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82D ARTY.



VALOR AWARD:
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20 MORE ADDED TO E-4 RANKS

Twenty members of the 1st Bn., 82d Artillery were promoted to E-4 during the past week.

In B Battery, two gunners--Abel C. Guadin (Pueblo, Colo.) and John L. Rayborn (Mycomb, Miss.) were elevated to the rank of corporal. Both men came to Vietnam last December.

Douglas W. Gaines and Joseph D. Rea, both cannoneers, were included on the list at B Battery where they were elevated to Specialist 4 status. Gaines resides at Corpus Christi, Tex. and Rea at North Platte, Neb.

Battery Clerk James F. Harter (Bern, Kan.) and cannoneers Richard H. Rowe (Westfield, Mass.) and Peter T. Mitchell (Rochester, N.Y.) were also

elevated to Specialist 4.

Charlie Battery also had its share of promotions for the week. Making corporal were Leroy V. Brown and Larry O. Fenton. Another new corporal is Michael V. Carlow of Bloomfield, Mass. who will return to the states next month. All three are gunners.

At the same time CPT John E. Newton promoted Gerald W. Doise (Goodland, Kan.), Ruben M. Tirre (Redondo Beach, Calif.), Steven DuMamel and Stephenson R. Bellinger (Manville, N.Y.) to Specialist 4. Bellinger is a cook, the other three cannoneers.

Headquarters Battery elevated six men to the rank of Specialist 4. Selected were two vehicle repairmen--James R. Angel and Floyd A. Tavanello--as were Steven D. Leasure, a personnel clerk from New Martinsville, W.Va., and Llewellyn L. Brindle, a Battalion S-4 driver from Orange, Calif.

Also promoted were John B. Metcalf, a surveyor from Islip, N.Y. and Thomas McGrann, an EDC computer from Montclair, N.J.

BATTALION CHANGES MEDICAL OFFICERS

CPT Howard A. Anneken Jr. has been named the new 1st Bn., 82d Artillery medical officer.

He replaces CPT Luis Villanon who left the unit last week for the 67th Medical Group at DaNang.

The new medical officer is a graduate of Xavier University in Cincinnati and the University of Louisville Medical School.

A native of Park Hills, Ky., CPT Anneken completed his internship at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati before coming into the service in August.

CPT Villanon, a native of Peru, came to the battalion in May after serving with the 1/46th Infantry Bn. which he joined in April.

MSG JAROSZ BECOMES 1/82D INTELLIGENCE NCO

The 1st Bn., 82d Artillery added another senior NCO last week when MSG Joseph P. Jarosz Jr. arrived to take over duties as the Battalion (S-2) Intelligence NCO.

Jaros, of Wallingford, Conn., is an 18-year Army veteran who last served with the 6th Bn., 21st Artillery at Ft. Carson, Colo., before coming to Vietnam this month.

A CASE OF ECONOMICS

The average Vietnamese has not kept pace with the drastic rise in prices during the past two years. Therefore, his purchasing power has been lessened, and his ability to feed and clothe his family is threatened. One would think that with all the money U.S. servicemen are spending over here, the Vietnamese economy should be rising.

To some extent it is but the arrival of the FreeWorld forces in Vietnam has had the effect of the "big spender from the East". The "big spender" is providing unfair competition for the average citizen because his buying power is so much greater. Consider that in 1967 more than 600,000 Free World servicemen spent in excess of \$100 million. Let's look at some price increases that have occurred since early 1966.

The cost of rice, the mainstay of the Vietnamese diet, has increased more than 200 per cent; chicken, one of the few meats the Vietnamese can afford, is up 147 per cent over 1966 levels. Condensed milk is up 206 per cent and nam, the all important fish sauce found in every

Vietnamese's diet, is almost 300 per cent above the 1966 cost.

To avoid this, the Vietnamese government must hold down the piaster flow from servicemen to local shops, restaurants and other establishments.

This leaves you, the soldier, (continued on page 4)

APO CRACKS DOWN ON RETURN ADDRESSES

Military postal facilities throughout the Far East will begin cracking down on personnel who incorrectly use their return address on mail back to the states.

All return address, which do not include the individual's social security account number will be returned to the sender for correction.

This also applies to envelopes that bear the old Army Service Number which is no longer valid.

This is being done to help the APOs adjust to new automated procedures that are being put into service in Vietnam and elsewhere.

BATTALION BRIEFS

FLOOR SHOW: The third floor show of the month of October is scheduled for the Battalion Enlisted Men's Club tomorrow at 7 p.m.

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ID CARD CHANGE: Effective Dec. 1, all Military Identification Cards will have to include an individual's Social Security Account Number.

