



4th BATTALION 3rd INFANTRY

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ALPHA COMPANY STANDDOWN

It's February 1, and standdown time for Alpha Company. The men are milling around, shouting, drinking and awaiting the official start of standdown. The Battalion Commander briskly marches into the room suddenly evoking the call "ATTENTION" from the First Sergeant. A rushing of feet and rasping of chairs is quickly followed by the Adjutant's call to orders.

"By direction of the President under the Provision of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962...."

The men stand at attention, visions of the three days of hard-earned revelry to come. They look to the front and in their strained silence offer approval and pride for those in the company about to receive recognition of their deeds on the battlefield.

A total of five awards were presented to the men of Alpha Company by Lieutenant Colonel Stanley V. Wielga; one Bronze Star with "V" Device and Third Oak Leaf Cluster, three Army Commendation Medals for Valor and one Army Commendation medal for service.

The ARCOM for service was presented to Specialist Four David A. Woodworth.

Specialist Four Joseph A. Bulkowski was awarded the ARCOM for Valor for operations against a hostile enemy force near Xuan Son, June 13, 1969.

The Bronze Star with V Device was presented to Captain James J. Schwebback and the other two ARCOMs for Valor were presented to Staff Sergeant Douglas F. Petrillo and Specialist Four Bruce A. Choster for action which occurred on 11 August, 1969, while Alpha Company was securing San Juan Hill.

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CIDG POINTS THE WAY

A joint force of Americal Division soldiers and the Combat Reconnaissance Platoon from the Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) at Bato, 16 miles west of Duc Pho, killed seven NVN in a recent combined operation.

The CIDG Platoon was broken down into three squads with each attached to the line platoons of Company A, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. Captain Warren P. Haugen (Lakeview, Oregon), commander of Company A said, "This system worked very well, as the CIDGs can spot the enemy faster than can my

men and are also able to read trail signs better."

Leading the 2d Platoon of Company A on a patrol, the CIDG squad started the descent down a rugged mountainside which was covered by heavy brush and crisscrossed by a maze of trails. "The CIDG element was 75 meters ahead of us when we heard them open up," said Specialist Four John Bradley (Covington, Va.). "Things were really tense as we tried to catch up to provide fire support for the lead element, but all of a sudden the firing ceased and we heard victory cries from the CIDGs." They had surprised six NV and downed five in the firefight.

CIDG units have the ability to understand the enemy both in terms of language and customs. The lack of a language barrier nets them on-the-spot intelligence information from Civilians and from confiscated enemy documents.

Walking joint again, the CIDG element ran across a fresh blood trail and followed it to a small village. Inside one of the huts they found an old woman, who revealed that four to five NV with weapons were moving north. Sergeant Mark Lloyd (Seattle, Wash.), Special Forces advisor to the CIDG Recon (Cont. on pg. 9, Col. 1)

STATE OF UNION

President Nixon's State of the Union address was consistent with his past statements and actions, looking hopefully to peace prospects in Vietnam while insisting that the United States would become less and less involved in the affairs of other nations.

Instead, he declared, priorities would be given to balancing the federal budget; battling inflation; turning the flow of power from Washington back to the people; reforming the welfare system; cleaning up polluted water, air, and open spaces; undergirding law enforcement, and creating a new rural migration rather than a migration to the cities.

He called upon congress to join him in stopping the soaring costs of living--but without specifying just what steps ought to be taken. Significantly, the only area where budget proposals are to be increased, he said, is in federal spending to aid local law enforcement. Maintenance of law and order is a grim challenge to police departments everywhere in the nation today.

It was an encouraging speech--wholly realistic in charting domestic concerns as the greatest national needs today. Few will quarrel with the President's priorities. How to attain them will challenge congress and the administration alike in days ahead.

AROUND THE BATTALION

WHAT DID I DO NOW?

