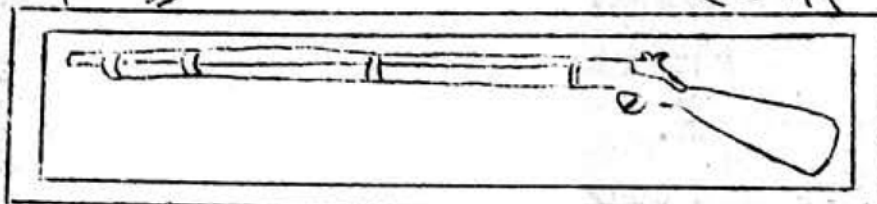


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TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEN

Six months ago, during the ceremony at which I assumed command of this Battalion, I told you I was proud to have become a Gimlet. At that time, my feeling was based rightly but solely on the knowledge I was joining a great command that had established and added to a tremendous reputation in every major war fought by our country since 1812.

But today, upon my departure, the base of my feeling has added meaning - a meaning that can only be fully understood by those who have served.

Yes, today, again I say I am proud to have become a Gimlet, but now primarily because we have experienced an association more intimate and more meaningful than any other possible between man and man:

WE HAVE SOLDIERED TOGETHER IN THE FIELD

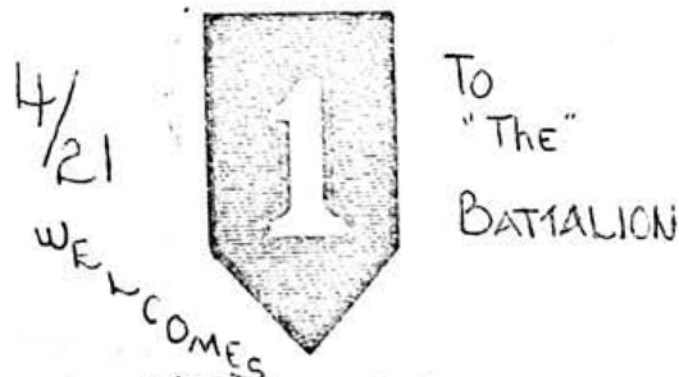
That expression - we have soldiered together in the field - simply said, and in its every sense and meaning, conveys more than anything else I could say.

To each and every one of you: Thank You, Good Luck, and God's Speed.

