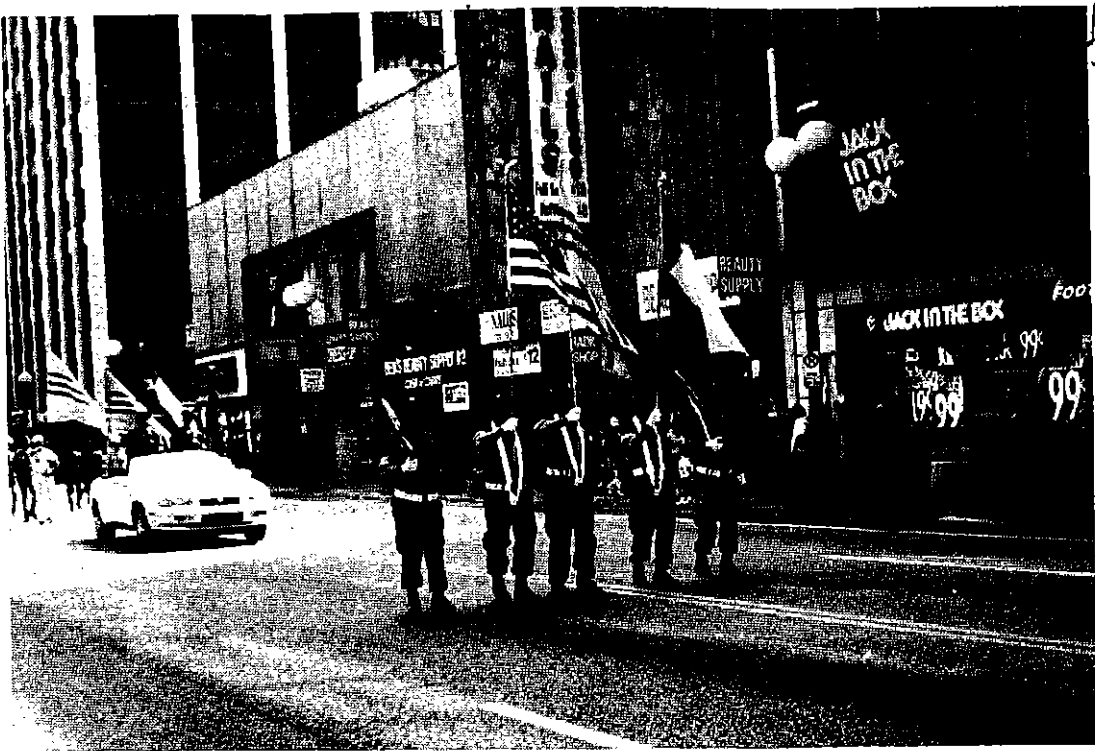


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Special reunion issue, w/info on reunion, raffle, elections etc.

First off, thanks to Mike Martin for above photo, showing RVN Ranger Assn. members marching in Houston's Armed Forces Day parade. Also, thanks to Jack De Boer Jr. for sending speech text of Nguyễn Kim Ban's speech at the Wall on Memorial Day. Ban, Chairman of the Việt Nameese American Organizations in the Metro Washington Area, addressed a gathering of family members and friends, leading off his speech with:

'Dear Friends,

We soldiers and people of the Republic of Việt Nam are very glad to meet you in this Memorial Day, May 28, 1995.

We are deeply moved when we think of our friends who died, and when we see the black walls on which fifty-eight thousand names of those heroes who lost their lives in our country for the cause of freedom. We are lost at words to praise your honorable sacrifices. All we can do is to extend to you our sincere thanks, from the bottoms of our hearts, and reverently give you a wreath today, to pray that one day God will help us regain what we have lost, and to reclaim our country, so that the

Việt Nameese war dead may also one day be remembered and that our people will be delivered from the evil of communism and will have freedom and happiness.'

Copy of full text available by sending SASE to editor(Bill Laurie, 1462 W. University; Mesa, Arizona; 85201). A note thanking Nguyễn Kim Ban for his sincere thoughts can be sent to: Nguyen Kim Ban; 9805 Alwaes Dr., Apt. 101; Fairfax, Virginia; 22031-1636.

Our 30 April Memorial Ceremony was written up by Dr. Jane Hamilton-Mecritt in the VVA 'Veteran', and was also described in the 'Montagnard Longhouse', quarterly publication of the Montagnard Foundation. This is far more attention than was paid by the media, which once again focused on its own perceived 'truths', one of which was the assertion that Vo Nguyen Giap was the mastermind behind the 1975 final offensive. Wrong. Giap had been kicked upstairs, and was little more than an honored spectator watching the generalship of Van Tien Dung. Oh well, close enough the TV work. In any event, nice to know others will know of our 30 April effort.

