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BATTALION NEWS

WEEKLY SUMMARY

The area west of LZ 4-11 was the scene of the action for the 3d Bn 1st Infantry during the last week. Delta Company is now on the hill for ten days.

Nov 27

Co C found seven sandbags filled with rice. The bags and contents weighing about 100 pounds were destroyed.

Nov 28

Red Baron spotter plane working in our AO observed 50-75 personnel carrying rice. The carrying party was engaged with artillery and was seen scattering into spider holes and bunkers. Results unknown.

RCN found an old base camp containing 10 huts with connecting tunnels. The camp was partially destroyed by an air strike. Co C found a booby trapped ChiCom grenade and a 60mm mortar round and destroyed them in place.

Nov 29

Co C found an AK44 rigged with trip wire and tied to a tree for possible use as an animal trap.

RCN moved to a base camp containing 10 spider holes and huts. They engaged evading VC/NVA and killed two VC.

Co C found a small base camp that had been used the day before.

Co D observed 3 VC/NVA with packs and weapons. Engaged with small arms fire. Found blood trails leading from the area.

Nov 30

Co C found a deserted base camp containing 4 huts, 5 fighting positions and 40 sleeping positions. Also found were 300 pounds of rice, 50 lbs corn, 1 carbine, 1 bayonet, one NVA rucksack, 100 rounds

small arms ammo, clothing, medical supplies, batteries and explosives.

Dec 1

Co A spotted 2 VCS. The VCS evaded and were engaged, resulting in one VC KIA.

BATTALION WELCOMES SGM GUNZLEMAN

3d Bn 1st Inf., 11th Infantry Brigade welcomes a new battalion sergeant major. He is SGM Wilbur Gunzleman. The sergeant major comes to the Americal Division from an ROTC assignment at Niagara University. This is his first tour in Vietnam but has seen overseas duty for 12 years in Germany, 4 years in Japan and one year in Korea.

SGM Gunzleman calls Kenmore, New York his home. He is married and the father of four children—two boys ages 16 and 8 and two girls ages 15 and 7.

According to the sergeant major, "so many people from Division on down have said that it was the best battalion. I have now found out that that is true. I am proud to be a part of the unit and hope that we are as successful in the future as we have been in the past. I am especially appreciative of the morale of the soldiers."

FOOD DISTRIBUTED TO CATHOLIC ORPHANAGE

Fifty pounds of food, including ten pounds of candy and gum, was given by the 3d Bn 1st Inf., 11th Infantry Brigade, to the Catholic orphanage in Duc Pho. SFC Donald A. Stone (Spokane, Wash.), the battalion mess sergeant, and several other members of the battalion delivered the food to the 144 orphans

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NOVEMBER PROMOTIONS

SSG E-6

HHC

Christopher Smith

John Shasko

CO A

Robert Swindle

CO B

John North Jr.

Co C

Joe Jared

SP6 E-6

HHC

James Horton

Randall Russac

SGT E-5

HHC

Robert Johnson

CO A

John Johnson

Harry Bradley

Glyn Haynie

Michael Dankert

James Parker

CO B

Richard Parden

Gary Johnston

CO C

Paul Leonard

James Fraley

CO D

Larry Busbee

Alan Cap

Gary Thompson

Michael Pridgen

William Parker

Richard McConnell

Michael Kapostasy

CO E

Benjamin Thomas

Jessie Hood

SP5 E-5

HHC

James Morrison

Richard Bennett

John Collier

Michael Whipple

William Benedict

CO D

Robert Murphy

SP4

HHC

Robert McClure

Ayala Santos

Robert Hoffman

Michael Ottoboni

Gilbert Villanueva

Robert Anderson

Manuel Rangel

Merle Brown

Kenneth Patholomew

Albert Hahn

Harold Moody

Michael Dowd

CO A

Daniel Fodness

Nicolae Mihaescu

John DeLoach

Charles White

Robert McKee

James Carriger

Phillip Swafford

Frank Olivarez

Larry McClellan

John Snyder

Robert Meyer

Kenneth Andersen

Thomas Wiedrick

Thomas Staiti

David Thomas

CO B

Larry Whitt

Virgil Gross

William Flinchum

Milton Johnson

Daniel Johnson

John Hazzard

Steven Spriggs

William Stevens

Michael Logan

Michael Miller

Kenneth Riley

David Whaley

George Hardman

Benford Pettigrew

Robert Beaty

Andy Petit

June Davis

Frank Pizzuto

CO C

Raymond Krolczyk

Milton McDaniel

Billy Northcott

David Damico

Joe Harris

Lewis Wood

Michael Schott

Claude Fernandez

Gerald Gonshorowski

Freddie Thomas

Ismael Rendon

Roy Aleman

Doyce McGraw

Daniel Wiechmann

Malcolm Scarborough

William Cawley

Leslie Jardine

Wayne Millis

Christopher Brossard

Herminio Soto-Ramirez

CO D

Jimmie Cook

Henry Chester

Michael Whiting

James Bennett

Lee Lewis

Terry Nelson

Truman Scales

Roy Billings

Clinton Grigory

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LTC LESLIE J. STOTTLE, COMMANDING

