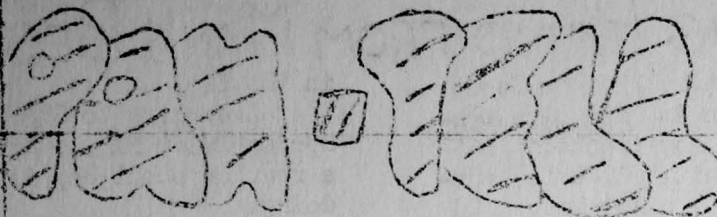


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TWO MORE CITED FOR MAY ACTION

The more members of the 1/82 Artillery's Bravo Battery will be honored for their efforts in helping to repel an enemy attack on LZ Spooky last May 12.

One of the pair—PFC Charles L. Molner of Paradus, N.J.—is still a member of the battery, while the other, PFC Donald W. Ferguson of Plattsburgh, Neb., has since been reassigned to Ft.

Sill, Okla.

Molner will be awarded a Bronze Star for valor for his efforts in giving illumination and artillery support from his position, which was subjected to grenade and small arms fire during the attack.

Ferguson, who like Molner is a cannoneer, was awarded an Army Commendation Medal for valor for manning his 155 howitzer throughout the attack.

The two awards were the latest in a long list of citations presented to the men of B Battery for heroism during the assault which resulted in 37 enemy deaths.

Last month, 2LT Steven L. Rapier received a Silver Star for the same attack.

HEADQUARTERS 1SG TAKES OATH AGAIN

1SG Conrad F. Lushbaugh of Headquarters Battery added another three years to his Army career last week.

A native of Staunton, Va. Lushbaugh entered the Army at Ft. Jackson, S.C. in March, 1949. In addition to two tours of Vietnam, he also served in the Korean War.

During his Army career, he has received the Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Air Medal and four Good Conduct Medals.

Lushbaugh was assigned to the 1st, Bn., 10th Cavalry at Ft. Lewis, Wash., before arriving in Vietnam in February.

His oath of reenlistment was administered by LTC James M. Compton, battalion commander, during a ceremony at Battalion Headquarters last Friday afternoon.

HANSEN BECOMES PEN-TELL EDITOR

Editorship of the Pen-Tell changed hands last Monday when PFC Richard Hansen replaced SP4 Richard D. Shearer.

Hansen, a former cannoneer at Delta Battery, is a native of Gallipolis, Ohio, and attends Defense Information School at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Shearer, who headed the Pen-Tell since last November, will be returning to the states in two weeks.

ALPHA BATTERY ADDS NEW SMOKE CHIEF

Alpha Battery received a new chief of firing battery last week.

The new chief of Smoke is SFC Ramiro Jimenez, who is replacing SFC Cicero Thompson, now the battery's acting first sergeant.

Before coming to Vietnam, Jimenez was stationed with A Battery, 2d Bn., 41st Artillery at Bad Kissingen, Germany.

A native of Corpus Christi, Tex., Jimenez arrived in the Republic earlier this month.

A HELPING HAND FROM MAN'S BEST FRIEND

The 60th Infantry Platoon Scout Dog team isn't spending its time teaching its old dogs new tricks.

Instead the unit, which is currently attached to the 1st Bn., 32d Artillery's Headquarters Battery, is concentrating on teaching its new handlers to work successfully with the old dogs.

The 60th, under the direction of 2LT Steven Smith, its platoon leader, is almost completely comprised of new faces after the last group of handlers returned to the states two weeks ago.

Only LT Smith, an NCO and the dogs remain from the old 60th, which joined the 1/82 three months ago.

The new men will have quite a tradition to uphold. According to LT Smith, the 60th has missed only one booby-trap in more than 500 missions.

Quite a record for a unit whose name doesn't really tell much about the type of work it does.

These are not scout dogs in the strictest sense of the term. They are trained to search out mines, booby-traps and tunnel complexes, making life a little less dangerous for the infantryman

in the field.

According to SP4 Wiley Binion of Springfield, Ill., this is something a regular scout dog is not capable of doing.

Binion is one of the new handlers who joined the 60th from a variety of units around Vietnam. His last assignment was with the 1/506th Bde. of the 101st Airborne Div.

The dogs' history is completely different. The pure-bred German Shepherds were contributed to the war effort by civilians back in the states.

