

Always First Brave & Bold

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BATTALION NEWS

The area west of LZ 4-11 was the scene of the action for the 3d Bn, 1st Infantry during the last week. Because of the rainy weather lately, incidents were few in number. Alfa Company is now on the hill for their ten day tour.

Nov 20

Delta Company discovered about 750 pounds of rice hidden under the false floor of a hootch.

Nov 21

100 pounds of explosives were captured by the "Delta Dogs" as they came upon two hootches.

Nov 22

Recon platoon came across a small basecamp. The camp contained a number of huts and a mess hall.

Delta Co detained 4 VCS and found another 200 pounds of rice. Later in the day, the company spotted 4 to 6 NVA. One NVA was killed. A pistol was captured and numerous documents were discovered.

Nov 23

Co D engaged 6-10 VC/NVA evading resulting in 2 VC/NVA KIA's.

Nov 25

Charlie Company working north of 4-11 found eight expended 75recoilless rifle rounds and two rocket launching sites.

"Delta Dogs" discovered a large rice cache, estimated to weigh about 400 lbs, was found hidden in large drums under and near hootches.

Nov 26

"Chargin' Charlie came across an 82mm round rigged up as a booby trap and destroyed it.

Co D came across 100 lbs of rice and had 50 Vietnamese people evacuated to Tu My Resettlement Village.

Bravo Company found a hootch that had numerous medical supplies in it. The

hut had been used recently as blood trails were found.

In a delayed report, Delta Co received credit for 5 VC KIA's when working with a different unit on Oct 15.

BATTALION WELCOMES NEW CHAPLAIN

The new battalion chaplain is Major Verne A. Slighter. The chaplain comes to the battalion from Fort Ord, California, where his last duty assignment was chaplain to the West Coast Language School at the Presidio of Monterey. He has had previous chaplain duty assignments with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, the 8th Division in Germany, ARADCOM in Gary, Indiana, Vietnam, and the Career Chaplain's Course at Fort Hamilton, New York.

Chaplain Slighter has had two tours as an enlisted man with the occupation forces in Italy and a 10 month reserve recall in Korea in 1950-51.

He is married and is father to four boys, ages 15, 12, 10, and 4. He calls New York his home and is a United Methodist by denomination.

Sunday services are held at the battalion chapel every Sunday at 1000 hours. The chaplain tries to make it to every company in the field during the week.

STANDDOWN SCHEDULE

The following is the tentative standdown schedule:

Dec 24-26 Co D, RCN, HHC
27-29 Co A, HHC
Dec 30-Jan1 Co B, & 4.2, HHC
Jan 2-4 Co C, HHC
Jan 5-7 & 4.2, HHC

NEW BATTALION ARRIVALS

NEW EM'S

HHC

SP4 Jorge Alvarado-Rivera (Juana Diaz, P.R.)
 SP4 Kelly Drabus (Harvey, N.D.)

CO A

ST4 Robert Falone (Atwater, Calif.)
 PFC Dean Bostel (Marshalltown, Iowa)
 PFC James Morgan (Granite City, Ill.)
 PFC Larry Bell (Bentonville, Ark.)
 PFC Michael Weeks (Jax, Fla.)
 PFC Anthony Graham (Corinth, Miss.)
 PFC Richard Andrus (Augusta, Kan.)
 PFC Darrell Wood (Milwaukee, Wis.)
 PFC Melvin Holmes (Clarence, La.)
 PFC Robert Wilson (Miami, Fla.)

CO B

SGT Kenneth Bouldin (Pittsboro, N.C.)
 SGT John McIntyre (Roslindale, Mass.)

CO C

SGT Dan Fritchett Jr. (Wetumpka, Ala.)
 PFC George Perry (Tupelo, Miss.)
 PFC Roger Henschen (Pana, Ill.)
 PFC John Alves (Escalon, Calif.)

CO D

PFC Ronald Drake (Oklahoma City, Okla.)
 PFC Garland Benoit (Lake Arthur, La.)
 PFC John Adams (Fort Dodge, Iowa)
 PFC Bruce Hotaling (Hudson, N.Y.)
 PFC Steven Bordelon (Metairie, La.)
 PFC Joseph Bartczak (Cleveland, Ohio)
 PFC Robert Campbell (N. Aurora, Ill.)
 PFC Robert Butler (Worcester, Mass.)
 PFC Kenneth Turner (Dillon, S.C.)
 PFC Charles Trimarche (Sandusky, Ohio)
 PFC George Dauphinee (Weymouth, Mass.)
 PFC Roberio Cereceres (Clint, Tex.)
 PFC Meredith Chance (New Providence, Iowa)
 PFC Mark Brown (Franklin, La.)
 PFC Larry Flickinger (Vandergrift, Pa.)
 PFC James Ballard (Fayetteville, W. Va.)
 PFC Mark Birkner (Kent, Ohio)
 PFC Clifford Beight (Akron, Ohio)
 PFC Leslie Pageott (Fine Bluff, Ark.)
 PFC Leather Dunas (Baton Rouge, La.)

CO E

PFC Ray Barber (Centerville, Tenn.)
 PFC Travis Weatherly (Saulsburry, Tenn.)
 PFC Larry Cothron (Hartsville, Tenn.)
 PFC Lawrence Anderson (Maryville, Tenn.)
 PFC Larry Dollarhide (Charwick, Mo.)
 PFC Gregory Berger (Oshkosh, Wis.)

PERSONNEL ATTENDIN SCHOOL

The non-combat leadership course is scheduled to get underway December 2. The battalion EM attending the two-week course will be ST4 Malcolm Garris. ST4 Garris presently works in S-4 as the air-ground controller.

