

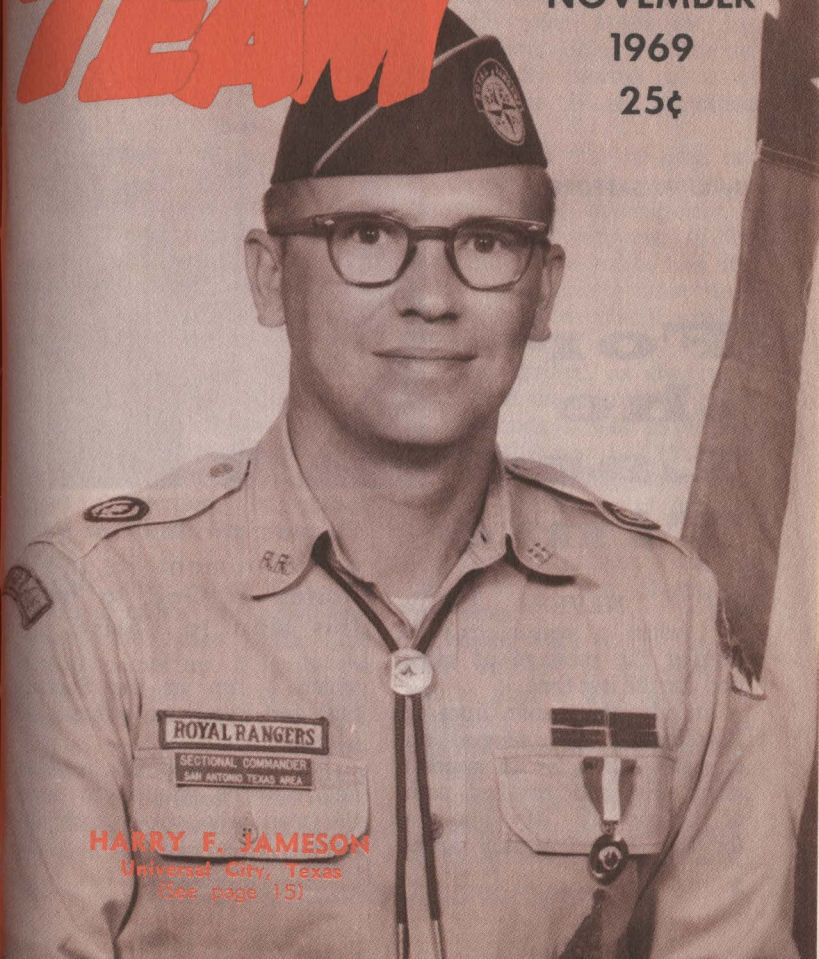
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Walnut Park Royal Rangers complete project

Flag Returned from Vietnam

IN A VERY SPECIAL and impressive service, Captain Charles Holt presented the Royal Rangers of the Walnut Park Assembly of God in Garland, Texas, an American flag. This event climaxed a long-term project of the outpost. Royal Rangers Commander Donald Dale Stoner describes it.

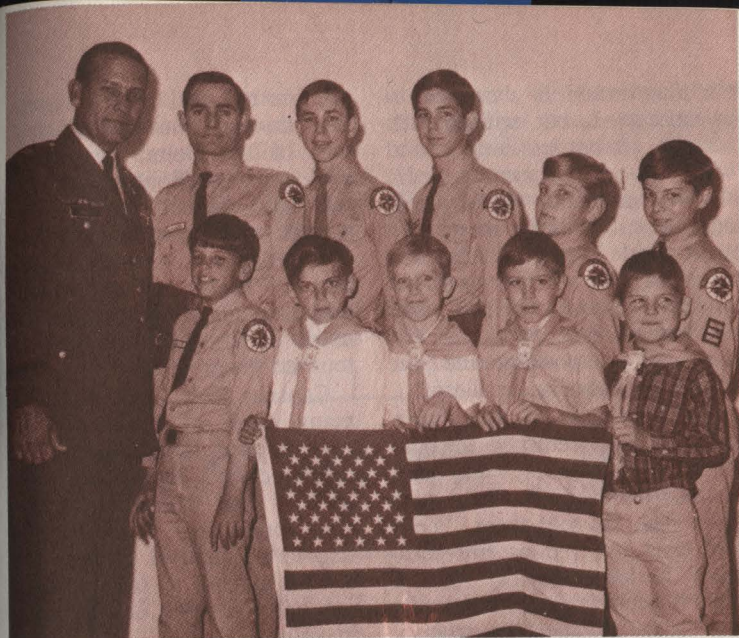
“Captain Charles Holt had been in Vietnam a year when he came home on leave. While here, he consented to speak to my Royal Rangers outpost about his tour of Vietnam. (Captain Holt, brother-in-law of Commander Stoner, is an

ordained Assemblies of God minister.)

“At our meeting we discussed ideas for boosting the morale of the men in his group. Finally, we settled on the idea of sending a flag to Captain Holt’s group of men. We were confident that this would show our support and appreciation of our fighting men in Vietnam.

“Although we had limited funds in our small group, we took up a collection and purchased a small durable American flag. We could not purchase a big fancy flag to send, but we were proud of our flag.

“When we sent the flag to



An impressive service was held when Captain Charles Holt returned the American flag to the Royal Rangers of the Walnut Park Assembly of God, Garland, Texas, after his company carried it through battles in Vietnam unscathed for nearly four months.

Captain Holt last October, we included a letter from each of the boys. The letters contained such encouragements as: ‘We are proud of you men in Vietnam who are fighting for our freedom. We bought this flag and are sending it to you to show that we appreciate what

you are doing for us in Vietnam. We want you to carry this flag and think of us back home. We are praying for you.’

“Our instructions also accompanied the flag. It was to be carried into battle and on maneuvers whenever possible. We also expressed hope that

our flag would be returned to us unscarred, but with a rich history of battles fought and won.

"We wanted to display it in our outpost meeting room with great pride, knowing that our flag had been carried by brave soldiers of our country, into the heat of the battle, near the smell of gunpowder and the sound of booming artillery."

In February of this year, Captain Holt returned to Walnut Park Assembly and presented the Royal Rangers with their flag. He told them, "Your flag was received at my company in late October, 1968. I find it very difficult to describe the effect it had on each man. Upon the arrival of the flag I decided to take full advantage of its presence and your expectation of us."

After being placed on a shiny new staff, the flag was presented to the company in a military ceremony. It was then carried on every operation for almost four months and into battles that have been written into the pages of history.

Although it was carried into

air, ground and river assaults, and through the muddy paddies of the Delta, the Trapi-zoid, and the Spider Webb, it withstood mortar and rocket attacks and acted as a center of courage and faith to all who saw it. "I give you my word," said Captain Holt, "it hasn't a mark on it and it has never touched the ground."

Captain Holt concluded with many words of thanks for the strength and fortitude that his men received from the presence of the flag. "It is with great pride that I return this flag to its rightful owners. Let it be a symbol of faith to you, not only in your country, but in your fellowman and in God upon whom this flag and the nation it represents were founded."

Probably one of the greatest thrills and blessings of Captain Holt's testimony was "from the day my company received the flag and raised it in the outpost, there was not one man in the company killed." Prior to this time, there had been many casualties, and the company had suffered approximate-

ly 50 percent loss of soldiers.

Indeed, this is a miracle in itself, for the mere display of an American flag enrages the Viet Cong so much that they will stop at nothing to destroy that flag and the company that carries it. Because of this invitation to disaster, many companies of soldiers in Vietnam do not regularly carry one.

Although the presence of the flag had a very encouraging effect on his company, Captain Holt commented that he felt his own personal early morning devotions and the prayers of the church people back home really caused God to spare the lives of his men during the four months they carried the flag in combat.

You're on the Jury

By JAMES E. ADAMS

REED JOHNSON DIDN'T look like a thief to me. A fine-looking young man, twenty-two years old, he walked slowly down the aisle of the courtroom, looking steadily at the jury panel. Perhaps he was wondering which twelve would be selected to decide his fate.

It seemed there could be but one decision. According to newspaper accounts, Reed knew where the money had been hidden. His fingerprints

were on the glass presumed broken in gaining entrance to the shop. And he could not account for all of his time the night of the robbery.

I was not selected from the panel to sit on the jury, but I stayed to listen in on the case. Then, while the district attorney presented the prosecution's views, I had to remind myself that a man is innocent until proven guilty. It didn't sound too good for Reed.

Christian girl and soon we were married. But I made no change in my living habits—I continued to drink, gamble, and do everything else that goes with that kind of life.

