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GOVERNORS SEND APPRECIATION TO SYKES' REGULARS

In the past few weeks the men of Sykes' Regulars have received words of praise and appreciation from a number of governors stateside. Chaplain Scott has been writing the governors of the fifty states telling them of the outstanding job being done by the men of the 1/20.

The remarks addressed to the men of the battalion reflect the sincere gratitude and personal concern of the governors.

"The courage and valor of Illinois' servicemen on foreign shores is an inspiration to all of us here at home. We are grateful for your efforts to uphold freedom everywhere." --Governor Richard B. Ogilvie, Ill.

"May I personally, on behalf of the people of the State of Colorado, tell you how proud we are of the service you are rendering to your State and to your Nation. We wish you the best of luck and pray for your safe return." --Governor John A. Love, Colo.

We, in Georgia, are very proud of the men from our State now serving our country. We ask that God guide and protect you and that you may soon return to your families and loved ones." --Governor Lester Maddox, Ga.

"You have heard it many times from many people, but I want to add my own thanks for the sacrifice you are making in the name of world freedom. Your courage and dedication do not go unnoticed in Kentucky." --Governor Louie B. Nunn, Ky.

"We are grateful for the job California men are doing in the Armed Services, and we know they will bring honor to both our State and our Nation." Governor Ronald Reagan, Calif.

DR. FELDMAN IS NEW BN SURG.

After six months as the Sykes' Regulars' battalion surgeon, Dr. (CPT) Harry S. Prim (Dothan, Ala.) has left the 1/20 for further assignment in Da Nang with the 67th Medical Group there. Dr. Prim, who

received his medical credentials from the Auburn University Medical School in Auburn, Ala., was an extremely popular and likeable figure around Duc Pho and Liz, and his frequent MEDCAP activities along QL-1 proved to be one of the major contributions to the pacification goal in the Duc Pho area.

He is being replaced by Dr. (CPT) Mark A. Feldman (New York City), who for the past six months was assigned to the 91st Evacuation Hospital in Chu Lai. Dr. Feldman did his undergraduate work at City College of New York. He acquired his M.D. from George Washington Medical School, and interned at the Beth Israel Hospital in New York City. He intends to specialize in either neurosurgery or orthopedic surgery.

***** NOTES ON R&R--BANGKOK

The city of Bangkok is perhaps one of the most progressive and (BANGKOK continued next page)

beautiful cities in the Orient. With a population of three million, it offers the visitor the wide boulevards and modern architecture that are strongly reminiscent of a European city. The centuries-old Thai culture is not lost, however, and the blend of tradition can be seen in the more than 400 temples scattered throughout the city.

One of the more attractive aspects of Bangkok lies in the general personality of the Thai people.

One recent visitor remarked that they are warmly receptive to American soldiers on R&R. There is no harranguing to fleece him of his American dollar. Prices can be bargained and the impression the Thai people give to the visitor is that they are extremely pleased and flattered that he has chosen their city to spend his time in.

Hotels in the city offer the service and atmosphere of class accommodations state-side. The R&R Center in Bangkok has 26 hotels on its recommended list, all of which have reduced rates for R&R personnel.

A number of tours are avail-

THE SYKES' REGULARS welcome the following personnel to Duc Pho with hopes for a successful and productive tour:

HHC

CPT Mark Feldman--New York City
SFC Charlie Rumpf--Dothan, Ala.
SFC Preston Nicholson--Kannapolis, NC
SP4 Paul Patterson--Columbus, Ohio
PFC David Schiemann--Omaha, Nebr.
PFC Richard Morris--Washington, DC

able and among the more popular are the daytime excursions to the Bridge on the River Kwai and the visit to Bangkok's Floating Market which teems with color and activity as the city's merchants hawk their wares.

Night life, of course, differs vastly from that found around Duc Pho. Our own Tiki Club is severely outclassed by such plush spots as the Bamboo Bar, Tropicana, Lolita, and San

Francisco Club which feature rock bands and a luscious array of bar girls who seem to appear straight out of Playboy.

By general concensus of those who have been there, Bangkok can be one of the more inexpensive of R&R sites. Most prices are determined by bargaining with the vendor, and an adept talker can haggle the prices of clothes and souvenirs down considerably.

