



## 4th BATTALION 3rd INFANTRY

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### ARMY TO CHECK CONTRABAND

Since Vietnam troops continue to use the mails to "sneak" weapons, drugs and other contraband items into the United States, stateside Customs officials and Army postal authorities have stepped up efforts to intercept such items.

According to a recent article in Army times, U.S. Commissioner of Customs Myles J. Ambrose, speaking at a press conference, called attention to the problem of military contraband mailings and displayed about 35 weapons and explosives picked out of the mail bound for the U.S. from Vietnam.

The weapons, which included Chinese automatics and live explosives, are usually found in the field by troops. Troops then pack them up and try to send them home as souvenirs. Some U.S. weapons also find their way into the mails, Customs added.

Army postal officials in Vietnam have taken strong measures to prevent contraband items from slipping unnoticed into the U.S. through the mails. MACV officials stress the fact that every package mailed be inspected either in Vietnam or upon its entry into the Customs area of the United States.

Actually, a parcel may be inspected as many as three times before it reaches its destination—at an Army post office, at one of the three aerial mail terminals operated by the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam, and at a Customs inspection station in the United States.

Three means of inspection are employed: (1) Mine detectors are used to detect metal objects. (2) Fluoroscopes enable inspectors to detect the outlines of non-metallic

### MORTAR QUEEN

Who says you need Bert Parks to stage a beauty contest? An AMERICAN Division mortar platoon recently proved that you don't even need real flesh and blood contestants when they elected "Miss Four Duece of 1970."

The contest which was the brainchild of Staff Sergeant Wilfred Lindo (Cristobal, Canal Zone, Panama) Platoon Sergeant of the 4.2 Mortar Platoon of the 11th Brigade's 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry was judged photographically. Single men of the unit nominated their girl friends and fiancées by pin-

ning their pictures on a bulletin board. The married men served as official judges. Their choice? Miss Carol Nigh of Kewaskum, Wisconsin, who received a dozen red roses and a letter of congratulations with her title. Her sponsor, Private First Class Francis Theusch also of Kewaskum, had to take a rain check on the customary congratulatory kiss.

Miss Nigh is the President of the Kewaskum High School Student Council and after having been chosen as "Miss Four Duece" she decided to do something for them. At the next session of the Student Council she presented the idea of setting up correspondence between San Juan Hill and the high school girls. Miss Nigh then asked for a list of names of the men on San Juan Hill. It wasn't long after she received the list that the high school girls at Kewaskum High began to send letters and packages to the men in the 4.2 Mortar Platoon. In addition to the Kewaskum High girls, the V.F.W. and other community clubs began to send letters and packages. Staff Sergeant Lindo said, "I never thought that the idea would blossom

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## R&R: AUSTRALIA

Australia, the land of the Diggers, say it long and low-- A-h-h-h-hustrolia because you will be doing alot of "ahhing and oohing" when the big silver R&R bird touches down in the land of the Queen's Estate.

Sydney, the London of Asia, with its sprawling apartment complexes, towering skyscrapers and its hundred of cozy, comfortable pubs where you plunk down your dollar and gulp down your pint.

The Oriental women have a charm that is peculiar to no other group in the world but Australia is two magic words to the Grunt on R&R- "round-eye." The folks are a blend of English, American and European and you can count as many blondes on the beach as brunettes. You will find that the Aussies are just plain darn friendly people. Since you are a Yank, they see you for what you are--a friend who's over here to make life a little easier for everyone in Asia. The Aussies are glad to welcome you to their country. Most especially the girls are glad to welcome you to their country. It's quite a thrill to wink at that cute little honey-blondie in the oh-so-small bikini on the beach --and have her wink back.

In order to find the Australian women you don't have to go the hostess route, or plumb the depths of overly - commercial bar strips. The girls are everywhere: Students, working girls, nurses, secretaries, models, airline stewardesses, you just name it. The Oriental tradition of observing propriety in all public places, has no place in Australia. The girls on the beaches at Malibu are there to have fun, and fun means a two-some.

If pub-crawling is your bag, you can whoop it up on the night-life circuit in Sydney, but the best place to strike out for is the Gold Coast. This is where the golden tanned, sun-bronzed chicks flock to, where you can't see the beaches because of the acres of bikini-dotted feminine flesh. This is girl hunter's paradise. This beachboy's paradise offers boat-ing, surfing, fishing and sailing. But, most grunts like the Gold Coast because of the spectator sport it provides; girl watching.

You can rent a car and drive down the diamond-white beaches until you find the cove and the crowd that suits you just right. Just splash around in the water and smile alot and before long you'll be invited to a pretty someone's beach blanket. You see, the Aussie chicks are just the open, friendly type--they just love to meet the people and particularly the American soldier.

