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## ALPHA TO FIRE 200,000TH ROUND

A slight change in tradition is in the works when the 1st Bn., 82d Artillery fires its 200,000th round in Vietnam later this week.

Instead of firing the historic round on the Delta Battery eight inch gun used in all previous ceremonies, the 200,000th expenditure will be made on a 155mm piece at neighboring Alpha Battery.

The firing will come less than six months after the battalion recorded its 100,000th round on the Delta eight-incher headed by Section Chief SGT William Stoneman.

Former Battalion Commander LTC John J. Luxemburger Jr. officiated at that ceremony held March 27.

The battalion became an active part of the Americal Division Artillery on Aug. 4, 1968 when its first round was expended by Delta Battery at Dottie.

Since that time, the 1/82d has averaged more than 15,300 rounds expended per month.

On March 17, 1968, the 1/82d fired the first round of its current reactivation at Ft. Lewis, Wash., with MG William Beverly, post commander, handling the honors.

## RICHARDSON, MORRIS RECEIVE NEW STRIPES

James M. Richardson and Dennis W. Morris were promoted to Specialist 5 last week.

Richardson, of Palisade, Colo., is now working in the Headquarters Battery orderly room where he will assume duties as battery clerk later this month.

One of the few members of the original 1/82d who is still with the battalion, Richardson had served as Charlie Battery clerk before moving to his present assignment.

Morris, a mechanic from Euclid, Ohio, is assigned to Delta Battery. He came to Vietnam last October.

## SECOND NCO RECEIVES WO BARS

For the second time in less than three months, a 1st Bn., 82d Artillery NCO was appointed a warrant officer.

Former SSG Hollis M. Owens, a maintenance technician at Headquarters Battery was given the oath of warrant officer last week by LTC James M. Compton, battalion commander.

Owens, a native of Vansant, Va., was last assigned to the 6th Bn.,

56th Artillery before that unit was sent back to the states.

A 23-year Army veteran, Mr. Owens served in the Korean War with the 11th Field Artillery, which was the recipient of the Korean Presidential Citation.

In July, former SFC Julius B. Hamilton, the battalion's personnel NCO at that time, was the first warrant officer appointment in the battalion since the unit was reactivated.

## SFC CUTHBERTSON HEADS CAREER CENTER

SFC Thomas P. Cuthbertson of Olympia, Wash. has taken over duties as the 1/82d Artillery's Career Counselor.

Cuthbertson, who came to Vietnam in July, becomes the first man to hold the position on a fulltime basis. He will be working out of the new career counselor's office which has been built near the Enlisted Men's Club at Battalion Headquarters.

Cuthbertson, who was stationed at Ft. Lewis Army Training Center before coming to Vietnam, had been working as the battalion's intelligence NCO.

### THE VALUE OF BELTS

Studies of actual auto crashes by investigators at Cornell University prove that seat belts do save lives.

The National Safety Council estimates that at least 8,000 to 10,000 lives a year would be saved if motorists always used seat belts.

## BATTALION BRIEFS

**FLOOR SHOW:** The next floor show at the Battalion Enlisted Men's Club is scheduled for Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. No other shows have yet been booked for the remainder of September.

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**APPROVED BEACHES:** Members of the 1/82d are reminded that only certain portions of the beachfront at Chu Lai are approved for swimming.

These include the Americal USO MCB-58, 71st Aviation, Divarty, MAG 12, MAG 13, 178th ASHC and Americal Combat Center facilities plus Arab Beach (14th Avn. Bn.) and Cove Beach (Mass 3).

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**FLIM FARE:** The five movies on tap for the 1/82d this week include a return of the suspense-filled "Cop-Out".

Also scheduled are "Billion Dollar Brain", "Interlude", "Strategy of Terror" and "Follow That Camel".

## 'NO FEE' MONEY ORDERS EFFECTIVE TODAY

American servicemen in Vietnam will be able to send money orders back to the United States without paying a fee. The new service is effective with the start of business today.

Through the joint efforts of the Defense Department and the Post Office Department, the "no fee" money orders will be issued to military personnel at Armed Forces postal facilities throughout the Republic.

The existing fee scale for domestic money orders purchased at all military and civilian post offices ranges from \$.25 to \$.40 depending on the size of the money order.

The action was taken to ease administrative burdens in combat areas and at the same time encourage wider use of the postal money order.

A Defense Department official said more than \$100 million in money orders is sent home by servicemen every year from around the world.

Postmaster General Winton M. Blount explained that "because many overseas military personnel do not have ready access to banks and similar financial institutions, the simplified money order procedure encourages more servicemen to send their dollars home and to increase their savings."



"I KNOW WHAT BOGES? I'VE DECIDED THAT THIS OFFICE ISN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR THE BOTH OF US!!"



# BATTERIES LIST E-4 PROMOTIONS

With an increase in the number of E-4 allocations coming into the 1/82d Artillery this month, battery commanders have been kept busy trying to decide who to promote first.

At Alpha Battery, CPT Barry A. Brinkley promoted two men to Corporal and two others to Specialist 4.

