



NEW WASH, DRY SERVICE—Final adjustments are made to the equipment in the 4th Division's new laundry facility. The laundry will initially have three washers and three driers, each capable of handling 60 pounds of clothes per load. Corporal Gordon R. Simonds (Oneonta, N.Y.), left, assistant section chief, and Sergeant First Class William A. Fogler, noncommissioned officer in charge of the laundry, check the machines.

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Division Hosts Montagnard Chiefs

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tactical area of operations to thank them and the Vietnamese government for their help and pledge division and

Lt. Col. Cole Now Commands 10th Cavalry

Plei Djereng—Lieutenant Colonel Thomas F. Cole (Rosewell, N.M.) assumed command of the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry, from Lieutenant Colonel Wallace H. Nutting (Saco, Maine) recently during ceremonies at the 10th Cavalry's forward base camp.

Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander, presented Colonel Nutting with the Legion of Merit for his meritorious conduct in performances of duty as squadron commander.

Colonel Nutting presented the squadron colors to Colonel Cole, symbolizing the change of command as General Peers and Brigadier General Glenn D. Walker, assistant division commander, watched from the speakers' stand.

Colonel Cole comes to the 4th Division from the United States Military Assistance Command Vietnam. He is airborne qualified and has served overseas in Japan, Korea and Germany.

province support to their villages.

As the chiefs listened to General Peers and Lieutenant Colonel Nay-Lo, Pleiku Province chief, they would occasionally nod their approval of what was being said. At the close of the speeches, each chief was presented with a plaque engraved with a pledge of friendship from the Ivy Division and Pleiku Province.

A Montagnard band composed of musicians from different tribes played a number of tribal rhythms. Background music was later provided by a jazz ensemble from the 4th Division Band as the guests gathered around the buffet table.

Lieutenant Colonel John O. Allyn (North Augusta,

S.C.), 4th Division G-5 and overall host of the party, was very pleased with the effect of the "get-together."

"I feel," he said, "that all the objectives we strove to meet were accomplished. The party was a tremendous success, both for the Montagnard elders and the 4th Division."

General Peers outlined the future prospects of the newly inaugurated program. "This," he said, "is merely a social gathering to kick off the program. In the future, a meeting house will be erected where monthly councils will be held. The aim of the councils will be to include all the hamlet chiefs within the division's tactical area of responsibility and to allow the elders to make known those needs most prevalent in their villages."

Boxing

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Company, 1/22nd, a heavy-weight, were eliminated in early bouts.

Major Charles R. Kuder (Atlanta, Ga.), 4th Division Special Services officer and coach of the four Ivy boxers, felt his boys "did an admirable job for the short time they had to practice."

The four Ivy men have been invited back to Saigon to participate in exhibition bouts for patients at the 3rd Field Hospital March 11. The four are also planning to enter a tournament at Long Binh March 28-30.

2/22nd Uncovers Cache Of VC Radio Equipment In Operation Gadsden

Dau Tieng—It's back to the "jungle drums" for Charlie—that is, if he wants to send any messages. He may be a little short on communication equipment now, thanks to the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry of the 3rd Brigade.

While taking part in Operation Gadsden approximately 15 miles northwest of Tay Ninh, the Ivy mechanized unit uncovered a large cache of Viet Cong radio equipment.

The equipment, found near

the Cambodian border, included an AM radio, 37 field telephones, four hand generators, two fuel generators, 10 boxes of spare radio parts, five antennas, a transmitter, five voltmeters and two battery packs. Also in the cache were 20 pounds of Viet Cong documents and a M98 Mauser rifle.

Some of the field telephones have already been put to good use at the brigade's forward base camp at Trai Bi. Although the telephones are of Chinese Communist origin, they are coexisting peacefully and functioning nicely with the U.S. Army switchboard.

So Charlie may be surprised one night to discover that the artillery rounds falling on him have been called in by one of his own telephones.

Free Laundry Service Begins At Base Camp

Dragon Mountain—A free laundry service for all units stationed at the 4th Division's base camp opened last month.

The new laundry service is provided by the Field Service Company, 243rd Quartermaster General Support.

According to Sergeant First Class William A. Fogler (Denver), noncommissioned officer in charge of the laundry, "We hope to give three-day service to the more than 50 units stationed at the Dragon Mountain base camp."

The sergeant explained that his men will not be able to iron clothes, but that they guarantee the garments will be thoroughly clean and dry when they come back.

The laundry will operate three washers and three driers, each capable of handling 60 pounds of clothes per load.

Before coming to Vietnam two months ago, the Army laundrymen were stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C. When they first arrived in country, they set up at the Pleiku Sub Area for a short time before moving to the 4th Division base camp.

Lt. Col. Wilcox New Commander Of 'Red Warriors'

Plei Djereng—Lieutenant Colonel George Wilcox (Ogden, Utah), former 2nd Brigade executive officer, succeeded Lieutenant Colonel James R. Lay (Walhalla, S.C.) as 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry commander during ceremonies held recently at the unit's temporary fire base west of Plei Djereng.

Colonel Lay has assumed a position in the division's G-3 operations section.

Major General William R. Peers, 4th Division commander, awarded the Bronze Star to Colonel Lay for his meritorious service while serving with the "Red Warriors" during Operations Paul Revere III and IV.

The officers and enlisted men of the battalion then presented their departing commander with a mounted AK-47 rifle.

Colonel Lay concluded the ceremony by presenting the battalion colors to Colonel Wilcox. Three F-100 Phantom Jets made a double run over the fire base in a salute to the new commander.

"We can't cross a bridge until we come to it, but I always like to lay down a pontoon ahead of time."—Bernard M. Baruch

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