovels, shoes, a pistol belt, 30 straw baskets and about 125 pounds of rice were collected.



WAR AND BEAUTY—It's a pretty country when they're not shooting at you as this photograph of a combat patrol of the 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry, shows. But as the men search an area north of Chu Lai there's little time to think of the undulating hills and valleys around them. There is only the constant hunt for a hidden enemy. (USA Photo)

## 80 Bisons Rather Fight Longer Than Switch

CAMP ENARI — For the average soldier in Vietnam, "DEROS" is that magic day exactly a year after arrival in-country when he can return home. For 80 members of 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry, it means up to a half year added to their tour.

In what may best be described as a mass move, 80 voluntary extensions totaling 8½ years of additional time were filed within a three day period in squadron.

"This well may be some kind of record for the 4th Division," commented First Lieutenant Robert M. Asiello (Corning,

N.Y.), squadron adjutant.

The majority of the extensions were prompted by the Infusion Program where a soldier could expect to be transferred from the division at any time.

"Now," 1Lt Asiello adds, "we don't have enough people eligible to be included in the Infusion Program."

How do the troops themselves feel about their extensions? Sergeant Thomas Clark (Roanoke, Va.) one of 26 men who extended from the Aero-Rifle Platoon of D Troop seemed to speak for the majority when he said, "I'd much rather extend to stay here in 10th Cav than go to some other unit."

Others extended for different reasons, such as Specialist 4 Virgil L. Isaac (Red Oak, Iowa) of Squadron Maintenance. "The Infusion Program just made me extend a little quicker. I was going to extend for six months anyway."

Private First Class Jay D. Mortenson (Modesto, Calif.), a medic in Headquarters Troop, put it more simply, "I just like 10th Cav, that's all."

## Company Honors Its Dead

DAK TO — With the last rays of sunlight fading in the west, the men of Company D, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, gathered at the battalion's forward firebase to honor seven fallen comrades.

Standing at rigid attention in the twilight, the company, in action only four months with 4th Division in Vietnam, listened silently as Chaplain (Major) George Reswik (Hopewell, N.J.) read the 23rd Psalm and Verses 24 and 25 of the 5th Chapter of John. A moment of silent prayer followed.

A bugler blew the eternal notes of Taps into the air and, following crisp, staccato commands, a five-man honor guard, representing the company's four platoons and headquarters element, fired three volleys into the dusk.

As a company officer read out the names of the Bullets killed in action, a soldier stepped forward and placed his helmet atop one of the seven M16s which were traditionally bayoneted into the ground.

As the memorial service drew to a close, the soldiers kneeling in back of the symbolic rifles, one by one, ignited a white parachute flare and watched as it soared toward the sunset, finally exploding in a blaze of light.

"We finally decided to honor our first seven dead," said Captain Charles Burke (Minneapolis, Minn.), the company commander, as his company slowly drifted back to their guard positions. "They were our first casualties since coming to Vietnam and it was only fitting that we honor them here."

## 'Snowflake' Has A Bark

DAK TO—There wasn't any snow on Hill 1338 this Christmas but the holiday season was made much brighter by the presence of "Snowflake."

A small furry white puppy, Snowflake is the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry mascot. She's of uncertain origin but is known by just about every one at the firebase.

Snowflake spends an average day prancing from hootch to hootch, and bunker to bunker. She's whistled at, photographed and petted, but her loyalties lie with her master of the day—the man with extra C Rations, candy or Christmas cookie crumbs.

## Helping Friends Hurts Enemy

DAK TO — First Lieutenant Walter Chun (Honolulu, Hawaii), the assistant 1st Brigade civil affairs officer, takes pride in the completion of his most recent project—the clearing of more than 30 acres around a Catholic orphanage and a Buddhist temple in Tan Canh.

Following the attack on the

small highland city in November by the North Vietnamese Army, the Catholic priest and the Buddhist monk requested that the approach routes used by the NVA in this and one other raid be cleared, thereby denying the enemy easy access for future terrorism. The routes lay across the lands of both the orphanage

and the temple.

"The biggest problem was finding the heavy machinery to do the job," said 1LT Chun.

Company A, 4th Engineer Battalion supplied the answer to the problem in the form of a bulldozer which labored for eight days to clear the area.

# The War Chi

CAMP ENARI—Kids will be kids, goes the adage, and the children of Vietnam are no exception.