Upon arrival in Bangkok, the R&R Staff will answer any questions you may have of how to go about doing what you have in mind, and will offer you all the subtle hints that can make your R&R there an experience you can never forget.

Co A

SGT Gene Derrickson--Gotham, Wisc.

Co B

SSG James Stitely--Thurmont, Md.
SGT John Walling--Carmi, Ill.
PFC Robert Van Norman--Dover, N.J.
PFC Mark Hughes--College Park, Md.

Co D

SSG Fernandez Azevedo--Phoenixville
SSG Gary Korff--Detroit
SGT Robert Aguero--Philadelphia

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
FOR SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

I extend to you my personal thanks and the sincere appreciation of a grateful nation for your contribution of honorable service to our country. You have helped maintain the security of the nation during a critical time in its history with a devotion to duty and a spirit of sacrifice in keeping with the proud tradition of the military service.

I trust that in the coming years you will maintain an active interest in the Armed Forces and the purpose for which you served.

My best wishes to you for happiness and success in the future.

Ronald Nixon

COMMANDER IN CHIEF



The President has approved a new Certificate of Appreciation for Vietnam-era servicemen.

The certificate, signed by the Commander in Chief, will be presented to servicemen at separation centers.

According to Brigadier General Leo E. Benade, deputy assistant secretary of defense (Military Personnel Policy), the certificate "expresses the appreciation of a grateful nation for the serviceman's devotion to duty and spirit of sacrifice in keeping with the proud tradition of the military service."

The certificate will be presented to all officer and enlisted personnel whose honorable service ends after January 19, 1969.

**VETERANS
ASK**

Q---I injured my back while on active duty about two years ago, and it is beginning to bother me again. Can the VA help me?

A---You should contact your nearest VA office, file a claim and establish that your ailment is service connected. Any honorably separated veteran who served during the Vietnam era is eligible for admittance to a VA hospital on the same basis as other war veterans.

Q---Do I have to report as income the interest earned on my Series E Bonds when I complete the annual income questionnaire?

A---Not if you don't cash the bond. Interest earned should be reported only for the calendar year in which the bonds are cashed.

Q---While on active duty, I carried Serviceman's Group Life Insurance. After separation, I was so busy I forgot that I was supposed to convert this policy within 120 days, and that period has passed. Can I now convert?

A---Unfortunately, no. The law stipulates, as you suggested, that conversion must be made within 120 days after separation.

Through USAFI

EDUCATION FOR THOUSANDS

Washington (AFFS)--Each year thousands of young men and women receive degrees from colleges and universities throughout the country. For a great deal of these students, the road to a college education began with a \$5 tuition fee. These students were the ones on active duty in the nation's armed forces.

Through the United States Armed Forces Institute, better known as USAFI, men and women on active duty in all branches of the armed forces are able to receive an education ranging from a high school diploma to post graduate study on their masters or doctorate degree from a designated university.

Most colleges and universities in the United States will give credits for USAFI courses successfully completed. The number of credits and subjects vary, depending upon the school and degree to which the student aspires.

Forty-seven colleges and universities cooperate in the USAFI Correspondence program, offering more than 6,600 courses. Enrollment is

through USAFI, after which the student corresponds directly with the university during the period of instruction.

Expenses of the USAFI student pays \$5 fee for enrollment in his first course. He is eligible for additional USAFI courses and services at no additional cost, the only limitation being he may not be enrolled in more than two courses concurrently. For courses taken through cooperating colleges and universities, USAFI assumes the entire cost of the lesson service, and the student pays only the remaining cost of the course.

Correspondence courses are not the only road of study for the student. He may enroll in a group study class using USAFI materials without any fee at all. Successful completion of a group study class also will enable the USAFI student to enroll in correspondence courses without fee.

USAFI courses are divided into high school, college and technical levels. Most of the courses can be studied by either the correspondence or group study method. They include English, literature, mathematics, social studies, science, business education, and foreign language.



Basic and introductory courses at the college level also are offered by the institute. These courses include the language arts, mathematics, social

studies, psychology, science, business administration.

Technical courses include applied arts, aeronautics, auto-mechanics, building construction, electronics and electricity, diesel engines, metal working, vocational math, radio and television, and technology.

