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COMPANY NEWS

HHC

"BASKETT BANDITS"

Tuesday, January 14, 1969.

The hour : 1410. Situation Report; Negative. The personnel of Headquarters and Headquarters Company are involved in their never ending struggle for perfection. Suddenly there is a rattle at the door and in flies a golden hawk: No, it is just a hummingbird, humming the tune of "Homeward Bound". It carries the anxiously awaited orders of the following personnel: 1LT DAVID R DICKERSON, 1LT ORVIDE CORRIVEAU, SP4 PAUL KOZINA, SP5 BERL BROADY, and SP5 SAMMIE SHARY. With them go the best wishes from their co-workers.

On 4 January, SP6 JAMES WILBERT DEWITT WRIGHT was severely injured when he was performing one of his many daily tasks. SP6 WRIGHT received 1st and 2nd degree burns on his face, hands, and neck. After going through a series of examinations, he was sent to a hospital in the states. We sincerely hope that SP6 WRIGHT has a speedy recovery.

On 13 January, STAFF SERGEANT WILLIAM E NORRIS, mess steward for the 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry, 11th Infantry Brigade, was promoted to SERGEANT FIRST CLASS. SFC NORRIS received congratulations from MAJ ROGER W BOYLE, Battalion XO, the commissioned officers and all personnel of the Battalion.

SFC NORRIS' new stripes were pinned on by CPT JAMES A HEWES, the Battalion S-4 and 1LT KENNETH G BASKETT, the commanding officer of Headquarters and Headquarters

Company.

A warm welcome is extended to SP5 LOUIS FREY. He is the newest addition to the personnel of the 3/1.

BEER & SODA ANYONE?

For those of you who are "humming the boonies", there is no reason for your not being well stocked with beer and soda, unless of course, bad weather prevents daily resupply. Your Battalion "Other Sundry Fund" makes a daily purchase of 80 cases of beer and soda from the 11th Brigade Beer Yard, at a cost of \$432.00. So long as the "Other Sundry Fund" continues to be resupplied at this daily rate - and is reimbursed accordingly - there is more than enough beer and soda to insure that each man in the field can have two cans of beer and two cans of soda daily.

To allow for this rate of consumption, each company is authorized to pick up daily, one case of beer and one case of soda for each 12 men in the field. Resupplying you with these refreshments is a company function. Therefore, if you're "going dry", notify your chain of command; they can find out why.

CO A

"ALLIGOOD'S HOODS"

The "Hoods" enjoyed a week of relaxation on the lovely resort area of LZ Cork. They are improving the defensive positions and cleaning up the area. In their spare time they are qualifying with the M67-90 MM Recoilless Rifle. "Ole Chuck" hasn't a chance now.

The gallant hero, PFC RICHARD E. BUR S has returned to the round table of the orderly room. He had

many gallant deeds to tell of, but hasn't had time enough to tell them all. Anyone care to lend him an ear?

The gallant and Courageous SP4 LARRY J TILLER is to go on leave next week. We wish him a great time and we hope he will hurry back to tell us about it.

CO B "WILLIAM'S RAIDERS"

It had been a quiet week for Bravo Company. This was to the delight of the Raiders since they were in need of a little release in tension. Ole Chuck had just been going out of his way to avoid the fearless Raiders. But all good things must come to an end and at 14:30 hours, 15 January, the Raiders' luck changed. While making a combat sweep near Quang Nghi province, Bravo Company received automatic weapons and grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force. The following men were wounded in the ensuing battle: SP4 RICHARD B ALLEN, SP4 RICHARD J LINEHAN, SP4 DAVID D ROBERTSON, PFC DAVID G MCKENZIE, SP4 JAMES A MASCOLO, SP5 JOSEPH F PIOTROWSKI, PFC ROBERT L CORLEY, SP4 LARRY G BULLARD. We wish to express our sincere hopes that these men have a speedy recovery.

On the brighter side, we would like to extend congratulations to the following men on their promotion to Sergeant E-5: SGT TIMOTHY WYMAN, SGT ROBERT D COX, SGT LARRY W MENIFEE, SGT RICHARD MACDOWELL, and SGT JAMES CHAPMAN.

