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Just another day on an out site

By R.K.A.Price

Early morning. The signal site is quiet except for the steady hum of the generator. In the nearby village the day is already underway. A farmer fires up his tractor and heads for the fields located next to the wooded area occupied by the signaleers.

In the radio van the day shift, night shift and site NCOIC are in conference. The farmer arrives in the field and stops next to the woodline. He is so close to the signal site that the hum of the generator and the throb of the tractor motor merge into one sound.

He reaches back, pulls a lever on the barrel shaped trailer, and sets off down the neatly arrange furrows. Another day of hard toil. In the radio van the shift change is nearly complete. Suddenly, the interior of the van is filled with an odor which rapidly intensifies to a full blown stench.

The signaleers quickly grab at noses and throats, cutting off the inhalation of air which has turned to fumes. Looks of accusation pass among the three faster than sparks from an electrical



short.

The site NCOIC exhales, gags, and says, "Alright, which one of you guys... oh, never mind, get the door open, fast!"

As the van door swings outward three pairs of GI eyes focus on the farmer, calmly riding his tractor down the field, oblivious to the consternation he has just caused, as the barrel shaped trailer, better known in Germany as a "Honeywagon" continues to efficiently spray out its load of one hundred percent pure, natural fertilizer. Just another day on an outsite. (CSM Price is the Brigade Command Sergeant Major.)

17th and 32nd Signal volunteers give aid

By Jim Fahey

The 32nd and 17th Signal Battalions issued cots and blankets, and provided coffee for nearly 500 people in the McNair gym who were forced to evacuate their homes in the Eschborn high rise complex after a bomb was discovered.

"Response from the battalions was beyond belief," said SFC Griffin, the Staff Duty NCO during the evacuation.

Volunteers from the 17th Signal Battalion were: Debra Simien, Bernard Hutchins, Frank Martin, Linda Andrews,

Danny Dufflemeyer, Larry Horner, Billy Craft, Felicia Smith, Jerome Weaver, Barbara Powell, Jeanne Chilson, Barbara Gannon, Becky Marcoux, Roy Gibbs, Joseph Duenas, Doyle Ballard, Brenda Stacey, Nelson Bacon, and Melinda Lua.

Volunteers from the 32nd Signal Battalion were: Grace Plair, Bill Webb, Max Butcher, Glen Bales, Jeffery Doty, Darrell Hjerpe, Frank Downing, Lisa McCoy, and James Mann. (PFC Fahey is a Brigade stringer.)