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"4/21 PROVIDES BUILDING AID"

"AWARDS & DECORATIONS"

Back in July 1969, the small village of Pho Hiep, Vietnam, lost its beautiful wound up its stand-down recently with Pagoda due to mortars, and have been with-Charley Company attending the final out one since. In a very short time the three days. During the entire Battalion people of the village will once again ion stand down period, several award have a new building for worship and soc- ceremonies were held, and 23 men in the ial purposes, thanks to the help of Cap- Battalion were awarded. The awards tain Claude Snead (Clarkston, Georgia) ranged from Purple Hearts to a Silver S-5, 4th Battalion 21st Infantry, Amer- Star, and the men received their metals ical Division.

Several weeks ago Captain Snead was informed of the destroyed Pagoda and im- Johnson, and when he was unable to at- mediately began inquiring as to whether lulu, Hawaii) Battalion Executive Off- any attempts were being made to replace icer, performed the honors. it. The people had attempted to rebuild it, but due to lack of supplies, were on- (Kansas City, Kansas) D Company, recei- ly able to construct a very small struc- ture from scrap materials. Snead decided award of all the ceremonies. Specialist that as his job as Psychological Opera- Four David Heiner (Bedford, Wyoming) tions and Civic Action Project Officer, and Specialist Four Robert Remos' (Mac- would be his duty to help the people in dona, Texas), both from E Company, were completion, and this he did. awarded the Bronze Star for Valor with

The Vietnamese had designed a com- the First Oak Leaf Cluster. Men award- plete set of plans which were precisely ed the Bronze Star For Valor were: Spe- accurate. It was now up to Captain Snead cialist Five Ricky Brown (Norman, Okla.) to obtain the needed supplies, which con- Headquarters, Sergeant Harvey Pace sisted mainly of bags of cement. Working (Richmond, Virginia) B Company, Ser- through S-5, he obtained numerous bags of geant Charles Bush (Flint, Mich.) E Com- cement, and delivered them to the village pany, Sergeant Ernest Davis (Excellisior people, who were very pleased, and began Springs, Missouri) E Company, and Spec- immediate construction of their new Pag- cialist Four Larry Nye (Ogden, Utah) E oda.

It wasn't long before the tedious, for Service were: Sergeant Steven Dav- but strong hands of the people had the is (San Bernardino, Calif.) E Company, framework and all sides completed. Next Specialist Four Richard Naschmann (Wash- was needed tin sheets for the roof and ington, Missouri) C Company; Specialist the new Pagoda would be completed and re-Four Bernard Statz (Baraboo, Wisconsin) ady for use by the villagers.

Captain Snead came through eno Johnson (Star Prairie, Wisconsin) C Com- again and brought the people enough tin pany. Awarded the Purple Heart were: to cover the building, making the Pagoda Specialist Four John Neil (Marion, Nor- complete. The final touches would be the th Carolina) C Company; Specialist paint - their traditional bright colors. Four Robert Rich (Pomona, Calif.) C Com- This the people had their own methods of pany, Specialist Four Kenneth 'Boston creating. Before long the beautiful (Dover, New Hampshire) B Company, Spec- structure was completed, and the people ialist Four Kenneth Henry (Compton, once again had their place to worship. Calif.) C Company, Specialist Four John

The Pagoda and its holdings are very Zackery (Albany, Ga.) C Company, and sacred to the Vietnamese people. The Specialist Four Vincent McNamara (Bro- Americans have helped them regain some- kton, Mass.) C Company.

