

# TRAI BAC Tiger Talk

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## THANKSGIVING EDITION

From:

The Students of the Vien Bao Anh Orphanage  
Number 3, Dung Dang Street, Hue

Respectfully to:  
Chaplain (Captain) Lunetta, Custodian  
Trai Bac People to People Association

Dearest Sir:

The children and students of the Vien Bao Anh Orphanage have received your gift and sincerely send you their deepest thanks and gratitude.

Since the orphans and children received your help their lives have been considerably improved. In saying this we are not denying the direct support of the Vietnamese government, but mean simply that we have received additional blessings from your kindness and consideration.

Dearest Sir,

After the innocent eyes of 150 attentive young orphans and children have seen such a delegation of a foreign army as came to visit them on a sunny summer afternoon, their doubts are diminished and they more fully believe in the spirit of mankind. Your kindnesses live with the children. As God's representative you have distributed compassion for the welfare of this flock of young sheep in these dry fields of withered grass.

Dearest Sir,

These children and large numbers of orphans live in a country which has been weakened and torn by war; thus they have been deprived of the love and compassion of their families. Fortunately, however, they have received the government's support as well as your very special support and have thus been relieved of a part of their misfortunes.

Dearest Sir,

Since the day you first attached importance to helping the children - what they were to eat, their medical needs, toys, equipment, etc. - the children have received the many needed improvements which were observed when you came to visit us and give support for them. Certainly it would require many things to repay your favors, but, dearest sir, these penniless and innocent children are able to express the feelings of their hearts only by studying and learning and by demonstrating thru their behavior the feelings that they have for you.

The children thank you very much for aiding them with money for the purchase of 125 blankets which will relieve us of many worries as cold weather approaches. Surely this has far-reaching meaning and the children will always be grateful from the bottom of their hearts, always remembering this kind act and your great regard for their interests.

A short note - great feelings. Once more we wish to send all our deepest feelings with you and pray that you have much luck and success on the road to peace and freedom.

Thanh Kinh

Representing the whole of The Orphanage:

Nguyen Quan Hung, Nguyen Ngoc An, Nguyen Chuc, Nguyen Uyen

(Translated by PO3 Norman S Charles and PO2 Francis M Jefferies.)

COMMANDER'S CORNER

MAJ Frank M Manrod, USMC

LTC George F Garrant

"Thanksgiving"

Thanksgiving Day normally brings to mind such things as turkey, cranberries, pumpkin pie, traditional football games and possibly thoughts of early thanksgiving observances of our ancestors. Our present holiday was established by President Lincoln in 1863. In a proclamation on October 3 of that year he set the date of the holiday as the 4th Thursday in November.

The first national observance of Thanksgiving in more pertinent to 1967. On November 1, 1777, the Continental Congress voted a resolution "to set apart a day of Thanksgiving for the signal success lately obtained over the enemies of the United States." The day so designated was Dec 18, 1777. Today 190 years later, we find ourselves again in a conflict.

While there are some who argue whether we have obtained any success in our endeavor there can be no doubt that conditions in Vietnam have improved greatly during the past year.

Members of all services assigned to the 8th have received many plaudits during the past year for a job well-done. However, these were not all earned without losses. In the January mortar attack 4 men were wounded and in October 7 men were lost in a plane crash.

On this Thanksgiving,

~~It is Thanksgiving.~~  
At this point each year I believe it behooves each of us to stop and count our blessings. All our thoughts on this day are naturally of home and our loved ones, and regretfully we are far away from what we hold so dear.

I hope that each of you realize that in our absence we are taking part in our country's overall effort to preserve the blessings of liberty to a people who have been living for generations under the strain and duress of constant war. Obviously they enjoy little of the material comforts we take for granted. They live in a country which is fighting for its survival. We as members of the United States Armed Forces are assisting the Vietnamese to remain sovereign, preserve their freedom, and retain the right of self-determination. Let us pray our efforts are successful.

Let us thank God for the many blessings we enjoy. I extend my best wishes to each of you and trust that the coming year will be one of success and abundance.

let us be thankful for our progress this past year and that we were spared the heavy toll many other units in Vietnam received. At Phu Bai we have enjoyed "signal success" in our efforts against our enemy.

