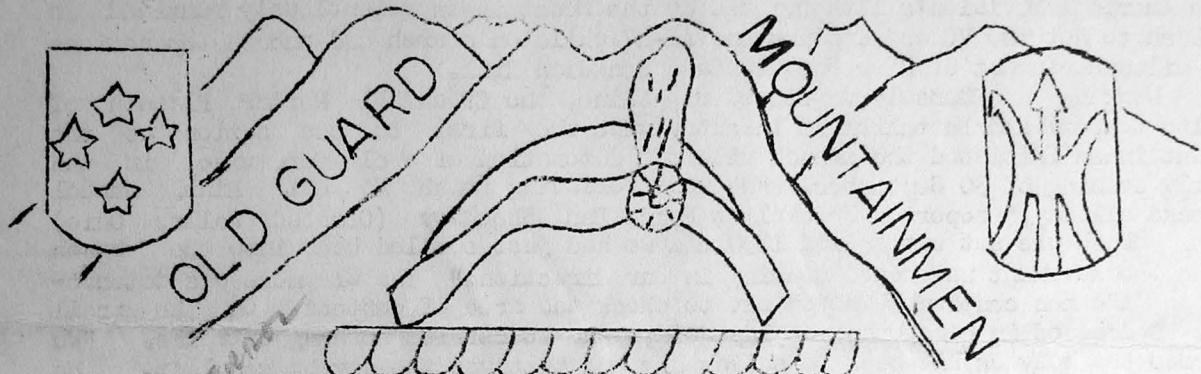


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TO THE MOUNTAINMEN OF 4/3 THE NEW CO

"This is one of the proudest moments of my life for I have relinquished command of a Battalion that has gained a hard earned self-confidence and proven ability to accomplish its mission anywhere, anytime.

But more then that I am proud because I have served with you who have had the guts, determination and the will to succeed where the faint hearted would have thrown in the towel.

I am proud because, I am proud of each and every one of you; you who have kicked the hell out of the enemy wherever and whenever we have found him.

The way has been hard both in what you have endured and what you have accomplished. Pull back your shoulders, hold your heads high, let no one who has not humped a rick in the bush, or crawled hand over hand up a mountain, or hacked an LZ till his hands ran with blood, or shot it out with a little bastard from 6 to 60 intent on zapping you, or sweated through a night long ambush; let no man ever tell you, you are no less an American Infantrymen then those who have gone before you in times past. Let no man tell you Americans are soft for you know, you've been there.

And finally let this awful experience fill your hearts with pride in yourself and your buddies from the knowledge that you have
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The Old Guard Mountainmen wish to take this opportunity to welcome Lieutenant Colonel Albert F. Coast to the 4th Battalion 3d Infantry. LTC Coast took command of the 4th Battalion 3d Infantry on October 5, 1970, with 15 years of experience and prior service.

LTC Coast was commissioned in May of 1955 through the ROTC Program after graduating with a BS in Animal Husbandry from Oklahoma A&M. After attending the Basic Infantry Officers Course at Fort Benning Georgia, LTC

Coast was then assigned to Fort Polk Louisiana where he served in the capacity of Recon Platoon Leader and Scout Platoon Leader, for the 701st Armored Infantry Battalion. Before going to Korea in December of 1957 LTC Coast attended the Infantry Motor Transportation School at Fort Benning Georgia. In Korea, LTC Coast served as Executive Officer for Headquarters Company 2nd Battle Group 4th Cavalry Division, he was also S-3 Air. Returning to the United States in December of 1958 LTC Coast attended the U.S. Military Intelligence School after which he was assigned as Intelligence Officer of the First Army Research Group.

1962 found LTC Coast attending Ranger School at Fort Benning Georgia after which he also attended the Infantry Officers Career Course at the same post.
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AMBUSHES PAYOFF FOR DELTA

The swift rains of the beginning of monsoon didn't stop the Infantrymen of the Americal Division's 11th Brigade as the Mountainmen relentlessly remained in ambush to net two VC and capture one AK-47 while on search and ambush operations 11 miles northwest of Fire Support Base San Juan Hill.

Working on a densely vegetated ridgeline, the CP and 81 Mortar Platoon of Delta Company 4th Battalion 3d Infantry were the first to see action as the Mountainmen initiated the ambush with the detonation of a claymore mine, in the early evening of 30 September. "We were following freshly Ho Chi Minh sandal tracks all day," reported Specialist Four Dan Shockley (Olmsted Falls, Ohio) "The ambush was set out around 1730 and we had just settled back into the brush when the movement was heard coming in our direction." The Claymore was detonated and the men cautiously moved out to check the area of contact. On the trail one VC, dressed in black pajamas lay dead, the VC carried nothing of value. "We turned the body on his back to search him and that was the way he was left. We moved back into the ambush position and heard nothing the rest of the night. The next morning the body was turned over on his stomach with his hands spread under him. We didn't move him because we were afraid someone may have booby-trapped the body during the night," added Specialist Shockley.

