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BATTALION NEWS

September arrived with a convincing sample of how wet the monsoon season can be in Duc Pho. Headquarters' local residents responded with wheelbarrow and trowel. Zealous cement laying crews soon encased many of the leaky bunkers in (almost) waterproof shells and made a good start on a network of drainage ditches.

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Headquarters is preparing to bid LTC GEORGE V. ELLIS a bon voyage to his new assignment with the USA Strategic Analysis Group in Bethesda, Md. Later this month LTC Ellis will formally turn his command over to LTC LESLIE T. STOTTLE.

Other recent personnel changes include CPT LLOYD F. KINNEY who assumed command of Co A on 8 Sep 69. 1LT JOHN F. BAXTER III will take on CPT Kinney's former responsibilities as Battalion Intelligence Officer (S-2). And CPT ROBERT K. TYSON, Alpha Company's former commander, has moved on to a new job at the Division Tactical Operations Center.

CPT Kinney, a native of Joplin, Missouri, graduated from West Point in 1967. He is a veteran of the Army's Airborne and Ranger Schools, as well as training in the operation of mechanized units and in track maintenance.

Among this battalion's recent re-placements, were six new officers. The following is a sketch of their backgrounds:

1LT HAROLD ROWLAND: Co A
Place of birth: Raleigh, N. C.
Home town: Columbus, Ga
Officer training: OCS - 1968
Joined Army: November 1955

2LT ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG: Co A
Place of birth: Columbus, Ga
Home town: Salinas, Calif
Officer training: ROTC -
San Jose State, Calif
Joined Army: September 1968

2LT OWEN K. HARDING: Co B
Place of birth: Honolulu, Hawaii
Home town: Midwest City, Oklahoma
Officer training: ROTC -
University of Oklahoma
Joined Army: July 1968

2LT GERARD ALLEN: Co B
Place of birth: Flushing, N. Y.
Home town: Minneapolis, Minn.
Officer training: OCS - 1968
Joined Army: September 1967

1LT CARDELL S. HUNTER: Co C
Place of birth: Jacksonville, Fla
Home town: Washington, D. C.
Officer training: ROTC -
West Virginia State College
Joined Army: August 1968

2LT JIMMIE M. SHACKELFORD: Co D
Place of birth: Shawnee, Oklahoma
Home town: Delores, Colorado
Officer training: OCS - 1968
Joined Army: April 1955

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Saturday morning, 13 Sep, will end with a promotion ceremony in the 3/1 NCO Club. LTC Ellis will pin a silver bar on 1LT JOSEPH P. ACCETTURO, a platoon leader with Co D, and SFC stripes on SFC WILLIAM B. AUSTIN, the Battalion Mess Sergeant.

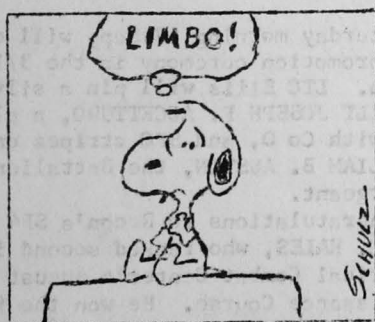
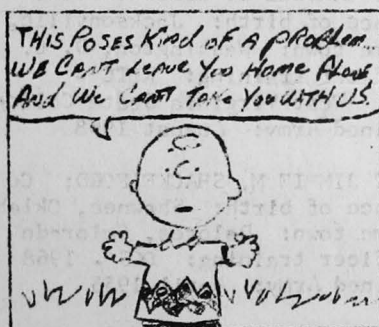
Congratulations to Recon's SP4 GEORGE M. HALES, who ranked second in the Americal Combat Center's August Unit Reconnaissance Course. He won the further honor of serving as the Battalion Commander's radio operator for the week immediately following his graduation.

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Recent weeks have brought stork visits to the families of several 3d Bn, 1st Inf, personnel:

On Sat., 13 Sep, the Red Cross notified CPT Tyson (former CO of Co A) of the arrival of his 6th child.

SP4 EFREN A. MARTINEZ, Alpha Company's 3d Platoon RTO, passed out cigars on the 2nd of September to celebrate the
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Congratulations to the following men who were promoted during the month of August:

SSG E-6

JAMES S. ADAMS, Co A
MARK E. MAGUIRE, Co B
LARRY E. KEPLER, Co D

SP3 E-5: HHC

GARY KASSERMAN
BERNARD KELLY
JAMES H. JOHNSON
ALLEN R. LARSEN
JERRY L. MOUNT

ROBERT J. FARRELL
JOHN S. HENYAN
JAKE FAVERMAN
GREGORY L. KING

SGT E-5: Co A

CHARLES R. COOPER
EARL D. DEWITT, JR
MAURICE HARRINGTON

GARY E. KOVACH
BEN L. REYNOLDS
JAMES H. STEWART

Co B

RICHARD A. YOUNG
ALVIN D. THOMAS
MICHAEL W. MANN
PAUL B. GALLAGHER

BRUCE S. MARTINDALE
GERALD J. DINKEL
CHARLES GLASS

Co C

CHARLES G. RIGGS
KENNETH H. DUNTON

GARY F. TOTH
HOWARD A. BULLOCK

Co D

JOE W. DODSON
ANDREW GARCIA
WILLIAM H. PYATT
JAMES D. MCCONNELL
DANIEL S. PAYTON
JOHN P. SELL
DONALD K. CUDD

WILLIAM RAWLINGS
RONNIE L. JAMES
ROBERT J. TAORMINA
JAMES C. BAILLIE
FREDERICK ZAFURO
CHARLES A. SHAHEEN

Co E

SAMUEL A. EPOLITO

JAMES A. SUKOWATEY

SP4 E-4: HHC

RAYMOND POWELL
ALLAN L. RUSSELL
DUANE E. DILLER
DONALD A. POTACZEK
GUY J. FINCHAM

ARMANDO CASTRUITA
JAMES E. TYGNER
RAYMOND E. SHULTZ
TIMOTHY R. FAULDS
MICHAEL R. GILROY

Co A: MICHAEL H. WINDOWS
RALPH J. CABALLERO
GLYN E. HAYNIE
AMOS DANIEL, JR

RODOLFO S. VILLARREAL
MICHAEL E. DANKERT
DOMINIC P. DILORENZO

DAVID L. COHEN
CHARLES L. COUNCIL
BARTON A. SANDORE

Co B: JOHN B. ALEXANDER
CHARLES A. SIMMONS
RICHARD C. WADSWORTH

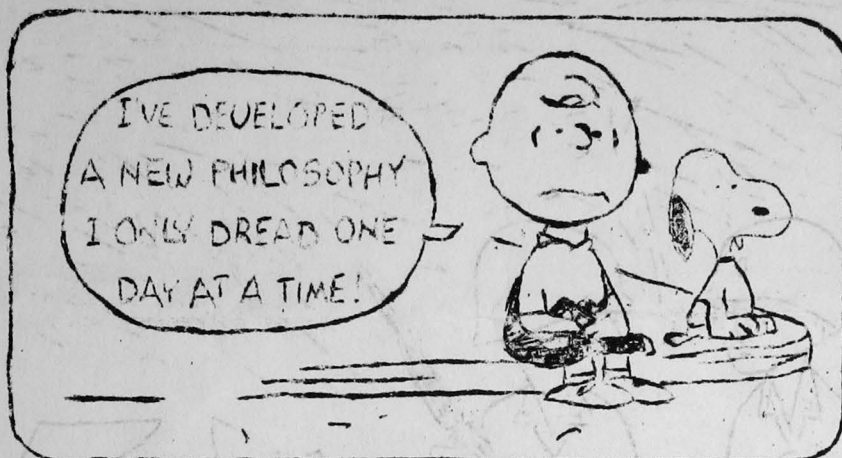
BRUCE D. WOLDT
EDWIN V. CARRE, JR

RICHARD PARDEF
JOHN F. RAGIN

Co C: JOHN L. MITCHELL
ROBERT L. STEPHENS
LEO J. BROUSSARD
DALE D. CLOUGH

WALTER G. SAMPSON
DENNILE L. HAMLIN
JAMES D. RAYCHEL

JIM E. ROBINSON
DANIEL J. SMITH
MICHAEL J. SCHOOLEY



Co D: WILLIAM E. ABERNATHIE
SAMUEL CUCCINIELLO
SILAS E. MORGAN
DONALD M. CLARK

HOWARD J. BIRDWELL
TOMMY L. DORSEY
WILLIAM B. PARKER

ROGER E. BRADLEY
RICHARD V. MCCONNELL
MICHAEL F. FRIDGEN

Co E: EDWARD A. BRADBURY
GEORGE M. HALES

DURWOOD E. DIXON
LOUIS T. KRAMPOTA

KENNETH W. GREENLEE
NORBERT J. KREJCI

(Cont. from page 1) arrival of his second baby girl.

SGT ALVIN D. THOMAS, the CO's RTO in Bravo Company, announced several weeks ago the arrival of an eight pound baby boy.

SP4 WILLIAM M. HARNES, with Echo Company's 4.2 Mortar Platoon, celebrated the August arrival of a new baby girl.

MEDITATIONS

(A contribution from the Battalion Chaplain, CPT Ronald W. Benzing)

"God's Perimeter"

In the 34th Psalm and the 7th verse God has given a message of hope and victory to those who will listen. The verse reads as follows: "The angel of, the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

Every field Soldier in Viet Nam is aware of the importance of a good defensive perimeter. Without a tight, well fortified defense, the chances of the enemy entering either by sappers or massive ground attack is very likely. Time and time again we have lost men because of faulty or weak defensive perimeters.