"SUGGESTIONS"

By LTC George F Garrant

The suggestion program here at the 8th has, in the past two months, gotten in full swing. Suggestions are being received, evaluated, and in many cases - adopted.

Those individuals who have had their suggestions approved have received recognition. As a matter of fact, this newspaper was first recommended in a suggestion.

Items like control of flies in the Consolidated Mess and numerous safety recommendations have been initiated by the Suggestions Program. Training and / or refinements in training have come about as a result of the Suggestions Program. Two highly technical suggestions have been forwarded to Group HQs and beyond, a fact indicative of the quality and importance of the suggestion.

In screening the suggestions submitted, it is apparent that much time and thought goes into the suggestions whether the subject matter is technical or general in nature. There is no select type of individual who enjoys more success in the Suggestion Program as awards have been given to representatives from all areas of this command.

In going around this post ideas are frequently overheard. Many of these ideas have never become reality if the person is  
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### MARS IS OUTSTANDING! By CPT William C Waynick

Established in November 1966 to support the members of the 8th BRES and other Army organizations in the Phu Bai area, AB8AQ is now one year old. Originally established by MSG Frank Gillman, SP4 Tom Young and SP4 Bob Morris, the MARS station has continued to improve and expand.

Upon my arrival in Phu Bai in December 1966 the MARS station was set up in an old ARVN detention cell directly across from the PMO. In April 67 AB8AQ moved to its present location in building A-22, and in October a major rehabilitation program was completed to provide better operating and waiting room facilities and sleeping quarters for the operators. All the work is done by SP5 Mike Beall, SP4 Fred Hudson and SGT Spence Carter with the expert carpentry help of SP4 Downey.

AB8AQ has continued to increase its support to the 8th by increasing the quality as well as the quantity of telephone phone patches. At present the main "Gateway Station" is A7USA located at Fort Lewis, Washington. Persons wanting to call home place their request with AB8AQ and a collect telephone call is made from Fort Lewis to the desired location.

Most calls are made station-to-station and if made between 1200-2000 local time here, the rate

for night calls will be in effect at Ft. Lewis - \$1.00 for 3 minutes. At other times the cost for an East Coast call runs about \$25.00 which is minimal considering the distance - about 12,000 miles - involved!

From only 100 calls completed in January, the total has risen to a station record of 912 in August. This total does not include calls attempted but not completed, primarily due to no answer at the distant end.

The MARS station is here to support you and it needs your support. To expedite the placing of calls be sure you have the correct area code and telephone number (The MARS station can provide the area code if required.

With my DEROS soon, (I AM GETTING SHORT) I want to express my appreciation to the dedicated operators at AB8AQ for the outstanding job that they have done. In addition the support rendered to AB8AQ by the Military Police, SFC King, PA&E, & especially the S-4 section of the 8th, has contributed immensely to the overall standing of AB8AQ "THE TOWER OF POWER OF SOUTH VIETNAM".

### PX ADDS NEW SERVICES

The PX laundry is now in operation, providing stateside service including washing, starching, pressing, and dry cleaning, using stateside equipment. The post pick-up point is the building between the swimming pool and bunker #35. It will be open from 0800-1600 Monday-Saturday. Charges are low, and payable in MPC. Delivery time is 3 days.

For individuals who would like to have a "#1" tailor - made suit at a very reasonable price, there is the new PX Hong Kong tailor. He can deliver here, or direct to your home in the states.

Within a month the PX will add additional tailoring services. These will include the making and sewing on of chevrons, name tags, insignia, and altering uniforms and civilian clothes.

The current shortage of merchandise in the PX is due to lack of transportation to get the merchandise from DaNang. Now with the 8th participating in truck convoys to DaNang the variety of merchandise available should increase soon.

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LUNETTA



Five Trai Bac Station men were presented the 8th RRFS Certificate of Achievement in ceremonies November 18 by LTC George F Garrant in front of the Headquarters building.

Four of the men; attached to HQ Company, received their certificates for meritorious duty performed while serving as Military Police. They are SP4s Harold R Norbrothen, John L Reed, Tonald H. Siemers, and Ernest R. Thomas.

SP4 Philip J Lai, assigned to A Co, received his certificate for meritorious duty as a radio operator in Operations.

