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SINCE OCTOBER 1968, THE "ALWAYS FIRST" 3D BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY NEWS-PAPER HAS BEEN KNOWN AS THE "BRONCO TRIBUNE". THIS PUBLICATION'S NAME HAS NOW BEEN CHANGED TO MAKE IT MORE RELATIVE TO THE UNIT IT REPRESENTS. ALTHOUGH THE NAME HAS CHANGED, POLICY REMAINS THE SAME, TO ACCURATELY RECORD THE CREDITABLE ACTIONS OF THE 3D BATTALION LEGIONNAIRES WHILE PRESENTING INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE READER...

## BATTALION NEWS

### ON THE FIRING LINE

Action in the 3d Bn, 1st Inf A0 for the period 21-28 September:

While Delta Company was securing the Dien-Nien hamlet at the base of OPL, weapons platoon medic PFC Christopher S. Russell (Van Nuys, Ca.) conducted a MEDCAP in which he treated over 40 villagers.

While working in the mountains west of Nghia Hanh, Charlie Company spotted two enemy personnel on a hill top 1000 meters from their position. After they had pinned the enemy down with heavy M60 machine gun fire, artillery was directed on the target. A short time later, their resupply ship checked out the area of contact and observed 4 VC NVA KIA.

West of Nghia Hanh, Alpha Company had an ambush result in 1 NVA KIA, an SKS, 2/60 mm mortar rounds, a pistol belt with poncho and first aid pack CIA.

### SILVER STAR FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION

"Sergeant Joseph T. Pristas distinguished himself by intrepid actions on 12 May 1970 while serving as a Squad Leader with Company D, 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry. On that date, the company was conducting a search and clear mission southwest of Nghia Hanh when it came under intense fire from an unknown size enemy force. During the initial impacting of hostile rounds, the friendly force sustained several

casualties and became pinned down in an open area. Realizing the urgency of the situation, Sergeant Pristas unhesitatingly maneuvered through the enemy barrage in order to close on a key hostile emplacement. While a comrade neared the enemy position from another direction, Sergeant Pristas provided covering fire and engaged the insurgents with several well directed hand grenades. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he then rushed toward the enemy bunker throwing hand grenades until he completely silenced the hostile position. Through his timely and courageous actions, Sergeant Pristas was instrumental in thwarting the enemy attack and served as an inspiration to his entire unit. His personal heroism, professional competence, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service, and reflect great credit upon himself, the Americal Division, and the United States Army..

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### STANDDOWN

#### Awards Presented

During ceremonies held at the 11th Brigade Retraining Area 29 September, the following members of Delta Company were decorated by the Brigade Commander COL John L. Imazin. Afterward, CPT Robert W. Lichteneger (Babylon, N.Y.) presented "Combat Infantry Badges" to members of the company before turning his command

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## Awards cont.

over to CPT William P. Walsh (Bergenfield, N.J.).

SGT Joseph L. Pristas  
SGT Gary M. Young  
SGT Harry T. Hicks  
SFC Garland P. Felton  
PFC Michael L. Jacob  
SGT Arvin D. Zwart  
SP4 James A. Ivester  
SP4 Steven D. Bordelon  
SP4 Mark L. Brown  
SGT William F. Ziech

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## Entertainment Provided

A note of gratitude is due the management of the Brigade NCO Club for sponsoring the sounds and selling the suds and soda for standdown

During their three day period of "retraining", the members of "Dancing" Delta found themselves tuned to the same wavelength as the "Joint Chiefs of Staff" and in complete agreement with the message. The troops were moving to the beat of the same drum and for the moment the sounds were not of war. The Special Services four-piece band, the "Joint Chiefs of Staff" is a much appreciated if too little recognized appendage of the Forward Area Support Team (FAST).

Clad in jungle fatigues, the group, at first, looks somewhat out of place up on a stage but that impression is soon dispelled once their performance begins. "Civilian clothes would be a great help," says the drummer Joe Calato (Buffalo, N.Y.), "but since we have only been together for the past month it might be necessary to prove our worth first." According to CPT Lichtneger, "the JCS performance was one of the highlights of Delta Company's standdown. Their music is what the troops want to hear."

The enthusiasm of the audience is matched by that of the perform-

ers. Kyle Marshall (Bellflower, Ca) confessed, "If I weren't working with the group I would probably be working with a generator. As it is I feel I am doing more to help other people by bringing the sounds to them." That mission even takes the band to the fire support bases. All it requires is a request for the entire FAST team.

## PROJECT MEMO

Got a "good" job waiting back home? How long will it last? How far can you get ahead? Some "good" beginning jobs really are dead ends. You know enough to get the first job, but not enough to advance.

Perhaps never again will you have fewer responsibilities than right after you get out of the service. This is your best time to get the extra education that can mean a better long-range future.

The way to get started is to take part in what is known as the GI Project MEMO ("More Education, More Opportunity"). MEMO gets you in touch with schools and colleges that offer the kinds of program you want. It gives you their names and addresses, and also tells them about you. In some cases, they may write directly to you, while you're still in the service.

This is what MEMO does with the information you provide:

\* If you want to finish high school MEMO will tell the superintendent of schools in your hometown about you. And ask him to write you. Many cities have special programs for servicemen--programs that let you move faster, work on your own or study with other veterans.

