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BATTALION NEWS

ON THE FIRING LINE

Action in the 3d Bn, 1st Inf AO for the period 5-9 November:

Patrolling the mountains west of Nghia Hanh, the 3rd platoon and CP element of Bravo Company followed a length of commo wire, strung along a well used trail, until they came upon two hootches. The dwellings, made of bamboo with woven roofs, had enough space to contain 30 to 50 people. One had sleeping positions and the other, which had stretchers and pulleys similar to those used for traction, appeared to be a hospital. Both of the hootches were destroyed and the confiscated equipment sent to FSB 4-11.

The following day, the 1st platoon discovered and destroyed a hootch which contained 3 RPG rounds and 25 lbs. of rice.

Working the area south of the Song Tra Khuc River, the 2nd platoon of Delta Company found 100 lbs. of rice hidden in a cave. Shortly afterward, the platoon spotted and engaged with small arms fire a VC who was attempting to evade. This action resulted in the capture of the wounded enemy personnel along with a small amount of rice, documents and other items.

Searching a cluster of hootches, the 4th platoon uncovered over 150

lbs. of polished rice contained in baskets, cans and boxes. Later, the 2nd platoon confiscated 3900 lbs. of polished and 1100 lbs. of unpolished rice which had been stockpiled for the enemy. The Legionnaires also found a hootch which contained 40% of commo wire, 2/81 mm mortar rds., 1 hand grenade, 15 knives, 6 flags with Chinese lettering, 38 pages of documents, medical supplies and other misc. items.

During the same operation, the 3rd platoon of "Dancing Delta" detained 3 military-aged-males who lacked identification cards. Later, while conducting a sweep along the river, the platoon found a 9 mm pistol lying on the ground near a hootch. In the same vicinity, they uncovered 200 lbs. of polished rice and 20 lbs. of salt. The next day, PFC Edward Fitzgerald (Bel Air, Md) successfully led the platoon down a trail booby trapped with at least 3 105 rounds to a camouflaged 2 room hootch. Checking the structure and connecting tunnel area, the element found medical supplies and records, 100 lbs. of polished rice, 1 automatic rifle and 5/60 mm mortar rds.

West of Nghia Hanh, Alpha Company had an ambush result in 1 VC KIA. The following afternoon, they downed another of the enemy with M-79 fire. The enemy had to continue tightening his belt after 100 lbs. of rice were captured by the 2nd platoon.

The following ordnance was turned in under the Volunteer Informant Program: 1/155 mm rd., 3/105 mm rds., 1 M707 heat rd., 1/82 mm rd., 1/60 mm rd., 3 M-79 rds., 1 hand grenade and 27/M-60 rds.

***Ed. Note: Dud rounds and explosives should not be handled any more than is necessary and there should be as few people as possible in the immediate area where ordnance is being accepted.

The Other War:

WINNING THE PEOPLE

A large portion of the rice captured by Delta Company during the past week will be distributed to the villagers at Tu My. Some of the cache will be used to help pay the cost of rebuilding the home of a Buddhist monk in Nghia Hanh. The monk's residence caught fire and burned down after being struck by an illumination round.

On 8 November, CPT Michael Dang, the battalion surgeon, assisted by medical aidmen, SP5 Vincent Debono (Somerville, N.J.) and PFC Jan J. Sulesky (Sharon, Pa.) conducted a MEDCAP at Tu My in which 143 Vietnamese were treated.

Over 20 lbs. of clothing were recently distributed to each of the two orphanages in Quang Ngai by the battalion Civil Affairs Officer CPT Robert W. Lichteneger (Babylon, N.Y.)

40 Shopping Days until Christmas...

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LTC JOHN B. LUKE, COMMANDING

NEW BATTALION CO

On 9 November, LTC John B. Luke (Pueblo, Colo.) assumed command of the 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry. Prior to coming to the battalion, LTC Luke had been assigned to MACV Headquarters in Saigon.

