

1st 1/46th THE PROFESSIONALS

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WINNING THE "OTHER WAR"

Fighting an equally important war here in Vietnam, as the infantry is a small seldom recognized or appreciated group of individuals. This organization, whose job it is to help the Vietnamese people help themselves, is the 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry's S-5.

The operations of S-5 are numerous and varied, consisting of free medical treatment to the population, distribution of free food, building materials, farming implements, school scholarships and supplies and such simple commodities as soap. "It all adds up to a pacification program," said SP/4 Lawrence A. Kilberg (Detroit, Mich.). "We try to build a friendship with these people, to help them with their problems, both individual and community, and work to get the Vietnamese supporting their government."

One of the major projects sponsored by the 1/46th are the MEDCAPS (Medical Civil Action Programs)... leading problem here in Vietnam is disease, and to combat this is MEDCAPS area of responsibility. SP/5 Paul G. Henry (Meriden, Conn.), medic for S-5, explained it, "We try to visit a village or refugee camp that needs medical aid the most. By working in conjunction with the Special Forces group here in Tien Phuoc, we learn what area we should hold a MEDCAPS in our twice weekly trips. Then using a POLWAR Team (Political Warfare Team) and LIIE Team (A Vietnamese Special Forces Medical Team), we head to this spot."

The work done while on MEDCAPS is tedious, exciting, rewarding and dangerous. The Vietnamese do not always under-

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STAR-LIGHT ZAPS SAPPERS

During the night of September 15, an unknown size enemy force attempted in vain to infiltrate through the mass of entangled concertina wire, and launch a surprise sapper attack on LZ Professional. Due to the alertness of the men on bunker eighteen, the enemy attack was foiled before it materialized.

While on guard, PFC Tony Cox (Richmond, Ky.), making a thorough search of his sector, aided by a star-light scope,

spotted seven NVA soldiers working their way through the perimeter wire. He alerted acting squad leader, Vince Iturbe (Union City, N.J.), his cohort on guard duty, of the impending danger. PFC Cox awakened the other members of his bunker and passed the alarm to PFC Charles Schermer (Hampton, Iowa) and PFC Joe Whaler (Dedham, Mass.), the two men on

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stand that the Americans are there to help them. The VC and NVA tell the villagers and refugees the Americans are their enemy, causing a feeling of fear and distrust. When this initial distrust has been dispelled, and the people have confidence in the Americans, then the enemy tries in other manners to stop his work. "Yes, we get fired on occasionally," SP/5 Henry stated. "However, I really enjoy my work, you can see the results and have the knowledge that you are helping these people."

With the assistance of the POLAR Team and the LLDB Team, a system has been set up to aid the people, making for less confusion and assuring that all people who need medical attention will receive it. First, the people are placed in some sort of order. The Vietnamese are then talked to by the POLAR Team and an intelligence sergeant from Special Forces. This has a triple purpose, for it removes some of the fears the people have, it passes out information and news, and, in return, information concerning the enemy is sometimes collected. Next, those seeking medical treatment see the LLDB Team. If, for some reason, the LLDB Team cannot treat the injured person, he is sent to SP/5 Henry for help. If the injury or disease is too great for field treatment, he said, "I have them taken back to the Special Forces Aid station, or if necessary, they are evacuated to Da Nang."

There is enough and such a variety of medical supplies taken on a MEDCAPS, that most diseases and injuries can be treated and cured without the Vietnamese ever leaving the village. Even people with missing limbs or eyes are sent for a fitting. SP/5 Henry said, "It's not the real thing, but to a boy or girl who has lost a leg and is given the opportunity to walk again, it really means something."

Most of the problems that the Vietnamese people have stem from a lack of certain essential items. "We try and get material that is needed," said CPT. Dennis L. Chudoba (Cleveland, Ohio), officer in charge of S-5 operations in Tien Phuoc, "then we supervise the Vietnamese, and let them do the work. It has been found that if they do the work themselves, it builds a pride among them!"

Along with materials, basic American foods like corn are distributed. However, the Vietnamese people do not know the many ways in which it can be prepared. Through S-5, they are shown its numerous uses and its true value.

