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Blaze Hits Newark Ghetto



AP Radiophoto

FIREMEN ADJUST THEIR HOSE AS HUGE BLAZE RAGES IN NEWARK'S DEVASTATED CENTRAL WARD.

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)— A raging 6-hour fire destroyed more than 40 buildings in a 5-block area of Newark's predominantly Negro Central Ward Saturday and left more than 500 persons homeless.

Fire Chief Joseph M. Reddin said the fire was "definitely set."

No disorder was reported during the blaze that erupted about 5 p.m. and was officially declared under control shortly before 11 p.m. Inhabitants of the
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Highest Red Defector Reveals Plans for 2nd Saigon Assault

SAIGON (AP) — The highest ranking defector ever to fall into Allied hands in South Vietnam has brought with him plans for a second-wave Communist assault on Saigon involving more than 10,000 troops, responsible official sources disclosed Sunday.

The man who defected was

identified only as a North Vietnamese colonel and political commissar from the 9th Viet Cong Div. which is posted northwest of Saigon and was to be used in the attack.

The colonel said the Communist command had originally planned the second wave assault on the capital Monday but

some unknown circumstance had prompted a delay.

The highest ranking Viet Cong officer to defect in the past was a lieutenant colonel and only once has this happened. A handful of political officials also have defected but so far as is known none would be the
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S&S Korea Bureau

SEOUL — A U.S. hunter-killer patrol and a Red Korean force clashed in the southern portion of the Demilitarized Zone Sunday, leaving one American dead and three wounded and possibly three dead in the Communist force.

A United Nations Command spokesman estimated the North Korean force at about five to eight men in the fifth serious incident to occur along the DMZ since April 12.

UNC spokesmen declined to reveal the size of the U.S. hunter-killer patrol for security reasons.

The UNC said the U.S. patrol — from the 2nd Bn., 31st Inf., 7th Inf. Div. — ran into fire
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Famed Cartoonist Dirks Dies

NEW YORK (UPI) — Rudolph Dirks, the German-born cartoonist and painter who for more than seven decades had drawn the "Katzenjammer Kids" comic strip, died Saturday night at the age of 91.

Dirks, considered the dean of American cartoonists, created the mischievous Katzenjammer brothers, Hans and Fritz, in 1897 at the age of 20 at the suggestion of an editor for the Hearst papers.

The comic strip, renamed "The Captain and the Kids" in 1912 when Dirks moved to the Pulitzer papers, was to become the oldest continuous comic feature in the world, surviving two world wars and revolutions in taste. At his death Dirks still was producing Katzenjammer installments for syndication by United Features. For the past 15 years, Dirks had collaborated with his son, John, who said Sunday he intended to carry on the strip.

Born in Heide in northern
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Bathtub Voyage Down the Drain

DUN LAOGHAIRE, Ireland (UPI) — London pop singer Gordon Mitchell didn't get very far in his attempt to row 56 miles across the Irish Sea to Wales in a bathtub.

He was rescued when his tub capsized a quarter mile out.

Mitchell had planned the voyage over the weekend to raise funds for the British Famine Relief charity. He said he would try again.

U.S., Viet Troops Combine

VC Raiders Repulsed Near Saigon

SAIGON (UPI) — A Vietnamese strike force led by American Special Forces advisers beat back two battalions of attacking Viet Cong near Saigon before dawn Sunday.

The battle was the focal point of at least four scattered clashes in the capital district that left 104 Viet Cong dead, official spokesmen reported.

The Communist force — identified as the 267th and 267th B Main Force Bns.—used flame-throwers in unsuccessful attempts to overrun the strike force camp at Tra Phu 24 miles west of Saigon.

They made repeated assaults but were hurled back each time. At least 31 Viet Cong were killed, the spokesman said, and a small arsenal of weapons captured. Casualties to the Vietnamese strike force were light.

About 10 miles from the city and a mile from the Vietnamese military training center at Thu Duc elements of the U.S. 1st Inf. Div. joined Vietnamese Marines in a day-long fight with a Viet Cong force that left another 31 dead. One American adviser was wounded and Vietnamese casualties were reported light.

In the Mekong Delta about 14 miles south of the city elements of the U.S. 9th Inf. Div. spotted a group of Viet Cong trying to cross a canal. They immediately sealed off the area and called in artillery and helicopter gunships. They reported killing 28.

