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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

*President Nixon signed the tax revision bill, which also raises Social Security benefits.

*In Japan, Premier Sato's Liberal Democratic Party won a landslide victory.

*President Nixon is ordering the withdrawal of 50,000 more troops from Vietnam by April 15.

*North Adams, Mass. was buried under 6 feet of snow in a storm that killed at least 20 in New England and New York.

*In Oklahoma City a 17 year old girl testified she lied when she said a minister had raped her; he had been sentenced to 99 years.

*Anti-American demonstrators marred a friendly welcome to Vice President Agnew in the Philippines.

*Aliens in the U.S. must report their address during January.

*Living costs rose, with many persons averaging less pay under efforts to cool the economy. (cont. pg. 3, col. 2)

TRAFFICKING IN DRUGS CAN WRECK YOUR TRIP

Australian courts recently sentenced two U.S. soldiers on R&R in Sidney to five years respectively, at hard labor. Their offense? Importing drugs into Australia. The two soldiers were not isolated cases. More and more authorities, not only in Australia, but all of the R&R sites are cracking down on the traffic in illegal drugs.

In Hong Kong, the maximum punishment for possession of drugs is \$2,000 U.S. dollars and three years in prison. This can be imposed on a soldier discovered with even a small amount of marijuana. Anyone caught with more than a small amount of drugs, may be charged with more serious offense of trafficking in drugs--importing drugs for the purpose of selling. The maximum punishment for this offense is \$10,000 U.S. dollars and three years imprisonment.

Yet, the soldiers charged with drugs violation in Hong Kong are relatively lucky when compared to soldiers charged in Tokyo.

In Hong Kong, soldiers usually have to wait a short time in jail before they are brought to trial.

BRAVO NETS ONE NVA

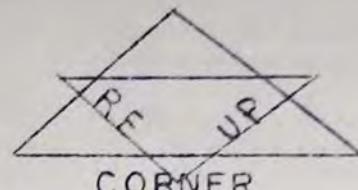
On January 18, foraging operations for the NVA got a set back when Bravo Company left a stay behind ambush in its old Night Defensive Position, located four miles southeast of San Juan Hill.

The stay behind ambush had been set and anxious moments passed while the men from Bravo Company's second platoon waited for the slightest sign that the enemy was nearing their position. Then, Private First Class David (cont. pg. 2 bot. col. 1)

In Tokyo, it is not uncommon for soldiers to spend up to three months in prison just waiting for their cases to come to trial.

It is important to remember that all the time a soldier spends in jail as the result of a conviction is considered bad time by the Army.

When a soldier gets out of prison he will have his DEROS and ETS extended by the Army and he may receive an undesirable discharge. Also, any soldier convicted of a drug offense has his name recorded with the U.S. Bureau of Narcotics. (cont. pg. 2, col. 1)



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If a soldier is detected bringing marijuana into Hawaii, he is immediately returned to Vietnam for court martial. He can be tried for possession, sale, use or introduction, depending on the circumstances of the case.

The maximum sentence a soldier can receive from a court martial for a marijuana offense is five years imprisonment, total forfeitures, reduction in grade to E-1 and a dishonorable discharge. For co-called hard narcotics, the prison term can be up to ten years.

At the very least, a soldier may receive a fine if convicted. However, his R&R will be ruined, and he will be shipped back to Vietnam immediately after the trial.

Why turn a vacation into a nightmare? (Army Reporter)

(Bravo Net One cont. fr. pg.1, col. 2)
D. Crabtree (Fresno, California), Private First Class Stephen L. Busby (Olympia, Washington), and Private First Class Scott F. Shelagowski (Glenwood, Michigan), who were concealed behind the mortar pit berm, heard the unmistakable sound of tin cans rattling "those cans made a good early warning system, they let us know the NVA were coming before we could see them."

Tension built up as the men waited for some clue as to what had caused the noise. Then they saw two NVA come out of the heavily wooded ravine and carefully picked their way up the hill. "we waited until they got closer and then we could see that both had weapons. The NVA in the lead looked up and spotted the ambush," said Sergeant Charles Page (Mount Vernon, Ohio).

With quick agreement the men of the second platoon opened up with small arms fire, downing one NVA. The second NVA immediately made a hasty retreat down the ravine. Fearing that the NVA would get away, PFC Busby, reacting instantaneously, gave chase to the evading NVA. As he reached the side of the downed NVA the wounded enemy soldier reached for his weapon. "we opened up immediately and when the firing ceased one NVA lay dead." said Sergeant Page.

The ambush netted Bravo Company one NVA killed and one bolt action rifle confiscated.

If you like the Army, but do not like your present job, your career counsellor can get you a different MOS and duty station in the RVN. Below is a list of jobs available:

1. Military Police
2. Aircraft Maintenance
3. Wheel Vehicle Maintenance
4. Heavy Equipment Operator
5. Door Gunner
6. Aero Scout
7. Building Maintenance
8. Clerk

and many others. See your career counsellor at S-1. He'll be glad to talk to you.

