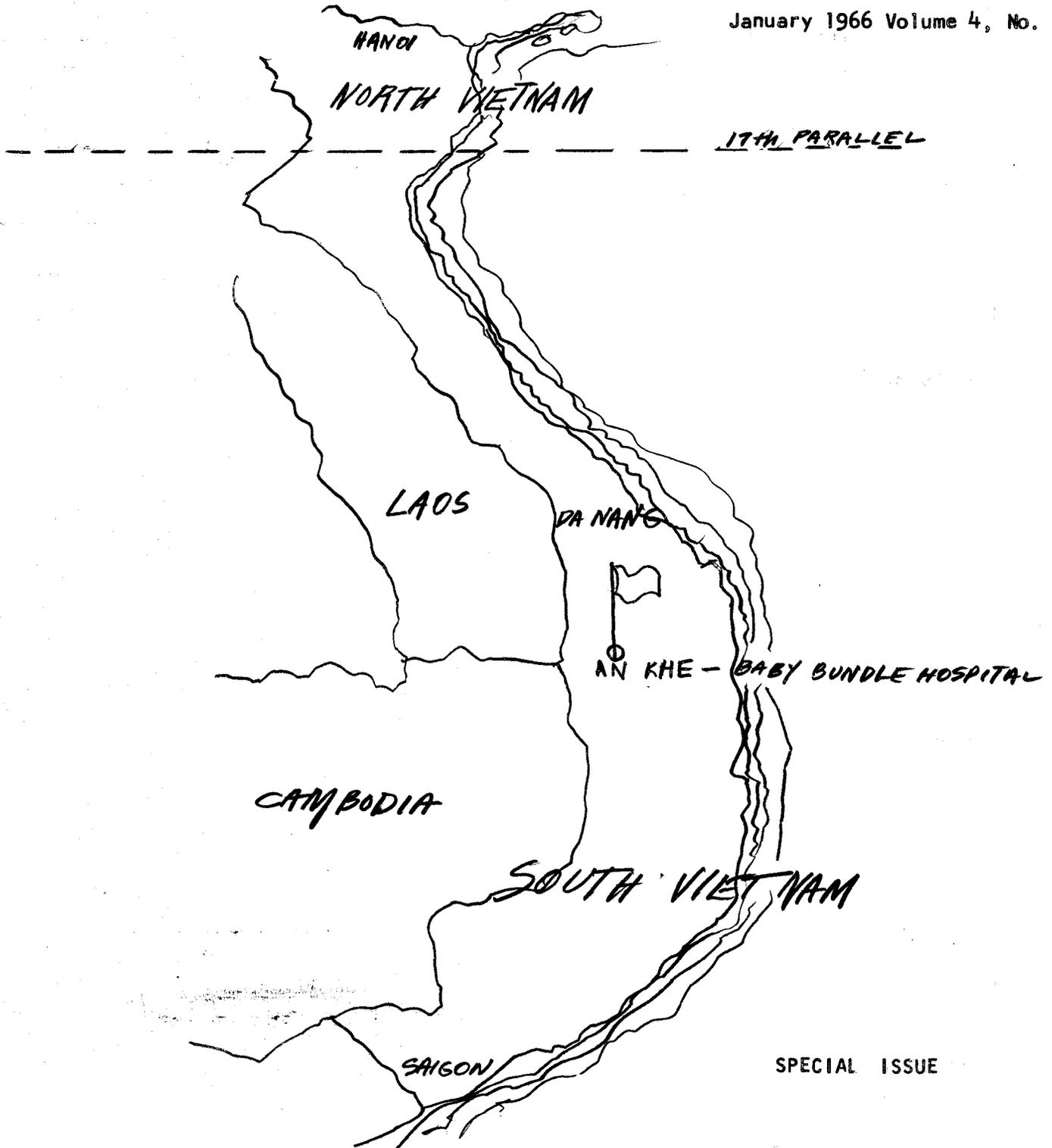


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SPECIAL ISSUE

DWYER, KUNTZ FILL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, HOSPITAL FUND

Bob Dwyer and Paul Kuntz have filled 29 speaking engagements and have at least 16 more scheduled since their return from Viet Nam.

