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BATTALION NEWS

ON THE FIRING LINE

Action in the 3d Bn, 1st Inf AO for the period 13-20 September:

Working north of the Song Tra Khuc River, the 2nd platoon of Alpha Company turned up 100 gal of rice and 50 gal of corn buried in a field.

Several days later, the company apprehended a military aged male who SGT Andres Vega (Caguas, P.R.) had found hiding in a tool shed. The suspect, later identified as an NVA platoon leader who had been recruiting in the area, led his captors to where six 55 gal drums of rice had been stored. A further search of the vicinity uncovered four additional drums of rice. Later in the afternoon, the company discovered a bunker containing two 55 gal drums of rice which brought the amount captured since that morning to well over 6,000 lbs. A VC was killed after he ran from a nearby bunker and began swimming across the river.

The following day, Alpha added another 175 gal of polished rice to her list. The 3rd platoon captured 4 VC with packs containing explosives, fuzes, scrap metal, two Chicom grenades and medical equipment. In a later action 2 VC were killed in a tunnel while a third was captured nearby.

Patrolling farther to the west, the 2nd platoon of Alpha climaxed a very eventful week with 3 VC KIA and two 3-ban panasonic transistor radios CIA.

Bravo Company found 1 NVA and 1 VC/NVA KIA west of Nghia Hanh. CIA were 2 AK-47s, 5 magazines, 2 Chicom grenades and 4 medical dressings.

At Nghia Hanh, children turned in to Bravo Company the following

munitions: 20 Chicom, 23/105 rds, 1/82 recoilless rd, 7/60 mm mortar rds, 40 M79 rds, 1 bouncing betty, 2 CS grenades and 3 satchel charges.

Working in the mountains west of Nghia Hanh, the 1st and 2nd platoons of Charlie Company reached a bunker complex which warlords had spottet the previous day. The complex consisted of 75-100 fighting positions several hootches in various stages of construction, grass and wood stacked for future use along with food and utensils. Several of the bunkers had been used recently and the fact that enemy personnel were still in the area was verified by the sporadic contact which the company was to have during the week.

While moving into their NDP just south of OFI, the 2nd platoon of Delta Company engaged 2 NVA resulting in 1 KIA and 1 CIA. Later in the week, the platoon was credited with another KIA just prior to finding two 55 gal drums of corn buried near a hootch.

STANDDOWN ROLLS AROUND

The 3rd Battalion Legionnaires can once again look forward to three days and nights of cold beer and soda, hot meals and clean uniforms, entertainment and relaxation as the facilities of the 11th Brigade Retraining Area are made available to each company during stand-down. In addition, members of the particular companies will have exclusive access to the PX at some designated time and the opportunity to place MARS calls home. Hopefully this editor will have the opportunity to talk with personnel from each company in order to better communications between this paper and those in the field.

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Standdown cont.

An Awards Ceremony will be held on the third day in order to afford well deserved recognition to those who have distinguished themselves by valorous action or unusual sacrifice during the past few months. The scheduled standdown dates for each company are as follows:

26 Sep--29 Sep	Company D
29 Sep-- 2 Oct	Company C
2 Oct-- 5 Oct	Company B
5 Oct-- 8 Oct	Company A
8 Oct--11 Oct	Company E

DOUBLE TIME

Recent Arrivals Return to the Fold

SSG Lenwood Mangham (Cayce, S.C.) a platoon sergeant with Bravo Company was a member of that same unit when it first came to Bronco from Honolulu back in December 1967.

SPL Cortez Kelly (Atlanta, Ga.) who was with Delta Company when it came over, said that their old AO was around Mo Duc with their FSB alternating between LZ Dragon and LZ Liz.

Two are better than One

The primary reason SP5 David L. Struemke (River Falls, Wis.), HHC, volunteered to come to Vietnam was to be near his brother WO1 Charles W. Struemke, 174th Aviation Company.

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

To be SGT

Co A	Paul A. Leo
	James T. Peters
	Nathaniel Stokes
	Michael J. Weeks
Co B	Robert T. Blazer
	Michael Helmer
	Benny C. Hill
	Don Vaden

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LTC CLIFFORD J. LANDRY, COMMANDING

SP5 Struemke, a mechanic, must keep battalion vehicles operable while his brother, who is a pilot, must keep a utility ship airborne and on schedule. They see each other at least several times a week and WO1 Struemke has even had his brother as a passenger on occasion. The two are hoping that they can arrange to be on the same "Freedom Bird" home for Christmas.