One of the good things about Australia is the low cost of living, you can go first-class on the coast for a tourist-class fare. Some of the finest hotels on the beach rent rooms for \$15 a day and this includes breakfast. If your wallet is a little tight, there are dozens of lesser-priced hotels that offer all the conveniences you'll need. Just ask a nearby policeman where to go.

The prices are low all up and down the coast. Its relatively cheap to snack on lunch or dine on steak. There are conspicuously few fast-buck artists and the Aussies are one people that don't like to see R&R people hustled.

When you get tired of the Surf and sand head for King's Cross. King's Cross is the Greenwich Village of Australia. If you have any problems finding the action just stop anyone on the street---preferably a girl-and ask. With a little luck, whoever you ask will take you to where it's happening---and help make it happen for you.

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## AWARDS

Below is a list of awards which have been awarded during the course of the month. (V-valor; A-achievement; S-soldier).

COMPANY AWARDS  
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HHC  
PFC Richard Hughes PH

ALPHA  
1LT Thomas Kwasigroch PH  
SGT Donald Beaven PH  
SP4 Bobby McCormick PH  
SP4 Kenneth Staples SM  
PFC Monroe Conerly PH  
PFC Cesare DePiano PH  
PFC Ricky Kitch PH  
PFC Robert Porter PH

BRAVO  
SGT Vinthrop Hardgrove  
ACM "A"  
SP4 David Crabtree PH  
PFC Billy Cook PH

CHARLIE  
PFC Michael Terry PH

DELTA  
1LT Steven Shackelford PH  
SSG Morgan Alderman PH  
SSG Terrell Murphy PH  
SGT William Hill PH  
SP4 Silas Haynes PH  
SP4 Earl Hill PH  
PFC John Brooks PH  
PFC Elmer Elde PH  
PFC Steven Ellwood PH  
PFC Ted Miller PH  
PFC Jessie Roberson PH  
PFC Lee Scott PH  
PFC William Staebell PH

ECHO  
SGT Fredrick Burrell PH  
SP4 Steven Friebele ACM "A"

## OLD GUARD

LTC Stanley V. Wielga CO  
1LT David J. Sheehan S1  
SGT Robert Daniels  
REPORTER

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER -3-

BY CHAPLAIN VERNE A. SLIGHTER

The story of the Prodigal Son is one that has many parallels for our modern day and is relevant to many young men serving in Vietnam and other "far countries" of the world. The prodigal son in the bible, like many young men in the armed forces was a likeable young chap. He was not bad or evil, or even delinquent. The worst that could probably be said about him was that he had no sense of values. He asked for that portion of the estate that fell to him as if it were manna from heaven. He did not seem to realize or care that his old father had spent a lifetime of hard work accumulating such wealth. And thus when he got into the far country he was quite unprepared for its flattery, and seduction, with the result that little by little, the rowdies, the prostitutes, the Saigon-tea-girls, and the shysters got everything away from him while he lived loosely.

A very similar situation is faced by many a young soldier in Vietnam with a pocket full of money. No one is ready for life with all its complex struggles, until he has a sense of values and can tell the difference between goods and what is good, between wealth and riches, between happiness and thrills, between sensation and satisfaction, between merit and applause.

Relatively few prodigals are really vicious. Most of them are very attractive people. Most of them have good intentions, but all of them lack perspective. He who has no sense of values will always be a wanderer in a "far country" while the folks back home sit in helpless anxiety. A sense of values is something that no man can give to another but Christ has given us a clue to setting our perspective in order. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be yours as well."

## AUSTRALIA CONT.

When you get the hungers for sea food just drop into Doyle's Pier, it rivals the finest seafood restaurants of Europe. Steaming lobster with hot butter sauce, abalone chowder, deep-fried fresh oysters---everything that tropical seas of Australia's south coast produces. Other good places that are palate-pleasing are the Angus Steak Cave, Le Trianon and the excellent, but small, Belvedere Hotel.

The R&R Center can provide you with guidance on which direction to head in or to find hotels and places to change your money. Above all else, do not project the image of the American tourist. The Aussies are down to earth and expect you to be the same. Happy Hunting!!

## WELCOME TO 4-3

### ALPHA

SP5 Paul Childs - Waynesfield, Ohio  
SP4 Alan Van Devander - Indianapolis, Ind.  
EFC Frank Harris - Asheville, N.C.  
EFC Paul Richardson - Morrillville, Ind.  
EFC Larry Toman - Reed City, Mich.  
PV2 Danny Sailor - Trenton, N.J.