Nearby Vietnamese government troops accounted for another 14 without suffering a casualty, spokesmen said.

In the Central Highlands, elements of the U.S. 4th Inf. Div. swept through the heavy jungle and uncovered seven North Vietnamese bodies, apparently the result of artillery barrages. One was a woman, dressed in an olive drab uniform.

In other action, U.S. paratroopers caught up with a platoon of North Vietnamese troops which slipped through a trap they had laid two days ago.

The action took place about seven miles from Hue and left 39 Communists dead, spokesmen reported. They had sneaked out of the village of Dong Xuyen after the paratroopers surrounded it, hoping to trap an estimated 300 North Vietnamese who were waiting there to ambush them. The paratroopers killed 61 in the earlier village fighting but some got away.

ROK Ambush Kills 32

SAIGON (AP) — A South Korean ambush patrol reported killing 32 enemy just before midnight Saturday in an area about 25 miles south of Da Nang. The Koreans reported they suffered no casualties.



Paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Div. move in on a destroyed home west of Hue. The house bears anti-American inscriptions on its front and had been largely destroyed in previous skirmishes.

Allied units have been operating extensively around the city in recent weeks in an attempt to thwart new attacks. (AP Radiophoto)

2 Weary Reds Quit Fight

'Victory Will Never Come'

By PERRY YOUNG
KONTUM, Vietnam (UPI) — For 20 days the two North Vietnamese sergeants hid by day and traveled by night—jammed in the back of trucks with other soldiers, many of them already wracked with dysentery and malaria.

Then for four days they walked through the skin-tearing jungles of Southeast Asia.

Three weeks ago they got in a fight with the Americans, the 4th Inf. Div., in the rugged highlands about 15 miles west of here. Their job was to retrieve the weapons of their fallen comrades and bury their broken and bleeding bodies.

A short time later American bombs destroyed their rice caches and they lived on one small bowl of rice per day, borrowed from other soldiers.

Two days ago they told their commander they were going out to look for wild vegetables and they sneaked away. They hid in the jungle watching the Americans a day and a night, and Sunday they came timorously forward, waving safe conduct passes they found scattered through the thick vegetation.

They carried a red flag on a stick. Their commanders had told them the Americans would

kill them if they tried to defect. They were terrified.

As they moved toward out-post positions occupied by Spec. Joseph Fredrico of Newark, N.J., and Ruben Santos of As Marovis, P.R., they hit a trip flare and scurried back into the jungle. The Americans held their fire and yelled:

"It's okay, come on back."

Sergeants Hoang Minh Can, 24, and Nguyen Sy Bo, 20, had not eaten for five days. They were given field rations and candy bars and later a huge breakfast of bacon and eggs and pancakes.

They willingly pointed out the positions of their units and then wrote leaflets saying: "You had a long way and a wrong cause." And "We had a hard life, crossing high mountains, crossing the river, sleeping all the time under tunnels. The more we fight, the more we will have hardships."

Bo and Can said it was 10 days ago when they first heard of the bombing pause and President Johnson urging peace talks.

"A political commissar told us of the stop of bombing, but he said we would still fight on to final victory," Bo said, "but we believe the victory will never come."

'Fallon's 46' Are Brassy Outfit

QUANG TRI, Vietnam (UPI) — Tired of the clickety-clack routine of office work, senior staff members of the 3rd Marine Div. here have formed an officers platoon.

Intelligence experts, surgeons, logisticians, and statisticians all are members of the recently formed unit.

Col. E. B. Fallon, Virginia Beach, Va., the division legal

officer, commands 46 other officers. Lieutenant colonels are slotted as squad leaders and majors fill the roles of fire-team leaders.

Navy Capt. Michael Cruft, division surgeon, is the platoon's "corpsman."

"We've nicknamed ourselves Fallon's Fabulous 46 Fighters," said Lt. Col. Robert J. Edwards of West Haven, Conn., division special services officer who doubles as a squad leader.

The officers all have dug

their own fox holes, familiarized themselves with the M16 rifle (officers generally carry only pistols) and are responsible for a 200-yard stretch of the base perimeter in the event of an attack.

"We're all glad to be doing something," Edwards said. "It's much better than sitting around doing nothing."

