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## BATTALION NEWS

### On the Firing Line

Action in the 3d Bn, 1st Inf AO  
July 20

Charley Company had an ambush net one VC KIA and one M-2 carbine.

July 21

After their claymores had been detonated during an ambush, Bravo Company found they had one VC KIA, parts of an M-16 rifle and one bandolier of ammo.

Later that day, the recon platoon detonated an ambush which resulted in one VC KIA.

July 24

Recon platoon detained six males of military age and three females. All of the individuals were carrying packs. Confiscated in the action were one hand frag, a portable radio with batteries and several documents.

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During the past two weeks, a renewed emphasis has been placed on a quick-reaction reconnaissance tactic known as Eagle Flight. Two "Dolphin" utility ships carrying fourteen riflemen search out an area in "trouble-shooter" fashion. Once contact is made or enemy personnel detected, the troops are combat assaulted into the area.

Following an Eagle Flight on 26 July, the 2nd and 3rd platoons, Bravo Company in conjunction with an element of the Regional Forces swept thru a ville capturing three VC and killing five others.

### To Win Their Minds

July 20-22

Under the Voluntary Informant Program, Charley Company bought 10-105 mm rds, 1-155 mm rd., 2-81 mm rds, 11-60 mm rds, 1-57 rr rd., and 2-Firecracker rds from a 105 mm rd.

July 25

A Hoi Chanh rallied to the Popular Forces' platoon stationed in the Dien-Nien hamlet at the base of OP 1. He stated that he thought his family would have a better life under government control and although the VC have good propaganda, they do nothing to aid the civilians.

July 27

Two medics from Bravo Company, SP4 George Ambrose (N.Y.C., N.Y.) and PFC Roland Phelps (N Ridgeville Ohio), conducted a MEDCAP in which 59 children and adults were treated

July 29

The 2nd platoon medic from Charley Company, PFC Clarence Mitchell (Youngstown, Ohio) treated over twenty children from the Dien-Nien hamlet for minor injuries and infections. Acting as a security force, his element has been in the area for several days and each morning the medic finds numerous children waiting for sick call.

### Skilled with Their Hands

#### RFs CONSTRUCT DEFENSIVE BARRIER

Since 12 July two Regional Forces companies, supervised by a squad of engineers from C/26 and supported by a company from 3/1, have been making life a bit more secure for over 1500 villagers of the Dien-Nien hamlet. During that time, the RFs constructed a defensive barrier of concertina and barbed wire around the hamlet. The perimeter was further strengthened with the addition of a bunker complex.

In their spare time, the RFs erected a new school for the ville, the last three school buildings having been destroyed by the VC. Small desks were made from empty ammo boxes provided by FSB 4-11.

Defensive Barrier cont from page 1

Captain Luyen, commander of the two RF companies, had some of the necessary school supplies on hand and was also willing to assign one of his sargeants as a temporary teacher. Thus, not only are the defenses of the ville being reinforced thru a coordinated effort on the part of U.S. and Vietnamese units but the minds and hearts of the people are being won in the process.

## SOLDIER OF THE WEEK

The soldier of the week in the battalion is SP4 Terrance R Fehrenback (Marshfield, Wis). He is from Bravo Company and works with the FDC in the weapons platoon.

During the past week he has accompanied LTC Roger A. Culbertson, battalion commander, and preformed as his RTO.

## NEW PERSONNEL

HHC  
 SGT James C. Baynham (Southside, Tenn)  
 SP4 David Swist (F.A., Ma.)  
 PFC Ronald A. Felkamp (Frankfort, Ill)  
 PFC Kenneth C Helderlein (N Var-  
 sailles, Pa)  
 PFC Larry A. King (Bellefontaine,  
 Ohio)  
 PFC David L. Stephens (Montgomery,  
 Ala.)  
 PV2 Thomas N. Thornton (Minden, La)  
 Company A  
 PFC Ronald J. Roberts (East Jordan  
 Mich)  
 PV2 Ronnie J. Bristow (Burleson,  
 Texas)  
 Company B  
 PFC Jerry L. Clark (Greencastle,  
 Ind)  
 PFC Michael A. Eberwein (Roachdale  
 Ind)  
 PFC Robert Fierro (Visalia, Calif)  
 PFC Jesse L. Kestler (Ontario, Ca)  
 PFC Thomas N. McVay (Campbellsville  
 Ky)  
 PV2 Daniel E. Fuentes (L.A., Ca.)  
 Company C  
 PV2 Lionel J. Savoy (Beaumont,  
 Texas)  
 Company D  
 PFC Steven B. Lucey (Sparks, Nev)  
 PFC Robert A. Thomasson (Livermore  
 Ky)

## DEROS TIME

HHC  
 ILT Owen G. Harding 1 Aug  
 SP5 David Merrill 2  
 SP5 Willie F. Wilson 12  
 ILT Mark O. Williams 15  
 Company A  
 SP4 William K. Harris 4  
 SP4 Manuel E. Strauch 6  
 SP4 David D. Abernathy 6  
 SP4 Donald W. Ayres 6  
 SP4 David E. Fillippelli 6  
 SP4 Jimmy D. Hines 6  
 SP4 Nichlos B. Riley 6  
 PFC Allyn P. Buff 6  
 SP4 Dennis J. Grafton 12  
 ILT Harold Rowland 14  
 SGT Samuel E. Rice 15  
 Company B  
 SP4 Richard B. Guertin 3  
 SP4 Leslie D. Porterfield 6  
 PFC Larry N. Kitchens 6  
 SP4 Donald R. Bean 8  
 ILT Gerard Allen 14  
 SP4 Dennis N. Hill 15  
 Company C  
 SGT Bobby E. Forman 4  
 PFC Gerald Raymond 4  
 SP4 Paul C. Brown 6  
 SP4 Leslie W. Jardine 6  
 SP4 John S. Ziler 6  
 SP4 Raymond Jennings 7  
 SFC Ernest M. Lau 8  
 ILT John E. Hillier 15