All men cited are leaving the 8th within a few days for their next duty station.

3RD MARINES HONOR 8TH MAN

SP5 Galen S Lemar received the 3rd Marine Division Certificate of Commendation in ceremonies on November 13. The presentation was made in Operations by 3rd Marine ACS, COL E. J. Miller.

Specialist Lemar was cited for his work as a Vietnamese linguist/translator in support of the 3rd Marine Division from May 66 to November 67. He is the first man from the 8th to receive this honor and one of the first Army men in all of Northern I Corp to be so honored.

SP5 Lemar has left the 8th for his next duty station.

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"SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING"

Gratitude to our Heavenly Father for our manifold blessings, material and spiritual, ought certainly to move us individually and corporately to praise Him.

The thought and song of thankfulness are not enough. There must be the deed as well as the word. A spirit of thankfulness must express itself to God - the source of every blessing - in praise, and to our country, our church and our fellow men in service and sacrifice.

There is another side to this also. As we look around us, most of us could make a tremendous list of misfortunes that have passed us by.

There is pain and sorrow and heartache of one kind or another, which have come to many innocent ones, while we might have been spared. Perhaps they might have been as justly our lot. Our gratitude should be real. As long as God allows our load to be lighter, we should strive in every way to ease the burdens of those less fortunate.

Even in the world, real gratitude is discern-

ible. Rare as it is there is no substitute. Yes the Psalmist was right, "What a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

THANKFULNESS IN ACTION

May God bless the kind soul who deposited an envelope in the offering yesterday containing sixty dollars for "Children who are bereaved of parents". God will bless this donor, and the children bless you and thank you.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE FOR WEEK  
All in Station Chapel unless otherwise indicated.

WEDNESDAY

1830 Latter Day Saints  
FLSG "A" Chapel

1900 Christian Fellowship  
(Study in Romans)

THANKSGIVING

0800 Holy Communion  
1100 Roman Catholic

SATURDAY

1900 Christian Fellowship  
("Singpiration")

SUNDAY

0800 Holy Communion  
(Episcopal)

0900 General Protestant  
1100 Roman Catholic Mass

DON'T FORGET

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

THE REEL SCENE  
By SP4 W G Lewis

8TH IS "#1" SAYS IG!

J O B t a l k . . . .  
By SP4 John Owen Broomall

"A Fistful of Dollars"  
The late Forties and early Fifties had their movie-going audiences enthralled by the antiheroes such as Bogart or Gavin. Now, our generation has its own anti-anti-hero in the unlikely personage of Clint Eastwood of Rawhide fame.

Made in Italy at a small fraction of the cost of most films, "A Fistful of Dollars" is a beacon of what is to come in Westerns in the near future. The sheer physical violence of the film is stunning and overwhelming.

"The man with the no name," Eastwood, rides into a sleepy Mexican border town and commences to kill off a large portion of the populace and then rides out - the winner but by far not the victor for as the title implies, it was not done for anything grander than a Fistful of Dollars. Don't miss it Saturday!

Other movies are: The Gunsmoke, and Fri. First to Fight (fair).

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CONDOLENCE

The men of the 8th Radio Research Field Station wish to express profound sympathy in the recent untimely death of MG Bruno A Hochmuth, Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division, FMF.

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"We will be rated as one of the best, if not the best in Vietnam," believes LTC Garrant, based on the comments of the IG.

The IG was very much pleased with what he observed in his tour of the post. This, our first AGI (Annual General Inspection,) was "very successful"-(there were no major discrepancies and minor ones have been corrected) "especially in administration, operations, and supply."

In expressing his appreciation to the men of the 8th LTC Garrant said, "Every man should be very pleased with the results because this was a team achievement which could not have been accomplished without the individual efforts of every man!"

FREE TRAVEL HOME FROM RVN  
JUST PASSED BY CONGRESS!

Regardless of where your next assignment will be, you will be provided transportation at government expense from here to your next assignment. For men with ITT assignments this will end having to "catch a hop" Stateside and then paying your own way to your next station.

This unexpected bonus was added as a last minute amendment to the just passed pay raise by Rep. Neal Smith (D-Iowa) and passed by a voice vote. Incidentally our new 5.6% pay raise WILL be retroactive to October 1!

