

# BRONCO TRIBUNE

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## BATTALION NEWS

### ON THE FIRING LINE

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

August 28

Alpha Company found 3200 lbs. of rice buried in 55-gal drums along a ditch just NE of OPL. The previous day, the 1st platoon had found two well camouflaged 55-gal drums of rice.

August 29

Alpha Company discovered 4000 lbs. of polished rice contained in 55-gal drums and buried in a hedge-row.

August 30

Still searching the area around Nui Tron, Company A bagged 4 tons of polished rice found in a camouflaged bunker. Later, three 55-gal drums of polished rice were discovered buried in a hedgerow. NW of OPL, the 2nd platoon added to this 700 lbs. of polished rice they had uncovered in three separate containers.

While checking a base camp that had been discovered several months earlier, the 2nd platoon of Charlie Company engaged and killed 1 NVA. Sweeping through the area, the platoon found 10-15 ruck sacks containing NVA uniforms and misc. clothing, 1 pistol with 3 magazines, 4 AK magazines, 60 AK rds., 2<sup>nd</sup> RPG rds., 3 homemade grenades, 1 shovel and 1 pick, 7 unknown explosives, 2 blasting rds., and documents of importance.

**Editor's Note:** During the month of August, Alpha Company's alert diligence cost the enemy 19,900 lbs of rice. The company's effectiveness is the result of both procedure and attention to detail. A 4-5 man patrol concentrates on a 50 meter square, checking hedgerows,

hootches and unusual terrain features. Finding one container of rice is often a very good indication that others are concealed nearby.

September 1

Working west of the Song Tra Khuc River, Delta Company net 1 NVA and 1 VC KIA, 1 NVA WIA, 1 pack and 1 AK-47.

September 3

West of Nghia Hahn, Delta Company found 1 AK-47, several green uniforms, 2 NVA ponchos, 2 NVA belts and a pile of clothing which had been booby-trapped with a Chicom grenade.

September 4

Working in the area west of Nghia Hahn where there has been much enemy contact recently, Delta Company policed up 2 NVA KIA, 9 RPG rds. and 1 AK-47 with 2 magazines.

Tu My village received 6-8 B40 rockets and heavy small arms fire followed by a ground attack. The Popular Forces unit securing the ville engaged the VC killing eight before thirty of the enemy finally managed to get inside the perimeter. FSB 4-11 kept firing illumination until gunships could assist the PFs in forcing the invaders to withdraw.

September 5

Patrolling west of Nghia Hahn, the 1st platoon of Alpha Company found a base camp with numerous bunkers, four fighting positions with good bamboo cover, and 1 radio which had been destroyed by a previous air strike. The following day, the company found 4 NVA KIA, 1 NVA ruck sack, and 1 bag with 13/82 mm charges. Some distance away documents contained in an ammo box and 2 automatic rifles in excellent condition were found.

## SQUAD ROUTS ENTRENCHED ENEMY

Late on the morning of 3 September while on patrol along the Song Phuoc Giang River, west of Nghia Hahn, the 2nd platoon of Charlie Company engaged several enemy personnel they had spotted in a hedge-row. After that everything seemed to break loose all at once as the forward element of the platoon found itself pinned down by intense automatic weapons, RPG and mortar fire. The "Always First" troopers had come up against elements from a battalion sized force of NVA who were concealed within well fortified positions located along a U-shaped trench line.

While part of the 2nd platoon, commanded by SSG Dan Pritchett (Montgomery, Ala.), together with the 3rd platoon attempted to breach the enemy's defenses with several frontal assaults, a reinforced squad led by SSG Michael E. Eyler (Gettysburg, Pa.) managed to penetrate the far end of the trench line. By this time, two "Shark" gunships from the 174th Aviation Company had arrived and began pounding the enemy fortifications with machine gun and rocket fire.

