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NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Old Guard bids farewell to Major William P. Holmes and extends its appreciation for his contributions to the Battalion. We wish him every success in his new assignment at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

His replacement is Major Soot M. Jew, who was born in Canton, China, and entered the Army in 1952 during the Korean War. After spending two years in the homogeneous rank and file of enlisted men he received an early out to attend school. Major Jew attended the University of California, graduating in December of 1957, with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He received his commission under the ROTC Program upon graduation from the University of California.

During the course of his fourteen years of military service Major Jew has thrice served in South Vietnam. During his first tour in Vietnam in 1963, he served with the 1st Special Forces as B Team Leader in the II Corps area, near Pleiku, and served as A Team Leader and later as S-4. His second tour in Vietnam began in 1967 and again found him serving with the Special Forces in the II Corps area as the Group Comptroller for the 5th Special Forces Group and later as the Executive Officer for the B-50 Special Operations Detachment.

In June 1970, Major Jew found himself faced with a choice between serving in Korea or in Vietnam and requested Vietnam and also requested duty in the field.

Among the many awards and decorations merited
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FLEEING SAPPERS DIE

Two NVA sappers from the 403 Sapper Battalion stalking a unit of the Americal Division's 11th Brigade recently made the mistake of walking into an ambush six miles southwest of Duc Pho. The Third Platoon of Company A, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry was set up on a ridgeline overlooking a major resupply route when the two sappers walked into their perimeter defenses.

"The two NVA sappers must have been tracking us because they were heavily armed and were looking for signs of our presence," said First Lieutenant Gene O. Phillipson (Whitehall, Wis.), 3rd Platoon Leader. "The previous day we killed seven enemy soldiers and I think these two had been sent to hunt us down."

"We were sitting there real quiet when we heard a noise and the brush started crackling," explained Lt. Phillipson. "I glanced over at the next position and saw the men tense; their weapons were pointed toward the sound and one had his claymore detonating device in hand."

The two NVA were within 15 feet of the perimeter when the platoon opened up. Taken completely by surprise, they dropped their weapons and bags of Chicons and evaded through the brush.

The squad immediately took off in pursuit of the now fleeing NVA. They had gone about 100 meters when they saw an NVA lying in the brush. As the Infantrymen approached the area they saw the NVA move and when he did they opened up killing him. Another 20 meters into the brush revealed the second

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VC DERAILED AT JUNCTION

A surprise meeting at a trail junction netted the Americal Division's Company C, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry one VC while working nine miles northwest of Duc Pho. The 11th Infantry Brigade unit was caught by surprise but not off guard.

The Third Platoon was securing a trail junction and preparing an ambush when Private First Class Jose Salichs (Brooklyn, N.Y.), security man, heard three VC talking.

Said Private Salichs, "I was pulling security for the men setting out claymores when I heard some VC talking and saw them through the brush. They were headed right for the trail junction so I turned to warn the men. They didn't hear me so I opened up."

The platoon immediately hit the ground and as they did, Staff Sergeant James E. Hayes (Rocky Point, N.C.) opened up in support of Salichs. One VC was killed instantly, but his two cohorts managed to evade down the trail.

A search of the dead VC turned up two AK-47 magazines and six Chicom hand grenades.

STAY-BEHIND NETS!

Americal Division soldiers from the 11th Brigade recently used an abandoned resupply point as bait to kill one VC in a stay-behind ambush seven and one-half miles west of San Juan Hill.

Bravo Company, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry received resupply late on the afternoon of 5 July and prior to departing the scene, the Company Commander instructed the Second Platoon to position itself in the brush area surrounding the resupply point. About 2100 hours voices were heard in the tall grass to the platoon's front. "All of a sudden I saw a black figure moving toward me," said Private First Class George Romer (Patagonia, Arizona). "We opened up and I knew we got at least one."

It was a long restless night as the platoon remained in its ambush position. "My weapon never left my side all night," said Private Romer.

At dawn the platoon moved out to recon the area and found one dead VC, a few rounds of AK ammunition and a basket of rice. A blood trail was also found leading into the brush.

URUGUAYAN BECOMES YANK

An R&R to Hawaii turned out to be more than just a reunion; it turned out to be the beginning of a new life for an Infantryman from the Americal Division's 11th Infantry Brigade.

Citizenship means many things to many people; for most it determines a way of life. For Specialist Four Michael Halty from Company A, 4th Battalion 3d Infantry, citizenship gives him the opportunity to live in a country he has grown to love and to build a new life with his American wife.

