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BEAUCOUP ARTY -- TEE TEE "CHARLIES"

Men from the "ON TIME" 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery have been keeping busy during the month. There was approximately a 5,000 round increase in firing during the month of September over the month of August. In August the battalion tubes fired around 15,000 rounds and during the month of September the final tally was 19,355. Delta Battery fired the majority with a month total of 8478 with Alpha Battery second with 4243. Charlie Battery fired 3586 and Bravo fired 3048. During the first few days of September, Delta Battery fired almost continually, day in and day out. The area around 4-11 was buzzing with enemy activity. "Redlegs" from the 6th of the 11th have been doing a fine job of keeping "Charlie" living in a "World of Hurt."

ALPHA



CHARLIE

DETA

BRAGO

ON PROMOTIONS...

Everyone would like to be promoted. How do YOU stack up?

Your section chief starts the wheels rolling for your next advancement. He does this by observing your performance and determines how fast you develop in your job knowledge and your willingness to assume responsibility as compared to the other men in your section.

Next, your section chief passes on his recommendation to the platoon sergeant who has also kept up with your progress. The platoon sergeant prepares an Enlisted Efficiency Report and sends this to the First Sergeant.

The "Top" discusses your recommendation with the Battery Commander. After all battery records are checked, the BC directs the battery clerk to type your recommendation for promotion and attaches any needed waivers. The paper work is then forwarded to the S-1 shop where the PSNCO reviews each recommendation according to AR600-200 to insure it is complete and correct. From here, the paper work is sent to the American Division Personnel Center to be checked and scores tabulated from points accumulated while in the service. In a few days the paper work is returned. It is given to the members of the promotion board, consisting of two officers and one senior NCO. Your preparation for the board should include Reporting, Uniform Regs, Current Events, Map reading, Bn Policies, Job Knowledge, Military Justice--and wear your best Uniform.

Lt. WRIGHT HONORED

Many men in the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery remember a fine Forward Observer by the name of 2LT Robert C. Wright. In January, near FSB Debbie on Hill 285, 2LT Wright gave his life for his country. The following is a clipping from the LAWTON CONSTITUTION dated 30 July 1970.

The nation's second highest award for heroism and three other combat decorations will be presented Friday at Fort Sill to the mother of an Elk City soldier who was killed in Vietnam last January.

The Distinguished Service Cross, the Bronze Star with "V" device for valor, the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star for Meritorious service and the Purple Heart will be presented by Brig. Gen. Lawrence H. Caruthers, Jr., assistant commander of the U.S. Army Field Artillery School.

Mrs. Wright's son, Robert C., a second lieutenant in the field artillery, was awarded the medals posthumously for his actions while serving in Vietnam as a member of the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery of the American Division.

Only the Medal of Honor ranks higher than the Distinguished Service Cross. LT Wright was awarded the medals for "extraordinary heroism" on Jan 2. He "distinguished himself while in command of an advanced party of field artillerymen establishing a fire base on Hill 285 near the town of Duc Pho," according to the citation.

FREE TRIP TO EUROPE

Travel to Europe, all expenses paid. Thirty (30) days paid vacation and the chance to see the Swiss Alps, the French Riviera, the leaning tower of Pisa or to visit Paris, London or Rome.

Reenlistment for the overseas assignment of your choice is now open to all E-6 and below regardless of ETS while you are in Vietnam. There are now three reenlistment options that allow career soldiers to short out on their current enlistment prior to ETS or even sooner than 90 days prior to ETS. These are reenlistment for Overseas for CONUS station or for Drill Sergeant.

Reenlistment for any of these options can not be made any sooner than six (6) months prior to DROS. At that time a request for reenlistment for the option of your choice should be submitted indicating three choices or areas where you desire assignment. This request is forwarded to the Department of the Army where a determination of the availability of your selections is made. If the area of your choice is available, upon completion of your Vietnam tour and after a leave in the states you are on your way to duty in the country of your choice.

Overseas areas to choose from include Europe, Alaska, Caribbean (Panama or Puerto Rico) USARPAC (Hawaii, Japan, Okinawa) or Korea, Thailand and Vietnam. Minimum reenlistment is for four (4) years except three (3) years is authorized for overseas areas identified as short tour areas such as Vietnam, Korea, Thailand, unaccompanied 18 month tours to Europe and certain other areas. For more information, see your unit commander or SFC Walt Gwin, 6/11 Arty Battalion Career Counselor. Choice Not Chance, pick your next assignment.

IN GOD
WE TRUST

NEW BC FOR BRAVO

The "Hill Dwellers" from Fire Support Base San Juan Hill are getting a New Battery Commander. Captain David W. Olmstead of Clifton, New Jersey will take over the duties of BC. Captain Warren W. Higgins of Gilbert, Arizona has finished his tour and is going HOME and then to Fort Sill. Good Luck to both of you.

Oh God, our Help in Ages Past,
Our Hope in Years to Be,
Look down upon this Present
And see our need of Thee.

For in this Age of Unrest,
With danger all around
We need Thy hand to lead us
To Higher, Safer ground.

We need Thy help and counsel
To make us more Aware
That our safety and security
Lie solely in Thy Care

And as we Fight for Freedom
Make our Way and Purpose clear
May we feel Thy Presence Near.

HELEN STEINER RICE

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Many people rotating to LZ World (HOME) often wonder just how many "Stars" to wear on the Vietnamese Service Ribbon. The stars signify how many major campaigns that your unit has participated in. The most recent completed campaign began in November of 1969. As of this date everyone in the 6/11th is authorized to wear one Star on the ribbon. Although we have begun another campaign, no recognition has been made to date. Eventually after the current campaign has been named and dated, a second star can be added to the ribbon.

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