

Always First Bronco Tribune

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31 HAPPENINGS

November greeted soldiers of the 3rd Bn, 1st Inf. with much of the same program that October ended with.

Heavy rains recently have flooded the lowland areas. Air mattresses are the "in thing" despite the possibility of floating away during the night.

Contact has been scattered in recent days with sniper fire being the order of the day.

Company C has had the most success-
ful, with a large weapons cache found
on the first of the month.

FSB 411 is going through some more
facelifting to make it more secure and
livable. Included in the plan are the
construction of more bunkers and necessary
repair work.

The hamlet east of 411 is still
in the building stage with activity
continuing daily. Many of the people
are continuing the harvesting of the
rice in the area.

WEAPONS CACHE UNCOVERED

A nineteen year old Vietnamese Hoi
Chan recently delighted soldier's of Co.
C by uncovering 36 weapons and ammunition
in their CO.

The Hoi Chan was awarded \$100 for
leading the soldiers to the cache.

Included in the cache were 25 AK-
47's, 5 M-1 carbines, 3 M-1 rifles,
2 M-60's, and a .30 caliber machine gun.
Over 5,000 rounds of ammunition were
also discovered.

The action took place twenty-one
miles northeast of Bc Pho. Co. C was
working with 2LT Dick Loren of Green,
Ohio and his advisory team when the
weapons were found.

The cache was at the end of a tun-
nel that stretched about 40 meters.
Access was gained to the tunnel through
an unconcealed 4 foot by 6 foot hole.
"Tunnelrats", PFC Mike Hanson of Bon-
i, Wis., and PFC Roy Alcorn of Cuero,
Tex., brought the weapons to the sur-
face.

According to 1LT John Carter, (Gaines-
ville, Fla.) intelligence officer of
the battalion, "it is one of the few

times where a Hoi Chan has actually
told us and lead us to a large weapons
cache."

On the same day another small
cache was found by the same company.
Found was a two-way radio, one AK-47
and about 900 rounds of ammunition.

SCARED TOT FINDS BRAVO CO

A scared eight-year-old Montagnard boy wandered into the perimeter of Company B on the night of October 17 as the GI's were receiving small arms sniper fire.

The youngster was guided to the commanding officer, CPT John Kuehls of Omaha, Neb., and began tugging at his leg. CPT Kuehls called over his Kit Carson scout, Nguyen Than
Than, and asked him to question the boy. It was learned that the boy's parents had both been killed and that since that time he had been living with local force VC in the area. The boy told them of the whereabouts of a platoon of VC in their immediate area.

The following morning the company went out in search of the VC and were snired at. According to CPT Kuehls, "The heaviest volume of sniper fire in two distinct instances pointed out that the youngster was the target of the fire." The young boy's intelligence about the local VC force had been confirmed as contact was made throughout the day.

When Bravo Company went on stand-down, the youngster accompanied the Kit Carson scout to his home in Quang Ngai City. Now, as he is now called, went with the company back into the field.

He has now gone back to 12 Bron-
co where he will begin going to a
Vietnamese school shortly.

A MALARIA PILL A DAY KEEPS THE
DOCTOR AWAY

PERSONNEL

Over the past few weeks there has been a number of personnel changes in the battalion.

Included in the changes are: CPT JAMES BURNS of Co B has assumed the duties of CPT WILLIE WILLIAMS as S-1. The letter is scheduled for a freedom bird in less than a week. CPT JAMES WAGG of Biggar, Minn. has taken over as battalion surgeon. CPT ELIJAH FAHRL of Kansas City, Kansas has become CO of Co B. CPT STEVE GIBRON of Ashland, Wis. has become the CO of Co C, while CPT HAROLD MEEKER, former CO has moved over to take over S-4. CPT ROBERT SENG replaced CPT GIBRON as CO of HHC. CPT WILLIAM JACKOWSKI of Pottstown, Pa. has become CO of Co E.

