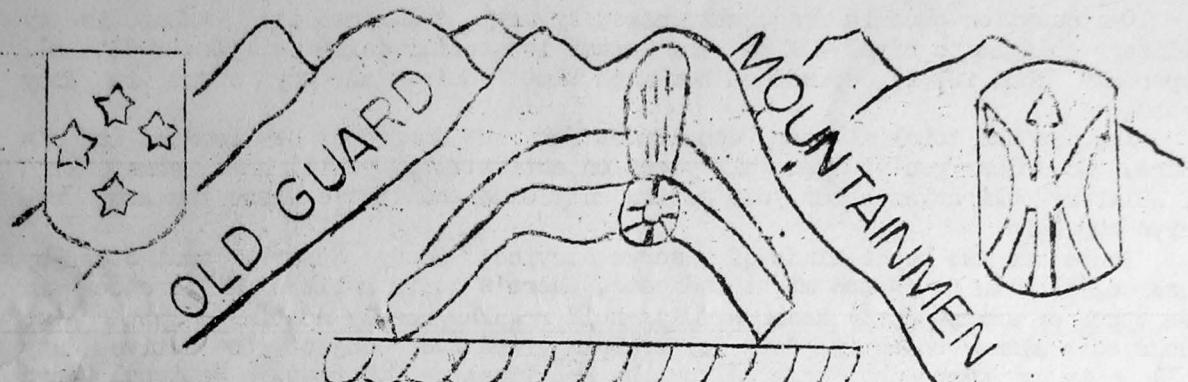


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¹ BASE CAMP YIELDS 2 VC

Streams inplanted deep in the lush, densely vegetated mountains of Vietnam provide not only water but ideal locations for enemy base camps as learned by Infantrymen of the 11th Brigade, as the Mountainmen ran across a small base camp killing two VC five miles north of Fire Support Base San Juan Hill.

Moving up a fairly goodsize stream, the members of the First Platoon of Charlie Company, 4th Battalion 3d Infantry ran across a small base camp complex at the top of a small waterfall. Setting out security, the men quickly began searching the nine hooch complex. "We found rice still cooking in pots," reported Spacialist Four Douglas Ayers (Plainville, Conn.). "We were hoping someone may still be around the area so we moved cautiously through the area." The men were in luck for those on security heard movement and spotted two VC moving back to the camp from the stream. both VC were killed and the platoon moved back to continue the search of the camp.

In one of the hooches crying was heard by the men as they quickly moved in to investigate. Lying in a make shift bed the men found a year and a half old baby. A dustoff was called and the child was (Cont. on Pg. 4, Col. 2)

ALPHA NETS 3

A surprise meeting on the trail plus two good ambushes helped the Mountainmen of the 11th Brigade net three NVA and capture one AK-47 while on operations west of the Song Ve river, six miles northeast of Fire Support Base San Juan Hill.

Moving down a trail on the top of a ridgeline, the men of the Second Platoon of Alpha Company, 4th Battalion 3d Infantry engaged one NVA on a trail junction. "We hit the junction and as the pointman

looked forward the slackman covered the trail which adjoined and spotted one NVA moving up in their direction," reported Sergeant Keith Scott (Normal, Ill.). The Platoon immediately opened fire and the VC lay dead 40 meters from the Mountainmen's location. The body was searched and confiscated from the scene was an NVA ruck sack.

About the same time the Third Platoon of Alpha Company ran across a relatively new base camp 500 meters up the ridgeline from the location in which the Second Platoon made contact. Searching the camp the men found 500 pounds of corn stored in one of the hooches. That night an ambush was set up on the trail leading from the camp. The night passed quietly but early the next morning movement was heard on the trail. Silence was understood as the (Continued on page 3, Column 1)

YOUR RESERVE OBLIGATION

One question that is frequently asked by many soldiers is: "What is my Military obligation after I ETS? The answer is usually quite simple: "It all depends." That is, it depends on how much time you've already spent in Army Green.

You see the total military commitment for most American servicemen is six years. So unless you've spent six years on active duty, you'll have some kind of Military obligation after your active duty ends and that's where the Army reserve comes in.

There are two basic kinds of reserve service: Ready Reserve and Stand-by Reserve. As the two names might indicate, there's quite a bit of difference in the types of units--Ready Reserve units hold regular weekly meetings, spend two weeks each summer on active duty for training, and are subject to active duty call up in any emergency declared by the President or Congress. National Guard members are in units of the Ready Reserve. In contrast, Stand-by Reservist serve no regular active duty, and they are subject to be called for active duty only in the event of a declared War or National emergency declared by Congress.

