

## 4th BATTALION 3rd INFANTRY

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### IN MEMORIAM MAJOR TULLY

Major Walter B. Tully, Jr., born on April 13, 1936, and a resident of Columbus, Ohio, was fatally wounded as a result of a mortar attack on LZ Buff in Quang Ngai Province on March 3, 1969.

A memorial service was conducted by Brigade Chaplain, (Cpt) Robert Dombrowski on March 5, at LZ Buff. Attending the service were Colonel Tully, the 198th Brigade Commander and a cousin to the deceased; Colonel Donaldson, the 11th Brigade Commander; Lieutenant Colonel Davis, 4/3 Battalion Commander; members of the battalion staff; and several officers and enlisted men from the battalion.

Brief meditations were read from 1 Corinthians, Chapter 15, verses 51 through 57, describing the Christian's victory over death, the victory being achieved by the way man lives his life.

Major Tully wasn't with us long but in the short time he was with us, he earned the respect of all with whom he came in contact. He distinguished himself both as a leader and as a patriot.

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### OFFENSIVE EASES SCATTERED ACTION

On March 3, it became apparent that another VC attempt to assault LZ Buff the night before had failed. On the morning of March 3, the first squad of Echo Company's Recon Platoon found heavy blood trails on the southeast sector of the perimeter. Injured by H&I, the unknown number of VC apparently withdrew and went into hiding. The Recon squad followed the blood trails until they ran out, finding blood soaked pajamas and pieces of green uniform along the way.

The C&C chopper was credited with a VC KIA late in the afternoon on March 4. The VC was seen in an area four "klicks" southwest of Buff, wearing a dark red uniform and trying to escape from view.

The same afternoon, Delta Company's Second Platoon under the leadership of 1Lt Russell Martin, engaged with small arms fire an estimated squad of NVA, who were equipped with full pack and weapons. The enemy squad escaped, however, several of them were presumed to be wounded when blood stained clothing and a blood stained hat were found. A bag containing a diary, three newspapers and a bluish-green uniform were also found.

On the morning of March 5, Delta Company's Third Platoon, under the leadership of 1Lt William Degen, detained eight VC suspects, seven females and one male. None had ID's except for the one (cont pg 2)

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male who had an altered ID. The suspects were questioned and four were evacuated for further interrogation.

A platoon from Charlie Company that afternoon called artillery in on two VC resulting in two KIAs. Minutes later Delta Company's First Platoon saw another VC approximately 27 years old, and placed small arms fire on him for another KIA.

That evening, on March 5, Delta Company was at their NDP approximately two "clicks" southwest of Buff and saw twenty VC with packs. The APCs assigned to Delta Company opened up on them with .50 caliber fire without any apparent results. Delta Company's Forward Observer had artillery called in and reported five VC KIA. Because of the distance, it could not be determined whether the VC had weapons. The remaining VC dug in.

The next morning Delta Company separated into two groups. The First and Second Platoons traveling together, observed VC tracking them. Since the VC were directly on the previous night's NDP site, a plot was quickly called in to the artillery battery and First Platoon reported four more VC KIAs as the result of a direct hit.

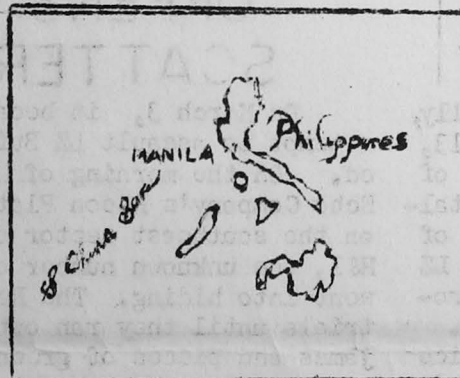
The artillery battery on LZ Buff, Delta Company, 1/14, deserves recognition for their extreme speed and accuracy  
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R &amp; R

MANILA

Manila, in the Philippines, is a relatively short ride by air from Vietnam. It is a very modern city, as it has been almost totally rebuilt since World War II. Called the "Pearl of the Orient," Manila is as much a Western as it is an Eastern city.

Dewey Boulevard, named for the American naval hero, skirts the Manila Bay shoreline and waterfront. On Dewey Boulevard are located most of the large hotels: namely, the Manila Hotel, the Bay View Hotel, House International, Timberland, and El Presidente. Rates are reasonable for those on R&R.



Dewey Boulevard, is also the approach to four very popular public parks. The most famous of these is the historic Luneta, or "crescent moon." To Filipinos the park is best known for its monument to the patriot Jose Rizal, who was executed by the Spanish in 1896

for his efforts on behalf of his countrymen. The big United Nations Park, Burnham Green and the New Luneta, which is a picnic area extending into Manila Bay, are equally beautiful places to spend some time outdoors.

