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OUR NEW BN COMMANDER LT COL ROBERT L. HARPER

The first impression is a very lasting thing. Your first acquaintance with a person has quite an effect on the opinion you will build. Often a persons position will stray his onlookers, building an instant wall, a false barrier that can only be broken by personal contact, and this contact must be pleasing to the offender. Whether this person be in a leadership position or not, the first impression that is left, is usually a true description of the entire man.

Here in the 4th Battalion 21st Infantry, we recently underwent a change of command. From Division G-5, Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Harper, came to assume command of our Battalion. Each man drew his very own, personal First Impression.

The new Commanding Officer, in his first words to the Battalion, expressed his willingness to work with the "Gimlets", work with the Gimlets. The new Commander has now been with the Battalion shortly over two weeks, and opinions are now becoming constructed from more than First Impressions.

Our new Lieutenant Colonel has served a previous tour in Vietnam with MAC-V in 1965. He is a graduate of North Georgia State College, holding a Bachelor of Science Degree.

Any man in the Battalion who has had contact with the new Commander, has drawn a lasting First Impression, and this impression is built of immediate respect. The men talk among themselves, in the field, in the rear, or on the Fire Support Base. The word around the Battalion is "have you met the new Battalion Commander, he's a numba one man".

The men of the 4th Battalion 21st Infantry welcomes our new Battalion Commander Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Harper.....

CHAPLAIN MAJ WOOD BIDS FAREWELL

Since early July, our Battalion was fortunate enough to attend regular Church Services, both in the field and on the Fire Support Bases. Whether it be a rice patty, jungle floor, or GIMLET Chapel, our Chaplain Major Clyde J. Wood, would assure religious services. In a forward combat area, it's not always so easy for a Chaplain to obtain facilities or transportation to the men in the field, but Chaplain Wood made a point to see that the men could worship weekly.

Chaplain Wood will be leaving the Battalion next week, he is being reassigned in Chu Lai, to the 16th Combat Aviation Group. Chaplain Wood will be replaced by Chaplain Major Ormsbee, previously with the 1st Infantry Division.

During Chaplain Wood's tour with the Battalion, he was credited with the construction of GIMLET CHAPEL, a newly built chapel atop FSB Debbie, among other things.

Major Wood commented that he will miss all the men in the Battalion, and I am sure the men's feelings are quite equal. The Chaplain would like to wish all the men "farewell, the best of luck, and God be with you always"......

"SHORT"

HHC

SP4 DAVID BATTLE - ROCKY MOUNT, N.C.
 SP4 DICKIE BOWERS - DANVILLE, VIRGINIA
 SGT RONALD BURGESS - ELIC RIVER, MINN.
 SP4 JOHNNY CAMERON - COMMERCE, TEXAS
 SP4 HENRY CLARK - SAN CARLOS, ARIZONA
 SP5 JAMES COUSINO - ADRIAN, MICHIGAN
 PFC JEFFREY CRUTTIENDEN - BERKLEY, CALIF.
 SP5 EDWARD CYR - VAN BUREN, MAINE
 SGT CLARENCE FINGER - CADILLAC, MICHIGAN
 SP5 JOHN GAMMON - LYNNWOOD, KENTUCKY
 SP6 JOHN GIBSON - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
 SP4 FRANK GOMEZ - DENVER, COLORADO
 SP4 RUFUS HAMILTON - PITTSBURG, TEXAS
 SP4 ROBERT JENKINS - BROWNWOOD, TEXAS
 PFC FARICE McCANN - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
 SP4 SKELBY MCKINNEY - HUTTERECK, ARK.
 SGT RANDOLPH MITG - MIAMI, FLORIDA
 SP4 LOUIS RIVERA - CUPERTINO, CALIF.
 SGT LEWIS SOLOMON - Ecorse, MICHIGAN
 SP5 MALCOLM WHORELY - BIG ISLAND, VIR.
 SP4 KEITH WOOD - CLINTON, OKLAHOMA