The gunships' close-in support partially relieved the pressure on those slowly advancing through the trench. According to PFC Greg Miller (Sarasota, Fla.) who was at the front of this assault, "We encountered foxholes and small tunnels every five meters. The gunships covered us from the air with the most accurate shooting I have ever seen. Our greatest resistance, at this point, seemed to be coming from the base of a large tree just to the right of the trench. As I was moving in closer, I heard a loud pop and when I looked down, a Chicom was right between my legs. Before I could move it went off and

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## CHANGE OF COMMAND

In ceremonies conducted here on 10 September, LTC Clifford J. Landry (Alexandria, Va.) assumed command of the 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry, from LTC Roger A. Culbertson. LTC Culbertson leaves for assignment with the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Following the exchange of colors' Americal Division Commander MG A. F. Milloy (Hattiesburg, Miss.) congratulated the battalion for its superior performance during the past six months in which it demonstrated a high degree of mobility and professionalism.

LTC Landry joins the battalion from an assignment with the staff of the Communications, Electronics and Space Division, Washington D.C. He made his opening comments to the battalion by saying, "This is the proudest moment of my military career. I have heard you are the best damn battalion in this division and I intend to keep it that way."

During a previous tour in Vietnam, LTC Landry served with the U.S. Military Assistance Command as Assistant G-3, Training and Plans, for the III Corps Advisory Group. A 1953 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, he later attended the University of Arizona where he earned a masters degree in electrical engineering.

The new battalion commander has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device, Army Commendation Medal with cluster, Air Medal, Combat Infantry Badge and the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Silver Star.

In his farewell remarks, LTC Culbertson complimented the members of the battalion on doing an outstanding job of closing with the

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LTC CLIFFORD J. LANDRY, COMMANDING

SP4 Kenneth B. Perry, EDITOR\*

## Change of Command cont.

enemy and wished them the best of luck in the future.

In recognition of his outstanding performance while serving as the assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Headquarters, 1st Infantry Division and later as the Commanding Officer of the 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry, LTC Culbertson was presented the Legion of Merit by MG Milloy.

## Entrenched Enemy cont.

the explosion threw me out of the trench into the bushes." Both Miller and PFC Robert G. Cruz (Fresno, Calif.), who had also been injured by the blast, made their way back to the medic.

After a well placed grenade finally destroyed the entrenched enemy position, PFC Charles P. Callahan (Woburn, Mass.) supported by machine gunner PFC David F. Smith (Minneapolis, Minn.) continued to push forward. Around the final bend in the trench, the squad met with heavy resistance from a partially demolished bunker and several reinforced foxholes. PFC Smith having burned up the barrel of his M-60 machine gun after firing over 2400 rounds, grabbed the nearest M-16 and continued the assault.

The unwavering aggressiveness and sustained fire power of nearly a dozen men proved to be more than the enemy could withstand. The six hour engagement resulted in a possible 15-20 enemy casualties with Charlie Company being credited with 9 confirmed NVA KIA. The company captured 10 automatic rifles, 2 pistols, 1 RPG launcher and 7 RPG rds. Important documents were taken from one of the KIA's who was identified as Chief of Staff for the 60th Bn., 21st NVA Regiment.

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FROM OUR HERITAGE: MEMBERS OF THE 3RD BN TO BE KNOWN AS THE LEGIONNAIRES

TO REAFFIRM THE 3RD BATTALION'S WELL DESERVED PLACE IN THE DISTINGUISHED HISTORY OF THE 1ST INFANTRY AND PROVIDE THE "ALWAYS 'FIRST'" TEAM WITH A MORE TANGIBLE SYMBOL OF THEIR CONTINUING ROLE IN A DISTINCTIVE AND DURABLE ORGANIZATION, THE MEMBERS OF THIS UNIT WILL BE IDENTIFIED HEREAFTER AS THE LEGIONNAIRES. BEFORE ITS INCLUSION IN THE NEWLY ORGANIZED 1ST INFANTRY REGIMENT AFTER THE WAR OF 1812, THE BATTALION HAD BEEN PART OF THE SECOND SUB-LEGION. THIS SERVICE IS ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE RED UPPER PART OF OUR PRESENT UNIT SHIELD; THIS WAS THE COLOR OF THE OLD 2ND SUB-LEGION...