Now, where do you fit in? Remember we said every man has a six year military obligation. Well, the time spent in each of the reserve categories depends on how much time you've spent on active duty. Broken down, it looks something like this:

Active Duty	6 months	24 months	36 months
Ready Reserve	66 months	24 months	12 months
Stand-by Reserve	0 months	24 months	24 months

This means that all men who were drafted or volunteered for the draft have about two years of weekly (or monthly) meetings plus two weeks of summer camps
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THINGS HAVE CHANGED

A member of the original Old Guard when the Battalion was activated in Schofield Barracks recently returned to his old unit for his second tour in the Republic of Vietnam.

Staff Sergeant Eddie Deyampert, (Selma, Alabama) was a member of the 4th Battalion 3d Infantry when the unit was originally activated in July of 1966 at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii and assigned to the 11th Brigade for deployment to combat in the Republic of Vietnam. "The 4th Battalion 3d Infantry was originally a Reserve unit for the Pacific before its activation. We trained in jungle warfare on the Big Island of Hawaii with M-14's and were later issued M-16's before coming to Vietnam. I was in Four 4ucc and as a Platoon Sergeant trained my own platoon for combat," reported Sergeant Deyampert
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DROPS ARE COMING

Heard rumors of troops getting "DROPS" of four to seven days in October?

Well it's true----but not for the reasons you may think. According to America's A. G., early drops of four to seven days are the results of USARV emphasis on reducing U.S. force level by October 30th to those announced by the U.S. Government. A.G. characterizes this move as a "Technological Adjustment".

If your DEROS falls around the end of October or very beginning of November you may be one of the lucky ones to receive a drop. It is emphasized that not everyone DEROSing in that time span will receive drops. Will you be one of the lucky one's to go home early? Your First Sergeant or Company Clerk will inform you, don't bug him.

THINGS HAVE CHANGED

The Old Guard departed Hawaii by ship on December of 1967 landing 17 days later in Qui Nhon, they convoyed up to Bronco meeting little resistance. In the early days of the Battalions activities in Vietnam 4/3 was a jump Battalion working mostly in the AO between Quang Ngai to just south of ChuLai operating mainly off Forward Fire Bases Buff, presently Stinson, and Sue, "Back in 1967 Four Duce jumped with the Battalion where ever they were sent. We shot contact missions daily and the Company's liked to use us more then Artillery because we were faster, more accurate, and we could shoot more rounds in a given period of time then Artillery," said Sergeant Deyampert.

Asked by the Old Guard reporter to give a comparison between the area and the action back in 1967 and now, Sergeant Deyampert replied, "Four Duce was more active than, the NVA were the main enemy force we were fighting against and they traveled in Platoons and company size elements. We would clear out an area and be pulled out to work elsewhere and the Battalion which would replace us would always get their ass kicked. There was definately more activity then, than now." In a final comment Sergeant Deyampert added, "Since this is my second tour in Vietnam, I am glad I am going to be spending it with my old company Echo and this Battalion.

ALPHA NET 3 CONT.

as the men waited, when the NVA entered the kill zone the claymore was detonated and the men moved out of their ambush location reconning with M-16's. On the trail lay one NVA with an AK-47 to his side. Confiscated from the scene was one AK-47, two magazines, fully loaded, one pistol belt, and two Chi Com Grenades.

Another Claymore was set, one which was to net the Mountainmen one more NVA as the men moved back into their ambush location to await the unsuspecting enemy soldier.

NEW CO FOR HHC

On 10 October Captain Luis Lizardi assumed Command of Headquarters Company from 1LT Kim Goodpasture who has ended his tour in the Republic of Vietnam.

Captain Lizardi was born in Fort Brooke, San Juan Puerto Rico, and being the son of a Warrant Officer traveled a great deal during his early life. Accompanying his parents to Germany Captain Lizardi graduated from Stuttgart High School where he also played Varsity Baseball.

Captain Lizardi attended New York City College for a year before moving back to San Juan to attend the University of Puerto Rico. Captain Lizardi was awarded his BS in Chemistry in June of 1965 at which time he also received his Commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. Receiving, a four year delay for Post Graduate work at Texas A&M, Captain Lizardi worked for the US Atomic Energy Commission in San Juan during the summer of 1965 before entering Texas A&M in the fall. Captain Lizardi received his PhD in Physical and Organic Chemistry specializing in Electron spin Resonance and Nuclear spin Resonance, in June of 1969 upon which he immediately entered the Army as a First Lieutenant. During his stay at Texas A&M Captain Lizardi was a member of the Texas A&M weight lifting team. He won the 1969 YMCA State Championships in the 148 pound Class pressing 190 pounds. In the Snatch Captain Lizardi lifted 180 pounds and in the Clean and Jerk he lifted 240 pounds.