How do you like our newspaper, TRAI BAC TIGER TALK? Now that we have published 4 issues totaling 32 pages, we would like to hear from YOU!

"Its great!" or "Its terrible" would be better than no response, certainly, but we would appreciate a more detailed and informative response. What have you liked best and least - about the paper so far? What could we drop, and what would you like to see added? What changes, if any, would you like to see in scheduling and distribution?

Ideas and suggestions are great, BUT we also need contributors and staff members. "This is your paper" may be a very trite expression, but it CAN be true if you WANT it to be true.

"Why do you write a lot about . . . ., but don't have anything about . . . .?" The answer is, nobody submitted it for publication! Despite the paper shortage, we will always have space for contributions from the men.

Don't say, "I'm not a writer." Suggest it and get someone else to write it. However, that's "buck passing"- if you can talk you can write. The paper staff can put it into the form for our publication. This is TIGER TALK -is it saying what you want the paper to say? Contributions may be left in the Messhall suggestions box or brought to Spec. Serv.

Phu Bai Basketball Assoc.

HQCo CINCHES CHAMPIONSHIP  
Wins Final Game 80-34

"Deadeye Dancing Percy" Dorsey lead HQCo in crushing defeat of MP's 80-34 to close the basketball season and cinch the basketball championship, for Headquarters Company. Dorsey was high scorer for the night with 26 of the 80 points.

This win gave HQCo a 15-3 season record, shutting the doors of the Phu Bai basketball league on A Co with its 14-4 record.

DORSEY IS "MOST VALUABLE"

The P.B.B.A. named Percy Dorsey of the champion HQCo team as the Most Valuable Player in the League.

Being on the champion team plus his hustling, play-making and shooting ability gave him the most votes for this covered award. Close behind in the voting were Simpson, A Co; Merrill, A&R and Dill, MP's. Honorable mention went to Kalla, A Co; Bowman, MIDS, Fowler, L Co; and Hogan, HQCo.

Honors for Top Scorer go to a big, cool, calm, and collected fellow from MIDS - James W Bowman. He had his own moves around the basket, and if he was blocked from inside, then he would calmly shoot the basket from outside and collect. He proves to be a very hard man to stop from scoring. Playing in 16 of the 18 scheduled games he averaged 16.3 per game.

FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

G6! G6! G6! Touchdown!!  
8th BEATS FLSU-A 13 to 6.

The 8th came from behind to win its second game in a row. Rutherford quarterbacked the first half for the 8th and hit left end Wagenecht to tie the game at 6 all. Before this FLSU had controlled the ball for the first half while the 8th could not get moving.

Both clubs were hitting hard like two locomotives driving and pushing each other. Then in the last five minutes of play, "Crash" Bolden hit to his right end Krauth at FLSU's 35 yd line and the galloping end charged into the end zone. Touchdown! - Bolden to Krauth, a 58 yd pass play.

Bolden then hit to halfback Rutherford to complete the extra point. Score: 13-6 with 3 1/2 min. to play. In the "battle of bulls" Kerwin, Offred, Tennon and Prater kept on hitting hard, stopping FLSU's offensive attack, as the clock ran out.

TOP BASKETBALL SCORERS

Player	Team	Points
Bowman	MIDS	267
Simpson	A Co	254
Merrill	A&R	254
Fowler	L Co	207
Dorsey	HQCo	206

FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost
HQCo	15	3
A Co	14	4
A&R	13	5
L Co	11	7
MP's	7	11
1/44	3	15
MIDS	1	17

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SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

A CO HAS PERFECT RECORD

A Co is still unbeaten with only one week left in the short-ended volleyball season. All series have been won in two games - A Co has never lost a game!

MP's and L Co are running "neck and neck" for second place with 2 losses for L Co to 3 for the MP's. With the MPs having 4 games left and L Co 5 it could go either way.

