

LTC COMPTON TAKES COMMAND

LTC James McVey Compton became the new commander of the 1st Bn., 82d Artillery last Thursday.

Col. Compton replaces LTC John J. Luxemburger Jr., who is moving to a new assignment with Americal Division Artillery.

The new commander is a 17-year Army veteran who received an ROTC commission after attending Washington University in St. Louis.

A bachelor, Col. Compton was last assigned to Division Artillery where he served as its executive officer.

He came to Vietnam last November from the 4th Army Division in Germany where he served as commander of the 2nd Bn., 16th Artillery.

In addition to his duties in Germany and in Vietnam, Col. Compton also spent three years in Okinawa and one in Korea.

His stateside assignments include a total of five years at Ft. Bliss, Tex. and Ft. Sill, Okla. plus another 2½ years at the Pentagon.

Col. Luxemburger has become assistant fire support coordinator at Division Artillery, re-

placing LTC Paul D. Cothorn, the first commander of the 1/82d when it was reactivated in January, 1968.

Col. Luxemburger replaced Col. Cothorn as battalion commander last November, four months after the unit arrived in Vietnam.

During his tenure, the battalion made extensive improvements in its physical plant, in-

cluding a swimming pool, an enlisted men's club and a battalion medical facility.

The battalion also registered ~~a~~ ^{its} 100,000th round fired in Vietnam, midway through Col. Luxemburger's term of command.

Prior to joining the 1/82d, he had been assigned to the Pentagon. His 22 year military career spans three wars and numerous foreign tours.

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ADVANCE PARTY PREPARES FOR RETURN TO STATES

The homeward trip for the first 10 members of the 1st Bn., 82d Artillery to arrive here last year will begin this week.

That's when the members of the battalion's advanced party will depart Chu Lai to return to the states—either for a leave and reassignment or for discharge.

Their departure will mark the beginning of the large exodus of more than 500 battalion men who came to Vietnam last July as the 1/82d moved from Ft. Lewis, Wash. to the Americal Division.

Approximately 120 of them are still with the unit while the others were infused to numerous outfits throughout Vietnam during the year.

Among those to be departing within the next three weeks are a number of key officers and NCOs who spent their entire tours with the unit.

Topping the list of officers is the battalion's executive officer, MAJ. Charles W. Higgins, who has held that position since the unit was reactivated early last year.

Also among those leaving is CSM Thomas M. Van Horn Jr., the 1/82d's senior NCO for more than a year.

Also among those returning home this month is LTC Paul D. Cothorn, (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

USARV INSPECTION SET FOR JULY 11

Inspection time is right around the corner again for the 1st Bn., 82d Artillery.

The battalion has been selected as one of the units within the Americal Division to undergo the annual U.S. Army, Vietnam inspection on July 11.

The USARV inspection will involve hand-picked units from within the division and its major subordinate commands, including Americal Division Artillery.

It marks the second major inspection for the battalion in less than 10 weeks. The 1/82d passed its Annual General Inspection in April.

AWARDS PARADE GOES ON

Before his departure to a new assignment at Americal Division Artillery, LTC John J. Luxemburger Jr., former battalion commander, presented numerous awards for meritorious service to the men of the 1/82d.

The majority of the medals were given to members of the unit who will be completing their tours later this month.

The list of award winners includes:

BATTALION BRIEFS

NEW CAPTAINS: Two 1/82d officers were promoted to the rank of captain during the past week.

CPT Robert L. Earnest, the battalion's recon and supply officer, gained his second bar last Thursday while CPT Richard W. Hodges, the supply and maintenance platoon leader, received his promotion today.

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FLOOR SHOW: The next live floor show at the Battalion Enlisted Men's Club is scheduled for July 17, at 7 p.m. It will feature The Young Rebels.

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FILM FARE: A series of five movies are on tap for members of the battalion during the coming week.

This week's listing includes "The Girl and the General", "Cyborg", "The Dirty Dozen", "Guns for the MacGregors" and "Pink Jungle."

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A REMINDER: When sending mail back to the states remember that your Social Security Account Number replaces your Service Number in the return address.

PSNCO BECOMES A WARRANT OFFICER

The 1st Bn., 82d Artillery lost its Personnel NCO last week when former SFC Julius B. Hamilton was appointed a warrant officer.

