

Dolls 'Work Out'

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"ANYONE FOR SOME FUN and games," drawled a southern voice at the firebase of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry.

The owner of the voice was a Red Cross volunteer who, along with a friend, paid an unexpected visit to the 4th Division soldiers. The men in the field know them as "Donut Dollies."

As the two girls walked through the base to the command bunker, every pair of eyes along their path was watching them. The men were puzzled. What were they doing here? For a moment all thoughts of hostilities around the Ivymen ceased.

The Donut Dollies were flown in by helicopter and arrived just in time to help serve lunch to the men of the the battalion, as well as those of the 4th Battalion, 42nd Artillery. For some reason, the food tasted 100 percent better than usual.

After lunch, the girls borrowed the briefing tent and set up shop. Puzzles and charades were the more popular games. Manicure sets, writing paper, envelopes and Kool-Aid were given to the soldiers.

"We hope the visit made the men forget the war for awhile," said Kay Brownfield of Tulsa, Okla.

"While we were taking part in the activities, I think we all forgot what was going on around us," said Private First Class Larry Smith of Haywood, Calif., of Company E, 1st Battalion. "We had a great time."

"We were overjoyed that the soldiers were so receptive. Our mission was a total success," said Sue Pulliam of Bristol, Tenn.

As they boarded the helicopter to leave that southern voice could again be heard. This time it said, "See you again, real soon."