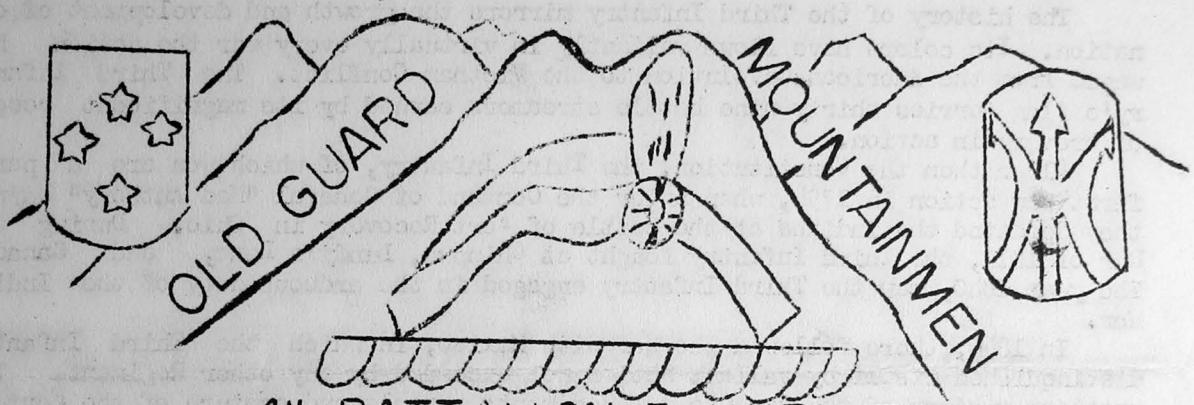


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4th BATTALION 3rd INFANTRY

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ALPHA HITS IT BIG

Four AK-47's, one RPG Launcher with RPG's, and 30 Chi Com grenades made up the bulk of the items confiscated when the 11th Brigade Mountainmen netted six NVA in one days action while operating 9 miles south east of Fire Support Base San Juan Hill.

Set up on a well used trail along a ridgeline; one NVA carrying an AK-47, 50 rounds of AK ammunition and food, walked into an early ambush set up by the Third Platoon of Alpha Company, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. "We heard movement coming down the trail toward our location, so when the NVA entered our kill zone, we blew the claymore." reported Sergeant George Larsh (Pontiac, Mich.). The area was reconned with M-79 and hand grenades before being entered. The lone NVA was found dead on the trail and confiscated from the scene were the items he carried.

With numerous signs of enemy activity in the area another ambush was set up further down the trail, an ambush which, eventually was to net the mountainmen five more NVA before the day was up.

The Third Platoon did not see action again until late that same afternoon when voices were again heard moving down the trail toward the awaiting infantrymen's location. "We thought there were only two (Cont. on Pg. 3 Col 2)

BRAVO NETS 1

A surprise sighting recently aided the Infantrymen of the Americal Division's 11th Brigade as the Mountainmen netted one VC while on combat operations five miles south of fire Support Base San Juan Hill.

Patroling the top of a ridgeline for possible night ambush positions the members of Bravo Company 4th Battalion 3d Infantry spotted two VC 400 meters from their location in the rice paddies below. "We had not found any signs of activity in the immediate area, so spotting the two VC was an unexpected surprise to us." reported Sergeant Richard Sumpter (Shady Side, Maryland). Making the sighting while still high on the ridgeline the platoon quickly moved down to lower ground for better firing positions. Sensing the apparent danger one VC began evading into the nearest woodline, this forced the platoon to open fire earlier than anticipated. Placing effective fire with M-60 and M-79 rounds into the area, one VC was seen lying in the rice paddies below.

The Platoon immediately moved down the ridgeline to check out the area of contact. Moving in cautiously the men found one dead VC with no signs of the one evading VC. The dead VC carried nothing of value. The Platoon again moved back up the ridgeline to continue their search for ambush locations.

THE OLD GUARD: A PROUD HERITAGE

The history of the Third Infantry mirrors the growth and development of our nation. Its colors have flown valiantly in virtually every war the nation has waged from the American Revolution to the Vietnam Conflict. The Third Infantry's flag carries thirty-nine battle streamers earned by its magnificent record of bravery in action.

Older than the Constitution, the Third Infantry, of which you are a part, first saw action in 1794, when under the Command of General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, they defeated the Indians at the battle of Fort Recovery in Ohio. During the War of 1812, the Third Infantry fought at Chippewa, Lundy's Lane, and Canada. The year 1840, saw the Third Infantry engaged in the arduous duty of the Indian War.