ALPHA

SGT DAVID CLARK - MEADVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA
 SP4 BILLY MOULTON - TORRENCE, CALIFORNIA

BRavo

SGT NELVIN KIRKLAND - NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
 SP4 FRANCISCO MONZON - EL PASO, TEXAS
 SP4 ROBERT STAFFORD - MENTOR, OHIO

CHARLEY

SP4 CARLETON HINNANT - GOLDSBORO, N.C.
 SP4 JOHN NEAL - MARION, N. CAROLINA
 SP4 NICHOLAS PUCCI - RESEDA, CALIFORNIA
 SP4 ROBERT RICH - POMONA, CALIFORNIA
 SP4 ROBERT SANDOVAL - LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

DELM

1SG JAMES BERRY - SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA
 SP4 JOHN DELZOPPO - CLEVELAND, OHIO
 SP4 JOHN JACOBS - PORTLAND, OREGON
 SP4 NICHOLAS LOUIS - IMPERIAL, MICHIGAN
 SGT FRANK MURZALL - COLUMBIA, TENN.
 SSG STEVEN PARTEN - CHATT, TENNESSEE
 SGT WILLIAM RODEFER - NEW PARAS, OHIO

LOOKING FOR A DROP?

Men derring during the months of March and April received a variety of drops, ranging from 5 to 14 days, but don't get your hopes up! Drops are not predetermined, so don't pack your bags until your options arrive!!!!!!

ECHO

SGT HARRY CAMPBELL - MIDLAND, N. CAROLINA
 SP4 ROBERT ESPADA - SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO
 SGT RAYMOND HOBBS - MACKIN, OREGON
 SP4 DENNIS HODGES - HAVANA, KENYA
 PFC DANIEL SMITH - VERNON, OREGON
 SP4 JACKIE TAYLOR - HAUTE, INDIANA



Steak and beer was a real treat back in the world. After work on Friday all the boys would gather down at the nearest beach or swim club, packing along two six-packs, a couple of stakes, and of course the little woman.

You'd worked hard all week and now you were ready to let out all those frustrations, sit back to a juicy, tender, medium rare filet, with an ice cold beer in one hand and your favorite woman in the other. The stereo is blasting with your favorite sounds, whether it be Credence Clearwater, or Ernest Tubb, you're still digging it in your own way.

All this is merely fantasy here in Vietnam. One can sit and dream of all these luxuries, but somehow they never become real. Of course there are always exceptions to everything, and with this, (Con't on page six)

REC ON-METS TEAM UP TO TACKLE

CHARLEY in NEXT "GIMLET"....



"COME ON TROUNG, LOOKS LIKE WE WON'T BE
FAMOUS TIL' NEXT WEEK"

JUST IN..... PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DALE EVANS (Peoria, Illinois), who has been waiting patiently, received word his wife Cynthia, gave birth to a girl 7 pounds 4 ounces. Evans had registered for a MARS call on the night of 30 March, and he finally got it through on the morning of the 31st. His wife had just come out of the delivery room. When asked what the baby would be named, Evans replied, "it better have been Don-Cenell".

SPOTS SPOTS

FT. ORD, Calif. (ANF) Steve Owens, 1969 Heisman Trophy winner and the leading ground gainer in college football history, is undergoing Army Basic Training.

The University of Oklahoma grid star is a member of the Oklahoma National Guard and will be on active duty for four months. He will go through basic and advanced individual training.

The Heisman Trophy is presented annually to the nation's outstanding college football player, and Owens' credentials for winning it are impressive.

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COMBAT LEADERS OF 4/21

During the month of March, three men from the Battalion successfully completed Combat Leadership School in Chu Lai. Private First Class Michael Stewart (Denver, Colorado) D Company, Specialist Four Dennis Kelly (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) B Company, and Private First Class Albert Hill (Haddock, Georgia) D Company. The three men underwent two weeks of advanced training, covering all aspects involved with Combat Leadership. The men commented that one of the more interesting phases of the training was Forward Observation. The class was given on LZ Stinson, where the men actually called for and adjusted 4.2 mortars.