At 1:40 p.m. on February 7, a 4.2 mortar mission was called on a suspected enemy base camp. Ten minutes later a cease fire, freeze all guns order was given and the Platoon Leader, Second Lieutenant Charles Fitzgeralds (Memphis, Tennessee) was ordered to report to the Tactical Operations Center as soon as possible and to bring with him the firing data in his possession.

A very nervous Lieutenant was taken to the Battalion Briefing Room where the Battalion's Commanding Officer was waiting for him. Lieutenant Colonel Stanley V. Wielga sternly questioned Lieutenant Fitzgerald about mortar safety and his mission and then in the presence of the Battalion Officers, promoted him to First Lieutenant.

Needless to say, Lieutenant Fitzgerald's apprehension turned to relief when he found out the true purpose of his visit.

CAMPAIGN RIBBONS

Two more Vietnam campaign periods--number ten and eleven--have been established by the Army. In the same action, a name and closing date were designated for Campaign number nine.

Previously unnamed, the ninth campaign is now officially christened the "Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase VI." The period of the campaign extends from November 2, 1968 through February 22, 1969.

The tenth campaign will be called "TET 69/Counteroffensive." It extends from Feb. 23, 1969 through June 8, 1969.

Campaign number eleven began June 9, 1969, the Army said, but the name and termination date will be decided and announced later.

Each campaign puts another battle star on the Vietnam Service ribbon of soldiers who served in the area during the designated periods.

Eligibility rules for award of ribbon are in AR 672-5-1. The reg says a soldier may wear it if he is regularly assigned or attached to a unit participating in or directly supporting military operations in Vietnam for one day or more during the designated campaign.

Also, the ribbon may be worn by a man who serves in Vietnam on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days during the designated period. These time requirements may be waived for men in actual combat operations.

A soldier who went to Vietnam last January, for example, and returns this month will be entitled to wear at least three battle stars on his ribbon representing the ninth, tenth and eleventh campaigns. And he might become entitled to another if the Army later designates a twelfth campaign as beginning before his rotation date.



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On that unforgettable day, Alpha Company was hit with an estimated 40 mortar rounds which were supposed to be the prelude to a large scale ground attack. On that day, Captain James J. Schweback distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions while commanding Company A, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that day, the company came under attack by a heavily armed North Vietnamese Army battalion. As the hostile rounds were impacting throughout the perimeter, Captain Schweback gallantly directed effective retaliatory fire on the insurgents until the enemy positions were silenced and the attack ceased. His courageous and timely actions were instrumental in minimizing casualties among his comrades and in the successful defense of the landing zone. For his personal heroism, professional competence and devotion to duty he was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

On that same day, then Private First Class Bruce Chester spotted a company size force to his front through his starlight scope. Taking immediate action, PFC Chester moved silently from position to position, alerting his comrades of the impending enemy attack. As he was moving through the area, the insurgent force opened fire on the friendly element. With complete disregard for his personal safety, PFC Chester braved the hostile barrage, placing heavy volumes of suppressive fire on the enemy soldiers. His early warning disrupted the enemy assault and prevented any friendly casualties. For this action PFC Chester was awarded the ARCOM for Valor.

Platoon Sergeant, Douglas F. Petrillo distinguished himself by valorous actions while Fire Support Base San Juan Hill was under intense enemy attack. Taking immediate action, Sergeant Petrillo alerted his men; braving the hostile barrage as he moved from position to position around the perimeter to adjust defensive measures on the attacking insurgents. In addition, throughout the battle, Sergeant Petrillo fired illumination and mortar rounds to repel the hostile force. His timely and courageous action was instrumental in the defeat of the enemy forces and for this action he was awarded the ARCOM for Valor.