Getting the new Corporal stripes were Foster Hernandez Jr. and James Burgh while the Specialist 4 promotions went to Lawrence Gohmann and John Sutton.

Hernandez and Burgh are both gunners while Gohmann is a cannoneer and Sutton a Fire Direction Control computer.

Hernandez, a native of Mabton, Wash., has been in Vietnam since Jan-

uary as has Sutton, who hails from Pittsburgh.

Gohmann and Burgh came to the Republic a month before the other two.

CPT Don P. Withrow at Bravo Battery selected one man for Corporal and three others for Specialist 4 stripes.

Steven M. Elmshauser of Minneapolis, a gunner, was chosen for the promotion to Corporal.

The Specialist 4 allocations went to James P. Falana, Robert K. Webb and Alfredo Guerrero.

Webb is a cannoneer from Asheville, N.C., Guerrero, of Tucson, Ariz., is a mechanic, and Falana of Mandarin, Fla., is a maintenance data specialist.

## DON'T DRINK THE WATER

The water you find in Vietnam looks harmless enough but it may be as dangerous as the Viet Cong.

Most of this water comes from surface sources, wells, or municipal systems. These systems offer varying degrees of water quality but nearly all are contaminated or open to contamination.

Don't assume the water is safe because you see the local people drinking it. They may have built up an immunity to the impurities in the water over a long period of time.

Among the diseases you can contract are typhoid fever, paratyphoid fever, cholera, bacillary dysentery,

diarrhea, amoebic dysentery, and infectious hepatitis.

Remember that water can be purified by chemical treatment or by boiling it. Iodine tablets will also do the trick but remember to wait 30 minutes before drinking the water.

Water-borne disease rarely produces symptoms in its victims immediately after they have drunk the contaminated water. That means that waiting a few days for symptoms to appear doesn't mean the water is safe. Some germs take several weeks or longer to develop into real trouble. Don't drink the water—it isn't worth the risk.



### THE PAN-TELL

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# VOTING - A PRIVILEGE AND HONOR

Back in 1789 and again in 1792 the Federalist Party put up a candidate for President. He was George Washington and he had no opposition in either election.

The popular vote in those days is unknown but the Electoral College gave Washington 69 and 132 votes.

The first Presidential election in which there was opposition was in 1796 when John Adams, a Federalist,

defeated Thomas Jefferson, a Democrat Republican, 71-68.

It wasn't until 1824 that a popular vote record was kept. The count was 105,000 for John Quincy Adams and 155,000 for Andrew Jackson (and because neither candidate received a majority, Adams was elected by the House of Representatives).

In 1968, more than 72 million popular votes were counted.

Voting interest has broadened. Some people mail home ballots from halfway around the world. A few states permit 18-year-olds to vote.

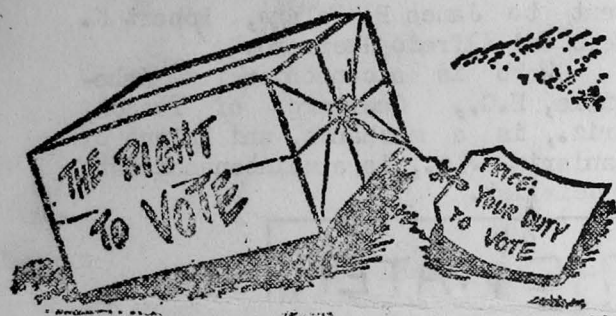
The interest factor is of paramount importance. If eligible persons do not have enough interest in candidates and elections to vote—then those eligible delinquents have film-sy grounds upon which to launch a complaint about activities of office holders, or the state of affairs in general.

Several states are holding off-year elections this fall. The well-being of citizens in those states should be considered by every voter, whether that voter be at home or stationed overseas.

Good citizenship makes voting an obligation. It is also a privilege. The word 'privilege' should be given full consideration—that privilege can be lost under certain conditions.

Also, that privilege is something that millions of people around the world are denied. They do not have the right to vote for their leaders. And many who have such a 'right' are denied honest elections.

Americans have the right to vote and it should be looked upon as one of the most precious rights Americans have ever known. (AFPS)



## 1/82D MAINTAINS VOLLEYBALL LEAD

With two more victories under its belt, the 1st Bn., 82d Artillery finds itself as the only undefeated team in the Chu Lai Volleyball League.

The Artillerymen ran their ~~unmar-~~red streak to six last Wednesday with an easy 15-6, 15-2 triumph over the 723rd Maintenance Bn.

Two nights earlier, the 1/82d pounded the NSAD Officers 15-2, 15-4, in a match postponed 24 hours because of rain.

Last night's road encounter with Americal Headquarters Co. will be reported in next week's Pan-Tell along with Wednesday's home test against the 14th Aviation Bn.

On Sunday, the 1/82d travels to MAG 13 "C" for its fourth-to-last contest of the first half.

### HOME OPENER

Army opens its 1968 football season this Saturday against the University of New Mexico at West Point.

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