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Battalion Commander has a full day

C&C EVACUATES CASUALTIES

On 15 July, Colonel Roger A. Culbertson (Longview, Wash.), commander of the Third Battalion, First Infantry, utilized his command and control ship to rescue the injured crew of a gunship which had been downed while engaging enemy personnel southeast of FSB 4-11.

The hostilities had erupted earlier when two gunships from the 174th Aviation Company returned the fire of five enemy personnel they had detected while on routine patrol. On a resupply mission at the time, Colonel Culbertson used his C&C ship to airlift a nearby element of Charley Company closer to the initial area of contact. The enemy's automatic weapons fire continued to be directed at the two "Sharks", however, and it was while making a low pass over the target area that a gunship suddenly burst into flames.

Within minutes, Colonel Culbertson's helicopter was on the scene and soon afterward, his operations officer, CPT Graham (Columbus, Ga.) along with 1LT Bill Brumley (Dallas, Texas), SP4 Leroy Wilson (Lottsville, Va.) and the ship's two door gunners, PFC Abbey and PFC Woodard were placing the casualties on board. All around them rounds were exploding as the munition aboard the burning gunship was ignited.

With the nearest friendly element over 800 meters away, Colonel Culbertson and Captain Graham elected to remain on the ground so that the entire crew might be evacuated. Armed only with their pistols and a radio, the two officers waited nearly twenty minutes before SGT Stephen Ridnour (Lynnwood, Wash.)

and members of the fourth platoon reached their location. Reflecting on the situation, Captain Graham commented, "I only hoped that the Colonel was a better shot with the .45 than I."

A sweep of the gunships' original area of contact had revealed one V.C. KIA, equipped with medical supplies. Also discovered were numerous documents and one AK-47.

Our Four-Legged Ally

THE UTILITY OF THE SCOUT DOG

During the period 17-19 July, Prince and Taro along with their handlers, PFC John Carew and PFC Richard Sawyer of the 59th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog), served the men of Delta Company well during an operation north of the Song Tra Khuc River. Alerting on four separate occasions, the dogs helped to thwart as many sniper attempts by giving their element advanced warning.

Prince and Taro are German Shepherds belonging to an elite corps of canine trained to provide early warning of trip wires as well as Vietnamese personnel. Initially trained at Ft. Benning during an intensive program lasting twelve weeks or longer, both the dogs and handlers, upon arriving in Vietnam receive an additional two week refresher course at Bien Hoa. Once they have been assigned to the 59th Platoon, they undergo ten more days of training both to familiarize themselves with the terrain and

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to intensify the dog's alertness and aggressiveness.

The Scout Dog is capable of detecting enemy personnel a good distance away depending upon the terrain, weather and the dog's condition. During the rainy season, the dog is more likely to pick up an old scent while being somewhat slower to alert to a fresher one. During the hotter part of the summer, a dog can easily become overheated. If a dog should become a casualty, he should be medically evacuated as soon as possible. Conversely, if the handler should become seriously injured and his dog uncontrollable, the animal should be destroyed.

Scout Dogs are normally called

to the field when intelligence indicates a large number of enemy personnel in the area. During last month, the twenty-one active dogs of the 59th Platoon accumulated 195 support days. To enhance the effectiveness of the Scout Dog in the field, the unit commander should take the following factors into consideration. Since the dogs are not capable of distinguishing between friendly and unfriendly Vietnamese, it is advisable not to use the dog in populated areas or in conjunction with ARVN or Popular Forces. Secondly, the handler should be briefed on the type of mission and terrain as well as the extent of contact. Normally, a dog should not be worked on point any longer than three hours. Finally, the Scout Dog should not remain with an ambush since he might possibly bark at approaching enemy personnel.

Welcome to the New Arrivals:

HHC

SGT James O. Larry (Albion, Mich.)
SGT Richard S. Mooney (Bangor, Me.)
SP4 Calvin Early (Grove Hill, Ala.)
PFC Joseph A. Morganti (Amarillo, Texas)

Company A

PFC John F. Sheffer (Mio, Mich.)
PV2 Amby S. Sanchez (San Fran., Ca.)

Company B

SP4 Jesse L. Moses (Stockton, Ala.)
SP4 Jerry Taylor (E. Orange, N.J.)
PFC Michael F. Brittain (Houston, Texas)
PFC Tommy V. Juarez (Irving, Texas)
PFC Dan Luttrell (Florence, Ala.)
PFC Richard J. Rumpke (Cinn., Ohio)
PV2 Hector Oyola (Urb. Valencix, P.R.)

Company C

CPT Gregory L. Morgan (Baltimore, Md)
SSG Marcellino M. DeJesus (N.Y.C., NY)
SGT Hardie M. Phipps, Jr. (Memphis, Tenn.)
SP4 Richard Avila (Denver, Colo.)
PFC Richard A. Buchholtz (St. Thomas N.D.)
PFC Charles P. Callahan (Woburn, Mass)
PFC Pierre O. Carpentier (Porta, N.D.)
PFC Everson Mack (Chattanooga, Tenn.)
PV2 Robert G. Cruz (Fresno, Calif.)

