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Infantrymen Led To Enemy Camp



KIT CARSON SCOUT NGUYEN Trong Thu, who previously demonstrated sapper techniques for the 142nd Inf, 198th Bde, led the sweep and eventual uncovering of a NVA recuperation and training site northwest of Quang Ngai. Thu led the members of B Co. and recon platoon to his former hideout where he once recovered from an earlier in the year attack on LZ Sitson. (Photo by PFC Marshall B. Rowland, 198th IO)

By SP4 RICH EGERTSEN
LZ SITSON — The cry, "fire in the hole" shattered the air and sent Division infantrymen sprinting for cover as PFC Wayne Lowery (Pittsburg) B Co.'s demolitions man, touched off the charges that ripped apart yet another section of the NVA recuperating station and training site located in the mountainous terrain 15 miles northwest of Quang Ngai.

Nguyen Trong Thu, a former NVA soldier and now a Kit Carson Scout, guided the recon platoon and B Co., 1st Bn., 52nd Inf. to the station where he recovered after being wounded in the May 12th sapper attack on LZ Sitson.

Hacking their way through double canopy foliage, the infantrymen had finally found the 13 bunker complex. Their efforts of a long march were rewarded.

Probing the bunker interiors, they dug up 15 AK-47 assault rifles, one SKS carbine, one .39 cal. machinegun, 10 rounds for an 82mm mortar, two field telephones with an estimated 1200 feet of commo wire, one radio transmitter-receiver, and one Chinese 8mm pistol.

The Kit Carson Scout who was previously published as "the sapper demonstrator" for the 1st of the 52nd in the Southern

Cross, Stars and Stripes, and other Vietnam publications, had now established his worth in both firebase defense technique and field operations.

The members of Thu's platoon voted to award him the 8mm pistol for his role in finding the cache. As PFC Richard R. Pooler (Keller, Wash.), A Co. rifleman, said, "The camp probably wouldn't have been discovered if he hadn't led us to it."

While searching the cleared areas around the complex, members of the companies found enemy training grounds. Vines, shaped to simulate concertina, were used to drill sapper teams and wooden silhouette targets were nailed to trees for marksmanship classes. Using carved wooden models, the NVA troops had been instructed in the methods of firing at helicopters and tossing hand grenades.

"From the looks of their training facilities, it could have been mistaken for an old-fashioned U.S. training center," described PFC David M. Koponen (Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.), a member of B Co.'s third platoon.

When the two infantry units left the area, it was with the satisfaction of knowing that this once-secure NVA encampment would no longer serve to train enemy soldiers. (198th IO)

Can't Fight Hamlet Security Is Part Of Participation Minus Rice

QUANG NGAI CITY — Five VC decided they would rather switch than go hungry after A Co. of the 5th Bn., 46th Inf. uncovered the supply of rice they had hidden for the monsoon season.

Division soldiers of D Co. working side by side with A Co. were conducting a careful search of a small village five miles north of Quang Ngai City when members of the second platoon became suspicious of the thick walls making up many of the 300 hooches in the village. A few cautious pokes soon caused the thin outer mud-walls to crumble spilling out 6½ tons of the precious rice.

The following day five members of a local VC unit Chieu Hoi led to the 198th Bde, infantrymen still working in the same area.

MSG Oren W. Justice (Oswego, Kan.), battalion operations sergeant, said, "This is an indication of how a find like this really injures the enemy in a subtle way. They compare their situation with that of the government soldiers who have plenty of food and it serves as a powerful demoralizing factor. When they are in this state of mind they will often take advantage of the 'way out' offered by the Chieu Hoi Program and this is the exact effect we are hoping for." (198th IO)

By LT ROBERT KRESGE
PHU THANH — Farmers and their families are streaming into this small hamlet near Quang Ngai City. And the reason isn't too hard to find.

"They know there is security in this hamlet," said MAJ Robert C. Disney (Alexandria, Va.), the operations officer of the 5th Bn., 46th Inf.

