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MEMORANDUM FOR: SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER, USARV

SUBJECT: "Woody Hayes and Bill Hess" After-Action Report

4 Jan 69 - Met Mr. Hayes and Mr. Hess at Tan Son Nhut Air Base. They processed through customs and we departed for the Meyerkord Hotel.

5 Jan 69 - Departed the Meyerkord Hotel at 0830 hrs for in-processing at MACV Annex. During the processing Mr. Hayes asked Captain Roth if there was any area in the building where the Rose Bowl film and the Ohio University highlights film could be shown. Captain Roth suggested the MACV Auditorium. The films were shown to 125 personnel.

At 1100 hrs Coaches Hayes and Hess were introduced to Colonel Gritz, MACV Adjutant General. He invited the coaches to dinner in the Command Mess this evening. Coach Hayes declined the invitation. We departed Colonel Gritz's office with the understanding that, since the schedule for today was going to change, the coaches could eat at the Command Mess whenever they arrived.

At 1130 hrs, the coaches met with LTC Reuter. Coach Hayes stated that he did not want an exit interview with General Clay prior to departing Vietnam. He also stated that the purpose of his visit was to show the Rose Bowl film to as many troops as possible and that if he didn't show the film at least six times each day, he would feel that his trip was wasted.

After lunch, at 1400 hrs, we arrived at AFVN-TV, Saigon for a video taping session of the Rose Bowl film. While taping the film, MSG Tate of AFVN-TV asked Coach Hayes pertinent questions regarding the game.

While Mr. Hayes was taping the Rose Bowl film, Mr. Hess was interviewed by Mr. David Lamb of UPI.

Upon completion of the taping, SP5 Preston Cluff interviewed both coaches.

Mr. Wilbur Evans notified all corp areas to insure that the films would have maximum showings wherever possible. He also scheduled additional showings for today.

Although today was to be a day of processing, both coaches expressed their desire to begin working.

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Coach Hayes informed Mr. Evans that they (Coach Hayes and Coach Hess) could not stay until 19 Jan 69, but must return to the states on 17 Jan 69 in order to begin their football recruiting for the coming semester.

At 1545 hrs we showed the films to the Marine Guard Detachment at Marine House, Marshall Hall.

From Marine House we went directly to the 3d Field Hospital. The coaches toured the ward, shaking hands with the patients. Dinner was served in the Hospital Mess. The coaches were the guests of LTC Wall, Hospital Executive Officer. At 1900 hrs the films were shown in the outdoor film showing area at the hospital.

Met at the Command Mess by Colonel Gritz at 2030 hrs. He asked if we had eaten and Coach Hayes stated that we had eaten at the hospital.

The films were shown at the Command Mess to 40 officers present. At 2220 hrs General Abrams arrived and the coaches showed their films for him. After the showing Coach Hayes made two requests of General Abrams:

- (1) That the coaches be allowed to visit the DMZ.
- (2) That Coach Hayes be given the opportunity to meet Colonel Patten.

General Abrams gave his approval and we departed the Command Mess for the Meyerkord Hotel.

Total film showings today: Five

Total personnel visited: 480.

6 Jan 69 - Departed the Meyerkord for Long Binh at 0900 hrs.

Arrived Long Binh at 0945 hrs. Met by Major Lampi and 1LT Mc Carthy.

First showing of films was at the HQ, USARV Auditorium to 75 personnel. Both coaches answered questions after the films.

Lunched at Hq Co, Long Binh Post and showed films to 75 personnel.

Departed for 24th Evacuation Hospital where the coaches toured the wards and shook hands with 50 personnel and showed films to 75 personnel in the hospital chapel.

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Visited the 93d Evacuation Hospital and showed the films to 125 personnel in the American Red Cross building.

At 1800 hrs we arrived at the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment where we had supper and Coach Hayes and Hess were introduced to Colonel Patton. Films were shown to 150 personnel and Coach Hayes expounded on General Patton's achievements during the war.

Total film showings today: Five

Total personnel visited: 550

Returned to Saigon via helicopter.

7 Jan 69 - Departed Meyerkord Hotel for Tan Son Nhut for U-21 flight to Cao Lanh.

Arrived Cao Lanh at 0830 hrs and greeted by LTC Anderson, Senior Advisor for the 44th Special Zone. Films were shown to 60 personnel.

