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COMPANY NEWS

HHC

"REICHART'S PACKETEER'S"

Headquarters and Headquarters Company extends a hardy welcome to their new Company Commander; 1LT TOMMY L REICHART.

All is well on the bunker line. Everyone is putting forth great effort to complete the defensive positions before the TET holiday arrives. Everyone is hoping the Lunar New Year comes in quietly but if ole Chuck gets nasty, everyone is prepared to put the skids to him.

Added to the strength of Headquarters and Headquarters Company this week were Captain RODNEY J ALLIGOOD, 1LT ROBERT E COYNE, 1LT WILLIAM GLESENER, 1LT TOMMY L REICHART, 1LT TERRY W FULKS, SFC CHARLIE ROBINSON, and PFC LAWRENCE SCALES.

The following men have become another year older and wiser this past week: CPT JAMES HEWES, SP6 CASTULO GARCIA, SP4 RUDOLPH ASMAN, SP4 ROBERT L BARTEL, SP4 WILLIAM BOSWELL, SP4 RONALD CABALLETO, SP4 GLENN CONNIN, SP4 JESSIE R FLORES, SP4 FRANKLIN TATE, SP4 DONALD CUDD, SP4 FRANK MARKLI, PFC MICHAEL SMITH, PVT RICHARD PIEHLER, and PVT RODGER NEAGEL. Congratulations!

The following men were promoted to sergeant E-5 last month: SGT EDWARD G SILBER, SGT JOHN J MAKAP, SGT JAMES L PHILLIPS, and SGT LEON TAYLOR. Congratulations men!

Co A

"DANZ'S DEVILS"

Since their departure from LZ Cork, the Devils have been busily exploring the boonies. Working as

a sweeping force, the Devils have been driving "ole Chuck" toward Company D, known as the Dragons, who have been patiently waiting to block "Chuck's" escape. Once the Devils reach the Dragon's location, the two will combine forces to really put the squeeze on "Chuck". Meanwhile back in the chowline, the devils are eating those good ole C rations since their resupply of hot chow has been somewhat infrequent lately.

This week SGT LARRY DUGGER and SP4 LARRY BALLENTINE departed for their long awaited R&R in Hong Kong. As they are leaving, SGT JOHN JAMESON, PFC EARL DEWITT, and PFC TERRY DARON will be returning.

Our "Big Bad BURKS" is no longer with us. PFC RICHARD BURKS has been transferred to S-2 Brigade and will be working in the Intelligence Department. He is replaced in the orderly room by SP4 GEORGE BOVEE, who came here from S-1 Brigade where he served as an R&R Clerk.

Congratulations are in order for the following men who have recently been promoted to Sergeant E-5: SGT JACK E BRUCKE, SGT LARRY J TILLER, SGT WILLIE SLAUGHTER, SGT MICHAEL L STOUT, SGT JOHN H WETTER, SGT BILLIE PEARCE, SGT LARRY W DUGGER, and SGT DEWIGHT E SCOTT.

Special congratulations are in order for JOHN W JAMESON who was promoted to Staff Sergeant E-6

Co B

"WILLIAM'S RAIDERS"

It has been a quiet week for the Raiders. They have been relaxing a

little on LZ Cork where they are securing the LZ from nasty ole Chuck.

Joining the Raiders this week are LT GREGORY A SMITH, LT ROBERT J YOUNGS, and SSG KENNETH BAUSINGER. LT YOUNGS is replacing LT CHARLES DYER who has returned to LZ Bronco to take over as the Company's XO.

Returning from R&R this week are SP4 RUSSEL B COOK and SGT WILLIAM HALL who spent their vacation in Sidney Australia. Also SGT JAMES P CARLSON, the LNCO for the Battalion, has returned from Hawaii where he spent his R&R with his wife.

SGT JOHN MCLAUGHLIN and SGT RICKY SNODERLY have returned from Singapore where they have been on leave.

Just leaving for his well earned R&R is SP4 THOMAS K CRUST who will go to Hawaii to see the beautiful Hawaiian beauties. Also leaving are SGT JAMES A MASCOLO and SP4 BRUCE A BUNYARD who are going on a seven day leave.

Congratulations are in order for CHARLES GRIFFIN, RICHARD LINEHAN, and JAMES MASCOLO who were recently promoted to Sergeant E-5.

Co C

"THE GOOD GUYS"

This past week has been a busy one for the Good Guys. They have been working steadily in the area surrounding LZ Bronco and have been harrasing ole Chuck. The third Platoon, under the leadership of PSG WILLIE HELMS discovered a large housing project which belonged to ole Chuck. The complex consisted of seven ranch style hootches still under construction. Along with this major discovery, they captured 2 SK44's, 5-B40 rockets, a 30 Lb shane charge, and 9 charges for the rockets.