Specialist Four Joseph A. Bukiowski distinguished himself by valorous actions on 13 June 1969, while serving with Alpha Company on a combat sweep near Kien Son. Going forward, (cont. pg. 5, col. 2)

CHAPLIN'S CORNER

By Chaplin (LTC) James E. Shaw

Freedom has been called the heart of America. It is woven into the very fabric of our country. The early settlers came to America in search of it. The Declaration of Independence set forth our national ideals concerning it. The Revolutionary War was fought to regain it. Subsequent wars, the various political, social, and judicial battles, have been waged for freedom---and against its enemy, tyranny. Unnumbered thousands have died to defend it. Is it worth all this? The strain, sweat, and sacrifices of millions of our people through the years chorus into a resounding "Yes!" Why? Because freedom springs from the very nature of man and is basic for one to fulfill his potential. Without it he loses his virility, his spirit, his sense of purpose.

Freedom is necessary for man to develop fully. However, this does not mean that freedom is a license to do anything and everything; it is the environment which enables man to do as he ought to do -- that which is good, right, ennobling, and that which lends to the dignity of the individuals. Responsibility is inherent in freedom. George Bernard Shaw cynically remarked that because of this, most men dread it. But the fact remains that where men have accepted this responsibility--as have our men in uniform -- freedom has thrived, old barriers have been beaten down, and new problems which have arisen have been successfully overcome.

The responsibility of freedom incurs a self-imposed restriction on personal freedom. Laws are made and enforced so that individuals or groups do not violate the basic freedoms of others. But where does the personal freedom of one man end, and that of another begin? How about the soldier in your hootch who makes a nuisance of himself by playing his radio when you want to sleep? Or more basic, how about the instinctive right to stay down in a bunker when your role calls for defending an area outside of it in order to preserve the safety of all? Regulations and regimentations in the military may impinge on an individual's freedom, but they are designed to further freedom in the wider sense. The remark of Edmund Burke, one of England's greatest (Cont. on Pg. 1, Col. 2)

BATTALION SUMMARY

22 January

While searching an area five miles southeast of San Juan Hill, a Warlord spotted seven VC/NVA and engaged them with machinegun fire, killing one VC/NVA.

In the afternoon, a Dolphin observed two NVA/VC and engaged them with machinegun fire, and reported one NVA/VC killed and one 9mm pistol, one Chi-Com handgrenade and one rucksack captured.

23 January

While patrolling four miles northwest of San Juan Hill, Alpha Company's third platoon found three huts believed to have been used by 15 VC. The third platoon also found some documents, eight five gallon cans of rice and 200 pounds of salt.

24 January

While patrolling two and one-half miles northwest of San Juan Hill, a Reconnaissance Platoon from the Civilian Irregular Defense Group, OPCON to Alpha Company, spotted 19 NVA wearing camouflage and carrying packs. Artillery was immediately called in from San Juan. The CIDG Reconnaissance Platoon with the assistance of a Warlord checked out the area and captured one VC/NVA.

Two hours later at the same location the CIDG platoon spotted seven VC/NVA. Warlords were called in, resulting in one secondary explosion, and one hut destroyed. Upon further search of the area, the CIDG Reconnaissance Platoon found many blood trails and places where bodies were dragged off.

25 January

At 9:45 a.m. Alpha Company's second platoon detained a female VC while on search and clear operations four miles northwest of San Juan.

The afternoon of the same day, Alpha Company's second platoon with the cooperation of an eleven man squad from the Civilian Irregular Defense Group's Reconnaissance Platoon captured one VC female in the same area. During on-the-spot interrogation she revealed that four to five NVA with weapons were moving north. The CIDG platoon immediately took up the chase and engaged an unknown number of NVA. Two NVA were killed and two packs, one medical kit and assorted food items were captured.

26 January

While patrolling six miles northwest of San Juan Hill the LRRPs ambushed (Cont. on Adjacent Column)

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26 January cont.

three NVA. One NVA was killed and one was wounded. One NVA belt and one magazine of AK-47 ammunition was captured.

At 5:40 p.m. Delta Company spotted one NVA approximately 100 meters from its NDP and engaged the NVA with small arms fire. Delta Company received return fire and then the NVA fled southwest.

