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4th BATTALION 3rd INFANTRY

SILVER STAR FOR GALLANTRY

In a simple ceremony with Brigade Commander Colonel K.B. Barlow, Lieutenant Colonel Philip Grimm Commander of the 4th Battalion 3d Infantry was presented the Silver Star For Gallantry in Action; the awarded stated as follows:

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED 9 JULY 1918, THE SILVER STAR FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION WAS AWARDED TO: LIEUTENANT COLONEL PHILIP GRIMM.

For Gallantry in action against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant Colonel Grimm distinguished himself by intrepid action on the 29th of May 1970 while Commanding the 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, Colonel Grimm was flying his command and control helicopter near the hamlet of Tan Tho when he received word that a friendly observation helicopter had been downed by hostile fire near his location. Reacting immediately, he instructed his pilot to fly to the crash site and provide assistance for the endangered crew members. Arriving on station, Colonel Grimm's aircraft came under heavy enemy automatic weapons fire. Ignoring the danger involved, he located the ship in the rugged terrain beneath him and directed fire against the suspected enemy positions to facilitate a landing. Headless of the enemy's presence in the area Colonel Grimm organized a rescue party and led it to the craft. Repeatedly exposing himself to hostile rounds, he supervised the removal of weapons and tactically important equipment. Acting with complete disregard for his personal safety he carried the wounded pilot to his own helicopter under a hail of enemy small arms fire. Through his timely and courageous actions, Colonel Grimm contributed greatly to the swift evacuation of his fellow soldiers and served as an inspiration to his entire unit.

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"We are playing their own little game now and the best part of it is it's finally paying off for us," said Specialist Gonzalez (Santurce, Puerto Rico) of Recon 4th Battalion 3d Infantry 11th Brigade after the unit had netted one VC while working four miles north of fire support base San Juan Hill.

Working an abandoned bombed out road along the Son Ve River the Recon element had just set up it's ambush and were moving to a new location to set up another when the blast of a claymore added to the heat of mid-morning. "We hadn't moved 50 meters down the trail when the claymore exploded," said Specialist Gonzalez. "At first we thought it was incoming, but then we realized it was the blast of our own claymore."

The Platoon quickly moved back to check out the detonation area with Sergeant Dennis Esterline (Philadelphia, Pa.) at the point. Twenty meters from (Cont on Pg. 2 Col 1)

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the ambush site moans could be heard so the men quickly reconned the area with M-16's and hand grenades as they slowly moved in. Lying on the "red ball" was one dead VC dressed in black pajamas. Security was quickly put out as a few members of the platoon searched the body while others checked the area for any other blood trails. The one dead VC carried no weapon but confiscated from the scene was food, a radio and some documents. Says Specialist Four Gonzalez, "The new tactics are working well for us and against the enemy. I think they are scared, scared to move along the trails for fear of being caught in an ambush."

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The AGI is over and for all those who put countless hours of work into it this is a time to return to the normal routine of the support of our forward troops. There are only two ratings the AGI team can give to a Battalion after the inspection, either satisfactory or unsatisfactory. The 4th Battalion 3d Infantry received a satisfactory rating from the board of inspectors. In the closing debriefing LTC. R. Black the Inspector General had some fine comments about the Battalion as a whole and the men of the Battalion.

A few of the comments made by Colonel Black were, he thought the opening briefing by LTC. Grimm was outstanding, the Medics operational area was the best seen since the team started the IG inspections of the 11th Brigade. The Mess section received many compliments and in general the team of inspectors could tell a great deal of work and time had gone into the IG Inspection. The Colonel said the whole Battalion should be complimented on it's fine job and proud of it's present sucess.

For their hard work and many hours spent in preparation for the inspection. LTC. Grimm and Major Jew would like to express their thanks to those in the rear and on San Juan Hill who helped to make it a success and commend all, on a job well done.

A BIG TEN PERCENT

Thinking of your future, then you should investigate the 10% interest, savings plan.

The "Big Ten" program pays 10% interest on your savings quarterly, while you serve overseas and up to 90 days after your return to the states. If the 90-day period ends on any day other than the last day of the month, interest will accrue to that point.

The table below shows how your money can grow in one year.

monthly savings	At the end of a year you have Savings + Interest = Total
\$ 10	\$ 120 \$ 6.65 \$ 126.65
25	300 16.63 316.63
50	600 33.26 633.26
75	900 49.89 949.89
100	1,200 66.52 1,266.52

Your Personnel Officer or Finance Officer will gladly help you prepare a "Big Ten" savings account. You can make cash deposits by allotment, simply ask your First Sergeant or Finance Officer to help you prepare a class "S" allotment in the amount you want to save each month. The money will be automatically deducted from your pay and sent to the Finance Center, U.S. Army, for credit to your account. You can always make cash deposits either to your Personnel Officer or Finance Officer in multiples of \$5 and you get a deposit ticket as your receipt. You can even have both an allotment and make deposits of any spare cash you have in any month or at any time.

This unique program is open to all servicemen overseas. 10% is a great deal more than any bank, savings and Loan or even Savings Bonds will pay. Your future is very important and saving now can build that future.

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YOUR PILL TAKE

A LIFE IS SAVED

The steel pot is a very essential item in the repertoire of an Infantrymen's basic equipment. To a few individuals the pot is excess weight; but to an Infantryman of the Americal Division's 11th Brigade it was a life-saver, when a chicom grenade hit the upper part of his ruck sack.