MAJ Disney's battalion has become involved in the pacification and "upgrading" of Phu Thanh in an intense joint U.S.-GVN effort to bring improved conditions and security to small hamlets in this part of southern I Corps.

The goal is to bring small, "contested" villages such as Phu Thanh to a state where the Viet Cong can no longer influence its well being, explained MAJ Disney.

To do this infantrymen of the 198th Bde. have joined one rifle platoon of PFA, National Police and other Vietnamese agencies to eliminate VC pressures in the hamlets.

Of first priority, explained MAJ Disney, is improving security for the villages. Then the Revolutionary Development cadre begin to establish an elected local government rooting out the VC infrastructure members.

A Census Grievance Committee surveys the population and monitors complaints by the people. In further stages of the program the Revolutionary Development cadre trains local men as a self defense force and the U.S. Army doctors and med-

ics conduct periodic checks of the populace.

"The people here are becoming more friendly to Americans," said PFC Herbert Zellera (Kewanna, Ind.), a member of the platoon assigned to the hamlet. "We've checked out where the kids said to look for mines and we've found them."

Hamlet chiefs in all of the hamlets undergoing the newly tried effort of pacification have contributed in finding enemy munitions, mines and booby traps.

Because the presence of the joint U.S. and Vietnamese forces

have brought security to Phu Thanh, Vietnamese have abandoned surrounding areas and moved into the hamlet.

"They know that there is security here and they're streaming in," explained MAJ Disney. "The people are beginning to turn to the hamlet team and provide information on the VC. And they're gaining confidence in their ability to defend themselves."

"I think with this new program the people will not only learn about their own self defense," said CPT Donald Dun-

can (Rolling Meadows, Ill.).

Aside from helping the villagers, the program is also keeping "Charlie" from using the hamlet as a base for supplies and rest.

"The VC are going to get awfully hungry out there," said PFC Daniel F. Burner III (Reston, Va.).

While the enemy are "going hungry" the villagers of Phu Thanh and other hamlets which are targets of the new program, are making lengthy strides toward a safer and healthier existence. (198th IO)



A MUCH SOUGHT AFTER sense of security draws farmers and their families to the village of Phu Thanh. Then with help they elect their own government, are trained to defend themselves and are subject to periodical medical check-ups by U.S. MEDCAP teams. (Photo by 1LT Robert Kresge, 198th IO)

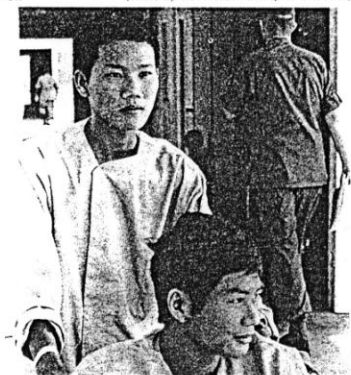
The 27th Surg. Hospital's Vietnamese Ward



A CORPSMAN APPLIES A dressing to the neck of a Vietnamese child. In the absence of a nurse or when the situation warrants his help the corpsman is a vital member of the nursing team. Many nurses have said it would be impossible to function without them. (Photo by 1LT Josef Hebert, Americal IO)



SSG HO VAN TAO, a National Policeman of the Vietnamese 28th M.P. Co., gives fatherly admiration to his seventh son, Ho Van Phuc. SSG Ho Van Tao works closely with the Americal's 23rd M.P. Co. (Photo by 1LT Josef Hebert, Americal IO)



VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS need no urging to help each other. Here two ARVN's head for the outside to catch some afternoon sun. Though there are some ARVN soldiers in the ward most of the patients are civilians. (Photo by 1LT Josef Hebert, Americal IO)

By SP4 Stephen G. Frazier

CHU LAI — There are few situations in life where eye to eye contact has so much meaning, where an embracing smile can mean the difference between understanding and misunderstanding, where an individual's temperament must possess sensitivity and patience yet keep a sense of immediacy. Rendering of these emotions is sometimes difficult but the nurses and corpsmen of the Vietnamese Ward of the 27th Surg. Hosp. find it an everyday fact of life.

