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## NEW BOSSES FOR HHC, C, S-4

Last Sunday, February 16, Headquarters and Charlie Company, as well as, the important position of S-4 received new bosses.

CPT Kenneth Veedor assumed the responsibilities of Charlie Company Commander, CPT Veedor, from Columbus, Georgia spent his first three months in the 4/3 as Headquarters Company Commander. This is CPT Veedor's second tour of Vietnam.

The new "Old Man" of Headquarters is LT Ambrus Carnes from Brownwood, Texas. LT Carnes moved up to

## A, B, RECON NAIL 25 VC KIA, 19 VC CAPTURED IN ONE DAY

On Friday, February 14, Alpha, Bravo, and the Recon Platoon (working with the tracks from the 17th Cav) combined with Vietnamese Popular Forces, and Popular Reconnaissance Unit (PRU) to sweep an area just south of the Song Han River and southeast of the former LZ South. The combined operation netted 25 VC killed, seven VC captured and wounded, an additional 12 confirmed VC captured, and 26 VC suspects apprehended for further questioning. In addition, over 600 detainees were rounded up and released after being screened by Vietnamese personnel.

The action by the 4/3, who are OBCON to the 198th Brigade, accounted for all but four VC KIA and six VC suspects recorded for that day throughout the 198th Brigade Area of Operation.

Acting upon intelligence reports, A and B Companies were combat assaulted off LZ Buff in a large 18 chopper CA. Alpha Company, led by CPT Benjamin Maxham, landed in a rice paddy just north of the Song Han River, Bravo Company, led by CPT Jack Pryor, landed on a hill two "kicks" to the southwest. Recon Platoon, led by LT George Kenny, arrived on tracks from the southeast. The three elements moved towards each other in a three pronged attack which caught the VC in the middle.

Shortly after being CA'd into their position,

## VC TOY LOOKS LIKE REAL

Apparently the VC believe in training their "recruits" young. Instead of baseball, blocks, or marbles VC kids play with toy guns - replicas of what their "Papasans" use for real.

While swooping northeast in the joint operation in which Bravo Company took part in last Friday, Feb. 14, PFC Bill Latina, an RTO in Third Platoon, Bravo uncovered a VC toy which looked like it was designed for more than just amusement. The toy was a short, wooden rifle with a wire sight and a hallowed out magazine well with a real carbine magazine inserted in it. The toy weapon, which PFC Latina (E. Brunswick, New Jersey) found in a deserted hootch, bore a striking resemblance to the enemy's main weapon - the AK-47 assault rifle.

PFC Latina, who kept the toy weapon as a souvenir, remarked, "I wonder how much trouble I am going to have getting this registered as a war trophy."

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## R &amp; R TOKYO

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 Alpha Company's First Platoon captured two VC who were wounded by gunships supporting the operation. At 10:30 that morning, the Company engaged five VC with the result of three VC captured trying to evade, one VC wounded and captured, and one VC escaped.

Just before noon, Alpha Company pulled a wounded enemy soldier out of a bunker. The wounded VC was armed with a Chi Com grenade. In the same area, the Company found seven Vietnamese females ( all military age ), a pistol belt with a US fragmentary grenade strapped to it, and numerous medical supplies ( enough to keep a battalion size unit supplied for several months ). Each of the individual bottles of poncillin was stamped with the mark "made in San Francisco, Calif, USA."

In nine separate incidents during the day, B Company recorded 21 VC killed, 3 VC wounded and captured, 11 VC captured outright, and over 600 detainees rounded up for screening by the PRUs.

Bravo Company's fire power was greatly increased with the addition of a 50 caliber machinegun. The big machinegun, "humped" by the members of the Third Platoon, was manned by PFC Charles Kent. The heavy machinegun got quite a work out that morning for the Company chalked up 14 VC kills by 11:00 a.m.

Recon Platoon recorded the last kill of the day. The Platoon nailed the VC when they opened up on the VC attempting to

For a guy tired of the "boonies" and the backward life he becomes accustomed to in Vietnam, Tokyo, offers an R&R with a complete contrast; for Tokyo, the world's largest city, is a big, busy, international metropolis. Everything about Tokyo is big - big buildings, big neon lights, big night clubs, and big cost.

Tokyo is now a city desperately trying to be modern and succeeding often at the expense of its original unique appeal. Because of this, there is often a direct clash between the past and the present. Within

walking distance of the moated Imperial Palace, which was the headquarters of the feudal Shoguns of the past, one will find the Ginza, bustling day and night with cosmopolitan crowds of people.

One of Tokyo's main international attractions is the night life. With an estimated 1,000 bars, cabarets, and night clubs in a four block square area behind the Ginza, its impossible even to begin to list the major ones. Names are in English, French, German, Spanish, and almost any language you can think of.

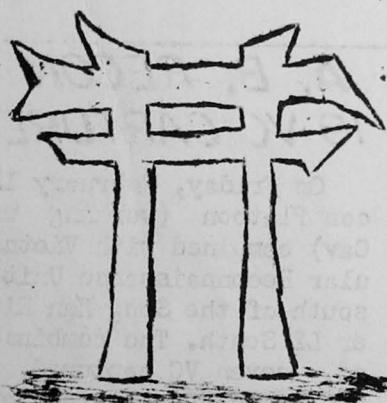
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Despite the wide range of bars and clubs, all have one thing in common - they are expensive. You pay for every minute a hostess looks like she is with you or claims she was with you. Be sure you know all the costs because failure to pay just debts by Japanese law is robbery. It is best for you to pay for each drink order as it is delivered to you.