27 January

While patrolling four miles northwest of San Juan Hill, the Civilian Irregular Defense Group's Reconnaissance Platoon from Bato, found one chicken, eight rucksacks with clothing and belts, six Chi-Com handgrenades, one AK-44, four AK-47 magazines full of ammunition and one AK-47.

28 January

While on search and clear operations five and one-half miles northwest of San Juan Hill, Alpha Company's second platoon working in cooperation with a Civilian Irregular Defense Group squad engaged six VC/NVA. Six VC/NVA were killed in the skirmish.

Latter the same day, Bravo Company captured one VC wearing shorts and a green shirt while patrolling two miles north of San Juan Hill. Bravo Company also captured one rucksack with five pounds of food.

29 January

While searching an area five miles northwest of San Juan a Warlord destroyed ten newly built huts and engaged three Viet Cong.

(Chaplin's Corner continued)

statesmen, especially fits the military: "Liberty, too, must be limited in order to be possessed."

Soldiers, no less than others, as free and responsible individuals should exercise personal freedoms properly. Indeed it is even more critical for us. Let us stand up for our rights, but in so doing let us also follow laws, customs, and courtesies, and be willing to sacrifice part of our own freedom to insure it for all.

Personal freedom is the ideal environment in which man can develop his full potential. But it requires responsible individuals, men of character and integrity, to employ it properly, in our own lives, in fulfilling our duties to our country, our fellow man, and ourselves.

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

Award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Army) by the President of the United States of America to the following unit of the Armed Forces of the United States is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194 AR 672-5-1. The text of the citation, (GO 75) signed by President Richard Nixon on 28 October 1969 reads as follows:

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, I have today awarded

THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY)

FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM

TO

THE RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON
COMPANY E, 4TH BATTALION, 3D INFANTRY
11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE, AMERICAL DIVISION
UNITED STATES ARMY

The Reconnaissance Platoon, Company E, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry, 11th Infantry Brigade distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism in action against a hostile force near the hamlet of Phuoc Loc, Quang Ngai, Republic of Vietnam of 6 and 7 September 1968. The platoon of 27 men was conducting a combat sweep operation on 6 September when it became engaged with a battalion-size enemy force entrenched in fortified defensive positions. Exposed to the heavy automatic weapons and small arms fire from the estimated 400-man enemy force, the men of the Reconnaissance Platoon gallantly fought against the numerical odds and established defensive perimeters. Maintaining their position integrity, men of the platoon, with complete disregard for their own safety, braved the heavy fire to bring their fallen comrades within the perimeters. Although under heavy fire and repeated attacks from the enemy, the men of the reconnaissance Platoon valiantly held their positions, directed airstrikes and artillery fires on the enemy positions, and repulsed all enemy efforts to overrun their defenses. The platoon was able to engage the enemy force until reinforcements arrived during the early morning hours of 7 September. A sweep of the battlefield on the morning of 7 September revealed that the Reconnaissance Platoon had killed 48 enemy soldiers. Intelligence from captured prisoners indicated that the enemy force had suffered 88 casualties, rendering it ineffective as a fighting force. The Reconnaissance Platoon is credited with spoiling an impending attack on the city of Quang Ngai by discovering and inflicting heavy losses on one of the key enemy forces poised for attack, thereby sparing free world forces and the population of the city of Quang Ngai much loss of life, equipment and personal property. The heroic actions of the men of the platoon aided in the defeat of major enemy forces which had been poised for attacks on the major cities of Quang Ngai Province. The gallantry and devotion to duty of the men of the Reconnaissance Platoon, against numerically superior enemy forces, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

REUP

All E-6 and below regardless of time in service are eligible for short discharge and immediate reenlistment for USARV assignment of choice. E-4 and below are eligible to choose a new MOS and area of choice in RVN. Only requirement is eight (8) months in service and six (6) months retainability in RVN.

