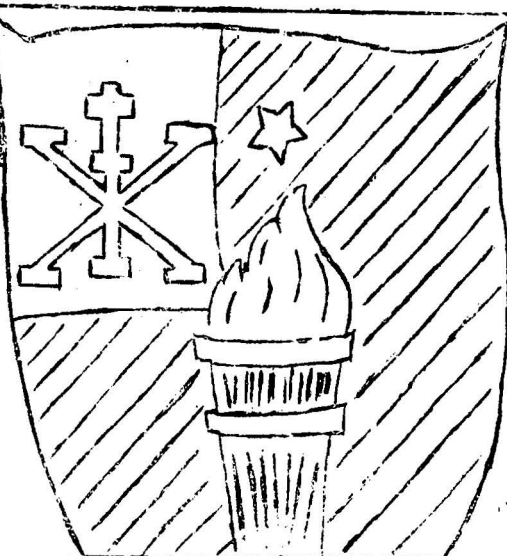


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SUPPLY WHEELS KEEP ON TURNING FOR LZ "PRO" SUPPORTING THE INFANTRY SOLDIER

GETTING THE SUPPLIES

The primary job of every soldier, not in the field, is to directly or indirectly support the infantry soldier. This is true regardless of whether the soldier is a general in command of a division or a private assigned to a company. However, the actual problem of obtaining the needed supplies and forwarding them on to the front line troops falls on the shoulders of a select hard working few, the company supply sergeants.

Once a day, usually after the line company has moved into their night defensive position, every soldier is asked individually what he needs in the order of resupply. This resupply list consists of anything from shoe laces to a new weapon to insect repellent, anything the infantry soldier needs to make his life a little easier and more bearable while living in the field.

The list is radioed to LZ Professional, where the company representative, who works on the S-4 Pad, receives it. Working in conjunction with his company supply sergeant, the company agent secures what supplies his company needs that are found on the "Hill." He then radioes the list to the trains area, where the responsibility is placed with

DISTRIBUTING THE SUPPLIES

"Can Tanker 8, we have you in line —out." "Wooly Cycle 6, this is 'Pick n' Drop—, hold fire the hook is charging." This may sound like a superficial conversation, but to S-4 on LZ Professional, it is of the utmost importance and a great relief for helicopter pilots using the LZ Professional S-4 Pad.

The general works and responsibilities of LZ Professional's S-4 Pad are numerous and complex. "There are a total of eight men who are accountable for assuring the S-4 Pad functions in a smooth safe fashion," said SGT. E. C. Muratore (Kenilworth, N.J.) NCOIC of the S-4 Pad. He continued, "Five of these men are representative members of each of the line companies: A Co. SP/4 Paul Karabinos (Bayonne, N.J.), B Co. SP/4 Tony Yazzi (Pinion, Arz.), C Co. SP/4 Earnest Williams (Memphis, Tenn.), D Co. SP/4 Willie Jackson (Mathews, Ala.), and E Co. SP/4 Tim Pruett (Thermopolis, Wy.). It is their duty to insure their company's supplies are put on the resupply helicopter going to their company. Two more men represent HHC: SP/4 Jersey Holdar (Camden, N.J.), ammo dump chief, and SP/4 Mario Bissino (Bronx, N.Y.), ammo assistant. They are charged with ordering all ammunition used by the

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the supply sergeant.

The men in the field know the excellent job their supply sergeants are doing and for him they have a certain respect and gratitude that no one else in the army receives or deserves.

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BOOBY TRAPPERS
WIN
BOOBY PRIZE

The "Defenders" of Charlie Company, moving in the direction of LZ Professional, have upset the plans of a small force of Viet Cong soldiers, who have recently been setting booby traps on the Burlington Trail, inflicting friendly casualties.

