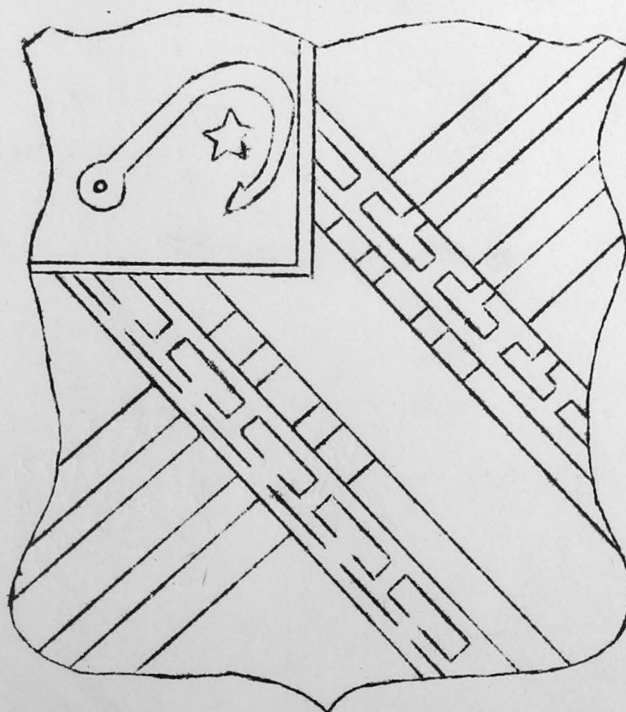
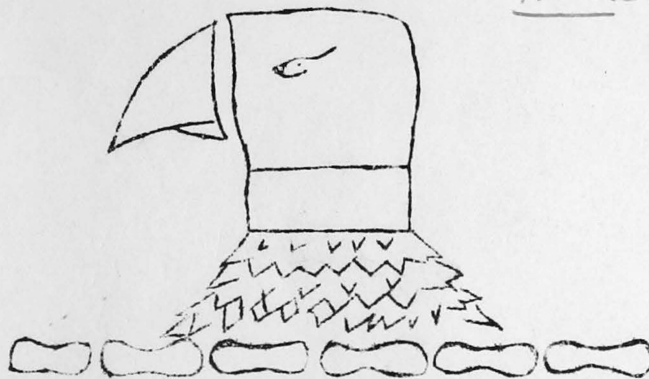


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THROUGH MUD TO THE STARS

3D BN 18 ARTILLERY



## THE DAY THAT WAS

When I arrived at Alpha Battery, it appeared to me that it was going to be a cloudy, gloomy day. But just as soon as Major General Gettys stepped on his position plate, the sun started shining. Then the band played a song that was well suited, "weatherly", for Alpha Battery - "Moon River"! Following the song the unit was issued the commendation and General Gettys and LTC Pruitt attached the streamer to the Alpha guidon. (Did you get that picture Johnson?) SP4 Johnson was running around backwards, sideways, and every way possible to snap 36 pictures of General Gettys and LTC Pruitt. Of course only under the direct order of "Don't miss a shot!" CPT Lutes, did he complete this mission. Following the presentation of the commendation, General Gettys, Colonel Jones, LTC Pruitt, and Captain Ellis made "their rounds" and shook hands with everyone of the battery. Yeah, Johnson was there too!!

Following the occasion, I went around the battery area to hear what the people had to say about the whole ordeal..... Major Nobles - "Where's the cups?" SP4 Wilson - "Didn't we look sharp out there 'toten' them there flags out there!" Major Nobles - "Where's the cups?" SP4 Gino - "Sir, you want Tweam in your Twoffee?"

I asked Gino if he had anything for the newspaper. "No, I was ranked down too low and in enough scandal with the gray twitters. But I do think A Battery's Mess Hall is the best decorated and I've seen them all. If you want anything else come in later and I'll give you my measurements." If you're wondering if blonds have more fun - ask Gino. Major Nobles - "Where's the cups?"