If you are interested in Aircraft Maintenance you can choose one of the following units and locations:

1. Nha Trang- 1st. AVN Bde.
2. Long Binh- 1st AVN Bde.
3. Can Tho- 1st AVN Bde.

All personnel who re-enlist are authorized a 30 day leave home, and a tax free cash bonus. This does not adjust your DEROS. You will still rotate as now scheduled. Also you still may take R&R and a 7 day leave.

See your friendly career counselor today at S1, 4-3.

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Bukowski braved the hostile fire as he maneuvered toward their position. Despite the hostile barrage impacting all around him, Specialist Bukowski crawled forward, throwing handgrenades at the enemy emplacement, and completely silenced it. His timely and courageous action were instrumental in the defeat of the enemy force and for this action Sp4 Bukowski was awarded the ARCOM for Valor.

ST. VALENTINE'S
DAY
FEBRUARY 14th

W-2 FORMS

The W-2 Treasury Forms which show the wages earned and the income taxes paid by the individual during the calendar year 1969, have been prepared by the division finance Office.

Individuals have up to 180 days after their departure from the RVN to file their annual tax return.

W-2 Forms for enlisted personnel are being retained in their Financial Data Records Folder (at finance) for safe keeping. However, an enlisted member who desires his W-2 need only request it through normal unit personnel channels.

NO RETURN POLICY FOR WOUNDED VETS

Men wounded in Vietnam and hospitalized for 30 days or more outside the war zone will no longer be returned to the war zone to complete their tour.

The new Defense Department policy, outlined in a memorandum to the Military Departments, is effective immediately.

The hospitalization must result from a specific hostile fire action, a Defense spokesman said. The policy does not apply to men hospitalized due to accidents, injury or illness not attributable to hostile fire action.

Men reassigned after hospitalization will be eligible for subsequent tours in Vietnam, just as other men who have been credited with Vietnam tours.

The memorandum also said men may volunteer to return to the war zone if they are medically qualified. (FPP)

TAKE

MALARIA

PILL

R&R COLUMN: HONG KONG

Hong Kong, is perhaps the most beautiful, fascinating and cosmopolitan city in the Orient. It offers the visitor a variegated panoply of sights, sounds, and tastes that has no equal anywhere else in the world. Hong Kong is especially good to visit in lieu of it being a free port - items from all over the world are sold in this Far Eastern business hub at the lowest prices anywhere.

The small shops catering to the tourist trade have some of the best hand-made clothing, featuring materials of all kinds. Whether you are looking for leather goods, chinaware or 10,000 other curios, you must bargain over the prices - it is the accepted and expected practice with most merchants. Also, check out the prices at the China Fleet Club located on the Hong Kong side before you buy. The facilities of the US Navy Purchasing Branch on the 3rd floor of the club can be used by all members. Fair prices and good quality are assured here. Incidentally, goods produced in China or North Korea are prohibited. It is also advised that any goods made in Hong Kong be covered by a Comprehensive Certificate of Origin (CCO). This is the only document which U.S. customs will accept for Chinese-type goods from Hong Kong regardless of the value of the product. Last but not least, beware of touts, people who will try to guide you into certain shops and in doing so, collect a percentage from the proprietor. The price is usually higher in these shops.

R&R hotel reservations are made for you months in advance at any one of more than 15 hotels in the Hong-Kong-Kowloon area. Before leaving the R&R Center, you'll be presented with a choice of hotels that vary in price from \$4 to \$11 a night. These hotels have been approved by the R&R Center. The President, Express, or Park Hotels all offer outstanding accommodations for \$7 to \$9 a night.

In addition to Hong Kong's magnetic attraction and widespread reputation for good quality clothes, the port city reputedly has the best Chinese food in the world. There are four main types, the most widely eaten being Cantonese. Typical Cantonese dishes are sharksfins and birds' nest soups, frog legs and bamboo shoots. There are all types of European food, of course, as well as Indian, 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. Service at these 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.

