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## BATTALION NEWS

### ON THE FIRING LINE

Action in the 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry AO:

August 7

While working north of Minh Long (1), Alpha Company found two 55-gal drums of polished rice, one 2/3 full and the other  $\frac{1}{2}$  full, one 55-gal drum of sweet potatoes,  $\frac{1}{2}$  full, and one opened case of C-rations. Numerous tunnels and holes were also found in the area.

August 9

Working south of Minh Long (2), Alpha Company detonated an ambush which resulted in one "VC" chicken KIA, negative pack or weapon.

The 2nd platoon of Bravo Company had better luck NW of Minh Long (1) where they engaged two VC evading. The action resulted in one VC KIA and one VC CIA. Later that day, Bravo Company had even better results from an Eagle Flight in the same area. They added another VC KIA, detained a total of 22 VN and destroyed a booby-trap which was located in the wall of a hootch.

Recon Platoon had an ambush net one VC/NVA KIA w/pack, bag of rice and PRC-25 battery.

August 10

Cigarette smoking may be hazardous to one's health, particularly if he uses a Zippo lighter similar to the one which Recon Platoon sent in with some captured documents. It was set to explode when used or tampered with.

An Eagle Flight of 3rd platoon, Bravo Company, north of OP 1 resulted in two VC KIA and one Chicom CIA. Later, 3rd platoon found and destroyed one 55-gal drum of rice which was booby-trapped with a hand frag.

Working north of OP 1, the 2nd platoon of Alpha Company uncovered a ton of polished rice which had been hidden in an underground room, 8x4x4'. The cache was discovered after the platoon's medic, PFC Rodney E. Elliot (Visalia, Calif.) had the ground give way under him, exposing a secret doorway to the room.

### VALOROUS UNIT AWARD

In ceremonies held here 13 August, LTG James W. Sutherland (Ark), XXIV Corps Commander, presented Company C, 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry 23d Infantry Division and 1st Platoon, E Troop, 1st Cavalry with the Valorous Unit Award for their actions while engaged in military operations on 12 and 13 May 1969 in Quang Ngai Province. SP4 James Smith (Colfax, La.) read the citation, excerpts of which are noted in the following account. Present during the ceremonies were BG Theodore C. Mataxis (Seattle, Wash.) Acting Commander, Americal Division, COL Kendrick D. Barlow, 11th Brigade Commander, and LTC Roger A Culbertson (Longview, Wash.), 3rd Battalion Commander.

On 12 May 1969 while operating in a suspected enemy area near the village of Nga Man, Charley Company uncovered a battalion sized base camp. Heavy contact was made with what was later identified as a reinforced company of NVA regulars. The well-entrenched and concealed enemy positions unleashed a barrage of machine gun and small arms fire. "As the battle intensified, the apparent strength and preparedness of the enemy necessitated committing the 1st Platoon, E Troop, 1st Cavalry to assist in the bitter struggle." SGT Paul Leonard (Syracuse, N.Y.), a rifleman with the 1st platoon of Charley Company at the time,

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indicated that the tracks afforded the battered but undaunted members of his company a brief respite and the opportunity to regroup before launching several counterattacks. "The fury and effectiveness of their return fire prevented the main force of the enemy from regrouping and caused them to become completely disorganized. Through their continuous valorous actions and unrelenting pursuit of the fleeing enemy, they precipitated the route of the hostile unit." The final tally after a heavy day of fighting was 50 confirmed NVA KIA's, one 7.92mm Chicom heavy machinegun, two RPD machineguns, four AK-47's, two mortar pits containing 20 rounds of 82mm ammo and 16 rounds of 60 mm ammo.

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

While working the Da Son Valley on 30 July, Delta Company received sniper fire from 3-4 enemy personnel. Attempting to make his way to his RTO, the CO, CPT Harry G. Sheppard was wounded in the leg and as a result of his wounds is now on his way back to the states.

During a previous tour, CPT Sheppard, then serving with Delta Company as both a Forward Observer and a platoon leader, was wounded in action and treated in the field (3 Sep 68). At the beginning of his second tour, Jan 1970, he was assigned to HHC, 3rd Battalion. Four months later, he requested to be reassigned to his old company.

CPT Sheppard enjoyed a special relationship with his men; a relationship based upon a mutual respect and concern. As PFC Dave Boyer (Lomita, Calif.), his RTO for the past several months, described

it, "CPT Sheppard went out of his way to stand behind us and make conditions a bit easier for everyone. He was easy to talk to and knew each of his men by name. His sense of humor was a boost to the men's morale." The enthusiasm with which the men of Delta Company regard their former CO is still very apparent and is obviously reciprocated. In a letter he recently wrote to the members of his company, CPT Sheppard asked that each of them come to Killeen, Texas sometime and look him up.

## "LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON"

SFC Franklin Trawick (El Paso, Texas) works in supply here at the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry, while his stepson, Raymond Prince (El Paso, Texas) works as a clerk in Charley Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry, 198th Brigade. SFC Trawick arrived in country to begin his second tour just three days prior to the arrival of his stepson. Both of them completed their basic and advanced training at Ft. Knox, Ky., the former in 1948 and the latter in 1970.