As unusual as it may seem, there was one casualty during this formal (we call it formal - everybody had worn pressed fatigues) occasion. One member of the band stepped on a nail. But with the help from all the friendly people at Alpha Battery and Captain Lutes, Adjutant, the obstruction as removed from the young soldier's boot, followed by only one word  
**CENSORED!!!**

## VIETNAM THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE

Service men witness two New Year observances during a normal tour in Vietnam - 1 January, our holiday, and Vietnam's "TET" or New Year which in 1967 fell on 9 February and began the Year of the Goat.

Tet is the most important of Vietnamese holidays and, just as Americans expect visitors to the United States to respect their national and religious holidays, so the Vietnamese expect proper consideration for Tet.

Your actions as an American Serviceman during Tet symbolize for the Vietnamese your behavior for the year that follows.

The three-day event signifies the new lunar year and the beginning of spring. Like that of our Easter, the date for Tet is based on the lunar calendar. It usually occurs in late January or early February.

For the Vietnamese it is a time of solemnity, gaiety and hope. It is a time to pay homage to ancestors, visit family and friends, observe traditional taboos, and of course to celebrate.

Tet also is the time to correct faults, forget past mistakes, pardon others for their offenses, and pay debts. To owe money during Tet is considered bad luck.

This is the time when the Vietnamese people look back on the past, enjoy the present and look forward to the future. It is truly a comprehensive holiday, and all Vietnamese give it full observation.

To appreciate the customs of Tet an understanding of some ancient spirit-world legends is necessary because Tet is a mixture of religion and mythology and local variations are found from village to village throughout Vietnam. Tet, like all other Vietnamese religious holidays, is family oriented.

Legend tells us that in the closing days of the old year the good spirits report to the Heavenly Jade Emperor on events of

the past year. One good spirit, Ong Tao, the Spirit of the Hearth, reports on what he had observed in the home.

During this pre-Tet period, then, good spirits are absent, leaving men without defense against evil spirits. On the last day of the old year, these are released from hell for seven days. The need to ward off or protect against these evil spirits explains many of the customs of Tet.

Some of the customs are the bamboo pole or "Cay Neu", the circle of life, the peach tree, the narcissus, the Bong Mai (apricot flower), and the unicorn dance. Some of these are used to ward off evil spirits while others bring good luck and prosperity for the new year.

Tet is a fine time to make real friends among the Vietnamese people.

Small gifts to the children are the accepted thing. Visiting Vietnamese families is an important event. One should greet the honored ancestors by bowing slightly to the family altar before greeting the family. If gifts are offered, accept them. It would be unpardonably rude to refuse.

Appreciation of Tet depends on understanding customs, traditions and the ceremonies. Respect for the beliefs of others is fundamental to all democratic peoples. We can illustrate this by showing the proper spirit.

It is well to remember that Tet is a good time to show Vietnamese friends that we indeed are friends. This war will never be won by bullets alone. Using an often overworked phrase "the hearts and minds of the people", we feel that this will play the most important role in the final outcome. Remember this the next time you throw away excess food and you have the poor around your field position. Also if you have some excess soap, etc, from a sundry pack, give some of it to the people. Help some hamlet near your location.

If you are worried about aiding the Viet Cong, Forget It! In the long run, you do more to influence these people by the simple fact that you are there as a friend and not as a conqueror. Treat these people as friends and try to think what you would do if you had been oppressed for as long as you could remember.

Stop, whatever else you do, treating these people like they were dirt. They are human beings who have been pushed around by every nation that has swept through this land. Let's not be classified in the same group.

The sooner you help these people, the sooner the fighting will be over. You can by your bad actions cause this war to go on in your area for longer than would be necessary.

The conduct of US personnel, military and civilian, can often hinder civic action efforts. Riding down the roads in vehicles and "grabbing" or yelling at the Vietnamese does not help. Reckless driving or lack of consideration for pedestrians is not only hazardous, but also reflects poorly on the US. Needless to say, courtesy pays off!! Remember this when you are dealing with our Vietnam allies.

"THOU SHALL NOT LAUGH AT 2ND LIEUTENANTS"

COMPUTER CONFUSION IS ON THE INCREASE.... Some psychiatrists believe that eventually it might drive most of us nuts....for example: the one belonging to a certain San Francisco insurance company.....for several months it kept sending a policy holder a notice to complete his premium payment by remitting \$0.00....finally it THREATENED TO CANCEL THE POLICY. IF THE MONEY WASN'T SENT IMMEDIATELY....weary of the struggle, the customer mailed in a check for \$0.00...A WEEK LATER THE "BRAIN" SENT HIM A RECEIPT, NOTICE THAT HIS ACCOUNT WAS NOW SETTLED, AND THANKS FOR HIS PROMPT PAYMENT!!!!