Entering the Army in the summer of 1969, Captain Lizardi completed Infantry Officers Basic Course at Fort Benning Georgia and was sent to Fort Lewis Washington for 9 months to act as training Officer and Trail Council. Arriving in Vietnam in September 1970 Captain Lizardi was assigned as Commanding Officer of Headquarters Company 4th Battalion 3d Infantry.

Captain Lizardi is married with one child residing in San Juan Puerto Rico.

RESERVE OBLIGATION CONT.

to look forward to after ETS, right? Now here's where you pick up a real bennie for your Vietnam Service. You receive special consideration and will not involuntarily be assigned to a Ready-Reserve unit for drill purposes. That means you have no regular weekly or monthly meetings to attend. However, you may be expected to attend summer camp for active duty training each summer for two years.

Many of you are now taking advantage of Vietnam tours and tour extensions to qualify for early release from active duty (up to 150 days). How does this effect your reserve obligation, early outs are not counted. In other words you get credit for having served a full two or three year tour even if you get out three to five months early. Your assignment to a Reserve unit will usually be made sometime about 90 days after you are released from active duty. The Army will take the appropriate steps to assign you to a unit located near your residence, and will notify you of this action.

The best thing to remember about your reserve obligation is that you should be very careful to do everything the way the Army says to do it. Failing to comply with all instructions could result in your recall to active duty to complete the remainder of your six year obligation.

So after ETS, what? In most cases you will serve one to two years in a Ready-Reserve unit then two years in a Standby Reserve unit and you will have fulfilled your military obligation to your country.

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CHARLIE COMPANY CONT.

evacuated to the rear where it could be properly cared for. Confiscated from the camp was 30 rice knives, three AK-47 cleaning kits, AK ammunition, bagged rice and a few French coins. All items were evacuated to San Juan Hill. The hooches were destroyed and the men continued on in search of other enemy activity.

YOU CAN STILL QUALIFY

Qualified personnel serving in grades E-1 thru E-6 in the 11, 12, and 13 series MOS still have the following reenlistment options:

1. Present duty assignment
2. Any Overseas area
3. CONUS station of choice
4. Drill Sergeants School
5. Unit of Assignment

Don't wait until it's to late see your Battalion RE-UP NCO SFC Baxter at S1 now.

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VALOR AWARDS

The following is a list of those individuals in the Battalion who have recently received Valor Awards. They have distinguished themselves in Valorous actions on the battle field.

BY THE DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT UNDER THE PREVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11046, 24 AUGUST 1962, THE BRONZE STAR WITH "V" DEVICE HAS BEEN AWARDED TO:

FIRST LIEUTENANT NICHOLAS J. PREVAS JR. distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous action on 28 June 1970 while serving as a Platoon Leader with Company C, 4th Battalion 3d Infantry. On that date, an element from the company was conducting a reconnaissance patrol when it came under intense small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown size enemy force. Reacting immediately to the urgency of the situation Lieutenant Prevas rallied his men and organized them for an assault against the insurgents. Braving the hostile rounds impacting throughout the area, he directed his comrades fire and led them in an aggressive manuver against the enemy positions which resulted in the complete, routing of the hostile unit. Through his timely and courageous actions, Lieutenant Prevas was instrumental in thwarting the enemy attack and served as an inspiration to his entire unit.

SPECIALIST FOUR RUSSELL MEYERS distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 28 June 1970 while serving with Company C, 4th Battalion 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was nondacting routine combat operations in the vicinity of Duc Pho when it came under intense small arms fire from a well equipped enemy force. In the initial exchange of rounds, an enemy soldier was wounded near the friendly position. Reacting immediately and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Specialist Meyers unhesitatingly rushed the hostile soldier and secured his weapon. Remaining in his vulnerable position with the wounded prisoner he placed a devastating column of fire against the remainder of the enemy force while his comrades manuvered against the insurgents. Through his timely and courageous actions, he contributed greatly to the overall success of the mission and the subsequent defeat of the enemy.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DWAYNE HOSEA distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 28 June 1970 while serving with Company C, 4th Battalion 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was conducting routine combat operations in the vicinity of Duc Pho when it came under intense small arms fire from a well-equiped enemy force. In the initial exchange of rounds, an enemy soldier was wounded near the friendly position. Reacting immediately and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Hosea unhesitatingly rushed the hostile soldier rendering him incapable of engaging the friendly element. Remaining in his vulnerable position, he placed devastating fire against the remainder of the fierce enemy force, and he refused to seek cover until the insurgents were completely routed. Through his timely actions, he contributed greatly to the overall success of the mission.

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