Charlie Company's mission was to reach LZ Professional the following morning and take bunker guard. Heading West towards the "Hill," the company had stopped along side the Burlington Trail, setting up a day defensive position. "We had just moved into our positions," said SP/4 Vern R. Whiting (Kearns, Utah), "when our Vietnamese interpreter, SSG. Huynh Xuan came over to where SGT Kenneth Niemiec (Woodbridge, N.J.) and I were situated. We were sitting there talking, when suddenly he had a strange look on his face. He motioned to us and we seized our weapons and a nearby LAW, and moved out behind SSG Xuan. The three

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"CHARLIE" AIDS
RECON

Putting your trust in someone is not always a good idea, especially if it is the enemy you are putting that trust in. However, for Echo Recon, placing their lives on the line with two Chieu Hoi, who have not even attended the Kit Carson School, and a captured Viet Cong girl has paid off.

Led by the Hoi Chanhs, who had informed authorities of an arms cache, the Recon Platoon moved along in a nervous manner. "We were heading north," said SGT. Stanley E. Minniear (Rockyford, Col.), "Following the Hoi Chanhs, who were walking point. Right behind them were SP/4 Pete A. Sebastianelli (Bethlehem, Pa.), PFC Robert L. Cunningham (Lincoln, Ala.) and myself," he continued. "The Hoi Chanhs were pointing out to us where they had set up ambushes in this same area before they had rallied," said SP/4 Sebastianelli. "Suddenly they stopped and told us to listen. We could barely hear someone talking up ahead, so we left the Chieu Hoi behind and the three of us moved forward until we came upon some hooches where we could see three people sitting around." As the friendly element drew nearer, the three enemy darted out in a desperate attempt at escape. The small group from Recon unleashed deadly M-16 fire, killing two NVA soldiers and an NVA nurse before they could reach protective cover. The remaining members of Recon advanced, and a search of the area was conducted revealing several packs containing food, medical equipment, numerous documents, clothes and other military supplies.

Later, while in the same vicinity, an NVA soldier and a woman were found hiding in a cave. Not wanting to disclose their position to the enemy by having the prisoners extracted, Recon decided to keep the captives with them and continue with their mission. "Moving along the trail the Hoi Chanhs told us that about three-hundred meters ahead was a small village where a group of NVA soldiers lived," said SGT Minniear, "on the other side of the hamlet was the arms cache. Proceeding forward, we had gone only a short distance when movement was detected. We moved off the trail and waited, then a young girl appeared, walking down the trail. Waiting until she was closer we easily took her captive. Our interpreter questioned her, and she informed him she was working for the Viet Cong. She also told of a village up ahead where a force of approximately forty well armed NVA were hidden."

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in waiting to ambush us. At first I thought the Chieu Hoi might be leading us into a trap," said PFC Mike Brewer (Smithton, Ill.), "but after they had warned us of the three enemy, and informed us of the village where NVA hid out, and this was verified by the young Viet Cong girl we captured, I was sure they were trying to help."

"Realizing a well planned ambush waited for us," said SSG Craig C. Taylor (Columbus, Ohio), Recon Platoon Leader, "I decided to pull up into the high ground and see what else we could learn." Reaching a suitable area, Recon set up OP's and sighted thirty-five NVA moving through the same area they would have moved through. It was resolved to set up a night defensive position and wait until morning before further action was taken.

The following morning the Recon Platoon received orders to return to LZ Professional, thus terminating a very successful mission for the members of Echo Recon. Getting several kills and taking a few prisoners while sustaining no friendly casualties, the small platoon left behind the tall-tall signs of death and destruction that the enemy has come to know and fear as RECON!

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"Professionals" and their support elements on the "Hill." This includes small arms, mortars, recoilless and artillery rounds." The eighth man is SGT. Muratore whose primary function is to supervise and guarantee that needed supplies are received and those requested for the field are transported out to the company.

When a resupply list is radioed in from the field, the company representative receives it. He then checks on LZ Professional to see what equipment requested is on hand and available there. If LZ Professional does not have the needed supplies, the list is furthered to the trains area. It then becomes the responsibility of the company supply sergeant, and the equipment is gathered and sent out to the "Hill." The company agent will then forward the gear to the company at the first possible opportunity.

