

## Replacement Co

The replacement stage of the enlisted man's career is a necessary evil. The green soldier, even after 16 weeks of basic training at a Stateside camp, is confused by Army procedure, still queezy at the stomach after a boat crossing and anxious about what use the Army will make of skills acquired in civilian life.

The 1st Replacement Co plays "poppa" to as many as 400 such young men in a single day. Commanded by Capt Alan K. Clark, it provides a decent night's sleep, proper food and equipment and a few hours relaxation after the strain of a crowded ten-day journey into a new way of life.

Total replacements for a single month ran to 1,718 persons. "And that," as one member of the company put it, "is a lot of bodies."

The 1st Replacement Co is a first and vital cog in the wheel of Big Red One function.