MOMENTS

A very small river will carry a good deal of water to the sea---if it keeps running.

A real optimist is the guy who marries his secretary and expects to continue dictating.

He who ignores the collection plate shouldn't complain when the church gets cold.

The only way on earth to multiply happiness is to divide it.

The trouble with telling a good story is that it always reminds the other fellow of a dull one.

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PILL TAKE PILL
YOUR M/L/R
PILL PILL
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PILL

(News cont. fr. pg. 1, col. 1)

*Two women leaders of the anti-war movement came back from North Vietnam, bringing names of 132 they said are U.S. war prisoners.

*Wholesale coffee prices rose because frost damaged the crop in Brazil last summer.

*The Army stopped open-air tests of deadly chemicals at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah.

*U.S. automakers will produce a smaller, cheaper car during the 1970s.

*Some Roman Catholic feast days are shifted in the 1970 church calendar.

*Bernadette Devlin was convicted of inciting to riot during the Roman Catholic-Protestant strife in Northern Ireland.

*Asian flu left thousands dead, millions ill in Europe.

SATTALION SUMMARY

10 January

While patrolling six klicks southeast of San Juan Hill, the LRRPs spotted one VC/NVA in a woodline. Artillery was called in from San Juan.

11 January

Alpha Company found an old enemy base camp while patrolling three and one-half klicks southeast of LZ Don. The complex consisted of ten huts with reinforced protective shelters.

13 January

Bravo Company found a bunker complex with seventeen bunkers and one hut during search and clear operations three klicks southeast of San Juan.

minutes later the company spotted an NVA near the same enemy base camp. Bravo Company gave chase and during the pursuit the NVA dropped two RPGs, ten RPG rounds, one rucksack with rice and one NVA helmet. (Cont. pg. 4, col. 1)

R&R: HAWAIIAN STYLE

Hawaii has special appeal for those personnel who are married or who desire to meet friends or family from the mainland. The Hawaiian Islands, and Oahu in particular, have tremendous tourist facilities and everything seems oriented towards the entertainment and pleasure of visitors. The Waikiki Beach area is where most tourists made accommodations at the several large and luxurious hotels. Also, at Waikiki is the largest concentration of nightclubs and a myriad of restaurants with foods from all over the world.

If someone is to meet you in Hawaii, it is advised that they make hotel reservations in advance. The hotels are frequently filled to capacity and you will save valuable time by having a room waiting for you. If you do arrive without reservation, the R&R Center at Fort DeRussy has a reservation service which includes most all hotels on Waikiki Beach. Here you can quickly find out what rooms are available and in what price range they fall.

The Hawaiian Islands are characterized by beautiful beaches, tropical flowers, hula dancers and a quality of romance unlike any other state of the Union. The people are a mixture of Polynesian, Chinese, Japanese, and Haola which is the Hawaiian name for those who came from the mainland. The Polynesian - Oriental strain is distinguished by graciousness and courteous manners. These people are very much a part of modern America yet have maintained the ease of their ancestors. Because of this one feels at home almost immediately in Hawaii.

For sightseeing, most R&R personnel prefer to rent a car; the main reason being the reduced rates which are offered. Interesting places to see with a car are Palo Lookout which gives a panoramic view of Honolulu and Waikiki; Round Top Drive, a curving mountain road above Waikiki, with beautiful homes perched on its heights; and The Diamond Head area which extends along the shore east of Waikiki. If you would like to see the memorial to the battleship Arizona, it is a short drive past Honolulu to Pearl Harbor. Enjoyable yacht cruises are available for a tour of the harbor and the memorial. You may also wish to drive around the entire island and through the pineapple fields for a free sample of Hawaii's most famous product. Other frequented attractions, all close to Honolulu, are the Iolani Palace, Ala Moana Park, The International Market Place and the Hawaiian Cultural Arts Center.

Water sports are, of course, very popular and good facilities are available. Surfboarding and water skiing lessons are easy to obtain. Hickam Air Force Base will loan qualified personnel small sailboats. The Glass Bottom Boat is unique for it gives a direct view of the coral and fish without even getting wet.

For good eating one can't go wrong at the top hotels. One skyscraper hotel has a revolving restaurant for its uppermost level. The Iau Yee (Cont. on pg. 4, col. 2)

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17 January

Bravo Company was patrolling six klicks southeast of San Juan when they spotted six VC/NVA in their old NDP site. The enemy was engaged with 82mm mortar fire from the company and artillery fire from San Juan. One VC/NVA was killed by the barrage.