In honor of General Walt, the 196th

Infantry Brigade S-5 sends ten educational scholarships to the 1/46th S-5 for distribution. These scholarships are for grammar and high school students, who may be underprivileged refugees or orphans, but who have shown outstanding scholastic achievement and good conduct. These scholarships are presented for one year and the recipient receives five-hundred piasters per month throughout the school year. In addition, school supplies are handed out to the children.

Such special projects, as collecting soap, a simple pleasure for most, is very difficult to obtain, and a precious commodity to the Vietnamese refugees around Tien Phuoc. There is a bountiful source of soap, however, found in the sundry packs. Through the efforts of S-5, the discarded soap from the SP's is being collected in the field and sent to Tien Phuoc. "There is still considerable waste of soap," said CPT Chudoba, "and, if the companies would take the time to save it, we could use it most effectively in our program."

Sewing machines, also found in SP's, are utilized in a project originated by 1/46th S-5. The Vietnamese girls have been organized into what is known as the A-T Club. At this club young girls of the community learn how to sew, teaching them a useful and profitable trade.

Refugees around Tien Phuoc can usually requisition any needed material or supplies through Vietnamese channels. However, they still need the aid of Americans. Soap and MEDCAPS are something the battalion, working through S-5, can give them, that they cannot otherwise get. Through the efforts of the men in the battalion, taking the time to collect these objects and sending them in, instead of throwing them away, combined with the labor of S-5, the all important "Other War" is being won!

ALPHA KO'S CAPTAIN

Because of their alertness and combat readiness, Alpha Company quickly smashed an NVA element's ideas of a probable ambush on September 13th.

With all platoons on line, they began making a sweep down the finger of a hill, onto the Burlington trail, and then pushing through into their night defensive position. While making their sweep, first platoon leader, 1LT Jack W. Reid (Alexandria, Va.), suddenly became

CACHE FOUND IN TRAINS AREA

A dug in enemy position on the beach was bad enough, but when they found rockets and chicom grenades....

This is just one of the rumors that was sent flashing through 1/46 trains area after the news was broken of a Thompson sub machine gun and AK-47 ammunition were found.

PFC Alfred L. Middleton (Panama City, Fla.), the battalion trains barber wiped the greasy kid stuff from his hands and hesitantly sauntered to the detail formation. Afterwards, while walking towards the bunker he and the rest of the detail were to tear down, PFC Middleton found the Thompson sub machine gun. It was covered with brush and weeds, up near the officers' hooch. The Thompson was in excellent condition, being found in a gun case with the wood stock and hand grips protected and preserved by a hard coat of shellac.

The AK ammunition was found by the S-4 warehouse, near a bunker line that was to be torn down by the same detail. Staff Sergeant Alan K. Milton (BillERICA Mass.), supervisor of the detail, was helping carry off sand bags when he saw something laying under a bush. When SSG Milton made a further investigation of the object, he uncovered approximately 40 rounds of AK-47 ammunition. "The AK ammo was wrapped up inside cardboard and cellophane, and looked like brand new when I opened them," said SSG. Milton.

There is much speculation as to why the two small caches were hidden in the battalions' trains. Still, no satisfactory answer has been brought forward and the mystery is unsolved. Why would the enemy build up supplies in the trains area, or is some GI trying to sneak weapons and ammo back to the world? With the present world situation, we can see the need for self protection; however, remember explosives may explode while riding high in the freedom bird. Flying home is easy, but with a long tiring swim. After a year in Vietnam, do not take unnecessary chances while headed home. Leave all explosives behind and make sure you return to the good old United States healthy enough to take care of JODY!

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guard at bunker seventeen. As the warning was passed, PFC Iturbe relayed the information by radio to the tower of command. While PFC's Cox, John Campus (Loring, Maine), Glenn Wasil (Schiller Park, Ill.) and Andy Santiago (Coloso, P.R.) from bunker eighteen and PFC's

Schormer, Warler, John Fox (Ogden, Utah) Russel Harris (Patchogue, N.Y.), Clifford Branson (San Pedro, Calif.) from bunker seventeen engaged the enemy with effective M-16 and M-79 rounds, PFC Iturbe was adjusting mortar fire on the NVA soldiers.