Hamilton, a 14-year Army veteran from Three Rivers, Tex., has been reassigned to the 20th Engineer Bde. at Long Binh.

He had been the Personnel NCO for the 1/82d since last February when he succeeded SFC Bob Boudreaux.

WO1 Hamilton received his appointment last Monday in the office of Battalion Commander LTC John J. Luxemburger Jr.

BRONZE STARS

1SG JAMES E. NORRIS: A 21-year Army veteran from Baltimore, Norris is the first sergeant at Bravo Battery. **SFC ROBERT HENDERSON:** The former mess sergeant at Bravo, Henderson, an 18-year Army man from Boligee, Ala. is now mess steward at the Americal Division Combat Center.

SSG WILLIE CAYWOOD: Caywood, the former chief of smoke for Alpha Battery, has completed 22 years in the service.

SFC CLIFFORD ALEXANDER: The battalion mess steward, Alexander (Akron, Ohio) has been in the Army for 15 years.

SSG CHARLES L. MCKINNEY: McKinney, a former section chief at Bravo's detachment at LZ Dottie, is an eight year Army veteran from Norwalk, Calif.

SGT JON HALL: Bravo's Communications Chief is a native of Youngstown, Fla. **1LT GRADY E. STALLINGS JR.:** LT Stallings, the executive officer at Bravo, hails from Albany, Ga.

1LT CAMERON F. BAIRD: Another native Californian, LT Baird put in a year as executive officer of Headquarters Battery and Assistant Communications Officer.

SSG BOON D. JOHNSON SR.: A Tipton, Ind. native, Johnson, a 25-year Army veteran, spent the past year as ammo section chief at Bravo Battery.

MSG GEORGE WILSON: A native Philadelphian now living in Florence, S.C., Wilson has been the battalion's only intelligence and security NCO in Vietnam.

SP6 EARL E. TOLAND: Toland, a 13-year Army man, is the Alpha Battery mess sergeant.

CPL DALE K. CHRISTOPHERSON: A resident of Lake Norden, S.D., Christopherson is a gunner at Bravo Battery.

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3 CHRISTOPHERSON, I DON'T THINK IT WILL HELP THE PEACE EFFORT!!

IT'S HAPPENING

BY SP4

Rich Shearer

NEW FACES: Thirteen men became new additions to the 1782d last week as the unit readied itself for the departure of the final 120 original members of the battalion.

The new arrivals included:

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY: SP4 Joseph F. Pistorio, a cook from Water Locks, Conn.; PFC Clarence E. Bowens, a field wireman from Robbins, Ill.; PFC Lawrence W. Moore, a field wireman from Silver Spring, Md.; SP4 Robert W. Gustitus, a message center clerk from Minersville, Pa.; SP5 Robert A. Williams, a supply specialist from Bryan, Tex.

ALPHA BATTERY: SP4 Thomas J. Ritkey, a cook from Roseville, Mich.

BRAVO BATTERY: SP4 Grover Green, a vehicle mechanic from Dallas, Tex.

CHARLIE BATTERY: PFC Ernest F. Fogel, a vehicle repairman from Edison, N.J.; SP5 Larry R. Lee, a gunner from Baltimore; PFC George Tucker Jr., a field wireman from Tyrone, Ark.

DELTA BATTERY: PFC Anthony S. Knable, a vehicle repairman from Parlin, N.J.; SP4 Kenneth W. Adams, a vehicle repairman from Nashville, Tenn.; PFC Gerard A. Desmarais, a field wireman from Manchester, N.H.

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R&R CLOSING: Another of the American R&R center bit the dust last week when Penang was crossed off the list for lack of interest.

Personnel who had already scheduled R&Rs for Penang are being redirected to Singapore with no change of orders required.

Those persons not wanting Singapore may also go to other R&R sites on a space available basis.

Last month, the R&R center at Kuala Lumpur was closed by a combination of lack of interest and a series

of civil disturbances in that city.

The other R&R sites still available are Sydney, Hong Kong, Hawaii, Tokyo, Taipei, Bangkok and Manila.

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GARDEN PARADISE: Headquarters Battery 1SG Conrad F. Lushbaugh, who admits he is a big fan of foliage, has begun a beautification project around the battery area.