SEPT. 25--ARMED FORCES' VOTING DAY

Washington (AFPS)--September 25 has been designated Armed Forces Voting Day.

In a memorandum, Deputy Secretary of Defense David Packard said, "The right to vote is a product of freedom which was cherished by the American colonists and won in our Revolution. Every eligible citizen has the obligation to express himself through his ballot. We, as members of the United States armed forces should exercise this fundamental right and fulfill our obligations in this important way."

CORRECTION*****

In the August 28 issue of this paper ("MISS AMERICA USO SHOW") the Miss America who performed at Phu Bai was incorrectly identified as Debbie Shelton. Information later made available through Army publications clearly indicated that the charming Miss was Pam Eldred...

NEW PERSONNEL

HHC	
SSG	Jerome M Betourne (Manteno, Ill.)
SGT	Floyd E. McKinney (San Antonio)
SPL	Claude A Bradlev (Fisherville, Ky.)
PFC	Craig W Hickok (Gloversville, N.Y.)
PFC	Walter Hood (Seneca, Ga.)
PFC	Walter S Isansv (Philadelphia)
PFC	Gary D Land (McMinnville, Ore.)
PV2	Thomas F Carlen (Chicago, Ill.)

SP4 KENNETH B. PERRY, EDITOR

Recommended Promotions cont

Co C John B. Alves
Ronald G. Jemison
James A. Schmidt
Roosevelt D. Stewart
Michael Troup

Co D James E. Fitzgerald

Philip T. Hade
Earl E. Leigey
Robert Lemons
Michael W. Micetic
Jerry D. Parker
Mark C. Sanders

Co E Edmund B. Kishell, Jr.
Dove R. Smith

To be SP5

HHC Robert J. Clark
Kevin Forestal

To be SP4

HHC Reginald M. Allen
Byron Bittle
Jessie L. Cox
Rodney E. Elliott
Robert E. Hurley
Bruce E. Linville
William R. May III
Ronald W. Moody
Michael A. Nichola
David Smith

Co A Steven G. Bittle
Dennis L. Box
John W. Farrington
William Forrester
Michael K. Hardman
Elton Johnson
Howard L. Lenhardt
Rex G. Morris
Charles R. Tutwiler
Sidney Weaden
Darrell Wood

Co B William S. Wrobel
Juan K. Butler
Edward Cherven
David R. Cornwell
Charles W. Dillon
Steven J. Liberti
Roger E. Page
Roland E. Parsons
McKinley J. Roane
Peter G. Simpson
Anthony W. Usalis

Co C Billy Ballard
Jimmy L. Grawne
Robert W. Love
Robert G. Mallett
Ronald G. Otterness
Kenneth W. Tharp
Robert J. Yawn

Co D Dale G. Arnos
David A. Boyer
Thomas E. Goeman
Kenneth L. Teunissen
Alvin S. Heidrich
St. Clair Stephens

Co E Robert G. Badanjak
Roy K. Barber
Gregory L. Berger
Larry H. Cothron
Leon Johnson
James R. Kirby
Robert D. McCracken
James W. Pritchard

New Personnel cont

Co A

SP4 George A. Davis (Daphne, Ala.)
SP4 Rodney W. Marshall (Altona, Ill.)
SP4 Joseph D. Miller (Phoenix, Ariz.)
SP4 Wilfred G Marin (Peterboro, N.H.)
SP4 Charles N Williams (Wash., D.C.)
PFC John W Haddow (Blossburg, Pa.)
PFC Steve F O'Bara (West Rutland, Vt.)
PFC Michael Schiller (Houston, Texas)
PFC Kermit P Stockstill (Jackson Center, Ohio)

Co B

CPT James E Fourqurean (Tampa, Fla.)
1LT Lawson W Magruder (Austin, Texas)
SP4 Cecil Taylor (Ingram, Ky.)
SP4 Michael A Turner (Morenci, Mich.)
SP4 James E Wabbsis (Ludington, Mich.)
SP4 Walter Pennywell (Fresno, Ca.)
SP4 Mark A West (Chillicothe, Ohio)
PFC Ken D. Burns (Flowood, Texas)
PFC Thomas F Evans (Pittsburg, Texas)
PFC Bruce A Henry (Rixford, Pa.)
PFC Timothy Hollowell (L.I., N.Y.)
PFC Robert LaJuke (Colonie, N.Y.)
PFC James H. Pike (Centreville, Ala.)
PFC William H Sims (Decatur, Ill.)

