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N3S REGROUP THIS WEEK

Home is only a few weeks away for two dozen Kentucky National Guard soldiers who have been finishing out their year in Vietnam with the 1/82d Artillery.

The men, who were infused into the unit from the 2nd Bn., 138th Artillery last March, will be departing for Phu Bai later this week to rejoin the rest of the 2/138th for the return trip to the states.

Before leaving Chu Lai, they will be reunited with two dozen other members of their National Guard unit who

were also transferred into the Americal Division.

Their departure marks the first significant exodus from the battalion since last July when 120 men, representing the remaining original members of the 1/82d, left for home.

The 2/138th, which was activated in May, 1968, underwent pre-combat training at Ft. Hood, Tex., before coming to Vietnam last October.

The 1/82d men who replaced them at the 1/82d, were all scheduled to return to the states last July.

14 PROMOTED TO E-4 STATUS

Promotions to the grade of E-4 were announced by the commanders of three 1/82d Artillery batteries last week.

Topping the list was Delta Battery where CPT William Cates promoted five men to the rank of Specialist 4 and two to Corporal.

Those receiving Corporal stripes were Thomas P. Flynn of Ft. Wayne, Ind. and David P. Velka of Barberton, Ohio. Both are cannoneers.

Three other cannoneers--Harry J. Bigelow (Kamas, Utah), Michael Kolves (Forest City, Ill.) and Kenneth J. Yamada (Kaneohe, Hawaii) were promoted to Specialist 4.

Also receiving new stripes at Delta were Paul Jones, an EDC computer from Detroit, and Edward Webster III, a cook from New Orleans.

CPT Gerald Dixon at Charlie Battery elevated four men to the rank of

Corporal.

They are Gordon O. Bonetti (Hartford, Conn.), Richard D. Lewis (Jackson, Mich.), Marvin L. Gaines (Varney, Ky.) and Ralph N. Grider (Royal Oak, Mich.). All are gunners.

CPT Jerry D. Ford at Headquarters Battery promoted three men to Specialist 4.

They were Peter Y. Jensen, a mechanic from Mt. Pleasant, Utah, George R. Gravel Jr., an EDC computer from Canadensis, Pa., and James L. Duescher, an ammunition handler from Waupaca, Wis.



BATTALION BRIEFS

NEW ARRIVAL: SSG William J. Vargas of Fresno, Calif., has joined C Battery as a new chief of section. A five-year Army veteran, Vargas was last stationed with the 2/34th Artillery at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

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FILM FARE: The late actress Sharon Tate's haunting performance in "Volley of the Dolls" makes its first appearance on the 1/82d movie circuit this week as part of a five-film schedule.

Also scheduled for showing at

Headquarters, A, B and D Batteries are "Film Flam Man", "Pretty Poison", "Bandolero" and "Point Blank".

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FLOOR SHOW: A floor show is scheduled for the Battalion NCO/EM Club at 7 p.m. today.

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A REMINDER: It is now necessary to have a valid MACV Form 5 (Currency Control Card) on your possession to convert MFC into the currency of the country you are visiting. The card is also used to purchase postal money orders.

VOLLEYBALLERS PROTECT PERFECT MARK

The 1/82d Artillery survived two of its most serious challenges of the season last week to run its Chu Lai Volleyball League record to 8-0.

The Artillerymen began their week with a hard-fought 15-6, 15-13 victory over Americal Division Headquarters Co. last Sunday then followed that with a 15-6, 15-9 win over the 11th Aviation Bn.

The 1/82d found itself behind for the first time this season in

the second game of its match with Americal Headquarters.

Behind 11-9, the Artillerymen rallied for four straight points to take a 14-13 advantage and were never headed.

Last night the 1/82d visited MG 13 "C" in a game that will be reported in next week's Pan-Tell.

The Artillerymen have two more games scheduled during the first half of the season. Both are home tests against NSAD-EM (Sept. 28) and the 523rd Signal Bn. (Oct. 1).

OCTOBER FORECAST: RAIN AND MORE RAIN

Americal Division soldiers who weren't in Vietnam last fall when the monsoon season arrived might be interested in noting that the average level of rain for the month of October is 25 inches.

The monsoon, which usually begins late in September and extends into April, has more or less become a way of life for soldiers in the Southern I Corps area.

This year should be no exception. To give you some idea of what is coming, approximately eight inches of rain fell in Chu Lai during the first 17 days of September.

