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CPT DIXON RECEIVES SILVER STAR

CPT Gerald E. Dixon, former commander of Charlie Battery, recently received the Silver Star award for his valorous actions in the June assault on LZ Liz.

On June 8, LZ Liz was taken under attack by three separate bands of NVA sappers, two of which were stopped by a friendly infantry force. However, the third succeeded in breeching the perimeter and launched a concentrated attack for the Fire Direction Center (FDC).

As they moved toward FDC, the infiltrators destroyed the communications bunker, trapping several personnel inside.

Realizing the situation, CPT Dix-

on moved to a flank position and engaged the insurgents, halting their advance and enabling his comrades to establish an effective base of fire. After securing additional hand-grenades, he organized a reactionary force and directed fire on the sappers. He then ordered the trapped personnel to leave the bunker and to move to safety.

At this time, the insurgents withdrew, and CPT Dixon supervised a sweep of the battery area which resulted in the capture of a wounded Enemy soldier.

CPT Dixon left the Republic last month and received his Silver Star at Ft. Sill, Okla., where he has been assigned to the Student Officers Battalion.

BUY U.S. SAVINGS BONDS!

SEVEN MAKE THE GRADE

Several members of the 1st Bn., 82d Artillery were elevated to the NCO ranks this past week.

From Headquarters Battery, SSG Robert A. Williams was promoted to his present rank. The battery supply sergeant, he is a native of Texas but now has residence in Kyung Book Tae-
gu, Korea.

John D. Greene, of Bravo Battery, and Thomas E. Fair, of Alpha Battery, were elevated to the rank of sergeant. Both men are cooks for the batteries.

Promoted to sergeant from Headquarters Battery, was Alfred Gamaio, a native of Hawaii, and serves as a vehicle repairman. He arrived in Vietnam this past March.

Also from Headquarters Battery--

Craig E. Winn, a field radio mechanic from Chariton, Iowa--along with Joseph P. Duguglielmo, an ammo handler and Jackie D. Ivankovich, an artillery surveyor from Anaconda, Mont., who were also made sergeants.

These seven men are the last to be promoted on the NCO promotion list for the month of October.





AN ALL VOLUNTEER FORCE MAY BE ANSWER

A study is being made by the Department of Defense, at the urgent prompting of President Nixon, in regard to the possibilities of instituting an All Volunteer Force for the military services.

The main objective is to better military life and eliminate the need for induction into the armed forces. It will mean a more professional military service, higher wages, more housing and more pride.

There is no set time for this to go into effect. However, Roger T. Kelly, assistance secretary of defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, is responsible for Project Volunteer.

BATTALION BRIEFS

FILM FEST: Four movies are slated on the cinema reel this week, for the men of the 1/62d Artillery. Motion pictures scheduled are full of drama, romance and comedy.

On tap is a drama, "Last Shot You Hear" along with "The Jokers", and a comedy starring Doris Day, "With Six You Get Eggroll". Returning to the battalion is Frank Sinatra starring in "The Detectives".

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FLOOR SHOWS: Two floor shows are scheduled at the Hi, NCO Club this week.

Tonight's entertainment will be the "Peter Gun Show" at 1900 hours; then on Friday, also at 1900 hours, the "Crimson" will perform for the artillerymen.

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IT&M REQUESTS: All personnel are

and has initiated a plan of action.

Kelly has asked each military Department to review its entire range of options outlined in the study and to present feasible recommendations for actions to move toward the goal.

At present, it is believed that the Selective Service System will remain in a standby status, ready for action as necessity requires it. Male citizens within a certain age group will still be classified for military duty, even though they probably will not be called.

The study indicates that it may result in many sound and attractive reasons for enhancing recruiting and retaining a professional All Volunteer Force in sufficient numbers to meet America's security needs.

THINK SAFETY!

reminded that requests for R&R for the month of January must be submitted to the Battalion S-1 Office not later than Nov. 20th. These must be filled out far enough in advance so they will reach battalion by the 20th.

NEW 1SG: Alpha Battery gained a new First Sergeant last week.