As an illumination round detonated, spreading intense light over the area exposing the stunned enemy, five more NVA soldiers were seen moving over the road that leads to the old 101st pad. Laying down a devastating volley of fire, several of the enemy were seen to fall. "As the fighting increased, I could see the enemy dragging their dead and wounded away," said PFC Cox. "It was hard to believe they would expose themselves to such hostile fire." Suddenly three more enemy soldiers were seen maneuvering up the right side of the S-4 Pad. "We opened up again with small arms fire," said PFC Iturbe, "then unexpectedly, there was a flash and a secondary explosion. We know we had one of them."

As the night returned to a semi peaceful state, movement could still be heard. Abruptly from below bunker eighteen, a trip flare ignited, breaking the calm. "The burning trip flare was close," said PFC Santiago, "so we put out as much fire power as we could." This thwarted all further attempts by the enemy, and their sapper attack was a complete failure.

All was serene throughout the remainder of the night, with no further incidents. When morning broke, PFC Santiago moved in front of the bunker to check the results of their previous night's action, and to replace the expended trip flare. While looking around, he saw an NVA soldier laden with chicom grenades and a satchel charge. Upon closer examination it was discovered the enemy soldier was only wounded. With the aid of a few fellow soldiers, the injured NVA was taken to the aid station and later evacuated to Da Nang. On the lower pad were the bodies of two more NVA soldiers, who had to be abandoned during the hasty retreat of the enemy force. Along with the soldiers were several chicom grenades, an AK-50 automatic rifle and a 7.65 Soviet pistol.

PFC Iturbe, who is an experienced field troop and now with the 106 recoilless rifle, praised the men of bunker seventeen and eighteen. "On our bunker," he said, "we had four new men, and each one reacted as a seasoned soldier. I was extremely proud of their courage and actions as they faced the enemy."

Through the actions of these men, a variety of valuable necessary equipment was saved from the destructive forces of the sappers. Lives were undoubtedly saved, and the enemy again felt the overpowering superiority of the United States fighting men.

THE PROFESSIONALS WELCOME THE FOLLOWING MEN TO THE BATTALION

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PFC Thomas D. Blythe (Norwood, Pa.)
PFC Alfred L. Brandon (Twinsburg, Ohio)
PFC Terry L. Burgess (Eugene, Ore.)
PFC William E. Cooley (Zebulon, N.C.)
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PFC Kenneth J. Johnson (Columbia, S.C.)
PFC Lupe Lucero (Marana, Ariz.)
PFC William J. Lutter (Orange, Calif.)
PFC J. C. McGlon (Headland, Ala.)
PFC George D. Moore (Clyphant, Pa.)
PFC Terry L. Moreland (Portland, Ore.)
PFC Dewey W. Muncle (Lexington, Ky.)
PFC David W. Nichols (Ft. Worth, Texas)
PFC George C. Parker (Boise City Okla.)
PFC Juan Ramirez Jr. (Santa Barbara, Calif.)
PFC John F. Seabough (Jackson, Mo.)
PFC Michael C. Sundby (St. Cloud, Minn.)
PFC William C. Timmins (Toke Lake, Mich.)
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PFC Edwin O. Cruz (Dorado, P.R.)
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EDITORIAL

YOUR HERITAGE

From pre-Roman times until our most recent moon landing the salute has been part of the military man.

It is a matter of pride among servicemen, from general to private, to salute willingly, promptly, and proudly, as most recently displayed by Col. Edwin Aldrin, Jr., when he and Neil A. Armstrong were contacted by President Nixon during their stay on the moon.

Since World War II (When saluting was misguidedly de-emphasized in some areas), the good soldier has stood out among his associates by his smart, correct and cheerful salute. When he salutes or receives a salute he marks himself as a serviceman with pride in himself and his uniform.

As a serviceman he recognizes that the salute is a privilege enjoyed only by a military man, and is a mutual acknowledgement of comradeship in the profession of arms.

The specific origin of saluting is lost in antiquity. For centuries, however, men at arms have rendered fraternal and respectful greetings to indicate friendliness. In early times armed men raised their weapons or shifted them to the left hand (while raising the empty right hand) to give proof of amicable intentions. During the Middle Ages, knights in armor, on encountering friendly knights, raised their helmet visors in recognition. If they were in the presence, of feudal superiors the helmet was usually doffed. In every case, the fighting man made a gesture of friendliness, the raising of the empty right hand. This gesture survives as today's hand salute, the traditional greeting among military men of all nations.