GEORGE R. HOVEY JOHNSON
Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

NEW MEN IN 4/21

SFC FREDERICK J. MILLS - THOMSON, GEORGIA
 PFC JOHN F. REILLY JR. - COATSVILLE, PA.
 SP4 JAMES BURNS - DEWELL, TEXAS
 PFC TIMOTHY KINNAMAN - INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
 PFC HAROLD STEVSON - FLU., NEW YORK
 PFC RICHARD MELHORN - LOUVILLE, KY.
 PFC TOMMIE WILDER - DAYTON, OHIO
 PFC SEBASTIAN LAMORA - CHULA VISTA, CALIF.
 SP4 JAMES LAUER - SUBLETTE, ILLINOIS
 SP4 MARXON - GRESTON, IOWA
 SP4 TRAVIS WYATT - BRENT, ALABAMA
 SGT DEAN HABERLY - BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.
 SP4 STEPHEN FOWLER - BELLEVUE, WASH.
 SP4 WILLIAM JACKSON - HAZLEHURST, MISS.
 PVT JAMES KNOBLAUNCH - ANOKA, MINN.
 SGT DAVID CHAFF - SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA
 SGT DONNIE MITCHELL - SPRINGFIELD, MASS.
 SP4 WILLIAM SIBSON - MEDFORD, OREGON
 SP4 MICHAEL YOUNGMAN - LINCOLNDALE, N.Y.
 SP4 LAWRENCE PATTERSON - ELKHART, IND.
 SGT THOMAS STROMAN - CAYCE, S. CAROLINA
 SGT THOMAS MERRILL - GUYMON, OKLAHOMA
 PFC EUGENE FORTANEZ - OPA-LOCA, FLORIDA
 PFC BARRY GUIDO - BUFFALO, NEW YORK
 SP4 VIRGIL ARCHER - CONYERS, GEORGIA
 SP4 RICHARD RICHARDS - ROLLING MEADOWS, ILL.
 SP4 LARRY HARDEN - GREEN CASTLE, MO.
 PVT CLIFTON ABRAHAM - DALLAS, TEXAS
 PFC STEPHEN KAPFEL - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
 SP4 DENNIS BURNS - SANDOWSKI, MICHIGAN
 SGT HARRY BERBON - SILVER SPRING, MD.
 SP4 MICHAEL O'DONNELL - TURNERIDGE, VER.
 PFC RONNIE RUBY - CHESTERFIELD, MISSOURI
 PFC MARK PATLEY - HIGH POINT, N.C.
 PVT STEVE LUM - CASTLEBERRY, ALABAMA
 PFC DOUGLAS INGRAM - MORGAN CITY, LA.
 PFC DEFOREST REED - OMAHA, NEBRASKA
 SP4 RICHARD JACKSON - COLO. SPRINGS, COL.
 SP4 WILLIAM JACKSON - COLO. SPRINGS, COL.
 SP4 JAMES MORGAN - SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
 PFC STEVEN MARKS - VANHORN, IOWA
 PFC LONNIE LUCK - ASHEBORO, N. CAROLINA
 PFC MICHAEL KOKENIL - STORM LAKE, IOWA
 PFC DALE METCALF - MADISON, WISCONSIN
 PFC MARVIN JACKSON - PLEASANT RIDGE 1K, KY.
 PVT JOHN RICHEN - PORTLAND, OREGON
 SP4 THOMAS QUERLAN - LOWELL, MASS.
 1SG BILLY HALL - AGUSTA, GEORGIA
 1SG AMOS GIBSEN - CHATSWORTH, GEORGIA
 1SG GURNEY BULLARD - COLUMBIA, S.C.
 PFC DENNIS JACKOWSKI - INWOOD LANE, N.Y.
 PFC CHRISTOPHER LICURSE - " " "
 PFC DAVID MALBOISE - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
 PFC WAYNE GACNIC - LAKEWOOD, OHIO
 PFC DANIEL BETARD - MARTINSVILLE, LA.
 PFC JOE HEATHERLY - SPRINGFIELD, TENN.
 PVT STUART CALLAHAN - FAIRMONT, N.C.
 PFC EUGENE TAYLOR - NEW CHURCH, VIRGINIA
 PFC JEROME SHESKA - PENNELLTON, PENN.
 PFC THOMAS RIGGS - FORT SMITH, ARK.
 PFC JAMES POLK - PRENTISS, MISSISSIPPI
 PFC ROBERT HAMANN - LAFAYETTE, MINN.
 PFC RONALD RICHARDSON - MARENGO, ILL.
 SP5 DAVID THORNE - TULSA, OKLAHOMA
 PFC RALPH HARRISON - CONNECTICUT
 PFC MICHAEL FORREST - CARMEL, INDIANA
 PFC ALPHONZA JAMES - TAMELA, N.C.
 PFC THOMAS GIBSON - BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.
 PFC JAMES SWANSON - HUNTSVILLE, ALA.
 PFC JOE GUNTER - BLAIRSVILLE, GEORGIA
 PFC BARRY NEWSOM - INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
 PFC WAYNE KETCHUM - CHICKASHA, OKLA.
 PFC PATRICK DUBLO - NORWALK, OHIO
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4/21 has received a group of new men, but as far as being new meat, well this can be determined by the rank and CIB's worn on their shirts. Yes, these men are in-country transfers from the 1st Infantry Division and all have at least six months or more in Vietnam.....

ABBREVIATIONS - ABBREVIATIONS - ABBREVIATIONS

by SGT Charles Riggs

Anxiously awaiting your DEROS (Date Eligible for Return from Overseas) or ERS (Expiration Term of Service) orders? Maybe your RAR (Rest & Recuperation) or LV (Leave) orders? Or maybe just CIB (Combat Infantryman Badge) or CMB (Combat Medical Badge) orders? Yep, orders are great things: That is if you can read them. Almost everyone has, at one time or another, picked up a set of orders, read them, and said, "that's nice, now what does it mean?" To help this man out and everyone else, the Army has an AR (Army Regulation) which is 111 pages long and completely dedicated to "authorized abbreviations and brevity codes" or "Army-ese"!

