

VNAF Grows: Steps Into Jet Age

By Sp4 Andy Barylski, USA,
Staff Writer

Saigon (MACV)—Thirty-one Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF) pilots have returned from Williams Air Force Base, Ariz., after completing the

F-5 combat crew training course—the first step in the formation of VNAF's first "jet age" fighter squadron.

The first F-5 Freedom Fighters are beginning to arrive at the 23rd VNAF

Wing, Bien Hoa Air Base. Together, the returned pilots and the new aircraft will form the nucleus of a squadron that will be officially activated on June 1, 1967.

In addition to pilot training, more than 120 VNAF officers and airmen are completing technical training courses in the United States to provide needed skills to support the new F-5 squadron. Five of the students have already returned and the remainder are scheduled to return in the next three months.

Last February, an Air Force Mobile Training Detachment joined the 23rd to provide maintenance training to augment the Stateside program.

The VNAF F-5 conversion has created many unique training problems. Most other nations have converted from an older jet to the F-5, but VNAF is converting directly from the slower, propeller driven A-1H Skyraider.

Another complicating factor is that the conversion is coming at the end of an expansion period in which the VNAF more than doubled in size. Added to this, it was necessary to program the training without hurting the combat capability of the



PREFLIGHT BRIEFING— Colonel Philip A. Rand, Saugus, Mass., goes over flight and panel controls of the F-5 Freedom Fighter with Lieutenant Colonel Duong Thieu Hung, 32nd Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF) Wing commander. (USAF Photo)

VNAF. The Vietnamese Air Force flew more than 20 per cent of all air strikes within the Republic of Vietnam last year.

The true test of the program will come later when the

operational sorties begin. With the VNAF conducting additional training, it will move the Vietnamese Air Force another step closer to becoming a modern, jet-age military force.

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Yelling Like Banshees, ARVN Assault Bunkers

Paris Tan Quy (III Corps IO)— "They came up from behind, firing and screaming like banshees; I was sure glad they were on my side," Captain Richard G. Whitcomb, Seattle, advisor with 5th ARVN Division, said of his battalion's assault in a Binh Duong Province operation.

The 4th Battalion, 7th Infantry, which had moved out with 240 men under the command of Captain Le Ba Do, was accompanied by Captain Whitcomb, Staff Sergeant Eugene R. Herman, Carona, Calif., and Sergeant First Class Bobby L. Moore, Birmingham, Ala.

They had moved by foot towards Binh My and in two days the operation had destroyed 12 Viet Cong houses and six bunkers.

On the third day as they moved forward, the right flank received sniper fire and one platoon was sent to search the area. As the platoon departed, the lead elements, unable to maneuver, dug in and returned fire.

The reserve element moved to the right, but were stopped in four attempts to

move forward.

The battalion, which had received its first fire at 4 p.m., was still pinned down by automatic weapons fire from the bunkers an hour and 45 minutes later.

The battalion commander and three advisors came forward and after Captain Do shifted the base of fire, he and the advisors stood up and began firing while directing the attack on both flanks.

Sergeant Moore related, "I grabbed a BAR and was moving off to the right flank when I heard the screaming. The firing had built up into a droning pitch, and looking behind me, I saw every able-bodied man get up and run at the VC."

"Even the wounded, some of whom were pretty bad off, got up and went running at the VC bunkers. It was the proudest moment I've had over here," said Captain Whitcomb.

The Viet Cong pulled out of the bunkers and were chased 400 meters into the jungle. In the bunkers they had left behind two of their dead. All five of the VC bunkers were blown.

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5-Year-Old To Move To Tokyo; Purpose: Self-Improvement

By Sp4 Thomas Rhoades, USA

Saigon (MACV)— The *Observer*, the first service newspaper in Vietnam, will celebrate its fifth anniversary May 10 with its first issue printed in Japan. Previously the paper had been published using Vietnamese facilities.

As part of the program to curb piaster spending, the *Observer* will be printed at the *Pacific Stars and Stripes*

plant in Tokyo. The change of facilities will also help to reduce the cost and raise the quality of the newspaper.

A publication of the MACV Office of Information, Command Information Division, the *Observer* has been in Vietnam since May, 1962, and has been printed in the Dong-Nam-A print shop off Tu Do street in Saigon.

In Tokyo, the paper will take on a new look. It will

be printed on letter press, with a new type face, better photo reproduction and a new headline style. There will also be provisions for three-color reproduction.

Already designed is a new flag (the identification nameplate at the top of the page) containing the MACV shield printed in red and yellow. The flag was designed by cartoonist Private First Class Anthony Ranfone of the Command Information Division.

Another major difference will be the use of column rule (the lines which separate columns). A smaller type base will allow the use of more stories and larger pictures.

The *Observer* and the 7th Air Force News, which will also begin printing in Tokyo in May, will join four other service newspapers already there which are serving troops in Vietnam the *Army Reporter*, the *Sea Tiger*, the *White Elephant News* and *Tropic Lightning*.

'Wandering Indian' Learns Self-Help

By Sp4 John Morgan, USA, Staff Writer

Can Tho (USA)— Some Americans, in attempting to "help the people help themselves," have had difficulty in conveying to Vietnamese the motivating logic of "self-help." Mr. William H. King, a program director in the Can Tho office of US Agency for International Development, has found a method for success in recruiting Vietnamese for civic

projects.

To prospective volunteers he tells a simple story illustrating the logic of one helping another—the story of "The Wandering Indian":

"Over in India, there was a man who lived under a bridge. For clothes he had rags, and little food came his way. This Indian believed that when he died and went to heaven, he'd find clothes and a long table full of food there.

"When he died, this Indian

was so hungry, he seemed to be walking in an endless cloud. He came to a huge gate in a high stone wall.

"When he rang the clanger, the gate swung open. There before him was a great hall, and a long table laden with platters of rice, chicken, shrimp and hot tea. Seated along both sides of the table were many people with their left hands tied behind them. In their right hands they held chopsticks, more than a meter long!

"But these people were not eating! They were thin as reeds and wore rags. They poked at the food, but couldn't feed themselves. Their long chopsticks simply carried the food around behind their heads when they tried to eat.

"'Oi, number 10,' groaned the Indian. 'This place is not for me.' He wandered again through thick clouds, and grew so tired and hungry

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EDITORIAL

Survivor Income Can Be Assured

You are on your last assignment before you change from military uniform to civilian clothes and add your name to the retired list.

It's going to be pretty nice to either sit back and relax, or start that second career and receive your retirement check every month.

But remember, your retired pay stops when you die, it isn't passed on to your family.

For this reason, there is a voluntary survivorship annuity plan available which can provide an income for your widow and children.

Called the Retirement Servicemen's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP), its purpose is to supplement per-



sonal insurance programs. It's a program for everyone, but especially for a serviceman who, for one reason or another, wasn't able to start a commercial insurance program during his twenties.

Under the plan the retired serviceman's eligible survivors will receive a monthly check until eligibility ceases.

The plan applies only to the family of the retired serviceman and there is no coverage until retirement. Families of active duty personnel are covered by other programs.

If you decide to enroll in the plan, you must do so before you complete 18 years' service for pay purposes or three years before the first day on which you will be entitled to receive retired pay.

If you're a bachelor, investigate the program anyway as situations can change before you retire.

To get all the information on the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan, see your legal, personal affairs or career advisory officer. Plan now for retirement. (AFNB)

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Just In Case You Haven't Heard...

