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THREE MESS SGTs. PACK BAGS

Three Mess SGTs of the 1/82 Artillery were on the "move" last week due to reassignment.

SFC Clarence H. Neal, head mess steward at 1st Bn. Battery, started a chain-reaction when he was reassigned to the 6th Bn., 14th Artillery in the Nha Trang area of South Vietnam.

Going to Charlie is head Mess Sgt. of Delta Battery, William T. Tucker, who has been with Delta since July. He was last assigned with Co B, 1st

Bn., 3rd Inf. at Ft. Meyer, Va. before coming to Vietnam.

Alpha Battery joined Delta on LZ Dottie in late August. Since that time, the two batteries have been diligently building a brand new consolidated mess for the artillerymen. At present, only the new kitchen has been completed and is being utilized, while the completion of the dining room is still underway.

Taking over the new consolidated mess, is SFC David L. Jones, head of food preparation for Alpha Battery. He is a former resident of Fairfield, Calif. and arrived in the Republic this past July.

Tucker is from Forestville, Md. However, he is originally a native of Tennessee as is Neal, who is from Cookeville.

Neal was last assigned to Alpha Battery, 2nd Bn., 47th Artillery at Homestead Air Force Base, Fla. before coming to Vietnam in May.

OLDEST TRUCK AT DELTA IS NUMBER ONE

SP4 Anthony Ponce Jr., courier for Delta Battery, was making his daily rounds in Chu Lai last week when an MP stopped and gave him a roadside spot-check inspection of his vehicle.

Ponce drives D-23, a "duce" and-a-half" with the most time in grade of any other vehicle in the battery. A man who takes care of his equipment,

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The men in Commo attained a score of 97 per cent in communications and electronic equipment, which is one of the highest ever achieved in the
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"BATTLE OF THE TERRORISTS" MAKES WAR DIFFICULT

The struggle against terrorism strives to eliminate the political apparatus so essential to the success of terrorist operations. This is not a battle against the enemy's regular forces, but against local terrorists who literally control the Vietnamese people through assassinations and threats. It is a battle fought by popular and regional forces, and local and national police.

The success of this battle depends upon the effectiveness of the control of politics and administration by the South Vietnamese government.

The difficult nature of the "battle of the terrorists" is trying to single out the enemy from the friendly Vietnamese people.

There is no full-proof method of identifying the friend from the foe. For instance, the friendly villager may often become dangerous and hostile when the night falls.

Such people have, over the past few years, assassinated, tortured, or kidnapped thousands of village chiefs, to include school teachers, government workers, doctors and others who support and represent the legitimate government of South Vietnam. In other words, the main targets are those who inspire the people to oppose the communists.

Efforts to identify and frustrate the enemy require the utmost skill and discrimination, to avoid injury to innocent civilians, and win the support of those who are confused and undecided. It is often necessary that allied forces make special efforts, sometimes at additional risks to themselves, to avoid unnecessary casualties among the people. Nothing is gained when a few of the enemy are caught by methods that depict hostility.

The enemy's ability to dominate those around him must never be underestimated; for as long as no effective leaders are available to combat

his efforts, the people will be afraid not to protect him. Therefore when every force has left the scene the terrorist can still be there, waiting for the opportunity to resume his battle against the legitimate government of South Vietnam.

BATTALION BRIEFS

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FILM FARE: Only four movies are on tap for the men of the 1/82 Artillery this week, but nonetheless are packed with action and drama.

Motion pictures scheduled are "More Than a Miracle", a drama, "Yours, Mine and Ours", along with "Chaubasco" and a spine-tingler, "Berserk".

The motion pictures are provided by the Army-Air Force Motion Picture Service to all military installations.

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FLOOR SHOWS: Three floor shows are scheduled for the month of November, thus far, at the EM, NCO Club at Battalion Headquarters, 1/82 Artillery.

On the night of the 10th, the "Peter Gun Show" is scheduled for 1900 hours.

Then on the 14th at 1900 hours, the "Orioles" are the scheduled entertainment.