"S-4 is responsible for the safety of all aircraft arriving and departing LZ Professional," SGT. Muratore stated. "When artillery or mortars are preparing to fire," he added, "S-4 is contacted by radio, and before any rounds are fired the OK must be granted from us. This is done to prevent outgoing rounds from striking helicopters that may be flying within the trajectory path of the rounds. It is also part of our responsibility to provide ground conditions, direction and estimated speed of the wind and information pertaining to the weather." The

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CHANGE OF COMMAND FOR PROSERVCO

When a company commander leaves, there is often times a trying period of readjustment for the men, when a new company commander takes over and his personality is learned and understood. When PROSERVCO was on its last exercise, a change of command took place; however, there was no need for a period of readjustment. Everyone knew they were losing a great commander, but they also understood he was being replaced with a leader of equal stature.

In keeping with their program of a one day a month field exercise, PROSERVCO has again taken to the jungles around LZ Professional. After being transported to the forward support base, PROSERVCO moved down the northwest side of the hill and swept across the valley, checking a destroyed bunker complex. Then moving south into the hills southwest of LZ Professional, where a night defensive position was established, PROSERVCO settled down for the night. Dawn found the Professional reserve Company moving in the direction of LZ Professional where the exercise would terminate. Before returning to the Battalion's trains area, a short change of command ceremony was held on the S-4 Pad, where CPT William A. Woodford (Marcellas, N.Y.) turned over the command of PROSERVCO to CPT Alva R. King (Lexington, Ky.).

LTC Craig G. Coverdale (Manhasset, N.Y.) in choosing a commander for PROSERVCO had to find a man with field experience and a thorough knowledge of infantry procedures. These then had to be coupled with a leadership ability capable of commanding a provisional reserve company consisting of non-combat MOS personnel, and the inner capability to anticipate and understand the problems that would arise under such circumstances. LTC Coverdale first gave the responsibility to CPT Woodford, former company commander of Delta Company and holder of the Bronze Star Medal for valor. 1ST Alfred A. Daniels (Sioux Falls, S.D.), who worked under CPT Woodford, when the captain was with Delta Company, had this to say about his previous commander: "CPT Woodford is one of the best company commanders in the AMERICAL DIVISION. He has an understanding of people and a knowledge of combat tactics that is in my opinion among the highest. When he was with Delta Company, the men had great respect and admiration for him."

When time came to choose a replacement for CPT Woodford, LTC Coverdale had a difficult task in front of him. It is

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TWO "PROFESSIONALS" BRING CREDIT TO UNIT

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(PROSERVCO)

Spreading the fame of the "Professionals" has taken a step higher, with two members of the 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry making their mark in the AMERICAN DIVISION.

In an unprecedented move, Major Richard P. Gerety (Wichita, Ka.), accompanied by CPT. Robert G. Nivens (Harpersville, Ala.), borrowed a class at the AMERICAN DIVISION COMBAT CENTER from its instructor for the purpose of presenting 2LT. Thomas R. Crane (Bataville, N.Y.) with a 1LT. bar. 1LT Crane had received orders assigning him to the 1/46th, but was still in attendance at the Combat Center when orders of his promotion were received in the Battalion's trains area. Knowing 1LT. Crane would be at the Combat Center for a few days more, the Battalion Commander, LTC. Craig G. Coverdale (Manhasset, N.Y.), decided to hold the promotion ceremony there.

When MAJ. Gerety arrived at the Combat Center, he approached the NCOIC of the class 1LT. Crane was attending, and asked if he could interrupt the class procedure for a few minutes. Receiving the OK, MAJ. Gerety told the class who he was and why he was there. He then called up 1LT. Crane and made the presentation.

The second "Professional" to bring credit to the unit is SSG. Edward Ostrosky (Coco Beach, Fla.), who has been promoted from SP/4 to SSG within a ten day period. SSG. Ostrosky, formerly of the 3/21st before being wounded and sent back to the United States, is now with Delta Company. He has just completed the Combat Leadership School where he placed second, scoring 928 points out of a possible 1000. While attending the Leadership School, orders were cut for his promotion from SP/4 to SGT., this was on 8 October. On 18 October, after the points had been totaled, it was found SSG. Ostrosky placed high enough to warrant another promotion from SGT. to SSG. "It was a shock to be promoted so fast," said SSG. Ostrosky, "but I'm glad to make the rank. Besides, I really enjoyed the Leadership School." He added, "After finishing the course at the Combat Center, I feel I am fully prepared for any new task that I may confront."