### BRAVO

SP4 William Johnson - Irondale, Ala.  
EFC Ernest Morgan - Chicago, Ill.

### CHARLIE

SP4 Kenneth Copeland - Fennville, Mich.  
SP4 Willie Senien - Washington, La.  
EFC Terry Rasnic - Yenia, Ohio  
EFC Jose Salicks - Los Angeles, Calif.

### DELTA

SSG Allen William - San Francisco, Calif.  
SP4 Leonard Ford - Okolona, Miss.  
SP4 Richard Fricke - Quarter, Mo.  
EFC James Taylor - Richmond, Va.

## RE-UP

What will your future be and what do you plan on doing to improve yourself for the future?

The Army can help you decide if you are interested and qualified.

Just what are some of the things the Army has for the people who stay?

1. Medical care
2. Dental care
3. Periodic pay raises
4. Schooling- even college degrees
5. Variable reenlistment bonus
6. Advancement
7. If Married - Housing
8. Travel
9. Legal counsel
10. Extra cash for special assignments.

You have over 200 different fields from which to choose.

You can get a skilled education if qualified and be paid for your education?

What are some of these skills?

1. Air Traffic Control
2. Aircraft Maintenance
3. Over 100 Service School courses.

See your career counselor for full details. Your career counselor is SFC DeLap at Battalion S1.

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PILL ALWAYS PILL  
EACH TAKE MONDAY  
YOUR PILL  
PILL PILL  
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## PROJECT TRANSITION<sup>4</sup>

A major expansion of Project Transition to include for the first time training programs for bricklayers and environmental science specialists has been approved by the Army for men approaching discharge.

The two new programs will provide job training for more than 1200 Army short timers annually. Since 1967, when Project Transition first began, approximately 65,000 soldiers have completed job training programs. The biggest of the two new Project Transition training programs will be for bricklayers. A 240-hour program under sponsorship of the National Association of Home Builders and the Bricklayers Union will kick-off sometime this spring at five major Army installations.

Each will provide training for 200 men over a 12-month period. Scheduled to begin bricklayer training programs in the near future are Forts Bragg, N.C.; Hood, Tex.; Leonard Wood, Mo.; Riley, Kans.; and Carson, Colorado.

Graduates will be assured of bricklayer jobs upon completion of military service.

Perhaps the more glamorous of the two new courses will be one to train water pollution control technicians. The Interior Department--making its first entry into Project Transition--is asking the Army to set up four 240-hour courses to train Army short-timers as water pollution control technicians.

Interior plans to conduct a pilot course at Fort Belvoir, Va., beginning this month. Training will be provided by Charles Maryland at no expense to soldier participants. Interior hopes to train some 10 to 20 servicemen in the Belvoir experiment which began April 6. Once the training gets under way at Forts Bragg, Hood, and Bliss, Tex., the agency hopes to be conducting four 15-man classes annually at each installation.

At Bragg, the course will be conducted by the Fayetteville Technical Institute; at Bliss by the El Paso Community College and at Hood by the Central Texas in Killeen, Tex.

TRANSITION SERVICES are available at 55 Army installations in the United States. Since January 1968 over 238,000 Army personnel have received counseling on future education and training opportunities. Approximately 86,000 have enrolled in vocational or education courses offered by government, industry and labor organizations with over 65,000 completing their courses of instruction.

The Defense Department is pushing the services, including the Army, to broaden Project Transition counselling services to overseas areas. DoD points out that thousands of men return to the United States each month who have never received any counseling or civilian job training because of service restrictions limiting the program to stateside posts.

## MORTAR QUEEN CONT.

into anything like this, it's really been great for the guy's morale."

Sergeant Robert Rau (Covington, La.) and Specialist Four Crispin Salis (Laredo, Tex.) who have recently returned to the States plan to visit their pen pals from Kewaskum High.

Private First Class Ricky Saddoris (Des Moines, Iowa), received a package and letter from a Kewaskum High girl and had just started writing her when three more girls began to write to him. Said Saddoris, "I am planning to see one of the girls when I return to the 'World' but I haven't decided which one."

## GI BENEFITS

Here are highlights of the educational benefits added to the GI Bill in a law signed by President Nixon.

The monthly payments have been increased as follows: A single veteran, or serviceman on active duty, \$130- \$175; Veteran with one dependent \$155 - \$205; Veteran with two dependents, \$175 - \$230; each additional dependent, \$10 - \$13; and orphans and widows, \$130- \$150.

Tutor assistance for students failing college studies-- Up to \$50 monthly for nine months will be paid but only to failing students, not those who simply want to raise their marks.