LTC Luke has attended the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. In 1968, he earned his B.A. in Economics at Park College. He has been awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star with "V" device (OLC), Legion of Merit, Air Medal (19OLC), Meritorious Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal (OLC).

DANG BATTALION SURGEON

On 26 October, CPT Michael H. Dang (Maui, Hawaii) replaced CPT Kenyon K. Kugler (Kansas City, Kan.) as the 3d Battalion's surgeon. CPT Kugler was reassigned to the 68th Medical Group at Long Binh.

CPT Dang was previously assigned to Brooke General Hospital at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. He earned his B.A. at the University of Hawaii in 1964 and his M.D. at the University of Colorado four years later.

In the short time he has been with the battalion, CPT Dang has demonstrated a great deal of concern for both the men in the field and the Vietnamese populace. Working in conjunction with CPT Lichteneger, he has developed plans to cont on page 2

SP4 KENNETH D. PERRY, EDITOR

Battalion Surgeon cont

initiate an extensive hygiene program for the inhabitants of Tu My. In addition, the doctor has been responsible for bringing antibiotics to the orphanages in Quang Ngai.

IN RECOGNITION

During a brief ceremony conducted at the battalion's Tactical Operations Center on FSB 4-11, LTC John B. Luke decorated two of the unit's departing officers. 1LT Bill Brumley (Dallas, Texas) was presented the Bronze Star with "V" device, the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device and the Air Medal. 1LT Loy W. Marotz (Lincoln, Neb.) was also awarded the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal for valor.

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED

A 20'x 10' building was recently constructed by MSG Santos Rodriguez (Lajas, Puerto Rico) as an extension to TOC

To Solve a Hairy Problem

Due to a lack of tools and talent for the past two months, the men on FSB 4-11 have had to either shear it themselves or let it grow until they could make it to the rear. During the last few weeks those shaggy and unshorn individuals arriving on the hill have had an opportunity to get a decent haircut thanks to the services of SP4 Paul S. O'Kula (Quogue, N.Y.)

SP4 O'Kula received nearly a year of vocational training as a barber, on a part time basis, during his senior year in high school. While on R&R in Hawaii, he used his own money to purchase over \$80.00

worth of equipment and now he has a full time business.

FROM PONY SOLDIERS TO THE INFANTRY

When SSG Ronald A. Numkena (Wheat Ridge, Colo.) a platoon sergeant with Charlie Company was inducted into the Army in July of 1966, he was 22 years old and already had 18 years of experience harassing hostile troops, executing ambushes and dodging bullets."

Since he first appeared on the Colleen & Tim McCoy television show in 1947, SSG Numkena has had a number of minor roles and performed numerous stunts on television and in the movies. It was only natural for him to always be cast in the part of an Indian since his father was Hopi and his mother from the Klamath Krote tribe.

Some of the motion pictures in which Numkena has had a bit include Naked Jungle, Pony Soldier, Wall of Noise, Cat Ballou, and the Professionals. In the latter film, he was paid \$300.00 to fall from a 30 foot tower. On television, he has appeared in Zorro, Brave Eagle, Vance to the Rear (F Troop) and Bonanza.

Since he has been in the Army, SSG Numkena has on several occasions caught a glimpse of his past exploits in the old west. He recalled that one movie he had been watching was interrupted and a segment replayed after someone had recognized him in a particular part. During his first tour in Vietnam with the 4th Infantry Division, a chance encounter provided an opportunity to briefly reminisce with entertainer Martha Raye.

"...aspects are within us, and who seems Most kingly is the King."

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Pony Soldiers cont

After he gets out of the military picture, Numkena plans on continuing his education in the field of fine arts and eventually becoming an interior decorator. Nevertheless, he says he will continue to do stunt work on the side.