LEADER OF THE

WEEK

Carolina. The honor for being selected, was a day with the Brigade Commander, Colonel Hugh F.T. Hoffmann Jr. LT Lange flew the entire day in the Colonels Command & Control Center. Chopper, visiting every LF and Fife Base in the Brigade AO. The day ended with dinner and cocktails..

NEW MEN

HRC

SP4 HAROLD JONES - DETROIT, MICHIGAN
 SP4 EDWARD TAYLOR - PAONIA, COLORADO
 SP4 DONALD DAVIS - CLINTWOOD, VIRGINIA
 PVT CLILIN CARABALLO - PUERTO RICO
 PFC JUAN DIAZ - PUERTO RICO
 PFC ERICIE NEWBONE - PRENTISS, MISS.
 SP4 RONALD LILES - FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS
 1SG CECIL ZACNAKY - KALISPELL, MONTANA
 SP4 MICHAEL YOUNG - OMAHA, NEBRASKA
 PFC MICHAEL GOMES - REDDING, CALIFORNIA
 PFC ERIC LEWIS - NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
 PFC DEAN MARLOW - COLORADO CITY, ARIZONA
 PFC MICHAEL MCNAY - HAMPSHIRE, ILLINOIS
 PFC JOHN FENICK - MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT
 PFC RONALD GIBSON - LORAIN, OHIO
 SP4 INNETT PINS - INKELBORG, IOWA

ALPHA

PFC JAMES FRYMAN - BROOKVILLE, OHIO
 SP4 JOSE SIGALA - LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
 SGT MARVIN TULEY - PALMYRA, MISSOURI
 PFC EDWARD IVES - BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
 PFC WILLIAM BATES - LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI
 PFC VICTOR HERNANDEZ - MADEIRA, CALIF.
 PFC RICHARD FARLOW - YUKON, PENNSYLVANIA
 SGT PAUL COVINGTON - BERNINGHAM, INDIANA
 SP4 LONNIE LISCOMB - ADAMS, NEW YORK

BRAVO

PFC MARK BRAILEY - DEARBORN, MICHIGAN
 PFC MICHAEL CHASE - CLEVELAND, OHIO
 SGT CHARLES ALEXANDER - FT. WORTH, TEXAS
 PFC MITCHELL ROBINSON - FLORENCE, S.C.
 SGT JOHN PORTER - YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN
 SP4 LUCILLE WITHERS - WOODSON, ARKANSAS
 SGT ALAN BRINTON - MPLS., MINNESOTA
 SP4 JOHN HORNATH - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
 SGT STEPHEN BASSETT - CHEVYCHASE, MARYLAND
 SP4 HENRY MILLER - MORGANTON, N.C.
 SP4 CHARLES JOHNSON - INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
 PFC RICKY JUSTET - MURRAY, UTAH
 PFC CHARLES EWONES - FORNEY, TEXAS
 PFC MARTIN GENTILE - NEWTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA
 PFC WILLIAM FRISBY - SAN JOSE, CALIF.
 PFC DANIEL GANGLOFF - DEPEN, NEW YORK
 PFC JAMES BUTKE - WATERFORD, CONNECTICUT
 SGT RICHARD DOTSON - MARYVILLE, TENN.
 PFC DENNIE MURADSON - FT. DODGE, IOWA
 PFC CLAYTON STAYER - JONESBORO, TENNESSEE
 SP4 BOY CARROLL - CLIFTON HILLS, KENTUCKY
 SGT PAUL LARSON - OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

OF 4/21

CHANGING

PFC BRUCE LUNDEEN - BISHOP, CALIFORNIA
 PFC LARRY WATTS - BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
 PFC LARRY DAVIS - ADA, OHIO
 PFC SAMUEL MILLARD - RIDGEWAY, ILLINOIS
 PFC JACK EDMUNDSON - KANSAS CITY, KANSAS
 SP4 STEPHEN JONES - KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI
 PFC JON GREEN - BALLWIN, KANSAS