## HEADQUARTERS HI-LITES

The IG is over!! Thank Goodness!! Now all the ghosts can crawl back in the wood work again, especially all our "excess" men in the Commo and Survey Section.

There have been numerous complaints concerning guard duty. Your complaints are justified - many men are pulling guard 3 and even 4 nights in succession. One individual pulled guard five nights during a one week period. (Editor's note - The Chaplain will be here Sunday!) But what can be done? The duty roster handled by the First Sergeant (which one) is correct. The problem is close to being solved though. By doing away with one or more guard posts, fewer men will be needed for guard, there enabling each man more free time.

We no longer have a First Sergeant; instead, we now have two Sergeant Majors!!! Congratulations, Sergeant Major Cavanaugh. Who will be the new First Sergeant? No one knows as yet. (The SHADOW does!)

The results of the IG aren't known yet. From the comments given throughout the inspection though, we can assume that we passed. The effort put out by all of us helped make this possible. A job well done fellows.

Now that the IG is over, our vehicle policy will change. It will no longer be impossible to get a vehicle off of Artillery Hill. According to our mechanical minded motor sergeant, SSG Tucker, the number of gigs will not be less than ten nor more than forty per day on each vehicle. Therefore, if you TI a vehicle before 8 am, you should be able to correct the deficiencies and have the vehicle over to Battalion Maintenance by the next afternoon. There is only one thing to do when you finally get the vehicle out of the Motor Pool and into Battalion Maintenance. Pray that CW2 Lewis is not there. As you can see, the process of dispatching a vehicle has been shortened from a five day project to a rapid three day affair. Now you can't beat that for Army efficiency. Both CW2

Lewis and SSG Tucker deserve a lot of the credit for reducing the time required to dispatch a vehicle.

I'll close the Headquarters Battery news with a few items of interest:

1. The S-5 Section's 3/4 ton truck is no longer available on a loan basis.
2. SFC Call will RE-UP in May!
3. Some section found a way to beat the motor pool dilemma - TI their vehicle and leave it in the motor pool; then borrow one.
4. The officers should take a lesson in preparing personal items for an IG inspection from the Enlisted Men.
5. Yes, SP5 Woodburn, there is a Santa Claus!
6. SP5 Stone is now SP6 Stone.

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### SERVICE SNORTS

WHAT??!?!?

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The harried stockbroker was suffering from insomnia, never got to sleep before dawn, then slept right through the alarm and so never made it to the office on time. Upon being reprimanded by his boss, he decided to consult a doctor. The doctor gave him some sleeping pills, and that night he fell asleep immediately and experienced a pleasant rest. In the morning, he awoke before the alarm rang, jumped out of bed with new nerve and vigor. When he arrived at his office promptly, he told his boss: "Those pills I got from my doctor really work. I had no trouble at all waking up this morning."

"That's nice," the boss replied. "But Where were you yesterday?"

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No, Ida, a barracks bag isn't an Army Hostess!!



## BRAVO'S BUGLE

During the month of October, the officers began building themselves a new hootch. They worked on it for several weeks. The firing battery built bleachers to watch the Lieutenants work. As the beer went down the BOQ slowly went up. In December the battery received 3 NEW LLT's; LLT McAfee, LLT Iaria and LLT Sizemore. Since the BOQ had two bamboo vipers killed in it after Christmas, they began to really work. The BOQ was finally completed on 15 January 1969.

On 29 December 1968 the battery lost it's First Sergeant to "C" Battery. First Sergeant McBride took his place and Staff Sergeant Mackesy was made chief of smoke. SSG McClary extended for 6 more months, and is now enjoying his leave in the land of round door knobs. On 10 January 1969, the battery received a new chief of smoke SFC Reid. SFC Reid was an instructor at Division Artillery Gunnery School. SP4 Philemon would like to inform the battalion that the watermelon patch is coming along fine. In the future the battery hopes to have them for lunch or feed them to Porky. So far Porky has gained 4 beer pounds and 4 on Kraft caramels. When the battery commander tried to feed him, chuckle, he turned up his nose. Since Porky is getting fat and sassy the firing battery built him a new hootch. In the future they hope to get him a red carpet for it. The shadow is wondering why SP4 Jones hasn't been making any appearances at B Battery. Lately the RTT Team of Bravo Battery, of Landy and Andy has been over worked. As usual it has been reported that they have received 1 hot message during the month of January.