Co C

1LT Cecil H VanDiver (Harrodsburg, Ky.)
SP4 Dennis L Jarvis (Orlando, Fla.)
SP4 George M Keller (Statesville, N.C.)
SP4 Charles R Miller (Wavnesboro, Pa.)
PFC Thomas C Dietzel (Medford, N.Y.)
PFC Gregory J Dumais (Van Buren, Me.)
PFC James C Horne (Marshallville, N.C.)
PFC Duane W Wilkens (Tinoli, Iowa)
PV2 Glenn R Brewer (Amarillo, Texas)
PV2 Bruce Rothenberger (Pottstown, Pa.)

Co D

PFC Larry G Batcher (Naples, Fla.)
PFC Lawrence Brown (Winnsboro, S.C.)
PFC James M Collier (Centralia, Pa.)
PFC Richard D Edgar (Monroe, La.)
PFC Mark R Hanson (Kasson, Minn.)
PFC Denny L McLeod (Ashland, Ky.)
PFC Michael L Springer (Columbus, Ohio)
PFC Robert L Stinson (Clarksburg, Mo.)

Co E

1LT Tinsley Rucker (White Plains, N.Y.)
SP4 Willie Carter (Lumberton, N.C.)
SP4 Robert Rocha (L.A., Ca.)
PFC John E LeLange (Cleveland)
PFC Dale R Neuhalfen (Granville, N.D.)
PFC Robert Thompson (Erie, Pa.)

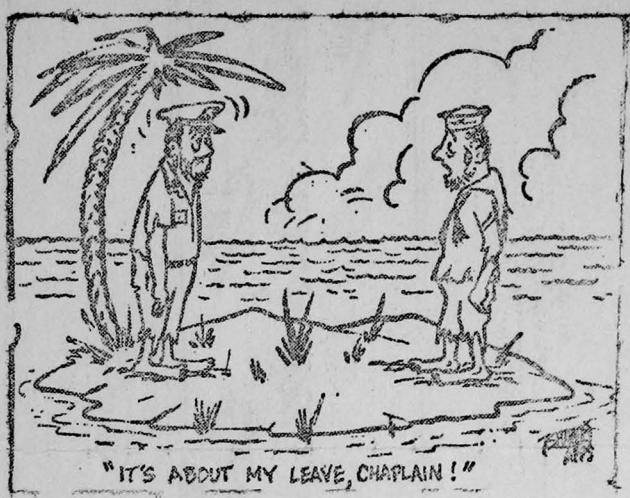
CHECK THESE DATES AND TIMES

No matter how much effort you expend to ensure each individual has been given "in-hand" a Federal Post Card Application, and he has received an absentee ballot, it is all to no avail if the marked ballot does not reach that serviceman's home State at the pre-established date and time for the election.

(This is the list of States, and their dates and times for receiving marked absentee voting ballots. Ballots received after these dates and times will not be accepted and will not be counted.)

STATE	DATE	TIME
Alabama	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Alaska	Nov. 3	Postmark must be no later than date of election
Arizona	Nov. 3	6 p.m., date of election
Arkansas	Nov. 3	4 p.m., date of election
California	Nov. 2	5 p.m., day <i>before</i> election
Colorado	Nov. 3	5 p.m., date of election
Connecticut	Nov. 2	6 p.m., day <i>before</i> election
Delaware	Nov. 2	Noon, day <i>before</i> election
District of Columbia	(None in 1970)	
Florida	Nov. 2	5 p.m., day <i>before</i> election
Georgia	Nov. 3	7 p.m., date of election
Hawaii	Nov. 9	Noon, 6th day <i>following</i> date of election
Idaho	Nov. 3	Noon, date of election
Illinois	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Indiana	Nov. 2	6 p.m., day <i>before</i> election
Iowa	Nov. 2	No later than day <i>before</i> election