"Gawd, that's one unit I would like to see in action," was the remark of one enlisted infantryman when he heard of the officers unit.

U.S. Planes Start Fires

S&S Vietnam Bureau
SAIGON — The U.S. command announced Sunday that U.S. warplanes intentionally set fires in the southern portion of the U Minh Forest in An Xuyen Province on Friday in an effort to extend the massive forest fire, which has been burning out of control in the Mekong Delta for about three weeks, into enemy base camps.

Thus far, the command said, 65 per cent of the forest area, including many enemy base camps, has been burned by the fires started earlier this month from undetermined causes.

The command also said the rocket-firing ship St. Francis River has been continually firing rockets on targets of opportunity.

B52s Blast A Shau Again

S&S Vietnam Bureau
SAIGON — U.S. B52 bombers continued to work over the A Shau valley Saturday afternoon and during the early morning hours Sunday, flying eight missions and dumping hundreds of tons of bombs on Communist positions from one to 22 miles northwest of A Shau.

The high-flying eight-engine jets hit enemy troop concentrations, storage areas, truck parks, bunkers and base camps in the dense jungle-covered valley that leads out of Laos toward the city of Hue on South Vietnam's northern coast.

The Stratoforts also hit enemy troop concentrations and bunkers in one mission 10 miles southwest of Hue.

Heavy cloud cover over North Vietnam's southern panhandle limited U.S. warplanes to 92 missions over the Communist country Saturday.

The day's most northern raid was against a highway bridge 24 miles north of Vinh and 169 miles north of the DMZ.

Security Agent Slain

SAIGON (AP) — Nguyen Van Nhi, a plain clothes national security agent at the National Bank of Vietnam, was assassinated by unidentified persons Sunday morning, police sources said. The reason for the assassination was not known.

Vietnam Casualties

WASHINGTON (S&S) — The Defense Department has announced the following casualties in connection with the conflict in Vietnam.

KILLED IN ACTION

Army
Cpl. Arthur Bobbitt, National City, Calif.
Cpl. Richard Peguero, Pasadena, Calif.
SP4 Joseph A. Janowicz, Huntington Park, Calif.
SP4 James R. Nash, Davis, Calif.
SP4 Benjamin E. Lennard Jr., Lithia, Fla.
SP4 August T. Battaglia, Chicago, Ill.
SP4 John E. Walters, Kokomo, Ind.
SP4 Clyde C. Collins, Jackson, Ky.
Sgt. Paul E. Poirier, Southbridge, Mass.
Pfc. Salvatore J. Agri Jr., Chelsea, Mass.
Cpl. Wayne A. Slankard, Jennings, Mo.
Pfc. Michael W. Miller, Kansas City, Mo.
Pfc. Glenn L. Moller Jr., Glendale, Mo.
Pvt. Willy R. Michalik, Lebanon, Mo.
SP4 Richard N. Rivara, Merrimack, N.H.
Sgt. Charles A. Majer, Troy, N.Y.
Pfc. Gary H. Leary, Washington, N.C.
Pfc. Richard A. Anders, Buchtel, Ohio.
Pfc. Kenneth D. Thompson, Sandusky, Ohio.

Pvt. Richard Atwood, Cleveland, Ohio.
Pfc. Philip F. Gaines, Ardmore, Okla.
Pfc. Roger L. Carpenter, Columbia, S.C.
Cpl. Joseph W. Short, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Maj. Albert G. Maroscher, McAllen, Tex.
1Lt. Robert E. Malone, Seymour, Tex.

Navy

HM3 Russell W. Scarborough, Dannelton, Fla.

Marine Corps

Pfc. Kenneth R. Toffen Jr., Brewster, N.Y.
Pfc. Joseph K. Wheeler, West Utica, N.Y.
Pfc. Nathaniel Willingham, Philadelphia, Pa.

DIED OF WOUNDS

Marine Corps
LCpl. Terry L. Fuhrman, Linton, Ind.
LCpl. Joseph Edmonds, Worcester, Mass.

MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

Army
SP4 Bobby J. Gravel, Lawndale, Calif.
Pfc. Leon C. Buehler, Red Bud, Ill.
SP4 Gerald G. Rosenbaum, Waucoma, Iowa.
Pfc. Joseph F. Gullung III, New Orleans, La.

