

The Professionals



1st Battalion

46th Infantry

JUN 15 1969

MEMORIAL DAY, FALLEN HONORED

CHU LAI. The Battalion was standing in formation at "Parade Rest". At 0600 the Battalion Executive Officer called the formation to "Attention", as the flag was raised to full staff, then lowered to half staff. Chaplain Black read Psalm 121 and gave a memorial message in which he ended with a prayer. The Battalion Adjutant came forward and read a roster of names from each company of those who have fallen since January 1st:

ALPHA COMPANY

2LT Johnny P. Stephens
SSG Michael R. Tucker
SGT James N. Sowers
SP4 Kenneth J. Myer
SP4 Ronald W. Harris
SP4 Dallas S. McKinney
PFC Michael D. Blea
PFC James H. Dye
PFC William R. Hale
PFC Robert F. Laubacher
PFC Richard McNeal
PFC George H. Nee
PFC Daniel A. Rosen

BRAVO COMPANY

1LT Damian Tomaszek
SGT Clovis L. May
SP4 Woodrow W. J. Bishop
SP4 Michael A. Gehl
SP4 Louis B. Warner, II
PFC Christopher Casias
PFC Theodore Pawlowski

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THE PROFESSIONALS CONTINUE TO STRIKE AT CHARLIE'S RESUPPLY

MAY 14th

Company D found 12 recoilless rifle rounds and 6 82mm mortar rounds.

MAY 16th

Drive Company's 2nd Platoon while searching through some footpaths and a tunnel complex found: 30 82mm mortar rounds, one M-16, 10 Gideon grenades, 2 EVA packs with medical supplies, 2 EVA ponies, 3 EVA gas masks, two M-47 magazines, 150 rounds of M-16 ammo, 40 rounds M-60 ammo, 50 rounds M-16 ammo, 6 plastic film bags, 3 EVA canteens, one EVA receiver/transmitter radio, 3 boxes of spaghetti and condiments, and one bear-trap which was booby-trapped with a Gideon grenade.

MAY 19th

Company B's second platoon continued to find the enemy's equipment. This time they found: one SIG, 2 M-16s, one US M-1 rifle, one Gideon field

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LZ PROFESSIONAL BECOMES NVA TARGET

L Z Professional came under a NVA offensive attack 0220 hrs. on May 12. The attack consisted of 62mm mortars, RPGs, and small arms fire. Later on the NVA boldly tried to assault the bunker line, but their attempts were futile. Delta Company who at the time was securing the hill made a sweep of the area from which the main attack had come. D Company found: 20 NVA KIAs with assorted equipment, 6 AK 47s, 2 Soviet made pistols, 2 RPG-7 launchers, 150 Clicon grenades and 10 AK 47 magazines. The NVA in their determined push found out the hard way that the Professionals weren't about to budge an inch.

CHARLIE'S RESUPPLY (Con't)

phone, 15 62mm mortar rounds, 30 rounds M-60 ammo, 10,000 rounds AK ammo, 2 CS 62mm mortar fuzes, 2 cans of black powder, one pair of NVA boots, assorted documents, 20 feet of claymore wire, a box of medical supplies, one AK 47 magazine, and 3,000 lbs. of cinnamon which was destroyed.

MAY 22nd

The Third Platoon of B Company found their share of the enemy's equipment: 9 SIS rifles, 2 57mm recoilless rifle rounds, one 60mm mortar round, 19 bangalore torpedoes, 42 Clicon grenades, 10 fuzes for Clicons, and 2 propaganda tapes.

MAY 26th

Company A found a 51 cal. position with overhead cover. In it was found 30 empty casings that had been used only a few days before. They also found one VC KIA who had been a victim of artillery. Later on that day Alpha found in a tunnel one VC KIA who had been killed by small arms and 100 lbs. of rice. Both rice and tunnel were destroyed.

Delta Company came upon a mortar pit. In the area they found 5 62mm mortar rounds and 2 tunnels. Delta blew the mortar rounds and destroyed the tunnels.

A MEMORIAL MESSAGE FROM CHAPLIN BLACK

We pause to show our respect and honor to our friends and fellow soldiers. These are men who have given the ultimate gift to the cause of peace and freedom in a torn world.

We have just witnessed the flag that we love and respect as it was raised to full staff and then lowered to half staff. Every time we look at this flag it will remind us of the friends and fellow soldiers who have given their lives while serving with this battalion.

Today we find ourselves confronted with two of the great mysteries of the universe; the mysteries of life and death. A short time ago, these soldiers were serving with us, as a part of an outstanding organization, but now they are only present in our memories. It does not take us long to realize that God alone knows the meaning of life and death. We have often said that we would like to know these mysteries, but do we really? No, we do not; we have to live each day as it comes and do our very best.

Most of us love life, but we fear death. Voltaire, who lived his life much like he wanted, said to his physician on his deathbed, "I'll give you all my fortune if you'll give me six months to live." Life - we love it, cling to it, fight for it. Death - we fear it. But what is life? Some have described it like this: "Life is a school; death is the commencement." Shakespeare said, "All the world's a stage." Another has said, "Life is a testing road. The test ended, the road leads into a new state of existence." Someone else has said, "Life is a game we play with our fellow man; the rules are stamped in the universe. When the game is over, and:

..when the One Great Scorer comes

To write against your name

He writes - not that you won or lost

But how you played the game."