Ate lunch in the 44th Special Zone Mess Hall with Colonel Hazam. After lunch we were driven to the B43 Compound where the films were shown to 100 personnel. LTC Will escorted both coaches on a boat ride. Upon their return, departed for Tan An where we were to RON.

Total film showings today: Three

Total personnel visited: 160

8 Jan 69 - Departed Tan An by UH-1 for Bac Lieu at 0745 hrs.

Met at Bac Lieu by CPT Lynch and SFC Sosebe. Showed films at 1000 hrs in the Team 51 Day Room to 70 personnel. After the film showing we had lunch in the Team 51 Mess Hall.

At 1300 hrs we departed Bac Lieu for Seabee Team 0310 and showed the films to 15 personnel. LTJG Derrick, OIC of the Seabee Team, thanked the coaches for coming to visit and stated that they had little entertainment in their location. He presented the coaches with honorary membership cards to the Seabees.

Returned to the Team 51 area where the coaches were given an opportunity to browse through the Post Exchange and go to their rooms to rest before dinner.

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After dinner the films were shown in the Enlisted Men's Club to 80 personnel. At 1915 hrs another showing of the films was given at the Team 51 Officer's Club. The coaches were presented footballs with their names on them and were presented certificates making them honorary members of Team 51.

At 2130 hrs we again showed the films to Team 20. LTC Souser, Deputy Senior Advisor thanked both coaches for their appearance.

Total film showings today: Five

Total personnel visited: 285

9 Jan 69 - Ate breakfast at the Team 51 Mess Hall and departed for Can Tho via UH-1.

Met at Can Tho, Eakin Soccer Field, by Mr. Engelstad, Corp Entertainment Director.

Shown films in the Stateside Lounge. A definite lack of preparation was noted. The movie projector was inoperative, there wasn't an extension cord available for power and no attempt was made to darken the lounge for the showing. A 45 minute delay was caused. 1LT Dodds was the project officer for the showing. Two hundred personnel were present for the showing.

Lunched at the 69th Engineer Battalion Mess Hall.

Departed for the 29th Evacuation Hospital at Binh Thuy at 1300 hrs. Upon arrival at the hospital, the coaches toured the wards and shook hands with 50 personnel. The films were then shown in the Red Cross lounge to 85 personnel. LTC Downey, Hospital Executive Officer expressed his appreciation for the coaches visit to his hospital.

The reception at Binh Thuy Air Base was outstanding. We were greeted by Colonel Howard, Air Base Commander, and a large sign was posted on the Air Base Theatre which read, "Welcome Coach Woody Hayes and Coach Bill Hess".

Next showing was at the Binh Thuy Naval Base. We were greeted by LTJG Stevens who remembered Coach Hayes from his visit last year. Fifty personnel were present for the showing.

We dined at the Eakin Compound Enlisted Mess.

At 1900 hrs films were showed in the Eakin Compound Chapel to 200 personnel.

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Last show of today was at the 6Bn/77th Artillery to 150 personnel.

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Total personnel visited: 1105

10 Jan 69 - Ate breakfast in the Can Tho Officer's Club and departed for Danang via U-21. Upon arrival at Danang we were met by 1LT Winans and SSG Butler.

The first showing of films was at the 95th Evacuation Hospital. Met by LTC Sadler. Toured the wards and spoke with 50 personnel. Showed films in a ward to 100 personnel. Arrangements were made at the hospital to return later in the evening to the hospital officer's club for another showing to all of the officers of the hospital.

Departed for the NSA Hospital at 1645 hrs. Toured the wards and showed films in the enlisted men's club to 100 personnel.

After supper we showed the films to 150 personnel of USASUPCOM DNG.

At 2030 hrs returned to the 95th Evacuation Hospital Officer's Club and showed films to 80 personnel.

Total film showings today: Four

Total personnel visited: 480

11 Jan 69 - Departed Danang for Quang Tri via C-130 at 0800 hrs.

Met at Quang Tri by Captain Leshar, Special Services Officer. Spoke to 100 personnel at 2 Bn, 4th Mar Reg, 3 Mar Div at Can Thien. From this location the coaches had a view of the Demilitarized Zone.