The ordeal of two month old Butch was a microcosm of daily occurrences in the ward. Deserted by his mother and gravely ill he was found by a MEDCAP team. Evacuated to the Emergency Ward of the 27th Surg. Hosp., diagnosticians concluded that he had a perforated bile duct which was pouring poison into his system.

An extremely delicate operation known as a colostomy (an excretory opening in his abdomen) was performed successfully. Butch's survival now depended on the skill of the practitioners on the ward. After a brief term in the Intensive Care Unit Butch arrived in the ward. There the nurses and corpsmen did everything from careful changing of his dressings to burping him. After a few weeks of close attention his condition improved to the point where his colostomy could be closed. The severely had passed and Butch was pulling through.

Regardless of cultural or religious origin all people realize the frailty and helplessness of an infant; when a nurse held Butch revealing a timeless woman's smile—mama-sans could do nothing but see, and bridges could do nothing but be crossed.

"It's just a known fact that working with this ward has been the most rewarding experience of my life," said LTC Frances Vandiver (Anderson, S.C.) chief nurse. Every other individual in the ward shares with few differences the same viewpoint.

Complications do exist but are handled patiently by the nurses and corpsmen. "As they have had limited training in personal hygiene, they do not understand when we correct them, so we have to be firm but gentle—it's difficult," said 2LT Karen Fedorov (Denver, Colo.). The nurses impress the patients with the



SOMEONE REMARKED that "Butch" was getting spoiled by so much attention. Obviously 1LT Cheryl Leonard doesn't think so. Butch recently left the Vietnamese Ward for an orphanage in Tam Ky. (Photo by 1LT Josef Hebert, Americal IO)

fact they must learn to help themselves. "The Vietnamese have lacked past medical attention, so when they are ill or in pain, they do not know that they can ask for and get relief," said 1LT Cheryl Leonard, (Pontiac, Ill.)

The same attention granted to Butch is not slighted for other patients. Between the two "quonset" huts that comprise the forty-bed ward a playground has been built. Sparked by the idea of LTC Vandiver, the once vacant place has been replaced with seesaws and swings. Sometimes whole families are evacuated with their loved one, so a

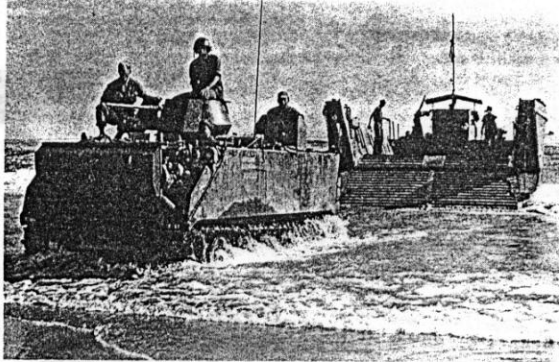


VISITING PRIVILEGES ARE granted at the Vietnamese Ward. Here a young convalescent receives word from home by a friend of the family. Visiting hours are from 1300 to 1500 hours daily. (Photo by 1LT Joseph Hebert, Americal IO)

Gaza Strip Operation Clears 8900



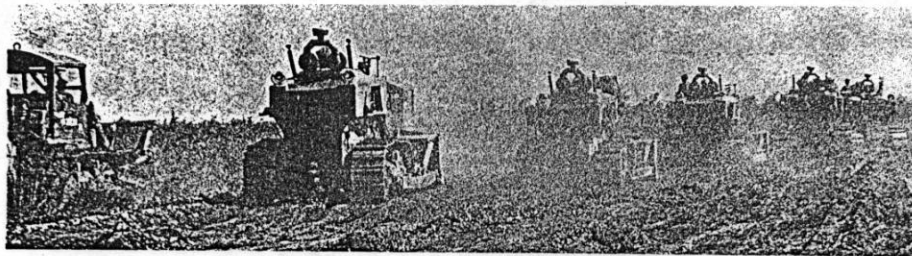
Pointman For Bulldozers



Takes Land Or Water With Ease



Operation Will Help Villagers



A Long Line Of Steel Ready For Hard Work

Acres Of Harsh Terrain Near Duc Pho

A rare amphibious landing in the tradition and excitement of World War II recently took place on the Gaza Strip northwest of Duc Pho.