The same truth can be carried over into the spiritual realm where we are fighting the spiritual battle which the apostle Paul describes as a fight against principalities, powers, against rulers of darkness of this world. God promises deliverance for us because He has already established a perimeter around those that fear Him. When reading the Psalm, this is brought out by the three words "encampeth round about." Is it not logical that God's perimeter is built to stand

even the largest and fiercest attacks of evil? Can we not rest assured that behind His perimeter stands all His attributes as all powerful, all knowing, everywhere present, and all wisdom?

To put your physical life within our soundest perimeter gives a certain amount of security; to place your physical and spiritual life in the center of God's perimeter gives undeniable security. With this security comes peace of mind and soul. This is God's desire for us.





He says NO Chieu Hoi, but he wants to buy some Savings Bonds just in case ! ! !

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Once around track
4-Pierce
8-Mate's sheep
11-Couple
12-Assistant
13-Period of time
14-Teutonic deity
15-Lubricate
17-Trader
19-Mature
21-Spread for drying
23-Afternoon party
24-Lease
26-Place
29-Heavenly body
31-Parent (colloq.)
33-Falsehood
35-Female sheep
36-Parent (colloq.)
38-Assuage
41-Latin conjunction
42-High mountain
44-Monetary unit of Bulgaria
45-Deveured
47-Scorch
49-Condensed moisture
51-Wolfhound
54-Bone of body
56-Take unlawfully
58-Time gone by
59-Pillars
62-Communist
64-Exists
65-Measure of weight
66-Semi-precious stone
68-Eye closely
70-Unit of Siamese currency
71-Staff
72-Golf mound

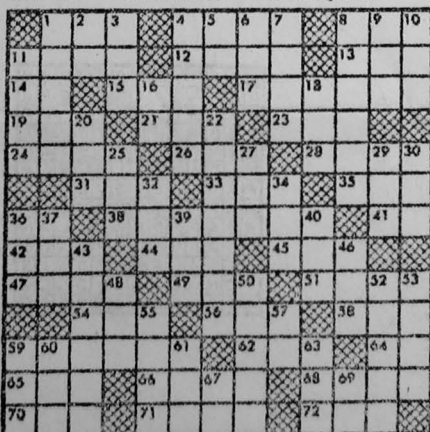
DOWN

- 1-Big
2-Three-toed sloth

- 3-In favor of
4-Transactions
5-Note of scale
6-Total
7-Vegetable
8-Tell
9-Exist
10-Deface
11-Fruit
16-Pronoun
18-Roman bronze
20-Goal
22-Communicate
25-Sailor (colloq.)
27-Cravat
29-Reverence
30-Soak
32-A state (abbr.)
34-Girl's name
36-Dance step
37-Beverage
39-Conducted

- 40-Greek letter
43-Father or mother
46-Guido's high note
48-Inlet
50-Globe
52-Nimble
53-Part of face

- 55-Puff
57-Exist
59-Music: as written
60-Small child
61-Resort
63-Snack
67-Indefinite article
69-Earth goddess



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Johnny Carson was once asked, "What made you a star?" Blandly, he answered, "I started out in a gaseous state, and then I cooled."

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An Internal Revenue Service man, asked if birth-control pills were deductible, replied, "Only if they don't work."

Ibid.

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Marijuana Marks You

GRASS IS RAR

You are a soldier in Vietnam and you share many of the daily problems faced by the man in the Delta or the man in the Highlands. You face the same conditions and you are concerned with the same thing--getting home after a tour in Vietnam. But some of you face more problems than others. If you're a user, marijuana is the cause of some of these problems. Why the flap over marijuana? What does it have to do with you? And whose business is it, anyway, what you think or do about marijuana?

These are some of the questions concerning the use and misuse of drugs--drug abuse--being asked by soldiers in Vietnam. The answers are not easy, but it may mean the difference between life and death to understand drugs, their use and why the word "abuse" is used.