Specialist Halty was born in Montevideo, Uruguay and came to the United States in 1950 when his father obtained a position at Ohio State University as professor of Dramatics. Receiving a sabbatical, Mike accompanied his parents to Paris and Switzerland before returning to Uruguay where he was to spend the next seven years completing his elementary and junior high school education. In 1962 the Halty's returned to the United States to settle in the Los Angeles area where his father was to teach at San Fernando Valley State College. Specialist Halty completed his high school education there and in October 1968 was married to an American citizen. With an occupation in the police department in mind Specialist Halty filed his citizenship papers only to be presented with his draft notice the very next day.

Specialist Halty came to Vietnam as an Infantryman and it was here he had his second chance to become a citizen when he learned that MACV arranges R&Rs to Hawaii to obtain citizenship. Within a matter of days the paper work was completed and Mike was on his way.

May 8th was a day in the life of Specialist Halty which not only reunited him with his wife but also gave him the right to be called an "American". "My wife and work, that is my life, and the United States is where I want to live that life," said Specialist Halty.

In December, Specialist Halty will depart Vietnam for his home in Northridge, California, however, this time Mike is going home as a citizen.

TAKE YOUR ORANGE MALARIA PILL
ON MONDAY
EVERY DAY TAKE YOUR WHITE PILL

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"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," seemed to be the logic applied by the infantrymen from the Americal Division's 11th Brigade when they recently set an ambush one night only to have it sprung and the following day re-set the same ambush; this time, netting the unit two NVA, one AK-47, and one SKS, while on operations 12 miles southwest of Duc Pho.

A reconnaissance platoon from the 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry had set up an ambush along a well used trail located on the east side of a steep, heavily vegetated ridgeline in the early evening hours of 23 June. Several hours later the sound of an exploding claymore pierced the darkness of the night but when a unit from the reconnaissance platoon checked out the area it could find no signs of recent enemy activity.

The following day another ambush was reset at the same location and the platoon moved back into the heavy brush area to await the unexpected. Specialist Four Wayne Nelson (Toronto, S. Dakota) said, "We moved back into the heavy brush area to secure the well traveled trail and also a small trail that converged on it from higher ground."

An hour later the blast of a claymore broke the stillness of the early morning. One element was left behind to

secure the high ground and another element lead by First Lieutenant Marcel Lettre (Milwaukee, Wis.), Recon Platoon Leader, cautiously moved down to the trail junction. "We had just entered

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: CAPTAIN JAMES J. SCHWEBACH.

Captain Schwebach distinguished himself by intrepid actions on 29 May 1970 while serving with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, Captain Schwebach was aboard a Command and Control Helicopter when he learned of a Light Observation Helicopter that had been shot down by enemy fire near Tan Pho. Reacting immediately to the urgency of the situation, Captain Schwebach flew to the area of contact. Arriving in the vicinity of the downed aircraft, Captain Schwebach's ship came under fire from an unknown size enemy force. After his ship touched down, Captain Schwebach braved a continuing barrage of hostile fire while maneuvering toward the downed craft. After reaching the helicopter, Captain Schwebach extracted a wounded crew member and carried the casualty back to the Command and Control Ship. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he then returned to the Light Observation Helicopter and carried another seriously wounded comrade through the enemy fusillade to the evacuation craft. Through his timely and courageous actions, Captain Schwebach was instrumental in saving the life of a fellow soldier. His personal heroism, professional competence, and devotion to duty

are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service, and reflect great credit upon himself, the Americal Division, and the United States Army.

the main trail when we heard voices and the sound of something meaning," said SPL Nelson. "We went another 15 meters and then we heard a scream that stopped us dead in our tracks." The pointman, Private First Class Cyril Kirkland (San Francisco, Calif.) immediately set up forward security and the rear element set up rear security. Lieutenant Lettre decided to recon the area with hand grenades and when the last explosion was heard, Lt. Lettre, Staff Sergeant Stephen Andrews (Santa Barbara, Calif.) and Sergeant Douglas Gravelley (Avon, Montana) moved into the brush area to the right of the trail and slowly crawled through the thick brush to the reconned area. Lieutenant Lettre had just entered a small open area off the main trail when an NVA soldier opened up on full automatic. Lieutenant Lettre immediately opened up on the AK carry-point blank range

AWARDS

Below is a list of Achievement and Valor Awards which have been approved during the month of June. (A- Achievement, CIB- Combat Infantryman Badge, CMB- Combat Medical Badge).