"A lifer once told me the steel pot is the most abused piece of equipment the soldier has, it is thrown around, kicked, and lost, but one day it may save your life and then maybe you'll have a little respect for it." said PFC Thomas Sparkmen (Quebeck, Tenn.) of Bravo Company 4th Battalion 3d Infantry.

It was early morning and the First Squad of Bravo Company's Second Platoon had just finished breakfast and was ready to move out of their ambush position when from the woodline to the squads left AK fire sprayed the area the squad was in. Reacting instantly everyone hit the ground however just at the instant Pfc Sparkmen dived, a chicom grenade hit and exploded on the upper portion of his ruck sack. "I must have been in shock when I hit the ground because I could not move any part of my body. Immediately blood started running down the side of my face and that brought me out of it because I scrambled for some cover." said Pfc Sparkmen.

The squad immediately returned fire and called the Company CP and rest of the platoon for help. When the platoon arrived on the scene the action had ceased; a recon element was sent out to check the area but found nothing. Says Pfc Sparkmen, "I looked at my steel pot afterwards and it was dented and split pretty badly as was my ruck sack. When I returned to the rear shrapnel was removed from the back of my head, but I wouldn't be alive today if the pot hadn't stopped most of it. Thanks to Lieutenant Colonel Grimm I am going to take that steel pot back home when I leave."

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GREEN MACHINE GETS CHOOSEY

Latest information is that 11D's and 11C's and related combat MOS's can no longer reenlist to change their MOS.

Reenlistment will still be accepted from qualified personnel. To Qualify you must:

1. Meet medical fitness standards
2. Have your company Commanders recommendation.
3. Have no lost time (AWOL)
4. Have three scores of 90 or better on your aptitude area tests

Some of the requirements may be waived but, if a waiver is required you lose your choice of options.

For further information see SFC Baxter, Battalion Career Counselor at S1.

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A LIFE IS SAVED

Pfc Sparkmen is now in the rear with a two hundred day profile because, he cannot wear a steel pot, the one thing that saved his life. He is learning to drive a stick shift jeep and hopes to contribute to future operation as company driver.

AWARDS

Below is a list of Achievement and Service awards that have been approved during the months of July and August. (A-Achievement, S-Service)

ALPHA

SGT Keith Scott	ACM"A"
SGT Rex Friesleben	ACM"A"
SGT Robert Fossett	"
SP4 Scott Thompson	"
SP4 Michael Halty	"
SP4 Melvin Crocker	"
SP4 Thomas Browngton	"
PFC Ronald Lawrence	"
PFC Joe Torres	"
PV2 David Robb	ACM"A"
PV2 Paul Lorinser	"
PV2 Jon Shipley	"
PV2 Juan Gonzalez	"

BRAVO

SGT Thimothy Nichols	ACM"A"
SGT Terry Graham	ACM"A"
SGT Billy Gernertt	"
SGT Douglas Colegrove	"
PFC Michael Freude	"
PFC Larry Faught	"
PFC Richard Gridebring	"
PFC Shelby Yarbough	"
PV2 David Stovens	"
PV2 Thomas Sparkmen	ACM"A"
PV2 George Romer	"
PV2 James Ambrough	"
PV1 Levern McDaniel	"

CHARLIE

CPT John Brooks	ACM"A"
SGT Michael Sabella	ACM"A"
SGT George Peterson	"
SGT Raymond Morse	"
SGT Ronnie Lewis	"
SGT Kenneth Kroll	"
SGT John Isler	"
SP4 Niel Potter	"
SP4 Carl Guffee	"
SP4 Clifton Dalton	"
SP4 Michael Heavrin	"
SP4 Michael Beckwith	"
PFC Paul Macie	"

CHARLIE CONT.

PFC Kenneth Kaczmarek	ACM"A"
PFC James Jackson	ACM"A"
PFC Harry Faulkner	"
PFC Donald Dowdy	"
PFC John Carpenter	"
PFC Robert Caplan	"
PFC William Bell	"
PFC Kenneth Powers	"
PFC Larry Machart	"
PFC Larry Croster	"
PFC Fredrick Cross	ACM"A"
PFC Quis Carpenter	"
PFC Richard Borders	"
PFC John Anthony	"
PFC Steven Secare	"

DELTA

1LT Kim Goodpasture	ACM"A"
PFC Rodney Kell	ACM"A"
PFC John Ives	"
PFC William Reed	"

ECHO

SGT Eppa Wimbish	ACM"A"
SGT Robert Stratton	ACM"A"
SP4 David Garrett	"
PFC Elmer Wilhelm	"
PFC James Kiddon	"
PFC Robert Johnson	"
PFC Edward Baraza	"
PFC Dennis Brockschmidt	"
PV2 Harold Leate	"

HEADQUARTERS

PSG Cornell Johnson	ACM"A"
SP4 Frank Hensley	ACM"A"
PFC Matthew Andrews	"
PFC John Misheler	"
PFC Ronald Meier	"
PFC Kenneth Magary	"
PFC Dennis Maddox	"
PFC Ronald Smith	"
PFC Robert Scott	ACM"A"
PFC Larry Martin	"
PFC Kenneth Maag	"
PFC Bill Hodges	"
PFC Lloyd Hackworth	"
PFC Edward Best	"