DELTA

PFC EDISON HECHT - INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
 SP4 WALTER TUCKER - BETHNY, OKLAHOMA
 SP4 DELMAR MCGLOTHLIN - ATLEBURN, OHIO
 SGT ABRAHAM DAVIS - TALLAVAST, FLORIDA
 PFC JOHN CIACCIA - COATSVILLE, PENN.
 SP4 VRON MISHLER - INDIANA
 PFC WILLIAM DAVIS - BOVEY, MINNESOTA
 SP4 ALTON FAGER - MISSOURI
 PFC RAYMOND SWANSON - LONGVIEW, WASH.
 SP4 HERMAN BROWN - LAFOLLETTE, TENNESSEE

ECHO

PVT JOHN O'BRIEN - LEOMURSTER, MASS.
 PFC JOHN LAUBER - BELLEVUE, OHIO
 1SG CARLOS BURKE - CHAS, WEST VIRGINIA
 SP4 TERRY EUNSUCKER - COLUMBUS, OHIO
 PFC GENE GUSTAFSON - FREMONT, NEBRASKA
 SP4 WILLIE HAYES - ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS

+ BIRTHS +

During the month of March, several men in the 4th BN 21st INF acquired additions to the family back home. Yep, for some months now, these men have waited patiently, fingernails chewed into the quick, hair turning grey (that is what's left), a case of nine month old cigars have undergone four months of Monsoon Rains, but still smokable.

PFC Lonnie Luck, C Company, from Asheboro, North Carolina, received word that his wife Janice gave birth to a boy, 8 pounds 7 ounces, on 5 March. SP4 Max Payne (Barcroft, Idaho) D Company, received word his wife gave birth to a boy on 15 March, weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces. PFC Wayne Gacknick and his wife Janet (Lakewood, Ohio) were blessed with a girl on 18 March, six pounds 12 ounces. The final birth was also a girl on 22 March. PFC David A. Lange (Wyoming, Pa.) B Company, was the happy father. All wives and the new borns are in fine health. CONGRATULATIONS FATHERS!!!!

THE UNSEPERABLE JACKSONS

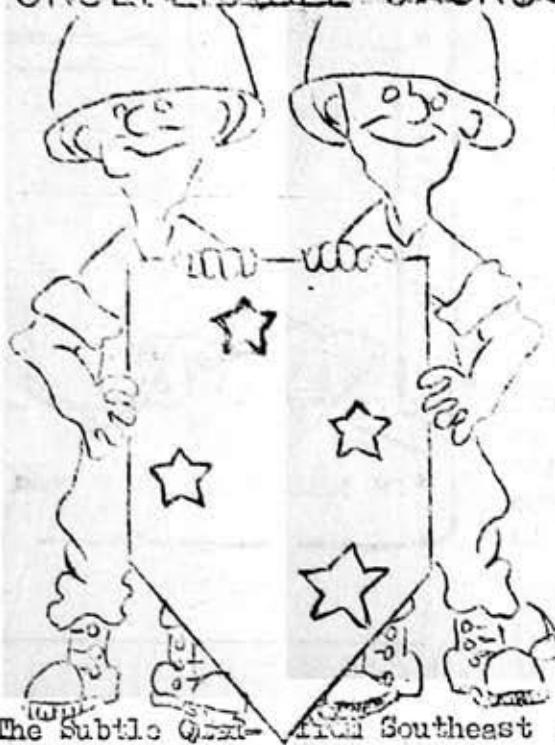
Twin birth is an amazing phenomenon in this world today. Two people entering life, growing from infancy to manhood, sharing similar experiences, become closely bound. For the Jackson twins, this dual life began 20 years ago.

Both Specialist Four William and Richard Jackson (Colorado Springs, Colorado) now assigned to Headquarters Company, remained together through their first 19 years of life. During high school, the two became interested in music, and later organized their own folk singing group, "The Subtle Quartet". Richard wrote music and played guitar for the group, while William sang. The group made its debut around the city as the twins attended five different highschools before final graduation.