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London has its palace guards; we have our spectacles, too. Visit the White House.-- See the colorful changing of the pickets! ....Changing Times. The Kiplinger Mag....

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Ring Lardner was a master of our American slang and colloquialism. He once wrote-- "'Never will' and 'Won't never' are American. 'Never won't ain't'".

.....The Algonquin Wits.....

## CHARLIE'S CHATTER

Well for the people of Charlie Battery another month has passed and with the passing of that month we've seen many of our friends go back to "The Land of the Big PX" but better still it's seen us move again. It seems as though we've moved so often that some of the men can now look forward to getting mail from 3 (that's right "3") APO's!

Well with this move, again came many complaints. The major one being "I want my MOS changed to 12B20 or 12A10..... That's the MOS of a Combat Engineer, you know. Why me?

Charlie Battery might lose both it's FDC and Commo Bunkers if they keep firing Gun 3 right over those two hootches. It seems as though one night, not too long ago, both Commo and FDC had to make emergency repairs due to the fact that Gun 3 was firing directly over their heads.

Well despite the fact of a falling hooch I.G. inspections and all of the horrible rain, morale is as good as can be expected.

Till next month this is "Charlie" Btry (Chuckles Btry) telling all the little Charlies with the slant eyes to watch out for firing "Red Eye Heroes".

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Divarty Trooper to Divarty Commander:

"WOW Sir! I sure am glad I'm not back in the states for Christmas; just imagine all that cold and snow, and all those people running around with nobody in charge!!!"

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The boor tapped on the sleeping parakeet's cage and said, "Hey birdie, can you talk?"

"Sure," said the bird, "can you fly?"

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There has been considerable discussion on changing the battalion motto to "Through the Mud to the Stars".

For you fellows who are planning to complete or further your education upon completion of your military obligation, the GED and USAFI makes it possible for you to complete your education and your military obligation at the same time... This is how it can be done.

1. To those of you who wish to complete your high school education the GED program is just the ticket. You can complete high school by spending a day and a half of GED testing at the Americal Division Education Center.

2. For you fellows who took the GED test before leaving the states but never received your test results there is help for you also at the Education Center. Just inform them when and where you took your test and they will get test results for you.

3. If you have taken any part of a GED test but were unable to complete your testing, the Education Center will get results on the tests you have taken and give you the rest of the test.

4. If you have taken all or any part of the GED test and failed it, USAFI will give you correspondence courses to cover the subject areas that you have failed.

5. To those of you who wish to further your education beyond high school - USAFI makes this possible while you are still in Viet Nam. There is a wide variety of correspondence courses from over 46 colleges and universities available.

These are just a few of the many ways in which the Education Center can help you. If you have any questions concerning the GED or USAFI call SP4 Morris at SWATTER 1 or 2122. You can also call directly to the Education Center at 2311.

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One thing about beer.....It sure is full of Vitamin P!!

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Swatter defines a husband as a fellow who only wishes he had as much fun while he's out as his wife thinks he does.....

Major DeMarco has left his job as assistant Sergeant Major to become Division Assistant IG. .... If you can't beat 'em, join 'em!! Preparing for the IG had SGM Rowe (Grumpy) as busy as a flea on a hippie. What with supervising his new gate, hiding his erotic literature, and TI'ing vehicles, he really didn't have time to cause much trouble.

Captain Hare is planning to have himself hooked via net to LZ Cindy to check on the ice-cream situation. Major DeMarco also did an exhaustive study on the ice-cream situation with the cooperation and expert advice of SGM Rowe. It is rumored to compare in brilliance with his past works on "Ice" and the "Orange Situation". It was not accepted.

The "Talktoomuch Memorial Award" goes to Captain McNabb this month.