In 1846, there followed the War with Mexico, in which the Third Infantry distinguished itself by valiant action not exceeded by any other Regiment. The greatest victory of the war was the Regiments assault and capture of the Fort of Monterey. Because of its gallant and vital part in the campaign the capture of Mexico City was the result. Because of its success in storming the heavily defended heights of Chapultepec with fixed bayonets, the Third Infantry was accorded the honor of marching at the head of the column when the victorious Army made its triumphant entry into the City. As the Third Infantry approached, General Winfield Scott removed his hat and turning to the members of his staff said "Gentlemen take off your hats to the "Old Guard" of the Army." It was the "Old Guard" that the Regiment has been known and honored as throughout the Army since that time.

In Texas, in 1860, the Regiment prepared to return to the north when the clouds of the Civil War lowered in 1861. From Texas the Regiment traveled east to arrive in time to participate in the first Battle of Bull Run. It also fought in Gettysburg, Manasses, Antietam, Fredricksburg, and Chancellorsville. Although reduced in strength to about 200 men and Officers, the Old Guard was present at the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox in April, 1865.

In 1898, the years of comparative quiet ended as the battle-ready unit was the first Regiment ordered to Cuba when the War with Spain broke out. The Old Guard was also sent to the Philipines where it saw action in the Philipine Insurrection. In March of 1945, the Third Infantry was attached to the 106th Division. The Old Guard raced across Germany corraling thousands of prisoners in the final drive to victory against the Axis Powers.

During November of 1946 the unit was deactivated, until April of 1948, when it was reactivated at an impressive ceremony on the U.S. Capitol Plaza. It was at this time, in keeping with the tradition and glory of the Old Guard that it received the assignment of guarding the heart of our homeland, the Nation's Capitol. During the next decade the Third Infantry assumed the duties of Serving as personal escort to Presidents of the United States; marching as lead element in Inagurals, Armed Forces and other parades, Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; planning and coordinating State Funerals and participating in arrivals and departures for American and Foreign Dignitaries.

In August of 1966, the 4th Battalion 3d Infantry was activated at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, as part of the newly formed 11th Infantry Brigade, for deployment to combat in the Republic of Vietnam. The Battalion arrived in Vietnam on 15 December 1967. Since that time we have made an enviable record for ourselves in battle. We have participated in exercises with the 196th and 198th Infantry Brigades and the Battalion holds the Brigade record for finding the largest weapons cache to date, 134 individual and crew-served weapons.



ALPHA NETS 6

NVA coming since we heard only two people talking, so we only detonated one claymore," said Sergeant James Rippel (Neenah, Wis.). The area was again reconed with M-79 and hand grenades before being entered by the men. With good security out on the trails the men cautiously entered the area. To the surprise of most, not two but four NVA were found spaced five meters apart on the trail. "We thought there were only a couple of NVA so it was a surprise to see how much damage the one claymore actually did," reported PFC Gordon Pooley (Jackson Heights, New York). Confiscated from the four NVA were two AK-47's, one RPG launcher with RPG's, Charges and fuses, 30 ChiCom grenades, and 26 one pound explosives. Another claymore was set up near the bodies in hopes that their companions would be around.

The arrival of the victim's cohort was sooner than expected however, when Staff Sergeant Stephen Jones (Kokomo, Ind.) and two other members of the Platoon, pulling security spotted and engaged another NVA moving down the trail in their direction. This final action resulted in one NVA killed, and another AK-47 confiscated.

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To obtain a ballot the requirements for a few states are as follows---
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Maryland: Must be a resident of the State one year and of the county or city for six months. The ballot must be returned to the clerk no later than 10 days before the election.

Maine: Must be a resident for 6 months and of the city for 3 months. The ballot must be returned no later than 10 days before the election. The voter must be able to read the constitution and write his name.

Wisconsin: Servicemen need not register to vote. The individual must be a resident of the state for 6 months and of the district or precinct for ten days. The FPCA card must be mailed to the Clerk of the city or town.

California: May apply by FPCA to the County Clerk, County of residence. Ballot must be voted and returned to the Clerk by 5 P.M. the day before the election. FPCA will serve as registration application for those not registered.

