

SYKES REGULARS

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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

The awards presented to members of the battalion last year included one Medal of Honor, four Distinguished Service Crosses, 56 Silver Stars, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, ten Soldier's Medals, 68 Bronze Star Medals with "V," four Air Medals with "V," and 42 Army Commendation Medals with "V."

In the spirit in which they were given, these awards represented the acknowledgement of outstanding accomplishments and service. Each recipient can stand on his record proud of the fact that his actions have won him the recognition of his peers.

Each valorous action in the field merits this recognition, and there's no reason why a deserving soldier can not be properly commended. It is necessary, however, that a recommendation be received by the battalion awards clerk within ten days of the event.

For valor awards, an eyewitness statement is required of at least one man present during the action. The statement should include the following:

1. exact grid coordinates and approximate geographical location
2. duty performed by eyewitness during action.
3. duty performed by person recommended during action.
4. time of action
5. terrain
6. type of mission and outcome of mission
7. detailed description by eyewitness of actions performed by person being recommended
8. name, rank, and social security number of eyewitness.

If two or more persons are recommended for the same action, the eyewitness statements must include specifically what each man did, and the statements must vary to some degree.

SGT BREWSTER IS NCO OF THE WEEK

The SYKES' REGULARS' NCO of the week is SGT Glenn R. Brewster (Newark, N.J.). He is currently the squad leader of Delta Co.'s 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, and has been with the company for ten months.

He has attended the Recondo School in Chu Lai and has earned the Silver Star, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and the Purple Heart.

Before entering the Army, SGT Brewster attended Wingate Junior College (Wingate, N.C.), Wake Forest University (Winston-Salem, N.C.), and Campbell College (Buie's Creek, N.C.). He majored in Physical Education and earned Varsity letters in soccer and track at Campbell.

He also played semi-pro soccer with an Ecuadorian club in Newark.

***** McKISSIC'S CORNER

Are you tired of running ambushes at night?

Would you like to spend the next thirty days in Sidney, London, Paris, CONUS?

Is the monsoon getting next to you? And is Charlie getting after you?

Would you like to get away from it all?

See SSG Mac for travel orders and a tour guide of the better places in life.

RE-UP TODAY

***** THIS WEEK'S REPLACEMENTS

HHC

PFC Robert K. Sigley (Baxter, W. Va.)
SP4 Robert Fitzpatrick (Forge Village, Mass.)
PFC Rodolfo E. Thomas (San Francisco)

Alpha Co.

SSG Vincent L. Burk (Mainz, W. Germany)

Echo Co.

PFC Bruce E. Oswald (St. Paul, Minn.)
PFC Larry D. Blankenship (Lexington, Tenn.)

SYKES' REGULARS KILL EIGHT VC, DETAIN SIX

Activity in the battalion's AO was minimal during the first few days of Tet, but several incidents of contact were reported in the days just prior to the holiday. In all, for the week of Feb. 2-8 the SYKES' REGULARS accounted for eight enemy killed, six detained, 30 Vietnamese civilians detained for interrogation, and four weapons captured.

FEB. 2

Recon, operating five kilometers northeast of Liz, fired on four VC. Three of the enemy evaded, but the fourth was wounded and detained. The platoon captured the wounded VC's AK47, magazine, ten pounds of explosives, and three hand grenades. Recon later destroyed eight camouflaged bunkers.

Alpha Co., two kilometers north of Liz, turned in a civilian for interrogation.

FEB. 3

At 0500 hours, bunker #44 on Bronco opened up on a VC who was skirting the perimeter wire. The result was one VC KIA.

Alpha Co. turned in eleven more Vietnamese who either had no IDs or were carrying questionable identification.

In two separate incidents, Bravo Co. confirmed four VC KIA near the Red Ball. Reacting to reports of an explosion in Mo Duc by a VC terrorist, the 3rd Platoon pursued a sizable group of enemy and called in gunships for support. An hour later, the men found one of the terrorists who had been killed in the action. Returning to the North Bridge, the platoon engaged another enemy group, killing one and detaining another.

Late that evening, the 1st Platoon was just setting up in its ambush site when it received small arms fire and some grenades from the west side of the highway. After returning the fire, the men captured an AK47 and picked up three Vietnamese for interrogation. During a sweep of the area of contact, the Platoon found another VC KIA. The village security chief also turned in five civilian detainees who he believed were involved in the action.

FEB. 4

Charlie Co. reported finding two tunnels, two kilometers southwest of Liz. One tunnel was 60 feet long and the other 40 feet.

Recon, five kilometers northeast of Liz, fired on three evading VC and wounded one, capturing his hand grenade and pistol belt. Two hours later, the men wounded another VC who was trying to evade from the platoon's position.

Late that night, one of Recon's ambushes resulted in one VC KIA. A check of the area the next morning revealed an SKS assault rifle, a pistol belt, and two hand grenades.

FEB. 5

Recon detained three Vietnamese civilians for questioning.

Sharks, working four kilometers southeast of Liz, killed two VC who were carrying packs and pistol belts. A search of the area resulted in an AK47 and two hand grenades captured.

Bravo Co.'s 3rd Platoon detained one VC, and the 1st Platoon while moving to its ambush site was fired on by a group of VC. The men returned the fire and reported one enemy killed and another detained.

FEB. 6

No significant action was reported during the first day of Tet. However, a mine sweep team from the 39th Engineering Battalion spotted an NVA flag flying in a ville near the North Bridge. When the engineers moved in to check it out, someone grabbed the flag and DDED.

FEB. 7

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FEB. 8

Recon picked up a total of six Vietnamese detainees.

Charlie Co.'s 2nd Platoon was set up in its ambush site, six kilometers south of Liz, when a well spread out group of 9-15 VC walked into the platoon's location. The resulting contact yielded one VC KIA, an automatic rifle, an NVA pack, three full magazines, a hand grenade, 550 feet of det cord, and blasting caps.

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