Like the original hand salute and doffing of the cap, the discharge of weapons, presentations of arms, and lowering of the point of the sword were all intended to signify good will. In every case, the one so saluting momentarily rendered himself incapable of using his weapon offensively. The descendants of these early gestures are the modern sword salute, present arms and gun salutes.

Salute with pride and bring credit to yourself and your service. (AFPS)

PROSERVCO DEFENDS HILL

Relieving a rifle company from a fire base perimeter security, so that it can be displaced elsewhere, is one of the three possible missions of PROSERVCO. As the men of PROSERVCO again became infantry soldiers, this along with gaining

valuable training, was their primary mission.

The two previous exercises of PROSERVCO were centered mainly on what was expected of them while operating in the field, and learning about operational field procedures. Giving PROSERVCO total responsibility of providing security for IZ Professional was the plan for field exercise number three.

The 20th of September found PROSERVCO again ready for the field. Leaving the safe and familiar grounds behind, PROSERVCO boarded CH-47 Chinook Helicopters at the trains helicopter pad and was air lifted to IZ Professional.

When the last element arrived on IZ Professional, the men of PROSERVCO moved down to the valley floor in a southeasterly direction, pulling a sweep around the IZ. "The purpose of this particular sweep was to check out a tunnel complex found by Alpha Company a few days before," stated CPT William A. Woodford, (Marcelles, N.Y.), PROSERVCO Company Commander. Due to the late start, caused by a delay in air lifting the troops from Chu Lai to IZ Professional, the sweep was shortened. PROSERVCO moved up the west side of the fire support base and through the concertina wire. As the element moved inside the perimeter, they relieved Charlie Company, who was securing the hill, and were assigned bunkers.

Leaving a guard at every position, the remainder of PROSERVCO moved to the S-4 Pad, where 1ST George J. Pickleman (Ft. Ord, Calif.) gave a class on the M-26 A-1 fragmentation grenade. After the class, each man was given the opportunity to hurl a grenade off the north side of the pad, gaining knowledge in the use of one of the Army's finest weapons. Moving below the S-4 Pad, individual instructions were given on the use of the M-72 IAW. The men of PROSERVCO also had the chance to fire the IAW at a pre-set target down in the old 101st area and witness the devastating effect of this weapon. Heading up the hill and over to the west side, the men saw eight-inch artillery called in from Thien Phuoc to destroy the previously checked tunnel complex.

Returning to their assigned bunkers after a tiring day, the men of PROSERVCO settled down to a meal of G-rations. Mean while, each platoon leader inspected his area of the perimeter, stopping at all positions to insure that every man knew his sector of fire and the proper procedure to follow in case of attack. He checked the amount of ammunition, hand flares and grenades on hand, made sure all personnel knew the positions of their claymores, assured everyone knew how to call for illumination, and guaranteed that perimeter guard was set for the night.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

CHAPLAIN LEINEN

I've always felt that if religion was going to make any sense at all it would be the kind that gets down to the nitty-gritty of life and has some practical value for people. I found this kind of religion expressed in a simple prayer of an 11 Bravo who felt he was in danger.

When I was home, Father;
I never did feel I was
in any particular dan-
ger.

But I know I am now.
I've seen some fellows
go psycho just thinking
about it,

or do something fool-
ish to get discharged
or get put on some
type of limited duty.

I feel sorry for them,
sorry for anybody
who gets that afraid,
I know what it's like to
be afraid too.

Sure, I put on the big
front so no one else
can see it:

but, Father, You've
seen it.

How often You've heard
my unvoiced cry for
help.

I'm not a coward, Father!
But it's not because I
am so strong;
so brave and heroic.
It's because more than
once I've heard Your
reassuring words:

"Fear not, I am with
you."

Father, give me that
special kind of courage
and bravery,

that comes from know-
ing and believing Your
promises; that comes
from knowing and hav-
ing complete confi-
dence in You.

I think of Jesus.

He stood up calmly a-
gainst those who op-
posed Him,
no bargaining or
pleading to be spar-
ed.