VA Expansion For Viet Vets

Washington (ALNS) — The Veterans Administration program assisting returning Vietnam servicemen has been expanded.

Under the pilot program, with the cooperation of the Department of Defense, two VA representatives went to Long Binh to provide information about veteran's rights and benefits to men soon returning to civilian life.

Since then, the program, implemented to carry out President Johnson's wish to help the fighting man make adjustment to civilian life, has proved so successful that it has been expanded to include two more departing points, Cam Ranh Bay and Pleiku.

Opera Star Visiting VN

Saigon (MACV)—Richard Tucker, world-famed Metropolitan Opera tenor and ordained Cantor of the Jewish faith, is in Vietnam until May 2.

Mr. Tucker, accompanied by the Rabbi William F. Rosenblum, Rabbi Emeritus of the Temple Israel of New York City, will sing the cantorial litany for the Jewish Passover and Seder Service in Saigon.

He is performing troop concerts and visiting military hospitals throughout Vietnam during his 10-day visit.

1st Woman Marine Arrives In VN

Saigon (MACV)— The first Woman Marine to serve in Vietnam arrived on March 18, and has been assigned to the MACV Combat Operations Center in Saigon.

Master Sergeant Barbara J. Dulinsky, San Francisco, received orders to Vietnam after spending two years at the Parris Island Recruit Training Center in South Carolina as a Recruit Training First Sergeant.

She says that her first month here has been "most enjoyable as well as a challenge." When the question of extending was put to Sergeant Dulinsky, her only comment was, "I'll know 11 months from now."

The Piaster Poet

1.
Each payday, he said was the last,
That he'd spend all his money so fast.
But saving got harder
And harder and harder
Before long the whole year was past.

2.
One soldier kept buying her tea.
Her money she gave the VC.
With the cash that she made,
Charlie bought a grenade.
The soldier said "Hon, you slay me."

3.
There once was a Colonel McFlea,
Who was chewed out by General Lagree.
"How could you!" he slurred,
As he plucked the full bird,
"Last month buy 10,000 'P'?"
The Colonel said, "Oh, I regret the loss,
But it's my money, so I'm the boss."
And the General said,
With a shake of his head,
"So, away your money you toss."

"But what do you mean?" said McFlea,
"Just what does it all mean to me?"
"It means that this nation,
Could die of inflation,
And happy will be the VCI!"

Personal Piaster Purchases Plunge

Saigon (MACV) — Personal piaster purchases dropped to an all-time low during the month of March with MACV comptroller records reflecting an average individual purchase of \$18.88.

The trend toward the purchase of fewer piasters by individuals began in December and continued throughout the first three months of this year. Personal buying of "Ps" for the three-month period averaged \$22.15.

An all-out campaign to reduce personal piaster spending and to increase personal savings began in December and is continuing.

According to Lieutenant Colonel Edwin C. Heffelfinger, recently appointed chairman of the MACV Piaster Expenditure Cont of Working Group, "military personnel in all of the services throughout Vietnam have shown that they recognize and understand the inflationary problem which Vietnam faces. They have shown an amazing response in doing their part to ease the situation."

Underlining the significance of the reduction, Colonel Heffelfinger listed personal purchases of piasters for January as 1.29 billion piasters, for February, 1.02 billion and March .96 billion. This is a total of 3.12 billion piasters for the 3rd quarter FY 67 compared to 4.11 billion piasters purchased during the 2nd quarter FY 67.

With a view toward even further reduction in the personal spending of piasters, General W.C. Westmoreland, MACV Commander, has set a new goal of \$10.00 average expenditures for each individual.

Modern Medicine Comes To Remote Highland Village

Khanh Duong (USA) — For military personnel, sick call is an accepted part of the service. For the villagers of Khanh Duong in the Khanh Hoa Province, modern medicine is something new.

In this remote central highland province Captain John A. Goodworth, Beaver Falls, Pa., of the 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery has been treating the villagers since the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division began Operation Summerall in the area. A medical surgeon, he and medics from the 326th Medical Company and the 14th Engineer Battalion hold regular sick calls for villagers at 8:00 each morning in a small hut behind the Khanh Duong High School.

Besides treating the villagers, the staff also acts as advisors to three Montagnard medics and a trained Vietnamese nurse. Quan, one of the medics who has a family of six, has been working in this area for nine years, spending most of this time away from his family. Y'Phoc, another medic, travels from place to place, his wife as his assistant.

"The villagers are mainly hampered by malaria, dysentery, skin diseases, and vitamin deficiencies," said Captain Goodworth.

241 Montagnards Walk To Security

Dong Ha (USMC) — After five years under Viet Cong domination 241 Montagnards picked up their belongings and walked off to put their trust in the Vietnamese government.

They came in four large groups from hamlets in the Khe Sanh area 35 miles southwest of Dong Ha. Men, women and children walked to the Ca Lu outpost manned by Marines of the Third Marine Regiment.

Sharing their C-rations with the refugees, the Marines arranged for transportation to truck the groups to the Hung Phu refugee center outside Cam Lo village.

Through interpreters, it was learned each Montagnard hamlet was constantly guarded by three or more guerrillas. For some reason, the guards left for a short period and it was then the villagers bundled up what belongings they could carry and walked away from their life-long homes.

Murder: VC Answer To RD

Saigon (JUSPAO) — The peace and quiet surrounding Suoi Chon hamlet, 48 miles northeast of Saigon, was shattered by a Viet Cong attack at 1 a.m. Sunday April 16.

When the attack broke off with the arrival of government troops five hours later, the Viet Cong left behind one third of the hamlet in flames

and charred rubble, five Revolutionary Development cadre members dead, seven missing and three wounded. Three young and innocent girls lay on the ground, hands tied behind their backs, shot through the head.

Evidence showed that the Viet Cong's primary target was the RD cadre, proof of the effectiveness of the RD

program.

When the people of the villages turn to the government, the Viet Cong know that they have lost their chance for popular support of their guerrilla-type operations. Therefore, they must resort to murder — binding and shooting three young girls, whose only crime was trying to relieve the people's suffering and poverty.



MURDER — These three young Vietnamese girls were members of a Revolutionary Development team. VC terrorists tied their hands and shot them in the head. Two other RD members were killed, three wounded and seven missing. (Photo By JUSPAO)



AFTER VC VISIT — One third of Suoi Chon hamlet, 48 miles northeast of Saigon in Long Khanh Province, lay in flaming rubble. VC fled after the attack on April 16. (Photo By JUSPAO)

MEDCAP Medics Miracle Workers

Dong Tam (USA) — Two nearly blind, elderly men who left the Ap Dinh Bolin hamlet near My Tho almost two months ago have returned to their homes able to see again.

Their plight was discovered by Captain Robert Sanford, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry surgeon, during a MEDCAP operation in the hamlet last March. The two men plus a young girl with a cleft palate and a partially blind patient were taken to the 93rd Evacuation Hospital at Long Binh for minor surgery.

Blindness like this is common among the Vietnamese people because many suffer from cataract growths over their eyes. The only cure is a minor surgical operation to remove the growth.

One old man had been blind, because of the cataract, since he was 18 years old. While riding back to his home aboard a Caribou, the man was noticed gazing at his cigarette lighter. The interpreter said the old fellow had never seen his cigarette lighter before the operation on his eyes.

Woman's Patience Brings Her To 'Good Samaritan'

Dong Ha (USAF) — In ending a Vietnamese woman's three-day search for medical help, Airman First Class Delma Ward, an air policeman with the 620th Tactical Control Squadron's Detachment 1, proved that the days of the "Good Samaritan" are not over.

