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BATTALION NEWS

ON THE FIRING LINE

Enemy Caught With Pants Down

On an Eagle Flight southwest of Quang Ngai, Recon platoon was inserted near a hamlet after gunships from the 174th Aviation Company had engaged an armed VC evading to the south.

During their sweep of the contact area, a squad led by SGT Patrick A. Pickett (Glendale, Ore.) intercepted two enemy personnel carrying packs and weapons. Machine gunner PFC David C. Bridger (Lyons, N.Y.) was the first to open up and it was probably very fortunate for SGT Milton Booty (Zachury, La.) that the engagement was both brief and decisive. Not more than ten meters from him lay one of the VC with a Chicom clutched in hand.

Meanwhile, SGT Donald E. Bradshaw (Winston, Ore.) was detaining a Vietnamese he had spotted attempting to change clothes. It would soon be revealed that a VC hamlet chief had been "caught with his pants down."

In less than thirty minutes, the platoon's swift and well-coordinated action had cost the enemy 4 VC KIAs and 1 CIA with 2 AK-47s, 2/45 cal. pistols, 6 hand grenades, medical supplies, documents and misc. clothing CIA.

CONVERSION OF MPC

No Sacrifice too Great

Beginning early on the morning of 7 October, members of the battalion began turning in their Series 681 Military Payment Certificates. By the following afternoon over \$130,000 would have been converted.

The conversion forms and the inevitable wait in line were considered minor inconveniences. Such a

procedure served an understandable purpose and was accepted by most as a "necessary pain."

Several situations which the two and a half day deprivation produced were rather disconcerting for those in the rear. It was rather a trying experience for everyone to be "flat broke" at the exact same time; something similar, although not nearly as consequential, to an entire company exhausting its supply of rations.

The real crises resulted from the exclusion of the domestic help. Dirty clothes, trash and dust began accumulating while support personnel had to be recruited to police the kitchen. In the end, the conversion process cost more than a few people their shirts...

AWARDS PRESENTED DURING RETRAINING...

The following list of men were decorated during awards ceremonies held at the 11th Brigade Retraining Area this past week:

Bravo Company

SGT William E. Pyle	ACM "V"
SPL Scotty A. Bishop	ACM "V"
SPL Christopher Tate	ACM "V"
SSG George Lavigne	PH
SGT William Cannon	PH
SGT Daniel Chion	PH
SPL Roger Shields	PH
SPL Charles Williams	PH
PFC Juan K. Butler	PH
PFC Edward Cherven	PH
PFC Robert L. Smith	PH

Charlie Company

CPT Gregory L. Morgan	SS
	RS "V"
SSG James L. Lee	SS
SPL Gordillo G. Haro	ACM "V"
PFC Terry Williams	ACM "V"
SP5 Herschell D. Stacey	PH

"One good deed dving tongueless
Slaughters a thousand waiting upon that"
Shakespeare

THE UNITED NATIONS
25th Anniversary

Twenty-five years ago, delegates from 50 nations met in San Francisco to seek a formula that, through international cooperation, would lead to opportunities for a better life in a peaceful world.

From that meeting emerged a charter, ratified Oct. 24, 1945, committing and dedicating the nations to promoting and preserving peace, justice and progress.

In observance of the 25th anniversary of the United Nations, President Richard Nixon has proclaimed Oct. 24 1970 as United Nations Day. In so doing, he said, "If our UN policies are to be effective, they must engage the attention of a concerned and informed citizenry. We must strive for the greatest possible participation of our population; including the youth of the country, in determining our future participation in the UN."

Underlying the President's request for citizen concern and participation in observing the founding of the United Nations is his stated desire to "appraise candidly the ability of the UN to achieve fully the aims of its charter; examine objectively the strengths and weaknesses of the organization; and search intensely for practical and realistic ways to improve the effectiveness of its agencies." (ANF)

1970 Christmas Mailing Period

The mailing period established for the Vietnam area to meet U.S. Post Office Department requirements for delivery in CONUS on or before Christmas Day is as follows:

Fourth Class (Surface)	1 Nov 70
SAM (Space Available, Air)	7 Dec 70
PAL (Parcel Airlift)	10 Dec 70
SAM Letter	12 Dec 70
Airmail	15 Dec 70

75 Shopping Days until Christmas....

NEW PERSONNELHHC

1LT Rick W. Tunnell (Tacoma, Wash.)
PFC Banzet L. Brown (East Orange, N.J.)
PFC Earl W. Taylor (Trinidad, W.I.)
PFC Donald F. Trumble (Adams, Mass.)

Co A

1LT James A. Palmgren (Ironwood, Mich.)
SP4 William L. Childress (Elburn, Ill.)
PFC Joaquin G. Borja (Agaña, Guam)
PFC Gary D. Dresner (Santa Ana, Ca.)
PFC James R. Faught (New Albany, Ohio)
PFC Kenneth T. Gill (Raytown, Mo.)
PFC Stephen C. Guy (Kingsport, Tenn.)
PFC Michael E. Salter (Jacksonville, Fla.)
PFC Lynn B. Sorrells (Dallas, Texas)
PFC Terry L. Weeks (Sycamore, Ill.)
PV2 Robert J. Wheeler (Chattanooga, Tenn.)

Co B

SP4 Raymond Bryant (Winterville, N.C.)
SP4 Danny W. Elam (Abilene, Texas)
PFC Gary A. Ashton (Boulder Jct, Wis.)
PFC Jose G. Barrera (Corcoran, Ca.)
PFC Glenn E. Dickinson (Sacramento, Ca.)
PFC Dannie R. Dingus (Kingsport, Tenn.)
PFC Tommie L. Gibson (Opelika, Ala.)
PFC Ronald E. Mann (Fairfield, Ill.)
PFC Isaiah Montgomery (Jacksonville)
PFC Richard Riley (Houston, Texas)
PFC Charles T. Walker (Nederland, Texas)
PFC Leroy Wilson (Waterford, Miss.)
PFC James J. Youngblut (Jesup, Iowa)
PV2 Michael M. Fuller (Phoenix, Ariz.)
PV2 Stephen R. Rousseau (Manchester, N.H.)
PV1 William T. Hensley (Weaverville, N.C.)

Co C

PFC Jackie I. England (Alvarado, Texas)
PFC Murel T. Gray (Princeton, Ky.)
PFC James D. Iversen (Gualala, Ca.)
PFC Charles H. Waldow (Milwaukee, Wis.)
PV1 Donald R. Mylar (Sanborn, N.Y.)

Co D

CPT William P. Walsh (Bergenfield, N.J.)
SP4 Cortez Kelly (Newnan, Ga.)
SP4 Edward R. Lydic (Erie, Pa.)
PFC Michael A. Cannatella (Oxon Hill, Mo.)
PFC Gary A. Gebhardt (Ottawa, Ill.)
PFC Donald L. Schuman (Topeka, Kan.)
PFC Alex R. Seay (Hackberry, La.)
PV2 Manuel Cavazos (Mission, Texas)

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