The following have been recommended for promotion during the month of July
To be SSG

Co C Stephen Ridnour

To be SGT

Co A Charles P. White
David E. Filippelli
Gary H. Glubiak
David H. Woelfel
Co B John A. Hazzard
David Moreno
Donald G. Leis
Robert Stephans
Co C Dennis Clelland
Daniel Wiechman
Michael R. Schott
Michael N. Payne
Leroy A. Wilson

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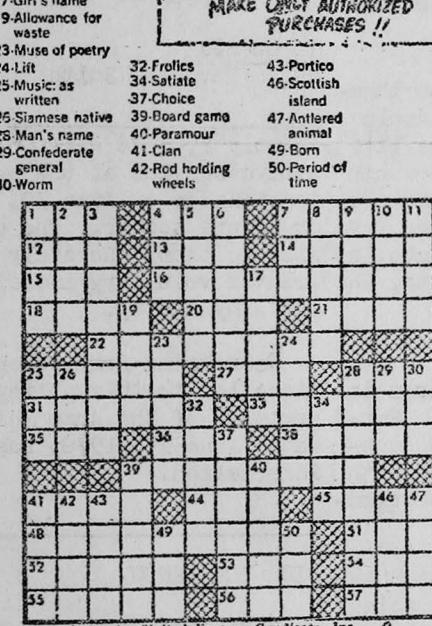
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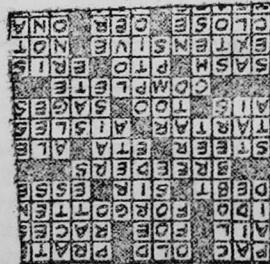
1-Moccasin
4-Ancient
7-Talk idly
12-Be ill
13-Enemy
14-Speeds
15-Artificial language
16-Neglected
18-Amount owed
20>Title of respect
21-Actual being
22-Those who raise cattle
25-Beet animal
27-Greek letter
28-Beverage
31-Intractable person
33-Passageways
35-Three-toed sloths
36-Also
38-Wise persons
39-The whole
41-Band worn around waist
44-Parent-Teacher Organization (abbr.)
45-Goddess of discord
48-Broad
51-Negative
52-Near
53-Above (poet.)
54-Tierra del Fuegan Indian
55-Plague
56-New Deal agency (init.)
57-Scold

DOWN

1-Remunerated
2-Assistant



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New Arrivals cont from page 2:

Company D

SGT Howard E. Barton (Tampa, Fla.)
 SP4 Daniel Perez (St. Fowler, Ca.)
 PFC Robert J. Esper (Irwin, Pa.)
 PV2 Carter Leroy (Alexandria, La.)

Company E

PFC Richard Garza (Plover, Wis.)
 PV2 Willie J. Cook (Saginaw, Mich.)

"Responsibility begins wherever you find it"

IN RECOGNITION

On 17 July, at great risk to themselves, the following individuals were instrumental in saving the life of a fellow soldier trapped beneath a blazing Armored Personnel Carrier:

SGT Gordon Rutherford (LeSage, W. Va.)
 SGT William Kannen (Sacramento, Ca.)
 SP4 Chris Tate (Sacramento, Ca.)

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

The delight of the children is reward enough for CPT Glenn A. Perley (Lexington, Mich.) who has contributed some 60 new toys along with three boxes of clothing to the orphanage at Duc Pho.

Charley Company's SFC Ernest M. Lau (Honolulu, Hawaii) will be going back to the world in several weeks after having served in Vietnam since Dec 1967. His only wish is that he might be allowed to return for another tour.

SHORT TERM EXTENSIONS
FOR OFFICERS DROPPED

(Washington--ANF)--Officers no longer have the option of extending their initial obligated tours for periods of one to 23 months due to a policy change which went into effect July 1, 1970.

The 24-month extension is still available, as is the one year "lock-in" for those who elect to remain on active duty for promotion to captain. Extensions ranging from one to 90 days will be allowed but only for extreme hardship reasons.

Those officers serving short term extensions--less than 24 months--as

Newly Promoted cont from page 2:

To be SGT

Co D Lawrence S. Olson
 John A. Hocutt
 Raymond G. Woznuk
 Jack Pemble
 Frank Terry

Co E Frank A. Cross, Jr.

To be SP5

HHC Jorge L. Alvarado
 Nathan Payne
 George L. Ambrose

To be SP4

HHC David B. Smith

of July 1, 1970 will be released from active service at the end of their extensions or on June 30, 1971, whichever occurs sooner. The only exceptions will be those who apply for and are granted voluntary indefinite or Regular Army Status.

Decreasing Army strength authorizations led to this policy change. Department of the Army Message 192139Z, dated June 19, 1970, has additional information.

DID YOU KNOW

More than 2000 dogs are serving in the Army. They are used to help detect the enemy, guard installations, and sniff out contraband. (ANF)

MOURN NOT THE DEAD--Ralph Chaplin

Mourn not the dead that in the cool earth lie--Dust unto dust--The calm sweet earth

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Mourn not your captive comrades who must dwell--Too strong to strive--Each in his steel-bound coffin of a cell, Buried alive;

But rather mourn the apathetic throng-- The cowed and the meek--

Who see the world's great anguish and its wrong--And dare not speak...

"The difference between the right word and almost the right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug."