

From The Editor

VIETNAM WAR PUBLICATIONS

During the Vietnam War era, **INFANTRY Magazine** was given the job of publishing a series of hardback books on small unit combat experiences from Vietnam. These were to be modeled on the well-known **INFANTRY IN BATTLE**, which had been published by the Infantry School in the early 1930s.

The first book in this series, published in 1967, was called **INFANTRY IN VIETNAM**. The second, **A DISTANT CHALLENGE**, was published in 1971. Between 1967 and 1971, the magazine also printed two paperback books of Vietnam combat experiences – **COMBAT NOTES FROM VIETNAM I and II**. In these, the stories were more personal and did not necessarily point out any particular lessons.

Until recently, these four books had been out of print for some time and copies were difficult to find. In 1982, The Battery Press of Nashville, Tennessee, reprinted the two hard cover books and made them available to the general public. If you are interested in acquiring these books, please direct your queries either to us or to the publisher, whose address is P.O. Box 3107, Uptown Station, Nashville, Tennessee 37219, telephone commercial 615/298-1401.

COMPREHENSIVE INDEX

For most of our existence, we have published annual indexes either as part of a particular issue or separately. But despite good intentions, we had never combined the annual printed indexes into a single comprehensive index.

In 1982, in conjunction with MA/AH Publishing in Manhattan, Kansas, we partially fulfilled our desires by arranging for the printing of a comprehensive index for the period 1965-1981. (At some time in the future, we fully intend to publish a comprehensive index for the period 1921 through 1964.) The period of time we selected, at least in our opinion, was the most relevant to our audience. It was also a period during which Infantry organization, doctrine, and weapon systems changed substantially.

Queries about the published comprehensive index may be directed either to us or to MA/AH Publishing, Eisenhower Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 66506. Of course, we still publish annual indexes, and copies of these are free for the asking.

OUTSIDE BACK COVER:

Soldiers of the 3d Infantry Division demonstrate to spectators at Kitzingen, West Germany, the capabilities of the Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle and the Abrams tank.