Other new officers in the companies are as follows:

Co A	2LT MICHAEL TRIFIRO
Co B	1LT HUGH BUTLER
Co C	2LT GREGORY WHITE
Co D	2LT JOHN HILLIER
Co E	2LT DAVID SULLIVAN
Co F	1LT VICTOR RUSSELL
Co G	1LT DAVID SMITH
Co H	2LT DAVID LUCAS

New EM's follow:

Co A	PFC's Jimmie Mc Kenzie, James Peters, Larry Mc Kinney, John Mangin, Hardy Rose, Danny Kelley, Douglas Luckhardt, Willmer Matson, Harry Bunting, Hannis Davison, Nathaniel Stokes, Israel Martinez, James Gais, Gary Gluniak, Donald Jewell.
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Co B	SSG William Doyle
	SGT Patrick Yarber
	PFC's Victor Sapp, Linwood Newbold, Charles Davidson, Gregory Gauthord, Christopher Tate, Edward Taylor, Edward Harris, Richard Hency, Robert Blazer, Dennis Moore, Charles Mankin, Eloy Moya, Robert Stephans, Clarence Keel, Jeffrey Price, Frank Vigliana, Gary Waterman, Stuart Squires, Mark Algier, Michael Helmer, Arturo Lopez, Joe Lozano, Domingo Gallardo, Larry Reynolds, Roger Shields, Charles Freeman, David Hall, Gary Shiel.

Co C	SGT Douglas Koning
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OCTOBER PROMOTIONS

HHC

SP/5 E-5

Ollie Duggan, Willie Wilson, Charlie Horst, Bruce Nugent, Martin Buys, Robert Camacho, Maurice Nash.

SGT Reynaldo Rodriguez

SP/4

John Parnell, Michael Partz, Donald Fulliam, Albert Caruso, Joseph Williams, Barry Williams

Co A

SSG Phillip Arlotta

SGT

Roy Estep, Carl Sumner, Edwin Smith, Leslie Pressley, Gregory Howard, Robert Tyler, Francis Zlatos, Stanley Smith, David Miller, Clinton Parsons, Roger Rice

SP/4

Richard Black, Samuel Rice, Robert Miller, James Cates, Juan Viz, Thomas Harrison, Gerald Graves, Dennis Graf-ton.

Co B

SSG Robert Hartman

SGT

Glenn Holmes, Thomas Sidenstick, Jose Valdez, Roy Caldwell, John Alexander

SP/4

Steve Chartier, Gary Terhaar, Phillip Cooksey, James Lewis, Charles Barbeiri, Gregory Allee, Reynaldo Bryand, Michael Wayne, Arthur Kline

Co C

SGT

Dean Furcy, David Tidwell, James Charpie

SP/4

David Tettleton, William Schuster, Charles Simon, Daniel Coletti, Abelino Garza, Mark Geiser, Peter Nash, Dennis

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LTC LESLIE J. STOTTLE, Commanding

SP4 MARK GEISER, Editor

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Peterson, Joseph Wart

Co D

SGT

Jerry Vickers, Franklin Horlback, Edward Newton, Bruce Holland, Thomas Smith, Charles Freeman, Michael Chance
SP/4

Paul Agredando, Michael Bednar, John Hocutt, Roy Paul, Paul Thompson, Gerald Tolsdorf, Danny Winnie, Michael Raiford, Raymond Weznuk, Richard Zulka

Co E

SGT

Theodore Mack, William Harness, Paul Koper, Bobby Taylor, Barry Fulcher
SP/4

Clifford Hargrove, Ralph Campbell, Donald Kinnick, Gary Murray, Richard Dowell

DE-FLOWERED!!!

4.2 platoon of Co E has been de-flowered. SSG Flowers has been transferred from 4.2 to radar.



I SEE THAT A MONTH AFTER YOU TWO RETURNED FROM AUSTRALIA..
IA HAS PUBLISHED A BOOKLET ENTITLED "PROPER BEHAVIOR WHILE ON R&R"!!!!

CHAPLAIN BIDS
FAREWELL

November 5, 1969

Dear Friends,

As I complete my year with the "Always First" battalion, I think of the Apostle Paul who said, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." This is in essence is the message I have carried from week to week in the rear, at the firebase, and out in the field. I have attempted to fulfill the mission of the military Chaplain-bringing God to men, and men to God!

I deeply appreciate the outstanding support given the religious program. In every echelon of this battalion, the interest in the spiritual needs of the troops has been genuine. Without this support, the job would have been impossible to perform.

A special "thank you" to the company commanders, past and present, and the troops out in the "bush". You are the men to whom I have tried to minister primarily. My confidence in the American young man has been bolstered as I have witnessed your performance of duty amid the hardships of the field, the loss of comrades, and the criticism of fellow Americans. You have proved your loyalty and manhood!

