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6/11 HAS NEW CO

LTC Paul R. Gleave has assumed command of the "ON TIME" 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery. The new commander, formerly Division Artillery S-3, is a native of Tucson, Arizona.

LTC Gleave was graduated from the University of Arizona in 1955 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He entered the Army shortly after graduation.

The new Commander has served in Korea and Germany. Prior to his assignment to RVN, LTC Gleave worked in the Office of the Chief of Staff in Washington.

LTC James H. Sloan Jr., former Battalion Commander, returned to CONUS for reassignment to the Pentagon.



NOBODY IS AS SHORT
AS ME YOU RIC!?

DOT ON

COMMO CHIEF NABS 4 VCS

Four VCS were detained on Arty Hill recently as a result of keen observation by SFC John Francis, Battalion commo chief.

The suspected VC were constructing a bunker behind the S-1 section. SFC Francis noticed that one of the dayworkers was making a sketch on a piece of paper.

The IP's were called to investigate the incident and an ARVN soldier accompanied them to the scene. The ARVN quickly took charge of the situation—interrogating the VCS as a group, then individually.

He searched the four men and as a result of his thoroughness, he discovered a concealed wallet in the lining of one of the men's jacket.

The wallet contained a picture of an NVA soldier later identified as the son of the worker. In the picture, the enemy soldier was standing beside a .51 caliber communist-made machine gun.

The four VCS were taken to 11th Infantry Brigade headquarters for further interrogation.

A BTRY COOK CAPTURES RPG

The men of A Battery have a new addition to their mess hall. When you enter the serving line entrance, you are looking down the tube of an RPG7 grenade launcher. If anyone inquires as to where it came from, a smiling PFC Ray Franz has the answer.

During the early morning hours of August 22nd, an NVA sapper squad attempted to penetrate the mountaintop perimeter of LZ Debbie. PFC Franz ran to his bunker position seconds after the enemy assault began.

From his "crows nest" Franz had a commanding view of the LZ's steep northern slope. As he loaded his M-60 machine gun, a trip flare was set off by an NVA soldier approximately 65 yards from Franz's position.

"He was standing by a big rock with the RPG in his hand," explained the OJT cook, "I knew he was hidden from view of the nearest bunker, so I opened up."

Later that morning, the RPG was recovered by the large rock. The sighting device was found intact approximately 35 yards from the RPG launcher.

BATTALION CALLED "OUTSTANDING" BY IG

COMMO AWARD SLATED

LTC Paul R. Gleave, Battalion Commander, and Captain Thomas W. Cox, Battalion Commo Officer, have initiated an award for outstanding communications procedures.

The award will be presented monthly to the battery which has practiced the best communications procedures. All forward observer parties and Fire Direction Centers will be periodically monitored to determine the winner.

At the end of six months, the battery which has received the award the most often will be given the engraved plaque.

ROGER THAT!!

PP QUOTE 99

God and the soldier we adore
In time of danger, not before;
The danger passed, and all things righted,
God is forgotten and the soldier slighted.



6/11 fired 35,598 rounds during August 1969.

MALARIA CAN KILL...
WHY LET IT?
TAKE YOUR PILLS RELIGIOUSLY!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

MAJ (CHAP) C. J. WOOD

Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 12:1, "Remember now Thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, now the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

I would like to emphasize the word "now." It is really all the time that we can call our own. Yesterday is the past, tomorrow--when it comes--will be the now.

What am I saying? This year in Vietnam is a part of our life. In it, let us remember God.

ARTY HILL CHAPEL SERVICES

PROTESTANT
CATHOLIC

1000 HOURS
1130 HOURS

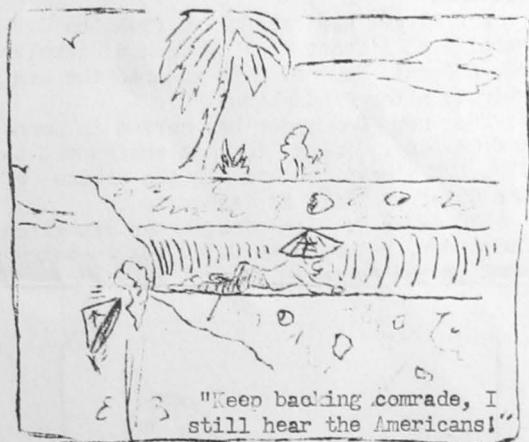
The 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery received an overall "satisfactory" rating from the Annual General Inspection Team. The critique was given September 3rd in the IHHSB mess hall. In combat zones, a rating of either "satisfactory" or "unsatisfactory" is given.

The IG commented on several areas in need of more attention. First he stressed the importance of military haircuts. Secondly, he added that the bunker line should be better policed.

In a complimentary vein, he added that the Battalion's R&R program, Commo section, mail room and distribution center, PLL, awards program, files, military justice and PIO were "outstanding."

The IG team was also impressed by the Battalion's high esprit de corps. Favorable comments were made about the general appearance of the rear area.

The IG added that Captain Deyer's pin-ups were "very nice."



If your DEROS is after December 15th, 1969, you must have your Social Security Number on your ID card. The deadline is November 1st.

If your DEROS is prior to December 15th it is not necessary to have your Social Security Number on your ID card.

For more information, contact your battery First Sergeant.

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