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"FAREWELL"

LEAVING VIETNAM BEFORE 15 FEBRUARY 1970

SP4 George Barnes (Somerset, Ky.) HHC
 SP4 Donald Boettcher (St. Louis, Mo) HHC
 CPT Louis Corven (Indiana) HHC
 SP4 Jackie Collins (Martinsville, Va.) HHC
 SP4 Nicholas Howitt (San Diego, Cal.) HHC
 MSG Thomas Hull (Clarkston, Ga.) HHC
 SP4 Jerald Shewell (Owensboro, Ky.) HHC
 PFC Lanny Tamashiro (Honolulu, Haw) HHC
 SP4 Alonso Cardenas (Pasadena, Cal.) A
 SP4 Steven Carlson (Salt Lake City, Utah)
 SGT Percy Haggard (West Bond, Ky.) A
 SGT Robertus Hoonsakker (S.L.C., Utah) A
 SP4 Jake Montoya (West Jordan, Utah) A
 SGT Gordon Oosting (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
 SP4 Kenneth Strampason (Buffalo, N.Y.) A
 SP4 James Wrantz (Allentown, Pa.) L
 SGT James McNair (Newburgh, N.Y.) B
 SGT Alvin Bonner (Tennessee) C
 SP4 Thomas Johnson (Star Prairie, Wis.) C
 SGT James Kakes (Minocqua, Wis.) C
 SP4 Daniel Lawrence C
 SGT Richard Maschmann (Washington, Mo) C
 SP4 Carlos Muro (Willington, Calif.) C
 SGT Thomas Ohlsen (San Diego, Calif.) C
 SP4 Michael Slomka (Utica, Mich.) C
 SGT Jerry Smith (Akron, Ohio) C
 SGT Bernard Stutz (Baraboo, Wis.) C
 SSG Herbert Cribb (Hemingway, S.C.) D
 SGT Zane Gredowski (Detroit, Mich.) D
 SGT Leroy Lancelotti (Des Moines, Iowa) D
 SP4 Dave Elliot (Rumford, Maine) E
 SP4 Juan Luciano (Mayaguez, P. R.) E
 SP4 Roger Neredyck (West Seneca, N.Y.) E
 1LT Russell Vance (Burlington, S.C.) E

BEST OF LUCK FROM 4/21**"D.C.'s DEBUT"**

As the Korean band performed for B Company 4th Battalion 21st Infantry American Division, the rhythm of each beat ran through the bodies of every man there. To some, it had real meaning, to others it was no different than any other sound wave. Some minds and bodies became very inspired by the sounds of guitars, drums, and voices. These are the people whose bodies move along with the beat, the ones who can feel the music in every bone. The music is stimulating, causing a rise in blood pressure, and movement of the body. It is a special feeling shared by few.

Looking at the happy faces of each man, as he interpreted the music to his own thoughts, it would be hard to detect the "Soul Music-Man", but there stood one. This man was unnoted (cont'd next col.)

**THE
CHAPLAIN'S WORDS**

I've been with the men of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry now for almost 7 months. It is a real joy to serve with young men such as we have. Sometimes when a man tells me he is soon to DEROS, it causes me to be a bit downcast. I know that I will miss his face among those that I try to serve.

I am reminded in this of the teachings of the Book of Hebrews, Chapter 13, Verse 2: "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Every person with whom we come in contact should be the object of our consideration. Everyone should be "somebody" in our sight. I've not yet seen a person who did not respond to concern and kindness.

If I can help anyone, please call on me.

Clyde J. Wood
Chaplain (MAJ), USA

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iced by most, but he could be seen if one really knew what to look for. His friends knew his condition, and how he was aching to get his hands on the microphone and express himself in the way he knew best.

Why not? Why couldn't he get out there and share his feelings with the rest? This is what he did. Private First Class Sterling White (Winston-Salem, North Carolina), better known by his buddies as "D.C.", stepped onto the stage and as the band backed him up, expressed himself through an old Smokey Robinson favorite entitled, "My Girl".

The men who share their field experiences with him, requested that he sing once again. This time D.C. shared a song that he himself wrote. A title was not given, but it expressed what it's like for a grunt, humping in the field. His frustrations and ambições, the thoughts that are constantly rushing through his mind. Those words he put into soul sound, expressed the way a soldier in Vietnam looks forward to that day when he will return home once again.