He know His mission;
He know it was Your
will;
He know what it

would mean to me now;
sole just went through
with it,

regardless of the
danger,
regardless of the
cost.

Father, give me such
courage.

Give me the courage of
Christ.

AMEN

God wants us to level with him. To tell it
like it is, the way we feel it, because he is
with us all the way.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Opening
- 4-Coloring substance
- 9-Young boy
- 12-Time gone by
- 13-Church official
- 14-Man's name
- 15-Feel indignant at
- 17-Ached
- 19-Place
- 20-Shade tree
- 21-City in Russia
- 23-Crony (colloq.)
- 24-Country of Asia
- 27-Dance step
- 28-Terrid
- 29-Adhesive substance
- 30-Man's nickname
- 31-Hole
- 32-Proposition
- 33-Symbol for tellurium
- 34-Baseball teams
- 35-Pale
- 37-Possessed
- 38-Chimney carbon
- 39-Deity
- 40-Planet
- 41-Claw
- 43-Tavern
- 44-More rapid
- 46-Climbing device
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- 50-Once more
- 52-Guido's high note
- 53-Period of time
- 54-Harvest
- 55-Tear

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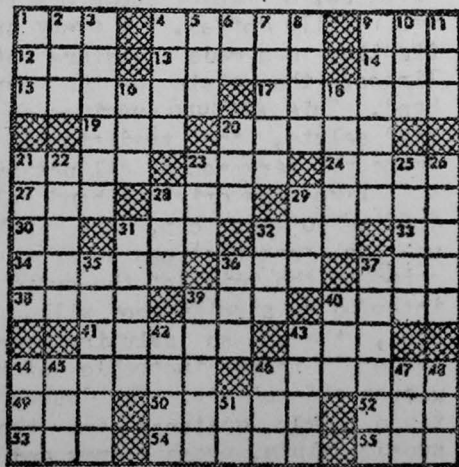
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- 8-Snare
- 9-Seagoing vessels
- 10-Exist
- 11-Parent (colloq.)
- 16-Lamprey
- 18-Poem by Homer
- 20-Small rug
- 21-Unlocks
- 22-Wireless
- 23-Vessel
- 25-Essence
- 26-Wants
- 28-Possessive pronoun
- 29-Metal fastener
- 31-Part of flower

- 32-Evil
- 35-Public official
- 36-Emerged
- 37-More difficult
- 39-Satiated
- 40-Insane
- 42-Shakespearian king
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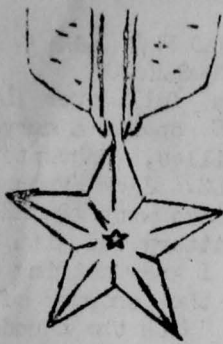
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SP/4 Bill McWhirther (Crevecoeur, Ill.)

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"ALPHA"

ill, with his temperature flaring to 105 degrees within a matter of minutes. SGT Jack W. Johnstone, (Long Beach, Calif.), platoon sergeant, took command and moved his element to a small rising near the Burlington trail.

After securing an LZ for the evacuation of 1Lt Reid, SGT Walter E. Masdon (Luthersville, Ga.), spotted an NVA soldier walking down the Burlington trail. "At first, I just thought he was a papasan, because he was walking down the trail as if he were in New York, just grooving the scenery," said SGT Masdon. "but as he approached, we could see that he was definitely the enemy". SP/4 Gary L. Ash (Salem, W. Va.) and PFC Jon W. Rhodes (Naperville, Ill.) placed effective M-14 and M-16 fire, killing the NVA soldier.

Later that evening, SGT Jerry Mason (Bessemer, Ala.), SP/4 Dennis Holtz (Elroy, Wis.), and PFC Foster Davis (Nashville, Tenn.), with SP/4 Ash leading the way, moved down the hill, cautiously toward the soldier's body. Checking the corpse, they found documents, new clothing and field gear in his possession. They also learned he was an NVA captain, and the scouting leader for his element.

While searching the Captain's body, SP/4 Holtz spotted the rest of the dead enemy's element advancing toward them. Quickly, the small element maneuvered behind dikes along side the Burlington trail, and set up a hasty ambush. Afraid they had been detected, the friendly element opened fire immediately, but to their own surprise, they still caught the enemy in the trap, throwing the NVA soldiers into complete bafflement. "I know we dropped four or five of the enemy, but it was late, and we could not effectively search the area," said PFC Davis.

