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## NEW BOYS AND BN SURGEON JOIN THE 3/16TH ARTY

The 3/16th ARTY has undergone a major turnover in battery commanders since Christmas, and also filled the long vacated slot of Battalion Surgeon.

Taking over the helm at Alpha Battery is CPT John K. Ford. Captain Ford is a native of Punksutawney, Pa. He is a 1966 graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, where he received a B.S. degree. Prior to coming to Vietnam, CPT Ford served as Battery Commander of Alpha Battery 3/37th ARTY, Wachau, Germany. Captain Ford's wife Mary and son John reside in Punksutawney.

Moving from his position as assistant S-3 to Charlie Battery as Battery commander is CPT Edward J. Keenan, Jr. Captain Keenan replaces CPT Raymond Daly, who transferred to the 1/82 ARTY.

Captain Keenan is a resident of Valley Stream, New York. Graduating from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio in 1966, CPT Keenan received a B.S. degree in Economics.

Captain Keenan's last duty assignment was as Battery Commander of Bravo Battery, 2/27th ARTY, in Friedberg, Germany.

Happy with the men in his battery, CPT Keenan says this of them, "The morale and spirit of the men in Charlie Battery is much higher than I had anticipated, especially considering the frequency of

moves that the battery has made. They realize that the job must be accomplished and devote themselves to this effort."

First Lieutenant John Keefe took over as XO at Charlie Battery, making way for the new Service Battery Commander, Virgil S. Southall. Captain Southall, a graduate of Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio, previously served as Battery Commander of Bravo Battery 4/6th ARTY, Spangdahlen, Germany. Captain Southall and his wife Grace along with daughters Marcella and Denise live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Also leaving his command position was 1LT Stephen A. Rennick, of Headquarters Battery. In his place is CPT Thomas B. Brown, St. Petersburg, Fla.

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YOUR RED CROSS RECEIVES  
AND NEEDS..YOUR

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MARCH, 1968 is RED  
CROSS  
Month..

SERVICE BATTERY CONSTRUCTS.  
NEW SHOWER.

Service Battery, under the direction of 1SG Maynard C. Miller, recently constructed an ultra (Vietnam) modern shower to better accommodate the "Ammo Pushers" of Artillery Hill.

Construction was started January 1, 1969. According to 1SG Miller, supplies for the new shower were scraped up slowly throughout the month of January. Plumbing for the shower was obtained from the Seabees of MCB-74.

The new shower has a much larger shower room with six showering sprockets. Also included in the new complex is a dressing room with shaving facilities.

The enclosed shower with a 700 gallon water reservoir and gas water heater was opened for business on the 8th of February.

CHU LAI, Vietnam (ANF)-  
A new concept in combat merchandising is insuring that the Americal Division soldier is better dressed  
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(NEW(DC'S Cont. from P.1)

Captain Brown holds a B.A. degree in Collective Bargaining from the University of Florida. Before coming to the 3/16th, CPT Brown served with the 10th ARTY, 197th Inf., Ft. Benning, Ga.

Captain Brown and his wife Jeanne have a son, Todd and daughter, Suzanne.

Functioning without a battalion doctor since April 19, 1968, when CPT Garland P. Bennett returned to CONUS, the 3/16th was pleased when CPT William T. Richardson was assigned to us as Battalion Surgeon. Captain Richardson came to the 3/16th from the Americal Division Surgeons Office.

A graduate of Harvard College where he received a B.A. degree in Economics, CPT Richardson continued his studies at McGill Medical School, Montreal, Canada. For his one year of internship, CPT Richardson went to Graduate Hospital located on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Captain Richardson is in charge of supervising and training medics, preventive medicine, such as field sanitation; and conducting sick calls and emergency treatment at the battalion aid station.

Captain Richardson conducts similar duties at the 3/18th ARTY, and plans all for him to do the same with the 3/82nd ARTY.

Showing an interest in the living standards of the local populace, CPT Richardson plans to do a little MEDCAP work in our area.

Talking about the villagers diet, CPT Richardson says, "I enjoy eating new foods at the different areas of the world I have visited. I would like to sit down with a Vietnamese family and eat lunch with them." Making his point clear, the Bn. Surgeon states, "I'll eat what ever they do, as long as it's not raw."



MELVIN R. LAIRD

SECRETARY of DEFENSE

Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird brings to his new duties at the Pentagon an interest and experience in military affairs that dates back to his World War II service with the U.S. Navy.

For the 10 years preceding his selection as Defense Secretary he was a member of the subcommittee on defense of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee.

During World War II, he was wounded in action with the Navy in the Pacific.

Secretary Laird began his public career soon after the end of the war, when at the age of 23, he succeeded his father as a member of the Wisconsin State Senate.

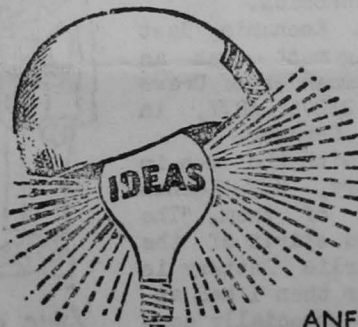
After six years as a state senator, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Wisconsin's 7th District. Secretary Laird served in the 83d through 90th sessions of Congress and was elected to the 91st Congress in November, 1968.

Secretary Laird, the first member of Congress to become Secretary of Defense, has written and edited three books: "The Republican Papers," "The Conservative Papers" and "A House Divided: American Strategy Gap."

