



4th BATTALION 3rd INFANTRY

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NEW XO S-3

Two major changes of personnel in high positions within the battalion recently took place. Major George Inglewright, of Florence, Alabama, came to the battalion on March 10, to take over duties as Battalion Executive Officer.

Major Spargo, from Twin Falls, Idaho, who has been with the battalion for over four months, gave up the job of Executive Officer to assume responsibilities as S-3, directing all battalion operations.

NEW TV STATION CHU LAI

Armed Forces Vietnam Network began broadcasting on Channel 13 in Chu Lai on Friday, March 14. The station was dedicated by opening remarks from the Americal Division's Major General Charles M. Gettys.

Erected to provide the Americal Division with information and entertainment, the station broadcasts with sufficient wattage for good reception in the Duc Pho area. Schedules will soon start appearing in the Stars and Stripes of the daily broadcasting, which will begin at 16:00 and end at approximately 23:30.

Along with other Americal Division battalions, a one minute introduction of the 4/3 was planned, to include the history of the "Old Guard".

TASK FORCE SPARGO MEETS WITH SUCCESS

Task Force Spargo, a combined operation of Regional Forces and Popular Forces with Alpha and Bravo Companies, 4/3, met with great success during the past week in combatting enemy forces in the AO around the CHIC and Quang Ngai City.

On Tuesday, March 11, the Task Force, Bravo Company led by 1Lt Robert Phelps, and elements from the

Regional and Popular Forces, killed four VC in an area five "klicks" NE of the CHIC bordering on the Pinksville AO. Two of the dead VC wore red scarfs and a third wore a camouflage scarf. Each VC had a pistol belt and a canteen. A total of ten Chi Com grenades were collected from the four. A fifth VC, seriously wounded, was apprehended and dusted off.

Fifteen minutes later, four additional VC KIA were reported by the Force at the same location. This time an M16 rifle with seven full magazines were found at the scene. Shortly afterwards, an element of the Regional For-

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ces discovered two full AK47 magazines.

Earlier in the day, a Popular Forces unit from the Task Force, a few "klicks" away from the CHIC, observed a company size element of VC. The PFs engaged them with small arms fire and killed three of the VC. Just prior to this, a group of PF soldiers took custody of a thirty year old female VC carrying a pistol belt and twelve Chi Com grenades.

On Saturday, March 15, Task Force Spargo CA'd to an area eight "klicks" northeast of Quang Ngai City in search of a known VC battalion. Alpha Company, led by 1Lt Mark Richards, together with two Regional Force Companies made the CA and were complemented by ground forces consisting of three Regional Force Companies and a platoon of APCs from H Troop, 17th Cav. Results of the day's action were: 16 VC apprehended, one weapon and a 122mm rocket found.

In the Buff AO, Charlie Company, successfully combatted several VC during the past week. On March 11, an element of the company killed a male VC, approximately twenty five years old. On March 14, Charlie's First Platoon, led by 1Lt Roger Fullen killed two VC, three "klicks" west of Buff. That same day, led by the newly arrived Captain Benson, Charlie Company found four VC KIAs, presumably killed by ar-

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R&R HONG KONG

Hong Kong is an especially good place to visit if you intend to purchase clothes or other articles. It is a free port, thus you may take most goods out of the country free of duty. Before embarking on a shopping spree, be sure to convert your money only at banks or licensed money changers. The currency rate of exchange is one US dollar to 5.75 Hong Kong dollars, although a slight fluctuation of a few points from day to day can be expected.

The United States Consulate and a special military discount will assure you of good and reasonable hotel accommodations. Some hotels in Hong Kong are unapproved, and others, not on the approved list, must be checked out by the R&R staff.

There are all types of European food in Hong Kong as well as Indian, Indonesian, Russian, and American. For American food, one of the best restaurants is The Steak House at 69 Peking Road opposite the President Hotel. The finest European food can be found at the famous Au Trou Normand at No. 6 Hankow Road. Hong Kong reputedly has the best Chinese food in the world. There are four main types, the most widely eaten being Cantonese. Typical Cantonese dishes are sharkfin and birds' nest soups, Dim Sim which are dumplings, frogs legs and bamboo shoots. Szechuenese consists of spicy dishes such as Peppered Chicken, Twice-cooked Pork, and Bean Curd. Pekingese is more simple and also the most appealing to visitors. Peking Duck and Peking Sweet-and-Sour Pork are among the most popular dishes. The Shanghai style specializes in seafood. Service at the restaurants is good and many have interesting decors; for example, the floating junks of Aberdeen fishing village. Tipping of ten percent is average, unless the normal 10% service charge has already been added to the bill.