STATE	DATE	TIME
Kansas	Nov. 2	Noon, <i>Monday before</i> date of election
Kentucky	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Louisiana	Nov. 3	In time to allow delivery of ballot to commission date of election
Maine	Nov. 3	3 p.m., date of election
Maryland	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Massachusetts	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Michigan	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Minnesota	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Mississippi	Nov. 3	In time to deliver ballot to officials date election returns are received and canvassed
Missouri	Nov. 2	4 p.m., day <i>before</i> election
Montana	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Nebraska	Nov. 5	10 a.m., <i>Thursday following</i> date of election
Nevada	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
New Hampshire	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
New Jersey	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
New Mexico	Nov. 2	Noon, day <i>before</i> election
New York	Nov. 2	Noon, day <i>before</i> election
North Carolina	Oct. 31	Noon, <i>Saturday before</i> date of election
North Dakota	Nov. 10	One week <i>after</i> date of election
Ohio	Nov. 3	Noon, date of election
Oklahoma	Oct. 30	5 p.m., <i>Friday before</i> date of election
Oregon	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Pennsylvania	Oct. 30	5 p.m., <i>Friday before</i> date of election
Rhode Island	Nov. 3	9 p.m., date of election
South Carolina	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
South Dakota	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Tennessee	Nov. 3	10 a.m., date of election
Texas	Nov. 3	1 p.m., date of election
Utah	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Vermont	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Virginia	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Washington	Nov. 18	15 days <i>after</i> date of election
West Virginia	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Wisconsin	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Wyoming	Nov. 3	Before opening of polls date of election
U.S. TERRITORIES		
Guam	Nov. 2	Before date of election
Puerto Rico	Oct. 31	Before date of referendum
Virgin Islands	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election



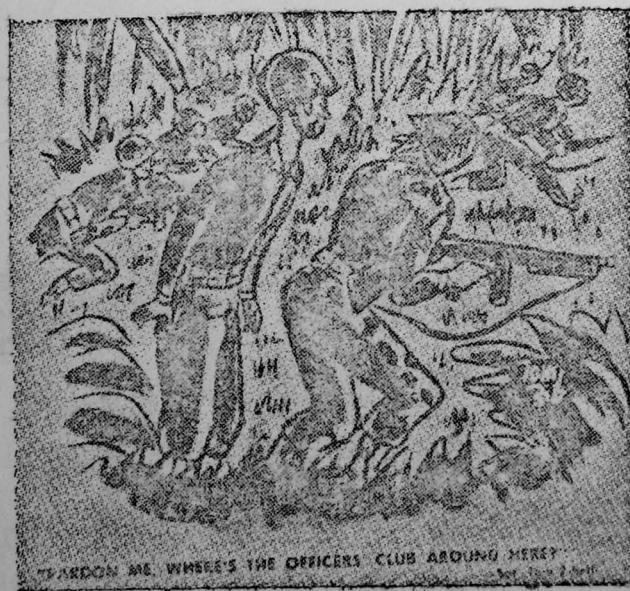
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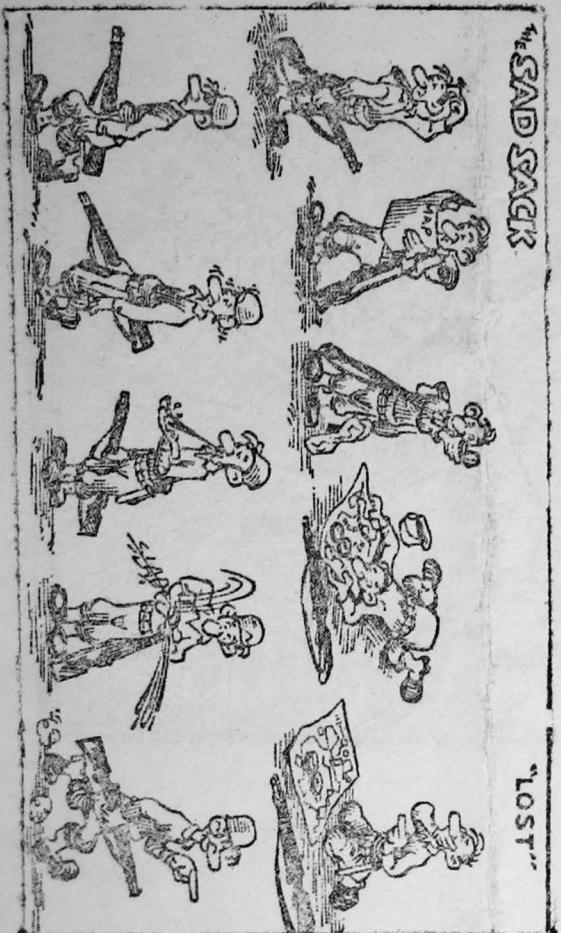
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1730 M STREET, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036

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