Finally on the 21st, the "Funny Girls Show" will be presented at 1900 hours.

NOTE: Saturday's floor show was cancelled due to an injury of one of the members of the group.

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TAKE IT US...!

By
PFC Rich Hansen

Due to the present state of differences in ideologies throughout the world, the prospect of peace still remains only a dream. But ~~thom~~, 50 years ago, the speculation of putting Earth-men on the moon was scoffed at.

While Free World military forces battle the enemy with guns and grenades, there is an equally vital, if less publicized, war underway. Approximately 40 nations are involved in the war against hunger, poverty, ignorance and fear. Everytime we succeed in this area, the enemy's appeal becomes weaker, making the task easier for the men of the Free World who have to bear arms.

Today, nations of the Free World are fighting for this cause in another manner and being quite successful at it.

These nations are providing medical aid to combat disease and educational and vocational aid to fight illiteracy and expand job opportunities, along with technical assistance to develop industry and products for a better standard of living. Agriculture programs provide more, better, and cheaper food and assistance in the resettlement of refugees.

In case you are wondering what all this has to do with you, think

about this!

The world grows smaller every day. In effect, this brings all the nations of the world right next door to one other.

The point is, what each person does as an individual, the way he acts and feels, affects the attitudes of others. For instance in our homeland, there is the racial crisis, the sexual revolution, the generation gap, and the abuse of drugs and to include an identity problem, just to mention a few.

For the first time in history, man is taking a good, long look at himself. He's reaching out trying to find answers to these "eternal truths". Keep in mind that one man is not going to find all the answers; our problems won't solve themselves.

These controversial subjects are gaining attention from people everywhere. Our very fate lies with their conclusion; perhaps, even the fate of the world.



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he passed the spot-check with a perfect 100 Per cent.

While the MP was inspecting, Battalion Commander, LTC James Compton, happened along and stopped to investigate. When finding out why Ponce had been stopped and what he had recorded, he awarded Ponce with a three-day pass for his efforts in keeping the old truck in such good condition.

Ponce, of Ft. Morgan, Colo., is a shortimer and will be returning stateside this month.

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division. Communications Section is under the supervision of SSG Greenberry Hill, who joined Delta in July.

LTC James M. Compton, battalion commander, was pleased with the inspection when he sent out letters of commendation to each battery for an outstanding performance in the annual Command Maintenance Management Inspection.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTION: I have heard that some states are providing free automobile license tags to the military. Can you tell me if this is true, and if so, in what states does it exist?

ANSWER: As far as can be determined, Alabama is the only state doing this, which does it with the following provisions:

The serviceman must be one who is:

1--Currently serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States as an officer, warrant officer, or an enlisted member, and

2--Who is a resident of Alabama at the time the exemption is claimed, and

3--Who entered active service from Alabama and was a resident of that state at the time of entering the service.

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QUESTION: If a minimum of 60,000 men are to be withdrawn from Vietnam by December 15, 1969, as announced by the President, why are men still being assigned to Vietnam?

2 NEW FDOs JOIN

1/82 ARTILLERY

2LT Edward R. Mansfield was assigned as a Fire Direction Officer at Delta Battery this past week.

A 1968 graduate of St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Tex., LT Mansfield gained his commission through ROTC while also earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics.

A resident of San Antonio, LT Mansfield was last stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla. and arrived in the Republic in October.

Headquarters Battery also received a new Fire Direction Officer last week.

He is CPT Scott E. Schneider of Renton, Wash.

Before joining the 1/82 Artillery CPT Schneider was last assigned with the 1st Bn., 81st Artillery in Neu-Ulm, Germany.

Like LT Mansfield, he also arrived in Vietnam this month.

ANSWER: Men are being assigned to Vietnam as routine replacements for those men who are not involved in the 60,000 man reduction. There will be 484,000 remaining after December, 1969, and as each man completes his prescribed 12-month tour of duty, he will be replaced. Based on the 484,000 manpower level after December, approximately 40,300 will rotate from Vietnam monthly, however, none of the 60,000 men are being replaced by American troops.

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