WO Stephen J. Eckle, Columbus, Ohio.
SP4 Frank Herrera, Green Bay, Wis.

MISSING IN ACTION

Army
Pfc. Dellwyn A. Fitch.
RETURNED TO MILITARY CONTROL
Army
SP5 Donald E. Martin.

DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Army
SP5 Richard W. Joles, New Orleans, La.
SP4 Jack W. Hess, Las Vegas, Nev.
Pvt. Frank H. Bushy, Camden, N.J.
Sgt. Stanley R. Stellmach Jr., Levittown, Pa.

Marine Corps

LCpl. Richard Evancho, Freeland, Pa.

Air Force

SSgt. Nathan Wash Jr., San Antonio, Tex.

MISSING NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Navy
SK3 Walter J. Chrupcala.

Slaves On His Day Off

PLEIKU, Vietnam (O1)—“It was a heck of a way to spend your day off,” said Air Force A37 pilot Capt. Frederick J. Murphy, of Laredo, Tex., after making a successful emergency landing on a foam-covered runway at Pleiku AB.

The day started normally for Murphy and his crew chief, S. Sgt. Charles E. Fox, of Waynesburg, Pa., both of the 604th Air Commando Sq. at Pleiku. Murphy had the day off but was asked by the squadron operations officer to flight-test an aircraft after an engine change.

“We had been flying about 30 minutes, went into the pattern and put the gear handle down,” Murphy said. The handle did not respond and the landing gear would not lock into position.

“When the handle won't go down, the only recourse you have is to climb up to altitude and put some negative Gs on the airplane,” he added. “You do this by pushing forward on the stick and perhaps it will relieve some weight on the gear which is binding the handle.”

While they circled the airfield going through emergency procedures, crash rescue crews on the ground already had the runway covered with foam to reduce the possibility of fire when the aircraft touched down.

With no success in getting the landing gear down, the captain elected to make an emergency belly-landing and save the aircraft, rather than bail out and let the aircraft go down.

“The ride was pretty slick,” Fox said, “but right after it happened I don't think I could have lit a cigarette for 10 minutes.”

Villagers Join Forces

Crops Saved as 'Enemy' Falls for Trap

CHU LAI, Vietnam (IO)—The Vietnamese household of Nguyen Chi sat astride the wellworn infiltration route, and every night the enemy would come through, destroying gardens, crops and newly planted rice.

Something had to be done, and Nguyen called upon the 198th Inf. Brigade's civic action officer, Maj. Frederick W. Tonsing.

“We met with Nguyen and im-

mediately drew up a battle plan,” Tonsing said.

The next night the trap was set in a small open field a short distance from Nguyen's hut. At a nearby observation post Nguyen waited. His small force of 40 villagers and three dogs lay at opposite ends of the field poised for the eventual attack.

Silently they waited. Nguyen wondered if his enemies would come again.

They came. First a rustling in the brush, then loud noises and grunts. They were falling for the trap. Nguyen counted them—more than 10 of them in all and two big ones. Could his lightly armed force handle them? They were determined to try.