Drums throb, guitars twang; through the smoky atmosphere flit lithe young beauties in tight-fitting cheongsams. A singer takes the mike and sings a sad Mandarin love melody whose origins are no doubt two thousands years old. The drinks flow; and suddenly everybody is doing a frantic dance on the floor. Silence. The spotlight catches a lone Japanese dancer. She goes into her act with a clash of cymbals, and leaves you gasping. Warm red light fills the room, and one of your favorite songs pervades the (Cont. Bot. page 9, Col. 1)

AWARDS

Below is a list of awards which have been approved during the course of the month. (V.=valor; A.=achievement; S.=service).

COMPANY	AWARDS
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HQ

Evans, G.	BS"SN"
Ranson, B.	"
Williams, D.	"
Henderson, G.	"
Skinner, R.	"
Brown, A.	ACM"SN"
Umerlik, L.	"
Burnette, R.	"
Marcel, L.	"
Campbell, L.	"
Karpinski, S.	"
Minist, R.	ACM"AN"

ALPHA

Aronson, D.	PH
Barrett, J.	PH
Clancey, M.	AM
Batson, B.	BS"SN"
Eger, J.	"
Gardner, O.	"
Sapp, C.	"
Dennis, R.	"
Eftink, J.	"
Rice, L.	"
Connely, W.	ACM"SN"
Harper, R.	"

Arevalo, P.	"
Cruell, C.	"
Reusch, W.	"
Polk, W.	"
Polk, L.	"
Reedy, E.	"
Schlosser, L.	"
Forman, D.	"
Howard, J.	"
Dempsey, P.	"

BRAVO

Kirk, R.	SS
Nelson, J.	PH
Cafaro, T.	PH
Hobbs, T.	PH
Pinardi, R.	PH
Olsen, L.	AM
Miller, E.	AM
Garcia, R.	BS"VN"
Garcia, R.	BS"SN"
Alvarado, M.	"
Baugh, C.	"
Brewer, J.	"
Harris, G.	"

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PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to those who have been promoted to a higher grade. For those promoted to E-6, total pay raise amounts to \$144.20; for those promoted to E-5, pay raise is \$13.50 while by far the largest increment is \$73.10 for those promoted to E-4.

To E-6

Cornell, J.
Hait, R.

To E-5

Slater, U.
Marcel, L.
Johnson, K.
Holmes, J.
Morelan, D.
Gordon, D.
DeAnfrasio, D.

To E-4

Yates, J.
Crossen, V.
Anderson, A.
Bray, A.
Brink, L.
Crabtree, D.
Pelletier, J.
Salazar, A.
Williams, R.
Wojciechowski, M.
Wooten, C.
Jeffcoats, H.

BRAVO AWARDS CONT.

Uresti, A.	BS"SN"
Thomas, D.	"
Green, S.	"
Brown, T.	"
Snodgrass, D.	"
Dunsmore, F.	"
Dangelico, J.	"
Davis, G.	"
Walker, K.	"
Seward, D.	"
Foster, R.	ACM"SN"
Eitel, V.	"
Ferguson, W.	"
Gaylord, J.	"
CHARLIE	
Richards, U.	PH
Collett, L.	PH
Wilson, R.	PH
Arnold, B.	BS"SN"
Blovin, R.	"
Hammock, R.	"
Hinsche, W.	"
Kornder, P.	"

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E-4 Cont.

Keenan, B.
Riggs, R.
Eising, J.
Gronemand, R.
Harvill, M.
Burrell, B.
Gast, M.
Guerra, R.
Halty, M.
Hunt, R.
Irby, J.
Nelson, R.
Kuester, R.
McEwen, D.
Owan, R.

Watson, S.
Joyner, J.
Brown, L.
Hougham, G.
Gallop, M.
Gizienski, H.
Johnson, H.
Lacourse, S.
Potter, N.
Ross, D.
Williams, R.
Wallace, O.

CHARLIE CONT.

