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BATTALION NEWS

WEEKLY SUMMARY

Action in the 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry area of operation was light over the past week. After an enjoyable stand-down the companies are working around LZ 4-11. Bravo Company got in the most action over the week. Alfa Company is now on the hill for their ten day stand.

December 31

Delta Company working in the "Horseshoe" was hit by several snipers. The enemy was engaged with negative findings.

January 4

Company B's Kit Carson Scout approached a VC. The VC evaded and was killed.

January 5

Bravo Company found a small basecamp area with three hootches and sleeping positions. An NVA was seen evading the area and was killed by small arms fire. Earlier in the day an NVA was captured as he was walking down a trail. An element was sent out to intercept the lone enemy after he was spotted. The NVA's weapon was also captured.

January 6

Bravo Company observed three VC. The enemy was engaged with 81mm mortars but nothing was found.

The program started in September 1969 when two men from the 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry were chosen for an on-the-job training course dealing with aircraft control. The course was given under the supervision of the tower operators who control all the air traffic coming into Bronco. SGT Michael Burr (Boulder, Colo.) and SP4 James Lewis (Fayetteville, N.C.) attended the month long school and spent many hours in the tower before laying the groundwork for the new facility on LZ 411.

The aircraft control tower is positioned so as to observe all three helipads, all mortar and artillery firing positions and all aircraft approach and departure routes for LZ 411.

The 8X8 structure is complete with meteorological equipment. Close coordination is kept with TOC, artillery and resupply areas to keep incoming aircraft informed of all the air hazards. Additional guidance is given to aircraft merely passing through the area.

The facility became operational at Christmas and has been guiding about 35 aircraft per day.

According to SGT Burr, "the facility has proved successful since its beginning. Favorable comments have been received from the pilots making use of the new feature.

SAFETY CORNER

Hand fragmentation grenades are an efficient weapon for use at close quarters. Due to the rugged use taken by the grenades, certain safeguards should be implemented. Check those grenades that you have been carrying for weeks. Check the pins for possible breakage or wear. Insure that they are secure. Use good judgement in destroying the faulty grenades. If encountering a loose grenade either in the field or on a firebase consider it lethal. Don't mess with it. Get somebody who knows something about them.

NEW AIRCRAFT CONTROL TOWER ON 411 AIDS

INCOMIN AIR TRAFFIC

Perched fifteen feet above the highest point on LZ 411 is the new aircraft control tower. The structure has been constructed during the past month to accommodate air traffic in and around the 11th Infantry Brigade firebase.

NEW ARRIVALS

1SG Robert Morrison (Robbinsville, N.J.) is the new first sergeant of Bravo Company

1SG Harold Steele Jr. (Columbia, S.C.) is the new first sergeant of Delta Company

Bravo Company got four new personnel:

PFC Steven Liberti (Brooklyn, N.Y.)

PFC Albert McCombie (Nicktown, Pa.)

PFC Juan Butler (New Orleans, La.)

PFC William Searle (Buffalo, N.Y.)

EARLY OUTS MAY CUT EDUCATION AID

WASHINGTON (AFPS) - Some servicemen who are discharged early may be losing part of their G.I. Bill education benefits, the Veterans Administration has warned.

Servicemen who are separated after 17 months of service are entitled to only 25 months of educational assistance, the VA said, while those who are separated a month later are entitled to the full 36 months.

VA has asked each service to insure that a serviceman leaving active duty understands the 18-month qualification for full VA educational benefits.

Education assistance eligibility is spelled out in Subchapter 11 of Title 38, United States Code, Section 1661, which states: "...each eligible veteran shall be entitled to educational assistance under this chapter for a period of one and one-half months (or the equivalent thereof in part-time educational assistance) for each month or fraction thereof of his service on active duty after Jan. 31, 1955, and has been released from such service under conditions that would satisfy his active duty obligation, he shall be entitled to educational assistance under this chapter for a period of 36 months."

REENLISTMENT INFORMATION

(Americal Reenlistment Office)

WANTED: MALE TO FILL VERY IMPORTANT POSITION, TRAINED WITH BEST EQUIPMENT, GREAT ADVANCEMENTS, GOOD SALARY, JOB SECURITY, MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS, HOUSING PAID FOR, CHOICE OF DUTY STATION ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, FINE WORKING CONDITIONS. IF INTERESTED SEE YOUR REENLISTMENT OFFICE.