While leading a routine sand convoy through the village of Gio Linh, near the Demilitarized Zone, Ward was approached by a Vietnamese woman and two small children covered with dirty bandages.

Through the aid of an interpreter, the woman related that her family had been awakened in the night by a mortar attack and a shell landed near their home killing her two oldest children and injuring her two daughters.

She told them that she had heard of an American medical man treating the people near Gio Linh and due to the condition of her children it had taken her three days to reach the village.

Ward then contacted his commander, who arranged for emergency treatment. The children were later sent to the hospital ship *Repose* for further treatment.

25th Unit Fights Near Site Where Namesake Died

Cu Chi (USA) — "The 4th Battalion of the 23rd Infantry was wiped out after a heroic defense against Communist forces in a lengthy battle near Pleiku. The brave fighting force has ceased to exist."

So might have read the press obituary of an element of the 25th Infantry Division 13 years ago. The 4th Battalion was an all-French unit of the American 23rd Infantry Regiment which fought for three years in Korea.

After Korea, this battalion came to Vietnam where the French were engaged against the communist Viet Minh in the last years of the French action in Indochina.

As that war was approaching its disastrous end in July, 1954, the 4th Battalion was sent into battle in the Central Highlands near Pleiku. There on July 17 they were ambushed by a communist brigade.

In the hours that followed the 4th Battalion was hacked to pieces as the Frenchmen fought to the last man. The unit was decimated, leaving only a haunting memory of the brave men who had fought four years in two Asian wars.

Nine years later a new 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry, was organized and assigned to the 25th Infantry Division. Today that unit fights in Vietnam near Cu Chi, only a few miles from the ghosts of the old 4th Battalion.

Frail Viet Girl A Chieu Hoi Worker

Dau Tieng (USA) — A frail-looking Vietnamese girl, Miss Phan Thi Bich Thuy, wears sneakers, fatigues and a black baseball cap with a Chieu Hoi emblem on it and does work cut out for a man.

Late one night, the troops of the 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 4th Infantry Division moved out on a two-and-one-half-mile march through the Michelin rubber plantation to search a village. Miss Thuy, a Chieu Hoi worker attached to Advisory Team 91 at Dau Tieng, tagged along carrying her equipment slung over her small back.

Five hours later, after the village was encircled with troops, Miss Thuy moved into it with a loudspeaker telling the people that their village was surrounded and anyone trying to leave would

Law Day USA To Be Observed May 1

Saigon (MACV) — "No man is above the law, and no man is below it."

This statement by Theodore Roosevelt, the 25th President of the United States, in his message to Congress in January, 1904, has been chosen as the theme for the 10th anniversary of Law Day USA on May 1, 1967.

Law Day USA is in recognition of our national heritage of individual freedom under law. It is an occasion for recognition by all Americans of the sacred rights secured to them under law

Wise Investment Made By Seabees

Da Nang (USN) — Men of the US Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 58 are investing in a Vietnamese student's future.

Twelve thousand piasters (about \$100), enough to finance the student for a full year at the Central Bible School in the coastal city of Nha Trang, was collected from the Seabees' Easter Chapel offering.

Lieutenant Commander Robert E. Blade, the battalion's chaplain, presented the funds to the Reverend Hans L. Josephson, Christian Mission Alliance missionary, in Da Nang.

Reverend Josephson will use funds in support of a deserving student to prepare him for the ministry.

and the attendant duties and responsibilities which these rights entail.

In announcing the local observance of Law Day, General W.C. Westmoreland stated in a message to all servicemen in Vietnam:

"This day has been set aside by Congress and by proclamation of the President to remind us that adherence to the rule of law is basic in our society, essential to the welfare of every citizen, and to the stability and to the vitality of the

nation."

President Roosevelt's statement "captures the essence of our tradition of equal justice for all men. It reflects the basic aim of Law Day USA to strengthen the quality of justice, and to increase reliance upon law and independent courts in resolving the issues which confront us as individuals and as a people."

In America, the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are protected by law. In

today's complex society respect for the law is vital to the preservation of our liberties and to a free and orderly society.

General Westmoreland's message continues, "Respect for the law and observance of Law Day 1967, and our very presence in Vietnam, demonstrate to the world our continuing efforts to secure for all peoples the way of life made possible through the institutions of law and justice."

"NO MAN IS ABOVE THE LAW, AND NO MAN IS BELOW IT."

AFAT Efforts Give Hope, Children May Hear Again

By SFC A. Wakefield, USA, Staff Writer

Lai Thieu (MACV) — Children of the Lai Thieu School for Deaf Mutes will have a chance to hear again due to Air Force Advisory Team (AFAT)-1's efforts in one of their Civic Action activities.

Most of the children were sent to the school without a medical examination and were doomed to a life of silence. Some, with adequate medical aid and attention, will be able to hear again.

Members of AFAT-1 provide that chance by periodically transporting Captain Eldon E. Bell, medical advisor for VNAF, to the Lai Thieu school. He gives the children a thorough medical examination to determine their general health needs

and what can be done to restore hearing or partial hearing to the children.

Colonel Ben S. Catlin, chief, AFAT-1, who is directing the program to aid the school said, "The prospects are very encouraging, according to preliminary medical examinations by Captain Bell, to restore the hearing of some of the children by surgery and use of hearing aids."

The Lai Thieu School for Deaf Mutes is located 25 kilometers north of Saigon just out of the village of Lai Thieu. It is run by Catholic sisters who care for 305 deaf and 200 retarded children.

The school first came to the attention of Colonel Catlin through Captain Tan, civil engineer, 33rd Wing, VNAF.

Medic Saves Lives Of 14 Young Girls

Bong Son (USA) — Quick action by medic Private First Class Larry A. Flanagan is credited with saving the lives of 14 teenage Vietnamese girls in My Tho village who were wounded when a combination grenade-chaymore mine booby-trap was tripped.

PFC Flanagan, in the village with the Civil Affairs Teams of the 3rd Brigade Task Force, 25th Infantry Division, was summoned by a panting ARVN soldier to return with him to the scene of the disaster. When he arrived there, he found four children dead and 15 others seriously wounded.

Flanagan set to work. When he had used up all his tourniquets and blood expanders, the ARVN soldiers gave him their belts, and clothing for use as tourniquets.

A Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC) helicopter picked up the bandaged mine victims and brought them to the 3rd Brigade's aid station.

The 14 girls are now back in My Tho, a coastal village in Binh Dinh province, thanks to PFC Flanagan, who plans to become a doctor when he leaves the Army.



SILENCE WITH HAPPINESS—The kids are enjoying it. Captain Garry L. Ratliff, AFAT-1, scoops up two of the children at the Lai Thieu School for Deaf Mutes during the team's visit to the school. (Photo by SFC A. Wakefield, USA)

Field Exercise Provides OJT

Saigon (MACV) — While participating on a field exercise near the ARVN Armor School at Thu Duc 18 miles north east of Saigon, a class of the armor vehicle commanders engaged in combat with an unknown number of Viet Cong.

The surprising clash took place on April 14, 1967, resulting in the capture of one weapon and two Viet Cong killed. The student force suffered two slightly wounded.



WHO'S FIRST — These schoolgirls from Long Thanh have just entered the 9th Infantry Division's base camp dental clinic, and are still smiles while preparations are made for the first patient.