Men serving in Vietnam have many ways of expressing their feelings. For some it may be through letters home, or talking to friends, or even complete silence. But to PFC Sterling White, expression comes through his singing...

"RAT PATROL"

You may hear frequent boasting about a unit and its number of enemy K.I.A.'s, but none can compare to those Captain Michael Moore (Dallas, Texas), and Captain David Fleming (Huntington Station, New York), both from the 4th Battalion 21st Infantry, accounted for one night in their own sleeping quarters on Fire Support Base Debbie.

It was a cold rainy night as the two courageous officers had just completed a routine rugged day on the hill and decided to retire for the night.

As the men were under the warm covers of their soft bunks, Captain Fleming, with his keen hearing, noticed tiny footsteps prouncing about the room. "A ground attack", he thought, and hurriedly awoke Captain Moore. As they both fully awakened and secured weapons and ammunition, Captain Fleming came up with an outstanding idea. The enemy troops were far enough off he and Captain Moore could set a hasty ambush, or better yet, "booby traps". "Yea", said Captain Moore, "we'll get them with a little of their own medicine".

One of the men checked supplies while the other stood watch. There was no time to waste, both men must work quickly. Finally Captain Fleming came up with the answer. A "spring-action trap". Just the thing, but supply was low and only one was available. So now what? This made no difference, Captain Fleming

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** COMBAT LEADERS **

During the first part of January, five men from the 4th Battalion 21st Infantry, successfully completed Combat Leadership School, in Chu Lai. The men representing 4/21 were: Private First Class John Holland (Many, Louisiana) E Company, Private First Class Jorge Nieves (Bronx, New York) E Company, Private First Class Terry Gieselman (San Antonio, Texas) E Company, Private First Class Roy Victorina (Laton, California) E Company, and Specialist Four David Hauck (Imbler, Pennsylvania) D Company.

Congratulations men, from LTC George R. Hovey Johnson and the entire 4th Battalion 21st Infantry.

volunteered to set the trap for the enemy point-rat, and reset it each time it was tripped. Being that the patrol was so well spread out, this could be easily accomplished.

So the men set the trap, using a small portion of a tootsie roll from last weeks S.P. Pack as a lure. "OK you dirty rats, come on and get it", said Captain Fleming, as Captain Moore sat waiting patiently for the first K.I.A.

Sure enough here they came and the first victim, the point-rat, fell for it, tried taking the bait, but instead got a healthy rap of iron across the neck, killing him instantly. Captain Fleming immediately reset the trap and disposed of the lifeless corpse.

This procedure continued for nearly 45 minutes, with Captain Fleming resetting the trap each time, never changing the bait. Captain Moore suggested gun ships for support, but the two decided they were unnecessary.

Finally the two men decided that the entire patrol had been wiped out and they could now get back to some pleasant sleep. Within only 45 minutes those two Officers of 4/21 had accounted for four enemy kills. Their formula, as disclosed by Captain Fleming, was this:

1 US RAT TRAP (OD)
+ 1 TOOTSIE ROLL CHUNK (SP)
4 RATS (VC)



"WELCOME-REPLACEMENTS"**HHC**

PFC Daryl Tollefson - Austin, Minn.
 SSG Gary Goroux - Tacoma, Washington
 PFC Lenoey Lomphear - National City, Cal.
 PFC Luther Carter - Sylacauga, Alabama
 PFC Claude Robbuck - Springville, Ala.
 SFC Henry Kendall - Eva Beach, Hawaii
 PFC Salvador Rodriguez -
 PFC Michael Wright - Dunsmuir, Calif.
 PFC Danny Tonyate - Hawesville, Ky.
 PFC Jimmie Hives - Baton Rouge, La.
 PFC Linnie Boothe -