A change in pace is in store for 1LT WILLIAM GLESSNER. He has now taken over as the company XO. We wish him the best of luck.

-- In Memoriam --
PFC JOHN H TREJO

and
PFC JERRY W LANEY

And:
SP4 MARION WITHERSPOON

and
SP4 MARVIN F WEHR
who departed us on the afternoon of 15 January 1969.

CO C "THE GOOD GUYS"

During the past week, action was light for "the Good Guys". They have accounted for one KIA.

The KIA resulted from a desperate struggle. As the story goes, the first squad of the second platoon was investigating a suspected enemy weapons cache. Suddenly they spotted a wiry VC mongoose spying on them. Immediately Captain WILLIAM STRAUB and his sidekick, LT JAMES TUCKER joined forces with LT DAVID PARR, SP4 DONALD DAVIDSON, SP4 OPHEEY IRVIN, SP4 KENNETH BAUER, and PFC GARY TOTH to engage in a duel with this deadly mongoose. After a short struggle the victim was defeated, since he was no match for the greatly skilled "Good Guys".

The welcome wagon rolls around again to the "Good Guys" in order to roll out the red carpet for: PFC WAYNE BRADLEY, PFC HOWARD BULLOCK, PFC JAMES CHAPELE, and PFC BERNARD MCKIGNEY. Good luck and happy humping. By the way, PFC MCKIGNEY was a music teacher back in the world so there should be no more sour notes from Charlie Company.

Welcome to Charlie's Birthday Corner. Birthday greetings go out to SGT JIMMY KNUCKLES, SP4 LARRY MARSHALL, and PFC GEORGE BUNKER.

The company extends a warm welcome to First Sergeant GLENN WHITE who has just returned from a 30 day leave back in the world. He remarked that the world is still a hassle. Anyone for a good hassle?

CO D "DELTA'S DRAGONS"

The Dragons had a relatively idle week for a change. Acting as a security force for LZ Cork, they were able to enjoy a change of pace from the usual "humping the boonies" bit. Later in the week, they moved into a position where they could serve as a blocking force in support of the Battalion force.

When the welcome wagon rolled around to the Dragons this week, they found it necessary to roll out two red carpets. The Dragon's strength was greatly reenforced by the following men: 1LT ROGER WILSON, 2LT JAMES CLAYBAUGH, SGT RONALD SERBNER, PFC MICHAEL BROPLY, PFC BRUCE HOLLAND, PFC LAYFETTE CHILES, PFC LLOYD CHISLEY, PFC CHARLES DENNIS, PFC DANIEL PAYTON, PFC JULIUS MANG, PFC THOMAS ODEA, PFC THOMAS SMITH, PFC STEVE MCCOY, PFC JERRY VICKERS, PFC MICHAEL CHANCE,

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PFC RICHARD CARAPEZZA, PFC LARRY BUSHEE, PFC RONALD ALBERT, PFC JAMES BAILLIE, PFC STEPHEN HILL, PFC WILLIAM FORRELL SGT WILLIAM OLSON, PFC CHARLES WEAVER, PFC JACK CARAMIA, PFC COLIER BENPARTE, PFC THOMAS CONNELLY, PFC GEORGE CATO, PFC GERALD BLOOM, PFC MICHAEL CHIPREAU, PFC KENNETH CHURCHILL, PFC DAVID CLIFFORD, PFC DANIEL LECHER, PFC MOSES PIGRUM, and PFC JOHN ROZON.

The following men were wounded when the company came in contact with NVA fortified bunkers on the 15th of January: PFC BOBBY L HAMPTON, PFC RONALD L ALBERT, and SP4 WILLIAM C WOLD.

--In Memoriam--
SGT WILLIAM OLSON

who departed us on the afternoon of 15 January 1969.

CO E "JACKS OF ALL TRADES"

Echo gains fame through their mighty Recon platoon. The Recon platoon engaged an NVA force and pinned them down for more than two hours. They called in for artillery but due to early inaccuracies, the majority of the enemy troops managed to escape. Recon was unable to obtain a count of enemy casualties but their action warranted recognition in the news.