OUCH!!— Tears come to the eyes of this young Long Thanh schoolgirl as she has a tooth pulled by a 9th Division dentist. Despite the ache and pain... she thanked him for his work which ended a long-time toothache.

Eager Girls Visit Dentist, Unsure, But Then Relieved

Long Thanh (USA)— The eager, chatty class of village grade school girls gathered in the dental clinic waiting room. A big, tall American led the first young "customer" into

a back room. Moments later an electric drill revved up, and:

"Yeoww!" came the first volunteer's response from inside. Choi oi! The excitement of having the morning off from school turned to quiet apprehension as the group of more than 20 Phuoc Loc Primary School children waited their turns at the 9th Infantry Division's Bearcat base dental clinic.

A few of the girls backed into a corner, hoping they

might be by-passed. Two of their teachers, Miss Thong Anh and Miss Kim Anh, helped the American doctors talk with the children and put them at ease.

They spent two hours at the clinic, having teeth pulled, cavities filled and teeth cleaned.

The morning's work was part of a civilian medical assistance program, with Dr. Ronald Berman doing the dentistry.

Sergeant First Class Stanley

Matsumoto, a Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, medical advisor, has been working to establish a continuing program of dental hygiene for Long Thanh villagers.

"When I first came to the

Long Thanh area I saw that none of the children brushed their teeth," said Sergeant Matsumoto. He has been here for nearly a year giving oral hygiene and English language instruction to children.

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YOW !!— Children snap their attention to the back room of the dental clinic where one of their classmates just had a tooth pulled, expressing her opinion of the situation in a loud voice. All 20 of the girls, age six through 14, were checked by the dental team.



SWEATING IT OUT— Nervously awaiting their turns in the chair, these girls take in everything that is happening to their friends. They didn't like the looks of the anesthetic needle or the sounds of their peers.

From The Pacific To Australian 'Diggers' A



Saigon (MACV) — No one has to tell the American soldier he has a good ally, good fighter and good buddy in the Australian "Digger" soldier who stands with him in the Free World effort in Vietnam. Accomplishments speak for themselves.

Australians came to Vietnam more than a dozen years ago with a 20-man team of civilian advisors. In 1964, Australia beefed up its civilian effort with a medical team.

Military aid dates back to 1962 when a 100-man Army Training Team came to Vietnam to give instruction in jungle warfare. Jungle fighting is an old Digger specialty. From the island hopping of World War II to the Malaysian conflict in the early 1960s, the Australians have fought the jungle war.

"The Viet Cong have nothing up on us," says one Australian. "We know their fighting methods as well, if

not better, than they. The Digger never sticks to the beaten jungle paths, moving on an operation.

"We make our own way through the underbrush, the best way to travel. It keeps us more than a step ahead of the VC." I'm sorry Charlie that you're with a Digger.

Australian advisory efforts include a detachment of the Royal Australian Air Force which flies in support.



GRENADA — "Here's how it's done," instructs Private Reg Lilywhite, Brisbane, as he demonstrates proper "Digger" technique for chucking a grenade

PALS — Youngsters at a Vietnam camp near Bien Hoa join a buddy for a

Malaysia To Vietnam, Lower Call For Freedom

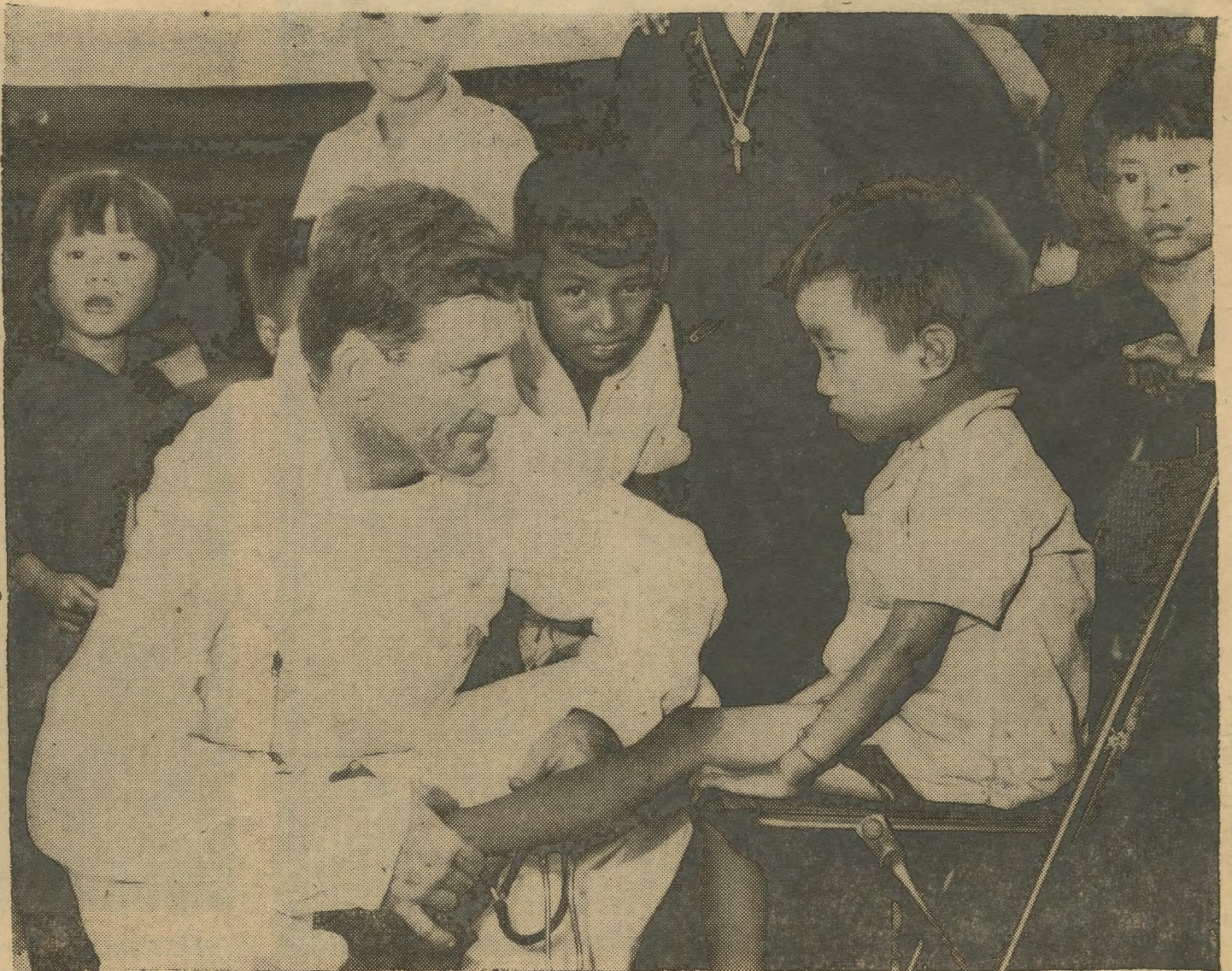
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Staff Cartoonist



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DIGGER DOCTOR — "Come along now, mate, it doesn't hurt that much," says Captain John Reftery, Sydney, as he examines the foot of a young patient

Medics Double As Good Will Ambassadors

Long Binh (USA) — "Huey....You want a number one shine?" These words from a young Vietnamese shoeshine boy looking for a boot to black were his introduction to members of the 1st Logistical Command's 68th Medical Group Headquarters, and led to a new home for a needy family.