They were trained for a total of 21 weeks at Ft. Benning and Ft. Gordon, Ga. before being sent to the Republic. They will never be sent home.

The training program is a workout not only for the men but also for their canine sidekicks.

Both man and beast have to be in condition for the grueling five-day trips into the field.

But as Binion added, "Nearly all the handlers either own or did own dogs back in the world."

For them the 60th IPSD brings memories of home, even in Vietnam.

BATTALION BRIEFS

FLOOR SHOW: The final show of the month of October is scheduled for the Battalion Enlisted Men's Club, Thursday at 9 p.m.

FILM FARE: Five full-length motion pictures are on the agenda for the men of the 1/82 Artillery, for this week.

The movies scheduled are "Rachel, Rachel", "The Big Gun-down", and a melodrama, "The Young Americans".

Also on the cinema reel this week, is the comedy, "A Flea in My Ear", along with

"Wrecking Crew".

NARCOTICS ON R&R: Division Special Services reports that there has been a marked increase of incidents involving the possession of marijuana by personnel leaving for R&R.

The discovery of marijuana on an R&R bound soldier, can result in grave consequences for him, including heavy fines and imprisonment.

A good way to avoid having such needless grief, is to use common sense before departing.

THERE IT IS...

By
PFC Rich
Hansen

U.S. troops in Vietnam are now able to view the first moon trip made by Earthlings.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has made a 28-minute color film, "The Eagle Has Landed". It is a complete story of the trip to the moon made by American astronauts this past summer.

Being released nationwide in the states, the Department of Defense has also provided 877 prints to be used in the troop information program.

"The Eagle Has Landed" is being made available to the troops through the Army Air Force Motion Picture Service and is being booked on theater circuits.

This film is also being distributed outside the U.S. in 35 languages. It may have the widest viewing audience of any U.S. government picture to date.

WINNER: Mrs. Shirley Bryant was chosen USO's "Sweetheart of the Day" on October 19. She is the wife of CPT William D. Bryant, an assistant S-3 officer at Headquarters Battery.

Her name was selected on "USO Showtime", a daily program on AFVN Radio. She will receive an orchid corsage from Flowers by Mail.

Mrs. Bryant's name was submitted by her husband and drawn at random.

The "Sweetheart of the Day" contest will continue until November, 11.

CLICHE: These are trying times we live in. Man is searching for his identity. However, he often strays from his own reality, and identity remains lost.

In view of the facts of life, there is another fact to keep in mind—"Excuses only satisfy those who make them."



BARNWURST USED TO BE A SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT.



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TRANSITION STANDS READY

Project Transition is the Department of Defense's "helping hand" to individuals who desire more education or want to learn a trade.

This program is open to all enlisted men, including those who are retiring after 20 years of service.

Through Project Transition, soldiers are able to take on and off-duty courses at high schools, colleges, or technical schools.

Significant achievements have been made as a result, since the project's inception in January 1966. It has helped thousands of young men prepare themselves for better futures in civilian careers and stands ready to help that many and more.

Information regarding Project Transition can be obtained through the 1st Lt. S2d Artillery career counselor.

DUDS ARE DANGEROUS . .

Dud rounds have caused serious injuries and often, even death.

Anytime you find a dud, don't try to dis-assemble or blow it in place."

Report it to your commanding officer, an NCO, or contact the MOD team. It's better to be safe than sorry!

AMAZING DRUG IS
AVAILABLE TO ALL

There is a safe drug which kills
some pain almost instantly, helps to
prevent infection, helps control
bleeding, and costs almost nothing.

The drug?.....an ice cube. A powerful anesthetic, it has been used for certain major surgery, while the patient is awake. Usually almost immediately, the patient sits up in bed, eats, and talks with no drowsiness or bad after-effects.

Dozens of everyday, minor accidents can be helped with this pain reliever. For a sliver in a finger-tip, put the tip on ice until numb and lift the sliver out with a sterilized needle, and suffer no pain.

Ice helps prevent infection, even when some part of the body is contaminated with dirt, because cold will keep the germs dormant. An ice cube against the wound until medical aid arrives, practically eliminates the danger of infection.

One good thing to keep in mind, when using ice in this manner, is that if you add salt, it can cause frostbite. The ice cube will work efficiently and safely by itself and needs no help. (AFPS)