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A JOINT U.S. AND GVN PROJECT

TU MY RESETTLEMENT VILLAGE GIVES NEW HOPE TO ITS OCCUPANTS

A flurry of activity has centered east of here as a joint Americal Division - GVN operation begins to take hold.

The result is Tu My Resettlement. Located five miles west of Quang Ngai City, the village has a present population of 4,689 people. The number is expected to push the 5,000 mark before the end of the year.

The operation had its beginning in early July when the 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry, 11th Infantry Brigade, working with the 4th ARVN Regiment, was moved into the Quang Ngai Valley to set up a fire support base.

It soon became apparent to the people that this was their chance to move from VC - controlled areas. According to District Senior Advisor Ken Gould, "There were three reasons why the people decided to move. First, they had seen the workings of VC control and wanted to come under government control. Secondly, the VC had taken all their young people from them and had enlisted them as soldiers and as porters; and they knew that the presence of the American forces would provide security for the movement."

People Begin Move

The first group of people to pack up their belongings and move were 300 Montagnards who came to the outskirts of Quang Ngai. They were closely followed by another 500 lowland Vietnamese.

Because the new village was not part of the 1969 pacification program, special permission had to be granted by the Saigon and Provincial governments for the construction of the village.

Rather than having the people set up permanent homes near Quang Ngai, it was decided to make special plans for them to be relocated near the new firebase. Special allocations provided food and other supplies. Shelters were built for the people until they were to move again.

In late July the District Chief, Major Hoa, conferred with the then battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel George V. Ellis (Kent, Ohio), as to when the people would be moved to the new village. Due to the amount of



enemy activity during this time, it was decided to wait until the area was secure for the big move.

Coordination Completed

By the middle of September, the move fully coordinated, 800 people began their trek to their new homes. Construction started immediately upon arrival. With the number of people increasing daily, buildings were erected to allow for expansion. Tin for roofing and food supplies were sent in to fulfill the needs of the people. Cement was brought in to reinforce the sides of the wells. Rice-gathering parties were sent out to gather the crop of rice in the area.

In the early stages of settlement, two MEDCAP teams a week were sent from FSB 4-11 to administer medical aid to the people. Since that time the need has diminished to a point where one team is needed a week. Vietnamese nurses have helped to decrease the need for U.S. assistance.

The village has been a significant rallying point for Hoi Chanh. In the last two months, 136 have: chieu hoi at Tu My. One of them recently led Company C of the 3d Bn, 1st Inf., to a large weapons cache of 36 weapons.

As the Senior District Advisor stated, "The reason for the high number is attributed to the Revolutionary Development cadre in the area who are getting the word out to the people in the village and they in turn are contacting those not under GVN control."

Free Elections Started

Evidence of the freedom that the people have acquired is exemplified by the free elections that will be held before the end of the year to select village leaders.

Defense and security of the village is provided jointly by U.S. personnel here and ARVN forces. Popular Force platoons are also working in the area.

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TU MY RESETTLEMENT (cont.)

The People's Self Defense Force personnel are being trained by the U.S. and ARVN forces in the defense of the village.

Explaining the role of the 3d Bn, 1st Inf., Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Leslie J. Stottle (Clarksville, Tenn.), stated that "we have a twofold mission: providing security and defense for the village and working with the village cadre in meeting their needs."

Lieutenant Colonel Stottle added, "The people are now under the control of the Vietnamese government. Security has been reestablished in the area and thereby a complete turnover has taken place." District Senior Advisor Gould added, "The people now live much better than they did before. They have a much greater chance for survival, for the village has given them a 'new hope'."

FOOD DISTRIBUTION (cont.)

at the institution run by Catholic nuns on November 30. Three days earlier the left over food from the battalion's Thanksgiving meal was taken to the orphanage.

The food donation program is part of the program to help out the needy Vietnamese people.

SFC Stone said, "it is our hope to continue giving material help to the orphanage as often as possible."

