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BATTALION NEWS

ON THE FIRING LINE

Action in the 3rd Bn, 1st Inf AO:

August 14

While on patrol north of Phu Lam Dong, Delta Company engaged an enemy personnel who was perched in a tree. Their heads-up alertness resulted in one VC KIA.

Working west of OPL, 1st platoon of Charlie Company received small arms and grenade fire from a nearby treeline. Before taking cover, the element's pointman, PFC Richard Buchholtz (St. Thomas, N.D.), fired several rounds at an enemy grenadier who had exposed himself. A later sweep of the contact area revealed one VC KIA w/pistol belt, canteen and seven grenade rounds.

August 16

Charlie Company had an ambush net one VC KIA with AK-47.

August 17

While operating along the Song Tra Khuc River, SP4 Earl T. Mason (Park City, Ky.), a rifleman with Delta Company, engaged three VC in a sanpan his element had spotted over 600 meters away. The action resulted in one confirmed KIA; the other two enemy personnel had jumped out of the sanpan on the opposite side of the river and evaded into a treeline.

Patrolling NW of the Song Tra Khuc River, the 1st platoon of Charlie Company found 300-400 lbs. of unpolished rice in a 55-gal drum which was in a burned out hootch.

Operating near Nghia Hanh, Popular Forces Platoon #118 was attacked by a platoon of VC. Turning the tables on their foe, the PF's killed five of the VC and captured one AK-47 and twenty Chicom hand

grenades without suffering a single casualty.

During a search and clear operation north of Phu Nghia, Bravo Company acted as a blocking force for a Regional Forces Company. The RVN captured 3 VC, 5 VCI, 10 VCS and destroyed four tunnels. Discovering a mine field in the same area, they destroyed eleven mines and captured thirteen others.

August 18--HORSESHOE

Having detected movement just outside their perimeter during the night, Delta Company decided to leave a surprise for any scavengers who might enter their NDP after their departure. Four men from 2nd platoon, SSG Fidel Serrano-Burgos (Chicago, Ill.), SP4 Danny D. Hindley (American Fork, Utah), SP4 James R. Isom (Raytown, Mo.), and PV2 Robert A. Gilbo (Potsdam, N.Y.) remained behind, concealed in the high grass, while the remainder of their platoon went some distance down the trail to wait.

Shortly afterward, a VC armed with an AK-47 approached to within twenty feet of the foursome. A safe distance behind the first, a second VC appeared. At this point, the four man ambush opened up on the enemy. The firing immediately brought assistance from the remainder of the platoon. The patience and courage of four men resulted in 2 VC KIA with 2 AK-47's, 39 rds. of AK ammo and various documents CIA.

August 19

For the past several months, the companies of the 3rd Battalion operating near the Song Tra Khuc River have been plagued by one or more enemy snipers with grenade launchers. Assuming that it was one ubiquitous sniper, the men had dubbed their evasive antagonist the

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"Mad Thumper". Several companies had even considered offering a bounty for his weapon.

The "Thumper" may have been brought to bay by "Shark" gunships from the 174th Aviation Company just south of the river. The gunships' fire downed a VC/NVA with pack and weapon. After sweeping the area, Bravo Company's 3rd platoon captured the wounded VC along with his pack and grenade launcher.

August 20

For the past week, two medics from Charlie Company, PFC Jan J. Sulesky (Sharon, Pa.) and PFC Roy F. Almony (Baltimore, Md.) have conducted a MEDCAP in which over 70 children and adults from the Dien-Nien hamlet were treated.

A SALUTE TO THE SUPPORT PLATOON

Happiness to an infantryman in the field is a utility ship loaded with resupply. Blade time and the company's position permitting, Romeo Sierra might arrive in the morning as well as the afternoon. Logistical support is, of course, a voluminous task which involves a coordinated effort on the part of many specialized units. However, the "nitty-gritty" of day to day resupply of line companies is the primary concern of one particular unit, the Support Platoon. For the 3rd Battalion, this is the little recognized but highly motivated corps of men most visible on the helicopter pad at FSB 411.

It is the primary responsibility of the individual working on the pad to help insure that his respective company's needs are met. Nearly every member of the platoon has served with his particular company in the bush. Such an arrangement serves a twofold purpose. First,

it provides a few "short-timers" with rear jobs. Secondly, having been in the bush affords the individual both a sharper awareness of a line company's resupply priorities and a greater incentive to see that these requirements are filled. The following is a list of the Support Platoon personnel according to the companies they serve:

HHC
1LT Michael E. Verduin (Long Beach, Ca.)
SFC Robert L. Brown (Petersburg, Va.)
SP4 Desmond Westerkamp (Chicago)
SP4 Kenneth H. Riley (Chicago, Ill)
PFC Kenneth C. Helderlein (N.Ver-sailles, Pa.)