The "Professionals" compliment these two men, realizing that with rank comes responsibilities, and knowing that these two are capable of handling their new responsibilities.

hard to replace a commander like CPT Woodford. However, LTC Coverdale has selected a man, who has a reputation in the Division of being an outstanding soldier and a phenomenal leader. This officer, CPT King, has just completed five months as company commander of Bravo Company, who under his leadership and guidance distinguished themselves in the Hoip Duc District during August of this year. For his valorous actions while in this operation, CPT King received the Silver Star Medal. 1SG Antonio Garcia-Voloz (Columbus, Ga.) stated his admiration for his former commander; "He is without a doubt the finest company commander I have ever served under in my military career. CPT King has such a devotion to duty, a loyalty to his men and country, and an aggressiveness that is unparalleled. His leadership and proficiency have made Bravo Company the best, and has gained for him the respect and admiration of all the people who have had the honor to serve with him. I have never seen more confidence placed in a company commander than the men of Bravo Company placed in CPT King. He will do a tremendous job as PROSERVCO company commander."

Before being dismissed, LTC Coverdale addressed the formation, complimenting the two commanders, praising the men of PROSERVCO and giving his thanks to every member for the outstanding "Professional" job they have performed in adopting the ways of infantry soldiers. LTC Coverdale's closing comment was "PROSERVCO you're great!"

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safety factor used by the men working the S-4 Pad prevents needless accidents, congestion and confusion. It gives the helicopter pilots a feeling of security to know the men on the ground have cleared everything for their approach, passing pertinent data to him needed for him to place the helicopter or supplies down.

The works concerning S-4 are most essential for all supplies supporting LZ Professional and combat troops in the field. These men are doing an exceptional job, especially for the men in the field, making sure supplies and equipment necessary for proper performance and duties, arrive safely on the "Hill" and are distributed properly for resupply helicopters to transport them out to the infantry soldier. The work of S-4 is long, hard and strenuous, but this small group of men again and again show their determination to keep necessary supplies coming in, and the S-4 Pad operating smoothly.

1ST BN 46TH INF
WELCOME THE
FOLLOWING
NEW MEN

PSP

HHC

SGT David M. Goldberg (Pawtucket, R.I.)

ALPHA COMPANY

SGT Donald W. Carpenter (Cherryville, N.C.)
SGT Dennis E. Pimenta (Tiverton, R.I.)
SGT Franklin D. Schwab (Cincinnati, Ohio.)
SP/4 Charles D. Lampkins (Fernandina, Fla.)
SP/4 Ben H. Parker (Pasadena, Miss.)
SP/4 Marion L. Thrasher (McAlester, Okla.)
PFC John Y. Didio (Bremerton, Wash.)
PFC John J. Feler (Philadelphia, Pa.)
PFC Virgilio V. Flores (Haleiwa, Hawaii.)
PFC Jackie E. Grice (Miles, Mich.)
PFC David L. Grimes (Prairie City, Iowa.)
PFC Leonard Jenkins (Shreveport, La.)
PFC Randell L. Joslin (Scottsville, Ky.)
PFC Alex C. Nachbar (P.L., Wash.)
PFC Marcos A. Perazo (Los Angeles, Calif.)
PFC Kevin M. Scully (Irvington, N.Y.)
PFC Thomas A. Stoddard (Pendleton, Ore.)
PFC Robert J. Thombs (Irvington, N.Y.)
PFC Philip L. Williamson (Manchester, N.H.)

BRAVO COMPANY

2LT Tyrone M. Paulson (Ossed, Wis.)
SGT Craig B. Johnson (Phoenix, Ariz.)
SP/4 Thomas M. Hayes (Queens, N.Y.)
SP/4 Rolf R. Wikner (Colorado Springs, Col.)
SP/4 Larry E. Young (Louisville, Ky.)
PFC Charles W. Barnes (Vandenburg, Calif.)
PFC Terry L. Barton (Carthage, Mo.)