DEROS TIME

HHC

SP4	David B. Smith	18 Nov
SP4	Raymond Shultz	19
SP4	James M. Smith**	19
SP4	Michael Bush	21
SP5	Freddie Baker	24
SP5	Bobby McElwain	25
SP4	William Middleton	26
SP4	Lawrence Ench	27
SP4	Michael Ottoboni	27
PFC	Richard Kobayashi	27
SP4	Irvin Breland	29

Co A

SP4	Charles Tutwiler	19
SGT	Victor Schmidt	19
SP4	Elton Johnson	20
SP4	Sidney Weaden	23
SP4	James Savage	27
SGT	David Walters	27
SGT	John McCormick	29
SGT	John Cartwright	30

Co B

PFC	Jerry Stasiak	19
SP4	Juan Butler	20
SP4	Steven Liberti	21
SSG	Gordon Rutherford	29
SP4	Edward Cherven	29
SSG	Claude Jarrett	30

Co C

SGT	Luis A. Jimenez	17
SGT	Roosevelt D. Stewart	18
SP5	Braulio Nieves-Roman	22
SP4	Wesley D. Misemer	28
SGT	Robert S. Goerts	29
SP4	Robert Jimenez	30

Co D

SP4	Rodney Freed	18 Nov
SP4	Robert Glover	18
SP4	Kenneth Teunissen	19
SP4	Ronald Drake	27

Co E

PFC	Jerry D. Collins	18
SGT	Larry D. Crites	18
1LT	Loy W. Marotz	21
SP4	Frederick Wagner	25
SGT	Denis Bourcier	26

NEW PERSONNEL

HHC		
1SG	Jack F. Harrill (Clinton, S.C.)	
SGT	Jack M. Scott (Abilene, Ohio)	
PFC	Allen E. Woods (Winona, Miss.)	

Co A

PFC	Raymond Lewis (Albuquerque, N.M.)	
PFC	Stanley Redmon (Philadelphia)	
PFC	Robert P. Rana (Medford, Mass.)	

Co B

PFC	Rafael M. Correa (Hamilton, Ohio)	
PFC	William Montgomery (Milwaukee, Wis.)	
PFC	Gary Moorehouse (Brookdale, N.J.)	
PFC	Michael Reali (Creston, Calif.)	
PFC	James R. Spencer (Frederick, Md.)	
PFC	James D. Wiskus (Maywood, Calif.)	

Co C

PFC	John C. Adams (Bklyn., N.Y.)	
PFC	Ronald Chambers (Wauchula, Fla.)	
PFC	Robert LaFond (Englewood, Fla.)	
PFC	Leslie McItland (New Castle, Pa.)	
PFC	Mark D. Mertz (Laona, Wis.)	
PFC	Johnnie Preyer (Mobile, Ala.)	
PW2	Pedro D. Raez (Caguas, P.R.)	

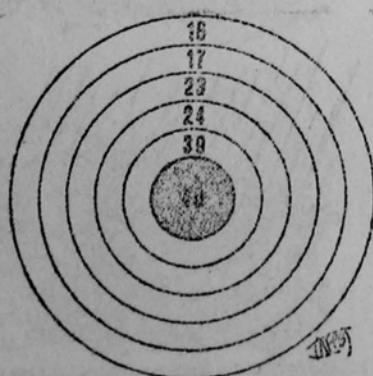
Co D

SP4	Gilbert Salinas (Mercedes, Tex.)	
PFC	Randy McBroom (Collinsville, Ill.)	
PFC	Michael Murnhy (Charleston, Ill.)	
PFC	Johnny Penix (Rockford, Ill.)	
PFC	Benjamin Rodriguez (Bronx, N.Y.)	
PFC	Roosevelt Swan (Minden, La.)	
PFC	Larry E. Walker (Caroline, N.C.)	

Co E

SSG	Jonathan K. Ellis (Augusta, Me.)	
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CAPTAIN FLY



How many darts must be thrown to score exactly 100 points?



Everything we have has been called in on that enemy position.



That should teach them that fire superiority is the decisive factor in this game...



If there is one thing I can't stand, it's a loser who doesn't know when he is beaten.

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