SP4 Fritter wins the "Dwight Johnson Memorial Good Driving Award" for the month of January. Congratulations Doogie!!

Just before the IG arrived, LTC Pruitt was seen chewing-out Snoopy for not having his dog tags on. Snoopy, in his usual relaxed manner, displayed little emotion.

"Hey Stone! What's a specsix?"

PAVE PRUITT PLAZA, PAVE VIETNAM! AND FOR GOD'S SAKE PAVE "C" BATTERY!

Is Major Nobles aware that Rome is burning while he fiddles? The empire that was is now but a broken shell of lost and lonely souls.

Captain Lutes is going to Hong Kong to investigate the cultured exchange program and will probably not give an in-depth report upon his return.

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1. Do blondes have more fun?

2. I don't know; I haven't been with one for so long.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### UNITED STATES (INCLUDING ALASKA AND HAWAII)

Total area for fifty states.....Land: 3,548,974 square miles/Water: 66,237

Largest state.....	Alaska.....	586,400 sq mi
Smallest state.....	Rhode Island.....	1,244 sq mi
Largest county.....	San Bernardino County, Calif..	20,131 sq mi
Largest city (in area)*.....	Los Angeles, Calif.....	454.8 sq mi
Northernmost town.....	Barrow, Alaska.....	71° 18' N
Southernmost city.....	Hilo, Island of Hawaii.....	19° 42' N
Easternmost town.....	Lubec, Maine.....	155° 35' W
Largest and oldest national park....	Yellowstone National Park(1872)	3,472 sq mi
Largest national monument.....	Katmai National Monument, Alaska	4,215 sq mi
Highest waterfall.....	Yosemite Falls, California....	2,425 feet
Longest river.....	Mississippi-Missouri.....	3,860 miles
Highest mountain.....	Mount McKinley, Alaska.....	20,320 feet
Lowest point.....	Death Valley, California.....	-282 feet
Deepest lake.....	Crater lake, Oregon.....	1,932 feet
Highest lake.....	Lake Waiau, Hawaii.....	13,020 feet
Largest Inland Bay.....	Chesapeake Bay.....	3,237 sq mi

### THE FORTY-EIGHT STATES

Total area for Forty-eight states..Land: 2,971,494 sq miles/Water: 50,893 sq mi

Largest state.....	Texas(Editor's residence).....	267,339 sq mi
Northernmost town.....	Penasse, Minnesota.....	49° 22' N
Southernmost city.....	Key West, Florida.....	24° 33' N
Southernmost mainland town.....	Florida City, Florida.....	25° 27' N
Highest Mountain.....	Mount Whitney, California.....	14,495 feet

\*The 1960 census officially listed Los Angeles as the U.S. city with the largest area - 454.8 square miles. However, Oklahoma City claimed an area of 631.168 square miles as of 1963, after some 300 separate annexation ordinances.

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### BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Clodius Albinus, Roman General of the 2nd Century, in a single meal, ate 500 figs, 100 peaches, 10 melons, 20 lbs of grapes .....and 100 snipe.

Not only did George Washington not chop down a cherry tree...he was also allergic to cherries.

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Favorite saying of a fellow with over 200 days until DEROS: Here today, here tomorrow, and the day after that, and the day after that, and the day.....

Father (scolding daughter)

"Either that dress is too short or you're in it Too Far!!"

A young college student appeared at his draft board one morning wrapped in the Stars and Stripes. As he entered, he proclaimed at the top of his lungs, "No matter what happens, don't hold up my induction! Let me start now and you can complete my papers later! I don't need a physical! I don't need a uniform, basic training, guns or anything. Just lemme at the enemy! I'll kill them with my bare hands! If they shoot me, I'll get up and keep on going. I'll rip their barbed wire...I'll \_\_\_\_\_!"

The draft-board examiner looked at him and said, "You're Crazy!"

To which the student replied, "Write that down! Write that down!"



# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

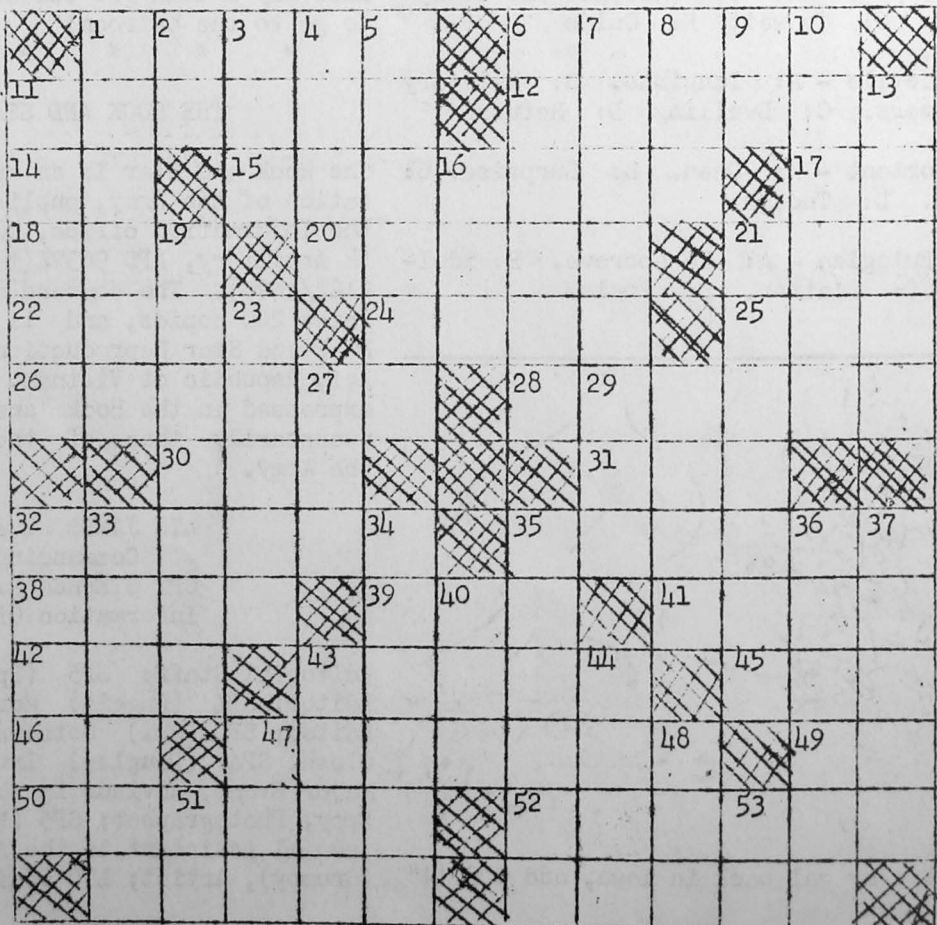
Answers on Page 9

## ACROSS

## DOWN

- 1-Sumptuous meal
- 6-Beg
- 11-Pertaining to old age
- 12-Alighted
- 14-Spanish article
- 15-Obstinate fellows
- 17-Pronoun
- 18-In music, high
- 20-Those between 13 and 19
- 21-Afternoon party
- 22-Fruit cake
- 24-Make lace
- 25-Actual
- 26-English countries
- 28-Longs for
- 30-Ordinance
- 31-Title of respect
- 32-Succor
- 35-Classify
- 38-City in Russia
- 39-High mountain
- 41-Silkworm
- 42-Deity
- 43-Insects
- 45-Man's nickname
- 46-Man's nickname
- 47-Sprinkled
- 49-Symbol for tellurium
- 50-Relate
- 52-Macaws
- 54-Hinder
- 55-Dispatches

- 1-Egyptian peasant
- 2-Printer's measure
- 3-Help
- 4-Narrow opening
- 5-Doctrines
- 6-Sufficient
- 7-Deposits
- 8-Abstract
- 9-Paid notice
- 10-Abase
- 11-Chairs
- 13-Transactions
- 16-New Zealand parrot
- 19-Quavered
- 21-Frights
- 23-Spoor
- 25-Lift
- 27-Female sheep
- 29-Worm
- 32-Man's name
- 33-Worn away
- 34-Bog down
- 35-Three-banded armadillos
- 36-Lassos
- 37-Domesticates
- 40-Confederate general
- 43-Doom
- 44-Withered
- 47-Intellect
- 48-Man's nickname
- 51-Symbol for cerium
- 53-Road (abbr)