They experience the same problems as children everywhere—many however, to a much greater degree. They frolic in the simple joys of youth, these unfortunately to a much lesser degree. But above all the children of Vietnam respond to the international language of love, and take refuge from the perils of war in the warmth of human kindness.

This is a part of that other war Americans are waging in Vietnam—the one to win the hearts and minds of the war-logged people. This is especially important where the youth are concerned, for they are the Vietnam of tomorrow.

In fact, many attribute the present favorable U.S.—Korean relationship to the kindness shown Korean youth by American soldiers during the Korean conflict. And the war children of today—the South Vietnamese and Montagnard youth—are receiving such treatment from 4th Division personnel in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam.

The children of Vietnam are beginning to feel a new sense of pride, pride in themselves, in their heritage and in their allies. They have a new hope for the future, tempered in friendship and assistance.

The war children now have something to grow on.

Story by PFC Bill Gruber

Photos by SP4 Ron Uszak



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# Ivymen's Holiday Comes In Many Ways



**HOLIDAY EXCHANGE**—LTC William Junk (Tulsa, Okla.), 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry commander accepts unusual gifts from grateful Montagnard tribesmen near Ban Me Thout. The Montagnards, bringing gifts of fruit, rice and eggs, ask the battalion for protection from enemy terrorism. (USA Photo by SP4 James Doyle)



**HELP!**—Division Chaplain (LTC) Joseph Sheehan (Brooklyn) is almost inundated by mailbags full of gifts sent to the men of the division by the citizens of Indiana as part of "Operation Hoosier Airlift." (US Army Photo by SP5 Conrad Clark)

## Jaycees Send Scroll

# Cards, Letters Flood Brigade

DAK TO — More than 7,500 Christmas cards and letters from Americans all over the United States brought a little holiday warmth and cheer to the men of the 1st Brigade.

Three days before Christmas, a huge cardbox arrived at the headquarters company mailroom at Dak To bursting with cards and letters and a 100-foot long scroll signed by all the members of the Muncie (Ind.) Jaycees. The organization collected the many holiday greetings from grateful citizens in a Christmas drive they sponsored called "OPERATION HI-GI."

"I distributed a full mailbag each to the brigade's three infantry battalions and one to the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery," said First Sergeant Charles R. Conner (Standford, N.C.), of the brigade's headquarters company. "The rest went to various headquarters units."

The 100 foot scroll contained a surprise for Sergeant First Class Lindon R. Merideth Jr. (Kent, Wash.) of brigade operations at Dak To. "I was checking out all the names on the scroll and saw my brother and sister-in-law's name on it. He's

## 'Best Mess' Wins Award

CAMP ENARI—The Best Mess Award for the month of November was won by the division's 4th Administration Company. The mess officer is First Lieutenant Michael B. McReynolds (Columbus, Ga.) and the mess steward is Sergeant First Class Albert Kern (Dallas, Pa.).

The award is given monthly to the best mess of the division.

a Jaycee in Indiana."

The Christmas cards, most accompanied by a letter, came from Americans of all ages, grateful to U.S. servicemen in Vietnam for a job well done.

## Indianans Express Thanks

CAMP ENARI — Thankful Americans from Indiana in cooperation with a pharmaceutical company of Indianapolis, sent 500 gift packages to the division's men.

The gifts were part of a holiday contribution to 18 military organizations in Vietnam.

The packages were received by the Division Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Father Joe Sheehan (Brooklyn). Chaplain Sheehan handled distribution of holiday presents sent to the division. Thousands of citizens sent the gifts as a means of expressing their appreciation for the sacrifices made by soldiers in Vietnam.

Most of the gifts were sent to men in the forward areas such as Dak To, Ban Me Thuot and Ban Blech.

"It was a real pleasure sorting and distributing the gifts to the men of the division who are fighting to keep our country free," said Specialist 5 Ray G. Jones (Elizabethtown, Ky.), the division's senior chaplain's assistant.

"They've really succeeded here at Dak To in making Christmas a little better for us all," added 1SG Conner.



**THANKS!**—COL Don R. Hickman (Reno, Nev.), assistant division commander, thanks A3C Ronald Key for delivering the large-size holiday greetings from the citizens of Washington State. A3C Key, a native of Washington, originally wrote and suggested that the big card be sent. (USA Photo by MAJ Don Kingdon)

## Montagnards Bring Gifts, Ask For Aid

BAN ME THUOT (1/22)—The small delegation of Montagnards, bearing gifts of food for the Ivymen, were fed up with the Viet Cong.