While at the orphanage the party was greeted by a smiling Nguy, a Montagnard boy who wandered into Company B's NDP in mid October. According to Nguy he now attends school daily and has made a great number of friends since being there.

WALK DOWN TRAIL YIELDS SOUVENIR

A tripped wire often means danger to the infantryman. On this particular day it meant a war trophy for a soldier of Company C, 3d Bn, 1st Inf., 11th Infantry Brigade.

The squad of soldiers was walking along a trail in dense terrain 6 miles southwest of FSB 4-11 when the wire was tripped. A shot rang out and the surprised infantryman hit the dirt. After an investigation of the site, an AK44 was discovered tied by wire to a tree. A trip wire was run to the trigger to set off the single round in the weapon. The weapon was aimed a foot off the ground. SP4 Daniel Smith (Jamestown, N.D.) tagged the weapon and now has a souvenir.

When asked the reason why the weapon was placed only a foot off the ground, MSG Huey Fautheree (Hampton, Va.) commented, "the weapon was probably set up as some kind of game trap. From the height of the weapon it is hard to say that the weapon was intended for a soldier."

PROMOTIONS (cont.)

Winston McFarlane
Michael Schroeder
Joseph Gatzke
Carl Irwin
Larry Webb
Elmer Pyle
CO E
Alfred Kame
Michael Smith
John Anderson
Steve Thieme
Robert Walker
Joseph Parrish
James Severud
Thomas Stoodley
Patrick Murray
Earl Casper

NEW PERSONNEL IN THE BATTALION

Co B
PFC Gary Birt (Morgan, Utah)
PFC Bradley Bormann (Anaheim, Calif.)
PFC Harry Bon (Ontario, Calif.)
PFC Scotty Bishop (Tupelo, Miss.)
PFC John Gore (Hartford, Conn.)

Co C
PFC Julian Duron Jr (Galveston, Tex.)
PFC Rowell Maceo (Mullins, S.C.)
PFC Michael Troup (Torrance, Calif.)

NEW PERSONNEL (cont.)

PFC Robert Stachura (Eichlay, Calif.)
PFC Wendell Brownfield (Rosiclare, Ill.)
PFC Brent Berrett (Ogden, Utah)

20 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

ACROSS

- 1-Diplomacy
5-Slava
9-Hit lightly
12-Appellation of Athena
13-The sweetsop
14-Collection of facts
15-Females
17-Outcomes
19-Sounded a horn
21-Chair
22-Plot
24-Note of scale
25-Footlike part
26-Unit of Portuguese currency
27-Roadside hotels
29-Compass point
31-Possess
32-Hear
33-Cehold!
34-Marsh
35-Paid notice
36-Entered on record
38-Unit of Latvian currency
39-Sunburn
40-Roman Catholic (abbr.)
41-Ireland
42-Organs of hearing
44-Dining
46-Sham
48-Not this
51-Frozen water
52-Falsehoods
54-Girl's name
55-Uncoouth person
56-Egyptian skink
57-Hindu peasant

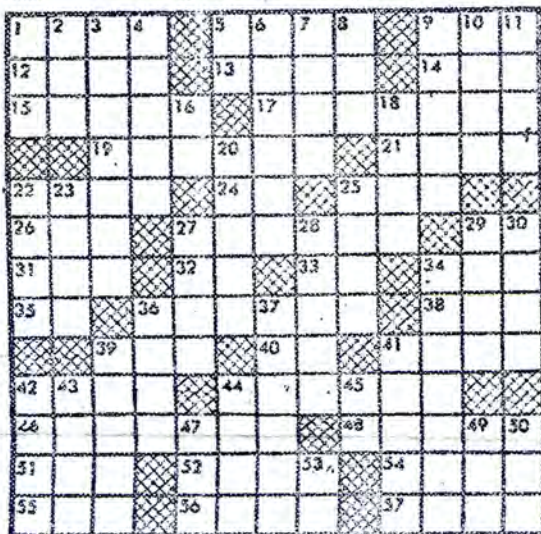
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2-Mohammedan name