\* If you want a program in a trade or technical or business school (but not in a college or university)

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## Project Memo cont.

Write the name and address of the school on the form. MEMO will tell them about you.

\* If you're a high school graduate and want to go to college, MEMO will send you the names and addresses of all the colleges and universities in your home state, where it's easiest to get admitted. MEMO will tell you how to apply for admission and financial aid. If you have financial need, student aid can add to the pay you get from your GI Bill. \* If you name a college you want to attend, MEMO will send it a special note about you. If you don't name a particular college, MEMO will write all the colleges and universities in your home state about you...MEMO doesn't get you into college. But it can help you get a head start now. (AFPS--Reprinted from the "SUPTHAI Sentinel, "Korat, Thailand)

## DEROS TIME

HHC		
SGT	Wieslaw Szela	2 Oct
SP4	John J. Morey	7

Co A		
SGT	Gary H. Glubiak	5
SGT	Nathaniel Stokes	9
SP4	Hannis S. Davison	10

Co B		
SGT	Benny C. Hill	3
SP4	David Hall	5
SP4	Allen Harris	6
SGT	Edward C. Taylor	6
SP4	Eloy O. Moya	7
SGT	Robert Stevens	7
SP4	Gary Waterman	7
SGT	Michael Helmer	9
SP4	Larry Reynolds	11
PVL	Domingo Gallardo	11
SP4	Fernand S. Braud	13

Co C		
SP4	Ralph Reeve	5
SGT	James Schmidt	14
SP4	Thomas J. Skotarzak	14
SP4	Troy Loving	14

Co D		
SP4	Donald W. Pace	1
SP4	Jerry D. Parker	1
SP4	Mark C. Sanders	2
SP4	Robert Lemons	4
SP4	Michael W. Micetic	4
SP4	James E. Fitzgerald	8
SGT	Vincent R. Roland***	13

Co E		
SP4	Thomas J. Stoodley	1 Oct
SP5	Edmund B. Kishell	1
SGT	James K. Severud	1
ILT	Victor K. Wakeling	3
SP4	Ralph A. Campbell	5
SP4	James A. Gais	5
SP4	Steven C. Thieme	5
SGT	Gerald Snyder	6
SGT	Thomas H. Coppinger	11

## NEW PERSONNEL

Co A		
SFC	Richard D Lipscomb (Mpls, Minn)	
SP5	Wilburn Beam (Albany, Ga.)	
SP4	James A. Savage (Cincv, Ohio)	
SP4	Robert F Sitter (Azusa, Ca.)	
PFC	Thomas C Beeman (Depew, N.Y.)	
PFC	Melton R Gillisnie (St. Albans, N.Y.)	
PFC	Franklin Gunderman (Moorestown, N.J.)	
PFC	Richard M Rhodes (Glen Allen, Mo.)	
PFC	Jerry J Seay (Whittier, N.C.)	
PFC	Jackie L Winn (Big Spring, Texas)	
PV2	Billy D Johnson (Wake Forest, N.C.)	
PV2	Jeffrey G Judd (Port Angeles, Wa.)	

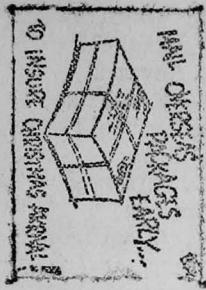
Co B		
SP4	Reginald R Rushton (Joanna, S.C.)	
SP4	Michael M Rutherford (Waukesha, Mo.)	
PFC	Joseph F Goodie (Tall., Fla.)	
PFC	Robert T Turpin (Norfolk, Va.)	
PV2	Michael J Fox (Osseo, Wis.)	

Co C		
SP4	Kerry L Hanselka (Telfermer, Texas)	
SP4	James D Miller (Portland, Ore.)	
PFC	James L Johnston (Royal Oak, Mich)	
PFC	Ralph Overcash (Chesnee, S.C.)	
PFC	Raymond M Stewart (Col, Ohio)	
PFC	Dennis R Thompson (Caledonia, Mich)	
PFC	Linnell Wilkerson (Cleveland, Ohio)	
PFC	Michael G Williams (Sumner, Wash.)	

Co D		
SP4	Hector A Herrera (Westchester, Ill)	
PFC	Robert D Boeneke (Baton Rouge, La.)	
PFC	James W Day (Plymouth, Ind.)	
PFC	Homer L Dickerson (Wiergate, Texas)	
PFC	Michael Hecomovich (Keewatin, Minn)	
PFC	Clayton D Vaughn (Highlands, N.C.)	
PFC	Ralph J White (Brownsville, Texas)	
PV2	Keith D Fowler (Conway, S.C.)	
PV2	Morris G Jones (New Orleans)	
PV2	Marvin W Misemer (Bartlesville, Okla)	

Co E		
SP4	Carl Levondosky (Purlington, N.J.)	
PFC	Bernard J Bagley (Jacksonville, Fla.)	
PFC	Geoffrey Henkle (Beaumont, Ca.)	
PFC	Laurence Miller (Crown Point, Ind.)	
PFC	Mike D Pape (Burleson, Texas)	
PFC	Norman L Ratliff (Troy Mills, Iowa)	

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