They came to see Lieutenant Colonel William Junk (Tulsa, Okla.), commander of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, at the Regulars' firebase just north of Ban Me Thuot, and asked him if his soldiers could provide protection from the new threat of Viet Cong terrorism that had befallen their nearby village.

The Montagnards, decked in their best native apparel and led by their chief, presented LTC Junk with several bowls of rice. Each bowl had been topped with a fresh chicken egg, and resembled, at first glance, a large dish of ice cream with a marshmallow topping.

In return for protection, the

Montagnards assured the battalion commander of their willingness to help.

Since the holiday season is a time for exchanging gifts, the American commander gave the villagers gifts of soap, candy and other items.

He also told the concerned villagers his men would be glad to help them if they, in turn, would help his men.

"If you see the Viet Cong, you tell us," he said to the villagers through an interpreter, "and we will help you by driving them away."

The villagers, beaming toothless grins, thanked the American commander who had promised them protection from the Viet Cong. Gathering their gifts they then returned to their village—perhaps feeling a little bit safer than when they had left.

## Citadel Check Finances 27 Cases Of Portfolios

DAK TO — A \$436 check, sent to the 4th Division by the Corps of Cadets of the Citadel, financed "Operation Paper Christmas" making this holiday season a brighter one for the Ivymen at forward firebases.

The donation bought 27 cases of portfolios, containing writing were distributed in forward areas by Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Joseph Sheehan (Brooklyn), division chaplain. Chaplain Sheehan accepted the project from Colonel Charles A. Jackson (Hartsville, S.C.), division chief of staff, an alumnus of the Citadel.

Making the rounds last week by helicopter, Chaplain Sheehan

passed out the gift packets to a grateful group of soldiers.

"We receive stationery in sundry packages but it's a real treat to get these because there's never enough to go around," said Sergeant First Class Gordon Houghton (Tacoma, Wash.), field first sergeant for the 3rd Bat-

"Our paper out here always gets wet and dirty, so it's a real treat to get something white and dry for a change," added Specialist 4 Robert M. Baker (Memphis, Tenn.) of the battalion's Company B.

Another Citadel alumnus, Lieutenant Colonel Jamie R. Hendrix (Metter, Ga.), battalion commander, stated, "The Corps of Cadets makes me proud to be an alumnus, and a project of this nature does a lot for my men's morale."

The story was repeated at the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry firebase in memory of Captain William D. Sands III (Claxton, Ga.), who died in action. It was also brought to the division's 2nd Brigade, formerly headed by Colonel James B. Adamson, now commander of the Citadel.

## Ivymen Give Holiday Party For Orphans

CAMP ENARI—A pre-Christmas Eve party for 150 youngsters from the St. Paul Catholic Orphanage for Montagnard children was held at the gaily decorated mess hall of the 4th Administration Company.

The party, sponsored by the division's Chaplain Section in conjunction with the administration company, was hosted by Major General William R. Peers (Los Angeles), division commander and the division chaplains.

The children were brought to Camp Enari from Pleiku by military buses and treated to a two-hour gala party with candy, cake, fruits, soda and a special visit by "Santa Claus" who distributed gifts to the children, dresses for the girls, and toys and boots for the boys.

# Ivy Band Captivates Area Montagnards

CAMP ENARI — Like the legend of the Pied Piper, the 4th Infantry Division Band recently performed for nearby Montagnard villagers who were captivated by the musical sounds.

The band kicked off the third of a series of discussions on village problems by chiefs and sub-chiefs of 11 Montagnard villages in the Division Artillery area surrounding Camp Enari.

# NVA Has Good Aim With Dud

BAN ME THOUT (1/22) — There's one private in this Army who's glad that every time the pin is pulled an explosion doesn't follow.

In the opening minutes of contact with a North Vietnamese Army force near the Cambodian border, Private First Class Larry Thorpe (Salt Lake City, Utah), Company D, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, was standing up firing into the chest high grass in front of him.

"The next thing I knew," he remarked, "something — or somebody — hit me in the back with what I thought was a rock."

He turned around, but didn't see anyone, so continued to fire at the enemy, just a little bit peeved at being hit.

Squatting down a few moments later to reload his weapon.