Provider

The responsibility to provide food, clothing, and shelter for his mother, brothers and sisters fell on 11-year-old Sam Sau who shined shoes in the street of Bien Hoa and nearby Tam Hiep. Here on a dusty street corner he met Specialist 5 David Black, Bellevue, Wash. Specialist Black, who has

since returned to the US, visited Sam's family and gave some new clothes to the youngster. He also helped the family repair and improve their home.

Interpreter

English lessons began when the "medic ambassadors" discovered Sam trying to teach his limited English to his family. On weekends, Sam visits the unit where Specialist Black and others furnished him a salvaged bed and wall locker. He soon was elected mascot of the group, learned to play basketball and improved his English.

School

When school started, Specialist 4 Donald R. White, Roaring Spring, Pa., and

Specialist 4 Joe A. Callaci, Chicago, bought Sam new clothes and enrolled him in a private school in Bien Hoa. Tuition was donated by the officers and men of the 68th Group Headquarters.

English Lessons

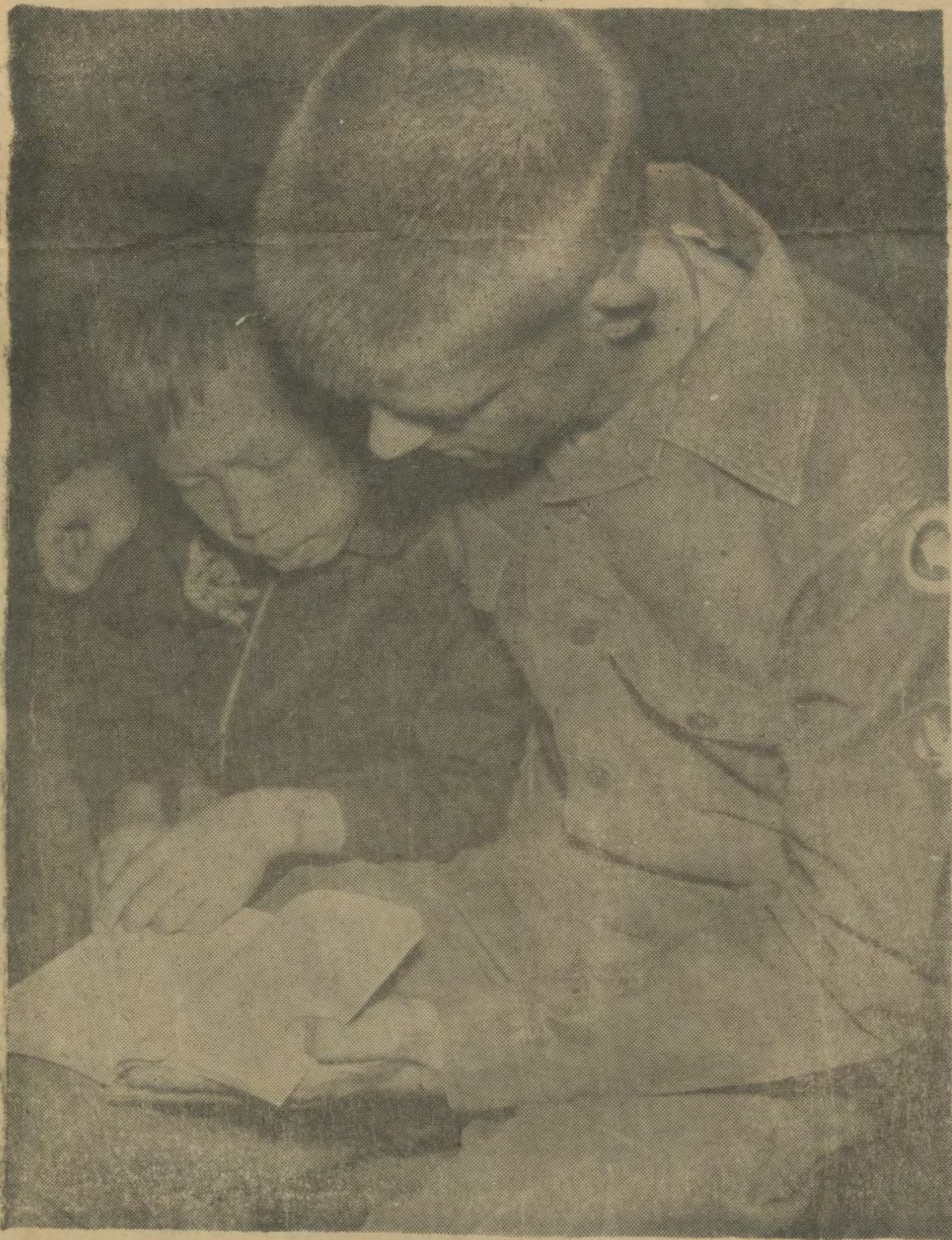
Each day after school, Sam returns to the unit where he serves as an interpreter between Vietnamese workers and the Americans.

Finally, the family was provided a better home when members of the headquarters donated scrap lumber to help the family build a new home.

Story & Photos
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Sp4 Jack Germeau, USA



TRAINING — Specialist 4 Joe A. Callaci shows 11-year old Sam Sau how to make his bed with a military fold.



LESSONS — Knowledge of the English language is a must for little Sam Sau. Giving Sam his lessons is Specialist 4 Donald R. White, one of Sam's sponsors.



FIRST DAY — Specialist 4 Richard A. Bassett, Aston, Okla., escorts Sam to school in Bien Hoa. Sam enrolled with tuition donated by members of the unit. Despite his "homework" — English lessons — Sam also finds time to get in a few games of basketball, taught to him by his new friends.

Combined Force Foils Viet Cong

Binh Phuoc (USA) — A combined force of 9th Infantry Division and Regional and Popular Force (RF/PF) soldiers made an assault on an enemy stronghold resulting in 120 enemy bunkers destroyed.

A Company of the 3rd Brigade's 5th Battalion, 60th Infantry, acting on intelligence reports that Ap Binh An hamlet was a Viet Cong district headquarters, coordinated the airmobile assault with district officials who called the provincial reconnaissance force into the action.

"We believe that success of this operation is due in part to close cooperation between district officials, Regional and Popular Forces and the battalion," said Major David R. Cowles, battalion executive officer.

Ap Binh An is located in the southern portion of Binh Phuoc district, about 20 miles southeast of Saigon, and has long been used by enemy units for supply and communication routes between the Rung Sat and the Plains of Reeds in IV Corps.

'Pop': No Such Rank In The Navy

Saigon (USN) — When some seafaring men call him "Pop" he never answers, for as he puts it, "There's no such thing in the Navy."

Almost 70, Steward First Class Domingo Membrot receives the rare measure of respect that most shipmates who know the jovial Filipino affectionately address him as "Mr. Membrot."

Now a crew member in the division which caters daily to almost 500 officers, civilians and dignitaries aboard the attack aircraft carrier Enterprise, he first joined the US Navy in 1918 at Cavite, P.I. Mr. Membrot also served briefly in the Philippine National Guard.

Remembering the days of our sailing Navy and wooden hull ships, Mr. Membrot claims to be the oldest sailor in service. His sea stories are as convincing as a world history textbook.

"I like to enjoy life while I have it," relates the youthfully energetic steward-cook who was born at Camalan-iugan, Cagayan on Luzon July 24, 1897. No one doubts his determination, although some find it hard to match.

In physical fitness, he competes better than some of the teenagers aboard. Until recently when his work schedule increased, a workout in the ship's gym or a lap around the four-acre flight deck was daily routine.