## DEROS TIME

HHC		
CPT	Elpidio Q. Fahel	20 Sept
SP4	Harold Moody	22
SP4	Israel Hawkins	24
SFC	Donald A. Stone	26
SP5	Nathan Payne	28
SP5	Rodriguez J. Perez	28
SP4	Michael L. Keith	28
SGT	Donald G. Leis	29
PV2	Howard L. Washington	30

## Co A

SGT	Donald M. Cameron	23
SP4	David Johnson	29
SP4	Thomas M. Nurkiewicz	26
SP4	Danny L. Kelley	27
SP4	Santiago H. Jusino	28

## Co B

SP4	Anthony S. Moreno	20
SP4	George Condoleon	20
SGT	Edward J. Taylor	20
SGT	David Moreno	20
SP4	Gregory Gáwthorp	22
PFC	Linwood R. Newbold	22
SP4	Robert T. Blazer	27
SP4	Kenneth H. Riley	29
SGT	David E. Whaley	29

## Co C

PFC	Ronald Otterness	24
SGT	Steven Baumeier	28

## Co D

SP4	Earl Leigey	20
SGT	Jack Pemble	22
SP4	Phillip Hade	30

## Co E

SGT	James M. Thomas	20
SP4	Thomas G. Coyne	23
SGT	John A. Copeland	27

## Editor's Note of Gratitude

Many thanks to SGT Roger O. Henschen (Pana, Ill.) who designed the masthead's crossed-rifles and to SP4 Michael L. Keith (Junction City, Kansas) who has been of assistance in the publication and distribution of this paper.

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## NEW PERSONNEL

## HHC

PFC Patrick A Buckley (Rockville, Conn.)  
 PFC Lawrence Scofield (Napa, Ca.)  
 PFC Daniel Wojszynski (Beloit, Wis.)  
 PFC Jerrold M Zanzie (St. Louis, Mo.)  
 PV2 Jose M Domondou (San Jose, Ca.)  
 PV2 Michael J Dufek (Green Bay, Wis.)  
 PV2 William Taylor (Wetumpka, Ala.)

## Co A

SSG Nuuvelua S. Puu (American Samoa)  
 SGT Andres Vega-Delgado (Caguas, P.R.)  
 SGT Albert L Burks (Hampton, Va.)  
 PFC Joe A Aaron (Cleveland, Texas)  
 PFC Gary Barnes (Asheville, N.C.)  
 PFC Jack E. Bowles (Camden, Mich.)  
 PFC Danny Foreman (Chesapeake, Va.)  
 PFC Otis J. King (Laison, S.C.)  
 PFC Samuel King (Winfield, Tenn.)  
 PV2 Lancelot McMoore (Philadelphia, Pa.)  
 PFC John H. Robinson (Chicago, Ill.)

## Co B

SSG Lenwood Mangham (Cayce, S.C.)  
 SGT Gary L Blake (Gastonia, N.C.)  
 SGT Don W Chipp (Rock Springs, Wyo.)  
 SGT Moises Roel (San Antonio, Texas)  
 SGT Paul E Williams (Oakland, Ca.)  
 PFC Herman H Adams (Ft. Leonard Wood Mo.)  
 PFC Thomas Chew (Hernando, Miss.)  
 PFC Nathaniel Crowder (Dallas, Texas)

## Co C

ILT Samuel E Grashio (Spokane, Wash.)  
 SSG Ronald E Fields (Anderson, S.C.)  
 SSG Charles Taylor (Balt., Md.)  
 SP4 Clyde L Fields (Early Branch, S.C.)  
 PFC Eddie M Allen (Bennettsville, S.C.)  
 PV2 Scott W Curtis (Kendall, N.Y.)  
 PV2 Michael A Payne (Omaha, Neb.)  
 PV2 Dwight E Rollinson (Centralia, Ill.)  
 PV2 Eli Ryler (Cleveland, Ohio)  
 PV2 Steve W Young (Erie, Pa.)