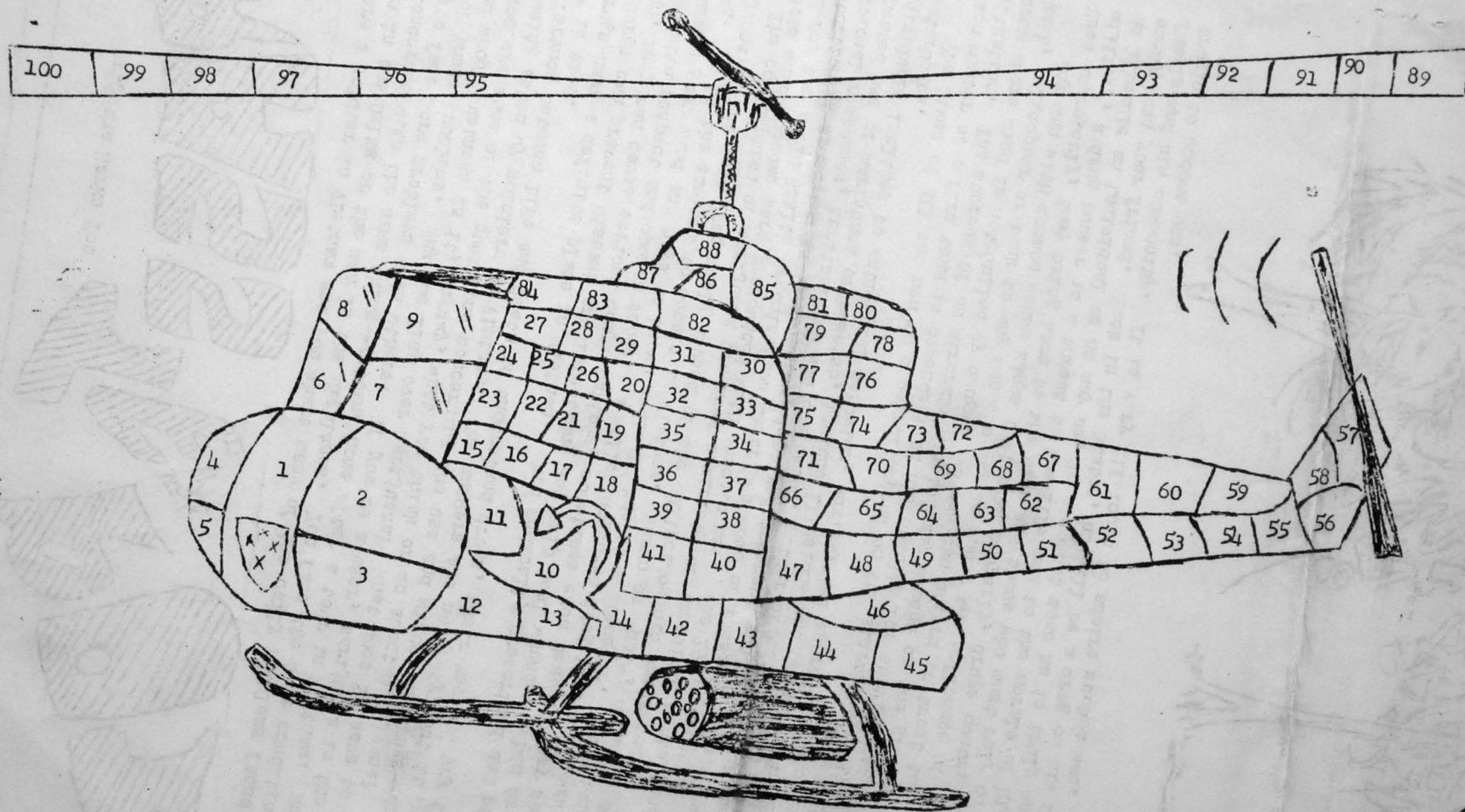
Drugs have a definite place in Vietnam. When medically prescribed and properly used, drugs can prevent disease and infection, and help heal wounds. When drugs are misused, they can cause serious complications, sometimes even death. They should be treated with respect and common sense. A hallucinogen--a drug that can cause delusions can damage your mind and have no known medical benefit whatsoever. Marijuana is such a drug. It is the easiest to obtain in Vietnam. Known as "pot", "grass", or "weed", marijuana is the most frequently abused of the hallucinogenic drugs today.

The consumption of marijuana produces a variety of immediate mental and physical effects which become more pronounced with chronic use. The 1965 report on Drug Dependence for the World Health Organization describes some of these effects. They include distortion of sensation and perception, impaired judgment and memory, distorted emotional responses, irritability and confusion. Other effects, which show up after repeated use of marijuana or hashish, include illusions and delusions which make individuals inclined to antisocial behavior, anxiety and aggressiveness and sleep disturbance.

The lives of all the men on a patrol depend on the alertness of the point man. Each member of a fire team is dependent on his buddies for survival in a combat situation. The success of an aircraft mission may depend on the ground maintenance crew whose mind is not dulled by drugs. No one can afford to trust the fate of his unit, helicopter or tank to any man who may be under the influence of marijuana.

Any man with common sense knows that used properly, drugs contribute to life. Used improperly, they bring harm to the user and those who must rely on him. In the military, a drug abuser is a threat to the life and to the morale of his comrades. As likeable an individual as he may be, in a combat zone he is truly more your enemy than your friend. Back in the States, he will be a drag on his friends, his family and his community. It is very difficult to admire such a man. It would be tragic to become one.





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