The fund for the hospital at An Khe has received \$476.07 in honorariums presented to Dwyer and Kuntz by many of the organizations.

They have spoken to small groups of 15 or 20 and to as many as 800 students at Hartford Public High School.

Speaking engagements are scheduled through March.

DRAMATIC COLOR FILM SHOWS ARRIVAL OF FIRST BUNDLES

Color film of the first Baby Bundles arriving in Viet Nam have been sent to the station by the First Cavalry Division and will be shown on Channel 3 soon.

The film includes footage of one Viet Cong woman surrendering and receiving baby clothing for her child.

A tape recording has also been received from Captain McKinstry, who tells how the Baby Bundles are bringing joy to the Vietnamese and thanks the donors for their generosity.

IN AWARD COMPETITIONS

The television documentary and radio reports obtained in Viet Nam have been or will be submitted in several major award competitions.

Among the competitions to be entered or already entered are the Peabody, Ohio State and DuPont Awards.

OVERWHELMING STAFF, PUBLIC RESPONSE PROVIDES YEAR'S BABY BUNDLE SUPPLY

The Baby Bundle campaign has been a resounding success, thanks to the generosity of the WTIC staff and the public.

The drive has, in fact, been so successful, it has been suggested that some of the maternity items be converted to building materials to add to the small hospital at An Khe.

In letters reprinted on Page 4 of this special TIC TOC issue, Capt. Larry McKinstry tells of the overwhelming response that has provided him with a year's supply of maternity items. Asked by Paul Kuntz if there were anything he needed more than baby bundles, the captain has suggested that the remaining money be used to purchase building materials for a new ward.

By mid-January, Captain McKinstry had received more than 500 Baby Bundles from the staff and the public. Forty-two Bundles have been purchased with contributions from the staff and organizations that have invited Kuntz and Bob Dwyer to speak at meetings.

There is still \$1,184.23 remaining in this fund that can be diverted from Baby Bundles to needed building materials for the hospital--if the staff agrees.

A ballot is printed on this page to give staff members an opportunity to express their wishes regarding the use of the remaining funds. The ballots should be marked and returned to Paul Kuntz as soon as possible.

The \$1,184.23 can be converted into Vietnamese money and purchase a considerable amount of building materials--if a majority votes 'yes' in the Baby Bundle referendum. Please send this ballot to Paul Kuntz in the Newsroom as soon as possible.

BABY BUNDLE REFERENDUM

Check One:

Yes, use my contribution for hospital building materials.

No, prefer to purchase Baby Bundles.

Name: _____

FIRST CAVALRY'S NEWSPAPER
TELLS OF WTIC'S CAMPAIGN

(The following story appeared recently in "The Cavalair," the newspaper published by the men of the First Cavalry Division in Viet Nam.)

AN KHE - An Army doctor's plea for baby clothes through a Hartford, Conn. station has brought an avalanche of clothing, soaps, lotions, and other articles intended for children and expectant mothers.

Capt. (Dr.) Larry T. McKinstry, of Beverly Hills, Calif., a surgeon with the 1st Air Cavalry's Medical Battalion, runs the only medical facility in the Central Highlands province of An Tuc.

Assisted by a staff of four Americans and five Vietnamese, including a midwife, Dr. McKinstry has, with the aid of his battalion's manpower and resources, brought the three room French colonial villa from almost medieval circumstances to near-modern standards.

When a pair of newsmen from station WTIC, in Hartford, Conn., visited the dispensary early in November of last year, they asked the doctor if there was anything he needed to complete the renovation of the dispensary.

McKinstry was occupied with expectant mothers, and was able to graphically illustrate the total lack of clothing for new-born babies--the infants were often wrapped in less than clean rags cast off from older children.