The land clearing project was a joint Army-Marine mission involving about 220 men, to start a massive 8900 acre land clearing operation. Trucks and infantrymen from the 11th Bde. debarked support landing crafts to provide the engineers with the needed security during the operation. Working on a 30 day timetable the engineers are required to clear the rugged terrain of pine forests, jungle foliage rice paddies, and beaches.

Twenty bulldozers, taking only time for brief coordination, immediately started the operation by moving "en masse" clearing everything in their path.

"It is our third operation with the Army engineers, we work well together," said CPT Richard Schoof (Atlanta, Georgia.) However, said the Marine, "It's the infantrymen, they are outstanding, they give us great security."

The two month old provisional company immediately faced an area full of boobytraps, mines, and other anti-personal devices. But pre-planning paid off as a nine-man demolition team was landed with the engineers and troops to destroy or disarm any discovered devices.

When the clearing operation is completed the enemy in this area will be deprived of a sanctuary, vulnerable to attack, and powerless to continue their terrorist tactics.

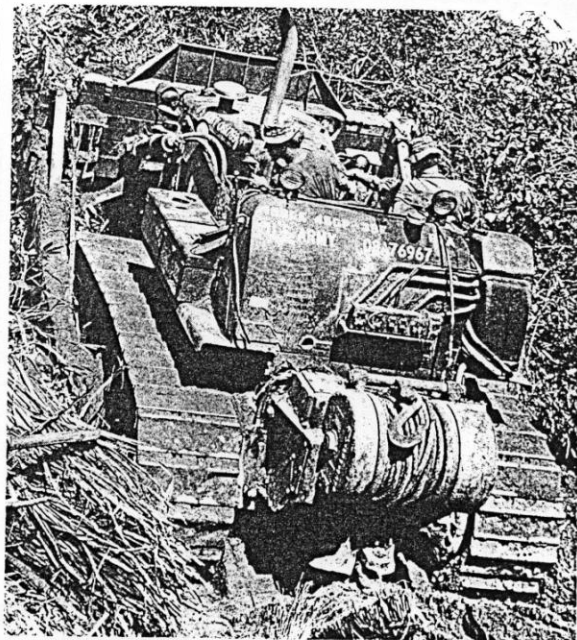


Three Soldiers Of A Determined Team

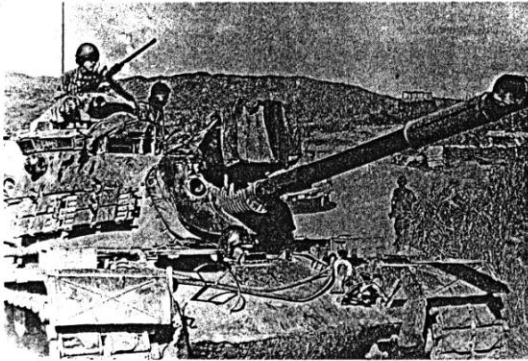
Story And Photos
By PFC Laszlo Kondor
Americas IO



He Knows The Job



With Time Can Move Mountains



A Hunk Of Deadly Destruction

A tank from the division's 1st Sqn., 1st Cav. guards Hill 411 near Duc Pho. The cavalrymen were supporting 11th Bde. Infantrymen sweeping the area in an operation. (Photo by SP4 Lou Pearson, 323rd Sig. Bn.)

Sabres: The Makers Of Impressive History

CHU LAI — Not every aviation unit in the 16th Combat Aviation Group can boast of a history which began with protecting settlers along the Santa Fe trail. Nor can many organizations in the division point to distinguished records of service in every major conflict the United States has been involved in since the Mexican War.