My next assignment will be at Ft. Carson, Colorado. If you receive orders for this post or if you are passing through, please stop by and renew our friendship.

I close: "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil. 1:6) Amen.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald W. Benzing
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Chaplain (CPT) USA

TI-TI LATE

SP/4 Eric Yeaman became the proud father of a 7 lb. 2 oz. baby boy on October 23. SP/4 Yeaman had left his wife the day before after spending his R&R in Hawaii. Good work but poor timing, Eric!

DID YOU KNOW?

The inquest into the death of Mary Jo Kopechne, killed in Sen. Edward Kennedy's July 18 auto accident, will be closed to the press and to the public.

The Senate Finance Committee tentatively voted for an \$8.9 billion income tax reduction which will cut the taxes for all 70 million U.S. taxpayers by at least 5 percent a year.

President Nixon has outlined a reduced leadership role in Latin American affairs and urged other Western Hemisphere nations to join in a partnership.

BIRTHS

PPC Michael Payne, Co C, Winston-Salem, N.C. wife Diane gave birth to an 8lb. 6oz. boy on 3 November 1969

SPORTINGLY YOURS,

With the professional football season now over the half way point, Dallas and Minnesota are receiving strong challenges from Washington and Green Bay. Cleveland and Los Angeles are pulling away from the rest of the teams in their divisions.

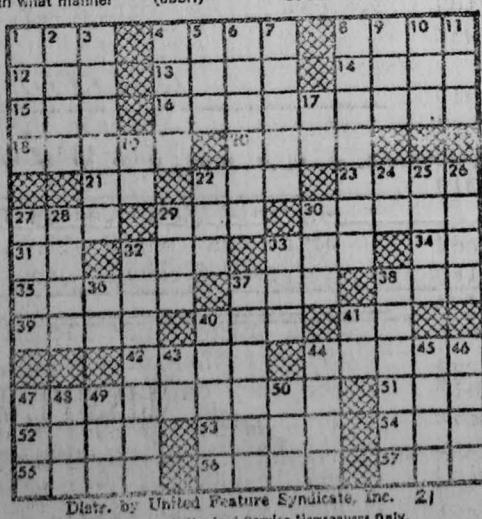
In the AFL New York is far ahead in the east, while Kansas City and Oakland are battling it out in the west.

NFL			AFL				
Capitol			East				
	W	L	T		W	L	T
Dallas	6	1	1	New York	6	2	0
Washington	4	2	1	Houston	4	4	0
Philadelphia	3	4	0	Buffalo	2	6	0
New Orleans	1	6	0	Miami	1	6	1
Century				Boston	1	7	0
Cleveland	5	1	1				
New York	3	4	0				
St. Louis	2	4	1	Kansas City	7	1	0
Pittsburgh	1	6	0	Oakland	6	1	0
Coastal				San Diego	4	4	0
Los Angeles	7	0	0	Denver	4	4	0
Baltimore	4	3	0	Cincinnati	4	4	0
Atlanta	2	5	0				
San Francisco	1	5	1				
Central							
Minnesota	6	1	0				
Green Bay	5	2	0				
Detroit	4	3	0				
Chicago	0	7	0				

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

5-Time gone by
6-Thief
7-Ancient chariot
8-Lowboy movie
9-Bitter vetch
10-Baker's product
11-Man's nickname
12-Father
13-Mattress
14-Desert lake
15-Face for portrait
16-Card
17-Printer's measure
18-Bohemian
19-Bohemian
20-Saint
21-Temporary shelter
22-Small form
23-Greek letter
24-Greek letter
25-Fomer
26-Russian ruler
27-Marty
28-Sicilian volcano
29-Freight ticket
30-Spanish pot
31-Garden tool
32-Number
33-Ocean-going vessel
34-In what manner
35-Farm Islands
36-Wheel
37-Garden tool
38-Mistakes
39-Foolish
40-Having an offensive smell
41-Farm Islands
42-Whirlwind
43-College degree (abbr.)
44-Chief
45-Brilliantly colored fish
46-Space agency (init.)
47-Lift with fever
48-Fish eggs
49-Greek letter
50-Female ruff



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NFL

Cleveland 42, Dallas 10
Green Bay 38, Pittsburgh 34
Baltimore 41, Washington 17
Los Angeles 38, Atlanta 6
Philadelphia 24, New York 21

AFL

Cincinnati 31, Oakland 7

