

# SHORT SHOTS

## DANCING HERE NIGHTLY...

A sign on the door of the Battalion S-1 proclaims "We Can Do More." It would be less inspirational but catchier if it read: "President Nixon and General Westmoreland Dance Here Nightly." It's true, you know. When those 175s fire over the S-1, the chain of command photographs dance on their nails.

## WRITING HISTORY WITH FIRE...

While writing a short history of the 27th Artillery for the battalion's photo album, Specialist Camp uncovered some interesting facts. During World War II the 27th Artillery fired a total of 380,115 rounds of 155mm and 3,447 rounds of 75mm. Since the organization has been in Vietnam, the batteries have fired 365,835 rounds of 175mm/8-inch and 54,225 rounds of 155mm. That boils down to: 383,562 total rounds firing in three years in WW II and 420,060 total rounds in 4 years in Vietnam.

## WHAT'S THAT GREEN FURRY STUFF?...

Our hasty research into Vietnam weather told us a lot we didn't know but little that we hadn't already felt. At least, the rain should begin tapering off during this month (which it is already). But then come the clouds of red dust churned up by trucks and tanks and fanned into every nook and cookie box by choppers. We knew when we dug out our low-quarters for R&R and found the soles covered with a furry green mold that this climate wasn't too good. Now we've got the figures to prove it. (See page 1)

## HELLO, DOLLIES...

Our circulation is increasing like mad but, unlike any other newspaper in the world, we don't intend to hike our advertising rates. The names of 165 wives of men in the battalion--all of them, we hope--were added to the Cannon-Ears mailing list this month. We don't claim the most exciting life here in these fire bases and base camps, but we're willing to share our rather unusual existence with the outside world. Welcome, ladies.

## YOUR CHRISTMAS MAIL...

Here are the dates for mailing from Vietnam to reach the destination by Christmas Day. Surface mail to CONUS or Hawaii must be mailed by 15 November. Air-lift mail will go on the following schedule:

<u>TO</u>	<u>AIRMAIL</u>	<u>SAM LETTERS</u>	<u>SAM PARCELS</u>	<u>PAL PARCELS</u>
CONUS	13 Dec	10 Dec	4 Dec	10 Dec
NY APO	8 Dec	5 Dec	1 Dec	5 Dec