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Message from Ben Myers...Internet and/or Prodigy call signs will be included in updated roster, now in process of being completed. Any member wishing to have his/her cyberspace call signs listed need forward same to Ben(P.O. Box 6019; Lake Worth, Florida; 22466-6019). Also, any Life Members who have not received their permanent membership card can obtain same, at no additional expense, by contacting Ben. And...If your telephone area code has changed, please advise Ben at earliest convenience so this information can be plugged into updated roster. And...please advise of any address change, and pay dues on time. Adherence to this request will be of great help to Ben and the association. Thx in advance for your efforts to minimize admin chores/expenses.

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REUNION REUNION REUNION REUNION REUNION REUNION

Date: 2-6 August, 1995. Place: Holiday Inn-Eisenhower Metro in Alexandria, Virginia. Reservations : 1-703-960-3400, or call toll free Holiday Inn number: 1-800-HOLIDAY. ID self as COUNTERPARTS/THONA member. Rita Brouwer-Ancher contact person at Holiday Inn.

Usual contingent of speakers, and business to be conducted. We need to elect a number of officers, and need to select a reunion ramrod, or committee, for next year. If unable to attend, and have nomination for offices of Commander, XO, and Adjutant(J.C. Fischer only announced candidate), please mail nominations in soonest: Grant McClure; 2961 Jones Ct.; Waldorf, Maryland; 20602-1713. Growth of membership, and resultant workload, raises distinct possibility of need for new positions, which may include Supply Officer, Fund Raising, or....? Your present skeletal admin structure is stretched to the limits, imposing limitations on activities, etc. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, feel free to step forward and nominate someone, or yourself, for an office. It is vital we elect a Commander, and membership ranks include an ample roster of qualified people. Present collegium of worker bees will function in a much more proficient manner.

Reunion Raffle The following donated books are being raffled off. Ticket price is \$1.00, except where noted otherwise.

The War in Cambodia, 1970-1975; Conboy and Bowra
Shrapnel in the Heart; Laura Palmer
Army Aviation; Hans Halberstadt
The Vietnamese Tradition on Trial, 1920-1945; David Marr
Blues Bastards; Randy Herrod
Bouncing Back; Georffery Norman
Long Gray Line; Rick Atkinson

Copy of Patton's address to his troops, 31 May 1944

Pen and ink drawing by Mike Kelly: 'Sgts. Johnson & Smialowski with skull(D Co., 1/502, 101st.

\$2.00 each:

Bound compilation, 'Green Beret' magazine, for following years: 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970. These are professional quality reprints of a unique historical publication, issued in-country.

Raffle tickets found on last page this SITREP.

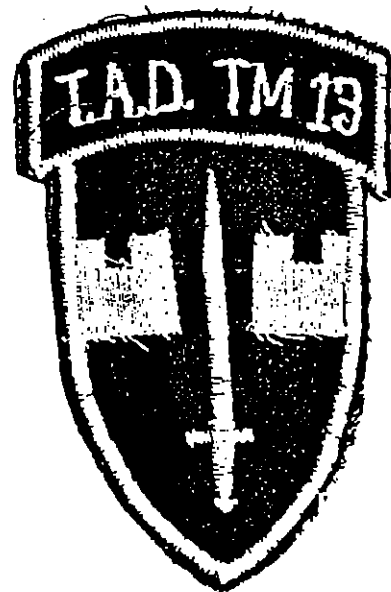
Once again, prospects are good for a well-attended reunion. We have many members in the general area, and mailings have been sent to another 500 or so people whose previous interest has been expressed. Do your utmost to attend, come up with nominations for officers, and any other good ideas which might bubble to the surface. Those not able to attend can send nominations as well as raffle entries to Grant McClure, whose address is cited above, on p. 2.

See you there.

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Left; Shoulder patch for Chiến Dịch Trần Hưng Đạo, AKA Operation Ready Deck, a joint US/RVN riverine operation conducted in late 1969 on the Saigon River, extending to Dau Tieng. Right: patch for Transportation Advisory Detachment. Both as photocopied from Clem Kelly's Việt Nam War Insignia Collector Newsletter, with thx extended to Clem for his permission. The VICN is unique in its field, containing an



abundance of historical information, as well as updates on the now blossoming counterfeit market for fake patches peddled in US and SE Asia. Bi-monthly, \$15.00/year (\$20.00 US, foreign address) from: VICN, c/o Clement V. Kelly, Jr.; 501 West 5th St.; Covington, Louisiana; 70433. Make checks payable to Clem, not VICN.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to:

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XO, USOM Laos, '57-'62
601 Thomas Dr.
Platte City, Missouri 64079