A native of Omaha, Nebraska, where he was born Sept. 1, 1922, Secretary Laird moved with his parents when he was just one year old to Marshfield, Wis., which he now considers his hometown. He graduated from Carleton College in Northfield, Wis. (ANF)

(Cont. from P. 1, CONCEPT) for his work in the field.

The idea involves a renovated Conex container equipped with bins and shelves to hold new fatigues, socks, boots and other items the soldier wears. Dubbed the "Mobile DX" (direct exchange), the conex can be airlifted to forward areas where the men may turn in used or unservicable equipment and draw the new gear.



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AWARD WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY  
AND JANUARY

January Bronze Star-----  
1LT Charles Wolfert (Serv)  
SFC Bobby Downs (Serv)  
SSG Edward Sweet (Serv.,  
OLC)  
SSG Emery Crosby (Serv)  
SGT Robert Capps (Serv)  
SGT Thomas Lorenz (Serv)  
ARCOM  
SFC John Duncan (OLC)  
SP/5 Dercus Green, Jr.

February Bronze Stars-----  
1LT Franklin Liembach (Serv)  
1LT Bernard King (Serv)  
2LT William Warren (Serv)  
ARCOM  
SP/4 John Chaikowsky (Serv)  
PURPLE HEART  
SGT James R. Walters  
Awards listed are current  
through February 15.

THE BATTLE-AX BANNER-----  
WHAT IS IT?

The long awaited and much belated BATTLE-AX BANNER, a periodic publication of the 3/16th ARTY Information Office will soon hit the newsstands in its entirety as an informational and entertaining battalion newspaper.

A mimeographed newspaper at the battalion level is desired to raise the morale of the troops, and in general, just give them a good laugh.

Looking around the battalion, I have noticed a few people with unusual backgrounds or interesting experiences that are newsworthy enough to be printed both in a newspaper of this nature, and other papers in the Vietnam vicinity.

If you have something you would like to see in print, such as a story on an interesting incident at your location, some practical joke you played on your buddy (some practical joke your buddy played on you), an interesting event taking place in your hometown, a verse or story you would like to see published during a specific time of the year, good jokes, or anything interesting that can be printed in a newspaper.

If you have something to be submitted, please contact one of the BATTLE-AX reporters listed adjacent to this column.

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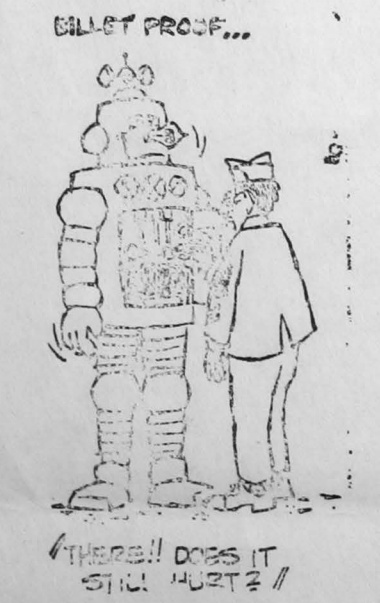
ARTILLERY CENTER GETS  
NEW NAME

FORT SILL, Okla. (ANF)-  
The U.S. Army Artillery and Missile Center, headquartered at Fort Sill since 1957, became the U.S. Army Field Artillery Center (USAFAC) last month.  
In the same Department of the Army order, effective at the same time, Fort Sill's U.S. Army Artillery and Missile School became the U.S. Army Field Artillery School (USAFS).

The new designation stems from the separation of the Artillery branch into field artillery and air defense artillery branches. The Air Defense Center is at Fort Bliss, Tex.

NEW ADJUTANT

Captain Terry L. DePhillips, a native of Somerset, Pa., has taken over the post of Battalion Adjutant, vacated when CPT Milton D. Grosshans rotated back to the states.  
Captain DePhillips has a B.A. degree in Mathematics from Washington Jefferson College, Washington Pa.



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Lt. Col. Jack R. Pilk-----Battalion Commander  
CPT Terry L. DePhillips-----Information Officer  
SP/5 Tom Maus-----Editor  
Battlin Bravo Reporter-----1LT Jimmy Kilpatrick  
Alpha Battery Reporter-----PFC Tom Bowker

"POT" CHEWING OUT OR PROMOTION, THAT IS THE ????????

"I knew something was fishy around here!" says Command Sergeant Major Elmer J. Greer, Hernando, Miss., as LTC Jack R. Pilk pinned on the star enclosed by a wreath emblem to the noticeably stunned Battalion CSM's lappel, during ceremonies held, Monday.

Along with all the personnel in the battalion area, the CSM was told there would be a lecture by the Battalion Commander on the use of drugs.

Very non-chalantly, LTC Pilk began his lecture on the use of narcotics, referring to CSM Greer the previous day saying he thought a talk on the use of marijuana would be in order at this time.

Going on, LTC Pilk says "I seldom disregard the advice given me by this man," thereby calling for the adjutant to read the promotion orders. Taking his place in front of the Battalion Commander with a broad smile of both happiness and astonishment, CSM Greer entered what LTC Pilk called "The elite" among the top enlisted pay grade.

After the ceremonies, a group of dignitaries, including DIVARTY XO, LTC James M. Compton, formed to congratulate CSM Greer. Known for his choice comments, CSM Greer exclaimed "You sure pulled one over on me (LTC Pilk), I sure thought I knew what was going on around here."  
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BATTLE-AX BATTER

Who threw the farewell party for "Wild Bill?"

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