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## INCREASE YOUR WORD POWER

(Check the word or phrase you believe is nearest in meaning to the key word)

Answers on Page "The End"

1. Edify - A: to eat. B: to build. C: to prepare. D: to rub out
2. Expatiate - A: Charming. B: Fast-running. C: Wander. D: Withdraw
3. Fash - A: Swift. B: to stare. C: Tired. D: Annoy
4. Fallible - A: Devoted. B: Unite. C: Erroneous. D: Decorate
5. Felicitous - A: Appropriate. B: Secret. C: Rejoice. D: Establish
6. Leume - A: Clover like plant. B: a helmet. C: Deep well. D: Hedge
7. Propend - A: To incline. B: to approve. C: To wait. D: Guide
8. Tactile - A: Tangible. B: Military maneuvers. C: Dwelling. D: Refusal
9. Portent - A: Omen. B: Surprise. C: Guess. D: Thought
10. Eulogize - A: To approve. B: idolize. C: Flatter. D: Praise



"For my gal back in Iowa, add 500!!!"

## SAFETY TIP (FROM ONE WHO KNOWS)

### BEWARE OF SCORPIAND ON THE PROWL AT NIGHT

To avoid spending a comfortable night at the 312th Evac, the following precautionary measures for those nightly strolls to the showers are suggested:

1. Don't take a shower (after dark)
2. If you do:
  - a. Wear your jungle boots (but not in the shower)
  - b. Carry a searchlight
  - c. Carry a big stick
  - d. Construct and use a pair of stilts.

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Know why Batman got out of his Batmobile? to go to the bathroom!

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### THE HOOK AND STAR STAFF

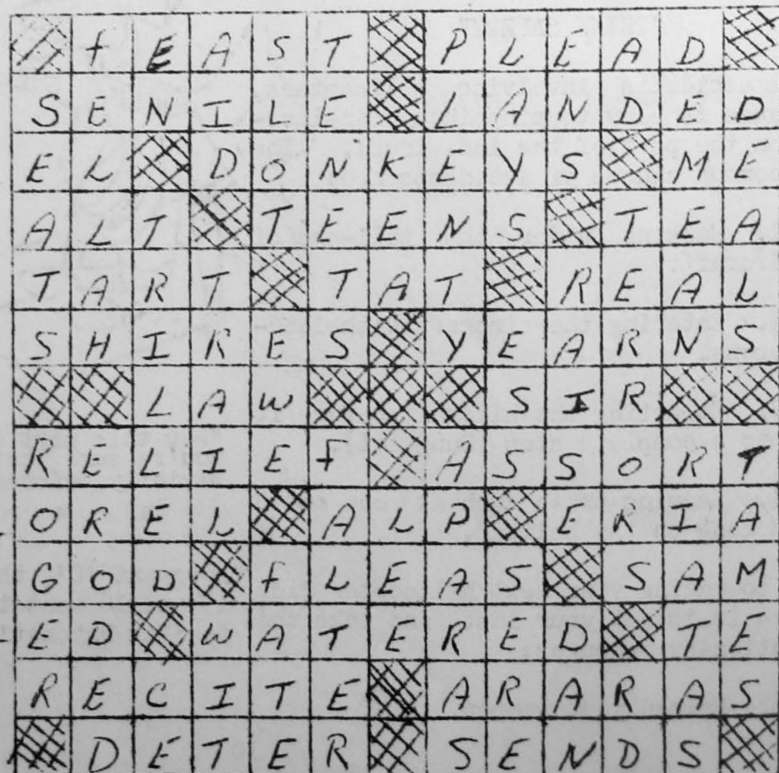
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"I've managed to forget her...I haven't thought of her in the past ten years, six months, two weeks, five days, sixteen hours and twenty-six minutes."



## VEHICLE SECURITY MEASURES

Effective immediately all the following security measures will be in effect for all Division Artillery units:

A. No vehicle will be outside compounds after 1730 hours. In the event there are delays that would prevent a vehicle from reaching its destination before 1730 hours, the person in charge of the vehicle will move the vehicle into a US or ARVN installation prior to 1730 hours. The only exception to this policy is for vehicles moving in a Division convoy.....In other words guys, our commanders don't want us to be late for chow!!!