Iowa: Send FPCA to County Clerk or the city auditor in the place of residence. You may register by mail excusing the affidavit on the back of the ballot envelope. Voted ballot must reach election officials before the day of the election.

Virginia: Apply to the Secretary of the State of Richmond or the State Board of elections, Richmond Va.. Registration is not necessary for members of the Armed Forces.

West Virginia: Must be a resident of, the state for one year, and of the County or municipality 60 days. The FPCA card must be returned to the Clerk no later than 30 days before the election.

New Mexico: Mail FPCA to the county of residency, County Clerk, to obtain absentee ballot. FPCA must reach the Clerk 28 days before the election.

AWARDS

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

ALPHA

SGT Ted Jackson	ACM" A"
SGT Larry Kendrick	ACM" A"
SPL George Murphy	"
SPL Gary Field	"
SPL John Wright	"
PFC Hector Maldonado	"
PFC Michael McNally	"
PFC Larry Tomen	"
PFC Tommy Vestal	"
PFC Berry Croy	ACM" A"
PFC Steven Emkes	"
PFC George Hutchings	"
PV2 Terry Melvin	"
SFC Robert Holden	BS" S"
SGT Robert Philips	BS" S"
SPL John Bradley	"
SPL Billy Burrell	"
SPL Michael Gast	"
SPL Dale McEwen	"
PFC Edward Haynes	"

BRAVO

LLT Steven Riggs	BS" S"
SGT Wayne Bach	BS" S"
SGT James Martin	"
SPL Alton Bray	"
SPL Domingo Lozada	ACM" A"
PFC Andrew Gomez	ACM" A"
PFC Charles Roop	"
PFC Dale Carver	"
PFC Danny Canada	"

CHARLIE

SGT David Fischer	ACM" A"
SGT Stephen Jones	ACM" A"
PFC Jerry Bowlin	"
SPL William Boatwright	BS" S"
SPL Doyle Ross	BS" S"
PFC Howard Johnson	"
PFC Russell Meyer	"
PFC Danny Snider	ACM" A"
PFC Donald Steffens	ACM" A"

THE BRONZE STAR IS AWARDED TO:

FIRST LIEUTENANT MARCEL LETTRE distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous, actions on 24 June 1970 while serving as Platoon Leader with Company E, 4th Battalion 3d Infantry. On that date, Lieutenant Lettre was leading a combat patrol against a well equipped enemy force southwest of Dic Pho. In the initial phase of the operation, a claymore mine was successfully employed against the insurgents. Realizing the need for further reconnaissance of the area, Lieutenant Lettre unhesitatingly moved against the contact area. Upon entering the dense vegetated position, he suddenly came under heavy small arms fire from a location nearby. Reacting immediately and with complete disregard for his personal safety, he refused to withdraw from his vulnerable position and placed a devastating column of retaliatory fire against the enemy. Remaining exposed to the hostile rounds, he succeeded in silencing the insurgents without endangering his fellow soldiers. Through his timely and courageous actions, he contributed greatly to the overall success of the mission.

STAFF SERGEANT JERRY L. COLE distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous, actions on 11 March 1970 while serving with Company D, 4th Battalion 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was conducting routine combat operations near, Nhol Loc when it was assaulted by a large enemy force. Reacting immediately and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Cole repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy barrage while deploying his men and directing their fire on several hostile emplacements, gaining fire superiority over the insurgents. As the enemy started to withdraw Sergeant Cole began organizing the evacuation of friendly casualties. Despite the danger involved, Sergeant Cole again exposed himself to the enemy rounds while directing the movement of the wounded 600 meters over rugged terrain to medical evacuation helicopters. Through his timely and courageous actions, Sergeant Cole was instrumental in thwarting the enemy attack and served as an inspiration to his entire unit.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DOUGLAS E. AYERS distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 28 June 1970 while serving as grenadier with Company C, 4th Battalion 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was conducting routine combat operations when it was assaulted by an unknown size enemy force. During the ensuing battle the grenadier in the lead element of the friendly forces exhausted his supply of ammunition. Reacting immediately to the urgency of the situation, Private Ayers rushed forward through the hostile barrage to a strategic position. Unhesitatingly engaging the insurgents with highly effective fire, he succeeded in silencing several enemy emplacements and forcing the hostile element from the area. Through his timely and courageous actions, Private Ayers was instrumental in thwarting the enemy attack and served as an inspiration to his entire unit.

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