To evaluate a USAFI student, four test are available to measure reliably and accurately the degree to which the student has learned the material of the course. They are: USAFI Achievement Tests II and III, designed to measure achievement at grade levels four through nine; USAFI Subject Standardized Tests to measure achievement in high school and college subject matter and in USAFI courses; High School Level GED Tests; and Comprehensive College Tests, designed to aid colleges in determining credits to be granted, and for educational and employment guidance.

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ME? PAY A \$100 A DAY HOSPITAL BILL? FORGET IT!

That's how much it costs to be as sick as a civilian. Hospital costs are approaching \$100 a day in some parts of the country.

Can't afford to be sick? Nobody can! See your Personnel Officer for more about the special short term health protection available to servicemen being separated from active duty.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

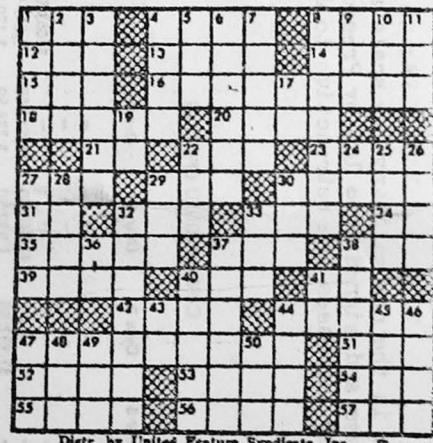
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FIRE PREVENTION...

IS A
YEAR
ROUND
JOB!!

ACROSS		DOWN	
1. Everyone	3-Means of illumination	32-Center	43-Pronoun
4-Group of three	4-Girl's nickname	33-Young boy	44-Totals
8-Weight (colloq.)	5-Cheat	36-Artificial language	45-High cards
12-Hawaiian wreath	6-Turkish decrees	37-Sofa	46-Remainder
13-Nobelman	7-More ancient	38-All	47-Uncooked
14-Genus of olives	8-Baying	40-Narrow, flat boards	48-Before
15-Urg on	9-Man's name	41-Latin conjunction	49-Jelly like material
16-Following closely	10-Mirth	50-Dine	
18-Residue	11-Label		
20-Secluded valley	17-Old Latin (abbr.)		
21-Symbol for tantalum	19-Babylonian deity		
22-Pronoun	22-Possessed		
23-Russian name	24-Enlisted man (colloq.)		
27-Dance step	25-Unlock		
29-Existed	26-Peruse		
30-Marsh bird	27-South American rodent		
31-Man's nickname	28-Wolfhound		
32-Uncouth person	29-Small lump		
33-Piece of cut timber	30-Turt.		



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* YOU'RE IN LUCK SOLDIER - HE'S IN A GOOD MOOD TODAY.

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This is the new military pay scale approved by Congress and signed into law by President Nixon. The pay increases are retroactive to Jan. 1, 1970.

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN CREDITED WITH OVER 4 YEARS' ACTIVE SERVICE AS ENLISTED MEMBER

0-3 - - - \$ 801.60 \$ 839.70 \$ 870.00 \$ 916.80 \$ 962.40 \$1,001.10 - - - - -
 0-2 - - - 716.40 731.40 754.50 793.30 824.70 847.50 - - - - -
 0-1 - - - 577.20 616.50 639.60 662.40 685.50 716.40 - - - - -

WARRANT OFFICERS

W-4	\$ 617.40	\$ 662.40	\$ 662.40	\$ 677.70	\$ 708.30	\$ 739.50	\$ 770.10	\$ 824.70	\$ 862.50	\$ 893.40	\$ 916.80	\$ 947.40	\$ 978.60	\$ 978.60	\$ 1,054.50
W-3	561.30	609.00	609.00	616.50	624.00	669.60	708.30	731.40	754.50	777.30	801.60	832.20	862.50	862.50	893.40
W-2	491.70	531.60	531.60	547.20	577.20	609.00	632.10	654.90	677.70	701.10	723.90	747.00	777.30	—	—
W-1	409.50	469.80	469.80	508.80	531.60	554.70	577.20	600.90	624.00	647.10	669.60	693.30	—	—	—

ENLISTED MEMBERS