My wife continued to pray for me. When she went to church, I would go to the tavern. While I was drinking to drown my troubles, she was praying for me.

One day I finally gave in. I promised to attend revival services at church with her. So on December 9, 1951—after twenty-six years of married life—I walked around the block and went to church with my wife.

Everything was fine until the altar call was given that night. My wife didn't ask me to go to the altar with her, so I stood silently—trying to think of a way I could slip out of the church. I wanted to get out of there, but I couldn't. It seemed as if everyone was watching me.

As I stood there, a feeling of lightness began to come over my body. I felt as if Someone was pumping air into me. Soon

the tears began to gather. In the battle that followed, the Lord showed His great power over Satan.

I found myself at the altar with my hands upraised—praising the Lord. This was the very thing I used to curse my wife for doing! But I was so happy now. It seemed there was no one around but the Lord and me.

It did not occur to me to ask the Lord for healing for my body, but He thought of it. He healed me of ulcers and sinus trouble that night.

The years since that night have been so very wonderful. I am nearly 69 years old now, and Jesus gets sweeter every day.

As a retired cabinet maker, I am able to help my church and my fellow Christians by making Sunday school tables, Bible stands, bookcases and with other woodwork and painting projects. I enjoy working for my Lord in whatever capacity I can.

For the last sixteen years, I have served as a trustee of my church—the Washington Park

Assembly of God in East St. Louis, Illinois. I also keep the church books, meet visitors at the door of the church, and visit the hospital and sick homes weekly. I was privileged to serve several years as vice-president and a year as president of our Men's Fellowship chapter.

My chief joy, however, is testifying for my Lord. I carry the name of Jesus with me wherever I go—telling of Him to the rich and poor alike. I want all men to know that in Christ there is the most beautiful life a man can live. ▶

Setting an EXAMPLE

HARRY JAMESON, OF Schertz, Texas, has set the example in his family.

Senior commander of the Royal Ranger Outpost 74, of Calvary Temple Assembly of God, Universal City, Texas, Harry Jameson's oldest son is the senior guide of the

outpost, while his younger son is assistant patrol guide in the Buck-A-Roos. His daughter is an active member of the junior Missionettes.

Jameson, who has been a serviceman with the U. S. Air Force for several years now, gives highest recommendation for the Royal Rangers program. He claims that being a part of the program is the best thing that has ever happened to him. He would not give it up for anything!

Since Jameson took over as commander of Royal Rangers Outpost 74, more than half the boys have come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Saviour, and at least five of these boys received the baptism in the Holy Spirit while he prayed with them.

"Royal Rangers has such great value," says Jameson, "that I find it hard to describe it. You learn from it, while you teach the boys. It helps teach the real meaning of being a Christian. It opens the door—you may lead boys to Christ, and then in turn see them lead other boys to Him."

Many Activities



FEATURE

Keep Men Busy

There is a place for every man to work in the church.

The literature distribution outreach of the Men's Fellowship, First Assembly of God, Fort Wayne, Indiana, to the crowd (left) at the McMillan Park for the July 5 firework's display was a success. Permission was secured from the Park Board and the sponsoring newspaper to distribute a nonsectarian patriotic tract stamped with the church name and address. Some 6,000 tracts were given out by the men (left inset) mostly to the man of the family, and to young married couples. Fred Leader is pastor.



At Camp Arrowhead in Missouri, the Royal Rangers' central National Training Camp was held this summer. National Commander Johnnie Barnes leads a devotional period (above), assisted by District Commander James E. Griggs. Many instruction groups (below) were held.



OBSERVE MEN'S DAY - DECEMBER 7



Light-for-the-Lost supplied the Assemblies of God in El Salvador 250,000 tracts and 6,000 PODER magazines to distribute door-to-door the week before some 200 evangelistic campaigns were held. As a result, several new churches were established. The revival spirit continues. Shown with the literature above are Jose Granados, vice-superintendent, Gustavo Goldamez, secretary-treasurer, Sterling Stewart and Glen Davenport, missionaries.



FCF Advances in Southern Missouri

FOOM! went the muzzle-loader as a streak of fire pierced the morning. It was yet dark among the cedars overlooking the stately Daniel Boone Home near Defiance, Missouri.

Stars twinkled in the absence of the moon, while Royal Rangers of the Southern Missouri Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity rolled out on the hillside to gather around a campfire already flavored with the scent of frying bacon.