You have probably heard it said on many occasions-"that man is a potential lifer" or "he's going to re-up." It's a standard joke and everyone laughs at these remarks and gets a big kick out of ribbing a man who "re-ups." However,

for many, an extension or a career in the service can be a rewarding and worthwhile experience.

It is difficult to discuss reenlistment when you're in a combat zone, because all you can really picture is going through three, five, 10 or 20 or more years of the same. And you must admit that to re-up for a combat zone does not sound like a smart move. What you should be thinking about are the benefits you'll be getting when you're stationed back in the "world".

But you don't have to go anywhere in order to get all these benefits. In fact you can stay right here in Vietnam on your reenlistment and get your entire base pay tax free. Officers get the first \$500 of their base pay tax-free. You can also take advantage of the Soldier's Deposit Program while you are overseas, and earn 10% interest, compounded quarterly.

So, you want a discharge from the service? OK. When you go to your employer, will he greet you with a bonus before you have proven yourself? Not likely. But when you go to reenlist, you have a bonus which is available to you. Since some of you are going to take this very seriously, why don't you look at these very carefully.

You may have a job waiting for you when you get through with your military service. And, maybe that job will give you the satisfaction and the benefits offered by the Army. Take a good, hard, objective look at yourself, and see what you want. Perhaps the Army can fulfill your requirements better than a civilian occupation. If so, you, too, should

"RE-UP"

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Brick-carrying device
4-Golf cry
6-Priest's vestment
11-Female sheep
12-Later
13-Vehicle
15-Fall back
17-Speak
19-Three-toed sloth
20-Anger
21-March
23-Place out
23-Communists
25-Stitch
26-Baker's products
27-Mature
28-Nothing
29-Through
30-Process
31-Doctors
32-Initials of 26th President
35-Condensed moisture
36-Native metal
37-Edible seed
38-Barracuda
40-Pussow
41-Juncture
42-Metal fastener
43-Possesses
44-Bisnopic
45-Indefinite article
46-Ethiopian title
47-Extras
50-Roman tyrant
52-Mental image
54-Guido's high note
55-Transgress
56-Closely
57-Obscure

DOWN

- 1-Pronoun
2-Be in debt
3-Determine
4-Diminish

5-Unit

- 6-Artificial language
7-Furnish with money for support
8-Perform
9-Note of scale
10-Stopping device
14-Cravats
16-Bitter vetch
18-King of Bashan
21-Shouts
22-Goddess of healing
23-Tattered cloth
24-The self
25-Yellow ochre
26-Footlike part
28-Recent
29-Prefix: before
31-Place
32-Sea eagle
33-Afternoon party
34-Male sheep

35-Lair

37-Looked at intently

38-Reach across

39-Long for

40-Fertile spot in desert

41-Ocean

43-Exclamation

44-Quarrel

46-King Arthur's lance

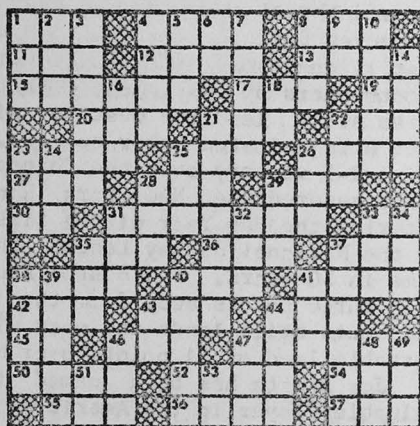
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48-Man's name

49-Everybody's uncle

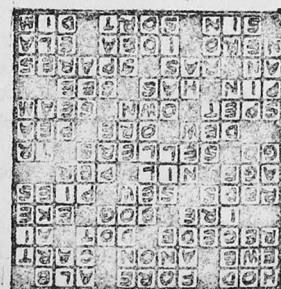
51-A state (abbr.)

53-Note of scale



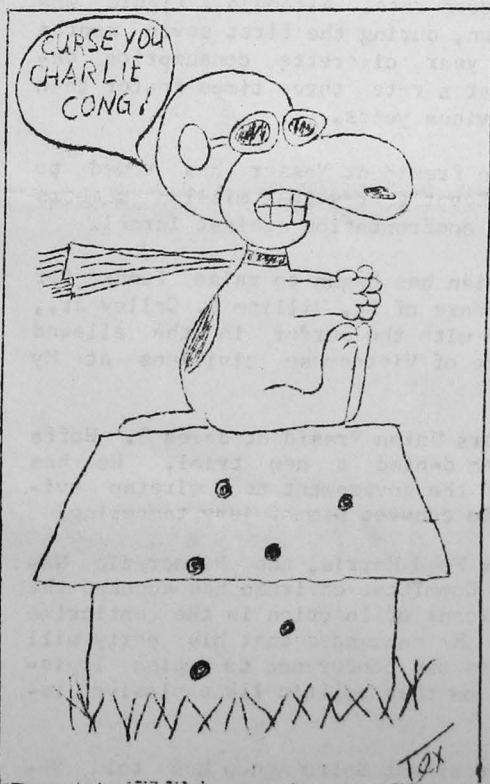
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350 DAYS UNTIL