Upon completion of highschool, the twins and their quadtet were split up as William entered the Army, but the separation was non-lasting for the two. Richard also entered the service and shortly after completion of basic training the two men were together again, assigned to the same advanced training unit.

It was a hard nine weeks, but the two remained together through the strenuous training, and the big day came, they both successfully completed Infantry AIT, and were headed for Vietnam. Richard was soon in the salty air above the South China Sea, while William was also airborne, only at Fort Benning Jump School. This was their second separation after one last reunion prior to departing separate ways.

Upon his arrival in Vietnam, Richard was assigned to a long range reconnaissance team,



4th Infantry Division, but a month later received word that his brother had arrived in Vietnam and was stationed with the 1st Infantry Division. Richard immediately began paper work to be reassigned with his brother, and within weeks the two men were humping the mountains and lowlands of southern Vietnam. William was a rifleman, and Richard an assistant machine-gunner in the same squad, same platoon. Three long months passed before their unit was scheduled for withdrawal from Southeast Asia, and due to limited time over seas, the Jackson twins were transferred to the Americal Division.

The Jackson twins were again on their way to possible separation through the long hours of processing from one unit to the other, but luckily were never separated and made it to the 4th Battalion 21st Infantry, where they both are assigned to the Headquarters Motor Pool.

The two have gone through a lot during their 20 years, and when advised of the regulation allowing one of them to be reassigned outside the combat area, they responded, "we've been together this long and we're not about to split up now".....

THE
GIMLET

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(SPORT SPOTS con't)

He holds seven National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) records. Among them are career records for most yards gained (3,882 for three years); most carries (more than 900, which shattered the old mark by more than 200 carries); and the career scoring mark (56 touchdowns for 336 points).

Owens also holds the record for most consecutive games in which he gained more than 100 yards (17), most carries in one season (357) and most carries in a single game (56).

Owens was chosen All-America and named for the second straight year as the Big Eight's Player of the Year. In addition, he won Player of the Year awards in four other sports polls.....

HAVE SOMETHING INTERESTING TO SHARE?

The GIMLET accepts any type writing, poetry, stories, or maybe you've experienced something unusual! Have a question? We're not exactly Dear Abby, but we'll try to help you out... Send it all to: GIMLET S1 4/21

(Beer and Steaks con't)
the Mess Personnel on Fire Support
Base Debbie, have proven so.

Under the supervision of SFC Dargelo Caballero (Miami, Florida) Mess Sergeant, the men occurring this Fire Base, are enjoying a weekly cookout. The cooks have constructed an outdoor barbecue grill, and for the past few Friday evenings have prepared char-broiled steaks for the men. As you sweep through the line for a steak cooked to your taste, an ice-filled tub of beer is waiting to aid in washing down the delicious meal.

If you're fortunate enough to be located around Debbie during real time, check the menu; you may be in for quite a treat.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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ACROSS

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Lane	4-H-ringers
5-Matures	5-Canal
9-Photoluminescent	6-Monument
10-Leave with	7-Vast age
silence	8-State
12-More	9-Lures
serene	11-Incredible
13-Lessened	12-Fragment
15-Strikes	14-Loved
16-Toward	one
shelter	17-Spanish
18-Chemical	plural
suffix	article
19-Possessive	20-Helps
pronoun	21-Challenge
20-Century plant	22-Fat of
21-Facts	swine
22-Postscript	24-Dinner course
(abbr.)	25-Snail-track
23-Covers	26-Storage
	pieces
	27-Part of leg

(abbr.)
23-Covers
24-Silvan deity
25-Monstrosities
26-Scallop shell
27-Urgent on
29-Twist (curling)
30-Chauvinist male
32-Workman
33-Out
34-Large tip
35-Hostelry
35-War god
37-Ceremony
38-Sewing
implement
40-Rubber on
pencil
42-Viscous mud
43-Singing voice
44-Sow
45-beautiful body

DOWN
1-Animal
2-Charity
3-Cross



THEIR FIGHTING STORY