At Jefferson Barracks in the summer and autumn of 1833, D Trp., 1st Sqn., 1st Cav. was activated. It immediately pushed west to explore an unknown country and protect settlers. The unit later fought in the Mexican War, joined the Army of the Potomac at the outbreak of the Civil War, participated in the Indian Campaigns throughout the west, and took part in the Spanish American War. During WWI, D Trp., served on the Mexican Border.

In 1933, D Trp., was among the first units to be completely

mechanized. It fought gallantly throughout North Africa and Italy during WWII. The 1st Sqn., 1st Cav arrived in Vietnam in July 1962, minus D Trp. At this time the "Sabres" underwent transformation to an air cavalry troop and rejoined the squadron in Vietnam on May 1, 1969. The unit was recently assigned to the 16th C.A.G.

The mission of the "Sabres" is to extend by aerial means the reconnaissance and security capabilities of ground units; to engage in offensive and defensive operations or delaying actions within its capability; and to seize and dominate lightly defended areas or terrain features. In short, D Troop finds the enemy, fixes his position and annihilates him by any means at his disposal.

The "Sabres" commanded by MAJ R.A. Neuwein Jr., (Ft. Worth, Texas) average 1400

hours flying time per month. Since arriving in-country the unit has accumulated 196 enemy KIA. Information received from documents captured by D Trp., had caused great damage to the enemy's local infrastructure.

Since it was organized in 1833, the D Trp., 1st Sqn., 1st Cav., has undergone a complete metamorphosis. A few things however have remained consistent: the pride with which the "Sabres" serve and the professional ability with which they carry out their mission. (16th C.A.G. IO)

A Grave Discovery Flamed With Battle

LZ HAWK HILL — In ferocious daytime action, D Co., 1st Bn., 46th Inf., ran the gamut in NVA detection and destruction.

The day began when a platoon from the 19th Inf. Bde. came upon eight freshly-dug graves on a brushy hillside 10 miles southwest of Tam Ky.

NVA signs multiplied as the company proceeded on their mission. They passed several bunkers that were apparently being built by the NVA. While searching one bunker, a platoon found 1,000 rounds each of SKS rifle and 30 cal. ammunition. The ammo was in excellent condition, and was destroyed along with the incomplete bunkers by incendiary grenades.

Later, as D Co. was setting up a defense position, 12 NVA soldiers were surprised as they

were attempting to mount a 106 recoilless rifle. The enemy fled, but a recon element was dispatched to locate them.

As the recon element moved slowly forward in its search, the men spotted five NVA. Quickly the infantrymen merged with the vine-covered trees lining the trail and waited.

The NVA halted just within rifle range — that was enough. A blaze of M-16 rifle fire slammed two enemy to the ground. A quick search uncovered several 106 recoilless rifle rounds, abandoned when the NVA scrambled to safety.

"Of course, we didn't plan it this way," said 2LT Joseph McCourt (Brooklyn), platoon leader with D Co. "But sometimes we have a day like this, when everything just falls into place for us." (196th IO)

Lumber Pile Logs Luck

LZ HAWK HILL — It never hurts for a soldier to have a little luck, no matter how skillful and alert he may be.

Take PFC Robert Coley (Broderick, Calif.), an artilleryman in the division, who was saved from serious injury by a pile of lumber.

PFC Coley, a member of the 19th Inf. Bde.'s 3rd Bn., 82nd Arty., was inside a shed when a 60mm mortar round landed a scant 10 feet from the structure.

"I heard this tremendous explosion," said Coley. "The force of it knocked me to the floor."

Coley received fragmentation wounds in his left leg. However, the injury was slight compared to what it might have been. Fortunately, the mortar round had struck a pile of lumber located next to the shed. The wood absorbed most of the fragmentation from the round.

After he had been rushed to the aid station by three of his buddies, Coley had a chance to reflect. "I might have been seriously injured or perhaps killed," he said. "I guess in a way that lumber pile saved my life."