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probe their night defensive position. Unfortunately for the enemy intruder, he hit a trip flare that the Platoon wisely set out earlier.

A thorough questioning by the Vietnamese PNs separated 38 VCS from the more than 600 people picked up during the day. Of the 38 VCS, an additional 12 were determined to be confirmed VC which brought the total of confirmed VC for the day to 19.

On Tuesday, Feb. 11, Recon Platoon's First Squad turned up a number of enemy munitions. On a sweep around LZ Buff, the Squad turned up two booby traps, one a beer can booby trap and the other an M16A1 "bouncing Betty". The Squad also found a 60mm mortar round and a booby trapped M72 LAW. All of the ammunition was blown in place.

On the following day, Bravo Company's Third Platoon also uncovered a number of enemy rounds. On a sweep of the perimeter around LZ Buff, the Platoon, led by 2LT Roy Mirande, found: five 60mm mortar rounds, four 81mm mortar rounds, two M-79 rounds, one "bouncing Betty" mine, two beer can grenade booby traps, and two Chi Com grenades. All of the enemy rounds, found scattered throughout the area, were destroyed in place before they could do any damage.

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HHC Commander after spending six months as S-4.

The now S-4, 1LT Ralph Burkhardt, is getting a well deserved rest from the field. LT Burkhardt, from Kansas City, Missouri, spent the last four months "humping" the "boonies" as the head man in C Company. Before that he spent several months as First Platoon Leader.

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## OLD GUARD - A PROUD UNIT

The Old Guard is a proud unit. Everyone in the unit can take pride in the 39 Battle Streamers earned by the 3d Infantry as a result of its magnificent record of bravery in action. Older than the Constitution, the 3d Infantry has participated valiantly in virtually every war the nation has waged from the Revolution to Vietnam.

Due to its distinguished past, reflecting both pride in the unit and the individuals who comprise it, the 3d Infantry was chosen in 1948 to be the official Army representative at all state functions. We as the 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry share in the unit's heritage. We are currently adding chapters to the unit's history that men of the 3d Infantry in the future can

look back on in pride.

Our actions on the battle-field speak for themselves as a source of pride; but pride is also derived from other sources - appearance, cleanliness, and military bearing. A good unit

takes pride in the way it presents itself to others. Nowhere is this more evident than the Old Guard in Washington. Although maybe not as obvious, this rule applies equally as well to the Old Guard in Vietnam. The unit, and the individuals who comprise it, is judged on how it presents itself to others.

One thing you can do - and for anyone who takes pride in himself this is automatic - is keep yourself clean and neat. Besides the unquestionable health advantage of keeping yourself clean, cleanliness gives you a better appearance which benefits both you and the unit. Another thing you can do is keep your hair from looking shabby. A "side-wall" haircut (standard in the Old Guard in Washington) is not necessary; but, a neat, well trimmed haircut, whenever needed, shows that you take pride in yourself and are concerned about how other people see you. The same can be said for shaving daily and rendering the proper military courtesy when the situation calls for it.

None of these actions mentioned require any monu-

mental efforts on your part, yet if followed they make a unit that is noticed and respected; a unit in which you the individual can take pride.



It pays to look neat.

# AMERICAL TO BE BETTER DRESSED

A new concept in combat merchandising is insuring that the Americal Division is better dressed for its work in the field. The idea involves a renovated conex container equipped with bins and shelves to hold new fatigues, socks, boots and other items the infantryman wears. Dubbed the "Mobile DX" (direct exchange), the conex can be airlifted to forward areas where the men may turn in used or unserviceable equipment and draw the new gear.

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that cater to the lovers of French cuisine, such as the Crescent, the Peacock, and the Rosier. You can get Chinese food at the Prince House, and indulge in German calories at Ketels and Rosen Keller. And there are excellent eating houses that feature Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, and Indian food.

There are, of course, numerous Japanese restaurants such as the Asaki, the Sorignor, the Sushiro, and the Miyoshi. A word of caution is necessary because Japanese food is quite different than Western food. If you are not familiar with what you are ordering, you could end up with "Tako" (raw octopus) or "Ordou eli" (skirmishing shrimp eaten live). It is advisable to pick up menu cards published by the Tokyo USO. The menu cards are an English description of most of the Japanese meals so that you are forewarned about what to expect.

Due to the shortness of your stay, it is advisable for you to procure a guide so that you can tour the city quickly and not miss the main sights. The USO offers free guides for those who wish them. Students from the Japan Training School, who wish to improve their English and their ability to serve foreigners have volunteered to serve as guide. Touring with a private guide can be a most enjoyable experience as you see places off the beaten track and see things through the eyes of a native.

Some suggested sights are: the Migi Shrine, and the many temples, the Imperial Palace, Olympic Park, the Sony Building, Ueno Park, the department store exhibitions halls, Nihon and the Kohusai Theaters and Tokyo Towers.

If you still have any money left after paying your hotel bill, your food bill, and the bill for several nights of nightlife, there are a number of excellent buys for the wise shopper. Good buys can be found on photographic and electronic equipment, silk, pearls, fine art and woodblock prints, kimonos, and porcelain.

Tokyo is big - in all aspects. One can have a really fine R&R in the world's biggest city, if he budgets himself and spends money for only things he wants to see or do. Tokyo is a worldly, sophisticated city, when you go there act accordingly.

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