Sitting on the ground between his knees was an enemy grenade.

"I didn't know what to do," he exclaimed, "then it dawned on me what had hit me in the back. I didn't know whether to laugh or run."

PFC Thorpe tripled — timed from the area and soon after joined his buddies who were still in the thick of it.

"All I can say," recalled PFC Thorpe, "is I'm lucky it was a dud. Somebody must be looking after me."

About 70 chiefs and subchiefs, along with 500 curiosity seekers from nearby villages, attended the project at the Good Neighbor Council House, just north of the camp.

The purpose of the music was to greet the arrival of the hamlet chieftain.

Highlighting the program, were speeches made by two deputy chiefs from Le Trung, district capital of Pleiku Province. They explained the importance of good relations between the division and the villagers throughout the area.

"Another of our purposes for getting the village representatives together was to discuss plans for improving sanitation and agricultural projects in the hamlets," said First Lieutenant Frank L. Willits (Florissant, Mo.), Division Artillery civil affairs officer.

To emphasize the importance of sanitation and agricultural projects, the village representatives were shown films presented in their language on the subjects.



**EASY DOES IT** — Specialist 4 Hazel Edwards (Vernon, Fla.), a radio operator with Company A, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, uses nature's materials to cross a stream southwest of Ban Blech. The Ivyman is participating in Operation MacArthur. (USA Photo by SP4 James Doyle)

## Took Only His Aid Bag

# Medic Braves Wall Of Fire

DAK TO — If it weren't for medics like Specialist 4 Michael (Doc) Doyle (Grand Rapids, Mich.), the casualty counts during bitter fighting would be much higher.

SP 4 Doyle, a medic with Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, braved a wall of fire and a steep hillside near the Cambodian border.

A small reconnaissance patrol from the battalion's Company D, had been sent out from the two-company hilltop location in the morning. Near the bottom of the hill, a North Vietnamese machinegun nest opened up on the patrol.

Specialist 4 Manuel Reyes (El Paso, Tex.), a Company A radio-telephone operator who had been monitoring the radio, heard the patrol's frantic call for a medic and yelled over to SP 4 Doyle

that a patrol had just been hit and needed a medic.

"I just reacted out of instinct, I guess," Doc Doyle shrugged. "I found one medic treating some guys halfway down the hill and he said there were some more further down. Machine

guns were still firing but I had to get down there."

Clutching a medical aid bag and without a helmet or weapon in his haste, SP 4 Doyle slipped and stumbled down the hill to the remainder of the wounded men and started working.

# Cavalrymen Discover Big Munitions Cache

CAMP ENARI — Cavalrymen from Troop D, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry took some of the punch from the enemy's arsenal when they located a large munitions cache near Plei Me.

The light scout helicopter section of the troop, led by Captain James W. Becker (Baldwin,

N.Y.), spotted some holes under a dense brush while on a reconnaissance mission.

Major Lloyd Kendrick (Killeen, Tex.), troop commander, directed the helicopter in which he was riding over the holes, and flew Major Thomas White (Fresno, Calif.), squadron operations officer, down to the ground for a closer look. Gunships churned overhead, providing cover as the major investigated the suspicious holes.

Major White uncovered eight M18A mines; eight cases of TNT; 4,000 rounds of AK47 ammunition; 25 82mm rounds; nine 40mm rockets; 15 RPG-3 rocket rounds, and 30 M5 fuses.

# Dak To MPs Get Big Mortar Share

DAK TO — "We got more than our fair share of rounds," said Private First Class Dave Oberhelman (Higginsville, Mo.) recalling the last mortar attack on the 1st Brigade's base camp at Dak To.

The 1st Platoon, 4th Military Police Company received ten of the estimated 55, 82mm rounds that crashed into the brigade's compound at dusk.

Private First Class Oberhelman, Specialist 4 Otis A. Page (Savannah, Ga.) and Staff Sergeant Norman Lowery (Glouster, Ohio) were sitting in the provost marshal's tent when the first round burst. "I knew that there wasn't any artillery firing in that area," SP4 Page said, "and then someone yelled incoming and we all scattered for the bunkers."

Several more mortar rounds landed by the perimeter and then, seemingly, taking aim, the North Vietnamese walked the next series right through the

MP compound and on into the 4th Medical Battalion's area.