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TM 27/41st & 47th Regts; '69
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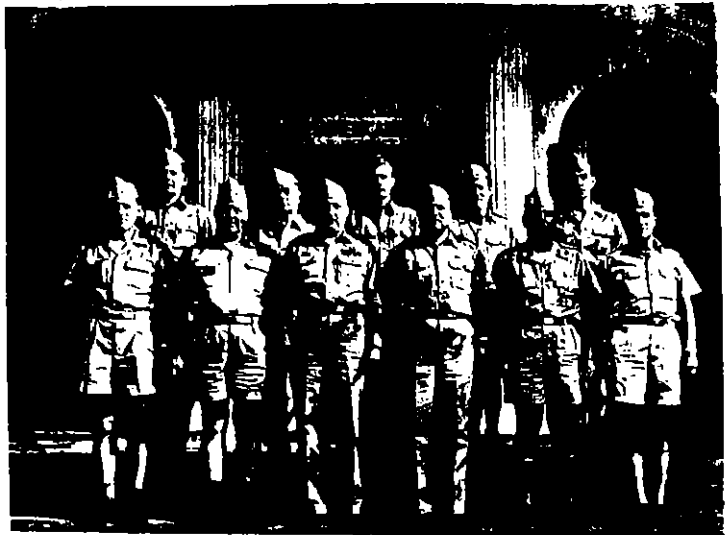
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Mill Creek, Pennsylvania
17060

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MACV Med Supply Adv, '72
12300 Starling Lane
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Arthur N. Rogers III
Tm 78, '66-'67
MAT-III-98; '68-'69
712 Seminary Ave.
Towson, Maryland 21286

Welcome aboard gentlemen, and thx to Maj. Jack Hansel for sending photo of MAAG personnel, taken 21 April, 1955, in Saigon. Front row, left to right: Capt. W.H. Smith Jr., Col. J.R. Cronk, Col. W. H. Mikkelsen, Maj. J. H. Hansel, LTC R. I. Milam, CWO R.P. Todd. Back row, left to right: LTC R.C. Harris, Col. E. W. Kent, Maj. Pete Dickey, CWO L.E. Knecht, and LTC S. L. Myers.



If, and when, a collection of member photographs, and explanatory text, could ever be assembled, it would be one of the more interesting VN books one could imagine, and certainly more educational than some of the literature out there.

Thx again to Jack for sending this along, and thx to all new members for your prior service and interest in this association.

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LOCATOR Quick turnaround time with two recent searches, both cited in last SITREP. Huỳnh Văn Thành reunited w/Maj. Adam Klys; both served w/Det. B-42 in Chau Doc, '66-'67. 28 years, and back in touch again.

And... Art Robinson located Trương Đình Qui, whose photo graced the pages of last SITREP. Member Bobby Jackson saw the photo, and called Mike Martin (Art's contact) immediately, advising Mike that Bobby and Qui, now in Arlington, Virginia, have lunch every month or so. Art, formerly with Australian Army Training Team, Việt Nam (AATTVN), had just returned to Australia after a US visit, but now has contact with Qui, ending another 28 year period of wonder and doubt. Hats off to us, for making this possible, and prodigious thx for the work

J.C. and Ben put into this. The two of them should give work ethic seminars to bureaucrats in D.C.

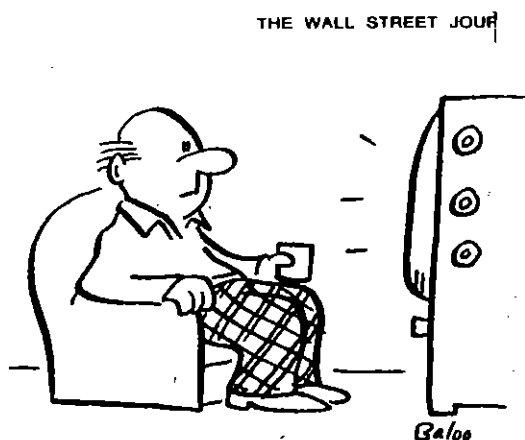
Success notwithstanding, more work remains, not only on existing search requests, but with....

Robert M. Celeste is looking for then-Staff Sgt. Henry McNeil (possibly spelled McNeal) who served with Bob's father, Maj. Raymond Celeste (COUNTERPARTS/THENA Member in Memoriam) when the latter was KIA on 22 Nov 85 at Thach Tru Village, Quảng Ngãi Prov.

