

Always First Bronco Tribune

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3/1 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 with a large weapons cache found on the first of the month.

FOB 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 soldiers of Co. C by uncovering 36 weapons and ammunition in their cache.

The Hoi Chan was awarded MCO 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-16's, and a .30 caliber machine gun. Over 5,000 rounds of ammunition were also discovered.

The action took place twenty-one miles north east of Duc Kho. Co. C was working with 2LT Rick Logan of Warren, Ohio and his advisory team when the weapons were found.

The cache was at the end of a tunnel that stretched about 40 meters. Access was gained to the tunnel through an unconcealed 4 foot by 6 foot hole. "Tunnelrats", LTC Mike Hanson of Bowling, Ia., and LTC Roy Alaman of Cuero, Tex., brought the weapons to the surface.

According to 1LT John Carter, (Gainesville, 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 Kuelbs of Omaha, Neb., and began tugging at his leg. CPT Kuelbs called over his Kit Carson scout, Hauver 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 sniped at. According to CPT Kuelbs, "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 LZ Bronco where he will begin going to a Vietnamese school shortly.

A MALARIA PILL A DAY KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY

PERSONNEL

OCTOBER PROMOTIONS

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

Included in the changes are:

CPT JIMMIE WILKES of Co B has assumed the duties of CPT WILLIE WILLIAMS as S-1. The latter is scheduled for a freedom bird in less than a week. CPT JUDITH WASS of Big Lake, Minn. has taken over as battalion surgeon. CPT ELPIDIO FAHEL of Kansas City, Kansas has become CO of Co B. CPT STEVE GIBBON of Ashland, Wis. has become the CO of Co C, while CPT HAROLD MEYER, former CO has moved over to take over S-4. CPT ROBERT SENG replaced CPT GIBBON 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
2LT GREGORY WHITE
Co C
2LT JOHN HILLIER
2LT DAVID SULLIVAN
Co D
1LT VICTOR RUSSELL
Co E
1LT DAVID SMITH
2LT DAVID LUCAST

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.

Co B
SSG William Doyle
SGT Patrick Yarber
PFC's Victor Sapp, Linwood Newbold, Charles Davidson, Gregory Gawthord, Christopher Tate, Edward Taylor, Edward Harris, Richard Hency, Robert Blazer, Dennis Moore, Charles Mankin, Eloy Moya, Robert Stephens, 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

HHC

SP/5 L-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 Pulliam, Albert Caruso, Joseph Williams, Barry Williams

Co A

SSG Phillip Arlotta

SGT

Loy 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 Gates, Juan Ruiz, Thomas Harrison, Gerald Graves, Dennis Grafton.

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 Furcey, David Tidwell, James Champlo

SP/4

David Tattleton, 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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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 Wozniak, Richard Zulka

Co E

SGT

Theodore Mack, William Harness, Paul Roper, Bobby Taylor, Barry Fulcher SP/4
Clifford Hargrove, Ralph Campbell, Donald Minnick, 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... PA HAS PUBLISHED A BOOKLET ENTITLED "PROPER BEHAVIOR WHILE ON K&R".....

CHAPLAIN B. DS
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 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

PTC 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	West			
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	5	1					
Central							
Minnesota	6	1	0				
Green Bay	5	2	0				
Detroit	4	3	0				
Chicago	0	7	0				

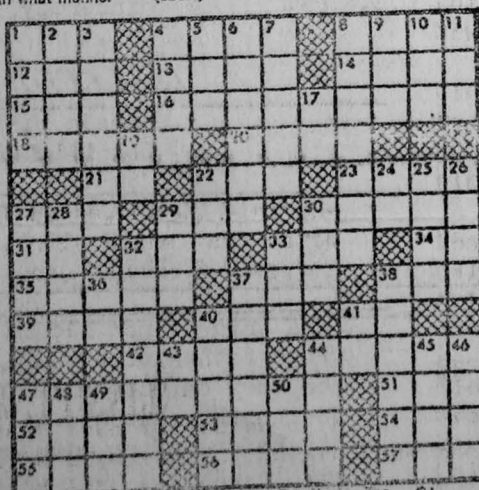
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Pole
- 4-Tardy
- 6-Red
- 12-For Gyn's
- 13-Mother
- 13-Matures
- 14-About late
- 15-For portrait
- 16-Red
- 17-For
- 20-Forary
- 21-Note of scale
- 22-Mary
- 23-Heraldry
- 27-American
- 29-Possessed
- 30-Reliance
- 31-Man's
- 32-Turf
- 33-Chicken
- 34-Indefinite article
- 35-Writing tablet
- 37-Man's
- 38-Period of time
- 39-Sarlite
- 40-Indefinite number
- 41-Conjunction
- 42-Son of Adam
- 44-Wading bird
- 47-Too early
- 51-New Deal
- 52-Repetition
- 53-Mental image
- 54-Ethiopian title
- 55-Period of time
- 57-Just
- 58-For

DOWN

- 1-Clean
- 2-Continent
- 3-Note
- 4-Turns around track



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