Few U.S. soldiers would discount the value of luck in Vietnam. Least of all Robert Coley. (196th IO)

Experience Is Teacher For A Combat Medic With Lifesaving Task

LZ HAWK HILL — No one in Vietnam feels the hot, deadly, uncertain immediacy of jungle warfare more cogently than the field medic — Mr. 91B30.

SP5 Pete Martinez (Pueblo, Colo.) a division medic, received a fiery introduction to life-saving in Vietnam last spring. Martinez although army-trained had never experienced the frantic, helpless need of a soldier lying in head-high elephant grass, cut down by enemy fire. It was his first outing with a line company.

The medic was with his unit, B Co., 24th Inf., on a sweep 15 miles west of Tam Ky in the 19th Bde.'s area of operation, when trouble erupted.

"We were pushing across the floor of Happy Valley," recalled Martinez. The elephant grass was over our heads and we couldn't see very far to our front."

The explosion came abruptly when an NVA booby trap was detonated. Three men slumped to the ground in agony. Martinez rushed to their aid, black bag in hand.

In the few critical minutes that followed, Martinez patched up the three men. They lived and were evacuated to the rear. Martinez was now a full-fledged field trained medic, a valuable man in any unit.

"You can't really learn how to be a medic in a classroom; not anymore than a trainee can learn to be an infantryman in A.I.T.," insisted Martinez. "You have to go out there yourself. When I first came into my company, another medic gave me my medicines, a short lecture and a chopper ride into the field. There is no one beside you to tell you what to do, it scares you at first, but you learn fast."

"You react with reflex swiftness. You get to know the men very well. When a man is hit you talk to him, try to calm him down. Talk about his hometown or his girl, just anything to calm him down and keep him from thinking about his injury," said Martinez.

Being a medic has changed SP5 Martinez's outlook on life.

"I want to live more," he said. "You appreciate life and people more when you've seen death." (196th IO)

Combat In Review

Watch Dog

LZ HAWK HILL — The men of C Btry., 3rd Bn., 82nd Arty., located on a division fire base some 20 miles west of Tam Ky, met Projo when the battery's former commander picked him up in Chu Lai. No one knows how the 85-pound German shepherd came by his name, but it has become a "hoochhold word" for men at this 196th Inf. Bde. fire base.

"You never know how loyal a dog can be until something unexpected happens," reflected artilleryman PFC Jerry Prisco (Monroe, La.). "Projo roams around the fire base at night. His warning is a mighty 'gruu-u-f-f'."

"One night he heard an unfamiliar noise or smelled a strange odor near the perimeter. Making a beeline for the battery command bunker, Projo ran through the door and leaped on the sleeping officer. 'He's the best warning device we have,' laughed Prisco.

Projo maintains a 100 percent attendance during fire missions. He usually stands beside the cannoner and never flinches when the big 105mm guns make their earth-shattering deliveries.

"I think with a little coaxing he'll be able to yank the lanyard with his teeth," quipped SP4 John Jones (Petersburg, Va.). (196th IO)



A Combat Soldier

An American soldier cautiously moves through a swamp on Batangan Peninsula during an operation. The mission is being conducted by the 5th Bn., 46th Inf., 19th Bde. (Photo by SP4 James Small, 323rd Sig. Bn.)



This pretty lass, Jennie Linden, is sure her mini-skirt is just right. Jennie, who likes a trooper to be uptight in appearance said, "Wear your uniform and insignias correctly and you will make a better appearance."

The Army's Proper Wearing Of Insignias And Rank

The name tape and distinguishing U.S. Army insignia in black letters on olive green background will be worn on the field jacket, flight suit, and on the field and work uniforms.

The change in positioning the insignias will be accomplished by attrition at no expense to the individual. If insignias are presently attached by old standards, soldiers do not have to change them.

Name and U.S. Army tapes should extend the full length of the pocket on the combat tropical uniforms and will be positioned parallel to the top of the uniform pockets.

* Single Badge: Immediately above the U.S. Army tape, parallel to the ground with the badge's own left side immediately above the highest point of the Army tape.