Except for nine months, Petty Officer Membrot's entire naval career has been spent on the high seas. He remembers serving on nearly 30 ships many of which are now long forgotten.



Mr. Membrot

Before reporting to the nuclear-powered Enterprise, Petty Officer Membrot served on the newest aircraft carrier,

USS America. Other attack and support carriers he has served on include the Monterey, Tarawa, Lexington and Ticonderoga.

Presently assigned to the admiral's wardroom on the Enterprise, Mr. Membrot is almost as experienced in serving admirals and dignitaries as he is in the culinary profession itself. Presidents, dukes, princesses and countless other heads of state and military leaders are among those who have sampled his cuisine and received the service of Mr. Membrot and his fellow stewards.

After leaving the Philippines in July, 1918, Domingo Membrot traveled around the world several times, crossing the equator on 10 occasions, before returning to his 74-year-old sister Maria in 1964.

Since there are no male dependents in his family there, Mr. Membrot has been sole provider for 14 relatives since 1948.

Three dependents attend college in Manila at his expense. "I give them everything I have," he says of his family, "and I try to make them study."

In 1924, Mr. Membrot left the Navy to raise his own family, only to return during World War II. He again left the service in 1947 for about three years, but again returned stating, "About that time I decided to make the Navy my career."

A naturalized citizen of the US, he not only speaks near perfect English but is proficient in Spanish, French, some Italian and five Philippine dialects.

Former VC Mourn Death Of Marine

Phu Bai (USMC) — Two memorial services were held for Marine Staff Sergeant Gordon Lee Hogan here — one by Marines at Force Logistic Support Group A (FLSG-A); the other by former Viet Cong at the Chieu Hoi village nearby.

"Gordon Hogan was the kind of character you read about," say his friends.

An Irish-American, Staff Sergeant Hogan worked as

civil affairs noncommissioned officer for FLSG-A and operated primarily with the Hoi Chanh (former Viet Cong who defected to the South Vietnamese government under the Chieu Hoi program).

The Vietnamese loved Hogan and he reciprocated. He had been in South Vietnam 19 months, and had just recently extended for a second time.

Staff Sergeant Hogan drove the men as one would drive professionals — seeking perfection. As dedicated to Hogan as he was to them, the Hoi Chanh would go nowhere without him.

Hogan and his Hoi Chanh worked as scouts for 3rd Marine Division units operating near Phu Bai.

On April 1, Staff Sergeant Hogan and his Hoi Chanh were bringing an armed Vietnamese propaganda team into the area. Hogan and two others were at the point when the Viet Cong ambushed the team.

Two automatic rifle bursts caught Hogan in the chest. He fell firing a full magazine into his assailant before he died.

DOD Report

DOD — During WWII some 23 per cent of all medically evacuated Army cases were returned for psychiatric reasons. Percentage evacuated from Vietnam has been approximately six per cent. This is the lowest rate recorded in any previous conflict involving US Forces.

RVNAF Living Standards Raised

Tan Son Nhut (USA) — A four-pronged program has been implemented by US Army Vietnam (USARV) to continue the advancement of the Vietnamese serviceman's standard of living.

Labeled "Project Assist," the program is aimed at improving dependent housing,

troop billets and the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces (RVNAF) commissary system.

The importance of the program is related to the Vietnamese serviceman's new role in the Revolutionary Development Program. "Those who are engaged in

a program to improve the status and well-being of others must themselves understand and experience the fruits of progress," explained Colonel Charles R. Graham, Deputy G-4, Military Assistance Office, USARV.

A trial phase of Project Assist is the planned construction of over 9,000 dependent housing units in the III Corps Tactical Zone. USARV is to provide the material while the Vietnamese do the actual construction work. US "buddy" units will provide assistance to the Vietnamese units. If the venture is successful, similar projects may be implemented in other areas.

Project Assist also aims to upgrade the Vietnamese commissary system. It is designed to provide military personnel and their families with major food and sundry items at below market costs.

Among proposals to improve the Vietnamese serviceman's rations is a system of 14 farms that would raise cattle, pigs, goats, poultry and vegetables. Excess US canned meats are already being added to the military diet.

Development of troop billets, the fourth area of Project Assist, is already underway. The cost in being shared by the Vietnamese and US governments.

New Procedures For VN Draft Dodgers

Saigon (MACV) — A memorandum published by the Vietnamese Joint General Staff outlines new procedures for better utilization of draft dodgers.

Apprehended draft dodgers will be required to serve one additional year in service upon completion of their required obligation. The additional year will not count toward military service longevity. For those who voluntarily report for duty, an additional year will not be required.

Draft dodgers serving prison terms may have their sentences suspended and be inducted into the military services.

Apprehended draft dodgers will be processed immediately for induction into military service and will not be prosecuted. However, those who prove physically unfit for service will be processed for prosecution.



"That close artillery support really gives a guy confidence, eh Lieutenant?"

Green Berets Rustle Cattle

Phu Tai (USA) — In a rare switch of roles, an enterprising group of green-bereted Special Forces troopers, using Army helicopters as their trusty steeds, rustled 15 head of cattle from a Viet Cong stronghold 15 miles west of Da Nang.

The cattle were presented as a gift to ARVN troops preparing to celebrate a Vietnamese holiday at Hoi An, about 20 miles south of the enemy stronghold. At first the Green Berets had planned to hold a cattle drive south to the ARVN's camp, but this idea was ruled out because of heavy enemy activity in the area.

Instead, the cattle were loaded aboard choppers from the 282nd Assault Helicopter Company based in Da Nang and brought to the ARVN camp. The cattle had to be given tranquilizer shots before they could be loaded and tied aboard the choppers.

50 APO's In VN

Saigon (MACV) — There are over 50 APO numbers used in Vietnam. To insure that your mail is delivered on time, inform your correspondents of the correct APO number for your unit.

Viet Cong Becomes A Chieu Hoi Singer

Chu Lai (USMC) — The loudspeaker at the company command post blared music throughout the countryside. The song was rallying for the Chieu Hoi program and the singer was a Hoi Chanh

Mechanics Expand Into Tooth 'Repairs'

Vung Tau (USA) — Mechanics of the 53rd General Support Group Transportation Motor Pool have added a new touch to their maintenance routine by installing a set of teeth for one of their Vietnamese employees.

Although the actual "repairs" were not performed by the men themselves, the money they collected made it possible for Mr. Cao Van Loc to have false teeth made by a local Vietnamese dentist.

Specialist 4 Dennis L. Brost, Medford, Wis., who has been working with Mr. Loc since his arrival in Vietnam last June, was the promoter of the gesture. "He's a number one worker, trustworthy and dependable, so we wanted to do this for him to show our appreciation," explained Specialist Brost.



COUNTY FAIR— Two Vietnamese Popular Force troops hand out rice to villagers during "County Fair" held by Marines of the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Division. Marines provided security for Navy doctors and corpsmen while Popular Force troops searched the hamlets for Viet Cong during the "county fair." (USMC Photo)

Loudspeaker Appeals Follow Strikes

Da Nang (USAF) — As soon as the Air Force F-4C Phantom had unleashed all its ordnance on the Viet Cong target, U-10B Courier pilot Captain Wendell L. Anderson, Minneapolis, radioed, "Can I play my tapes now?"

"Roger, you're cleared," answered the forward air controller.

Captain Anderson circled in over the smoldering target, playing a taped message in Vietnamese to the surviving VC through a loudspeaker carried by the U-10B.