CHRISTMAS 1970



DID YOU KNOW,

Federal desegregation started quietly and slowly yesterday in Mississippi school districts. Eight districts were opened to student registration and orientation. A few started classes under a U.S. Supreme Court order which was aimed at 30 of the state's 149 school districts. Several other districts are expected to open later in the week.

Scientists report they have found small amounts of gold and silver in the Apollo 11 moonrocks, plus several new minerals that as of yet are unnamed. They said most of the gold came from elsewhere in space and was deposited by meteorites.

Former pitching great Dizzy Dean has been accused of delivering \$6,000 gambling payoff to a prominent Michigan businessman. Officials in Detroit announced that four more arrests have been made in connection with a nationwide sports gambling ring. The attorney said that Dean was searched but not arrested, and that he was very helpful in providing information to help crack the ring.

North Vietnam is planning to allow for the first time a regular mailing of packages to U.S. prisoners of war from their families at a rate of one package to each POW every two months.

Americans are kicking the cigarette habit at a record rate. Although a figure was not given, during the first seven months of last year cigarette consumption declined at a rate three times faster than the previous years.

Egyptian President Nasser has vowed to double Egypt's army to a million members for the confrontation against Israel.

A campaign has begun to raise funds for the defense of Lt. William L. Calley Jr., charged with the murder in the alleged massacre of Vietnamese civilians at My Lai.

Teamsters Union President James R. Hoffa has been denied a new trial. He has claimed the government used wiretap evidence to convict him of jury tampering.

Senator Fred Harris, the Democratic National Committee chairman has accused the Republicans of inaction in the anticrime field. He announced that his party will have its own conference to weigh legislation on this politically explosive issue.

Vice President Spiro Agnew has told Nationalist China that the U.S. will stand by them even though it is seeking contacts with the Red Chinese.

GAZING AT SPORTS,

The Minnesota Vikings and the Kansas City Chiefs will play in the Orange Bowl for the Super Bowl championship. The Vikings and the Chiefs won the right to the bowl by virtue of their wins over the Cleveland Browns and the Oakland Raiders. The Vikings should prove to the football world their relentless power to control the pigskin and their defensive stalwarts who stymie any advance.

The choice in this corner would have to go to the Vikings. Score Vikings 21, Chief 10.

In the basketball world, the New York Knicks continue to lead the east. An increased threat is being launched by the Milwaukee Bucks who have won 10 of their last 11 contests. They still trail the frontrunners by six games. The Atlanta Hawks still lead the west by six games over a rejuvenated Laker quintet.

A 2-1 victory over the Chicago Black Hawks assured the New York Rangers of entering the New Year with a first place in the National Hockey League, the first time in 30 years. The Boston Bruins remain three points away from the Rangers. St. Louis still leads the west with a comfortable lead of 11 points over Minnesota.

Joe Namath has been named the Most Valuable Player in the American Football League for the second straight year by edging Daryle Lamonic of the Oakland Raiders. The balloting was done by the ten coaches in the league.

Norm Van Brocklin of the Atlanta Falcons and Tom Fears of the New Orleans Saints have been chosen as the opposing coaches in the 20th annual Pro Bowl game on January 18.

In the collegiate basketball race, the Kentucky Wildcats hold a slim 4 point margin over the impressive UCLA Bruins. Pistol Pete Maravich of LSU leads the league scorers with a 47.3 average. Top collegiate teams according to the UPI.

1. Kentucky
2. UCLA
3. South Carolina
4. North Carolina
5. Ohio University
6. Washington
7. St. Bonaventure
8. New Mexico St.
9. Houston
10. Jacksonville
11. Tennessee
12. Notre Dame
13. Pennsylvania
14. Wyoming
15. Kansas
16. Davidson
17. Marquette
18. (tie) Southern California
- (tie) Purdue
20. Colorado