The largest of the MP's two underground bunkers, a mammoth structure reinforced with steel planking and three layers of sandbags, took two direct hits.

"I guess someone was watching over us," Private First Class Joseph Zarcone (Ft. Pierce, Fla.) said. "I was in that jam-packed bunker when the first round hit on top. It cracked a big beam and wounded another MP."

The second round to hit the bunker exploded on a sandbagged edge near the narrow doorway. "Three feet more to the right and we would have all been killed," he said soberly.

Two other mortar rounds crashed into a tent that housed a squad of military police from the platoon. "Looking from the inside, the tent reminded me of a planetarium," PFC Oberhelman said.

# Foe Loses One Time Too Many

BAN BLECH — One North Vietnamese soldier just couldn't win for losing, thanks to the 2nd Brigade and the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, during Operation MacArthur.

Hours after a B52 strike had shattered his jungle sanctuary, one lone enemy attempting to escape ran into an ambush and was slain.

"Our company was acting as a blocking force," noted Second Lieutenant Thomas (West Palm Beach, Fla.), Company C, "when we spotted this NVA soldier jogging down the trail."

As Private First Class Richard Cassano (Brooklyn) stepped out to halt the soldier, "the NVA tried to shoot, but his weapon jammed or misfired."

Before he could clear it, the enemy troop fell in a burst of fire.

"His home having been destroyed, running into an ambush, and then having his weapon jam," quipped 2LT Thomas, "all added up to a bad day in the Central Highlands for this poor Charlie."

"You might even say he was a three-time loser."



**FIRE MISSION**—Sergeant Everett Emerson (Tucson, Ariz.), an artillery forward observer with Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, has his hands full calling in an artillery strike near the company's location in Dak To. (USA Photo by PFC Ralph Springer)



**CONGRATULATIONS**—LTC Don R. Hickman (Reno, Nev.), assistant division commander, compliments Sergeant Noah S. Hostetler (Littlestown, Pa.) on the masonry work the cavalryman did for the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry's new sign. The art work was done by PFC Angel R. Milan (Sabana Grande, P.R.), the squadron's draftsman. (USA Photo by 1LT Leo Migneault)

## Pilot Wins 2 Awards For Valor

DAK TO — Captain John L. Gedelman (Melvin, Ill.), a helicopter pilot with the 1st Brigade was presented with two awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross in ceremonies at the brigade's base camp Dak To.

The first award was for Captain Gedelman's heroic actions near Jackson Hole, the 1st Brigade's old headquarters. A company of the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry was in contact with a North Vietnamese force and needed a doctor and medical supplies. Disregarding enemy fire and the small, hastily-built landing zone, CPT Gedelman maneuvered his OH-23 helicopter into the area and successfully delivered the doctor and medical aid.

Just 22 days later, CPT Gedelman distinguished himself again while piloting a OH-23 helicopter in the same area. Arriving over the burning wreckage of a helicopter which crashed in hostile territory, CPT Gedelman, holding a flashlight, hovered over the area, searching for survivors. After an aerial search, he landed his craft and began checking out the dense undergrowth. He found four injured men.

The pilots of the downed helicopter were still missing and CPT Gedelman radioed for a search party and, when it arrived in the general vicinity, he guided the men with his craft's landing lights to the crash site to begin searching for the missing pilots. Despite deteriorating weather conditions, CPT Gedelman again landed his craft and assisted the ground search party.

## Regular Outstares Foe

BAN BLECH (1/22)—Parting the stalks of a bamboo thicket, Specialist 4 Fred Szedlack (Perry, Mich.) found himself looking down the barrel of an AK47.

His platoon of Company A, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, was making a sweep of a stream bed following the company's contact the previous night.

Coming upon the small thicket, SP4 Szedlack parted the stalks with his M79 and peered in.

"I suddenly found myself staring at an AK47 and two



HEROIC MP'S—Staff Sergeant Jesus Gomez (Salt Lake City, Utah), left, and Specialist 4 Michael Eisert (Wapakoneta, Ohio), division military policemen accept congratulations from LTC John Holeman, provost marshal, after being presented Staff Sergeant's Medals for a September helicopter rescue at Camp Enari. (USA Photo by PFC William Gruber)

## Save Life After Crash

# MPs Win Soldier's Medals

CAMP ENARI — Two division military policemen have been awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroic actions in connection with a plane crash on Dragon Mountain last September.