The First Platoon of Delta Company set their ambush about the same time as the CP and 81's did but did not see action until late that night. Working the same ridgeline about 500 meters below the CP group the darkness of the night shock with the detonation of a claymore mine. The area could not be checked out until early the next morning so the men waited restlessly through the night. When first light arrived the men moved to check out the area of contact. To their surprise nothing was found on the trail. "It was raining pretty hard so that (Continued on page 4, Column 1)

BRAVO FINDS BASE CAMP A BEAR VISITS CHARLIE

Enemy base camps whether old or new are plentiful in the AO of the 11th Brigade's 4th Battalion 3d Infantry. Most are small with a few bunkers and hooches. Recently, however the members of Bravo Company came across an enormous, Battalion size base camp while operating on Iron Mountain 9 miles northwest of Fire Support Base San Juan Hill.

While moving along a trail on the western slopes of Iron Mountain the point Specialist Four James Ambrowiak (New Berlin, Wisc.) spotted freshly cut bamboo along the side of the trail. Proceeding cautiously along, a large combination base camp and training area was found. "The base camp was new and being rebuilt, it had been cleared out in the last five days," said Lt. Michael Monaghan (Satellite Beach, Fla.) Platoon Leader of the Second Platoon. The base camp contained 50 hooches and bunkers, (Cont'd on pg. 3 Vol 1)

Human beings are not the only creatures which utilise the numerous trails in Vietnam as was learned by Charlie Company 4th Battalion 3d Infantry when the Mountainmen bagged a bear while working in ambush four miles north of San Juan Hill.

"It was late at night when we heard someone stomping down the trail towards us," said Staff Sergeant Hayes (Rocky Point, N.C.). "At that very same moment movement was also heard to our rear. Since our claymores were facing the trail only a few men opened up with the claymore and M-16's while the rest of the Squad sprayed the area to our rear." Being to dark to check out the area, the Squad spent a very restless night in ambush waiting for daylight to break. When dawn finally arrived the men moved out onto the trail only to find to their surprise a 150 pound bear lying in their midst.

BRAVO FINDS BASE CAMP

classrooms, a mess hall and combination sapper training area and obstical course made of barbed wire. Numerous documents were found in the camp along with one RPG round, two Bangalor Torpedos, 50 pounds of corn, binoculars, and numerous other small items. Among the documents, attendence records and photographs were confiscated. All hooches and bunkers were destroyed and the platoon moved on in hopes of finding traces of the occupants.

CHANGE OF COMMAND cont.

met the crucible of combat. You are good men. I will never ever forget you I salute you.

With this speech LTC Philip D Grimm relinquished command of the 4th Battalion 3d Infantry to its new Commanding Officer LTC Albert F. Coast.

LTC Grimm compiled an enviable record while serving as Battalion Commander he has recorded over 114 enemy kills and has set a new standard for excellence in the Battalion. His knowledge of combat and ambush tactics are unmatched as proven by the fact that LTC Grimm was invited to Battalions in other Divisions to explain his theories on combat tactics.

In remarks by Major General A.E. Milloy, Commanding General of the Americal Division, the General congratulated LTC Grimm on the fine job he has done for the Battalion and complimented the Colonel on his unique skills in combat leadership.

During the period as Commander of, the 4th Battalion 3d Infantry LTC Grimm received numerous awards and decorations among which the more prominent are the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross and Silver Star.

The Old Guard Mountainmen wish to express their thanks to LTC Grimm on the fine job he has done for the Battalion and extend to him the best of luck in his new assignment at Fort Monroe, Va.

LOCK IT UP

As of late numerous items have been reported missing or stolen in the rear of the 4th Battalion 3d Infantry and on San Juan Hill. The Battalion Executive Officer Major Jew stresses that all items of value such as radios, tape players, and cameras should be locked up when not in use. Each company provides a safe in its orderly room for those who do not possess secure space of their own. Serial numbers of weapons and other government property issued to the individual should be recorded for your protection. The serial numbers of MPC in denominations of ten dollars and higher should also be recorded as well as anyother serial numbers of personal items.

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RECON NETS I

A stay behind ambush pays off as the Mountainmen of the 11th Brigade not one VC while working three miles north of Fire Support Base San Juan Hill.

