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NEW S-3 OFFICER:

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DELTA REPELS DOTTIE ATTACK

The 1st Bn., 82d Artillery's Delta Battery received more than its share of action early last Tuesday when its home base, LZ Dottie, was hit by elements of a Viet Cong battalion.

Delta, along with Co. B, 39th Engineer Bn., D Troop, 1st Sqn, 1st Cavalry and an ARVN detachment, fought off an estimated 40-man VC force that tried to break through the perimeter of the LZ which has served as the battery's home for 13 months.

Before the night was over, the combined American and ARVN forces accounted for 20 enemy deaths. Eight VC were killed at the front gate to the LZ where they encountered opposition from both the ARVN infantrymen and from an American Quad 50 team.

"They (the VC) were after our eight-inch howitzers", said Delta 1SG Homer A Roberts who encountered his initial taste of real combat since joining the battalion last month.

As soon as the attack began, Delta's eight-inchers, along with the 105s and 155s manned by the ARVN artillery, began firing in flat trajectories in all directions.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON CAREER OFFICE

Construction is now underway on a 1st Bn., 82d Artillery Career Counselor's office being built at Headquarters Battery near the Battalion Enlisted Men's Club.

The new facility will be manned by a yet unnamed non-commissioned officer, who will become the battalion's fulltime career counselor.

One of the men in the middle of the action was PFC Ronald Fordice of Chicago who was manning a Quad 50 mounted on the back of a 2 1/2-ton truck:

"We went all over the place," he commented. "First we drove down to the main gate and later we went back up into the hills."

1LT Dennis A. Pyzyna, Delta's executive officer had high praise for the ARVN's performance during the attack:

"Everyone was pleased with the way the ARVN's handled themselves. They really put up quite a fight."

PENICK, WALKER PROMOTED TO E-4

An Alpha Battery field wireman and a Bravo Battery gunner were listed among the 1/82d Artillery's promotees to Specialist 4 last week.

The wireman is SP4 Wayne Walker who has been with the battalion since last November.

The gunner is Terrance L. Penick of Louisville, Ky., who came to Vietnam in October, 1968. He was assigned to the 6th Bn., 11th Artillery before joining the 1/82d last February.

The battalion will not hold a monthly promotion board for personnel seeking E-5 status.

Instead, promotions to E-5 are being made from the battalion's promotion list, which includes personnel who appeared before the board in earlier months.

BATTALION BRIEFS

FLOOR SHOW: The Battalion Enlisted Men's Club will present its third floor show of the month Tuesday evening. The show, beginning at 7 p.m., is entitled "Malaysia Night".

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WARRANT OFFICER CHANGE: CW3 Morton E. Clark of Woodbridge, Va. has joined Headquarters Battery as a maintenance technician. He replaces CW2 Benjamin C. Peoples, who returns to the states this week.

Mr. Clark, who was last assigned to the 6th Bn., 56th Artillery before it returned to the states, has been in the Army since 1942.

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FILM FARE: Four full-length movies are on tape for members of the 1/82d Artillery this week. Topping the list is the 1968 comedy hit "The Secret Life of an American Wife!" Also scheduled are "Gunn", "Bye, Bye Braverman" and "The Hell with Heroes!"

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A REMINDER: Requests for out-of-country R&Rs for the month of October must arrive at the Battalion S-1 Office by Wednesday. If you haven't submitted your application yet, see your battery clerk today. Requests which arrive after the 20th cannot be considered.

1/82D JOINS VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The 1st Bn., 82d Artillery will join seven other units to help open the Chu Lai Volleyball League this Sunday.

In opening round action, the 1/82d takes to the road to play Division Artillery in the first of 14 matches scheduled for Sundays between Aug. 24 and Nov. 23.

Also entering teams in the league are Americal Headquarters Co., 14th Aviation Bn., NSAD-Officers, NSAD-Enlisted Men, 723rd Maintenance Bn. and the 523rd Signal Bn.

DEPENDENT FLAG NOW AUTHORIZED

A service flag and lapel button denoting active duty in the Armed Forces have been authorized by Congress for display by members of the serviceman's immediate family.

The flag, one foot wide by 1.9 feet long, has a white rectangular field bordered by red. A blue star for each family service member is affixed to the white field.

The service lapel button features a blue star on a white rectangle within a red border. (AFPS)

The schedule is divided into two seven-game halves with each unit meeting every other team in the circuit on a home-and-home basis during the season.

The first half is scheduled to end Oct. 5 with second half play beginning the following week.

The remainder of the 1/82's first half schedule includes: Aug. 31, Americal HHC; Sept. 7, 723rd Maintenance Bn.; Sept. 14, at 14th Aviation Bn.; Sept. 21, at 523rd Signal Bn.; Sept. 28, NSAD-EM; Oct. 5, NSAD-Officers.



"BUTTERFINGERS SPRAY'S BACK FROM LEAVE, SIR!!"

IT'S HAWAII

BY SP4

Sub Shower

SOME THOUGHTS ON R&R: About a month ago we had the opportunity to leave lovely Chu Lai for six days of sun and fun in Hawaii.