While on patrol, Staff Sergeant Jesus Gomez (Salt Lake City, Utah) and Specialist 4 Michael R. Eisert (Wapakoneta, Ohio) both with the 4th Military Police Company, received a call that an airplane had crashed on Dragon Mountain.

When they arrived at the scene the light observation aircraft was aflame. The two MPs

along with others in the area volunteered to extinguish the flames and although there was danger of the airplane's rockets exploding, Specialist Eisert lifted the wing while Sergeant Gomez extracted the pilot.

## Chest Valves Save Lives Of Dragoons

DAK TO — Emergency Chest Drain Valves are a recent life-saving innovation used in the treatment of chest wounds due to gunshot and shrapnel. The lives of several Ivymen have been saved due to the quick response of a stateside firm.

At the request of Captain Joseph F. Brazel (Bridgeport, Pa.), general medical officer, Company B, 4th Medical Battalion, the Parker Company sent several boxes of the valves, valued at \$200, to the 1st Brigade medical company at Dak To. They arrived 15 days later with the message, "contact us if you need more."

"These valves are safe, valuable, and quick," commented CPT Brazel. "They are made for emergency cases in the field, and can also be utilized on patients in helicopters."

The valves, also known as Heimlich valves, allow a wounded man to push air and blood from his chest without sucking air back in, thereby saving his life. They replace a means of releasing pressure in a man's chest, opened by a gunshot, fragments or a knife wound.

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patrol base with the captured equipment.

Action the second day was on a larger scale than the previous day.

Most of the company had moved from the patrol base in what one soldier described "just a big water detail" as the company was running low on water. The Americans followed a well-used trail which the NVA had marked every few feet by hacking marks in the trees.

**Hell Runs Rampant**  
Suddenly, Specialist 4 Emmit Byndon (Forrest City, Ark.), who was walking point for the left column, spotted an NVA.

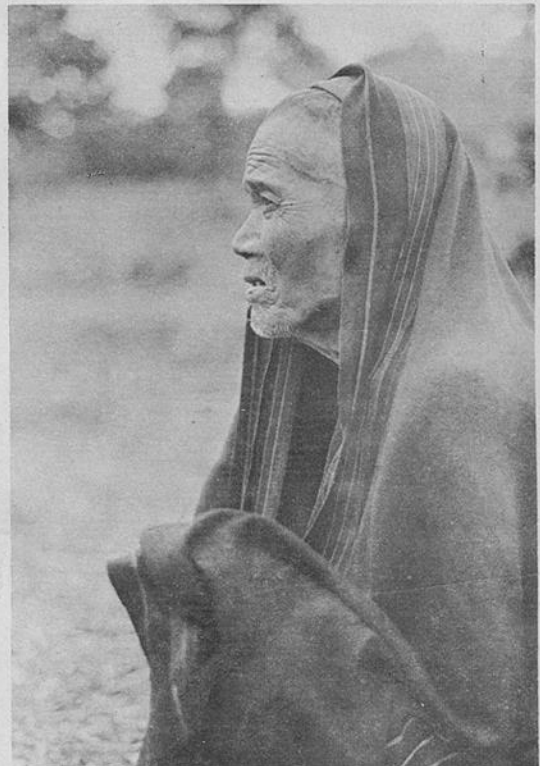
"I just looked at him sitting behind a log, and raised a gun and shot him. Then all hell seemed to break loose," he remarked.

Second Lieutenant Paul Ohmart (Dayton, Ohio) said, "It looked like they were just about everywhere. Everyone hit the dirt. I don't even remember going down — but I do remember getting up and moving my men on line."

The company quickly got on line, and according to Captain Dennis Porche (Montebello, Calif.), company commander, "Once we got on line, we had fire superiority inside of two minutes."

**Turning the Tables**  
After a pounding by artillery and gunships, the Regulars swept forward finding concealed in the tall grass, four dead NVA, one machinegun, three SKS rifles, and several AK47s. In addition, they captured four enemy soldiers and many enemy packs.

"We sure put a crimp in their supply line for a while," added ler (Chanute, Kans.), battalion intelligence officer, "By chewing up two parts of their unit in two days of contact, I think we hurt them by breaking some of the links in their supply train to the south."



SENIOR CITIZEN—A Montagnard elder tribesman watches attentively as children play on a slide presented to the village by a division medical and civic action patrol near Camp Enari.

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