* Two of more badges. Normal order of positioning—The lower badge positioned as (single badge). Succeeding badges centered over the lower badge.

Insignia Of Rank
Subdued insignia of grade, metal pin-on for enlisted men or cloth for Officer are authorized for wear on utility caps, the tropical combat hat and the solid color baseball cap.

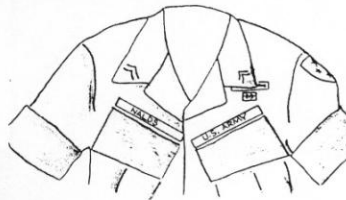
* Insignia of grade: 1 Lieute-

nant, Captain, Lt. Colonel, Colonel, General Officer—subdued metal pin-on insignia or black cloth insignia on olive green background.

* Insignia of grade: 2 Lieutenant and Major—subdued metal pin-on insignia or dull bronze cloth insignia on olive green background.

* Insignia of grade: WO1 and CW2—subdued pin-on insignia or black and dull bronze cloth insignia on olive green background.

* Insignia of grade: CW3 and CW4—subdued metal pin-on insignia or black and gray cloth insignia on olive green background.



Nan Shows Eyes For Talent

By SP4 Harry Baumann
CHU LAI — More than ever, this year Special Services is working toward bringing Christmas holiday shows to the division landing zones. Spearheading the drive is Miss Nan Nall, the division's Special Services entertainment coordinator.

"Special Services is currently looking within the division to find entertainers and competent musicians to entertain on our firebases throughout the Christmas holiday season," explained Miss Nall, adding that she would personally interview and audition any applicant.

For a young lady who holds a Bachelor of Science in Opera Stage Direction and a Master of Music in Voice Performance, both from Indiana University, it seems unlikely that Nan's hobby is taxidermy. "It's not that bad but it gets a little stuffy at times," she quipped.

In conjunction with the work she was doing at Indiana University toward a Doctor of Music in Voice Performance, Nan worked part of last summer as musical director and vocal instructor for the Fine Arts Institute at West Virginia State College.

While in West Virginia she joined the USO, and after an orientation in Saigon, Nan was assigned a one-year tour of duty at the Chu Lai USO.

Her duties as the Special Services entertainment coordinator include booking professional talent shows, screening and selecting local talent, directing and producing all types of theatrical and musical shows, and social entertaining.

Finding division talent for the Christmas holiday shows is foremost among Nan's duties. Presenting entertainment to the men in the field is her goal. She punctuated that fact with, "They're the ones who need and deserve the entertainment the most!" (Americal IO)



MISS NALL WILL BE looking throughout the division for entertainers and competent musicians to perform at our firebases throughout the Christmas holiday season. (US Army Photo by PFC Timothy Vaughn, 523rd Sig. Bn.)

From Observation Tower By Raft To Dry Terrain

CHU LAI — As everyone who has been in Vietnam during the monsoon knows, when it rains, it pours. The 23rd Supply and Transport Bn. has found itself faced with an unusual problem — a lake has been formed around the base of its observation tower.

To solve the problem of transportation in and from the tower, which is centered in four feet of water, the 23rd S&T Bn. has constructed a Tom Sawyer raft out of two empty fuel containers.

water pipes, and lumber. One hundred feet of clothesline serves to ferry the raft between dry land and the tower ladder.

As one entry in the Duty Officer's Log stated, "...inspected bunker line and ferried over to tower."

The raft is fully operational; neither wind, rain, nor a monsoon flood can keep the men of 23rd S&T from keeping a watchful eye out for the enemy. (Spt. Cmd. IO)



SP4 CLIFFORD DIROSHER (Pennellon, Ore.) of B. Co., 23rd Supply and Transport Bn., rides a raft to dry land from the observation tower. (Photo by SP4 Paul B. Clark, Spt. Cmd. IO)

Safety Award

CHU LAI — The aviators from Division artillery recently won their third consecutive Americal Division Air Safety Award.