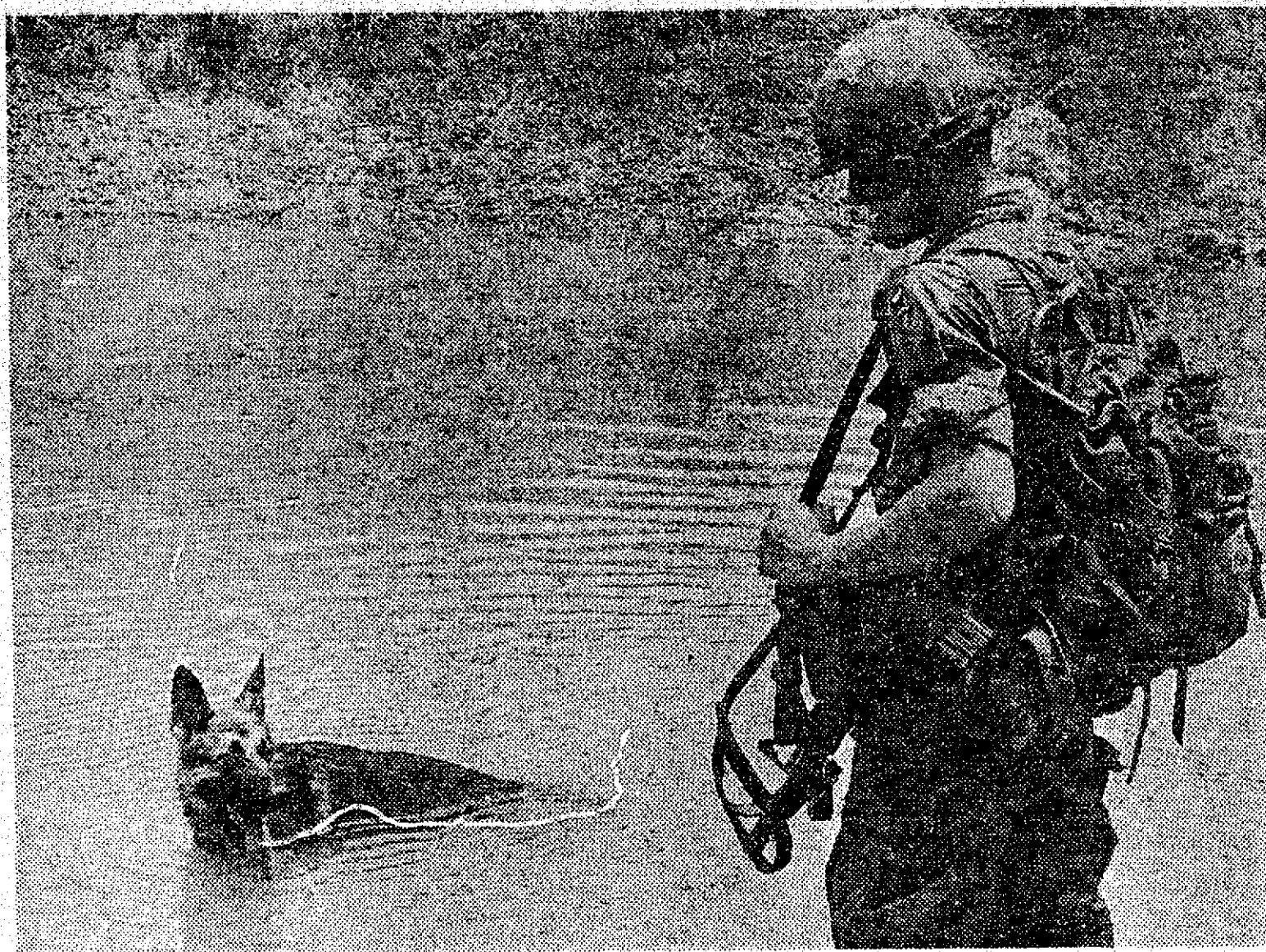
He signaled the attack by beating two sticks together. From the left stormed the dogs. From the right came the vil-

lagers armed only with spears and clubs.

The battle was on. Screams, yells, grunts and barks shattered the night.

The villagers gained the initiative and the battle soon quieted down.

Dead on the battlefield lay five wild boars and Nguyen's crops were saved from another night of destruction in the Americal Div. area.



Dog Takes a Dip

Sam, a scout dog, cools off in a water-filled bomb crater as his handler, Spec. 4 Bill Dixon,

of Eagle, Idaho, watches. They are part of the 49th Scout Dog Platoon working with D Co., 3rd Bn., 7th Inf., 199th Inf. Brigade. (USA)

Elephant Goes On Strike

BANGKOK (IO) — Yankee ingenuity has been stymied by a stubborn elephant on an isolated mountaintop in northern Thailand.

The summit of Doi Inthanon Mountain is 8,500 feet above sea level, and the nearest road is about 25 miles away.

Faced with the task of surveying the rugged peak as a possible relay site for the Integrated Wideband Communications System, Philco-Ford contractors obtained transportation from the nearest “Rent-An-Elephant” stand.

The elephant, whose Thai name is unpronounceable to Western tongues, was promptly dubbed “Able” and loaded with communications gear, a small generator and a few other items to be used in the survey.

The trip began auspiciously enough and proceeded smoothly to an elevation of 6,000 feet. At that point Able balked, and neither the vaunted skill of his master nor the efforts of the guides and accompanying Philco-Ford engineer could persuade the obstinate pachyderm to go any farther. His reluctance was apparently prompted by insufficient oxygen and low temperature.