## Co D

ISG Elfego Gomez (Colo. Springs)  
 PFC John S Barber (Milwaukee)  
 PFC James K. Beasley (Augusta, Ga.)  
 PFC Bernard B Davis (Orlando, Fla.)  
 PFC Brent A. Hatton (Thousand Oaks Ca.)

## Co D cont

PFC John A Klocke (Grewe, Va.)  
 PFC Russell E Luke (Montpelier, Ohio)  
 PFC William A Neu (Overland, Mo.)  
 PFC Jay G. Osburn (Wayne, W.Va.)  
 PFC Calvin Riley (Goulds, Fla.)  
 PFC Lonnie D Scipioni (Hibbing, Minn.)  
 PFC Samuel F Smith (Mexico, N.Y.)  
 PFC Lawrence R Turner (Rates City, Mo.)  
 PFC David A Welch (Clinton, Conn.)  
 PFC Ronnie L Williams (Deleon, Texas)  
 PFC Douglas Zollinger (New Haven, Ind.)

PV2 Robert A Schwartz (Paterson, N.J.)  
 PV2 Lawrence Stearns (Mpls., Minn.)  
 PV2 Johnny F Tivis (Rosamond, Ca.)

## Co E

ILT Tinsley W. Rucker (White Plains, N.Y.)  
 SGT Mark D Blair (Lavina, Montana)

## COMMANDAGRAMS

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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### ACROSS

1-Fondle  
4-Quarrel  
5-Algonquian  
Indian  
11-Beverage  
12-Domesticated  
13-Hebrew  
month  
14-Warbler  
17-Negative  
18-Proceed  
20-Goal  
21-Tiny  
22-Wager  
23-Suspend  
25-Small rug  
26-Comfort  
27-River island  
28-Container  
29-Skill  
30-Physician  
(abbr.)  
31-Climbing  
devices  
32-Preposition  
33-Swiss river  
34-Shade tree  
35-Nod  
36-Placed  
37-Wooden  
vessel  
38-Location  
39-Possessing  
pronoun  
40-Pronoun  
41-Strike  
42-Artificial  
language  
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45-Toward shelter  
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50-Hurried

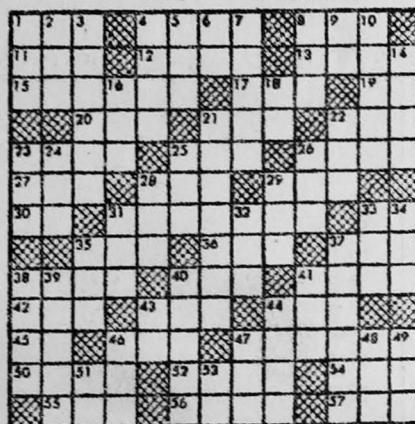
**DOWN**  
1-Dance step  
2-Man's name  
3-Occupant  
4-Stalk  
5-Equality  
6-Part of  
"to be"

7-Doctrine  
8-Posed for  
portrait  
9-Paid notice  
10-Enclosures for  
animals  
14-Repetition  
16-Two-wheeled  
carriage  
18-Faroe islands  
whirlwind  
21-Roams  
22-Flying  
mammal  
23-Possessed  
24-Ventilate  
25-Insane  
26-Bitter vetch  
28-Vehicle  
29-Limb  
31-Young boy  
32-Antlered  
animal  
33-Small child  
34-Be in debt

WASTE COSTS MONEY...



35-Three-toed  
sloths  
37-Distasteful  
38-Unit of Italian  
currency  
39-Coral island  
40-Passageway  
41-Capuchin  
monkey  
53-Teutonic deity



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