



Capt. Walter J. Lesniak, C.O. P.M. Det., aides General Trapnell in adjusting his chute for his last drop with the 187th.

General Trapnell Visits Brady Field

Brigadier General T.J.H. Trapnell paid a surprise visit to the newly designated 315th Troop Carrier Wing and their new Commanding Officer, Colonel Northamer.

The 315th formerly the 437th Troop Carrier Wing works very closely with the 187th Regimental Combat Team and for this reason a close understanding must be maintained between these two units. Brigadier General Trapnell and Captain Lesniak, Commanding Officer of Parachute Maintenance Detachment, 187th Airborne Regimental

Company, went aboard a C-46 transport plane when General Trapnell and Captain Lesniak demonstrated the technique of jumping out of one of his C-46's and landing on the Drop Zone.

Both men landed safely and directly on the middle of the Drop Zone despite the fact that the Drop Zone was not marked in any way.

Dog Doings

Last 4th of July the men of Dog Company said goodbye to Captain George T. Essex who had been their C.O. since May of 1951. Captain Essex returned to the 21 and expects to be stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky. Capt. Essex assignment previous to joining the 187th was Commanding Officer of General MacArthur's Honor Guard in Tokyo. Although he hails from Texas, Capt. Essex and his wife will make their new home at Fort Campbell.

After Capt. Essex's departure, we welcomed Capt. Joy A. McDonald as our new C.O. Before coming to Dog Company, Capt. McDonald had been C.O. of Able Company since May of '51.

Cpl. Robert P. Corbett has returned to Dog Company. After serving three and a half years with the Dogs (August '48 to March '52), during which time he made both combat jumps in Korea, Bob returned to the United States for discharge. After being a civilian for thirty days, he re-enlisted for the 187th Abn. RCT and is now back in Dog Company in the Fire Direction Center for the 81mm mortar platoon. Bob is a native of Brooklyn, New York.

"Lion's Den"

You mean they have done it again? They sure have; Captain Clark and his One Hundred and fifty thieves have built an NCO Mess to surpass any in the regiment.

Things are shaped up so well around here that Sgt Altman re-enlisted for 3 years. He threw his sea bag away and said, "I've finally found a home."

Someone said they saw Sgt McCluskey trying to trade his Sea Bag for a bottle of wine. Is that right Ma? He must have found a home in "L" Company also.

Rumors are flying so fast in the area that one doesn't have time to enlarge on the first one before there is another in the making. But all we want to do is get back to "Chick".

Yes! We're still trying to find some one who can beat us in Volley-Ball. (Airborne Rules)

"K" Company is trying to collect lodging from Sgt "Fox" Flore, and we don't know why. Does He?

Cpl. Long has set himself up as a barber and turned out the sharpest haircut in the area.

WHAT WILL JULY BRING?



Paramaint Detachment Makes Night Jump

The Sone Drop Zone, a small named airstrip outside the city of Kokoro, Japan was the scene of a night jump for the men of Parachute Maintenance Detachment, 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team.

Two non-coms SFC Frederick H. Schaeffer of Paterson, New Jersey and Sgt Walter A. Ledford of Cartersville, Georgia led the men of Parachute Maintenance out of the 315th Troop Carrier Wing C-46's. The jump came off without incident although the Sone Drop Zone is known to be rough. Being a night jump, made it all the more hazardous, but the experienced riggers all landed safely on the Drop Zone although some of the Japan Logistical Command 800th troops who jumped with Parachute Maintenance Detachment missed and landed on the hard top.

This was the fourth night jump for Parachute Maintenance Detachment since arrival of this theater.



"FOX FLEAS"

Now that the rainy season has brought its unfavorable conditions to the island of Koje-do, we feel that any comment by the foxes would be the same as the rest of the 187th. Therefore, we will express our feelings and get on to more important and interesting events that have happened or that will happen.

We have been in this new campsite for several weeks and have completed our plan of withdrawal to an LST if we are alerted for further duties. As we understand it, we were placed further up the hillside so that we could develop our covering air events—as was the case in Compound #76.

No doubt all of you have been hearing a few of the latest events to take place. M/Sgt. (Woody) Wodowski has a friend in the 38th Inf. who has a buddy in the 2nd Log Command who has heard that the small island located about 400 yards out from our LST landing dock will be blown up in the near future to make room for a U.S. Aircraft Carrier (name as yet unknown) which will be the take-off strip and drop zone for a pay jump. We aren't too sure of this rumor's truth but we noticed that "Woody" has had his 2nd Platoon observing the island very closely lately.