Women arriving for an expected birth almost never had any but the clothes they were wearing, and in a country that is starved for soap, mild soaps for tender skins were nonexistent.

Items that most Americans have come to regard as essential for infants--diapers, night clothes, baby oil, powder, cotton and a host of other post-natal items were entirely absent.

Doctor McKinstry has already written to every drug company in America for drugs. (he's received large amounts from almost all) asked the newsmen if they could help, and last Thanksgiving Day their station ran color films of the dispensary.

Today a visitor to the maternity ward finds warmly clothed, clean, well cared for infants resting beside their proud mothers. A much needed contrast to the somewhat drab hospital environment is provided by brightly colored maternity smocks worn by the new mothers. These too were a gift of the Hartford community, and they are part of an important contribution to the U.S. Army's civic action program.

LETTERS FROM VIET NAM

17 Jan 66

Dear Paul,

I feel that now I know you well enough to call you by your first name. I hope you don't mind.

I received your letter yesterday and was very pleased to hear from you. I wish that I had written earlier but I have been very busy. I hope the film turned out well. I surely would like a copy for my own. Maybe after I get out of the service and if I can afford the expense I hope to visit Hartford, Conn., for I have so many friends there now.

Yes, I am a little discouraged. I need a ward building so badly but I have exhausted the funds I had. I have built the Vietnamese technician a house, a kitchen, 4 latrines and remodeled the main dispensary building. Materials are available locally but the only funds I have are my own and I spend them far too rapidly. If only I could interest another town like Hartford in building a ward and the response being as great as your wonderful town I might be able to finish building the hospital. I still have no place to hospitalize the really sick patients.

Well enough of my troubles, I will tell you a few bits of news. Today a grenade was thrown in downtown An Khe killing one old man and injuring 8 children, so I am very tired tonight. I had to take them to the division as I don't have a ward.

Day before yesterday three young girls drowned in the river. We didn't know that but one drowned as only one body found. The mother was anxiously awaiting here as the girl's clothes had been brought to her. The body arrived as the child was already dead and it wasn't her child at all. I was very confused as I didn't know about the other 2 girls but their bodies were discovered by diving today.

The day that the film was taken a V.C. woman surrendered to me to treat her sick child. Will enclose the first Galvary Paper article for you to read the story and also an article about the WTIC Baby Bundle.

Sincerely,

Larry T. McKinstry

(The next letter on page was written after Paul Kuntz asked if the captain needed anything other than Baby Bundles.)

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LETTERS FROM VIET NAM
(Continued)

18 Jan 66

Dear Paul,

I just got your letter of Jan 13, 1966.

I just mailed you a letter yesterday which stated a need for funds here. Is it possible anyway to send the funds here so I could buy building materials locally.

I really do have a year's supply of baby clothes for the new borns unless the population doubles itself as it has done here in the past 4 months.

If I could ever get the ward building built, I would be happy. I see over 150 patients each day and have only 3 beds in a room for a ward. I really need that building and I can't buy wood, cement everything here but it costs more than I can personally afford.

I would have given anything yesterday to have been able to care for the children here who were injured in that grenade episode.

The money would have to be sent to: Commanding Officer, 15th Medical Bn, 1 Cav. Division (A.M.), APO, San Francisco, Calif., 96490.

The money would also be in money order. Also I have made arrangements to have any bulk shipments picked up at Tan Son Nhut; however, I have to know in advance the weight & cube of the bulk shipment so appropriate aircraft could pick up the shipment. But I need building materials more at present time.

Sincerely,

Larry T. McKinstry

VIET CONG MOTHER SURRENDERS
TO SAVE LIFE OF INFANT SON

(The following story, also from the First Cavalry Division's newspaper, tells of one Baby Bundle recipient.)

AN KHE--A young Vietnamese mother whose husband is a Viet Cong guerilla surrendered herself to local authorities to save the life of her infant son.

The woman, whose name is withheld to prevent possible reprisals, surrendered herself to the chief of An Tuc District, then took her sickly child to the dispensary in An Khe, manned by medical personnel from the U.S. Army's 1st Air Cavalry Division.