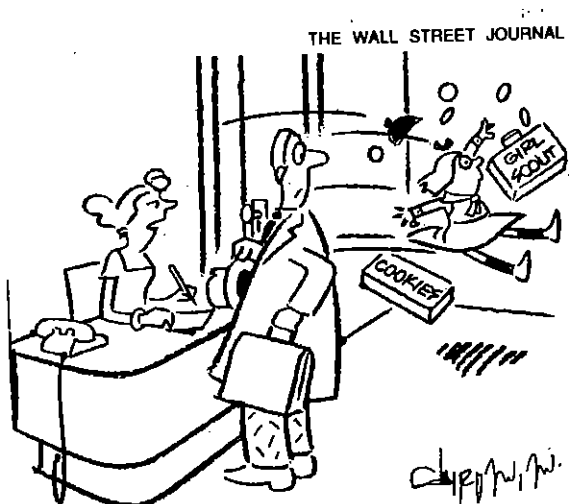
Bobby Jackson is searching for other TD 37 BQ/37 Rgr Bn Cõ Vãn: SGT. Shelnut, PFC Shine, SSG Charles McBride, PFC William Tucker, and SFC Lawrence Thibodeaux.

Thiếu Tá Nguyễn Văn Đem is being sought by a member whose name our normally meticulous Locator J.C. did not forward to your editor. Đem was CO, 4/3 Cav, and was WIA and Medevaced with his counterpart/our member, in March 68, between Pleiku and Kontum. Apologies for miscue, and next SITREP will contain name of member looking for Thiếu Tá/Maj Nguyễn Văn Đem.

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"...Any of our viewers who disagree with tonight's editorial are encouraged to go out and buy their own TV stations."



"Perhaps you'd prefer to come back another time, sir."

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LOST COMMANDOS Last issue mentioned plight of VN commandos, hired paid and trained by US Govt, who are now surfacing. Some are in VN, some are Stateside. Immigration officials had initially turned down their emigration paperwork, until the welcome intervention of US Bangkok Ambassador David F. Lambertson, formerly a Foreign Service Officer (FSO) in VN ('65-'68). Miami attorney John Matte's is handling their case, and responding to a COUNTERPARTS/THENA inquiry, wrote:

'Thank you for your support for the Lost Army Commandos. I'd like to provide an update regarding the status of their plight. Both the C.I.A. and the Defense Department have asked for 90-120 days to evaluate the claims of the commandos regarding acknowledging their wartime contributions.

Therefore, we are requesting your support via letter writing to the President and members of the House Armed Services Committee in support of the commandos. On behalf of the Lost Army Commandos, I appreciate your efforts and valuable assistance.'

So, we have more letter writing to do. Info has been passed on, via Member Jerry Ginder, to the Special Operations Association, and is also being forwarded to other concerned parties. Remember, these individuals, on US payroll, were inserted into NVN, as five man teams, only to be cut off when aerial resupply was canceled in the 1968 bombing halt. Many were killed, the rest captured. They, and their families, were left swinging in the breeze. It's time to correct this inexcusable abandonment of people sent on extremely hazardous missions. Only takes a few minutes to write a letter, which is far less discomfort than what these people have endured. Integrity so dictates.

Opposition to H.R. 1561, with its provisions for cleaning up a fouled and corrupt 'screening' process, sunk to new depths of idiocy. Rep. Doug Bereuter, in a letter to a Nebraska constituent who wrote in support of H.R. 1561, explained that H.R. 1561 would--and this is a verbatim quote--: '...justify bringing to the U.S., at American taxpayers' expense, former enemy soldiers from North Việt Nam as economic refugees....'. This is blatantly false. Rep. Bereuter also circulated similar memo to his congressional colleagues. It should be noted, truth in advertising and all that, Rep. Bereuter is also on the House Committee for International Economic policy and Trade, as well as the House Committee on Banking and Financial Services. Hmmm...??? Citibank and Bank of America are eager to make some \$ in VN, as are a number of other major corporate entities. Mebbe some cloakroom lobbying here? In any event, battle now moves to Senate; make your opinions known. Though H. R. is an initial success, it could well be dissolved by hostile Senate vote, denying corresponding legislation, or Presidential veto.

In the 'How-many-sides-of-your-mouth-do-you-talk-out-of' Dept., the US govt., while imposing increasingly stringent obstacles before legitimate political refugees from Laos and VN, has indicated that Beijing's Most Favored Nation status is 'no longer linked to to Beijing's human-rights performance'(note: after elections, campaign statements are invalid), but is instead '...conditional upon freedom of emigration', adding 'Emigration from China is preceding well.'. Don't strain your eyes looking for moral consistency. There is none. One wonders if we might be better off by dismissing the entire State Dept., and then calling Manpower and Kelly girl with a request for 187 Ambassadors, 275 Consulate Generals, etc.

Your letters are needed.

Related literature: Lancer Militaria sells a book titled VIET NAM, VIET NAM, by Minh Hien and Luthfi Pirabeau, described as: 'Something unusual, a detailed look at what has been happening inside Viet Nam since the fall of the country in 1975. Frightening look at the population control techniques of a totalitarian state. Hardbound, 242 pp., was \$16.95.'. Order number: 7D8226R. Price: \$9.95 plus \$4.50 postage. Thx to Paul Brubaker for sending this info.