HEADQUARTERS

LLT Nickels, Dennis
 SSG Herbert, Leon
 SP4 Toriani, Pasquale
 PFC Beltran, Gonzalo
 PFC Best, Edward
 PFC Campbell, Charles
 PFC Chereck, Robert
 PFC Duplochain, Andrus
 PFC Hackworth, Lloyd
 PFC Iverson, Gerald
 PFC Jones, Gray
 PFC Scott, Robert

CMB

PFC Steffen, Donald
 PFC Tabata, James
 PFC Templeton, Clarence
 PFC Riddle, Michael
 PFC Rivas, Jose
 PFC Rollins, Alfred
 PFC Secare, Steven
 PFC Sherrod, Clifton
 PFC McKay, Robert
 PFC Duffie, Jodie
 PFC Elias, Lyle
 PFC Esteves, Frank
 PFC Fansler, Rox
 PFC Goff, David
 PFC Ruggles, Walter

BRAVO

SGT Colegrove, Douglas
 SGT Gernertt, Billy
 SGT Johnson, Robert
 SGT Mayhew, Daniel
 SGT Nichols, Timothy
 SGT Sumpter, George

CIB

DELTA
 LLT Prince, Theodore
 2LT Conaway, Lawrence
 SSG Alderman, Morgan
 SSG Andrews, Stephen
 SGT Hill, William
 SGT Kramer, Glenn
 SGT Temple, Leroy
 SGT Davis, James
 SGT Day, Albert
 SGT Deak, James
 SGT Dickenson, Larry
 SP4 Allard, Jerry
 SP4 Bigham, Phillip
 SP4 Boyd, Jack

CHARLIE

CPT Brooks, Richard
 LLT Atkinson, Richard
 LLT Provas, Nicholas
 SSG Blankenship, Horace
 SGT Isler, John
 SGT Peterson, George
 SGT Gibbs, Kenneth
 SGT Morse, Raymond
 SGT Sabella, Michael
 PFC Lubben, Michael
 PFC McCall, John
 PFC Peavy, Roy
 PFC Pitre, Leo
 PFC Haynes, Michael
 PFC Hosea, Dwayne
 PFC Kaletta, William
 PFC Kocess, Gary
 PFC Lorence, Larry
 PFC Thompson, Raymond
 PFC Titus, Harold
 PFC Wright, John
 PFC Ybarra, Louis
 PFC Zante, Paterno
 PFC Shuler, Ernest
 PFC Snider, Danny

CIB

SP4 Cleveland, Grover
 SP4 Earl, David
 SP4 Fenner, Robert
 SP4 Hoopes, Lindley
 SP4 James, Rodney
 SP4 McDonald, Randall
 SP4 Mills, Donald
 SP4 Ramirez, Alfonso
 SP4 Minninger, Larry
 SP4 Starkey, Jeffery
 SP4 Talley, Raymond
 SP4 Tredennick, John
 SP4 White, Robert
 SP4 Woods, Paul
 SP4 Young, Larry

ACM"AN

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zine. Simultaneously, Sergeant Andrews and Sergeant Gravely opened up to give Lieutenant Lettre support and when the firing ceased one NVA lay dead not more than five meters from Lt. Lettre's feet.

A search of the area revealed another dead NVA who was apparently killed by the blast of the exploding claymore. One AK-47, one SKS rifle, and two Hand grenades were also confiscated.

AWARDS

DELTA CONT.

SP4 Zajicek, John	ACM-A*
SP4 Haner, Norman	"
SP4 Benford, Robert	"
SP4 Bethea, Andrews	"
SP4 Bond, James	"
SP4 Green, Gayle	"
SP4 Kapala, Mark	"
SP4 Mason, Taroo	"
SP4 Peterson, Donald	"
PFC Stumpf, John	CIB
PFC Trimble, Leroy	"
PFC Wunderlich, Edward	"
PFC Wynkoop, Melvin	"
PFC Belvins, David	"
PFC McChesney, Larry	"
PFC Pernick, Daniel	"
PFC Reed, Charles	"
PFC Scott, Lee	"
PFC Brondyke, Jerry	"
PFC Copeland, Jimmy	"
PFC Deaguero, Joe	"
PFC Denoui, Orville	"
PFC Zaunmiller, Stanley	"
PFC Brown, Andy	"
PV2 Kell, Roderick	"
PFC Dowels, Melvin	"
PFC Ellwood, Steven	"
PFC Ives, John	"
PFC McCabo, Robert	"
PFC Bethel, Jerry	"
PFC Bohlender, Donald	"
PFC Cornell, John	"
PFC Fathauer, Michael	"
PFC Hill, Earl	"
PFC Lane, Danny	"
PFC Rick, Daniel	"
PFC Russell, Ira	"
PFC Walker, Marvin	"
PFC Toster, William	"

ECHO

SSG Travis, Frank	ACM-A*
SGT Graveley, Douglas	"
SGT Haines, Jeremiah	"
SGT Mathis, Larry	"
SGT McDonald, John	"
SGT Staron, Robert	"
SP4 Anderson, Richard	"
SGT Stratton, Robert	"
SP4 Barnes, Larry	"
SP4 Bolcher, William	"
SP4 Bradley, Timothy	"
SP4 Brockschmidt, Dennis	"

