**173rd Airborne Brigade Arrives**

By SFC Tony Bermudez

BIEN HOA (IO) — The first U.S. Army combat troops to be committed to Vietnam — the 173rd Airborne Brigade arrived here on Wednesday via C-130 Hercules and C-123 Providers from Okinawa. The men of the brigade will be utilized to provide increased security for the airfields located at Bien Hoa and Vung Tau. Their presence here will free more Vietnamese troops for combat missions.

The brigade is composed of three battalions and support troops, to include an armor and an engineer company. It is commanded by Brig. Gen. Ellis W. Williamson.

The first elements of the brigade were greeted by Gen. W.C. Westmoreland, COMUSMACV, Maj. Gen. Richard G. Stilwell, Chief of Staff, MACV, and Brig. Gen. John Norton, CG, USASCV.

The 173d, formerly the 3d Airborne Battle Group (Reinforced), 503d Infantry Combat Team, was activated with its present designation, in June, 1963.

BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT — Fully combat geared paratroopers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade bag duffle bags on their shoulders after disembarking from USAF C-123 Providers at Bien Hoa. A similar advance contingent also arrived at Vung Tau early Wednesday morning. (USASCV-IO Photo by Capt. Don Adams).

**New UH-ID Helicopters Go Operational in Vietnam**

By Sp5 Bob Bolia

VUNG TAU (IO) — A total of 77 UH-ID's flew off the USS Iwo Jima on May 1st to this airfield. The UH-ID 'Iroquois' arrived here after a 21-day sea voyage and will commence three Air Mobile Helicopter Companies. The new arrivals were welcomed by Brig. Gen. John Norton, CG, USASCV.

The UH-ID 'Iroquois' is the result of the state of the art in the helicopter field. It is the outcome of years of development and research, and its success is due to the cooperation of aeronautical engineers, designers, and pilots. The UH-ID 'Iroquois' is a multi-purpose helicopter capable of carrying troops, cargo, or medical supplies. It is equipped with a powerful engine and has a top speed of 180 knots. The UH-ID 'Iroquois' is also equipped with a sophisticated navigation system and has a maximum altitude of 20,000 feet.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"Our Nation's real measure to its vigorous growth is its capacity to face its problems and differences, and to solve its problems and differences by the exercise of the right to make its choice in the courts of our people."

PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
ARE YOU ALERT?

«There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death» (Proverbs 14:12).

This passage of Scripture contrasts up right living with foolish living and tells of the opposite results they bring. We talk a lot about the results of bad living but we need also to emphasize the good results that come from right living. For instance, our Army medical officers evaluate the fitness of each individual soldier on the basis of six factors: physical, mental, moral, social, emotional, and religious. 

In combat, as in peacetime, the soldier must be in top physical shape. He must be physically strong, mentally alert, and morally straight. A soldier who is not in top physical condition can not perform his job to the best of his abilities. 

The consumption of alcoholic beverages is a matter of personal choice. However, excessive and immoderate use of liquor could diminish the combat effectiveness of the soldier. A mind dulled by the effects of alcohol will not react quickly enough in a crucial moment. It might result in death — for oneself and others. 

In Vietnam we must constantly be aware of the importance of alertness — physical, mental, and moral. The pressure of survival and fighting a combat-ready posture; the responsibility of performing assigned duties to the optimum; and the individual’s share of being an effective team member — demands that each and everyone of us periodically and honestly conduct a self-evaluation. 

For in the final analysis, our collective strength and combat effectiveness, depends individually on a strong body, alert mind and a high sense of morality. ARE YOU ALERT?

CHANGE OF COMMAND — Maj. William C. Chambers was officially took command of the 120th AAM C. Co. in ceremonies held April 20. Former commander was Maj. Earl O. MacCormick. (USASCV-10 Photo by Sp4 Joe Wallick).
Vigilance Is The Price of Freedom

CHILDREN CATEGORY — «The Very Young» by Sp5 Raleigh L. Sapp was selected as the best entry in the Children Category. It was taken on TRI-X 120 at 125 seconds F/16. Sapp uses a Minolta Camera.

MILITARY LIFE CATEGORY — «Vigilance Is The Price of Freedom» photographed by Sp5 Boyd F. Sprague Jr., was taken with his Leica 35 mm. It was chosen as the best Military Photo.