ALPHA

PFC Gerald Anderson - Birmingham, Ala.
 PFC Terry Bird - Phillipsburg, N.J.
 PFC Thomas Bottoffson - Minneapolis, Minn.
 PFC James Bousquet - San Bruno, Calif.
 SGT Ronald Chant - Bloomington, Minn.
 PFC Gregory Digosu - Bronx, New York
 PFC John Gibson - Chicago, Illinois
 SGT Michael Goblet - Aurora, Illinois
 SGT Keith Harwell - Memphis, Tenn.
 SSG William Hicks - Jackson, Alabama
 PFC George Holmes - Melbourne, Fla.
 PFC Glen Hughes - Conway, S. Carolina
 SGT Loveless Jones Jr. - St. Louis, Mo.
 PFC Michael Kelly - N. Weymouth, Mass.
 PFC Emanuel Kinsey - St. Louis, Mo.
 PFC Monroe Lawrence - St. Louis, Mo.
 PFC Daniel Neinond - Mifflintown, Pa.
 PFC David Patterson - Cauby, Oregon
 PFC Dennis F. Flennin -
 PFC Michael Peterson - Lorimore, Iowa
 PFC Wayne Ridge - Richlands, Virginia
 SGT Edward Szyszel - Danbury, Conn.
 PFC Kyle Waddell - Greeneville, Tenn.
 PFC William Walls - Paw Paw, W. Va.
 PFC Haze Watters - Marion Jnt., Ala.
 PFC Brian Wilson - Arity, Oregon

BRAVO

PFC Michael Peterson - Lorimore, Iowa
 PFC Victor Pelusco - Baldwin Park, Cal.
 PFC Kinsey Toliver - Kingsport, Tenn.
 PFC Richard Wilt - Lindenhurst, N.Y.
 PFC Bruce Rorinski - Los Angeles, Cal.
 PFC Darry Labor - Statesville, N.C.
 PFC Samuel Erickson - Arco, Wis.
 PFC Kenneth Ebert - Covina, California
 PFC David Finch - Leavittsburg, Ohio
 PFC James Bridwell - Woodruff, S.C.
 PFC John Masteller - Parma, Ia.
 PFC Ronald Brashago - Geffeyville, Kan.
 PFC Frank Godani - Jersey, New York
 SGT James Smith - Springfield, Tenn.
 PFC Dennis Maff - House Springs, Mo.
 SGT Charles Aguirre - Ashland, Ill.

CHARLEY

1SG Nymon Stone - Columbia, S. Carolina
 PFC Robert Ingole - Chicago, Illinois
 PFC John Garcia - California
 SSG Keith Moore - R.O., Michigan
 SGT Paul Vissman - Prospect, Kentucky
 PFC Harvey Hillary - Midlothian, Virginia
 PFC James Corbs - San Jose, California
 SGT Michael Holland - Story City, Iowa
 PFC Arthur Stevens - Brown, S. Carolina
 PFC Milton Schurzentrunk - Norton, Ill.
 PFC Patrick Regan - Costa Mesa, Calif.
 PFC James Shryock - Omaha, Nebraska
 PFC Lannie Whittington - Wellsville, Ohio
 PFC Rich Wilcox - Marion, Ohio
 PFC James Kendrick - Waterford, Calif.
 PFC Albert Vasquez - Rosecrans, Calif.
 PFC Larry Zichl - Menomonie, Wisconsin
 PFC Arnulfo Romero - Los Angeles, Calif.
 PFC Larry Backos - Bonnets Hill, Mo.
 PFC Donald Roberts - Winchester, Ohio
 PFC George Kelly - Bellaire, Ohio
 PFC Michael Huston - Johnstown, Pa.
 PFC Jerry Singleton - Dunlap, Tenn.
 PFC Gary Brown - Southfield, Michigan
 PFC Robert Williamson - San Diego, Calif.
 PFC Edward Vanderhan - Wayzata, Minn.
 PFC Abel Garcia - San Diego, California