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Team	Wins	Lost
A Co	13	0
L Co	11	2
MP's	11	3
B Co	9	5
A&R	8	5
HQCo	1	12
ComC	0	13

INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL SEASON SCHEDULE

November

- 21 MIDS-A&R 22 A Co-HQCo
- 23 A.F.-A&R 27 MP's-MIDS
- 28 HQCo-A.F. 29 A Co.-A&R
- 30 HQCo-L Co

December

- 1 A.F.-MIDS 2 A Co-L Co
  - 4 MP's-HQCo 5 A&R -L Co
  - 6 MIDS-A Co 7 A&R -HQCo
  - 8 MP's-A.F. 11 MIDS-HQCo
  - 12 A.F.-A Co 13 MP's - A&R
  - 14 MIDS-L Co 15 A Co-MP's
  - 16 A.F.-A Co 18 MP's-L Co
- Game time: 1630. Come out to the ballfield (behind HQCo barracks) to cheer & support your team!

## HOLD BAGGAGE WGT. LIMITS

Ever wondered what the hold baggage weight allowances were? Generous, our Transportation Officer, in answer, direct from USARPV Reg. 55-2.

Goods which may be shipped are broken down into two authorized categories: household goods, and unaccompanied baggage with separate weight allowances for each. There is a further break-down between TDY and PCS.

The TDY UNACCOMPANIED baggage allowance for ALL enlisted personnel, regardless of rank, is 200 (lbs.), and 350 for all officers through Colonel.

PCS allowances for enlisted personnel are 400 with the exception of E-1 thru E-3 and E-4 under 4. (Their allowance is 200.) All company and field grade officers are allowed 800 with the exception of Colonels who are allowed 800.

Only E-4 over 4, NCO, and Officers are authorized free shipment of any HOUSEHOLD GOODS. Colonels down to Majors (and W-4s) are allowed 800 TDY while lower officers receive a 600 allowance. E-9 is permitted 600; E-8, 500. All other eligible are allowed 400.

PCS allowances vary with each rank the E-5 up: E-4 over 4 & E-5 7000; E-6 8000; E-7 8500; E-8 9000; E-9 9500; O/W-1 9500; O/W-2 10,000; O/W-3 11,000; O/W-4 12,000; O-5 13,000; and O-6 13,500.

## \*\*\*\*EIGHT STAR SALUTE\*\*\*\*

This new column will introduce and salute the various units attached to the 8th RRFS. Our first salute goes to Detachment Alfa, Naval Communication Station, Philippines.

Det. A, Navcomstaphil is a composite Navy/Marine Corps unit commanded by MAJ Frank M. Manrod, USMC. It is administratively controlled by the Naval Communication Station, Philippines at San Miguel, San Antonio, Zamboales, in the Republic of the Philippines. NCSF is commanded by CAPT R. Deibler, USN.

Company L, Marine Support Battalion is an integrated part of Det. Alfa and is under MAJ Manrod's command. LT Joseph F. Kettinger, USNR is the A/OIC while 1LT Rowland Hoskins serves as MAJ Manrod's XO for the Navy/Marine portion of the perimeter defense.

The barracks and the administrative office of Det. A are in the North end of the station, next to HQ Co. E-7s and above are billeted in the BEQ.

The senior enlisted man, MGYSGT (E-9) James "Top" Carmickle, serves as Operations Chief. The Gunnery SGT is Carl Stipe

"It is hoped that this article has served to acquaint you with Det. A," says LT J.P. Kettinger, adding, "We are very proud of our unit and equally proud to be serving with the 8th RRFS.

## SICK CALL

By CPT James B Weedman, MC  
"First Aid"

While here in Vietnam it is hoped that you will be thoroughly familiar with first aid procedures. The practical knowledge of such becomes vital if one is ever faced with the situation of a life-threatening wound and no trained medical personnel are immediately available.

Only a very brief outline of the basic first aid of wounds can be given here. Nevertheless it is hoped that this will refresh the memory of the reader and stimulate interest for review & study.

The four primary life-saving steps of firstaid of wounds are followed no matter whether the individual is treated initially in the field by the medic or by the doctor in the hospital.

NEXT: "4 Steps in Detail"

SUGGESTIONS (from page 2) busy to take the time to fill out a suggestion form. If you have an idea write it up. Let the evaluator decide whether it is good or not. With the type of people we have here at the 8th, we know we have some excellent sources for ideas.

We're good here at the 8th, but nothing is perfect. It might well be that your idea might help make us perfect and if you receive an award in the process more power to you. All it takes on your part is a little bit of time. Get it in today!