Able was renamed Unable, fired, and relieved of his burden.

The expedition was delayed for two days while two horses and 11 bearers were procured to carry equipment.

Dispensary Honored

PHAN RANG, Vietnam (O1)—The 35th USAF Dispensary here was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Col. Herndon F. Williams, Florence, S.C., 35th Tactical Fighter Wing commander, presented the award to the officers and airmen of the medical unit.

War's an Old Story

Aussies Keep Coming Back for More

By MGY. SGT. J.T. FRYE
S&S Staff Correspondent

NUI DAT, Vietnam—Don't be misled by the recent news that the 1st Royal Australian Regt. (1 RAR) arrived in country. It is no novice outfit, probably drawing upon more experience per capita than any allied unit in Vietnam.

The regimental colors and more than 100 “Diggers” are back as repeaters, and some, like WO Ronald P. Pincott, are here for a third turn.

Others, notably S. Sgt. Frank W. Dean, Sgt. Douglas H. Fyfe and Cpl. Reginald J. Charlesworth, are veterans of as many as four wars and about 10 years of fighting in seven theaters of combat. Dean has spent 20 years in one regiment.

During World War II, Pincott was a merchant seaman on tankers, mostly in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean until moving to the Western Pacific in early 1945. Between wars he was a construction rigger in his native Sydney.

He joined the special force for Korea in 1952 and did two tours on the peninsula, usually near Hill 355, “Little Gibraltar.”

Following a long period of training troops in Australia, Pincott was assigned to the first 30-man advisory team which trained Vietnamese north of Hue in the summer of 1962. That was for 13 months.

In June, 1965, he was back

near Bien Hoa for 1 RAR's first stint here.

Dean enlisted in the army in 1943 and fought as a Vickers machine-gunner in two Borneo campaigns before going to Japan in late 1945 with the occupation forces. He returned to Bendigo, Victoria, but reenlisted in 1948 and has stuck with 1 RAR since. After a year in Korea, from March, 1952, he returned for duty in 1954-56.

In 1959 Dean took part in almost two years of Malaysian border operations just south of Thailand. After four years of home duty, he spent 1965 and 1966 at Bien Hoa.

Fyfe left Sydney in 1939 and soldiered as a rifleman in the North Africa campaigns. He faced Rommel's tanks near Tobruk for almost six months and at El Alamein was a captive for three days before escaping. After his unit transferred to the Pacific, he fought the Japanese in Borneo and New Guinea.

Out of the army for six years, Fyfe returned in 1952. His next combat was with the 173rd American Airborne at Bien Hoa in 1955-66.

A real “salt” of the old school, Charlesworth, of Brighton, Victoria, started out in 1939 and made the desert campaigns in Africa. Then came Crete where his 140-man company was cut off by Nazi paratroops, and Charlesworth was one of only

three to be evacuated by destroyer. He got back to Egypt, fought beside the Free French in Syria, did guard duty with the British in Ceylon for three months late in 1942 and came back for seven day's leave in Australia before finishing out the war with two tours in New Guinea.

In 1947 Charlesworth went to Japan, and by 1950 was in on the early defense of South Korea before joining the push north. Hit by machine-gun fire at Hill 317, he was evacuated to Japan then home for a three-month hospital stay.

Late in 1959 Charlesworth was fighting guerrillas in Malaysia, returning to Australia two years later to train National Service conscripts.

Pincott is D Co. sergeant major, the others belong to A Co. Fyfe is regimental tailor but is carried on the rolls as a resupply sergeant. Dean is quartermaster sergeant, and Charlesworth runs the canteen and is battalion hygienist, among other duties.

The quartet is still career-minded. Pincott says, “I'll finish my 20 and might even do more.”

VC Alarm Clock Sounds With a Bang

By BOB CUTTS
S&S Correspondent

BINH THUY AB, Vietnam—It only hurts when they laugh. They don't usually laugh about it too much, but the men at this small Mekong Delta airfield have grown so accustomed to the “presence” of the Viet Cong that they can't help a wry grin now and then.

“He's the best alarm clock we have,” says one. “but he always wakes us up in the middle of the night.”

Since Feb. 3, Viet Cong mortar-farmen have plastered Binh Thuy with over 750 rounds in bombardments that, until a week

ago, were as regular as clock-work.

