

War Dead Figured By Counting Bodies

By The Associated Press

How does the U. S. Command in Saigon arrive at those figures on enemy dead in Vietnam? By body count, say American spokesmen there. But the Pentagon concedes that sometimes they are just estimates.

"When they can count, they count," said one high Pentagon official. "Otherwise they estimate."

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara has suggested that the figures of Communist casualties be "used with a great deal of caution." He added that they were just as apt to be understatement as exaggeration.

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These field counts are related to battalion level, Sidle said, and then up the chain of command to division, which issues its situation report to the force headquarters.

Sidle insisted that casualties resulting from bombings, strafing by planes and helicopter gunships, as well as those caused by artillery fired from great distances were not estimated or added into the totals "unless someone actually gets in there and counts the bodies."

Correspondents who have been in the field claim that body counts are questionable. The field commander has plenty to do after a battle, securing his perimeter and taking care of wounded, and counting enemy dead is the least of his worries. As a result, they say, a subordinate usually makes the count or, if the situation is critical, a battlefield estimate is made.

Military sources acknowledge that it is impossible to get any accurate count in cases where a Communist unit is caught by an artillery barrage or air strike and only pieces of bodies litter the area.

And yet figures are given on KBA, or killed by air. Such counting is supposed to be done by pilots of relatively slow, low-flying spotter planes. But, it has been pointed out that spotter pilots cannot tell whether a Viet Cong is actually dead or faking, or perhaps wounded.

Military informants said the U. S. casualty reports were begun in 1962 after McNamara called for measurable indicators of progress in the war.

Brig. Gen. Winant Sidle, U. S. information chief in Saigon, said recently that figures released by the U. S. Command come from regular reports issued every six hours by American divisions.

Sidle said the body counts may be made by squad, or platoon-size units, and never more than company-size. This indicated, he said, that the figures did not result

from "estimates or guesstimates."



ROGERS SCHOLARSHIP
A donation by citizens of Rogers, Tex., for Texas A&M opportunity awards presented seven Rogers High graduates will become a scholarship itself. The unusual presentation to Dorsey E. McCrory (left), development director, was made by Darwin R. Schwertner and Travis Rosson, Rogers school officials.

THE BATTALION

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Students Attending A&M Prompt Action By Rogers

Rogers, a Central Texas town of 1,000 population, has seven of its high school graduates attending Texas A&M on opportunity award scholarships.

Citizens of the Bell County Community 11 miles southeast of Temple decided recognition was in order. A presentation was made to A&M's student aid office.

A plaque and \$200 check were presented by Darwin B. Schwertner and Travis Rosson, Rogers school officials, to Development Director Dorsey E. McCrory and Robert M. Logan, student aid director.

McCrory said the donation will become a Rogers Schools Scholarship.

"The presentation is in appreciation of opportunity awards A&M has made available to Rogers area boys in recent years," noted Schwertner, principal of the town's elementary school.

"Our youth have won other scholarships from businesses and other areas," pointed out Rosson, school counselor. "These were the first from a college itself."

Rogers High graduates presently on opportunity scholarships are sophomores Richard L. Green,

sociology; Darwin Schwertner Jr., liberal arts; Johnnie Lee Cooksey and David Joe Sebek, education.

Also freshmen Edwin A. Smith III, agricultural education; Kenneth L. Doskocil, math, and Robert J. Trampota, education.

"They are doing well," Logan said of their academic work.

Rosson, Schwertner and vocational agriculture teacher J. H. Merka originated the donation.

"We felt something could be done in return," Schwertner commented. "You don't realize what these scholarships mean to our high school."

Rosson indicated many Rogers citizens contributed, including numerous Texas A&M graduates. Schwertner studied business, graduating in 1946. Merka received bachelor and master's degrees in agricultural education, graduating in 1934. A 1955 graduate, Donald Godwin, coached Rogers to the Class A Football semifinals last fall.

"Some University of Texas and Baylor graduates pitched in too," Schwertner noted.

Logan said the plaque containing Rogers school officials' names and a statement of the presenta-

tion's meaning will be displayed in the student aid office.

"This check does not represent our feeling but is only a small token of our appreciation," it reads.

Top Freshmen Announced For Corps Units

Three Texas A&M fish, Willard Frysinger of Harlingen, Craig C. Martin of Wichita Falls and Fritz Koehler of Cuero, have been named outstanding freshmen of their respective wings and brigades for the fall semester.

Koehler, an accounting major, is an Army ROTC cadet of Company B-1, 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade.

A Squadron 9 fish of the 2nd Wing, Martin is studying mathematics and had a 3.06 grade point ratio last fall.

Frysinger is studying Spanish, German and Russian in modern languages, with the view of entering Air Force intelligence work when he is commissioned. He is in Squadron 1, 1st Wing.

The outstanding freshmen were selected from about 150 fourth classmen in each wing or brigade by company or squadron, battalion or group and wing or brigade cadet officers.

Outstanding corps freshmen are selected by separate procedure for presentation by the Commandant's Office on Mother's Day.

Baptists Hunting Books For Asians

The Texas Baptist Student Unions are undertaking the project of trying to supply some Baptist Student Union libraries on universities in Indonesia with books. At present, it is not uncommon for one book to be shared by 10 students.

Nearly all books are useful. Medical books; any type of English study, including paperbacks of the classics; language study texts such as French or German; mathematics; all of the sciences and engineering, architecture, and other texts are needed. Devotional books, and others with a Christian message are also needed.

This campaign began November 1, 1967 and will continue through July 1, 1968.

Any person wanting to donate books, new or used, should bring them by the Baptist Student Center, 201 N. Main.

USDA Construction Bids To Open For New Facilities

Rep. Olin E. Teague of College Station announced recently that the General Services Administration will open bids March 21 for construction of two U. S. Department of Agriculture laboratories at Texas A&M.

The facilities are the Southwestern Veterinary Toxicology and Livestock Insect Research Laboratory and the National Cotton Disease Research Laboratory. Cost of the facilities will be about \$3.25 million.

Dr. R.D. Radeleff, director designate of the toxicology lab, said he anticipates construction to start about May 1.

He said the laboratories will consist of two main buildings and 12 smaller buildings to be built across the road and south of the A&M Dairy Center and north of the College Veterinary Medicine complex.



FFA WEEK PROCLAIMED
Governor John Connally has proclaimed the week of February 17-24 as FFA Week in Texas. Left to right are George Hurt, State Advisor of the Texas FFA, Governor Connally, and Danny Burns, President, Texas Association of Future Farmers of America.

GRE Registration Announced

The Graduate Record Examinations will be given March 29-30 to all seniors scheduled to graduate in May and who register in the Counseling and Testing Center prior to March 1.

Each student will receive through the mail an admission card telling where and when to report. This card should reach the student about five days before testing.

Any student not receiving a notice by March 26, should go by the Center.

Students who cannot take the tests at this time may register for the national testing program of the Graduate Record Examinations to be given on the campus April 27. Applications may be obtained from the Center. The student's completed application must reach Princeton, New Jersey, prior to April 2.

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