PFC Robert W. Boyd (Indianapolis, Ind.)
PFC Clair D. Gaskins (Apopka, Fla.)
PFC Joe B. Gordillo (Santa Maria, Calif.)
PFC Freddie E. Grimes Jr. (Alto, Tex.)
PFC Terry M. Johnson (Blytheville, Ark.)
PFC Paul D. Linford (Wilbraham, Mass.)
PFC Ronald M. Ley (Beersheba Springs, Tenn.)
PFC Michael F. Odon (Kelseyville, Calif.)
PFC Donald M. Paul (Baldwin, Kansas.)
PFC Roger C. Wooden (Loup City, Nebraska.)
PFC Barney L. Yeager (Durango, Col.)

CHARLIE COMPANY

2LT Michael L. DeCoudres (Sandy Lake, Pa.)
2LT Michael M. Simmons (VeVay, Ind.)
SSG Richard A. Manzo (Uxbridge, Mass.)
PFC Gerald B. Wilson (Detroit, Mich.)

DELTA COMPANY

SP/4 Joseph Bulger (Little Falls, N.Y.)
PFC Kenneth D. Lauristen (Dwight, Ill.)

ECHO COMPANY

1LT Thomas R. Crane (Matawan, N.J.)
1SG Kenneth D. White (Columbia, S.C.)

EDITORIAL

COMRADE DOUBLECROSS

The United States Government has a long list of subversive-type organizations which constantly seek new members through various forms of recruitment. Some of these groups are outright candid in stating their goals. Others conceal them in order to carry out deliberate and detrimental ideals contrary to our form of Democratic society. They all seek to destroy, or drastically change, our system of Government!

Fortunately, our Government knows the names of these groups and their aims. In many instances, they know the names of those who are or have been members. But, ironically, the list is long and memberships are startling and realistic.

Communism is the system of government avowed to destroy all other forms of government. It is sworn to strangle countries one by one until it emerges as the world's system. No nation on earth is too large (as in the case of the United States) or too small, notably Cuba. Its encroachment begins menacingly unnoticed. Sometimes it begins within the ranks of the less fortunate, often within the realms of the intellectual strata.



Where and how do we fit into the picture? It's simple. We are all potential members! There are hundreds of members of these groups who may be completely unaware of their dangers. Innocent individuals may be "conscripted" every year without realizing the initial intent of the group. Dormant cells of Communism are being formed with each new cell becoming a greater threat to our Nation.

The fact that a close friend asks you to join an organization does not

mean it is a good one. Check it out with your security officer. Your friend may have been "sucked in" the same way he is trying to convince you of the group's laurels. In all honesty, he may sincerely believe it is a worthwhile organization. That's how these memberships build up.

Be aware of the dangers of becoming affiliated with any group, fraternal or otherwise. Study its charter and see if it is "on the list." Careers have been ruined by joining organizations that were "thought" to be "American as apple pie."

The doublecross comes after you have joined, paid dues, made friends, and then learned of your tragic mistake.

You'll be a sucker for Comrade Doublecross. Be an American. That's where the "Apple Pie" really is. (AFPS)

ALABAMA & ARKANSAS PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR "PROFESSIONALS"

Wouldn't you say the Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol is "outta' sight?"Definitely! Their mission is exactly their name, and providing information about enemy strategy is their job. These men are highly skilled, carefully trained, and Ranger Qualified.

A IRRP team is composed of six men, each having one of six specific jobs necessary for proper performance of their missions: either point man, compass man, pace man, team leader, RTO, or assistant team leader. However, each man knows the others job and can easily perform the duties involved.