Get those rubberized boots ready.



IT'S WARMIN'

BY SP4

Rich Shearer

MILESTONE: Next Sunday the Pan-Tell passes an important milestone when it celebrates its first anniversary of serving the 1st Bn., 82d Artillery in Vietnam.

The Pan-Tell isn't exactly rich in its historical background. Indeed, we know little about battalion papers that served this unit before the current activation period, although we assume the 1/82d had some sort of publication during its service in Italy during the early 1960s.

During the current activation period, the first battalion publication was the "Newsletter" put out by SP4 Lou Fedorski while the unit was training for Vietnam at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

The "Newsletter" lasted only six issues and the battalion went without a newspaper from the middle of June, 1968 until last September 28 when SP4 Larry Mollner, a former combat photographer with the 11th Infantry Bde., founded the Pan-Tell.

Since then the Pan-Tell has gone through one change of editors and was transformed from a twice-monthly publication into a weekly newspaper.

In another five weeks, the Pan-Tell will be changing editors again and we hope it will continue to keep pace with the changing life of the battalion.

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TAPE SERVICE: Americal Division Artillery is now offering a tape copying service to anyone in the Americal Division.

Batteries within the 1/82d have been supplied with a catalog listing all the tapes available at the present time. The range of the selections encompasses everything from classics to hard rock.

Anyone requesting reproduction of a master tape must supply a blank tape of the proper length (which is listed in the catalog with each sequence of selections). The longest master tape in the collection is 1800 feet.

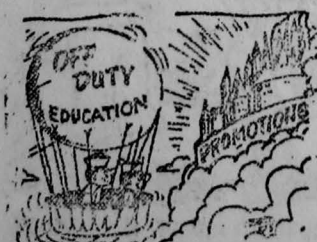
The procedure for men on firebases is to select your master tape from the catalog, fill out the blank order form that accompanies the catalog, and place it in a sealed envelope along with your blank tape.

The envelope should be forwarded through distribution to: HMB, Americal Division Artillery, ATTN: Tape Center, APO San Francisco 96374.

Tape reproduction may take from 7-10 days but the service is free and represents one of the best bargains you can find anywhere in Vietnam.

Since there are only two catalogs available to the five 1/82d

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WEST POINTERS COMMAND DOTTIE

Any Navy officers taking an in-land journey through Vietnam on Nov. 29 had better stay clear of LZ Dottie.

In the event Navy beats Army in their annual football clash at Philadelphia that day, a former Midshipman would probably receive better treatment at the hands of the Viet Cong.

Dottie, an Americal Division firebase near Quang Ngai City is now under the command of three captains, all of whom were classmates at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Two of them--CPT Michael Yap of Honolulu and CPT William D. Cates of Tucumcari, N.M., serve as battery commanders with A and D Battery, 1st Bn., 82d Artillery.

The other is CPT Harry O. Taylor, who commands Co. B, 39th Engineer Bn.

CPT Taylor of Brownsville, Pa., was the first of the trio to arrive at Dottie, taking over his company on Aug. 11. CPT Cates assumed command of D Battery the next day and CPT Yap completed the trio when he became A Battery commander on Sept. 13.

By the middle of October, three

of the four 1/82d line batteries will be controlled by West Point's Class of '67.

CPT John E. Newton, the battalion's S-1 officer, will take command of Charlie Battery, replacing CPT Gerald Dixon, who is completing his tour of Vietnam.

HEADQUARTERS GETS NEW SURVEY NCO

SFC Martin J. Davis of Riviera Beach, Fla. is the 1/82d's new Survey Section NCO.

Davis, who was last assigned to Americal Division Artillery Headquarters, is a 27-year Army veteran who formerly played semi-professional baseball in West Palm Beach, Fla.

He fills a position left vacant since the departure of SFC Roy Smith last June.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Soldiers going to the Philippines for a period of not more than seven days are not required to apply for a Philippine transit visa. Until recently, soldiers traveling to the Philippines on leave status were required to carry this visa.

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batteries, any inquiries about the service should be directed to the Battalion Information Specialist in the S-1 office.

One other reminder, all personnel will be limited to one 1800-foot tape per week.

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HONORS! An Associated Press story claims that officials at Ft. Bragg, N.C. gave CPT Harold McCurry seven days to repaint his psychedelic car or get it off the post.

McCurry said he was told the word "love" which was written on the doors violated a rule prohibiting advertising on motor vehicles registered on the post.



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