For those going to Hawaii (and at least a dozen men from this battalion make the trip every month) the trip offers an excellent chance to meet your wife, girl friend or parents and at the same time see some of the most picturesque scenery this side of anywhere.

Unfortunately, as I suspected before leaving, many soldiers don't get everything out of Hawaii, simply because they don't know what to expect. Two months ago, the Pan-Tell ran a lengthy article on what to see and what to do on the islands, based on information supplied by the USARV Information Office.

Today we'd like to supplement that with some thoughts of our own which might be helpful to other soldiers making the trip in the future.

Because of the lack of space, we'll keep the comments as brief as possible but will try to cover as much information as possible.

---Plan to make your hotel reservations ahead of time. Because of the inconvenience of being in Vietnam, a surprising number of soldiers have no idea where they will stay before arriving in Hawaii. As a result, they have to take almost anything they can get, which in many cases proves unsat-

isfactory.

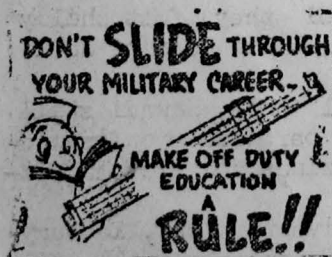
---Don't get caught short of money. You can get out of Vietnam with \$200 in your pocket but that won't get you past the first two or three days in Hawaii. How much you will spend obviously depends on where you stay and what you do, but remember, Hawaiian vacations are not inexpensive. ---To avoid some confusion, it's worth noting that your R&R will consist of six days and five nights in Hawaii. Figure that if your R&R extends from Aug. 18-24, for example, the 24th is totally lost because it is used for travel time across the International Date Line. Using those dates you would probably leave Hawaii the night of the 23rd.

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POOL COMPLEX GETS NEW PATIO

The Chappell Pool complex at Headquarters Battery has been enlarged by the construction of a new patio roof connecting the pool with the Battalion Enlisted Men's Club.

The new thatched roof, which is almost equal in length to the club itself, will eventually house a paved patio and the memorial to PFC Edward L. Chappell, the battalion's first Vietnam War victim who was killed near Duc Pho, March 17.



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BATTALION ADDS NEW S-3 OFFICER

The 1/82d Artillery will be changing S-3 (Operations) officers in the near future when MAJ Phillip T. Yamaguchi takes over from LTC Alan L. McCuistion.

LTC McCuistion, who came to the battalion in March, was previously assigned to the 723rd Maintenance Bn.

The new S-3 officer is a 30-year-old native of Hawaii and has been in the Army since June, 1960.

A graduate of the University of Hawaii, MAJ Yamaguchi was a student at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

LTC McCuistion, who will be rotating back to the states next month,

served briefly as battalion commander when LTC John J. Luxemburger Jr. was hospitalized last April.

He also filled in as executive officer late last month after the departure of MAJ Charles W. Higgins and before the arrival of MAJ Edward D. Iyerly.

NON-VITAL INFO

THE OLDEST: The oldest governor's mansion flying the United States flag is the residence of Puerto Rico's governor in San Juan.

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SOLAR HEAT: Energy released by one pound of sun would keep a kitchen stove going with all burners on for several hundred years, National Geographic says.

OT'S HAWAII

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---If you plan to rent a car in Hawaii remember to read the rental contract carefully. Understand exactly what the contract means, what you will be liable for and what additional charges you might later have tacked on.

---Keep in mind that there is more to Hawaii than Waikiki. Some of Oahu's best beaches and most beautiful scenery can be found on other parts of the island and all are easily accessible by car, usually in less than an hour.

---The weather in Vietnam is hot and humid; the weather in Hawaii is warm and dry. Don't let the difference fool you. Evenings are cool so wear a jacket, if necessary. Almost half the men who returned to Vietnam with me had stuffy noses or sore throats and most admitted they felt chilly in the evenings but did nothing about it.

Despite all this, Hawaii still is the tropical paradise you read about in the magazines and travel folders.

It is an adventureland, fantasyland and even a frontierland all rolled together. If you're planning to go there, enjoy yourself. If you're not, you're missing an exciting experience.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

QUESTION: I am the dependent parent of a son lost in Vietnam. Can I qualify for educational assistance through the Veterans Administration?

ANSWER: No. Educational assistance is available for wives in the case of service-connected death or total disability but not dependent parents.

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QUESTION: I am being released from the service soon and would like to know how soon I must begin my training under the G.I. Bill?

ANSWER: Veterans released from active duty after June 1, 1966, have eight years from date of release to complete their training. There are no restrictions on the starting date.

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QUESTION: My wife and I are being divorced and I am changing the beneficiary of my government life insurance. Must I notify my wife of this?

ANSWER: As the insured, you may change the beneficiary at any time without the knowledge of a previously named beneficiary.

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QUESTION: What is the average age of World War II veterans?

ANSWER: According to the Veterans Administration, the average age of the 14 million veterans is 49.3 years.