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'The true test of civilization is, not the census, nor the size of the cities, nor the crops--no, but the kind of man the country turns out.'

. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

'A wise man gets more out of his enemies than a fool gets out of his friends.'

-Baltasar Gracian

MEMBERS IN MEMORIAM

Captain John K. Adams
Adv Tm 21

1Lt William (Bill) Lawson
FO, 1st Troop, 3rd ARVN Cav

SFC Clifton Tanksley
Adv Tm 21, 4/3 ARVN Cav

Dai ta (Col.) Son Thuong
37th Rgr Bn/TĐ 37 BĐQ

SP4 Terry Wintermoyer
37th BĐQ Bn Adv Tm

Capt. Roy M. McWilliams
21st BĐQ Bn Adv Tm

SGT Charles Wray Kaelin
21st BĐQ Bn Adv Tm

Capt. William J. Whitehead
37th BĐQ Bn Adv Tm

Capt. Christopher G. Sullivan
39 BĐQ Bn Adv Tm

Capt. Thomas T. Hewitt
39th BĐQ Bn Adv Tm

Remember Them

We are still in search of an appropriate inscription to place upon our 'moving wall', an expandable memorial upon which are placed brass plates with inscribed names of all Members In Memoriam. Ideas welcome.

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Recollections From member Frank Brown's DELTA ADVISOR....

Describing pursuit of VC Sapper team which had just blown a bridge: 'I hurried back to the compound, picked up some extra ammo, then joined the platoon of PF troopers headed by Major Van Hooser and LTC Quyen. We drove out to the edge of town, dismounted and set out across the paddies for Cau Sat. Major Van Hooser had brought along a small starlight scope, and every few minutes he and Quyen would stop for a look. We were about a klack and a half out and the sun was just beginning to rise when we began taking sporadic fire from our left flank. We quickly sought cover behind a paddy dike, trying to get a fix on the enemy positions. A B-40 was fired at us, falling short though LTC Quyen was wounded in the hand. For a few minutes there was a cautious exchange of fire, as Quyen and his squad leaders talked over the situation, then the PFs began flanking the enemy positions. Suppressive fire from several M-79s forced the NVA to keep low, enabling the PFs to move in closer. We managed to work our way to within 30 meters of the enemy position when LTC Quyen personally led the final assault. Unholstering his .45, he jumped up, screamed something in Việt Nameese, and rushed forward, followed by his men. God-damndest thing I ever saw.'

And... 'Chau Son and I, along with several civilian health workers, drove the truck up to Vinh Trung yesterday, where we gave Cholera shots to more than 300 school children.'

Copies of DELTA ADVISOR, a 26 pp., 8½ x 11 booklet of diary entries during Frank's tour in Tri Ton, will soon be available for purchase by members.

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Chuck Printz

MONTAGNARD Issues... Grant McClure, Kok Ksor and Mountagnard Foundation and human rights advocate met w/Dept. of State officials in D.C., attending an all-day conference on U.S. response to human rights violations.

Summarizing Chuck Printz's recollections:

'In reflecting on the conference, I am struck by the fact that my only impressions of the day are disappointment and anger. Dis-

appointment at not having learned anything of value; anger for not simply leaving when it became obvious that our speakers (State Dept. personnel) though well intentioned, were not about to really inform us on the pressing issues before the Dept. More troubling was the absolute lack of discussion by Secretary of State Christopher, State Dept. and White House officials on issues affecting current/future US-Asia dialogue.

The only Indochina discussion came about when Kok Ksor, in a question directed to Mr. Morton Halperin (Special Assistant to the President) tried to learn if humanitarian and/or political issues affecting the Montagnards were even on the current US-VN bilateral agenda. Mr. Halperin claimed total unfamiliarity with the subject.'

Swell.

Montagnard Foundation Director and Counterparts member Kok Ksor delivers speech to Amnesty International in June, and is scheduled to attend a UN conference in July. With luck he'll deal w/people more informed than Mr. Halperin.

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REUNION REMINDER, and UPDATE Please note accompanying raffle ticket on next page. Nominations: no form provided. Please send simple note listing nominations for officers, IF you are not able to attend. Again, we need a Commander, and Adjutant (one present candidate: J.C. Fischer). Any position is open, excepting XO, with Charlie Thurmond having another year to run. In any/all cases, member input is needed. We have an incredibly experienced, talented and intelligent talent pool in our ranks, and need to draw upon same. Anyone having a candidate for Commander is advised that an ~~able staff exists~~; a wheel will not have to be reinvented. We have run this outfit off kitchen table tops for years, with leadership staff that has met face to face one or two times. Some know each other as only a friendly voice on the phone, a voice cassette, or a letter. However noble the effort, a larger staff is needed to address growing membership, and range of projects which run from human rights activities, through humanitarian projects, to historical compilation. Help is needed. Think about it.