Permits payment up to \$175 monthly for tuition fees and book expenses in a special pre-separation education plan for servicemen working toward a high school diploma or attending courses to prepare for college. The plan is open to men with less than 180 days' active duty remaining and the payments are not counted against other GI bill entitlements.

Increases full time vocational rehabilitation training to \$135 per month for single men, \$181 for those with one dependent and \$210 for men with two dependents with \$6 for each additional dependent.

Permits payment of full GI Bill allowances to veterans taking as few as 12 semester hours per week (14 was previous minimum). This applies only to colleges which consider 12 hours "full time study."

## NOTICE

The PSNCO, SFC Baxter, will be on San Juan Hill the second day each company is on the hill to help solve personnel and financial problems.



IN ANY WAR, REGRETFULLY, SOLDIERS MUST DIE. SOMEHOW, PEOPLE LEARN TO EXPECT THIS AND EVEN TO ACCEPT IT. THE LOSS OF NON-COMBATANTS IS, HOWEVER, MORE DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT; AND IS, PERHAPS, ONE OF WAR'S GREATEST TRAGEDIES.

**SAIGON (MACV)** -- The Vietnamese Chaplain's Directorate suffered a great loss recently when 16 of its chaplains were killed and 13 wounded during a communist mortar, rocket and ground attack against the Government of Vietnam's Political Warfare College in Da-lat.

The 35-minute attack began early on the morning of April 1 while the chaplains were resting in their quarters. As non-combatants, the chaplains had no means of defending themselves. Under cover of darkness and heavy fog the communists began their attack. One round touched off a blaze in the mess hall, and the VC used this as a focal point throughout the rest of the attack. The chaplain's quarters are located next to the mess hall, and were reported to be the worst hit during the attack. The slain chaplains included 11 Buddhists, three Protestants and two Catholics.

Even before the attack there was a critical shortage of chaplains in the RVNAF, and the death of 16 chaplains furthering their study in the Chaplains Basic Course, will be deeply felt. A total of 86 chaplains had been attending a seven-week chaplain's training course and were scheduled to graduate and to begin ministering to their people three days after the attack.

Their loss is said to be the biggest loss any military chaplain's corps from any service in the world has ever suffered.

#### CONTRABAND CONT.

objects such as poncho liners. (3) Army postal officers, in the presence of a witness, have the authority to visually inspect the contents of third- and fourth-class mail and Customs officials may open first third- and fourth class parcels. In addition, trained dog teams are used to detect marijuana at USARV units and in parcels at the aerial terminals.

When contraband items--which include explosives; firearms and firearms parts; ammunition; marijuana; narcotics; flammable material; poison and matter containing poison; pornographic material--are found, they are intercepted and turned over to a military investigative agency for possible use as evidence in prosecution of offenders.

Under a new rule, it is now necessary for a soldier mailing a package to present his military identification card to the accepting postal clerk. An agent for the mailer must affix his signature and social security account number to the package. As a result, the soldier is prevented from mailing contraband items under a fictitious name. If contraband items are found in a package, it is a simple matter for authorities to determine who mailed the package.

Because of these intensified efforts by postal officials, the Vietnam soldier looking to capture a prize contraband souvenir may find himself the recipient of a more ominous reminder of his tour overseas. Penalties for mailing contraband items range from a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment for one year to a fine of \$5,000 and imprisonment for five years.

There must be a better way to procure a souvenir.

## HONORS

The Old Guard wishes to take this opportunity to congratulate Specialist Four Wayne Nelson from Echo Company's Reconnaissance Platoon who was the Distinguished Honor Graduate of the class of 5-70. The graduation ceremony for the two-week Reconnaissance School took place on 18 April at the Combat Training Center in Chu Lai. For his hard work and expertise Private First Class Nelson was promoted to Specialist Four and received a well deserved three day in-country R&R.

The Distinguished Honor Graduate is that individual who receives the greatest number of points up to a maximum of 500 points. The point system is broken down into two parts; leadership evaluation, 200 points; and test scores, 300 points. The tests cover such diverse areas as; land navigation; demolitions, tactics, tracking and artillery adjustment.

Specialist Four Nelson now returns to the reconnaissance platoon where he will become a valuable member well versed in the art and science of reconnaissance.

#### DID YOU KNOW

Q. Will you be eligible for GI Bill educational benefits if you accept an Atomic Energy Commission Fellowship or some other type fellowship?

A. Yes, the prohibitions against duplication of benefits has been removed except for two categories:

(1) Servicemen on active duty and pursuing a course of education paid for by the armed forces and (2) an individual attending a course of education or training paid for under the Government Employee's Training Act and whose full salary is being paid to him while so training.



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