The shells come in almost every other night without fail, always between midnight and 3 a.m. So many rounds have peppered the base that there isn't a building without a few shrapnel holes in it.

“I think we've got the best one on base,” claims an officer of the 5th Air Commando Sq., C Flight. A single piece of shrapnel slammed into the unit's operations building, near the flight line one night and went straight through four offices and five walls, disappearing out the opposite end of the building. No one was hurt.

The VC, who approach the base at night, fire a few rounds and sneak off before they can be pinpointed, added insult to injury one evening at the Officers' Club. Without warning, a mortar shell hit the roof of the men's room, perforating everything inside except one extremely startled captain who happened to be using the facilities.

Muttering something about violations of his right to privacy, the lucky officer ran to a nearby bunker and waited out the raid.

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Doubts Hanoi Is Serious

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The State Department expressed doubts Sunday about Hanoi's willingness to meet American representatives.

Responsible State Department officials said the failure of Hanoi to use private diplomatic channels — rather than radio airwaves — to communicate its responses to American proposals for a site for peace talks cast doubt on the Communists' claim they are willing to establish contact.

But in its latest broadcast of an editorial in the official Hanoi government newspaper, North Vietnam raised essentially the same charge against the United States. It called the offer of 10 more potential sites for the talks "cheap play-acting."

The editorial, broadcast Sunday, said the American public "now demands that the U.S. government show its good will by stopping hindering the contacts and accepting either Phnom Penh or Warsaw as a place for contacts." Those were the two sites earlier suggested by the North Vietnamese.

A new objection was raised here to Warsaw as a site — the issue of anti-Semitism in Poland, said to be growing in the dispute between Communist factions for the leadership of Poland.

Anti-Semitism in Poland could force the United States to exclude from its military and diplomatic team to the talks any aid of Jewish background, it was said here.

Responsible State Department officials said the United States was seeking to determine Hanoi's true intentions.

Published newspaper reports of differences among top officials in the administration over the issue of finding a site caused concern in the State Department, which issued this statement Saturday:

"The State Department today denied that there were differences between Secretary of State Rusk and the White House about a site for contacts with Hanoi."

Explaining, officials said that while different points of view were expressed before a policy was agreed upon, the varying factions fell in line once a course was selected.

The United States also objected to Warsaw as a site because the Poles have aided the North Vietnamese by giving them arms.

State Department officials said any comment on Paris as a potential compromise site would be unwise.

U.S. officials are known to be lukewarm about Paris because of America's strained relations with France over the Vietnam issue, but it was considered unlikely that the United States would rule out Paris if Hanoi agreed to meet there.

8,355 Poles Purged

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — A total of 8,355 party members have been purged in the first three months of 1968, reports Trybuna Ludu, official organ of the Polish Communist Party.

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Time to Head Home

Helicopters whirl into landing zone west of Hue to pick up waiting men of the 101st Airborne Div. The paratroopers have been on extensive operations in the area to thwart a new North Vietnamese threat. (AP Radiophoto)

Defector— Fire Laid to Arson Dirks—

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equivalent of a full colonel.

He was taken two days ago in Binh Duong Province about 50 miles north of Saigon. He is in his early 40s and is known in the Communist Party as Tam Ha.

He reported that the attacks on Saigon were to follow the same pattern as those which hit the city during the Lunar New Year offensive in February.

The attacking forces were to include two regiments from the 9th Div., two regiments from the 5th Div. east of the city and at least two local force guerrilla regiments — the 165th and the Dong Phap Regts.

All these forces had been used in the previous assaults on the city.

The 9th Div. was to strike from the northwestern edge of the city—hitting the big air base at Tan Son Nhut — while the 5th Div. came in from the east and south.

The targets included roughly the same list as before — army barracks, power stations, communications facilities and other vital areas.

The defecting officer is now reported to be in the Saigon area, still undergoing interrogation.

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area aided firemen. They helped rescue two firemen trapped on a rooftop.

There were no serious injuries.

Fire Director James Caufield said the fire began in a building on Bergen Street. It traveled over an area bounded by Bergen and Avon Avenue, Rose Terrace and Chadwick Avenue, and Avon and Tracy Avenue.

Korea—

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from across the Military Demarcation Line (MDL) at about 4:30 p.m.