Contract w/hotel has been renegotiated. Room rates will not exceed \$75.00/nite. This should be a memorable and productive session, not to mention the abundance of recollections and 'war stories'. Your presence is welcome, desired, and warmly encouraged. We've got some work to do, and some good times to be had. Hope you can come.

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Last minute notice: Chuck Printz w/Human Rights Advocates International, is attempting to find the Father of an Amerasian child, Nguyễn Thụy Thị Tu, born 23 June 73. Her Father was manager of US Army club at Long Binh, and was a Cherokee Native American whose name is believed to be Charles Horton. Chuck also asks if any light can be shed on a Long Binh facility known as Padesetters, or a recreational club, Club Alpha. Chuck can be reached at : Human Rights Advocates International; 1341 North Avenue, Suite 7C; Elizabeth, New Jersey; 07208. Landline: 908-352-6032/TAX: 908 289-8540.

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Tom Hargrove: still no word on his fate or condition. His abductors have been silent. Say a prayer for Tom and his family and friends.

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Hết rồi. All for now. Make the reunion if at all possible. Will be well worth it.

HQ/COUNTERPARTS

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Special insert, from September 1968 issue of 'The Hurricane', a publication of II Field Force Viet Nam. Sent in by, and thanks to, Don Steiner.

The Tale of a Popular Force Outpost

Courageous Soldiers

Take It, Dish It Out

by PFC Kenneth Smith

photos by SP5 Rick Nelson

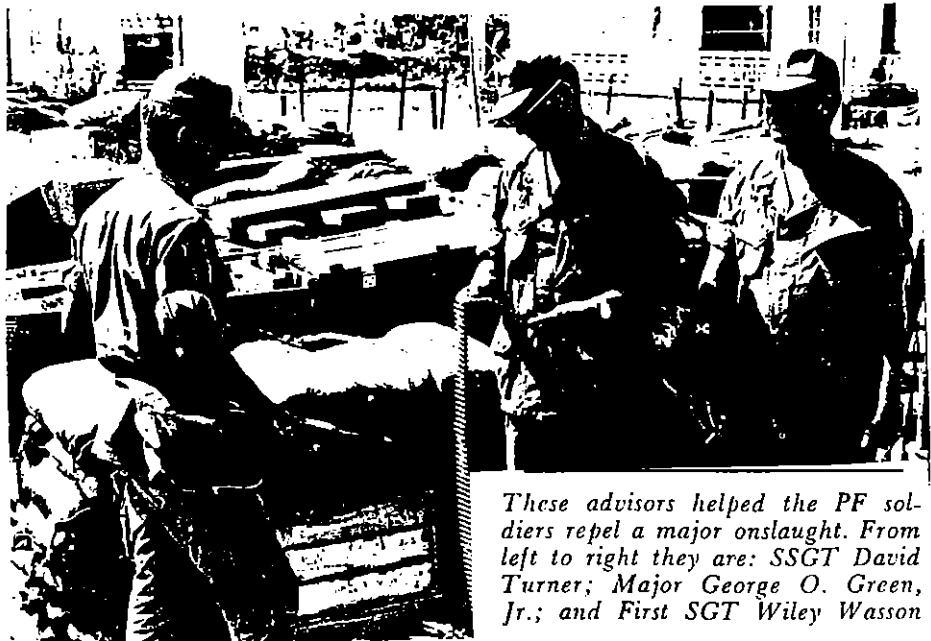
The faded, chipped, red-lettered sign reads: "Welcome to Phu Hoa Dong." Its dusty paint is slapped on the wall of a shattered building located near the tiny outpost's perimeter in southeast Binh Duong province. Seven months ago it was bright red. The building was in one piece. Since then most of what's come into Phu Hoa Dong has been about as welcome as flies. The sign's become a satire; the enemy's incoming bullets and rockets anything but.

The two Vietnamese Popular Force (PF) platoons—53d and 54th—and the U.S. Advisory Team who fought there have departed for a more advantageous position. And so, the remains of Phu Hoa Dong now rest peacefully. They qualify as candidates for a museum.

Seven months ago, Phu Hoa Dong provided a relatively defensible, liveable home for the two PF platoons and their six American advisors. It is situated in the middle of a favorite enemy route to Saigon, 20 miles to the south, and proved to be a nasty stumbling block for the Northern Army. The platoons, as is true of

most PF units, provided life-saving security for adjacent villages.