You've probably thought all this time that ABCD was just the first four letters of the alphabet, well you're wrong! To the army they mean Awaiting Bad Conduct Discharge. ALP no longer means a mountain in Europe, but Allied Logistic Publication. And CARS are no longer what you drive back in the world, but Combat Arms Regimental System. Really though, this book can be quite helpful, you can almost translate a set of orders with it. For example, HOR now becomes, not a phonetic spelling for the hero on the range, . . . but Home Of Record. BPED becomes Basic Pay Entry Date or the day you came in the Army, and DUS is the Date Departed the United States. Now isn't that simple?

Shall we try some more? EDCSA becomes Effective Date of Change of Strength Accountability (whatever that is!) and USATRFSTA becomes United States Army Transfer Station, sometimes called Fort Lewis, Washington. USARV is United States Army, Republic of Vietnam and MACV is Military Assistance Command, Vietnam.

The list goes on and on and on. Just in case you should happen to want to stick around in the Army, to learn these abbreviations, the one you'll be interested in is RE-1 or REENLISTMENT CATEGORY NUMBER 1. All we can say is, SAT or Sorry About That!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



"DON'T FORGET TO WEAR SOMETHING ON"

15 MARCH 1970

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MEN LEAVING PRIOR TO 1 APR 70

THC

SP4 DAVID BATTLE - ROCKY MTN, N.CAROLINA
 SP4 CARNICE BROWN - ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
 SP4 RONALD BROWN - NEWARD, NEW JERSEY
 SGT DENNY BUTLETT - AURORA, ILLINOIS
 SP4 DANNY CONASTER - JAMESTOWN, PENN.
 SP5 KENNETH COOK - FORSTON, GEORGIA
 SGT ROBERT DAILY - BRAINTREE, MASS.
 SP4 ERNESTO DOVALINA - LAREDO, TEXAS
 SP4 FABIO FRANCO - LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
 SP4 GEORGE HAYES - ELKINS, W. VIRGINIA
 SP5 PHILIP HUIZENGA -
 SP4 JOHN JOHNSON - DUNBAR, MICHIGAN
 SGT DICK KOPEL - BIRD ISLAND, MINNISOTA
 SP4 BRADLEY MASSENA - DORSET, OHIO
 SP4 DENNIS PERRY - NEW HAVEN, CONN.
 SGT CHARLES RIGGS - HONOLULU, HAWAII
 SP5 HAROLD SMITH - DAYTON, OHIO
 SP5 DANIEL THOMAS - OHIO
 SP6 JOHN WILLIAMSON - BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

ALPHA

PFC WALTER BALSINGER - VENICE, FLORIDA
 SP4 WILLIE BRADLEY - CENTURY, FLORIDA
 SFC JAMES COOK - BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
 SGT ERROL OWENS - TEMPE, ARIZONA
 SSG MICHAEL SANDUSKY - LONG MONT, COLO.
 SP4 JAMES SARTWELL - HOWELL, MICHIGAN
 PFC FRANK SCLAFANI - RICHMOND HILL, N.Y.
 SSG LARRY SOPCZYNSKI - HARBOR BEACH, MICH.
 SP4 WILLIAM STEFFEN - ORLEIN, IOWA
 SP4 JACK SULLIVAN - LAMHAN, MARYLAND
 SGT WILLIAM WION - ASHVILLE, NEW YORK

BRAVO

SSG JOSE ARCE - LAREDO, TEXAS
 SGT THOMAS BRIGGS - RICHBORO, PENNSYLVANIA
 SP4 GARNETT BROOKS - DETROIT, MICHIGAN
 SGT MARC CUTTER - FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN
 SGT KENNETH DIXON - STONE MTN, GEORGIA
 SGT CECIL DOYLE - CHRISTIANBURG, VIR.
 SP4 TOMMY GILMORE - COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE
 SP4 RONALD LETT - MARION, INDIANA
 SSG RICHARD O'CONNELL - LOUISVILLE, KY.
 SSG HARVEY PACE - RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
 SSG AMOS PETERSON - BUFALA, ALABAMA
 SGT JOHN SEOFNER - DEL CITY, OKLAHOMA
 SGT STAN WARSZYSKI - KINGS PARK, N.Y.
 SP4 ROBERT WILLIAMS - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