18 January

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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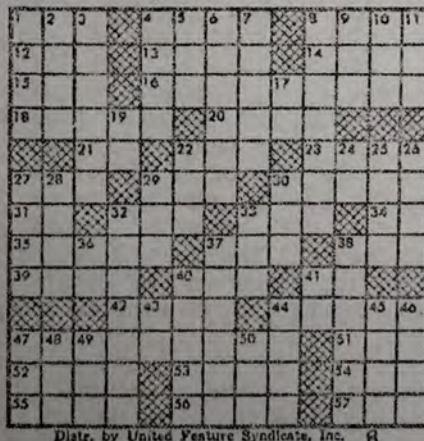
- 1-Kravian garment
- 4-Collitude
- 5-Fomer Russian ruler
- 6-Parcel of land
- 7-Region
- 10-Comfort
- 13-Witty remark
- 16-Parts of paragraph
- 18-Lesson
- 20-Care for
- 21-Symbol for cerium
- 22-Chicken
- 23-Goddess of discord
- 27-Cheer
- 29-Parent (collig.)
- 30-Test
- 31-Teutonic deity
- 32-Hog
- 33-Prusses
- 34-Proceed
- 35-Old-womanish
- 37-Fastener
- 38-Vessel
- 39-European
- 41-Strike
- 42-Conjunction
- 43-Word of sorrow
- 44-Go in
- 47-Preserved
- 51-Collection of facts
- 52-Great Lake
- 53-Gull-like bird
- 54-Small bird
- 55-Flaps
- 56-Lamb's pen name
- 57-Poem

DOWN

- 1-Girl's name
- 2-Stupid person (slang)
- 3-Clip to
- 4-Crate

- 5-Exist
- 6-Leased
- 7-Consisted
- 8-Presen's
- 9-Algonquian Indian
- 10-Peer Gynt's mother
- 11-Things, in law
- 17-Printer's measure
- 19-Symbol for tellurium
- 22-Ugly, old woman
- 24-A state (abbr.)
- 25-Shakespearean character
- 26-Narrow opening
- 27-Purse
- 28-Wild buffalo of India
- 29-Exire
- 30-Sunburn

- 32-Gratities
- 33-Strike
- 35-Preposition
- 37-Light color
- 38-Vegetable
- 40-Adhesive substance
- 41-Symbol for tin
- 43-Chinese mile
- 44-Girl's name
- 45-Wife of Geraint
- 46-Evaluate
- 47-Fondle
- 48-Period of time
- 49-Bone of body
- 50-Silkworm



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Chai restaurant is renowned for its vertical rock garden and waterfall and superb food. Popular and picturesque tea houses are The Tahitian Lani and the Colonel's Plantation, The Beef Steak and the Coffee House. For an authentic Hawaiian Luau with native food and entertainment visit Don the Beachcomber's or the Queen's surf. The atmosphere is great at the following cocktail lounges: The Royal Hawaii Hotel, Captain Cook Bar in the Surfiner Hotel, The Bora Bora Bar at Don the Beachcomber's, Kamacina Bar at the Moana Hotel, the Tiare Room Skell and Ale Ale Kai Room at the Hawaiian Village, the House Without a Key at the Halekulani, The Gourmet, and The Queen's Surf.

Nightclub entertainment is best at the major hotels. They constantly feature well known talent from the mainland. Other clubs feature Tahitian and Samoan entertainment such as hula dancing.

All that is necessary during your stay is light clothing since the climate is mostly informal although more formal evening clothes are certainly very useful. Also be prepared for occasional light showers.

**"SAD BACK"****"ENLISTED MAN'S RAG"**

GREETINGS

Due to our unit's belief that a happy soldier is a 24 hour a day soldier, and also do to the fact that we have to work approximately 23½ hours a day, the following short letter form has been prepared to insure adequate communications.

Dear Mother and Father Sweetheart Friends
 Wife Brother/Sister

How are you? I am Fine Homesick Bored
 Sick Drunk Short

This week we have been under Normal Conditions Under attack
 Under alert conditions Overrun

and we have slept in beds foxholes tents
 bunkers rice paddies boonies

The food is still the same. Last night we had Water buffalo
 Monkey meat
 Rice and Fishheads
 Dog Stew
 S. O. S.

In _____ days I will be getting ready to go home
 on leave
 and reenlist
 on R&R

I have good health jungle rot Paddy fungus
 a bad cold worms Malaria

For entertainment we've been building bunkers washing jeeps
 filling sand bags pulling guard
 other _____

I guess that's all for now. I'll try and write a personal letter when time permits.

Your Friend
 Love
 Love always
 Your Loving

Sign here _____

P. S. Please write often
 Please send care packages
 I love and miss you

1. Please check the boxes to indicate the type of news you would like to receive. If you do not check any boxes, we will assume you would like to receive all news items.

News () Information () Local News ()

Entertainment () Sports () Local Sports ()

Business () Business () Local Business ()

Opinions () Opinions () Local Opinions ()

Letters () Letters () Local Letters ()

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Air Mail 10¢

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Mail Your

Newsheet

Home Now

Fold in thirds vertically, then staple or tape at the edges.
Sorry, does not qualify as free mail.