In the Tet Truce Violation, Phu Hoa Dong expectedly began taking fire. Until it was vacated in early June, Northern troops treated the outpost like a pop-up rifle target. It got in their way, and life for the men at Phu Hoa Dong became relaxing—like a cold shower. Attacks came in varied sizes—large, medium and small, but on all occasions the PF troops repulsed the enemy, often killing large numbers. They took it and dished it out. They achieved many



These advisors helped the PF soldiers repel a major onslaught. From left to right they are: SSGT David Turner; Major George O. Green, Jr.; and First SGT Wiley Wasson

victories. But none was more decisive than their last, which occurred just a few days before they left, the night of June fourth. It was like "one more for the gipper."

At 9:30 pm the 25th Infantry Division phoned to say a Hoi Chanh returnee had told of an all-out attack scheduled for that night. At 1:50 am everything but the stars fell from the sky on Phu Hoa Dong: "Widow-making" 57 and 75 mm recoilless rifles, 60 and 82 mm mortars, RPG and B-40 rockets, machine guns, small arms; the works. It rained fire for a solid half hour. First Sergeant Wiley Wasson said, "It was the most intense fire I've ever experienced. I didn't think all those

shells and bullets would fit in such a small area."

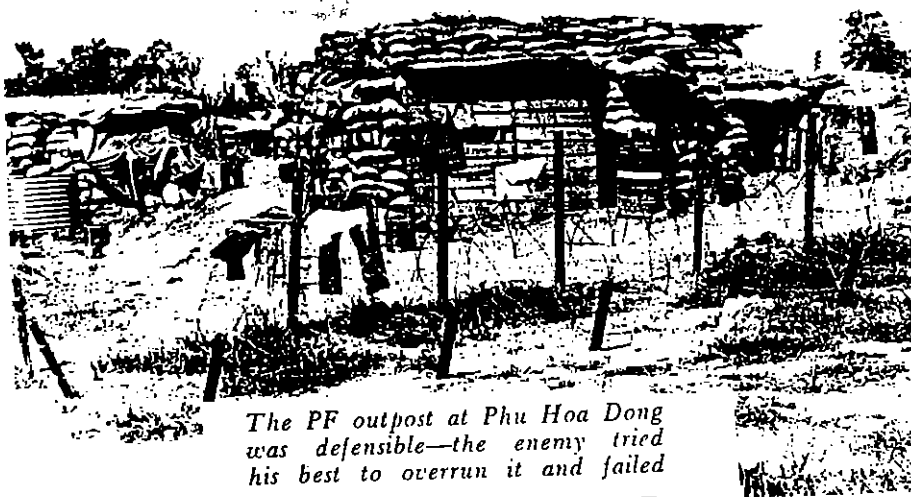
Advance warning or not, the initial attack was terrifying. But the courageous Popular Force soldiers shot back from the berm, while the U.S. team ripped away

from the command bunker. Under such extreme fire it took plain guts to leave that bunker to shoot M-79 grenades. But it had to be done and done in the open. Major George O. Green, Jr. led his men out.

First Sergeant Wasson got but one foot outside when a piece of shrapnel penetrated his forearm to the bone. He came inside, received quick treatment, and immediately returned to the outside with his M-79.

"It hurt like the devil but I had to keep firing," he said.

During that explosive first half hour, Lieutenant Robert Antonius, assistant district advisor, ordered aerial and artillery support. Soon four gunships and a Forward Air Control (FAC) plane began making passes. Then the 25th Infantry Division from nearby Cu Chi began pouring in rounds from 155 mm howitzers, and the enemy was soon zeroed by the invaluable FAC plane.



The PF outpost at Phu Hoa Dong was defensible—the enemy tried his best to overrun it and failed

Then suddenly there was a deathly moment of silence. All firing stopped.

"The enemy, the 8th Battalion of the 88th North Vietnamese Regiment, had infiltrated to within 50 meters of us," related Staff Sergeant David Turner. "Then they stopped firing and when we stopped too, they stood up for a 'banzai' charge. Major Green decided the time was right and ordered close-in artillery. FAC had adjusted the 155's perfectly. They hit exactly where the enemy was located."

"The timing was just perfect," added Sergeant First Class Raul Martinez.

"Charlie tried to re-organize and try again," continued Sergeant First Class Trinidad Reyra, "but the stubborn Popular Force soldiers on the berm and the four helicopter gunships helped make Charlie realize it was no use. Then as they were running away,

Spooky (AC-47 Gunship—18,000 rounds per minute) showed up and turned the rout into a slaughter."

The enemy cleared the area by 5:00 am. They left behind 45 bodies and many weapons. Only one PF soldier was killed.

"The group was truly outstanding," said Major Green.