CHARLEY

SP4 DONALD ANDERSON - MCKINNEY, TEXAS
 SP4 CARL CARLSON - OMAHA, NEBRASKA
 SP4 LAGOFALATASI PESILI - SAN FRANCISCO, CA.
 SP4 BRIAN GILLESPIE - PHILADELPHIA, PA.
 SP4 DAVID HERNANDEZ - BRONX, NEW YORK
 SGT LARRY JOHNSON - MIRO, IOWA
 PSG ANDREW KALANA - MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY
 SP4 DEWEY KEEL - GREENSVILLE, N.CAROLINA
 SSG ALLAN MAURATIC - DOLTON, ILLINOIS
 SP4 STANLEY PELLETIER - ALLAGASH, MAINE
 SP4 CARLOS RIVERA - FONTANA, CALIFORNIA
 SP4 MICHAEL SWANEY - PITTSBURG, PENN.
 CPT DAVID WINSBY - ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

DELTA

SP4 DAVID BETANCOURT - JUNCOS, P.R.
 SGT ANDOLPHO DELOS SANTOS - PUERTO RICO
 SGT JAY GALLAGHER - LONG BEACH, CALIF.
 SGT EDWARD MARSH - JONES, MICHIGAN
 SP4 MERCADO VALENTIN - PUERTO RICO

ECHO

SP4 DANIEL RAJNES - ROCHESTER, NEW YORK
 1SG THOMAS DEHN - TONAWANDA, NEW YORK
 SP4 CARL FISHER - CAMP HILL, PENNSYLVANIA
 SGT JOHN HEAD JR. - CONNERSVILLE, IND.
 SP4 JAMES LOVINGS - MAIDEN, N. CAROLINA
 SGT DANNY NOTLEY - TULSA, OKLAHOMA
 PFC DAVID PARTRIDGE - BUFFALO, NEW YORK
 SFC BROCKMEN WILSON - SANANTONIO, TEXAS



ADVENTURES

UP THE RUGGED RIDGELINE, COVERED WITH SINGLE CANOPE VEGITATION DARKENED FROM LACK OF INCOMING SUNLIGHT, THE 96 MEN TRUGGED IN A LONG SINGLE FILE STRETCHING FROM A STREAM-WOVEN VALLEY BELOW, INTO THE COOL, MISTY CLOUDS ABOVE. EACH MAN CLAD IN HIS DEATH PRODUCING BLACK IRON, BREATHES BECOMING INCREASINGLY HEAVIER, THE INCLINE BECOMING PROGRESSIVELY STEEPER. DESTINATION-HILLTOP, BUT WHEN? THREE HOURS OF HEAVY HUMPING HAD RESULTED IN NOTHING. OBJECTIVE-BASE CAMP, BUT WHEN WE MET OUR DESTINATION, OUR CONDITION WOULD BE TOO POOR TO FACE OUR OBJECTIVE. WE MUST CONTINUE, PULLING OUR WAY THROUGH VINES, TREES, ROCKS, AT TIMES USING EACH OTHERS BODIES AS SUPPORT IN CONQUERING CERTAIN GRADES. WHY MUST THE SOIL AROUND EACH SMALL TREE I GRAB FOR AID IN CLIMBING BE LOOSE AND REFUSE SUPPORT OF MY WEIGHT? MY WEIGHT? THAT SEEMED AMUSING, WAS IT REALLY MY WEIGHT? THE TIGHT HANDS OF MY IMPROVISED HOME AND BELONGINGS TUGGED AT MY SHOULDERS WHY COULDN'T I STOP? I'M TIRED.....

THIS WEEK LEFT US WITH AN EXPERIENCE - WHAT WILL NEXT WEEK BRING? QUESTIONS-ANSWERS? SEND IT ALL TO "ADVENTURES" - S1421



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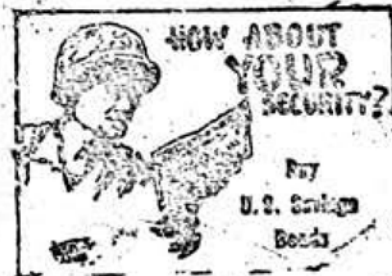
- 1-Trees far away
- 6-Fold
- 11-Subservient
- 12-Lasto
- 14-Conjunction
- 15-Creeds
- 17-Units of Siamese currency
- 18-Expire
- 20-Repulse
- 23-Musics as written
- 24-Organ of hearing
- 26-European capital
- 28-Tautologic deity
- 29-Narrow, flat boards
- 31-Snickers
- 33-Declared
- 35-Prophet
- 36-Without end
- 39-Respond
- 42-Predic net
- 43-Fragment
- 45-Chief god of Memphis
- 46-Canine
- 48-Weld
- 50-Native metal
- 51-Pitcher
- 53-Settled valley
- 55-Printer's measure
- 56-Weak down
- 59-Stopping sickness fly
- 61-Condensing look
- 62-Periods of time

