

# Maj. Gen. Peers Assumes Command Of Division



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**Dragon Mountain**—Major General William R. Peers, former special assistant to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for counterinsurgency, has assumed command of the 4th Infantry Division.

Major General Arthur S. Collins Jr., who has commanded the Ivy Division since July 1965, turned over the colors of command to his successor in a ceremony Tuesday afternoon at Dragon Mountain.

The former division commander, who has been nominated for promotion to lieu-

tenant general, has left Vietnam to take up a new post in the Pentagon.

General Peers, a native of Stuart, Iowa, returns to command the Famous Fourth after serving as its assistant division commander from September 1963 to July 1964 at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Assembled troops from the Ivy Division's 2nd Brigade, division headquarters and support elements witnessed the colorful ceremony of the change of command on the Dragon Mountain airstrip.

General Collins, in his farewell address to the men of his division, congratulated them on the successes that they had enjoyed together since coming to Vietnam and admonished them to give the same loyalty and devotion to their new commander.

Sergeant Major Thomas J. Tobin, division sergeant major, then passed the division colors from General Collins to General Peers to symbolize the passing of command.



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## Six Soldiers From 2/22nd Awarded Vietnamese Medals

**Cu Chi** — Six members of the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, recently received Vietnamese medals for their participation in Operation Attleboro.

More than a hundred men from the 4th Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade, the 25th Infantry Division, the 196th Light Infantry Brigade and the 173rd Airborne Brigade were honored in the ceremony at the 25th Division Headquarters at Cu Chi.

Receiving the Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star was Lieutenant Colonel Richard W. Clark, commander of the 2/22nd.

The Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star went to Staff Sergeant William Shephard, Sergeant Harold Hankins, Specialist 4 Thomas Gentry and Private First Class David Mathews.

The Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star was also awarded to Specialist 4 Velen Garcia who is still in a hospital recovering from wounds received during Attleboro.

Vietnamese Lieutenant General Le Nguyen Khang and Major General Phan Trong Chinh presented the awards, Major General Fred C. Weyand, 25th Division commander, and Brigadier General George G. O'Connor, assistant commander of the

25th, witnessed the presentations.

In a brief speech after the medals were given out, General Khang told the men that the Vietnamese "recognize all your help and all your success" in Operation Attleboro, and thanked the men on behalf of the Vietnamese government and citizenry.

## Operation Revere V Begins In Pleiku, Kontum Provinces

(MACV) — Operation Paul Revere IV was terminated last Saturday night and Revere V was launched Sunday with no change in troops or area of operation.

Paul Revere IV, a multi-brigade operation which began October 18, included battalions from the 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division; 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile); and 3rd Brigade Task Force, 25th Division.

The fighting took place in northwestern Pleiku Province and the southwestern portion of Kontum Province and accounted for 977 enemy dead, 90 prisoners captured, 331 suspects detained, and 280 individual and 28 crew-served

weapons seized.

Pilots flew 2,800 air sorties in support of the ground troops.

Cumulative friendly casualties were light during the operation.

No offensive action was initiated Sunday in Revere V because of the New Year truce period.

Operation Adams, which the 4th Division's 1st Brigade is waging in Phu Yen Province, continues with no major contact with the enemy reported last week.

The total enemy dead has climbed to 164. Ivy troops have captured 102 prisoners and detained 1,057 suspects.

Eighty-one individual and one crew-served weapons have been seized since the battalion-size operation started October 26. Aircraft have flown 139 sorties for the Ivymen.

Friendly casualties remain light.

A total of 111 incidents, 24 of them considered significant and reported to the press were logged during the New Year truce period from 7 a.m. December 31 to 7 a.m. January 2.

The 4th Division was not involved in any of the significant incidents.

## Artillerymen Believe In Old Saying

**Dragon Mountain** — According to the old adage, "It's better late than never."

Members of Batteries B, C and D of the 5th Battalion, 16th Artillery, who arrived at the Ivy Division's Dragon Mountain base camp two days before Christmas, couldn't agree more.

As they drove their 10-ton self-propelled 155 millimeter and eight-inch self-propelled howitzers into the base camp, a sign was strategically located to greet them.

It read "Welcome to Dragon Mountain base camp from Fort Lewis via Paul Revere IV."

The "big boys" of the Ivy Division's artillery actually arrived in Vietnam October 6 at Qui Nhon. Once off the boat they began making the necessary preparations to get their equipment on the road. Their weapons had been combat readied at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Two days after landing  
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**AT LONG LAST**—Elements of the Ivy Division's "Big Punch," the 5th Battalion, 16th Artillery, arrive "home" for the first time since their arrival in Vietnam. The "Redlegs" have been deployed in support of Paul Revere IV since early October. (USA Photo)