According to 1LT Roger W. Petrie (Cincinnati, Ohio), the men who fly—both fixed wing and rotary type aircraft—perform a variety of missions from administrative liaison to delivery of combat cargo for Division artillery. The artillery pilots have flown 2957 accident free hours during the past three months. (Div. Arty IO)

New Theatre Promoted In Vietnam

The first military touring theatre to be formed in Vietnam announced plans for its first production, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," together with a slate of touring plays which will follow in the coming months.

Headed by Stephen Pokart, professional director and newly assigned entertainment director at Long Binh Post, "Armed Forces Theatre Vietnam" will

have the honor to present the world's first production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" outside of the United States.

Members of the military throughout Vietnam wishing to audition for acting roles in this and subsequent productions are requested to get in touch with Mr. Pokart at the special services office at Long Binh Post.

APO 96491, telephone 925-4950 or 6348.

Plans call for a three week rehearsal period at Long Binh followed by a week touring the post and a month touring throughout the country, traveling in the status of a command military touring show. To be considered for casting, military personnel must be releasable for a 60 day TDY.



Awards & Decorations

SILVER STAR MEDAL

SGT Jerry W. Collins, 198th Bde; PFC Donald G. Naughton, 11th Bde; SP3 Robert A. Whitcomb, 11th Bde.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

WO1 Kelly C. McHugh, 14th Cbt Avn Bn.

SOLDIER'S MEDAL

SGT Werner H. Hunley, 198th Bde; SP4 Stephen M. Hanson, 198th Bde; PFC Herbert Moses, 198th Bde; PFC James Randazzo III, 198th Bde; SGT Steven R. Wells, 198th Bde.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

PFC Carlton E. Baker, 523rd Sig Bn; SP4 James L. Brandt, 198th Bde; SP4 Charles F. Berton (1st OLC), 11th Bde; SP4 James F. Carr, 11th Bde; SP4 Harry J. Chaskey (1st OLC), 11th Bde; PSG Daniel G. Connolly, 26th Engr Bn; SP4 Clinton L. Culley (1st OLC), 11th Bde; PSG I.J. Elder, 196th Bde; SGT Roger J. Grassi, 198th Bde; 1LT Leon R. Griffin, 11th Bde; SP4 John S. Henyan (1st OLC), 11th Bde; 2LT John M. Herlong, 11th Arty; PFC Steve N. Holland, 11th Bde; SP4 Larry A. Hunt, 196th Bde; SP4 Junior A. James, 196th Bde; SGT Edward L. Kaywork (2nd OLC), 196th Bde; PFC Thomas J. McCobb, 11th Bde; MSG John S. Pallatin (1st OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; PSG James F. Price, 196th Bde; PFC Earl F. Remmert, 11th Bde; PFC Truman M. Scales, 11th Bde; PFC James A. Skapparas, 11th Bde; SP4 Richard C. Soetevan (1st OLC), 11th Bde; PFC Barry L. Spring, 11th Bde; SSG Craig C. Taylor, 196th Bde; PFC Jacob G. Tekac, 11th Bde; PFC Robert C. Vitale, 198th Bde; 1LT James Whalen (1st OLC), 196th Bde.

AIR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

SP4 Jimmy L. Bailey, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; CPT William D. Bristow (2nd OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 Michael C. Callahan (1st OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SP4 Edward Carrington Jr (1st OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 John D. Graves (27th OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 Robert L. Heck (31st OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SP4 James M. Hiler (1st OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; WO1 Richard L. Johnston, 123rd Avn Bn; SP4 Robert J. Lacy, 14th Cbt Avn Bn; SP4 Larry W. Maitland (2nd OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn; CPT Joseph A. Monday, 11th Arty; MAJ James A. Rakowitz, 26th Engr Bn; WO1 Richard T. Stuhmer (1st OLC), 123rd Avn Bn; 1LT Steven J. Van Hole, 26th Engr Bn; CPT John S. Walker Jr (1st OLC), 11th Bde; SP3 John R. Wiklanski (1st OLC), 14th Cbt Avn Bn.

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

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