Communist North Korean soldiers were attacking south, using automatic weapons, in an attempt to outflank the patrol, a UNC spokesman said.

Elements from the 1st Bn., 23rd Inf., 2nd U.S. Inf. Div., were called in and encountered the intruders.

Sporadic firing continued for about one and a half hours until about 6 p.m., when the Red Koreans fled north across the MDL.

Early reports indicated the wounded UNC personnel were not in serious condition.

More than 40 buildings, mostly frame dwellings, were destroyed. They included Canaan Baptist Church and the Washington Beverage Co., a soda water factory. The fire was stopped at Avon Avenue School. The roof of the school burned.

Fire equipment was brought in from many neighboring communities. Smoke clouds from the blaze could be seen for miles.

Eight persons were taken to hospitals but only one detained. Mrs. Eloise Melton, 31, of 547 Bergen St., was held at Beth Israel Hospital for X-ray of possible broken bones. The injured included three firemen and one police officer.

The blaze which involved buildings on several blocks could be seen from lower Manhattan, across the Hudson River.

A Newark resident watching the fire said one fireman "came halfway down a ladder and then jumped as flames shot out from the building. He was caught by the crowd."

Another fireman, witnesses said, hung from a fire escape for several seconds until a crowd purposely gathered beneath him to break his fall.

"He walked away," the witness said.

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Germany, Dirks moved with his family to Chicago when he was 7. As a teen-ager, he came to New York on his own and drew cartoons for the old Life and Judge Magazines before joining the Hearst organization.

At Hearst, an editor suggested Dirks base a cartoon feature on the work of Wilhelm Busch, the noted German cartoonist, and Dirks agreed. He used Busch's Max and Moritz as models for his Katzenjammers.

Dirks also was known as a painter and member of the so-called "ash can school" of artists of the early 1920s.

A skilled cross-handed golfer, Dirks won a number of cups and at one time was the champion of the Ogunquit Country Club.

Dirks is survived by his widow, the former Helen Marie Walsh of New York; his son, John, of Ossining, N.Y.; a daughter, Barbara Dirks of San Francisco, and a sister, Mrs. Labert St. Clair of Washington.

Private funeral services were held Sunday in New York. Burial also will be private.

Weather

Asian Weather Central
TOKYO AREA
Monday Night: Cloudy; Low: 52
Tuesday: Cloudy, Rain; High: 66
TEMPERATURES

April 21					
	H	L			
Bangkok	95	77	Saigon	84	73
Chitose	59	32	Seoul	72	39
Manila	88	72	Taipei	75	52
Naha	63	57	Tokyo	64	50
	H	L		H	L
Albany	70	46	L.A.	63	53
Atlanta	82	65	Melbourne	70	59
Boston	50	44	Memphis	82	69
Chicago	74	43	Miami	85	70
Cincinnati	91	57	Moscow	54	43
Cleveland	67	45	N. Orleans	83	68
Denver	64	30	NYC	78	48
Fort Worth	77	52	Paris	72	63
Hong Kong	67	64	Phila.	72	47
Honolulu	80	70	Phoenix	81	43
Houston	86	73	Singapore	86	75
Jakarta	93	77	Salt Lake	40	37
Kansas City	71	54	San Fran.	59	51
K. Lumpur	91	72	Seattle	54	34
London	77	48	Wash.	79	56

Bitten Repeatedly

Sharks Maul Boy off Florida

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (UPI) — A 10-year-old boy attacked by sharks while paddling a rubber raft in the Atlantic Ocean was reported in poor condition in a hospital Sunday.

Steven Samples was attacked by a school of sharks Saturday off Palm Beach. Three tourists leaped into the water and pulled him to safety.

Authorities said the boy, who

was "rather badly bitten," was in surgery for four hours Saturday night.

He suffered bites on his lower back, both legs, buttocks and left arm.

Douglas Fletcher, a Toronto banker, told authorities he was standing on the shore when he heard the boy scream, "shark," and saw blood spreading around the raft.

The boy toppled into the water and witnesses said other sharks raced in to attack.

Fletcher swam to the boy, grabbed him by an arm and towed him ashore. Aiding him in the surf were Paul Mulack, 21, and Douglas Brewster, 19.

The banker said the boy told him "it felt like there were millions of them (sharks)."