We have had quite a few promotions since coming here and are expecting drunks from these newly made men when the time and place is right. Congratulations are in order to the following: SFC to M/Sgt., Frank (Rosebud) Volin, Henze (Killer) Cain, Louie (Alpha) Kalshai; Sgt. to SFC, Alex (Don't Give Up The Ship) Vacz, Richard (Rotation) Stand, Cpls. who have gotten the rocker are John (Leg Morris), Stanley Kaszkis, James (Texon) Dennis, Willard (Recollection) Howard, Marvin (Hamburger) Clay, James (Belly-Kobber), Rankin, Billy (Lover) Fennell, Richard (Kyushu) Agacki, Joseph (Irish) Garrity, Guy (Lithuan Lover Boy) Berry and Julio (Hairless) Samson.

Well, this fox has to close for this time. We hope that each Company in the 187th has the spirit and fleas of the Fighting Foxes.



"ITEM EYES"

Company "I", better known as "The Pride of the 187th", since it's arrival on this beautiful Island of Koje-Do has been constantly thriving with activity. Shortly after arrival of the company a promotion list was submitted and since then Sfc Dennis J. Collins has donned a brand new set of Master Sergeant chevrons. Also on the promotion list to Sfc were Sgts Tony Stresand, Jose Langoria, Leo B. Smith and Conrad Carnduff. Entering into the Top Three grades were Cpls Joe Brocade, Philipp Probst and Clyde King.

New and promising NCOs moving up into the Cpl bracket were Fayon Amos, Thomas Burn, Alfred Cady, Lem Scott, Beverly Gwathney, George Martin, Alfred Newell, Harley Thomas, Harold Thomas, John Veith, Roland Turner, Hugh Hudson, Robinson Fuentes and William Hamilton. To Pfc was Richard Boone, Fernando Guzman, John Ivy, James Johnston and Treton Wysing.

The members of the company would like to take this opportunity to extend "Get Well Wishes" to Sfc Greene, Sgt Kozlowski, Pvt Wells, Cpl Marx and Cpl Grech now in the hospital and are hoping that they will be back with us soon.

The "I" Troop, valley ball team has been committed to strenuous training daily and under the direction and able coaching of Capt. John C. Seng, is rapidly whipping into shape. It is contemplated that in the near future game with other companies in the regiment will be scheduled. Any Company in the Regiment that thinks they might be able to face this dangerous foe are requested to call the Company CP and have it's name placed on the list.

It is not the policy of the writer to submit love affairs to a paper with such a high caliber as the Rakkaasn but we can't resist letting the Public know that James (Too Much) Mattingly has been hoodooing over his lack of correspondence and fan mail from "Saichon"

JAPANESE TEAMS JOIN LEAGUE

Two new teams have been added to the Kaslii Softball League, they are the Layout Group who are Japanese laborers who help the men in the Packing Shed and Air Force Supply No. 2. These are also Japanese employes who work in the Supply warehouse.

In their first league games BOTH teams won. In the first game the Assistant Riggers beat the GI's of 1st Platoon 10-0 when Air Force Supply No. 2 turned the trick of beating the 79th Engineer Det. 13 to 10.

These were the first two games played in the second round of the Kaslii Softball League and if those games mean anything in future play this should prove to be an interesting round.

Headquarters Section won the first round turning in an impressive 7 and 0 record.

HEAD & HEAD

Welcomed back from R&R in Beppu! Recently old "Cowboy" Foster from our mess hall showed our Korean allies how to butcher a hog—western fashion.

Latest additions to the Head & Head orderly room are M/Sgt. Barney E. Usry, SFC Able Johnson and PFC David Alderman.

Anti-tank and Mine Platoon got a new platoon leader in Lt. James Lusk. M/Sgt. Moore, one his way home and Sgt. John B. Smalley took over as platoon sergeant. SFC Tommy Stupka is having a hard time rounding up the house-boys to clean the company latrine.

A T&M and I&R Platoon have taken over majority of the prisoner details on Koje-do. Many familiar faces may be found hustling behind the "honey bucket" brigades.

Attention Provisional Battalion Area: PFC Richard Whitman is the operator of our 23 man shower unit. He is 5 ft. 7 in. tall, 142 lbs., with red hair. It would be appreciated if you would voice any complaints to him and refrain from heaping abuse on Cpl. "Red" Shevlin. Doozle!