Adjacent to the parks are the ruins of the ancient Spanish walled city, the Intramuros, which was practically leveled in the fight to liberate Manila in 1945. In the Intramuros is the Spanish Fort Santiago, where Jose Rizal's cell still stands; also the postwar Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Also within the Intramuros is the San Augustin Church, built in 1599 and the oldest stone church in the Philippines. It was in the vestry of this historic church that the commander of the Spanish forces in the Philippines signed the order surrendering to the Americans in 1898.

Malacanang Palace is the official residence of the President of the Republic of the Philippines. It is situated in the San Miguel District and its spacious gardens extend across the river into what is now Malacanang Park. Visitors to Malacanang Palace are given guided tours through the grounds and buildings by Philippine soldiers.

A short distance from Manila is Balara which has scenic picnic areas, playgrounds, and swimming pools.

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Beautiful Marakina Valley, a gorge between two high ranges near Balara, is an excellent place for photography fans to visit.

The Bataan Peninsula and the Island of Corregidor, both in Manila Bay, are national shrines dedicated to the many Americans and Filipinos who lost their lives in their defense against the Japanese. Should you wish to combine a ride in the bay with a visit to Corregidor, there is a daily ferry service operating between Manila and the Island.

Other interesting places to see are Santo Tomas, founded in 1611 and one of the oldest universities in the world; Rizal Stadium - Manila's sports center; the new University of the Philippines at Quezon City.

The famous Bulukena and the Aristocrat restaurants on Dewey Boulevard specialize in native foods. New Europe, the Key Room, the Swiss Inn, the Petal and Bamboo Rooms and Moon Gate at the Manila Hotel serve foods from all over the world including American. La Parnilla is a new restaurant with French food. Max's on Dewey Boulevard specializes in fried chicken and is popular with Americans. DiMark's on Menlo Road has excellent Pizza and Italian food.

Night clubs are abundant in Manila. Some of the better known ones are the Manila Hotel, Champagne Room, Jungle Bar, the Sky Room in the Jai-Alai Building, the Riviera, Key Club and the Bayside both on Dewey Boulevard, the Casa Marcas, and Guernica's. All are air-conditioned and frequently feature American groups.

The main shopping areas are the Escolta, Rizal Avenue and Quezon Boulevard. The large department stores, where most of the goods are American made, have fixed prices. In the public markets and small shops, however, it is expected that you will bargain before purchasing. Decorative articles such as wood carvings, silver and brass, and jewelry make good souvenirs or gifts.

The climate is comfortable except in April and May when the heat can be uncomfortable. The rainy season is from June to November but good sunny weather is more frequent than not.

Good telephone connections to the US are available. The toll is approximately \$12 for the first three minutes and \$4 for each additional minute.

## TASK FORCE

## SPARGO INITIATED

Task Force Spargo, under the supervision of Major Larry Spargo, went into effect as a combined operation on March 6. The Force is comprised of Alpha and Bravo Companies 4/3, three Regional Force Companies, and six APC's from H Troop, 17th Cav. Each Regional Force Company operates with the assistance of one US Platoon and will allow for mutual learning in techniques of command and control.

The main purpose of Task Force Spargo is to conduct aggressive patrolling action in the AO surrounding the CHIC, and to provide additional security for the CHIC compound itself. Other purposes of the Task Force are to prevent large enemy forces from coming close to Quang Ngai City and to serve as a reactionary force for the Quang Ngai AO during the current offensive.

On March 7, the Force patrolled in Chau Sa, a village approximately one "click" north of the old French Citadel and three "clicks" north of the CHIC, with negative findings. The following day a number of VCS were apprehended in a similar village two "clicks" north of the CHIC. On March 9, more VCS were apprehended for interrogation.

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on fire missions.

In other action during the past week an ARVN ambush just north of Quang Ngai City netted eight VC KIAs.

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## STAND-DOWN CHU LAI

Delta Company was extracted from the Buff AO and sent to Chu Lai on Saturday, March 8, to be a reactionary force. The Company was on reserve status in connection with the possible visit to the Americal Division of the new Secretary of Defense, Melvin R. Laird. The Company was also to be employed if developing tactical situations in the Chu Lai area necessitated its use.

The Company will be the first in the battalion to begin a stand-down on March 9, with the other companies soon to follow. The well deserved stand-downs will be held at the 198th Stand-Down Area in Chu Lai.

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## ARMY DEVELOPES NEW M79 SIGHT

The infantryman may soon be using an M16 rifle and 40 mm grenade launcher combination which could replace the standard M79 launcher. The basic change from previous designs of the grenade launcher, which is designed for attachment to the underside of an M16A1, is the sight. The new quick sighting device permits the user to put a round on target without making a manual range adjustment. Developed at the US Army Human Engineering Laboratories,

the sight has an easily adjustable range slide, with elevation and azimuth wheels for zeroing in the weapon.

The launcher is a single shot device weighing less than three pounds, and fires all the standard ammunition available for the M79.

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Old Guard

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