This is a favorite tactic of the psychological warfare pilots of Flight A, 9th Air Commando Squadron at Da Nang air base. Following air strikes, they broadcast a Chieu Hoi (Open Arms) message offering good treatment to VC who desert their ranks.

"Our broadcasts are most effective after an air strike," says Captain Anderson. "That's when the VC usually decide to take advantage of the Chieu Hoi pass."

Records of VC defectors show that the majority of them defected as a result of hearing a psywar aircraft-delivered "advertisement."

"This is the most important job in this country," said Captain Anderson, "proving the falseness of the VC cause."

Preceding and following Tet, the Vietnamese Lunar New Year, Flight A more than doubled its psywar efforts.

Suggestions Pay

Washington (AFNB) — The Army received 43,877 suggestions during fiscal-year 67 and approximately one out of every four was adopted.

Cash awards for these suggestions amounted to \$468,573 dollars with first-year tangible benefits totaling \$13.5 million dollars.

Captain Anderson flew 100 hours — half of them over targets — during February.

"In January, we were credited with 258 defectors," he continued. "The count for February was 277. Each man's case is almost identical; the man heard our broadcast, missed his family and was tired of the hard life of the VC."



PLAYMATE — In Hong Kong even movie stars take time out for R&R once in a while. Here Jenny Hu cools off between pictures. Jenny invites YOU to Hong Kong, on R&R or anytime. (Photo by Shaw Bros.)

Pony Express Gallops Again

Dong Ha (USA) — Use of "Giobaska," a Vietnamese pony, by Private First Class Roger G. Zehr, Normal, Ill., the A Battery, 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery's unit mail clerk, to deliver the mail, proves the "day of the horse" isn't dead after all.

The pony was found wandering in a mine field near the Demilitarized Zone by Staff Sergeant Joe Johnson and Private First Class Patrick McClellan, who were laying a mine field nearby. After gently leading the horse to safety, with the aid of C-ration treats, they coaxed him into their truck and drove him back to A Battery.

A week or so passed and no one came to claim the pony, which by this time had been dubbed "Giobaska" by the men of the Battalion.

One day, Private First Class Zehr saw Giobaska and thought of a way to speed up the mail as well as make his work a little easier. The Pony Express had come to Vietnam.

Now, as well as being a unit mascot, Giobaska is used to pick up mail each day at the battalion mail room (with Zehr on her back) and deliver it to the men of the 1st Battalion. Says PFC Zehr, "Giobaska is the hit of mail call."

Armed Forces Television, RVN

Channel 11

Guide for week of — May 1-7, 1967
(Programs Subject To Change Without Notice)

MONDAY (May 1)

- 6:30 News Headlines
I've Got A Secret
- 7:00 The Flintstones
- 7:30 News & Sports
- 8:00 Combat
- 9:00 Bewitched
- 9:30 Third Man
- 10:00 Dean Martin Show

TUESDAY (May 2)

- 6:30 News Headlines
Green Acres
- 7:00 My Favorite Martini
- 7:30 News & Sports
- 8:00 Big Valley
- 9:00 Garry Moore Show
- 10:00 Entertainment Spectacular

WEDNESDAY (May 3)

- 6:30 News Headlines
Information Feature
- 7:00 Batman (Part I)
- 7:30 News & Sports
- 8:00 Perry Mason
- 9:00 Joey Bishop Show
- 9:30 Channel 11 Theater (Movie)

THURSDAY (May 4)

- 6:30 News Headlines
G.E. College Bowl
- 7:00 Batman (Part II)
- 7:30 News & Sports
- 8:00 12 O'Clock High
- 9:00 The Fugitive
- 10:00 Red Skeleton Show

FRIDAY (May 5)

- 6:30 News Headlines
Information Feature
- 7:00 Addams Family
- 7:30 News & Sports
- 8:00 Gunsmoke
- 9:00 Danny Kaye
- 10:00 The Tonight Show

SATURDAY (May 6)

- 12:00 Encyclopedia Britannica
Social Security
- 12:30 Jim Bowie
- 1:00 Daniel Boone
- 2:00 Roy Acuff
- 2:30 Beverly Hills 66
- 3:00 Andy Griffith
- 3:30 Sports of the Week
- 6:00 Lost in Space
- 7:00 M-Squad
- 7:30 News and Sports
- 8:00 Jackie Gleason
- 9:00 Hollywood Palace
- 10:00 Saturday Night At The Movies

SUNDAY (May 7)

- 12:00 Chapel of the Air
- 12:30 Educational Special
- 1:30 Sunday Matinee
- 3:00 Sports of the Week
- 5:30 CBS Sports Special
- 7:00 Big Picture
- 7:30 News & Sports
- 8:00 Dick Van Dyke
- 8:30 Get Smart
- 9:00 Bonanza
- 10:00 Ed Sullivan Show

(Note: These same shows can be seen in other areas as follows:)

- Qui Nhon — May 22-28
- Da Nang — June 12-18
- Pleiku — July 3-9
- Nha Trang — July 24-30

BEETLE BAILEY

BY MORT WALKER



PEANUTS

By Cartoonist-Of-The-Year Charles M. Schulz



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1-Priest's vestment
- 4-At that place
- 9-Edible seed
- 12-Sign of zodiac
- 13-Girl's name
- 14-Ordinance
- 15-Parent
- 17-Give
- 19-Singing voice
- 21-Offspring
- 22-Festive
- 24-Bow
- 26-Direction
- 29-Walks unsteadily
- 31-Emerge victorious
- 33-Pronoun
- 34-Conjunction
- 35-Carpenter's tool
- 37-Soft food
- 39-Exists
- 40-Gratuity
- 42-Long, slender fish
- 44-Flash
- 46-God of love
- 48-Knock
- 50-War god
- 51-Recent
- 53-Hurry
- 55-Buy back
- 58-Squanders
- 61-Exist
- 62-Experience
- 64-Electrified particle
- 65-Sailor (colloq.)
- 66-Spirited horse
- 67-Sob

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- 3-Container
- 4-At that time
- 5-Long-legged bird
- 6-Spanish article
- 7-Communist
- 8-Man's name
- 9-Carpenter's tools
- 10-Consume
- 11-Reverence
- 16-Cures
- 18-At present
- 20-Quarrel
- 22-Irritate
- 23-Norse god
- 25-Plunge
- 27-Glisten
- 28-Trials
- 30-Sink in middle
- 32-Scold
- 36-Armed conflict
- 38-Piece of dinnerware
- 41-Meditate
- 43-Cheer
- 45-Peaceful
- 47-Bishopric
- 49-Adhesive substance
- 52-Dampens
- 54-Hurried
- 55-Rodent
- 56-Period of time
- 57-Small rug
- 59-Click beetle
- 60-Vessel's curved planking
- 63-Compass point

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MPs: "Doc Caseys" To Mothers-To-Be

Lai Khe (USA)—Two Military Policemen with the 1st Infantry Division's 3rd "Iron" Brigade are rapidly belomping local counterparts of "Doctor Kildare" and "Doctor Casey."

Specialist 4 Eric Jakubowski, Chicago, and Private First Class Joseph D. Laruffa, Lockport, N.Y., earned the nicknames after a distress call in the village of Lai Khe.

While on a jeep patrol, they received a call that a Vietnamese woman needed

aid at the Lai Khe Hospital. Jakubowski put in a call for a medic while enroute to the Hospital.

At the hospital, they found a young woman in labor. Waiting for the medic, it became apparent that mother nature was going to beat him to the hospital. Jakubowski looked at Laruffa helplessly and said, "Well 'doctor', I guess it's up to us."