## AMERICAN HERITAGE ALMANAC (ANF)

Aug. 1-- Dateline 1907--The Army bought its first airplane, a Wright biplane.

Aug. 7--Dateline 1782--The Order of the Purple Heart was established by George Washington as a reward for meritorious action and extraordinary fidelity.

Aug. 22--Dateline 1864--The International Red Cross was formed.

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LTC ROGER A. CULBERTSON, COMMANDING SP4 KENNETH B. PERRY, Editor

## Going

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## Coming

## DEROS TIME

## NEW PERSONNEL

## HHC

SSG James C. Duhon  
SGT Michael R. Gossman

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## HHC

SP4 Willie T. Allen (Greenville,  
Miss.)

## Co A

SP4 Charles W. Maschke  
SP4 Frank E. Wilkinsin  
SP4 John M. Yniguez  
SGT James D. Allen  
SP4 Amos Daniel  
SP4 Charles P. White  
SGT Frank Olivarez  
SP4 Robert Macgillivary  
SP4 Neil K. Mahar  
SP4 Clifton C. Sivadge

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## Co A

PFC Francisco J. Alfaro (S.A., Texas)  
PFC Jose A. Alvarado (Mabton, Wash.)  
PFC Stephen D. Boerner (Cosmopolis,  
Wash.)  
PFC Gary W. McCurry (Morganton, N.C.)  
PFC Leroy Robbins (New York City)  
PFC Curtis L. White (Hempstead, N.Y.)  
PV2 Jerald W. James (Falkner, Miss.)

## Co B

SGT George E. Hardman  
SP4 Steve Jones  
SP4 Troy L. Williams  
SP4 David Wilson  
SP4 Jack J. Wood  
SSG Edward Bond  
SGT Ronnie L. Hosey  
SSG Gaines D. Witty  
SP4 John R. Perry  
SP4 Donald R. Raiser  
SP4 Desmond Westerkamp  
SP4 Tommy Woodward

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## Co B

SP4 Thomas E. Lane (Athens, Ala.)  
PFC Dexter J. Lombar (Morgan City, La.)  
PFC David G. Montoya (Seattle, Wash.)  
PFC Robert L. Smith (Crystal Springs,  
Miss.)  
PV2 Kenneth H. Barnes (Charleston,  
Miss.)  
PV2 Vicky L. Nettles (Brookhaven,  
Miss.)  
PV2 Jackie Pridenore (Coeburn, Va.)  
PV1 Larry T. Moss (Nashville, Tenn.)

## Co C

SP4 Daniel Wiechman  
SP4 Leroy A. Wilson  
SP4 John M. Woodward  
SP4 Lynn D. Young  
PFC William Valentin  
SGT Paul A. Leonard  
SP4 Michael N. Payne  
LLT Larry Weaver  
SP4 James Ranum  
SP4 Alvin D. Walters

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## Co C

SSG James J. Lee (New Orleans, La.)  
SSG John C. Redd (N. Hollywood, Ca.)  
PFC David M. Bernard (Cartersville, Ga.)  
PFC Steven Braithwaite (Kearn, Utah)  
PFC Larry R. Busick (Detroit, Mich.)  
PFC Thomas A. Butler (Biscoe, N.C.)  
PFC William S. Egge (Alamo, N.D.)  
PFC Robert C. Grayson (Girardeau, Mo.)  
PFC John L. Johnson (Issaquah, Wash.)  
PFC William W. Warlow (Pitman, N.J.)  
PV2 Felipe D. Aguillon (S.A., Texas)  
PV2 Rodney A. Chase (Kent, Conn.)  
PV2 Dennis A. Allan (Manitowoc, Wis.)  
PV2 Daniel W. Harris (Corvallis, Ore.)  
PV2 Mark A. Sruvas (Menasha, Wis.)  
PV2 James E. Watson (Greenville, Miss.)

## Co D

SP4 Raymond G. Woznuk  
SP4 Charles T. Thomason  
SP4 Elmer G. Pyle  
SP4 Walter Young

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## Co D

PFC Tommy Bowens (Houston, Texas)  
PFC Edward Fitzgerald (Aberdeen, Md.)  
PFC Herman Glazier (Pontiac, Mich.)  
PFC Jimmie L. Rice (Albion, Ill.)  
PFC Don J. Smith (Omaha, Neb.)  
PFC William T. Todd (Manassas, Va.)  
PFC Roye Young (Chicago, Ill.)  
PV2 Kerry L. Fredrichs (Norton, Ohio)  
PV2 Robert A. Gilbo (Potsdam, N.Y.)  
PV2 Willie J. Parks (Griffin, Ga.)

Words are things, and a small  
drop of ink falling like dew  
upon a thought produces that  
which makes thousands, perhaps  
millions, think.---Lord Byron

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