DELTA

PFC Roger Catherman - Selinsgrove, Pa.
 PFC Robert Ostendorf - Hudson, Wis.
 PFC Jerome Morrow - Minneapolis, Minn.
 PVT Isaac Hall - Los Angeles, Calif.
 SGT Ronnie Smith - Tallapoosa, Georgia
 SSG Donald Roberts - Winchester, Ohio
 SGT Thomas Hunter - Swoope, Virginia
 PFC Miguel Solis - Yabuco, Puerto, Rico
 PFC Patrick Lantzy - Latrobe, Pa.
 PFC Laurence Rooks - Los Angeles, Calif.
 PFC John Kuhn - Bucyrus, Ohio
 PFC Walter Thomas - Lima, Ohio
 PFC Charles Smith - Oklahoma City, Okla.
 PFC Linwood Stephens - Norfolk, Virginia
 SGT Lee Dugas - Houston, Texas
 PFC Floyd Strouse - Miro, N. Dakota
 PFC Frank Solimine - Brooklyn, N.Y.
 PFC William Price - East Point, Ga.
 PFC Harold Anderson - Wittleville, Tenn.
 PFC Michael Martinez - Grand Jct., Colo.
 PFC Richard Meyer - Aberdeen, Idaho
 PFC Joaquin Pestana - Jersey City, N.J.
 SGT Curtis Wood - Carbon Hill, Alabama
 PFC James Adams - Mobane, N.C.
 PFC Leonard Atwood - Spanish Fork, Utah
 PFC George Fairman - Rosemead, Calif.

ECHO

SGT Paul Dobie - Hampton, Virginia
 SGT Odelle Mann - Galluda, S.C.
 SGT Claude Torn - Freeville, New York



"BRONCO BASKETBALL"

Times may be hard while serving in the Republic of Vietnam, but there are occasions when the men can pull away from their work and participate in various extracurricular activities. For the men of the 4th Battalion 21st Infantry, Americal Division, activities such as this now include an intermural basketball team.

With the approval from the Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel George R. Howe Johnson (Kenia, Ohio), the men of 4/21 took it upon themselves to recruit 24 men from the different sections in the Battalion, and came up with two teams to represent the Battalion in the 11th Brigade Basketball League.

The players are divided into two teams, team #3 and team #6. Specialist Four Daniel Atkins (Indianapolis, Ind.) HHC, is the player-coach of Team 3, and the members of the team are as follows: Sergeant John Chambers (Sopalvedo, Cal) A Company, First Lieutenant Percy Laube HHC (Chicago, Ill.), Specialist Four Ronald Brown (Newark, N.J.) HHC, Specialist Four Gerald Abbott (Denville, Pennsylvania) B Company, Specialist Four Nathaniel Jones (Raleigh, N. Carolina) C Company, Specialist Four Clarence Lambert (Alexandria, Louisiana) E Company (con't)

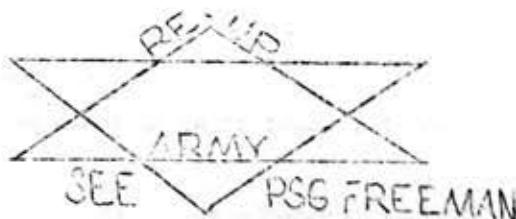
SPORTS

Company, Specialist Four Fargo McCann Jr. (Chicago, Illinois) HHC, Specialist Four George Barnes (Somerset, Kentucky) HHC, Specialist Four Willis Bradley (Century, Florida) A Company, Specialist Four Robert O'Connor (Chattanooga, New York) A Company, Specialist Four Bonny Lambert (Benton, Arkansas) D Company, and Specialist Four Lee Brown (Salina, Kansas) B Company.

Team #6 is Player-Coached by Specialist Five James Mitchell (Cleveland, Ohio) B Company, and Sergeant Joseph Johnson (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) B Company. The team members are as follows: First Lieutenant Larry Hackman (Fulton, Missouri) HHC, Specialist Four Melvin Kirkland (Newark, New Jersey) B Company, Specialist Four Robert Shepard (Timpson, Texas) C Company, Sergeant Levert Solomon (Ecorse, Michigan) HHC, Specialist Four Orinile Brown (St. Louis, Missouri) HHC, Sergeant Edwin Cyr (Van Buren, Maine) A Company, Specialist Four Kenneth Sedecki (Medford, New York) B Company, Specialist Four Samuel Harris Jr. (Tucson, Arizona) C Company, and Sergeant Clarence Harris (Chicago, Illinois) HHC.

The two teams hold practice on off days, between a heavy game schedule. Team 6 played its first game Saturday 17 January, and were defeated by the men of 11th Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters. The final score being 32 to 43, with Specialist Four Frank Darden and Sergeant Levert Solomon high scorers for 4/21, each netting 10 points. Top rebounder for the game was Specialist Four Melvin Kirkland, snatching 18 from the Headquarters Team.

The teams will compete in five games each before beginning tournament in February. Games are played nightly beginning at Five P.M. sharp, on the 26th Engineers Court, directly behind the M.P.s station. Everyone is welcome to attend and anyone interested in playing may contact Specialist Five James Mitchell, B Company, for information....



- THE AIDING TRIO -

It was shortly before midnight as the mortars, rockets, grenades, and small arms fire began landing atop steep hill 285. One element from the 11th Brigade, Americal Division, was under a heavy attack by a large size force of NVA Sappers. The American Troops had suffered somewhat heavy casualties, a few of these being medical personnel.

As the dust-offs brought the wounded into B Med at FSB Bronco for treatment, and the resupply ships hauled emergency loads of ammunition out to the men, it was decided that an emergency medical crew would be needed at the Hospital and three medics on the battle field. The team chosen for the job was from the 4th Battalion 21st Infantry Medical Platoon. The individuals chosen to be flown into the battle were Staff Sergeant Ernest Parker (San Antonio, Texas), Specialist Five Antonio Sanchez (Tarzana, California), and Private First Class John Dimuis (Everett, Washington).

The men received the word to gather medical supplies and got on the chopper pad, and it wasn't minutes before they were sitting on crates of ammo and on their way to the hill.

As the chopper guided onto the Landing Zone, the hill was still under heavy attack. The men were met by the Commanding Officer, and led to the wounded.

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thing that was destroyed, and the Vietnamese are very grateful for this.

Captain Sned and S-5 are helping the people of the villages rebuild many destroyed buildings, their next project possibly being an old cement schoolhouse, destroyed some time ago.....

THE GIMLET

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ned, where they immediately began treatment.

Parker, Sanchez, and Dimuis were busy the entire night running from one man to the other, as the Communists continued their furious attack. They seemed to be located in the right area each time a round exploded, or a communist rifle opened up.

The team of medics treated numerous injured men throughout the night, and were endangering their lives the entire time. As the battling continued their job became heavier, and they became fatigued, but never did it show. They continued treatment of their fellow men until almost daybreak.

As the fighting lessened and the dew of morning fell, Staff Sergeant Parker and his team of two, found that the hardest part of their job was over, but not entirely. They now set up a temporary first aid station on the hill where the minor injuries could be taken care of and they would have facilities in the event of another attack.

The trio of medics remained on the hill for several days before once again returning to their home in the 4th Battalion 21st Infantry. Their job was at no end, for a medics job has no end, his nights are seldom undisturbed. But whether it be a runny nose, or a fractured leg, it's all a major part in the life of a medic.....

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Three Army Commendation Metals were awarded: Specialist Five Jerry Barker (Whitehall, Ohio) HHC, Specialist Four Joe Wallace (Milton, Florida) D Company, and Private First Class Jeff Cruttenden (Berkley, California) HHC.

ONLY RUMOR

For those of you who may be anticipating from a 5 to a 60 day drop, you may revert back to your original DEROs date. There has been no word of any such plan, that is besides the nice rumor floating around the Battalion.....