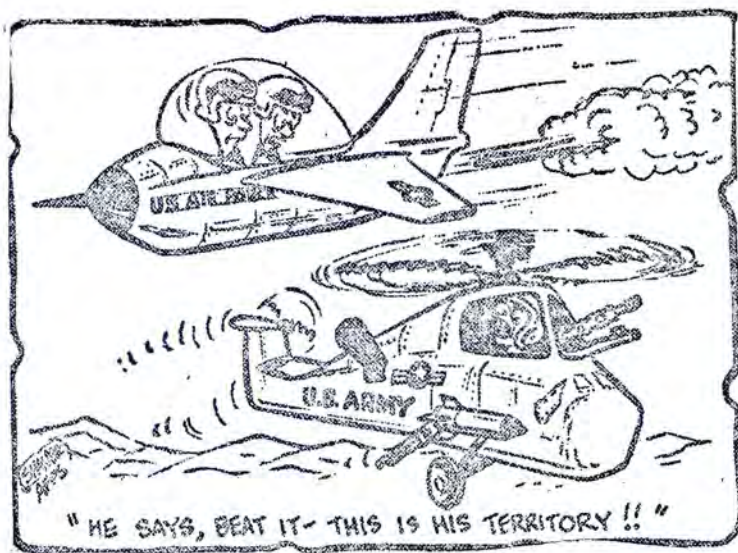
- 3-Sure
4-Claw
5-Babylonian deity
6-Thoroughfare
7-Want
8-Worm
9-Stories
10-Pilaster
11-Time gone by
16-Conjunction
18-Employs
20-Jogs
22-Malay canoe
23-Lascivious
25-Walk wearily
27-Principal
28-Choose
29-Scorch
30-Heraldry: grafted
34-Mildly insane
36-Final

- 37-Bartered
39-Cornered
41-Go in
42-Heroic event
43-Aims box
44-Wife of Geraint
45-Maiden loved by Zeus

- 47-Guide's high note
49-European Theater of Operation (init.)
50-Rodent
53-A continent (abbr.)



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"HE SAYS, BEAT IT- THIS IS HIS TERRITORY!!"



DID YOU KNOW,

The AFL-CIO opened a nationwide boycott against the General Electric Co., largest producer of electrical equipment in the country and a major maker of electronic and atomic energy equipment. The 13.6 million member labor organization called the boycott to press for settlement of a five week strike against GE by 13 unions.

Astronaut Michael Collins has been tapped by President Nixon to be an assistant secretary of state for public affairs.

About 150 judges and lawyers throughout the country are now in line for nomination to the Supreme Court after Judge Clement Haynsworth's bid for the position was rejected.

Apollo 12's astronauts eagerly returned to the comforts of earth living in a roomy isolation suite. Charles "Pete" Conrad, Richard F. Gordon and Alan L. Bean are scheduled to end the moonbug quarantine on December 10.

Britain is still seeking its admission to the European Common Market. Talks have begun in hopes for a settlement to the questions of Britain's entry.

Defense Department spokesman have denied reports of decreasing its military forces in Europe.

The U.N. plans on construction of a new U.N. building costing an estimated 73 million dollars.

SPORTINGLY YOURS,

The Minnesota Vikings continued their winning ways the last week by trimming the Detroit Lions 27-0. The Viking machine is tuning up, waiting for their game of the season with the Rams, who still remain unbeaten this season.

The Cleveland and Dallas ballclubs continued on their winning ways.

In the AFL Oakland continued on top in their division with a hard-fought win over the Jets.

In the college ranks, top-ranked Texas was idle in preparation for its game against the second berth team, Arkansas. The game will be played tomorrow and should figure in the final poll for the season.

The New York Knickerbockers lead the eastern division of the NBA with

23 victories and 2 losses. Atlanta, Chicago, and San Francisco are knotted in the west with only three games separating the top teams.

The New York Rangers are on top of the NHL but are being challenged by the Montreal Canadiens. St. Louis leads the west.

The preseason AP poll for the top 10 college basketball teams in the nation contain some surprises. UCLA the number 1 team in the nation over the past few years dropped to fourth. South Carolina took over the No. 1 rating. Kentucky is second, Purdue third. Davidson is rated fifth.

PRO FOOTBALL SCORES

NFL

Los Angeles 24, Washington 13
Cleveland 28, Chicago 24
Baltimore 13, Atlanta 6
Green Bay 20, New York 10
New Orleans 26, Philadelphia 17
St. Louis 37, Pittsburgh 10
Minnesota 27, Detroit 0
AFL

Oakland 27, New York 14
Buffalo 16, Cincinnati 13
Boston 38, Miami 28

The Top Twenty College Football This Week Follow:

1. Texas
2. Arkansas
3. Penn State
4. Ohio State
5. Southern Cal.
6. Missouri
7. Michigan
8. Notre Dame
10. Tennessee
11. UCLA
12. Auburn
13. Nebraska
14. Mississippi
15. Stanford
16. Purdue
17. Florida
18. Houston
19. West Virginia
20. Toledo

(According to Associated Press Poll)