NEW SGLI COVERAGE

NEW SERVICEMEN'S GROUP LIFE INSURANCE (SGLI) POLICY RATES: Effective 25 June 1970 all personnel entitled to basic coverage of Servicemen's Group Life Insurance are automatically insured for \$15,000.00, including those who had previously declined SGLI, had reduced rates for less coverage, or had lost it through AWOL of more than 30 consecutive days. New waivers for reduced coverage or declination of coverage must be completed and dated after 25 June 70. However any previous beneficiary designated on file will remain valid. Effective 1 July 70 premiums for basic coverage are increased to \$3.00 per month (\$1.00 for each \$5,000.00). Conversion of SGLI to a commercial policy can no longer be accomplished while on active duty or within the 120 day period after release from active duty. Effective date of such conversion will be the 121st day of release from active duty, unless the member has a total disability. Any member leaving service with a total disability has one year rather than 120 days to convert SGLI to a commercial policy.

FLEEING SAPPERS

NVA and a quick burst of automatic weapons fire brought to two the number of sappers killed.

A search of the area revealed an AK-47, an AK-50, plus two sacks of Chi-com grenades.

CAN YOU QUALIFY

If you are E-5, with under two years of Military service you can get a re-enlistment bonus of \$2,817.00.

YOU MUST

1. Have your C.O.'s recommendation
2. Pass a physical examination
3. Be a United States citizen
4. Have no Article 15's within the past 6 months or lost time.

STAY INFANTRY - SEE SFC REYNOLDS
BN RE-UP NCO

AWARDS

ECHO CONT.

SP4 Crawford, George	AGM 4A
SP4 Dunlap, Richard	"
SP4 Ford, Roger	"
SP4 Gordon, Randolph	"
SP4 Leithoiter, Stephen	"
SP4 Magnuson, Wayne	"
SP4 Santucci, Lawrence	"
SP4 Szarka, Dale	"
SP4 Tucker, Bernease	"
SP4 Wilhelm, Elmer	"
SP4 Williams, John	"
SP4 Easler, Frank	"
PFC Anderson, George	"
PFC Anderson, Dennis	"
PFC Footman, Richard	"
PFC Frizzell, Fred	"
PFC Johnson, Robert	"
PFC Paczesny, Thomas	"
PFC Sandefor, Michael	"
PFC Smith, Floyd	"
PFC Smith, Oscar	"
PFC Taylor, Larry	"
PFC Theusch, Francis	"
PFC Treadman, John	"
PFC Wolf, Dale	"
PFC Woodward, Kenneth	"
PFC Engebertson, Edward	"
PV2 Saddoris, Ricki	"

NEW X-O CONT

During his career, Major Jew has received the Combat Infantry Badge, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star for Meritorious Achievement, the Army Commendation Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Vietnamese Service Medal, the Vietnamese Campaign Medal, the Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal.

During the course of an interview with the Old Guard reporter, Major Jew said, "I am looking forward to seeing people both in the rear and in the field. I am happy to be the Executive Officer for this Battalion and hope to carry on its high traditions." Major Jew feels that this Battalion is going places as shown by its impressive record. He said that he would work 24 hours a day to keep the Battalion running smoothly.

Major Jew's wife and four daughters, ranging in age from nine months to nine years of age, now reside in Taipei, Taiwan.

MEDICS REPEL ATTACK

A unit from the Americal Division's 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry recently came under an intense ground attack from an unknown size enemy force while securing Fire Support Base Cadette, located five and one-half miles northwest of San Juan Hill.

Enemy movement in the area had been intense during the initial establishment of the Fire Support Base. "It was about noon on the 5th of July when the "Reds" breached the perimeter and cut off the Medical Platoon from the remainder of the security forces," said Platoon Sergeant Willie Morgan from Colorado Spring, Colo.

Captain Lawrence Wan (Hong Kong), Battalion Surgeon, immediately consolidated his defenses and rapidly held a briefing to plan the counter assault phase. "The enemy had already secured an area about 20 meters in front of the Medical Platoon bunker," said Sergeant Morgan.

Captain Wan decided that it would be best to use gas to drive back the massive wave attack. After a series of gas attacks the enemy was still holding onto the terrain they had secured earlier that day.

Realizing the ineffectiveness of the DDT, Captain Wan immediately threw down his gas drum and began to fight the "Reds" foot-to body. It seems that the "Reds" were ants that had decided that they would not be driven from their homes.

For his skill and daring the Medical Platoon has decided to award Captain Wan a plaque for service above and beyond the call of duty upon his departure from Vietnam.

OLD GUARD

LTC Philip D. Grimm	CO
1LT Reed A. Simmons	SL
SGT Robert E. Daniels	REPORTER

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