Due to the characteristics of camouflage and the tactical situation, a team is inserted in isolation from larger size friendly units. "On every mission, information of extreme value is collected and every element in the word S-A-L-U-T-E (size, activity, location, unit, time, and equipment), is utilized, then estimated and reported nearest exact terms," said 1LT. James T. Baird (Mayfield Heights, Ohio), S-2 operations officer. "There are two teams directly supporting the 196th Brigade, and the

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ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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SERVICE AWARDS FOR NOVEMBER



HHC

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

CPT Jerome G. Hersh (Ontario, Canada)
CPT William A. Woodford (Marcellus, N.Y.)
SP/4 George R. Melone (Chicago, Ill.)

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

1LT James D. Sumner (Daytona Beach, Fla.)
SP/5 Thomas A. Needham (Brooklyn, N.Y.)
SP/5 Glenn L. Gonsalves (N. Dartmouth, Mass.)

ALPHA

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1LT Thomas F. Deluna (Waco, Texas)

BRAVO

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

SFC Everett L. Mohr (San Bernadino, Calif.)

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

SP/4 Ronald W. McNew (Richmond, Va.)

CHARLIE

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1LT Walter Brownlee (Marcus, Iowa)
1LT Joseph S. Dolock (Peekskill, N.Y.)
SGT Lin Rechnitzer (Escondido, Calif.)
SP/4 Bernard Hess (Wichita, Ka.)
SP/4 Charles Rishel (Wichita, Ka.)

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

SP/4 Warren Lentz (Dunlap, Iowa)

DELTA

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1LT John J. Reed Jr. (Tacoma, Wash.)

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

SGT Richard P. Silvis (South Fork, Pa.)
SGT Gerald W. Dyer (Rothbury, Mich.)
SP/5 Barry L. Bermier (Chicago, Ill.)
SP/4 Bobby R. Kirby (Roanoke, Ala.)

ECHO

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1LT Thomas M. Euler (Evansville, Ind.)
SGT Joseph H. Berghoff (Ft. Wayne, Ind.)
SGT Albert J. Krasney Jr. (Bethlehem, Pa.)
SP/4 Robert J. Milliken (Detroit, Mich.)
SP/4 Jack F. Owens Jr. (Harrisonburg, La.)

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

Sp/4 Hoyle Rogers (Bossier City, La.)
SP/4 James P. Wright (China Lake, Calif.)

primary missions of our LRRP elements are to gather intelligence data and provide information for immediate tactical value," said 1LT. Ralph Tilden (Jamaica, N.Y.), LRRP team leader, "and we do." "In addition, the dangers and complications of each particular mission are numerous and constant."

When LRRPS are needed in the "Professional's" area of operation, either team, Alabama or Arkansas will be dispatched to recon the designated area of suspected enemy positions.

"Being as large as a line company is, every individual does not know the details of each mission in which he is involved, where as the LRRPS do," said PFC Stew Perkins (Colorado Springs, Col.), LRRP team member. "We know where we have been, where we are going, and what we are going to do," he added. "Seeing what is happening is being part of a LRRP team."

The LRRPS, along with our own paramount infantry soldiers are doing a fantastic job in scouting the enemy. They are indubitably the "eyes and ears of the AMERICAL DIVISION."

DEPARTING XO HONORED

A farewell party for MAJ. Richard P. Gerety (Wichita, Ka.), Battalion Executive Officer, was held on the overcast evening of 18 October at the senior NCO hutch, bordering the coastline of the South China Sea. The affair marked the termination of MAJ. Gerety's second tour in this war-riddled Southeast Asian country.

Attending the after-duty hours get-together were several of the professional "Professionals" i.e., LTC Craig G. Coverdale (Manhasset, N.Y.), CPT. Robert G. Nivens (Harpersville, Ala.) and Chaplain (CPT.) Francis N. Leinen (Gerritos, Calif.). All of the officers in the training area and the senior NCO's were in attendance. Farewell speeches, telling of war stories and dredging up old Army memories were on the agenda. The highlight of the evening occurred when LTC Coverdale presented MAJ. Gerety with the medals he was awarded during his tour: the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal. An acceptance speech followed by MAJ. Gerety, in which he expressed his appreciation for the outstanding performance in service, achievement and valor accomplished by the men in the battalion. He said that the untiring efforts of the men and innumerable occasions of

"burning the midnight oil" were typical of the hard-working, always accomplishing "Professionals." The major stressed the point that he knew the "Professionals" would continue their unblemished record of superiority after his departure. LTC. Coverdale expressed the same sentiments and feelings to MAJ. Gerety, in his never ending praise of the Herculean task the "Professionals" are doing for their country.