The combat leadership course in Chu Lai, held at the Americal Division Combat Center, beginning December 13 will be attended by the following personnel.

CO A SP4 JESSE WINGET

CO B SP4 CHARLES BARBIERI

CO C PFC FREDDIE THOMAS

CO D SP4 DAVID BEARDEN

CO E PFC RANDOLPH VENUS

The top three graduates of the class will receive a one grade promotion.

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SP4 MARK GEISTER, EDITOR

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27 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

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COMMAND INFORMATION

CHANGES IN OBJECTIVES THROUGH VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM

Early in its tenure the Nixon Administration did not believe it could stand pat with the past and went about shaping a new, alternative plan to influence the course of events in Vietnam.

The program that evolved was Vietnamization. And according to Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird it "has put some aces in the Free World's poker hand."

Those who view the Vietnamization program as a mere "continuation" of the plan for modernizing South Vietnam's armed forces are quite mistaken, the secretary of defense told the Eight convention of the AFL-CIO at Atlantic City, N.J.

It is more than that, he said.

He continued, "The Vietnamization program represents a major change not only in emphasis but also objectives. Troop modernization until early this year, had the negative goal of partially de-Americanizing the war.

"Vietnamization has the positive goal of 'Vietnamizing' the war, of increasing Vietnamese responsibility for 'all' aspects of the war and handling of their own affairs. There is an enormous difference between these policies."

He then explained how the previous modernization program was designed to prepare the South Vietnamese to handle only the threat of Viet Cong

insurgency that would remain "after" all North Vietnamese regular force had returned home.

"It made sense, therefore, only in the context of success at Paris. It was a companion piece to the Paris talks, not a complement and alternative."

On the other hand Vietnamization is directed toward preparing the South Vietnamese to handle both Viet Cong insurgency and regular North Vietnamese armed forces regardless of the outcome in Paris, Secretary Laird said.

"In other words," he added, "we felt we could not stand pat with the past. Vietnamization has put some aces in the Free World's poker hand."

Here is what Secretary Laird means by "aces" in the hands of the Free World. "It means, in South Vietnam, building a stronger economy, stronger internal security forces, a stronger government, and stronger military forces."

Secretary Laird believes the military area is where progress in Vietnamization has been most visible.

He said that contingent on one or more of the three criteria expressed by the President—progress in Paris, progress in vietnamization, and reduction in the level of enemy activity—additional numbers of Americans can and will be brought home.



DID YOU KNOW,
THE APOLLO 12 ASTRONAUTS ARE IN QUARANTINE ON THE U.S.S. HORNET FOLLOWING A FINFOINT SFIASHDOWN IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC ENDING A 1,000,000 MILE TRIP FOR PETE CONRAD, ALAN BEAN AND DICK GORDON. A NATIONWIDE TELEVISION AUDIENCE WATCHED AS THE "YANKEE CLIPPER" BROKE THROUGH THE CLOUDS AND LANDED ONLY THREE MILES FROM THE RECOVERY VESSFL.

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS SIGNED A NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY WHICH HE HOPES WILL HELP MAKE THE WORLD A SAFER PLACE FOR MANKIND. SOVIET AND BRITISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ALSO SIGNED THE TREATY. IF IT IS RATIFIED THE SIGNING COUNTRIES WOULD REFRAIN FROM GIVING ANY COUNTRY NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

SENATOR EUGENE MCCARTHY SAID HE FELT IF HE HAD RECEIVED THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION IN 1968, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WOULD SHOW A GREATER INTEREST IN A SOLUTION TO THE WAR.



GAZING AT SPORTS,

Two NFL teams clinched division titles after last week's action. Cleveland and Los Angeles are at least taking a share of the title. Minnesota and Dallas will have to win a few more games before notching their division crown. Washington plays a must game with Los Angeles if they want to stay in the race. Detroit has its big showdown game with Minnesota.

In the AFL game of the week, Oakland and Kansas City butted heads with the Raiders coming out on top with a 27-24 verdict. The Jets rolled over the Bengals 40-7 to hold their lead in the eastern division.

In college football, Michigan pulled off one of the upsets of the decade by beating No. 1 ranked Ohio State 24-12. All the scoring was done in the first half, with the stingy Wolverine defense holding on to preserve the win and a trip to the Rose Bowl. USC nailed down its 4th straight Rose Bowl bid by nipping the Bruins of UCLA 14-12.

Other action on the collegiate scene saw Missouri stomping Kansas 69-21, Nebraska slamming Oklahoma 44-14, Yale edging Harvard 7-0 and Tennessee outlasting Kentucky 31-26.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

| Century Division | W | L | T |
|------------------|----|---|---|
| Cleveland | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| St. Louis | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| New York | 3 | 7 | 0 |
| Pittsburgh | 1 | 9 | 0 |
| Capitol Division | | | |
| Dallas | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| Washington | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| Philadelphia | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| New Orleans | 3 | 7 | 0 |
| Central Division | | | |
| Minnesota | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| Detroit | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| Green Bay | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Chicago | 1 | 9 | 0 |
| Coastal Division | | | |
| Los Angeles | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Baltimore | 6 | 4 | 0 |
| Atlanta | 3 | 7 | 0 |
| San Francisco | 2 | 7 | 1 |

Last Week's Results

Los Angeles 24, Dallas 23
 Baltimore 24, Chicago 21
 Washington 27, Atlanta 20
 Detroit 16, Green Bay 10
 Cleveland 28, New York 17
 Philadelphia 34, St. Louis 30
 Minnesota 52, Pittsburgh 14
 New Orleans 43, San Francisco 38