Visited Cua Viet and spoke to 100 marines of an AMTRACK unit. Ate lunch in the Cua Viet Mess Hall.

Flew by CH-46 to the 3d Medical Battalion Hospital and showed films to 100 personnel. Coach Hayes insisted on showing the films at this hospital even though the schedule did not call for it.

Coach Hayes mentioned that he didn't want to go to Chu Lai on 12 Jan 69 and would rather stay in Quang Tri for another day. He was politely

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informed that he would adhere to the planned itinerary.

Arrived at Dong Ha at 1500 hrs and showed films to 200 personnel. Major General Davis was also present for the film showing.

Ate supper in the Officer's Club at Quang Tri and at 1900 hrs showed the films to 1500 personnel in the Amphitheatre in Quang Tri.

Returned to Danang via CH-46.

Total film showings today: Three

Total personnel visited: 2,000

12 Jan 69 - Flew from Danang to Chu Lai. There was a 30 minute delay at the Air Base awaiting ground transportation. I was informed by 1LT Daly that we hadn't been expected until 1000 hrs. We arrived at 0830 hrs.

Drove to the USO Chu Lai and showed films to 125 personnel.

After the showing at the USO we departed for the 9th Support Battalion of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade for lunch. Films were shown to 75 personnel at the 9th Support Battalion.

A tour of three landing zones was made by UH-1 and we returned to Chu Lai for dinner at the Command Mess.

While touring the landing zones, the battle ship New Jersey was observed by Coach Hayes and he requested of General Gettys that the coaches be allowed to board her and show the films. I reminded Coach Hayes that this was not in our itinerary but he was not concerned. Arrangements were made to visit the ship but approval was not received from the battleship until after we had departed Chu Lai.

Total film showings today: Six

Total personnel visited: 455

13 Jan 69 - Departed Chu Lai for Phu Bai. Major Shilling was the 101st Airborne Division Escort Officer.

Throughout the day we visited various fire bases of the 101st Division.

Due to the type of areas we visited, numerous showings of the films were impossible.

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Total personnel visited: 630

Returned to Danang.

14 Jan 69 - Departed Danang by U-21 for Pleiku. Met by Major Cagle and 1LT Alexander.

Visited various fire support bases in the Pleiku area.

Transportation delayed us because the UH-1 we flew in was also being utilized in resupply missions of fire bases. As a result, three of the fire bases scheduled were not visited.

After supper we showed the films to Division Artillery, Pleiku to 300 personnel.

At 2030 hrs films were again shown to 350 personnel in the Service Club at Pleiku.

Returned to the Command Mess at 2200 hrs and showed films to 50 personnel.

Total film showings today: Three

Total personnel visited: 1,050

15 Jan 69 - Ate breakfast in the Command Mess.

Showed films at 0900 hrs to 75 personnel at the 4th Medical Battalion, 4th Division.

Departed Pleiku via U-21 to Qui Nhon. Met at Qui Nhon by Major Hunter and Mr. Ceci. After lunch we flew by helicopter to Phu Cat Air Base and showed films at the NCO club at Phu Cat to 500 personnel.

Visited the Phu Cat Air Base hospital and shook hands with 50 patients.

Returned to Qui Nhon at 1530 hrs. Coaches were given an opportunity to rest prior to supper and the evening shows.

At 1900 hrs the films were shown to personnel at the 67th Evacuation Hospital. After the showing myself, both coaches, Mr. Ceci and the enlisted driver returned to the vehicle which was to take us to the next showing. In a fit of rage Coach Hayes commenced shouting obscenities at me, in the presence of those mentioned above. The incident was a result of my not getting water for Coach Hayes during his narration of the film of the Rose Bowl Game. He

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stated "You no good bastard son of a bitch, next time you had better get me some water. You know I get thirsty when I narrate the film". I asked him to calm down and he told me that I should take off my glasses and go outside the vehicle with him and he would settle everything. I did not reply.

At 2030 hrs showed films to 300 personnel at USASUPCOM QN.

RON Qui Nhon.

Total film showings today: Four

Total personnel visited: 1,125

16 Jan 69 - Returned to the Meyerkord Hotel in Saigon. Coaches did some shopping in the Post Exchange and packed their luggage for the trip home to the states.

17 Jan 69 - Coaches departed Tan Son Nhut Air Base at 0630 hrs.

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