A large pot suspended from a tripod gave forth the aroma of fresh coffee. It was a great morning for an excursion to the Boone grave and monument near Marthasville. Everyone knew that.

Well they remembered the night

before when venison and pork steaks were the bill of fare, and they had clustered around the dying embers in the Great Fireplace of the pioneer of yesteryear. Henceforth, their chapter would bear his name.

Twenty - five frontiersmen camped out on the Daniel Boone grounds. Black walnut beams (left below) in the dining room were notched and held together with wooden pegs. Newly elected officers of the Daniel Boone chapter of the FCF (below) are Virgil Palmer, vice-president; Jim Tripp, scribe; John Eller, president; David Barnes, scout; James E. Griggs, district commander; Johnnie Barnes, national commander; and David Bogart, assistant scout.



THE VALLEY PARK STORY

An audio-visual presentation of the testimony of the growth of men's work in the First Assembly of God, Valley Park, Missouri, has been completed by the Men's Fellowship Department, and is ready for use in our churches. The full-color story with taped narration shows that with the increased involvement of men in the activities of the church it has grown in every way, including doubling of attendance. Every church will want to show this filmstrip story to its entire congregation. Inquire about it with your sectional MF representative.

At the Youth Week Parade for Clermont County, held in Bethel, Ohio, the Royal Rangers of Outpost 37 gave their testimony with their float (below) which won first prize in the parade. Robert D. Haley is commander.



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Then, when Satan—the belligerent one—comes your way to put doubts in your heart and mind, you will be able to say: “God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? (Numbers 23:19).

Cars have breakdowns, planes crash, ships sink, guns jam, windfalls break, and the

words of men fall to the ground; but the Word of God is sure and certain. It is more steadfast, more solid than any rock.

For your personal salvation and for your continued spiritual progress you will find that God’s Word is to be fully trusted. It will never fail. Put your trust in God’s Word today. “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved” (Acts 16:31).

It took a healing miracle to prove

Christ Has Real Power

THERE IS NO QUESTION in my mind but that God has called me to work with young people,” says Arthur Smith, Royal Rangers senior commander at First Assembly of God, Phoenix, Arizona.

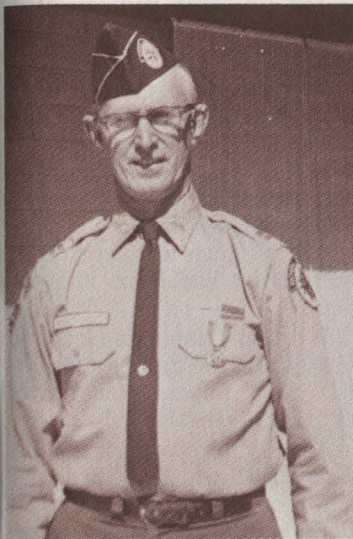
Art has taught in the Sunday school for four years now,

in the fourth and seventh grades. Also, he directs children’s church for grades four through six. In the Sunday school class, he and his wife “team teach” and also work together in the children’s church. He is thankful to the Lord for such a wonderful wife.

Art is grateful for the privilege he has of leading many boys and girls to Christ through these areas of service.

For two years First Assembly of God Phoenix has had a Royal Rangers group and Art has been active in it since its beginning. Starting as a lieutenant commander, he later became out-

Arthur Smith, of Phoenix, Arizona, has set a good example by his great enthusiasm and faithfulness to the Royal Rangers program.



post commander for the Pioneers, and is currently senior commander of the Royal Rangers at First Assembly.

During his first year in Royal Rangers, he was thrilled when he led his first Royal Ranger to accept the Lord. “I place Royal Rangers high on the list as ways of winning the lost for Christ,” says Art. “And I know that boys will bring in more boys once they have come to know Christ as their Saviour. The excitement of hiking, swimming, fishing, and camping trips brings in boys who might never otherwise see the inside of a church.”

Pipefitting is Art’s occupation. He has been at this type of work for more than seventeen years. Art and his wife have four children, ages 16, 14, 8, and 6.

Probably one of the most outstanding incidents in the lives of the Smiths, is the story of how they came to Christ.

Fourteen years ago, when their second child, Susan, was born, the doctors told Art and his wife their new baby had a very bad heart condition and would not live.