Liedel, J.	BS"SN"
Rice, W.	"
Wirtenson, W.	"
Delucia, P.	"
Hait, R.	"
Long, J.	"
Presley, P.	"
Rohasu, C.	"
Argule, R.	ACM"SN"
Colonello, D.	"
Hillegras, E.	"
Wyrick, G.	"
Davis, A.	"
Adams, W.	"
Victorin, A.	"
Buchannan, D.	"

DELTA

Wilds, B.	SS"SN"
One Oak Leaf Cluster	
Cooch, J.	BS"SN"
Gonzales, A.	"
Parker, A.	"
Maruska, R.	"

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WELCOME NEWCOMERS

HHC

SGC Walter Cobb - Holt, Ala.
 SSG David Fontes - Seaside, Calif.
 SSG Lowell Greenwood - San Antonio, Tex.
 SGT Gordon Seals - Loogootee, Ind.
 SP4 Wayne Dyer - Lincoln Park, N.J.
 SP4 Harry Henderson - E. St. Louis, Ill.
 SP4 Benigno Campa - Irwindale, Calif.
 PFC Danny Battle - Jacksonville, Tex.
 PFC Larry Bowman - Carthage, Tenn.
 PFC Robert Childress - Nashville, Tenn.
 PFC Jimmie Gandy - Arlington, Tex.
 PFC Calvin Johnson - Aspermont, Tex.
 PFC James Kresal - Ferlin, Wis.
 PFC Nathaniel Lizana - Delisle, Miss.
 PFC Garry LaFave - Duluth, Minn.
 PFC Raymond J. Raatz - Levittown, Pa.
 PFC William Thompson - Silver Spring, Md.

ALPHA

Sgt Frank Reynolds - Columbus, Ga.
 SSG Cecino Montoya - Reedley, Calif.
 SGT Robert Glass - Staten Island, N.Y.
 PFC Andrew Mozel - Seaside, Calif.
 PFC David Nowak - Buffalo, N.Y.
 PFC Robert Bayer - N. Baltimore, Ohio
 PFC Richard Kelton - Chicago, Ill.
 PFC Philipa Sumpter - Georgetown, S.C.
 PFC Alan Piekutowski - Milwaukee, Wis.
 PFC David Kitch - Mesa, Arizona
 PFC Bill Ackerman - Salt Lake City, Utah
 PFC Michael Gordon - Detroit, Mich.
 PFC William Staebell - Humboldt, S.D.
 PFC Donald Etienne - Leopold, Ind.
 PFC Mark Fellows - Grand Rapids, Mich.
 PFC Jeffrey Dunnum - Downey, Calif.
 PFC David Pesante - San Jose, Puerto Rico
 PFC Gary D. McMillin - Osceola, Mo.
 PFC Jerry Hatfield - Odessa, Tex.
 PFC Thurman Allen - Rose Hill, N.C.
 PFC William Harris - Miami, Fla.
 PFC Jimmy Rios - Wilmington, Calif.
 PFC Louie Dunlap - Ada, Okla.
 Pvt Bill Downing - Fairview, Ill.

BRAVO

SSG James Kinsey - Scio, Ohio
 SGT David Mitchell - N. Branch, Mich.
 SP4 Tomas Elizondo - Benavides, Tex.
 PFC Michael June - Lapeer, Mich.
 PFC Eddie McAmis - Kingsport, Tenn.
 PFC Michael Mobbs - Hixson, Tenn.
 PFC John Harley - San Jose, Calif.
 PFC Bobbie Howard - Klamath Falls, Ore.
 PFC Willie Nichols - Shreveport, La.
 PFC Andrew Gomez - Fullerton, Calif.
 PFC Patrick J. Martin - Canton, N.D.

CHARLIE

2Lt Nicholas J. Prevas - Balto, Mo.
 PSG Doyle E. Coker - Leesville, La.
 PSG Kenneth Bassett - Miller, Ga.
 SSG G. Armstrong - Junction City, Kan.
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CHARLIE CONT.