MAJ. Gerety assumed the position of S-3 of the 4th Battalion 3rd Infantry 11th Infantry Brigade on 30 October, 1968 and after successfully performing his duties in that capacity, took over as Battalion Executive Officer on 3 April, 1969. MAJ. Gerety worked endless hours, inexhaustibly striving to help the battalion in every way possible. His professional competence, exemplary performance of duty and aggressive approach to his assigned and implied responsibilities reflects great credit upon himself, the "Professionals," the AMERICAL DIVISION and the United States Army. The "Professionals" proudly salute MAJ. Gerety, JPF

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of us had not gone but a short distance when SSG Xuan stopped. SGT Niemiec and I moved forward and spotted five enemy soldiers about seventy-five meters away, moving in our direction."

Taking careful aim, the "Defenders" opened fire on the approaching enemy, catching them completely off guard. "A couple of the enemy fell," said SP/4 Whiting, "and we had the other three pinned down where they could not readily escape or reach protective cover." When more members of Charlie Company reached the three "Defenders," an element moved to the left to outflank the enemy. The Viet Cong knew they had to withdraw, so one began to maneuver towards some bushes, hoping to use them for cover and slip away. SGT Niemiec spied this movement and effectively fired the LAW into the thick brush, killing another of the enemy. This caused the remaining two enemy soldiers to seek a hasty retreat. As the two VC made their break, deadly M-16s opened fire and another of the enemy was hit.

After posting proper security, the small element moved down to check the area. "We found two of the enemy we had killed," said SP/4 Whiting, "and a third and fourth that had been wounded." The two wounded soldiers were given medical treatment, while the RTO radioed for a MEDEVAC. As the medic aided the enemy, the "Defenders" continued their search, and SSG Xuan interrogated the one enemy soldier who was able to talk. The wounded prisoner told SSG Xuan, one of the

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THE MOST VALOROUS
IN DIVISION

Special recognition of the many "Professionals" who each month distinguished themselves through acts of service and valor above and beyond the call of duty is the busy job of one of the least recognized departments in the battalion. In the month of October the Awards section processed and had approved for the 1st Battalion 46th Infantry the highest number of valor awards in the entire AMERICAL DIVISION. Medals approved include 11 Silver Star And 22 Bronze Star for Valor Awards, an unprecedented 1st among 15 infantry battalions.

Battalion Awards Clerk, PFC Denny Baum (Chicago, Ill.) predicts, "There's a good chance that we will be number one again in November. We have submitted 63 Additional valor awards and hopefully all of them will be approved." Asst. Awards Clerk, PFC Jack Furmanek (Chicago, Ill.) states, "Our guys in the field do a great job, and its our responsibility to see that they get what they deserve."

In addition to valor awards, an average of 70 service awards are submitted for approval each month. This astounding record is self evidence of the high sense of duty of the "Professionals" as well as the initiative and hard work of its Awards section.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"EXCUSE ME CHAPLAIN"
CHAPLAIN LEINEN

The other day I was standing around talking to a group of GI's, when one young officer became quite involved in what he was saying. In his excitement he proceeded to emphasize his point by coloring the air blue with appropriate language. This barrage of four letter words was interrupted when he remembered my presence and said, "Excuse me Chaplain."

This took me completely by surprise and I must admit, struck me as funny. I thought of a little boy getting caught doing something naughty or a man embarrassed because he felt he hurt somebody's feelings.

I don't know why he felt he needed my approval at that time, but if a man is to be a man he begins by being honest with himself. You see, what a man says and does is an expression of what he is, and when he feels he must be excused for his words and actions he is saying he wants to be excused for what he

is as a person. So do your things and don't apologize——and if you feel you must "be excused" then it is time to change the things you're doing. If you have to "be excused" for what you say and do, then your words and actions are "inexcusable" and you should do something to correct them.