SGT DONALD DAVIDSON of the second platoon accounted for the lone KIA for the week.

SP4 LARRY MARSHAL had a little surprise this week. He was walking point for his element on their way to a night ambush position when he spotted an enemy soldier coming from the opposite direction. Immediately SP4 MARSHAL put his M-16

into action. The enemy, taken by surprised, dropped his weapon and and scurried off into the bushes. Ole Chuck got the lead and SP4 MARSHAL captured the weapon, which was an SK44.

Captain WILLIAM J STRAUB put a definite hurt on ole Chuck this week. Captain STRAUB, his headquarters section, and the first platoon were on a daily operation in the Duc Pho area when they encountered an enemy soldier. Captain STRAUB, going into action, wounded the soldier where it hurts the most. The enemy soldier is now hospitalized with a sore sitter. Beside capturing the NVA soldier, they captured valuable enemy documents.

The Good Guys are glad to see LT Kochel, third platoon leader, back from the hospital and ready to hum some more.

Congratulations are in order for SGT DONALD F DAVIDSON who recently received his promotion to E-5.

Co D

"DELTA DRAGONS"

This week finds the Dragons working to the north of LZ Cork. They have been humping extensively and doing an outstanding job removing "ole Chuck" from the area. On the 11th of February the Company set up several ambushes. At one of the ambush sites, "ole Chuck" slipped up. The Dragons caught him sneaking down the trail and they annihilated him. They captured his weapon which was a carabine. They also captured various enemy documents and equipment.

Under the outstanding leadership of Captain JOHN S WALKER and the platoon leaders; LT JOSEPH BAIRD, LT LARKY EVANS, and LT ROBERT WILSON, the company has developed into an extremely effective fight. They turned the men into proficient, high spirited fighters.

Although the officers are responsible for the outstanding leadership of the Company, the individual man is the real backbone of the Company. Bound together as a team, they form a strong union and an unbeatable company.

Congratulations are in order for the following men who have been promoted to Sergeant E-5: LAWRENCE GOOD, RICH, THOMAS HARTMAN, and PEKKA J SALO.

Special congratulations are in order for MICHAEL AMOS who was recently promoted to Staff Sergeant E-6.

Co E "JACKS OF ALL TRADES"

Echo Company completed a busy week in the mountainous surrounding LZ Cork. The Company is working under the leadership of 1LT PAUL YAMADA, who was the Recon platoon leader and Company Commander. He took the place of 1LT TOMMY REICHART who is now the Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander.

Meanwhile, the 4.2 Mortars Platoon has received a new platoon leader 1LT RAYMOND PARRISH. Also added to their ranks were SGT JAMES E FLOWERS and PFC DURWOOD E DIXON. It was almost like a revolutionary week, with all these changes.

Both Recon and 4.2 Mortars platoons are located on or around LZ Cork. Recon is providing perimeter defence for Radar Hill while 4.2 mortars are providing fire support for the LZ and surrounding area.

It is a big week for birthdays in the Company. From the Recon Platoon, SGT RALPH BARLOW celebrated his 26th birthday on the 7th of February and PFC DANIEL BONTOT celebrated his 20th birthday on the 9th of February. From the 4.2 Mortars Platoon, PFC THOMAS DARNELL celebrated his 21st birthday and PFC ELVIN HORNER celebrated his 20th birthday on the 17th of February.

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(A contribution from the Battalion Chaplain, CPT RONALD W BENZING)

SEX

It's hard to keep a clean mind
and a healthy attitude on love and

sex

In this Kind of setup, Father.
I haven't had a chance just to sit and talk to a nice girl
or to enjoy a taste of family life in a home

for quite a long time now.
Maybe that's why there are so many dirty jokes
and pictures of nudes floating around.
There are some fellows in my outfit who seem to like it this way.
They don't even talk about a girl as if she were human
but more like a game
or a target.

All they want is to see how far they can go,
and they don't care who gets hurt.
Then they sit and laugh about it afterwards.

Father, don't let me degrade something You made to be so good.

We always used to sing in church:
"Create in me a clean heart O God"

That's what I'm praying now.
So that when I can get settled a little later
with a real top-notch wife,
I won't have a sick idea
as to what love is all about.
And even now I want and need a clean heart.

I want Jesus to live and rule in my heart.

Let my love for Him, and His for me, keep my heart a place fit for Him.

Taken from "ON ACTIVE DUTY"

by Roy G Gesch

Wisdom is not computerizing information; it is choosing the pearl of greater price every day when both look good.