All personnel who do not have this number on their ID cards will have to report to the Americal Division AG Personnel Actions Branch between now and Dec. 1 with two completed copies of DA Form 428 to have the number added to the cards.

This change will not affect individuals who will be returning to the

states before Dec. 1.

FILM FARE: * * * * The 1/62d Artillery will enjoy one of its busiest weeks of the 1969 film season.

Six films, including the James Garner-Joan Hackett western comedy hit "Support Your Local Sheriff," are on tap.

Also scheduled are the Swedish love-drama "Elvira Madigan" starring Pia Degermark, and the Frank Sinatra-Raquel Welsh pairing in "Lady in Cement".

Rounding out the cinema slate for this week are three dramas--"Assignment to Kill", "House of Cards" and "The Assassination Bureau".

IT'S MARRIED

BY SP4

EDITOR'S FAREWELL: After 11 months of putting out the PAN-TELL, first on a twice monthly then on a weekly basis, we'll be turning over the reins to a new editor effective with next Monday's edition.

PFC Richard L. Hansen of Gallipolis, Ohio, a former cannoneer at Delta Battery, will move into the editor's chair tomorrow.

Hansen, who has been in Vietnam since last May, attended Defense Information School at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

For us it will be a matter of tying up loose ends before our return to the states next month to collect our discharge.

That will be quickly followed by a return to our newspaper duties in Lansdale, Pa. with an eye toward paying off those up-coming Christmas bills.

We've enjoyed (as much as possible) our year as information specialist with the 1/82d and we wish all of you a safe if not speedy tour of Vietnam.

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NEW TOY: SP4 John Henry, LTC James M. Compton's driver, is temporarily a two-jeep man. Last Friday Henry took possession of the first brand-new quarter-ton vehicle the battalion has received since it came to

Vietnam.

So while the new jeep is being prepared for use, Henry is paying his last respects to old Headquarters 6 which served three battalion commanders.

No tears, please.

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CONNIE: A few weeks ago we made mention of the fact that we gave SP4 Donald Dzubin of the Commo Section the go-ahead to write Connie Combs, the Colorado schoolgirl who wanted a pen-pal in the 1/82d.

Dzubin reports he just received a long letter from her (End of tale).

LT STALLINGS CITED FOR MAY ACTION

1LT Grady E. Stallings Jr. was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for valor for his actions during the May 12 attack on LZ Snoopy.

LT Stallings, who at the time was a fire direction officer at Bravo Battery's position on Snoopy, was cited for helping rescue a seriously injured soldier while under heavy hostile fire.

He later assisted in driving several dozen enemy troops from within the perimeter.

LT Stallings is now serving as the battery's executive officer.



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BATTALION MEN RECEIVE ACMs

Seven members of the 1/32d were presented Army Commendation Models for their service with the battalion during the past year.

Receiving their awards were four members of Headquarters Battery, two cannoneers from Bravo and a vehicle repairman from Delta Battery.

Honored from Headquarters were SGT George Schuille, a radio-teletype operator, PFC Gary Cooper, a vehicle dispatcher, PFC Albert Mal-

lette, a generation repairman and SP4 Jim E. Lindamood, a ration driver.

Also cited at the completion of their tours were SP4 Robert Staples and SP4 Terrance Penick of Bravo Battery and SP5 Dennis Morris of Delta Battery.

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VIETNAM DISABILITY CLAIMS

Nearly six out of every 10 claims for service-connected disability compensation now pending before the Veterans Administration are from Vietnam era veterans.

ECONOMY

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with lots of money and no place to spend it. So why not save?

Various ways are available for you to save money. As an incentive for saving, rather than dumping it into the local economy, there are ways you can transform your money into once-in-a-lifetime bagains.

For, example, take the Uniformed Services Savings Deposit Program. A class-S allotment or cash deposits will get the ball rolling. This program pays up to 10 per cent interest compounded quarterly, on your deposits. Money cannot be withdrawn until you return stateside, except in cases of emergency, or special leave.

Another good investment is U.S. Savings Bonds, which can be bought through regular payroll allotments. Bonds now pay 4.25 per cent interest when held to maturity.

Bond purchasers may also obtain "Freedom Shares". These are treasury notes that pay 5 per cent interest and mature only in four years from date of purchase.

There are other ways of saving money including checking accounts, which are available through in-country banking facilities. These accounts offer all the advantages of a stateside bank.

Discover the method that is best suited to your tastes for saving your hard-earned cash. It will benefit your country, the people of South Vietnam, and you.



"What Did You Do In Civilian Life, General?"