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answers on Page —

## ACROSS

1-Likely  
4-Conjunction  
9-Greek letter  
12-Meadow  
13-Vegetable  
14-Be ill  
15-Sponsor  
17-Encircled  
19-Measure of weight  
20-Foot lever  
21-Baracuda  
23-Pronoun  
24-Urn  
27-Rocky hill  
28-Strike  
29-Sheets of glass  
30-Bone  
31-Headgear  
32-Pigeon pea  
33-Football position (abbr.)  
34-Man's name  
36-Chicken  
37-Time gone by  
38-Pertaining to an era  
39-Church bench  
40-Walk  
41-Part of step  
43-Small bird  
44-Fruit  
46-Menzca  
49-Anger  
50-Macaw  
52-Music: as written  
53-Sailor (colloq.)  
54-Unadorned  
55-Number

## DOWN

1-High mountain  
2-Edible seed  
3-Shred  
4-Anor

5-Hostelry  
6-Symbol for nickel  
7-Centers  
8-Wife of Garant  
9-Style of coat  
10-Hasten  
11-Ancient  
16-Decay  
18-Pertaining to the navy  
20-Fruit seed  
21-Retail establishment  
22-Puzzle  
23-Part of body  
25-Kind of fabric  
26-Bar legally  
28-Possesses  
29-Shallow vessel  
31-Eyelashes  
32-Condensed moisture  
35-Collect



36-Pronoun  
37-Bear witness to  
39-Gem  
40-Title of respect  
42-Break suddenly  
43-Conjunction

## 44-Thy

amount

45-Macaw

46-Prefix

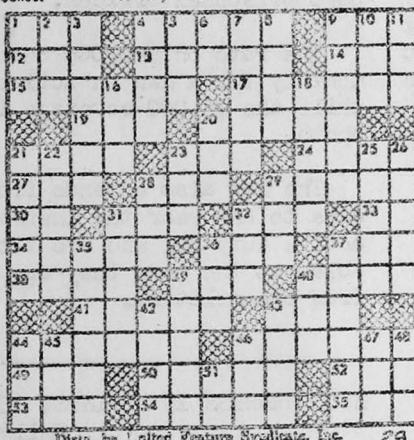
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47-Devoured

48-Sunburn

51-Coveted

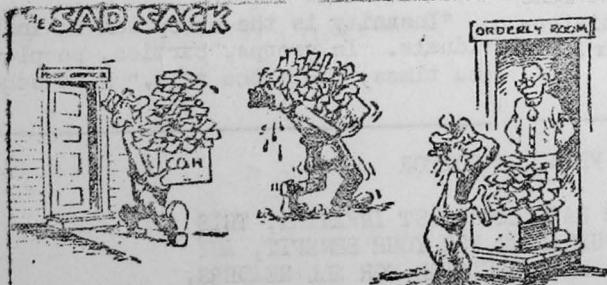
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## "SAD SACK"



SATURDAY BAKER.

New Personnel cont from page 2

Company E  
 SGT Robert R. Fredericks (Alhambra  
 Calif)  
 PFC William H. Hoy (Stewart, Nev.)  
 PFC Gary S. Voelker (Pittsburgh,  
 Pa.)

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## VISITING DIGNITARY

On 28 July the Australian Ambassador, the Hon. R. L. Harry, visited Quang Ngai province with stops at Mo Duc and Son Ha districts as well as Quang Ngai City. With 1LT Michael F. McQueen (Tampa, Fla.) acting as liaison officer, Charley Company was placed on standby alert along with a troop of Air Cav to insure the Ambassador's safety.

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 SERVICEMEN'S INSURANCE COVERAGE  
 RAISED AUTOMATICALLY TO \$15,000

(Washington--AFPS)--Servicemen's Group Life Insurance coverage for everybody in the armed forces was automatically increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000 by legislation signed into law by President Nixon.

Servicemen on active duty will pay \$3 a month for the \$15000 coverage, while premiums for Reservists, Guardsmen and ROTC cadets will be \$1.80 per year.

The coverage is effective for all deaths occurring after midnight June 24, according to Veterans Administration Director Donald E. Johnson.

Deros Time cont from page 2

Company D  
 1LT Jimmie M. Shackleford 1 Aug  
 SSG Frederick J. Painter 2  
 SP4 Malcolm S. Azeka 4  
  
Company E  
 SP4 Leland DeGrave 5  
 SP4 Randolph Venus 5  
 SP4 Frank Cross 12

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Servicemen who want \$10000, \$5000 or no coverage at all will have to say so in writing. Such requests, Defense officials said, may be made thru unit personnel offices.

The rate on \$10,000 coverage is \$2 monthly for a man on active duty, while the \$5,000 coverage is \$1 per month.

The law also extends from 120 days to one year the insurance of active duty men who are totally disabled at the time they are separated from the military.

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 MUCH MADNESS IS DIVINEST SENSE--

Emily Dickinson

Much madness is divinest sense  
 To a discerning eye;  
 Much sense the starkest madness.  
 'Tis the majority  
 In this, as all, prevails.  
 Assent, and you are sane;  
 Demur,--you're straightway dangerous,  
 And handled with a chain

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"Insanity is the exception in individuals. In groups, parties, peoples and times, it is the rule." Nietzsche

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