

## SILVER, BRONZE STARS

## Maj. Gen. Weyand Presents Awards To 2/22nd Soldiers

**Dau Tieng** — Major General Fred C. Weyand, 25th Infantry Division commander, recently presented awards to five members of the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 4th Infantry Division, at the battalion's base camp.

The awards were for heroic actions during Operation Gadsden.

Colonel Marshall B. Garth, 3rd Brigade commander, accompanied General Weyand

to the award ceremonies.

The Silver Star was presented to Staff Sergeant Frank Contreras for "unimpeachable valor" in destroying three enemy rifle positions, a machine gun position and carrying several wounded men through enemy fire to safety.

Awarded the Bronze Star for Valor were Staff Sergeant Karoly E. Denes, Staff Sergeant Maldonado F. Lopez, Specialist 4 Clarence M. Butler Jr. and Specialist 4 Tracy L. Slater.

## 2/12 Radio-Telephone Operator Receives Bronze Star Medal

**Dau Tieng** — A man devoted to his friends with a strong desire to "stay and fight" has won himself the Bronze Star for Valor.

Specialist 4 Brian L. Neal, a member of the Reconnaissance Platoon with the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry, was working as the radio telephone operator on a routine patrol near the 3rd Brigade base camp at Dau Tieng.

The patrol was moving across a well-traveled jungle trail when three Viet Cong were encountered only 10 feet away.

Lieutenant William Bradbury, Specialist Neal's patrol leader, attempted to fire his M-16, but it had a malfunction. Specialist Neal quickly moved up and opened fire — killing one enemy soldier.

The patrol was able to withdraw, but Specialist Neal sustained a serious eye injury which impaired his vision.

After pleading with Lieutenant Bradbury not to be airlifted out of the action, Specialist Neal and the rest of the platoon members were loaded into armored personnel carriers to check out another area.

As the APC's broke through the jungle a command detonated mine exploded and the track in which Specialist Neal was riding turned over from the impact.

Specialist Neal suffered serious burns by ignited oil and battery acid, but again refused evacuation or treatment until his comrades had

been treated first.

Lieutenant Colonel J. F. Elliot, battalion commander, presented Specialist Neal with the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.



By Capt. Terry C. Bonham  
Deputy Staff Judge Advocate

All United States citizens, including those serving on active duty in a combat zone, who have earned a gross income of \$600.00 or more must file an income tax return.

Serviceman in the Vietnam combat zone, however, have been granted a grace period that extends to 180 days after their return from this overseas area in which to file their return.

This grace period does not apply to dependents of serviceman who wish to file a separate return.

This extension is further applicable to individuals hospitalized as a result of foreign service in a combat area who are confined to a hospital outside the United States.

This postponement applies to the filing of a service member's individual tax return or a joint return filed with his wife.

It does not apply to an individual tax return filed by a service member's wife. She must conform to the April 15 filing date required by law.

If a husband and wife decide to file separately, they must both file on the same type of form. That is, if the husband decides to file on

the long form (Form 1040) and itemize his deductions, then his wife must also file on the long form and itemize her deductions in the same manner. She may not take the Standard Deduction or use the Optional Tax Tables or Form 1040A. The spouses must be consistent in their election.

If an individual wishes to file a joint return with his wife while he is still in Vietnam, he can satisfy the requirement of signing the form in one of three ways.

He can fill out the form and mail it signed to his wife, who in turn will sign it and file the return; his wife can file the return without the service member's signature by employing his power of attorney; or finally, his wife can write the statement "In Military Service in Vietnam" in the space provided for the service member's signature and file the return.

For further guidance on your income tax return, consult your unit tax officer.



## Courage

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John C. Brady

Courage is defined as the mental or moral strength to venture, preserve and withstand danger, fear or difficulty. It implies firmness of mind and will in the face of danger or extreme difficulty.

A man of courage has been described as a man of mettle — a man of resolution — and, in the jargon of our times, a man with guts.

It is a quality that is not found only in the soldier in the thick of battle. The courageous man can be found at any time in any place and under varying circumstances.

Such a man was Patrick Henry. In the face of extreme opposition at the Revolutionary Convention in Virginia, he stood before a most hostile convocation and gave his famous speech with con-

viction and courage.

"Should I keep my opinions at such a time through fear of giving offense, I should consider myself as guilty of high treason toward my country and of disloyalty to the Majesty of Heaven, which I revere above all earthly kings.

"Besides, sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, who will fight our battles for us.

"The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave... it is now too late to retire from the contest. There is no retreat now but in submission and slavery. Our chains are forged. Their clinking may be heard in the plains of Boston. The war is inevitable: let it come. I repeat, sir, let it come."

## Kwajalein Girl Scouts Treat 'Redlegs' To Cookies

**Plei Djereng** — The men of the 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery, were all smiles as boxes of homemade cookies were recently distributed among the firing batteries.

The cookies, sent by American Girl Scouts from the atoll of Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands, were received by Major R. W. Parker, a former resident of Kwajalein.

## A Letter To 'Anyone In Vietnam'

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following letter, addressed to "Anyone in the Armed Forces, Vietnam, Asia," was forwarded to the 4th Infantry Division Information Office from Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Dear Sir,

If I were in Vietnam I would want someone state-side to write to me, so I would like to expose a person to my extended friendship. Some people think nothing of our men in Vietnam. I think a lot of them. They are protecting my freedom.

I am a student at McKnight Junior High School. I am only 13. I like to water ski and go boating.

I hope you will get to come back to the United States soon. I would like to know where in Vietnam you are and what you do. When you read this letter you can think of all the people who care about you in the United States. Would you write to me?

Your, hope to be, friend,  
John

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## Federal Income Tax Guide Available For Troops

A new 55-page publication, "Federal Income Tax Information for Service Personnel," is now available to servicemen.

The guide is complete with charts, definitions of terms, an index to terms and detailed information on how to file a return.

The publication costs 20 cents and can be obtained by writing to Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.



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