Right now his men are concentrating their efforts on the open plot in front of the battery orderly room where the first sergeant envisions "a floral masterpiece".

Only time will tell.

ADVANCE PARTY

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the former battalion commander, who is now with Americal Division Artillery.

Col. Cothorn headed the 36-man advance party to Vietnam last year.

CPT. NEWTON SLATED FOR S-1 POSITION

CPT John E. Newton of Hartsville, Ala., is scheduled to become the new 1/82d Artillery Personnel Officer next week.

CPT Newton will succeed 1LT Roger L. Close, who will be returning to the states later this month.

The new adjutant is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was last assigned to the 3/37th Artillery at Dachau, Germany, before coming to the 1/82d in May.

WHEN WAS
YOUR LAST
PERSONAL
CHECK-UP?



PAN-TELL

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COLONEL DISTRIBUTES AWARDS

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SGT CHARLES E. GAUNCE: Gaunce, a chief of an Alpha Battery gun section is a native of Paris, Ky.

SGT DAVID A. LOCKHART: Lockhart, of Palestine, W.Va., is also a gun section chief at Alpha.

SSG JERRY R. DODSON: A chief of section at Delta Battery, Dodson is from Claypool, Ariz.

SSG JOE E. WARD: Delta's motor sergeant from Lawton, Okla., was awarded a Bronze Star for valor earlier in his tour.

SSG LUTHER BIRCHFIELD: An eight-year Army veteran and a section chief at Bravo, Ryan is a native of Moores-town, N.J.

SGT J. BARLOW REBER: Another chief of section at Bravo, Reber is from Salt Lake City, Utah.

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDALS

A series of Army Commendation Medals were also presented to members of the unit.



"I COULDN'T FIND ANY REGULATION AGAINST IT!!"

They included:

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY: SP5 Louis Verile, SP5 Don E. Stanley, SGT Joe Valdez.

CHARLIE BATTERY: CPL Gavin Samuels, CPL Jerry Wollery, SP4 Luz A. Oropeza, SP4 Harvey Gresham.

DELTA BATTERY: SP4 James R. Maitland, SP4 Gary L. Klearman, SGT James W. Gregoire, PFC Osvaldo Golpi, SP4 Reynaldo Garcia, SP4 Thomas A. Ereon, SP4 Roland G. Cyr, SGT Ray N. Colgan.

PURPLE HEARTS

Purple Heart Awards were distributed to SP4 Charlie Barber (Headquarters), SP4 Thomas A. Fair (Alpha) and PFC Vernon Brown (Charlie).

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REVOLUTIONARY AWARD

The Purple Heart Award was originally established as the Badge of Military Merit on Aug. 7, 1782 by Gen. George Washington.

DELTAMAN RECEIVES CORPORAL STRIPES

Agapito S. Banac Jr., a cannoneer at Delta Battery, was promoted to corporal last week by CPT Gregory R. Keith, battery commander.

Banac, who came to Vietnam last February, is a native of Alhambra, Calif.

A former student at Riverside Junior College in California, Banac came into the Army in September, 1968 after working as a truck driver.

AER CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

Army Emergency Relief helps the Americal Division live up to the motto "The Army Takes Care of its Own".

Last year more than \$4,500 was provided to personnel of the division in the form of loans and grants and the current loan volume indicates that AER will provide more assistance in 1969 than ever before.

Army Emergency Relief is the Army's way of assisting active and retired Army personnel and their families when a financial problem arises.

Assistance is provided to deserving Army personnel in time of emergency for privation of dependents, emergency travel, medical and dental expenses, or other emergencies which might cause the soldier or his family hardship.

The 1969 Joint Army Emergency Relief Society Fund Raising Campaign is currently being conducted within the Americal Division and will end Aug. 15.

When you give to AER, remember that your contribution is merged with AER funds from all units in the Army for your use in case of need.

It also enables AER to cover disbursements and assistance worldwide.

Army Emergency Relief can help you with an out-right grant or by a non-interest bearing loan which can be repaid in small monthly installments.

To apply, contact the Division AER Officer who can be found at the rear of the AG Personnel Services Division Butler Building, AG Personnel Action Branch.