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C.A.T. In keeping with the times (e.g., S.M.E.R.S.H., Y.M.C.A., S.P.E.C.T.R.E., etc.), Arty Int has come up with "C.A.T."; not to be outdone by Hollywood, C.A.T (Crater Analysis Team) is a highly trained team of specialists, as we'll endeavour to explain:- Sgt TREV WAGHORN is the Linguist and leader of the death-defying team. Chief Hole-poker is Geoff BLACKWELL, armed only with 5 feet of bamboo. AL ADAMS is in charge of the technical measurements side; his only aid being 3 yards of pink string. The 4th member of the team is PAUL 'Funnyface' DICKSON, who is the group's sig. and Pink String Assistant. C.A.T is also in keeping with the Army's new confusion tactics....."So Allies and VC alike", he warned, "The confusion has only started --wait till we get into full swing". *****

BAR-B-QUE BRIEFING. The Social 'Coup de Grace' has been struck by the Detachment. Outshining all others as the most socially acceptable group of guys in the Task Force (with one or two minor exceptions, but we won't count them), the OC agreed -on behalf of everyone ofcourse- to entertain the members of "The Melbourne Show" to a quiet barbeque lunch on the 29th September on the 'Lawn' and in the Rec Room.

On the Committee is able to gather again, some details shall be arranged and everyone shall be informed. P.S. The main stars are PattieMcGRATH and the STRANGERS. The Boss.

They're Here: Much to the surprise of the Detachment, unexpectedly the expected Reo's arrived and were greeted with rather flushed faces. But after their identity was discovered, they were given a tour of our installations. It was lucky they bought their Hutchies as it gets pretty wet here at night. *****

Report On Op Ainslie. 32A and 31C moved into position on the morning of the 4th and were fully operational by midday. Conditions were very poor with rain and wind trying hard to disrupt setting up procedures.

31C was quick to become operational and had an excellent vantage point, observation-wise but not so good sound wise as they were directly above 2 large generators, which kept up a constant hum all day and well into the evening making sound-detection also impossible.

32A have been doing some fine tracking and have produced excellent results in tracking our own mortars. There was excitement in the camp one occasion when an enemy mortar appeared on the time base, however it was a bad track and had to be abandoned.

After surveying both the gun batteries, the survey section under the command of L/Bdr Bruce Irvine have set up a very comfortable LP on the perimeter of the FSB. Although inexperienced in this field the boys are doing a reasonably good job and are becoming more accurate as they adjust to the area.

***** From War Corresp. Des Spencer.

A GOOD DEED. Overnight Arty Tac, through the foresight of the Co of 4 Fd Regt has become foster parent of two Vietnamese families. The plan is to make their homes the "Toorak Suburb" of the hamlet, as neither families have husbands/fathers to care or provide for them.contd.

T.E.E. proudly presents Lt Col R G GARDNER its first W.H.A.M-AWARD and places him in the running for father of the year.

Footnote:- The latter award can only be entered into or won by married men.

RTA BLUES: The newly-weds checked into their hotel room rather early, and retired for the night. An hour later the young bride asked, "How about it George?" George did not answer. Another hour elapsed and the bride asked again....."How about it George?"; Still no reply. The time flew by, and as the dawn was breaking, the bride asked again rather sharply, "George! how about it", "How about what?", George finally answered, "How about going to sleep!".

R&R DEPT: Paul 'Dicko' Dickson returned from 'Swingin' Singapore, with his head in a sling and a wallet full of moss. Graham Dignam waltzed in on cloud 9 from HONKERS and no one has been able to tune into his wavelength yet. R&R is hell!

OOZ-00: (In 31D) This hearty little group is led by Bdr Des (Spence-Baby) Spencer. Des was one of the original 'Jay' boys, but is now retired to the lap of luxury with our American Cousins and is getting quite a bang out of it.

John "Maverick" Blake is out to have a free all-expenditure paid G.I. paid R & R. This is being made possible by his business concern, The Casino Australiane.

Pete "Tubes" Fletcher, of surfing fame, is having his first try in an LP and he's having a Goddam Time.

Barry "The Arab" Guzder went on R & R the most frustrated member of the group. We all thought he'd return cured but he's twice as bad. He's now planning a partnership with Ruby of the Angel Bar in Hong Kong.

Nick "Muscles" Proskurin of 31A fame, is a new recruit to the LP but needs no breaking-in, as he's an old hand at the game.

Dear Abbey,

Freinds of mine and myself are still unable to diagnose the nervous disorder of a certain Survey Officer, who habitually belts himself on the head with his hand. Could you offer a solution to this?

Ron Evans

Dear Ron,

This habit is a lot cheaper than alcoholism and no doubt has the same results. Maybe you and your freinds should try it too.

Abbey.

Quotable Quotes.

.....Well the first thing I'll do when I get home is sandbag Mum's back verandah.....

Ross Gunnell

The Light Side

A woman walked into a bar and was carrying a duck under her arm. The local drunk saw her and asked, "Say there, what are you doing with that pig?"

"That's not a pig, stupid", she said coldly. "That's a duck"!

"I was talking to the duck", the drunk retorted.