PFC Jack Bearden - O'Donnell, Tex.
 PFC Michael Brandt - Littlefield, Tex.
 PFC Clinton Deacon - Los Angeles, Calif.
 PFC Rex A. Fansler - Marion, Ind.
 PFC David D. Godd - Addison, Ill.
 PFC Michael Haynes - Charleston, W. Va.
 PFC John J. McCall - Deptford, N. J.
 PFC Ernest Pinion - Shelby, N. C.
 PFC Michael Riddle - Goleta, Calif.
 PFC Clifton Sherrod - Hobgood, N.C.
 PFC Harold Titus - Marion, Ohio
 PFC Ernest Shuler - Bossier City, La.
 PFC William Kaletta - Payson, Utah
 PFC Lyle R. Elias - Havre, Arizona
 PFC Festes Bennett - Phoenix, Arizona

DELTA

SGT Larry Dickenson - Columbia, Mo.
 SGT William Hill - Dearborn, Mich.
 PFC David Blevins - Chicago, Ill.
 PFC Orville Deneui - Chancellor S.D.
 PFC Robert McCabe - Steele, N.D.
 PFC John McChesney - Corry, Pa.
 PFC Billy McCoy - Ypsilanti, Mich.
 PFC Daniel Pernick - Burssellton, Pa.
 PFC Charles Reed, J. - Lynn, Mass.
 PFC John E. Stumpf - Creekside, Pa.
 PFC Leroy Trimble - Caney, Kansas

ECHO

SSG Wayne Campbell - Topeka, Kansas
 SSG Joseph Henry - Tempe, Arizona
 SGT Fredrick Burrell - Seymour, Ind.
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NO TOUR CHANGE FOR MEN IN RVN

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Platoon, called Captain Haugen and told him, "We are in hot pursuit." Sergeant Lloyd said, "We caught them in a draw and we moved in for the kill." They engaged the enemy and killed two NVA.

Speaking of the benefits of combined operations Captain Haugen said, "The CIDGs move with stealth and silence and by watching them, my men have learned to move through the heavy brush without making noise, allowing us to walk right up on the NVA before they know we are there." Second Lieutenant Phu Van Loc, executive officer of the Recon Platoon remarked, "When you work with American forces you have gunships, Artillery and medical support. So my men are not afraid. I would like to work with the American Division forces for as long as a month at a time."

A successful combat operation, it also turned out to be a learning experience in terms of techniques and cooperation. Sergeant Lloyd summed it up by saying, "It was a case of Vietnamese soldiers training the American troops."

(Read: Hong Kong Cont.)

Clouds and fog sit over until 8 a.m. every morning in twenty or thirty Hong Kong clubs, equal to any in the world. Now, come along. Don't go to any of these nightspots before 9 p.m. - they will still be warming up at that time.

Movie charges are used by most of the cities, but none of them are really high.

The standard of floorshow entertainment is good, many of the acts are imported from the U.S. and Europe.

Most sightseeing in the Oriental city is done within the central city. One exception is the Kowloon-Canton railway, which travels through New Territories up the Chinese border twenty miles away. Another exception is Hong Kong island which has a cable car ride up Victoria Peak. The ride is a thrill in itself and when you reach the top you can see for hundreds of miles in any direction. All in all you will find R&R in Hong Kong most enjoyable and fascinating.

The 12-month tour established in 1965 for troops serving in the Republic of Vietnam has been "frequently reviewed" according to Defense Officials.

So far, the officials report, "circumstances have precluded any reductions" in the tour length.

Among reasons given are:

---The effect of tour length on the operational readiness of the overseas forces.

---The ability of the services to support short-term rotation within authorized numerical strength and skill resources.

---The movements generated by increased movement of personnel to and from overseas area.

Officials also cited the "turbulence" that would be created in activities located in the United States which must continually supply personnel for overseas shipment and absorb returning personnel. (AFPS)

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