A few minutes later the sound of the approaching ambulance was drowned out by the crying of a new seven pound boy.

Early the next morning Specialist Jakubowski and PFC Laruffa were again patrolling in the jeep when they were hailed by a group of people beside the road.

Resorting to broken French and Vietnamese, Specialist Jakubowski found out one of the women was about to have a baby. Quickly putting the women in their jeep, they headed for the small hospital only a short distance away.

This time they were in luck as a Vietnamese midwife was present to help the woman in her delivery. Apparently the news of Specialist Jakubowski's ability in pediatrics had spread through the village as the Vietnamese midwife insisted that he stay and help her.

A short time later, Specialist Jakubowski rejoined PFC Laruffa in front of the hospital with the report that it was another boy.

Village Of 3,000 Key To Binh Dinh Province

Bong Son (USA)—On the surface My Tho looks like a typical Vietnamese community in Binh Dinh Province. However, it has had a violent history in recent years.

Established as the headquarters of the 92nd North Vietnamese Army (NVA) Regiment in 1964, My Tho was severely blasted by American artillery about a year

ago. Today, Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) forces occupy it and hope to make it a showplace for what the South Vietnam government can do for its people.

Government Revolutionary Development (RD) teams of doctors, teachers and agricultural advisors have been working with 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division's medics and civil affairs experts under ARVN security. Four Catholic priests have recently returned to teach. They had been forced to flee when the Viet Cong entered the area in strength.

Why all this concern for a village of only 3,000? My Tho's geography is the answer.

It is surrounded by the most productive rice country in central Vietnam. Other than the primary crop, rice, its people also farm large

quantities of potatoes, onions and tobacco. Both the Viet Cong and the South Vietnamese government consider this an important region to control.

Says Major John W. Schnieder Jr., Kingston, N.Y., "If we can pacify My Tho, we'll have accomplished our first big step in a new way of life for the people of this region. It's a critical area in Vietnam. The people harvest over two million tons of rice a year and I'll bet they have no less than 800 head of cattle. They could stop working for the next four years and still have enough to eat."

A daily sick call is being conducted in the village and construction has just been completed on a central market place built entirely by the people themselves with technical and material assistance from the Americans.

Cranes Help Span Cai River Bridge

Tuy Hoa (USA)—The last major obstacle along Highway One between Tuy Hoa and Qui Nhon is being bridged.

The obstacle is the Cai River, north of Tuy Hoa. Army of the Republic of Vietnam's (ARVN) 61st Engineer Battalion, 6th ARVN Engineer Group, was assigned the task of bridging the 1,000 foot gap.

The job began simply enough, but the ARVN engineers soon became faced with a major problem. How would they lift into place several 60-foot preconstructed metal spans, each weighing approximately nine tons? The problem was solved by enlisting a CH-54 Sky Crane helicopter to put the spans

Self Help...

From P-1, Col. 4)

he began chomping his own beard.

"Finally the Indian came to a second iron gate, and entered another great hall with another long table piled with food. Here, too, a host of people were gathered along both sides of the marvelous table. Their left hands were also tied behind, and their right hands held long chopsticks. But the Indian saw at once that these folk were a boisterous and happy crew, chattering and laughing. They were plump and well-clothed, and were having a feast.

"How is this true?" asked the Indian, tottering toward the head man of the table. Only then did the Indian see that these well-fed people were using their long chopsticks to reach across the table to each other, each one feeding another!"

ARVN Boot Camp Provides Realistic Field Exercise

That Son (IV Corps IO)—Vietnamese Army training exercises sometimes become the real thing when Viet Cong are encountered just outside the cantonment area of the Chi Lang National Training Center in the Mekong Delta.

The Center, 16 km from the Cambodian border near the thinly-populated "Seven Mountain" area of Chau Doc province, provides military training for individuals and units assigned to the IV Vietnamese Corps.

Trainees participate in training cycles closely resembling those of the US Army. New soldiers complete six weeks of basic combat training, followed by advanced individual training in a special field.

There are usually 2,500 individual trainees at the center,

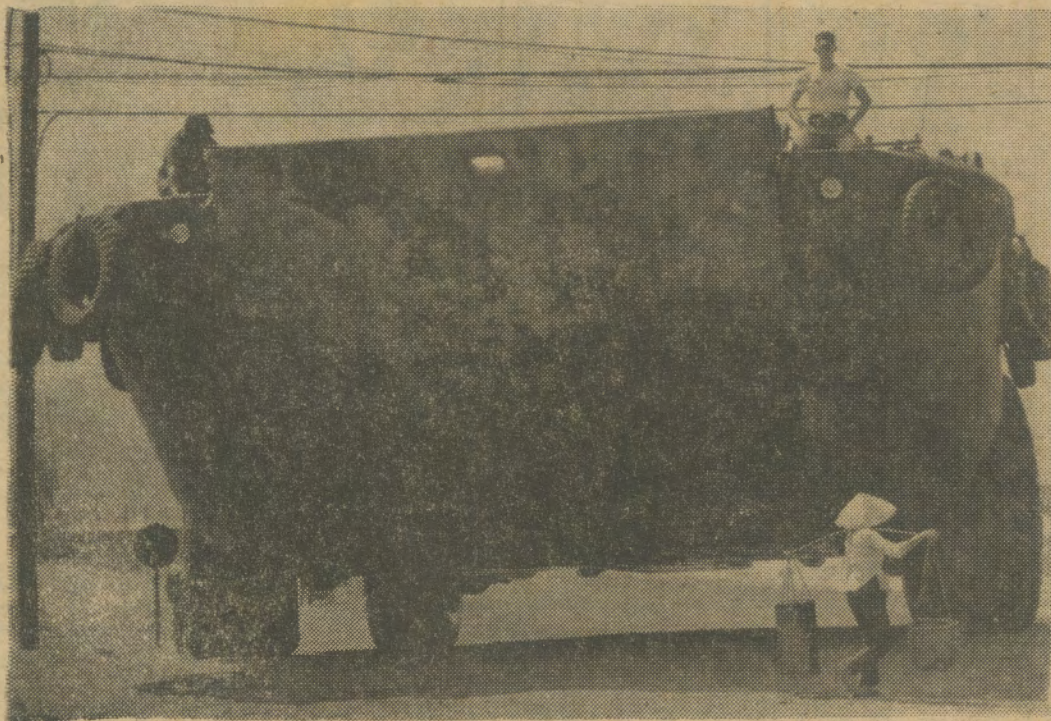
all destined for assignments to units in the IV Corps area.

A 21-man US advisory team, mostly infantrymen skilled in training techniques, work with the Vietnamese cadres. Senior US advisor is Lieutenant Colonel Ricardo Cardenas, Oro Grade, Calif.

Infantry battalions from the 7th, 9th and 21st ARVN Divisions also come to Chi Lang for refresher training. A five-week battalion refresher training course allows the unit's personnel to work together to learn about new weapons and renew basic skills.

The Chi Lang Center is named after a training camp used by Le Loi, a Vietnamese leader who freed his country from Chinese domination in 1427.

Slow - Wide Load



CHOI OI — Observing traffic signs, a 100-ton Barge Amphibious Resupply Cargo (BARC) stops at a stop-sign in Qui Nhon while a pedestrian looks on in amazement. The BARC has 10-foot high tires that weigh 3,000 pounds each and is the size of an average five-room house. (USA Photo)

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