B. Driver compartments will be double sandbagged. Driver and all passengers will wear steel helmets and flak jackets. And remember, you guys with convertible three-quarters, two and a half tons and five tons; put the top down before leaving the gate to enter the super-highways of the Nam.

C. Drive safely - the life you save may be your REPLACEMENT!

### "THINK SAFETY"

In all accidents involving helicopters, the cause is easy to pinpoint: carelessness on the part of the individual. The most common causes of accidents are:

1. Walking under the tail-end of the aircraft.
2. Entering the aircraft with loaded weapons.
3. Departing the aircraft before it comes to a complete stop (Dung Lai).
4. Leaving trash such as soda and ration cans on the helipad.

Prior to making your next helicopter ride be sure it is not your last and take the precautionary measures:

1. Unload your weapon.

2. Wear your flak jacket and helmet.

And after entering the aircraft, be sure to fasten your seat belt.

So increase your odds of "making it in the Nam" and home in one healthy piece!!!

### "THINK SAFETY"



"Now this part about getting up at 5 AM—you're sure that's something that's not strictly enforced?"

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"Sergeant 'O', the men on guard posts 14, 15 and 16 want to know how you're going to 'Fix Bayonet' on your .45 caliber!"



# ANSWERS TO WORD POWER

# MISCELLANEOUS QUOTES HEARD IN THE BATTALION

1. Edify - A: (1) To instruct or improve morally or spiritually. (2) Build or establish

"But why don't they being their problems to me?" (LTC Pruitt)

2. Expatiate - C: Originally, to roam or wander freely; hence, to speak or write at length; elaborate or enlarge.

Where's the duty driver?" (Everybody)

3. Fash - D: To annoy, trouble; vex

"Halt!! What's the pass word!"--"Hey man, what is the pass word?" (PFC Murphy)

4. Fallible - C: Liable to be mistaken or deceived. Liable to be erroneous or inaccurate.

"Charge that to the Sergeant Major." (Major DeMarco at the bar)

5. Felicitous - A: Used or expressed in a way suitable to the occasion; appropriate; aptly chosen

"Where's your hat?" (Major DeMarco)

"What do you mean my laundry's at the 1st of the 14th!!!!?" (LTC Pruitt)  
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6. Heaume - B: A heavy helmet worn in the middle ages, covering the entire head and often reaching to the shoulders.

At a Hollywood USO dance, I asked a young Marine, his uniform bedecked with ribbons, where he was from.

7. Propend - A: To incline, or be disposed (to or toward something)

"I was born in Brooklyn, he replied, "and grew up in Vietnam."

8. Tactile - A: That can be perceived by the touch, tangible.

Patty Greer (Hollywood, Calif)

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9. Portent - A: Omen; sign; warning of a coming event; as a portent of doom.

Airline stewardness to film-watching passengers: "Coffee, tea or popcorn?"

-Leo Garel in the Wall Street Journal

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10. Eulogize - D: To praise; acclaim; laud; as to eulogize a war hero.

Again, I, the editor, encourage you, as an individual, to contribute to the content of this paper. Perhaps there are among us a few budding prose writers, poets, essayists or dramatists who are looking for recognition. This is your chance to get into the limelight. Of course, if you do not fall into these categories, do not become discouraged. We will accept jokes, brain-teasers, riddles, proverbs, personal experiences, etc..... In other words, everything from soup to nuts. Just forward all to the SI clerks, who will publish it on a space available basis (all the space you can provide). So let us hear from you. Your future (and--- the EDITOR'S ALSO) may be hanging in the balance.

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STRANGE AS IT MAY SEEM

The Giant Tortoise has been known to live to the age of 180 years.

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The Peregrine Falcon has been known to travel at the fantastic speed of 180 miles per hour.

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The calendar of 1969 is the same day (day by day) as the calendar for the years: 1800, 1806, 1817, 1823, 1834, 1845, 1851, 1862, 1873, 1879, 1890, 1902, 1913, 1919, 1930, 1941, 1947, and 1958.

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"CAR AND BAR MAKE A RHYME--BUT THEY DON'T MAKE A SAFE MIXTURE!"

Better twist off for now! See you guys on or about the same time next month.

HAPPY TET!!

THE END