Sp5 Boyd F. Sprague Jr. — Top Military Picture:

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By Sp5 Bob Bolia

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MILITARY LIFE

Specialist Sprague, assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group, for his photo entitled «Vigilance» received first prize in the «Military Life» category. Second place went to Sp4 Robert J. Street, also of the 5th SFG, for his entry «Motion In Stillness». Capt. Don Adams copped third place for his pie entitled «Face of Vietnam». Capt. Adams is assigned to Hq., USASCV.

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**Airborne**

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Deputy Chief Staff for Personnel, Department of the Army.

General Williamson was born in Washington, D.C., on June 2, 1918. He graduated from the University of Washington in 1940, and was awarded a Ph.D. in economics. He served with the U.S. Department of the Interior, and was later appointed to the Regular Army in 1942. During World War II, he was assigned to various overseas commands, including the Pacific Theater.

In the same ceremony, 6th Airborne Division officers were decorated with the Cross of Gallantry with Palm (Gold Star Level). The Vietnamese decorations and awards were presented by the Vietnamese government in recognition of the American participation in Operation DAI CHI conducted at Kien Long, Chau Doc province last month.


In addition to the Honor 13th Airborne (Delta) Bn.

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Commanded by Maj. William W. Kline, comes from Ft. Riley, and is assigned to the 13th Airborne Division. The Unit came from Ft. Campbell, Ky.

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**Sp5 Danny Kohl**

**Gunner Lifts Morale With Music**

By Sgt. Mike Canada

The hot winds drifting over the Mekong River carried with them the sounds of battle. In the midst of it all, a new sound emerged.

A completely foreign melody floated through the mist and wind. The drone of a Scottish bagpipe.

After playing for the "new sound" at Sp5 Danny Kohl, Sp4 John D. Jones, and Sp4 Robert C. Coleman, the 582nd Aviation Battalion located at Vinh Long, Special Forces, was the subject of a visit from Col. Edward A. Smith, commanding officer.

The gunnery of Sp5 Kohl was marked as a way to lift the spirits of the men, who had been missions in the jungles of South Vietnam. Kohl's music was intended to provide a break from the daily grind of war.

But the interest in the bagpipes was strong in Specialist Kohl. In 1981 while stationed at Camp Canaveral, Kohl had purchased a Highland bagpipe with the 101st Airborne division. Kohl decided to get a real set of bagpipes. He wrote to a music store in Des Moines and ordered a set. He arranged for the store to send him the bagpipes.

"Actually the guys were pretty happy to see that a bagpipe was being played," Kohl said. "I think it built up the morale of the men. Once we went on a 15-mile march, the Colonel had me play the bagpipes all the way and I think the guys were quite impressed." Specialist Kohl does not get a lot of time to practice now that he is in Vietnam, but once in a while he takes his pipes out to the flight line. Kohl has no plans to take his bagpipes to play. He enjoys the sounds of Flowers of the Forrest, more commonly known as "Made in France," but has never met a fitting message to the Viet Cong from Sp5 Danny Kohl and the men of the A/542.**

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EVERYBODY READS THE REPORTER — USAASC Chaplain (Maj.) Warren H. Withrow (second from left) shares a copy of the command's newsletter with (left to right) Sp4 David J. Hallman, Jr., SFC Herbert E. Wheeler and Maj. Charles L. Martin, MACV Systems Command 41st SSG, Khe Sanh, Phot. (USAASC 10 Photo by World — Vision)

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**VRC-45 Forces Honor 13th Avn. (Delta) Bn.**

Four posthumous awards of the Cross of Gallantry with Palm and the National Order of Merit were presented to the 13th Aviation (Delta) Battalion April 17 in Bac Lieu in the names of 1st Lt. Charles Tucker, 1st Lt. Raymond Rupple, Sp4 Bapal Feres, and Sp4 Clarence Jones.

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**MOBILE BAGPIPER**

Sp5 Danny Kohl, A/542 helicopter gunner, plays a marching tune for the benefit of his "Maverick" crew at Vinh Long. (A/542 10 Photo by 1st Lt. Robert E. Bergquist)