The element linked back with the first platoon, and moved up to join the rest of the company, which was already securing the night defensive position.

As right descended, Alpha Company spotted lights in the valley trying to maneuver to where the captain's body lay and trying to retrieve the bodies of their fallen comrades. "We could not see all the bodies from our night defensive position," said CPT William B. Thetford (Columbus, Ga.), Alpha Company Commander, "but we could see the dead captain, and continually kept illumination around him most of the night."

The following morning, Alpha Company maneuvered from its night defensive position. Searching the area where the small element from the first platoon had made contact the day before, they could see no other bodies other than that of the captain. However, numerous blood trails and bloody rags were found. Alpha Company knew they had again left their mark on the enemy.

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"PROSERVCO"

As darkness fell over LZ Professional, PROSERVCO spent a nervous, cautious, noise-filled, uneventful, night securing the LZ. Jack Furmanek (Chicago, Ill.), an 11 Bravo with PROSERVCO, stated, "I was jittery but with all the ammunition fired, I knew nothing could maneuver through the shower of exploding M-79 rounds." "With the thunderous noise through the night, I knew people were awake and on guard," "this was reassuring but I still could not sleep".

The following morning, Alpha Company moved up and took over security of the hill, relieving PROSERVCO of their duties. The exercise was concluded when CH-47 Chinook Helicopters air lifted PROSERVCO back to Chu Lai.

As PROSERVCO gains training, knowledge, and experience about infantry procedure, they also gain the respect of the men of this battalion who know what life is like in the jungles around LZ Professional. PFC Joseph Stanfield (Oklahoma City, Okla.), one of Alpha Company's M-60 machine gunners, put it this way, "With out PROSERVCO, only three line companies would be available for distribution in the field, where as with PROSERVCO, manning the bunkers of LZ Professional, all four line companies can work the area. If the battalion is ever in a desperate situation, PROSERVCO will pay off." "I feel this third exercise was extremely important," said PFC Baum. "If PROSERVCO is ever needed, more than likely, it will be used on LZ Professional providing security, thus relieving an experienced line company for duties elsewhere. I feel we need more training and practice in this area." "PROSERVCO has shown respective advancement through the three field exercises." CPT Bodford stated. "There is no doubt that PROSERVCO has improved each time, because almost every man with a non-combat MOS has now had the experience of being in the field. He has become familiar with the infantryman's aggressive and arduous job, in return, making the 'Professional Reserve Company' a better, more useful unit."

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"PROFESSIONAL" TOPS AT RECON SCHOOL

The front line soldier is the best and most reliable source of collecting combat intelligence for use against an enemy. There are, however, a few procedures to follow that makes gathering this information easier and safer for the American soldier. To teach and train the men of the AMERICAL DIVISION the necessary techniques needed in performing this tedious work is the primary job of the Division's Unit Recon School.

Recently the 1st Battalion 46th Infantry sent four men to the Unit Recon School to participate in the twelve day course. One of these men, SGT Ronald Nereson (Hayden, Col.) finished first in the class of twenty-four. The other three men from the battalion, PFC Ira K. Baker (Miami, Fla.), PFC Harold Barrineau Jr. (Charleston, S.C.) and PFC Raymond Wheeler (Crane, Mo.) also made excellent showings. SGT Nereson entered the school a SP4, but upon completion of the course he was promoted to SGT E-5 because of his outstanding accomplishment while attending the Unit Recon School. SGT Nereson earned a total of 487 points out of a possible 500. At the graduation exercises, General Powers cited SGT Nereson's achievements and the graduation was highlighted when the General pinned the well earned sergeant's stripes on SGT Nereson's right side while LTC Coverdale pinned the other stripe on his left side. In addition to his deserved promotion, SGT Nereson received a three day in-country R&R.

"When we first arrived at the Unit Recon School, we were given a short orientation by General Clement," SGT Nereson stated. "At this opening meeting General Clement told us, the AMERICAL DIVISION is extremely proud of the Unit Recon School for its part in teaching and training men in the art of reconnaissance for recon is the eyes and ears of the AMERICAL DIVISION." Through the Unit Recon School, men of the Division learn the proper procedure to follow while obtaining military information through observation about enemy area, the troops within that area, his habits, supplies equipment and movement.