DOWN

- 1-Continued story
- 2-Printer's measure
- 3-Illuminated

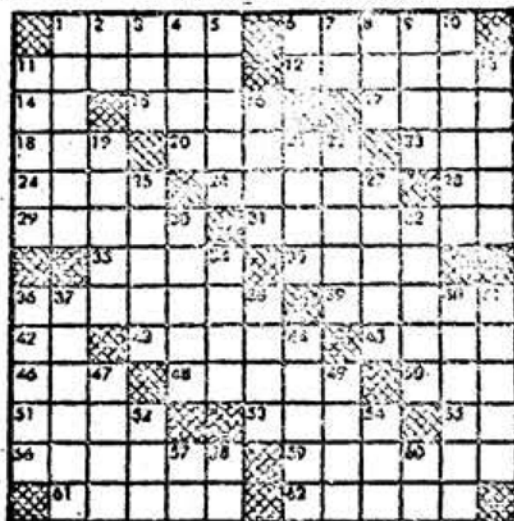
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- 5-Slumber
- 6-Pisco (abbr.)
- 7-Note of scale
- 8-Period of time
- 9-River islands
- 10-Shred
- 11-Fashions
- 13-Former Russian rulers
- 16-Quarrel
- 19-Wipe out
- 21-Goddess of discord
- 22-Liquid measure
- 25-Heavenly bodies
- 27-Precipitous
- 30-Because
- 32-Muse of poetry
- 34-Challenge



- 36-Downy duck
- 37-Garden tool
- 38-Fal of wine
- 40-Fondle
- 41-Subject of discourse
- 44-Fidelity
- 47-Juan's nickname

- 49-Otherwise
- 52-Female ruff
- 54-Meadow
- 57-Apothecary's weight (abbr.)
- 58-Plural ending
- 60-Initials of 26th President



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A CLASS WITH "FRENCHY"

Throughout the entire I corps area of operation, one of the main hazards is "Booby Traps". The men who walk the mountains and ricepatties daily, must undergo extensive training in detection of these deadly devices, both here in Vietnam, shortly after arriving, and during their advanced training in the states. These devices are never exactly the same, and therefore the men must be very alert in detecting and disarming the traps.

The individual who knows most about the booby trap, is the man who has lived in terrain infested with them. He is the man guiding his squad, platoon, or company through rugged hills, narrow paths, or thick prickly brush. This is the "point-man", who is most vulnerable to the wire strung across the path or the metal-plated bamboo hidden in the trail awaiting pressure to set off a tremendous explosion.

Last June, a man entered the 4th Battalion 21st Infantry, and was assigned to the Recon Platoon of E Company. Private First Class Norman Roberts, better known as "Frenchy", (Mason, Wisconsin), assumed the position of point-man, a rotational duty in every line platoon.

Avoid ALL VC EASTER EGG'S

Roberts remained point-man for the following seven months. During this time he encountered many and a variety of different booby traps, thus gaining much knowledge and experience.

Recently "Frenchy" was released from Recon; and assigned with the Mine-Sweep Team, a group of men who sweep a section of Highway One every morning, searching for mines or any type explosives. Under the supervision of the mine sweep Commander, First Lieutenant Russell McFarling (Albuquerque, New Mexico), Roberts, now E-5, was instructed to conduct daily classes, giving the men in the Battalion as much information as possible on the characteristics of the booby traps found within the I Corps area.

"Frenchy" has prepared a 45 minute lecture, which includes examples and training aids. The sample traps were all discovered by the men of 4/21. During this 45 minute class, the men receive direct information that is very valuable in detecting these devices.

Each day upon completion of the sweep, Sergeant Roberts and Lieutenant McFarling hold a class and instruct a new group of men. The objective of this lecture is to let the men actually see the booby traps they are faced with, and learn various methods of detection. Roberts emphasizes a marker system the enemy use, in which they prevent themselves from stumbling over their own traps.

Sergeant Roberts and Lieutenant McFarling will continue these classes on Booby Traps until every man in the 4th Battalion 21st Infantry has received the additional "on-the-spot" training. When this has been completed, the men of 4/21 will have an idea of what to look for while humping the boonies of the Southern I Corps.....



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