He is 1SG Edward G. Kohn, who arrived in the Republic in October.

Kohn is replacing SGM Willie Rucker. * * *

TIME TO OS...!

By PFC
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Suspected potential hijackers now face the possibility of being stopped and searched before boarding an aircraft.

After months of testing, an anti-hijacking system developed by the Federal Aviation Administration has gone into operations at key locations in the United States.

According to John A. Volpe, secretary of transportation, initial implementation of the system constitutes a positive and significant step toward resolving the difficult problem of air piracy, which is a threat to both safety and commerce.

The immediate goal of the program is to apprehend persons who possess the characteristics of potential hijackers and who attempt to board an aircraft while carrying concealed weapons.

By use of this method, non-hijackers may be exposed as carrying

concealed weapons; therefore, signs displayed prominently at boarding areas will inform the air-traveling public that they are subject to being searched.

CLDC OFFICER GETS SILVER BARS

The perimeter line defense officer for Headquarters Battery, was promoted to his present rank last week.

He is 1LT Ronald C. Bruerton, who began duty in the Republic during the month of September.

While obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree, he also earned his commission through ROTC at Pennsylvania Military College, in Chester, where he graduated in 1968.

A native of Fitchburg, Mass., LT Bruerton now has residence with his wife, Susan, at Brookhaven, Pa.

Before arriving in Vietnam, he was assigned to Headquarters Co. at Ft. Bliss, Tex., where he worked with the Basic Training Committee Group.

LT Bruerton presently works with the Chu Lai Defense Command (CLDC), making him responsible for the perimeter defense at Headquarters Battery.



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18 JOIN E-4 PROMOTION LIST

This past week proved to be very beneficial to many members throughout the Battalion, as eighteen men were given E-4 stripes by their respective commanders.

Arthur Davis, a gunner from Alpha Battery, was elevated to the rank of corporal, while Paul H. Horn, an FDC computer, was promoted to Specialist fourth-class (SP/4).

From Headquarters Battery, Robert L. Jackson, a field radio mechanic from East Liberty, Ohio, was elevated to the rank of SP/4.

Thomas W. Weaver, a field wireman from Charlie Battery, became one of the new SP/4s during the week.

At Delta Battery, 14 E-4 stripes were given to the artillerymen, to include the battery clerk, Richard R. Harrison (Hialeah, Fla.)—along with—Guadalupe Trevino (Lubbock, Tex.), a generator mechanic—Gerard

Desmarias (Manchester, N.H.), a field wireman—and James L. Nodler (Austin, Tex.), an FDC computer.

Several gunners from Delta were elevated to E-4, which includes—Ernie Kovacs (Dayton, Ohio)—George W. Diehl (Ashville, Pa.)—as well as Johnny E. Wooton (Scuddy, Ky.), Jesso J. Sam (Opelousas, La.) and Charles W. Miles from Ridgefarm, Ill.

Also on the list at Delta were gunners—Donald G. Belmont (Little Lake, Mich.)—Ronnie E. Davis (Wichita Falls, Tex.)—Gary Bovenkamp Rydler, N.D.)—Ronald L. Barrett (Seattle, Wash.)—including Richard A. Johnson, who is a cook for the battery.

According to CPT Robert F. Harris, the S-1 officer, a total of 76 E-4 allocations were received by the Battalion, 74 of which will be sent to respective batteries, for the month of November.

A VETERANS DAY MESSAGE

For fifty-one years, we have observed November 11th—the day the armistice was signed concluding World War I—as an occasion to honor the men and women who have served with distinction in the Armed Forces of the United States. It is a time when we pause to pay tribute to all veterans who struggled—from Valley Forge to Vietnam—to defend the liberties of the American people.

Those who wear the uniform of the United States have been called upon

to serve far from home and loved ones to protect our birthright of Freedom. Their courage, devotion to duty, and strength in the face of hardship command the respect and admiration of a grateful people.

On this Veterans Day, as we honor those who have served so well, let us remember that our veterans have given Americans a chance to build toward the goal that all of us seek: peace.

Richard M. Nixon