Meanwhile back at the ranch, the 4.2 Mortars platoon under the direction of 1LT THOMAS REICHART and PSG WILLIAM FACKLER are in the process of pulling a series of "4.2 Raids". The details are still being ironed out but the initial plans are to have one or two guns airlifted to various mortar sites.

It is birthday time again. A belated happy birthday wish is extended to 1LT THOMAS REICHART, the platoon leader for the 4.2 Mortars platoon. A newcomer arrived just in time for a belated birthday greeting also. PFC MICHAEL GRABOWSKI turned 21 on January 6st. He is one of three new additions to 4.2 Mortars platoon. The others are PFC THOMAS DARNELL and PFC CHARLES RITTER. We extend a warm welcome to these men and hope their stay here will be a pleasant one.

The last member of the original Echo company is on his journey

back to the world. SP4 JAY WALCZAK of the 4.2 Mortars platoon is on his way back to being a civilian. He had extended his tour over here in order to take advantage of the "early out" program. "The best of luck in the world WALLY".

"ARE YOU A LEADER?"

Does putting three stripes on your sleeve make you a leader? No! It just shows that those over you have confidence in you and they think that you have the potential to be a leader.

Can a man that has no stripes be a leader? A very definite yes. Any man can be a leader regardless of race, religion or education.

It will take a little time and effort on your part. First of all, take a look at yourself. How do you like to be given orders. Try to give orders in such a manner that you would be willing to obey them if they were given to you.

Be fair! Make an equal distribution of the work load. Don't give the easy tasks to someone you like and the dirty jobs to someone you don't like. Plan it so all get their share or both good and bad.

Be honest with your men and yourself. You must be leading at all times. If someone lets you down, correct him. Make sure you don't let your men down. Check their feet daily. See that he takes his malaria pills. If one of your men has a gripe, listen to him, when the situation permits, and if you are wrong, correct it. If he is wrong, explain to him why he is wrong.

Study the leaders above you. Why do some get the job done better than others? Try to adapt their good points to fit your personality.

After a man has done a job, however large or small, don't forget to use the two words of the English language that is often overlooked. Thank You. It doesn't cost you anything and it lets the man know that you are aware of him and appreciate what he is doing.

As a leader you must avoid profanity. Many men resent orders given with a lot of cursing. It is permissible sometimes to use a little profanity to get a mission done in a hurry, I will agree, but if you use

profanity all of the time you lose the emphasis that it applies in a critical situation.

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MEDITATIONS

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THE LONELY OUTPOST

Father,
when I was home, I used to read these words of David,
and I thought I knew what they meant:

"Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit?
Or whither shall I flee
from Thy presence?...
If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts
of the sea,
even there Thy right hand shall lead me,
and Thy right hand shall hold me
Never have these words meant as much to me as they do now.

The lonely outpost,
barracks on frozen tundra,
sentinel lighthouse on rocky crag,
tent in steamy, mosquito-infested jungle,
weathership bobbing on 30-foot waves as it traces and retraces its course unendingly in its 10-mile circle,
submarine,
missile base-
it used to sound so different, almost exciting.
But how many games of checkers can you play?
And how many hours before the batteries in a tape recorder run down?
Oh, how I long to see

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a T-bird whizzing by;
the girl across the street;
yes, even a stupid TV commercial;
and hear
a baby cry
and one of those classical records my folks like
(I used to kid them about being such longhairs).
But, Father, don't misunderstand, I'm not complaining.
A fellow is just bound to resent being "out of things"
and feel a little homesick after a while.

Do you know what means a lot to me?
And I mean really a lot!
To know that You are with me
no matter where I'm stationed.
Even here!
In the lonely outpost I am not alone!
"Even there Thy hand shall lead me,
And Thy right hand shall hold me."

Father, let me learn from these long and monotonous hours
that Your presence is not dependent on stained glass, robes, and pews,
that Your voice speaks just as clearly and personally to me here when I read Your Word.
Help me use my time profitably,
like Jesus, when He would go off on the mountainside all by Himself
to think,
to pray:
that I may gain a blessing from You,
a blessing that will last even after I'm back in the noise and hubbub of my normal life.

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