SGT Nereson commented on the numerous classes that were taught at the Unit Recon School. "We reviewed a lot of material taught us in basic and AIT, like first aid, map reading, radio communications, booby-traps, etc. We also covered in detail, special subjects that everyone working in a reconnaissance capacity should have a thorough knowledge

of. This included training in repelling, survival, demolition, escape and evasion, and the use of tracker teams. We even went over to LZ Bayonet and had a practical demonstration calling artillery in on an imaginary enemy position. One idea that was accentuated was the use of night ambushes and night maneuvers. As General Clement put it, 'Charlie doesn't expect the American soldier to move at night. If we do move at this time we catch him off guard and have him where we want him.'

"I really enjoyed the Unit Recon School," said SGT Nereson, "It offered such a diversity of subjects. Not being from a recon platoon or ever worked in that role, a lot of the material we covered was new to me. This added to the interest of the school, making it both enjoyable and informative. I would encourage any man who has the opportunity to attend the Unit Recon School to do so. We should all learn more about the AMERICAL DIVISION'S combat intelligence collecting agency...."RECON".

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DELTA COMPANY

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

SP/4 Richard Olson (Rochester, Minn.)
SP/4 Jamie Palermo (New York, N.Y.)
SP/4 George Seebach Columbus, Ohio)
SP/4 Harold Shigley (Hillsdale, Mich.)
SP/4 Richard Silvas (South Fork, Pa.)
SP/4 Raymond Webb (Lenoir, N.C.)
SP/4 James Santana (Elko, Nev.)

ECHO COMPANY

Bronze Star Medal

1LT John Edwards (Smithville, Mo.)
1SG Francis Nydle (Ottumwa, Iowa)
SGT Michael Bullock (Makanda, Ill.)
SGT Frank Hawkins (Waukegan, Ill.)
SGT Larry Jeffcoat (Columbia, S.C.)

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

SP/4 Henry Breckinridge (Arkoma, Okla.)
SP/4 John McKinniss (Mulberry, Ind.)



DELTA UNCOVERS

NVA GRAVES

Delta Company squeezed a little more blood from the communist October 2nd, when they destroyed a small ammunition's cache, blew up enemy bunkers that were under construction, burned four hooches and killed two NVA soldiers.

While on their way to a day defensive position, an element from second platoon, led by 2Lt Joseph McCourt (Brooklyn, N.Y.), set out in search of a better route through the jungle. While searching the area, the element found eight freshly delivered graves. After rejoining the company, the entire element moved back to the scene of the graves, and dug them up. "A few of the bodies could not have been buried for over a week, and we could easily recognize they were NVA soldiers," said SSG Harry G. Anderson (Atco, N.J.), "but the rest were so old we could not readily tell, so we assumed they were all NVA".

Delta Company moved from the graves and onto another trail. Moving along cautiously, the "Vikings" sighted several incomplete bunkers. Advancing to the bunkers and checking them out, Delta Company discovered one-thousand rounds of 3KS and one-thousand rounds of 30 caliber ammunition. After a thorough search of all the bunkers, the friendly element wrecked them and with incendiary grenades, destroyed the ammunition.

As the element pushed on toward a day defensive position, twelve NVA soldiers were spotted setting up a 106 recoilless rifle. Realizing they had been seen by Delta Company, the NVA quickly dispersed.

The "Vikings" set up a defensive position, and then sent elements out to recon the area where the NVA had been seen. As the patrol neared the area, five NVA were sighted coming back in their direction. Hastily taking cover, the small element patiently waited for the NVA to draw closer.

Seeing the NVA had stopped and were searching the area, the "Vikings" opened fire. Even over the great distance, the patrol caught the enemy completely off guard, and killed two of the enemy before the others withdrew. A quick search of the area uncovered a few 106 recoilless rounds the NVA apparently left behind in their earlier retreat, and a blood trail.

All in all, the "Vikings" of Delta Company spent a busy day destroying the enemy, his equipment and fighting positions, along with keeping the enemy on the move, never letting him rest.



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