Capt. Larry T. McKinstry is a surgeon from the 1st Cavalry's 15th Medical Battalion.

He and four other soldiers work with a small Vietnamese staff, including one doctor and a midwife, to maintain the only medical facility in An Tuc province.

After bathing the two-month old baby in soap and water, Capt. McKinstry fed him vitamin-enriched milk, and replaced the tiny, undernourished infant's rags with clean diapers, sweaters and blankets.

The clothing was part of a huge windfall of similar items donated by people in and around Hartford, Conn., following a Thanksgiving Day television program on station WTIC outlining the Dispensary's need for baby clothing.

The woman said that her husband was forced to go with the Viet Cong several months ago, and after the baby came she went with him to the mountains to live the hunted life of a guerrilla.

When it became apparent that her tiny son, who had wasted away to mere skin and bones, was seriously ill, she decided to surrender to government authorities.

When a 1st Cavalry helicopter with a loudspeaker flew over her village, offering sanctuary for any who would return to Vietnamese government territory, she took her ailing baby and fled.

After assuring the grateful mother that plenty of food and warm clothes would save the child, the doctor presented her with a final gift--a baby nightie some five sizes too large.

GLENN TO HAVE EXHIBIT AT CONNECTICUT BANK

Jim Glenn, of WTIC's Promotion Department, will show a collection of decorative illustrations and paintings in an art exhibit to be held February 7 through 13, in the lobby of the Connecticut Bank & Trust Company, One Constitution Plaza, in Hartford.

The Glenn collection, which includes 25 pieces of art, will include paintings created during his tour of Europe last year.

ATWOOD, MCGUINNESS HELPING JAYCEES YOUNG FARMER PROJECT

Joe McGuinness and Frank Atwood are working this year, for the second time, with the Connecticut Jaycees on their Outstanding Young Farmer program.

Frank will be emcee and Joe will hand out the plaques at the state awards dinner for three outstanding young farmers February 5 at the Shoreham-Oaks Motor Hotel. The plan is to show film made at the farms of the three winners, as their names are announced. Film will be used in the RFD 3 show scheduled February 12, when the young farmers and their wives are guests.

A similar awards program last year was considered a great success. The Jaycees, who had three candidates for their OYF award in 1964, had 18 in 1965 and expect more than 25 this year.

YULE STAFF PARTY AGAIN A SUCCESS

Hard work by a committee of seven resulted in a successful staff Christmas reception at the Hotel America.

The committee, composed of Barbara French, Barbara Fearon, Eileen Berube, Pat and Lew Krause, Jim Glenn and Joe Lorrain, found that suggestions from those attending earlier parties, helped make this year's party successful.

Next year, the committee promises more advance notice and a more convenient date to attract an even larger group.

3 SALESMEN GO BACK TO SCHOOL

It's back to school for the radio salesmen--Messrs. MacGovern, McGuinness, and Krause.

Starting January tenth, and continuing for ten successive Monday evenings, the three salesmen are attending "marketing seminars" sponsored by the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce and the American Marketing Association. The two-hour "seminars" concern advertising, marketing, and the role of the professional salesmen in today's business economy. The sessions are held at the Travelers Auditorium on Monday evenings, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

ON FRATERNITY COMMITTEE

Sid Stewart is serving on the Founding Committee of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity, to start a Connecticut Chapter. He has been a member of the fraternity since joining as an undergraduate at Ohio State. Charter Night will be Feb. 3 in Windsor.

MILL FINDS STOLEN CAR, THIRD IN HIS CAREER

Bill Mill, an expert at spotting stolen cars, found a missing state car in gully off Rt. 91, at 4:30 on a recent morning.

Mill called the State Police and learned a Hartford State Jail inmate had used the car to escape from a work detail at the Capitol.

While working for Channel 30, Mill had found two other stolen cars and had taken part in a chase after spotting one of them.