Co A
SP4 Darrell H. Husted (Sacramento Ca.)
SP4 Clifton C. Sivadge (Greenfield Iowa)

Co B
SP4 George J. Sianovich (Pittsburg)
SP4 Edward J. Taylor (Waterbury, Conn.)

Co C
SP4 Michael W. Troup (Torrance, Ca.)
PFC Ronald G. Otterness (Sherburn, Minn.)

Co D
SGT Lawrence S. Olson (Minneapolis)
SP4 Gerald A. Tolsdorf (Posen, Mich)

Co E
SP4 Ralph E. Campbell (Monona, Iowa)

NEW OPERATIONS CHIEF

Replacing CPT Robert J. Graham (Columbus, Ga.) as Operations Officer for the battalion is MAJ Robert E. Burns (Barnesville, Ga.). Prior to his present assignment MAJ Burns had briefly served as Operations Officer to the 11th Brigade. CPT Graham was assigned to the Infantry School at Ft. Benning.

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

The following have been recommended for promotion during the month of August:

To be SGT

HHC Vincent Phillips
 Co A James L. Watters
 Donald W. Cameron
 John R. Conte
 Michael Lomelino
 Ronald D. Dostal
 Danny Kelley
 Co B Desmond Westerkamp
 Edward J. Taylor
 Edward C. Taylor
 Co C Olevia Helaire
 Co D Danny D. Hindley
 Bush Hemingway
 James B. Clark
 Donald W. Pace
 Bradley J. McLain
 Co E Thomas H. Coppinger

To be SP5

HHC William White
 Jerry R. Mays
 Bobby J. McElwain
 Perez J. Rodriguez
 Co C Braulio Nieves-Roman

Ed. Note: At least seven allocations for E-5 still remain with recommendations still being considered

To be SP4

HHC Hiram Brewer
 Co A Fred E. Katz
 Douglas W. Shaffer
 Jackie K. Johnson
 Larry W. Lorance
 Co B Charles Williams
 James E. Hollerman
 Nathan Powell
 Bryan L. Ergang
 Co C Thomas Skotarzak
 Robert M. Frost
 Paul S. O'Kula
 Wesley D. Misemer
 Co D Donnie L. Cranford
 Fred H. Boyd
 Co E Frederick H. Wagner

ARMY DEVELOPS HYBIRD ENGINE

Washington (ANF)--To combat automotive air pollution, the U.S. Army's Tank-Automotive Command (TACOM) has developed the HYBIRD engine.

The new engine controls combustion within the cylinder itself and uses no "add-on" pollution control devices.

NEW PERSONNEL

HHC

SP4 Jose E. Moran (San Jose, Ca.)

Co A

SGT Luis D. Ayala (Bavaro, P.R.)
 PFC Michael A. Brown (Bronx, N.Y.)
 PFC James C. Cain (Hamshire, Texas)
 PFC Henry L. Fillio (Col. Sta., Texas)
 PFC Robert C. Yeager (Columbus, Ohio)
 PV2 John D. Barrett (Wichita Falls, Texas)
 PV2 Jack C. Brown (Pittsburg, Pa.)
 PV2 David G. Cruz (San Antonio, Texas)
 PV2 Celso R. Curet (Santurce, P.R.)
 PV2 Robert A. Grzeski (Downers Grove, Ill.)
 PV2 Angel Gutierrez (Yauco, P.R.)
 PV2 George K. Haley (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.)
 PV2 Ricky L. Winchester (Sharonville, Ohio)

Co B

PFC Timothy J. Hafner (Huntington Beach, Ca.)
 PFC Raymond Hayes (Newnan, Ga.)
 PFC Mitchell D. Perkins (Carrollton, Ky.)
 PFC Johnny R. Price (Yreka, Ca.)
 PFC Michael Statlander (Paterson, N.J.)
 PV2 Jacob W. Freudiger (Ft. Worth, Texas)

Co C

SSG Michael E. Eyler (Gettysburg)
 SGT Herschel D. Stacey (Pensacola, Fla.)
 PFC Stanley D. Buckley (Atlanta, Ga.)
 PFC James K. Dunn (North Bend, Neb.)
 PV2 George S. Flournoy (Warsaw, N.C.)

Co D

PV2 Timothy S. Suggs (Florence, Ala.)

Unlike the conventional spark ignition engine which uses a carburetor to deliver the proper air-fuel mixture to the cylinders, HYBIRD features a fuel injection system similar to that used on a diesel engine.

Fuel injectors at each cylinder inject precisely the amount of fuel needed to operate the engine at any given horsepower output requirement. This results in a lower combustion air-fuel mixture and lower exhaust emissions at low and intermediate engine loads than can be achieved by the same engine equipped with a carburetor.

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