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BATTALION NEWS

ON THE FIRING LINE

Action in the 3d Bn, 1st Inf AO for the period 10-16 November:

The following ordnance was received by Bravo and Delta Companies under the Volunteer Informant Program: 3/105 rds., 3/4.2 rds., 4/81 mm rds., 2 Chinese 82 mm rds., 3/60 mm rds., 4/40 mm duster rds., 3 small land mines, 1 unknown type mine, 1/57 mm recoilless rd., 4 bomblet frags, 8 M-79 rds., 13 mackeral can grenades, 2 hand grenades and 160/M-60 rds.

North of FSD 4-11, Delta Company was directed by two Vietnamese children to where an anti-personnel mine was buried.

Working west of Da Son Valley, the 3rd platoon of Charley Company found and destroyed a 500 lb. bomb.

An ambush set by Recon platoon southwest of 4-11 resulted in 1 VC KIA.

BATTALION CO WALKS BACK

What was meant to be a brief visit with Company C developed into an extended stay followed by a long march for the battalion commander LTC John D. Luke (Pueblo, Colo.) and CSM Joseph W. Godbout (Browns, Mills, N.J.). After foul weather forced their C&C ship to break station, they remained nearly three days with the company in the Da Son Valley with just an air mattress and poncho liner between them.

As soon as the heavy rain subsided, LTC Luke and CSM Godbout along with SSG Fidel Serrano (Chicago, Ill.) and a squad of twelve men pushed 12 miles through the flooded lowlands to FSD 4-11. To lighten

one man's load and maintain closer communications with TCO, the CO carried the squad's PRC-25 and acted as his own RTO.

On one occasion, the element had stopped to rest when SSG Serrano spotted 3 armed VC 300 meters away across a river. While Serrano directed M-60 and M-79 fire on the personnel, LTC Luke called in artillery. The area's inaccessibility prevented any assessment of the results, however.

A long day of humping through the mud and around the booby-traps may be informative as well as exhausting. It should provide a commander with a sharper awareness of conditions in the field and a better understanding of the men who must cope with them.

A FAREWELL TO CHAPLAIN MORTON

Whether walking point with his sling shot, sending spiritual shackles over the radio or scrounging building materials for a new high school, his devotion and resourcefulness were a source of encouragement and inspiration to the men of the 3d Battalion. Demonstrating a profound concern for the well being of the individual soldier, he provided comfort and guidance to some and earned the respect and support of many others. Having just been reassigned to Cam Ranh Bay, CPT George K. Norton described his stay with the battalion as the most meaningful period in his career as a chaplain.

Chaplain Morton performed his duties in a dedicated yet colorful manner. His sense of humor was a particular asset to those in the field. During one of his visits to
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Delta Company because the weather was a real scorcher, the chaplain offered to provide a little cloud cover. The men indicated that a good rain would be appreciated even more. Several hours later, much to everyone's surprise, it began raining quite hoavily and it was not long before they were pleading to have it turned off.

The chaplain was accustomed to greeting others with the expression "Smile, God loves you." He had made it a habit to write this in the palm of his hand and flash it to the door gunner as he boarded a chopper. On one particular occasion, the door gunner responded by taking off his glove and holding up his palm on which he had written, "Thank-you". And we do...

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LTC LUKE

In the days of King Luke, a decree went out to all the Oscars to assemble themselves in the great meeting hall. Far and wide went the decree, calling forth such mighty men as "Old War Story Shugart," "Mating Dogs Burns," "Don't Send Me Out Again Lichtneger," "Hairless Lip Verdun," "Sweet Lips Tomasini," "Lost in The Wilderness Baron," "Snuffy Tomford," "Complimentary Tombs," "Add 400 drop 200 Marotz," "Bang Dang Dang," and "King of the Rats Nest Brumley." After these and other Oscars of equal renown had gathered before the presence of King Luke, the King spoke thusly:

"It has come to my attention that too many Oscars have neglected the gathering together of themselves in the Holy Temple. As this is setting a bad example to my people, thou art flat upon your Alpha Sierra Sierras and found lacking. If you do not want to suffer

that great passover, it would behoove you to attend the staff meetings of Celestial 6 whenever such meetings are called.

Still, I am informed by Celestial 6 that He is exceedingly well pleased at the cooperation afforded Halo 3, the sheep dog of the flock, during Halo 3's tenure in my domain. For this I am most grateful and you can be assured of three brownie points each when Celestial 6 reviews your final OPR on that day. If such cooperation continues to be given when the present sheep dog is replaced, my kingdom will be well blessed.

Now go forth from this place and set yet the example by walking point along the narrow way that leads away from split hoof's domain and to the land of the great R&R, better known as the land of Resurrection and Reward. Lest we should become lost along the way and lead others astray, keep ever before you the eternal password, "Charlie-India Tango-Alpha." (Christ is the Answer.)

Amen and Amen--Chaplain Norton

NEW SKY PILOT ON THE SCENE

To carry on so that the flock will not stray, the battalion has a new sheep dog in CPT Lawrence C. Horton (Salem, Ore.). Chaplain Horton comes to us after serving 26 months with the 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry. He earned his B.A. at Biola College in 1960 and later attended the Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary.

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

To be SSG
HHC Claude R. Evans

To be SGT
HHC Jose E. Moran

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Roast Turkey
Cornbread Dressing
Turkey Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Mashed Potatoes

Glassed Sweet Potatoes
Buttered-Mixed Veg.
Hot Rolls
Fruitcake
Mincemeat Pie
Pumkin Pie

THANKS SHOULD BE GIVEN FIRST, FOR THE BREATH OF LIFE;
SECOND, THE SPIRIT TO ENJOY IT; THIRD, THE WIT TO BENEFIT
BY IT AND FINALLY, THE MAGNANIMITY TO SHARE IT...



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