So, young officer, if the language of the "Blue Air" helps you to do your thing—don't apologize. But if you're really embarrassed, better take stock of yourself.

CHAPEL SERVICES WILL BE HELD EVERY SUNDAY IN THE BATTALION THEATRE AT 1100 HOURS.

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"DEFENDERS"

KIA's was an officer in charge of the element. He also told of fifteen other VC working south of LZ Professional.

The search turned up several enemy documents, AK ammunition, one transistor radio, trip wire, batteries and blasting caps. "When we found the batteries, trip wire and blasting caps," said SGT Niemiec, "we knew this group of VC were part of the ones, who had been setting the numerous booby traps in the AO."

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Pale
- 4-Tardy
- 8-Cried
- 12-Peer Gyn'th's mother
- 13-Matures
- 14-Great Lake
- 15-Pose for portrait
- 16-Owned
- 18-Delests
- 20-Temporary shelter
- 21-Note of scale
- 22-Marry
- 23-Heraldry; grafted
- 27-American essayist
- 29-Possessed
- 30-Reliance
- 31-Man's nickname
- 32-Turf
- 33-Chicken
- 34-Indefinite article
- 35-Writing tablet
- 37-Man's nickname
- 38-Period of time
- 39-Saliate
- 40-Indefinite number
- 41-Conjunction
- 42-Son of Adam
- 44-Wading bird
- 47-Too early
- 51-New Deal agency (abbr.)
- 52-Repetition
- 53-Mental image
- 54-Ethiopian title
- 55-Period of time
- 56-Act
- 57-The urial

DOWN

- 1-Clean
- 2-A continent
- 3-Irritate
- 4-Turns around track

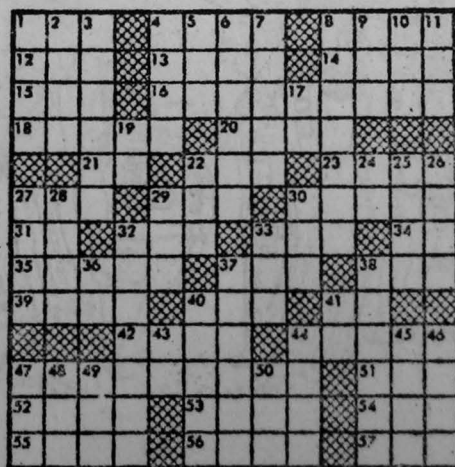
- ### 5-Time gone by

- 6-Tired
- 7-Ancient chariot
- 8-Cowboy movie
- 9-Bitter vetch
- 10-Baker's product
- 11-Man's nickname
- 17-Printer's measure
- 19-Babylonian deity
- 22-Small lump
- 24-Greek letter
- 25-Former Russian ruler
- 26-Sicilian volcano
- 27-Free ticket
- 28-Spanish pot
- 29-Garden tool
- 30-Number
- 32-Ocean-going vessel
- 33-In what manner

- ANSWER TO
PUZZLE ON
PAGE 6

- 36-Near
37-Mislead
38-Mistakes
40-Having an
 offensive smell
41-Faroe Islands
 whirlwind
43-College degree
 (abbr.)

- 44-Chier
45-Brilliantly
colored fish
46-Space agency
(init.)
47-Lift with lever
48-Fish eggs
49-Greek letter
50-Female ruff



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BOOBY TRAPPERS

By the time the MEDEVAC helicopter arrived, one of the wounded VC had died. The other wounded soldier was evacuated to LZ Professional. There, the VC was interrogated again, where it was learned he had been a Viet Cong for one year. He also reported seeing thirty NVA soldiers with packs, AK's, mortars and rockets the previous day. It was also learned his primary mission was to harass the friendlies in the LZ Professional AO and set booby traps on the Burlington Trail.

The alertness of the "Defenders" has helped slow down the enemy in the use of one of his most widely used and deadly arts, the use of booby traps. "The battalion has been running into booby traps recently," commented SGT Niemiec. "It's good to catch a few of the enemy who are responsible for this and put an end to them."



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