Hong Kong has twenty to thirty top night clubs. The entertainment at any one of these clubs has great variety. Japanese, Filipino, Chinese and American entertainment are all combined into one night's agenda. Most clubs begin swinging around nine o'clock in the evening until around two o'clock the following morning. Most clubs have cover charges but none are extremely high.

Most sightseeing in Hong Kong is done within the central city. One exception is the Kowloon-Canton

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railway, which travels through the New Territories up to the Chinese border twenty two miles away. It is not advised that you attempt to cross the border. Another exception is Hong Kong Island which has a cable car called the Peak Tram. The cable car travels to the top of Victoria Peak and gives a magnificent view of Hong Kong Harbor. The Island can be reached by ferries which run every five minutes until 2 am.

The small shops catering to the tourist trade have fine linens and embroidered articles. Bargaining is the accepted practice with these Chinese and Indian merchants. You may not buy or import articles made in Communist China or North Korea. You are not allowed to bring goods made in Hong Kong into the United States unless they are documented by a Comprehensive Certificate of Origin.

Beware of touts, people who will try to guide you into certain shops, and in doing so, collect a percentage from the proprietor. Goods in these stores are, of course, somewhat higher than usual. For best results, browse in several shops and compare prices before making purchases. The facilities of the US Navy Purchasing Branch on the 3rd floor of the China Fleet Club can be used by all members of the US Armed Services. Fair prices and good quality are assured here. If you buy any goods from the display room at the Purchasing Branch, be sure to save the sales slip for customs.

March, April, and May are warm months during the day and cool at night with occasional rain. Usual spring clothing is sufficient. If you travel to Hong Kong during the summer, it is helpful to have several light, easily washable items, as well as a raincoat. The fall is similar to the spring, and the winter is cooler with average temperatures in the low 60's.

Hong Kong is colorful and exotic, one of the best R&R cities for night life and shopping.



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tillery.

On Saturday, March 15, Charlie Company made contact near a village three "clicks" southwest of Buff. By mid afternoon, results were: three NVA KIAs and one NVA female captured.

The Battalion SRRPs continue to use their sleuthing qualities in uncovering enemy munitions and escape routes. On the morning of March 12, slightly more than a "click" from Buff, the SRRPs found approximately twenty tunnels, all interconnected and still fresh. Close by was a long trench line with four foot high barb wire around it. The SRRPs also found a bunker which contained a rice supply, and an M26 hand grenade.

Two days later the SRRPs found and blew in place two artillery rounds, an 8" and a 105mm.

A NOTE ON SAFETY

In a combat unit such as 4/3, soldiers learn to live day and night with small arms weapons, and explosives, such as grenades and claymores. Understandably, these necessary arms begin to be regarded as just another part of one's field gear. Because of this, accidents occur occasionally, especially when a company is in a semi-relaxed state on

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BOONDOCK EARDS

YOUR NATION SHALL BE FREE

Proud the gold and crimson cloth
 Unfouled against embattled sky,
 Brave warriors guard your destiny,
 This nation shall not die.

Foes would seek to clutch your fate,
 To smother life and freedom's call;
 Behold, defiant patriots,
 These colors shall not fall.

Your people stand in glory,
 Where heroes' hearts have bled.
 A gallant pledge to victory:
 This land shall not be Red.

Multitudes embrace your cause,
 Your future to defend—
 March swift your valiant armies,
 This banner shall not bend.

Dawn will someday blossom peace
 From mountains to the sea.
 So wave above the hearts of brave,
 Your nation shall be free.

Richard Daggett
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OLD GUARD (S)

The 11th Battalion, 3rd Infantry is just one of eight Old Guard Battalions. The 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry is also an active participant of the Vietnam War as part of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade (Separate), a Brigade working south and west of Saigon. The 1st Battalion, 3rd Infantry stationed at Ft. Myer, Virginia is both the guardian of the Nation's Capital and the official Army ceremonial unit for the Military District of Washington. Among its many military functions, the 1st Battalion guards the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Arlington National Cemetery.

The 3rd Battalion is stationed at Fort Snelling on reserve status. The 5th Battalion is located at Fort Campbell. The 6th, 7th, and 8th Battalions are all deactivated.

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a firebase. Following are a few suggestions brought to mind by past incidents.

Hand grenades, if kept at a foxhole during the night, should be returned to one's gear in the morning, simply to avoid an explosion in case the hole is used to burn trash. In the same vein, a claymore is potentially dangerous if left in front of a position during the day because other squads or platoons may walk directly in front of it when leaving the perimeter. A loaded weapon

should not be taken off safe unless you are ready to fire. A weapon with the safety off will discharge too easily.

This note on safety is not intended to instruct but rather to act as a reminder, in an attempt to prevent the careless behavior which can lead to tragedy.

Old Guard

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