Death, you see is not an unforeseen accident: not something left out of the Creator's plan. It is something

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FALLEN HONORED (Con't)

CHARLIE COMPANY

SGT Gregory E. Newman
SP4 Joe Bragg
SP4 Gary Godfalter
SP4 Frank W. Flannoy
SP4 Phillip Hernandez
SP4 Robert L. Humphrey
SP4 Marlin Laber
SP4 Steven Pettis
SP4 Andrew L. Presley
SP4 Thomas J. Tyrell
PFC Winston Smith

DELTA COMPANY

SSG Steve A. Crawshaw
PFC Paul H. Jackson
PFC William Lutz
PFC Glenn R. Mearns
PFC Joseph F. Paez
PFC Marvin R. Painter

ECHO COMPANY

SGT Carl R. Peterson
SP4 Ralph W. Connors, Jr.
SP4 Ronnie P. Grayson
SP4 Horace Jones
SP4 Michael D. Melton
PFC David E. Brodkins
PFC Freddie L. Coffman

KHIC

SP4 Giles W. Gilmer
SP4 Charles J. Gbilterra

As the names for each company were read, three honor guards from each company came forward. Each honor guard carried either a rifle with bayonet, a helmet, or a pair of spit-shined boots. The rifle was stuck into the ground by its bayonet, and the helmet was placed on the rifle butt. The boots were placed in front of the rifle, thus completing the symbolism of the fallen for that particular company. After all companies had placed their honoring symbols, a seven man firing squad came forward, ending the memorial service by giving a 21 gun salute. The "Fallen Professionals" have left us, but are not forgotten by those who now stand.

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well planned and necessary in the sight of God. These our friends and fellow soldiers will continue to live on in our memories and as a part of this organization. We will always remember them as brave and courageous men, who loved life and who to some degree feared death. They gave up the blessed gift of life itself for the ideals and principles that are so dear and meaningful to all of us; the ideals and principles for which our nation stands. Each time we look at our flag, we are reminded of them. We are proud of our flag and the things it represents. We have paid a tremendous price for our heritage and our way of life, but we feel that it is worth the price. We want all men to be free and we especially want our children to be able to live in a free and peaceful world.

"The Professionals" welcome the following new men to the battalion.

ALPHA COMPANY

2LT Barry B. Biggin
PSG Dean A. Warwick
SGT Eddie Jackson
SGT William R. Marks
SP4 Donald F. Chalmers
SP4 John J. Kirsch, Jr.
SP4 Freddy J. Odom
PFC Robert S. Abrahams
PFC James M. Adams
PFC William J. Bailey
PFC Dennis F. Beagle
PFC Gaylen R. Blosser
PFC Barry M. Bonk
PFC Darrell L. Branch
PFC Joseph J. Brondolo
PFC Ronnie M. Broyles
PFC George A. Dusch
PFC Roger P. Callahan
PFC Joseph G. Davidson
PFC Stephen J. Harness
PFC James J. Handerson
PFC Franklin Hockenberry
PFC Charles J. Hoefler
PFC Phillip A. Johnson, Jr.
PFC Sterling H. Johnson
PFC Tommy E. Kerr
PFC Marshal Lichtenstein
PFC Richard Regalado

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NEW MEN (Con't)

PFC Raymond R. Schialble
PFC James R. Smith
PFC William T. Stanton
PFC Gary L. Mauer
PFC Paul A. Vetter

BRAVO COMPANY

CPT Alva R. King
1LT Joseph G. Imman
SGT Prantiss A. Long
SP4 Louis M. Attena
SP4 John M. Dexter
SP4 David G. Lynch, Jr.
SP4 Jay A. Mathena
SP4 Vernon E. McKenzie
SP4 Frederick Peoples
PFC Mayo K. Gravatt
PFC Stephen C. Koger
PFC Bruce L. Moorefield
PFC Michael G. Shave
PFC Glenn A. Smith

CHARLIE COMPANY

SGT Robert Mizinski
SP4 Eugene J. Hall
PFC Harold Amador
PFC Perfect Sanabria

DELTA COMPANY

PFC Robert Myers
PFC Donald Wedgeworth
PVT James Bills

ECHO COMPANY

SGT Louis C. Hurst
SGT James E. Maroney
SP4 James W. Geary
PFC Dewey E. Allen III
PFC Dave E. Baker
PFC Ira K. Baker
PFC Harold Barrineau, Jr.
PFC Dennis W. Baum
PFC Michael G. Brewer
PFC Warren J. Brookshire
PFC Steven F. Cabaday
PFC Wayne G. Good
PFC Larry M. Granfield
PFC Peter E. Hart
PFC Irvin A. Jones
PFC Robert W. Lamont
PFC Clinton F. Long
PFC Steven B. Wempe

HEC COMPANY

CPT Robert E. Beckie
CPT Jessa C. Sellers
1ST Herman L. Hill
SSG Willie Lockamy
SP6 Robert L. Ruffin
SP5 Troy Britton
SP5 Roger L. Durbin
SP5 Kenneth A. Ward
SP4 Richard Delanger
SP4 James Botts
SP4 Jerry J. Boward
SP4 John D. Brown
SP4 Gerald M. Lowry
SP4 Harry J. Smothers
SP4 Brian T. Winters
PFC Federico Alaminz, Jr.
PFC Arvid J. Bartsch
PFC Thomas E. Dullington
PFC Robert G. Clark
PFC David M. Collins
PFC Leon W. Dumas
PFC Lennox D. Hardy
PFC Danny R. Heller
PFC Francis Modorowski
PFC Lonnie T. Morgan
PFC Carlos Rodriguez
PFC Ronald L. Stover



THE PROFESSIONALS

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