Securing the Command Group and Four Duce Mortar Platoon, while the Battalion was operating in the area of the 516 valley; Recon 4th Battalion 3d Infantry, remained behind as a stay-behind ambush after the Command Group was removed from the hill. Set back in the woodline approximately 50 meters from the old NDP, on the morning of the 3d of October, Recon spotted 3 VC in the old sight. PFC Douglas Leifleit (Yorksville, Ill.) was the first to sight the enemy and quickly informed the other members of the platoon to move up on line. In an instant the firing began as the men unleashed the power of their M-16's and 79's. Reconning as they moved down to the sight of contact the men found one VC dead and the blood trails of another. Following the trail of the wounded VC the men were unable to find the body. Searching the dead VC's body the men found nothing of substancial value, thus moved back into ambush.

DELT A CONT.

night have been the noises we heard on the trail," reported Specialist Four Steven Ball (Carteret, N.J.), "We set another claymore and moved back into our ambush position to eat breakfast." As the men ate movement was again heard on the trail to their front. Quietly the men waited. Another claymore initiated the action as the men moved out reconning with M-16's. Lying wounded and moaning on the trail was one VC, an AK-47 lay to his side. The medic was called as was a dustoff, however the VC died before the dustoff could arrive.

Confiscated from the scene was one AK-47, one magazine containing 30 rounds of AK ammunition and some food. All was evacuated to LZ San Juan.

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REMEMBER..... AWOL time is bad time and bad time adds to your DEROS. If you would like to extend your tour in Vietnam just go AWOL.

OLD GUARD

LTC ALBERT F. COAST

CO

1LT REED A. SIMMONS

SI

SP4 JAMES TABATA

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AWARDS

Below is a list of Achievement and Service awards which have been approved during the month of September. (A-Achievement, S-Service, GCM- Good Conduct Medal)

HEADQUARTERS

SP5 Frank Ridener	BS"S"
SFC Toth Mihaley	ACM"A"
SP5 Arnold Hines	GCM
SGT Roger Deskins	GCM
SP4 Alexander Ceserano	"
SP4 Edward Claesson	"
SP4 Richard Hughes	"
SP4 Kenneth Magary	"
SP4 James Smith	"
SP4 Paul Wood	"
PFC Franklin Davila-Morales	"

ALPHA

SP4 Harry Cyphers	ACM"A"
SP4 Timothy Morgan	ACM"A"
SGT Wayne Brown	GCM
SGT Harry Clark	GCM
SGT Robert Fossett	"
SGT James Rippl	"
SP4 Ben Philpott	"
SP4 John Riley	"
SP4 David Robb	"
SP4 Stephen Watson	"

BRAVO

SP4 William Johnston	BS"S"
SGT Wayne Bach	GCM
SGT Robert Sanders	GCM
SGT Richard Seaman	"
SP4 Phillip Girardin	"
SP4 George Ruby	"
SP4 John Walts	"
PFC George Kingston	"

CHARLIE

SGT James Kirk	BS"S"
1LT Bruce Suffern	BS"S"
1LT William Gaudet	"
SP4 Larry Lowrance	ACM"A"
SGT Kenneth Kroll	GCM

DELTA

SP4 Charles O'Neil	BS"S"
SGT Terry Barber	GCM
SGT John Cavanagh	GCM
SGT Jack Boyd	GCM
SP4 John Kilberg	BS"S"
SP4 William Tester	ACM"A"
SP4 Earl Hill	ACM"A"
SP4 Jerry Allard	"

ECHO

1SG Clarence Dempsey	BS"A"
SGT David Garrett	BS"S"
PFC John McCall	ACM"A"

THE NEW CO

In March of 1963 LTC Coast was sent to Germany to act as S-3 Air for Headquarters Company 1st Battalion 23 Infantry. Returning to the United States in September of the same year LTC Coast attended the U.S. Ground Air Operations School before being assigned to Hawaii to serve as S-3 Air and Assistant G-1 for the 25th Infantry Division. His first tour in Vietnam came in 1966 where he was S-3 for the 4th Battalion 23 Infantry of the 25th Division.

LTC Coast attended the Marine Corp Staff College before moving to Washington D.C. from 1968 to 1970 to act as Personnel Management Officer, Office of Personnel Directory. He also served as Executive Officer in the Office of Personnel Directory. LTC Coast worked in Washington until he was assigned to his second tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam as Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion 3d Infantry.

Among the many awards received by LTC Coast include the Combat Infantrymen's Badge, Soldiers Medal, Bronze Star with first Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with first Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, and Vietnamese Gallantry Cross.

LTC Coast is married with two children who are now residing in Alexandria, Virginia.

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