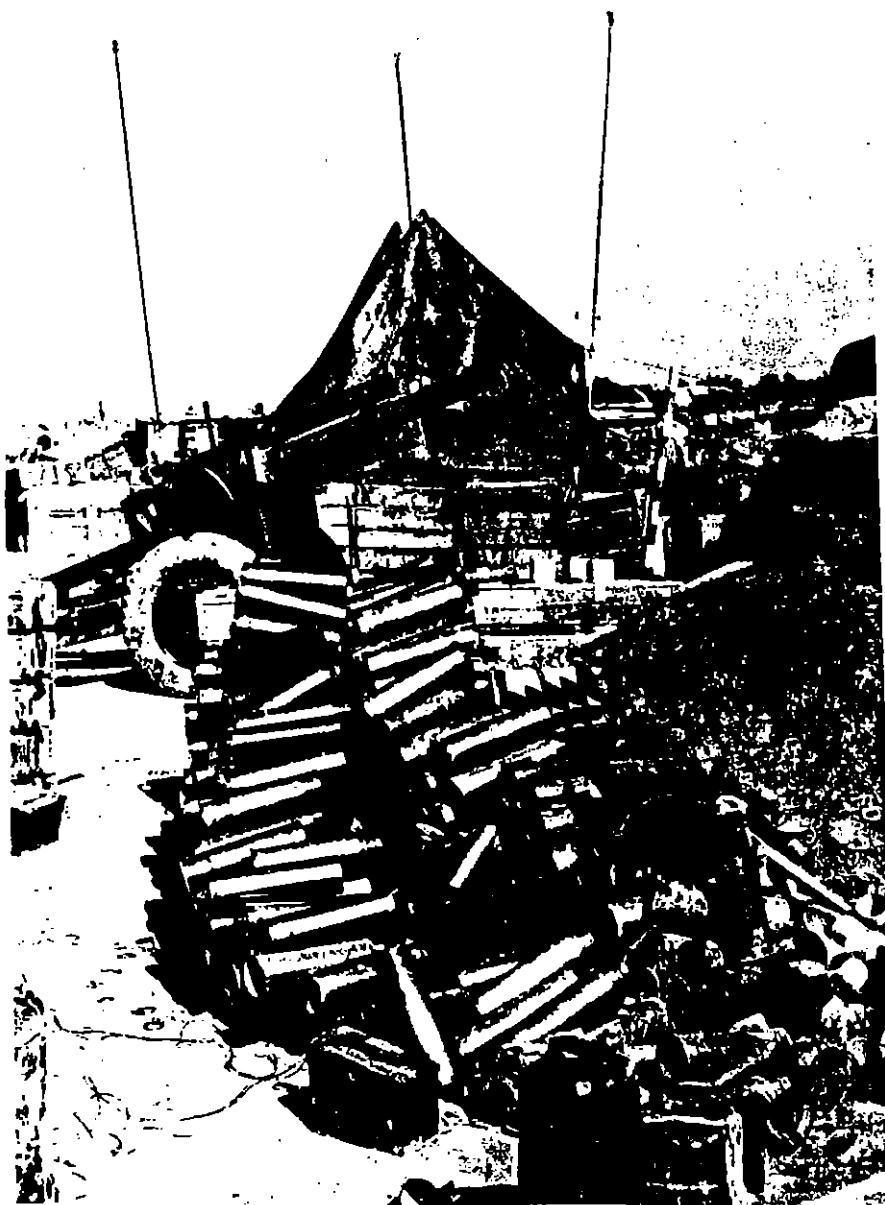
Two days after the attack the Vietnamese and their advisors, in broad peaceful daylight, retreated. They left Phu Hoa Dong for Parris Tan Qui, a similar outpost about five miles directly south.

The advantages of Parris Tan Qui should make the PF soldiers less vulnerable, and in turn, attacks less frequent. The new outpost is blessed with wide open spaces stretching some 500 meters out from its perimeter, forcing the enemy to stage attacks at a considerable distance. There are also additional roads connected to the outpost. But though this should help, in the coming months, Parris Tan Qui will probably get its fair share.

But whether it's Parris Tan Qui, Phu Hoa Dong, or "Binh Ben Duc," chances are you won't see a PF outpost in big headlines. Nor will you see a PF platoon or its advisors exalted as are the victors at such strategic campaigns as Dak To, Khe Sahn or Hill 881.

They're not the stars of this show. They won't get the girl in the end.

But there are Phu Hoa Dong's all over South Vietnam. And there are hard-working, brave PF units and their U.S. advisors living in them, sacrificing, risking, enduring. To the villages and hamlets they protect, they're even better than John Wayne.



Expended artillery casings are piled up in the new outpost. Parris Tan Qui has much better fields of fire

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