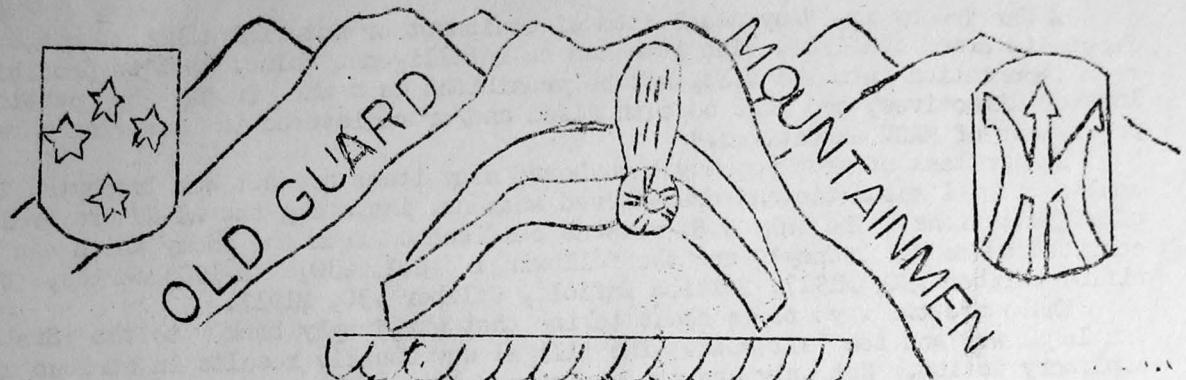


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GUNSHIPS ALERT BRAVO

A rapid combat assault into a known VC location after Gunships working the area spotted 12 VC, helped Infantrymen of the Americal Division's 11th Brigade find three dead VC and capture 5 more while working the rolling hills southeast of the Ban Tuy valley 3 miles from Chu Lai.

Working OPCON (attached) to the 198th Light Infantry Brigade, the members of the CP and Second Platoon of Bravo Company 4th Battalion 3d Infantry were combat assaulted onto the top of a brush filled knoll after gunships expended their ammunition on 12 VC entering a tunnel.

As the elements hit the ground the 12 was cold so security was quickly set out and the search of the area began. "As we reached the tunnel where the gunships spotted the VC the tunnel entrance was large, so hand grenades were tossed in and a smoke was popped to bring out any remaining VC before the men entered. Inside we found 3 dead VC and one wounded VC, there were also 2 AK-47's, 2 other weapons, Chi Com grenades, and numerous documents", reported Specialist Four Tom Tomkins (Barstow, California).

Near a stream at the bottom of the knoll the men found a hooch, approaching it cautiously the men found 2 VC nurses and one other (Cont. on Pg. 2 Col. 1)

THE RAINS CAN'T STOP RESUPPLY

Resupply is an important facet of operating a company in the field. When all regular means of resupply fail only imagination can be used to devise a method of transportation to ensure that the men in the field are adequately supplied with the necessities needed to keep the company operating. Such was the case with Bravo Company 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry as resupply had to be carried by sandpan while the company was operating Lai.

After all regular means of resupply was halted because of the heavy rains of the monsoon the members of Recon and the Command Group including the Battalion Commander LTC. Albert Coast embarked down Highway one in a jeep, a ducie and a half and a three quarter ton truck to resupply Bravo Company who was in need of food and supplies. "After reaching the village of Vinh An the resupply had to be unloaded from the trucks and carried by hand to the banks of the Song Tra Bong River by the members of the convoy while LTC Coast walked point and Recon pulled security." reported Sergeant Gary Larese (Westfield, Mass.).

600 Meters wide and flowing very swiftly the men found very few volunteers to ferry them across the (Continued on page 4, Column 2)

REGISTRATION OF WAR TROPHIES

A War Trophy is, "Any small item of equipment or material taken from hostile forces in armed conflict. The item has no intelligence value, not be prohibited from importation into the U.S., not be prohibited as a War Trophy by pertinent laws or directives, and must be authorized and/or registered in accordance with provisions of MACV directives."

Regardless of what you may have heard many items are not War Trophy's. This applies to all automatic and crew-served weapons, including the AK-47 regardless of modifications. The only U.S. weapons confiscated from the enemy which can be confiscated as War Trophy's are the following: U.S. .30, M-1903 Series, U.S. rifle, Caliber .30, M1917, British Enfield, Caliber .30, M1917.

There are two ways to go about taking that War Trophy back to the States. The legal way and the jail road. The illegal way usually results in serious disciplinary action. Not only are you violating military laws and directives, but you are subject to punishment by Federal Courts for breaching custom's laws. The maximum punishment for breaking the Federal Custom's Laws is five years in a Federal Prison and a \$5,000 fine.

You begin your registration of Non-Firearm Trophy's by completing three copies of DD Form 603-1 for each item. Each item must be screened to determine if it is a legal War Trophy. If so, the DD 603-1 will be approved and returned to you. The duplicate copy may be packaged with the article, or carried on your person but must be available to appropriate Government Officials at your port of entry. Once authorized you can have it mailed, shipped, or carried personally to the U.S.

War Trophy Firearms must be screened and authorized in the same manner as non-firearms. In addition, two more forms are required: DD603 and an RVN Export (Continued on page 3 Column 1)

BEWARE OF THE DOGS

A combat patrol by the Medics of 1st Battalion 3d Infantry rear recently rounded up five dogs from the Battalion area which carried Rabies.

Three of the dogs were put to sleep at the kennels and two dogs died in the Battalion area of the disease. Thus far four members of the Battalion have come in contact with these "pets" and are now undergoing the painful Pasture series of 14 shots.

Rabies or Hydrophobia is a fatal disease caused by a virus carried in the saliva of a Rabid Animal. Any human coming in contact with these diseased animals will develop Rabies in 20 to 60 days after exposure. The Pasture treatment consists of 14 very painful shots given one a day. The patient is not hospitalized but is quarantined to the immediate area until all fourteen shots have been administered.

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BRAVO NETS 5 CONT.

VC. Put into custody the VC offered no resistance. Confiscated from the hooches were numerous medical supplies.

The action was not over yet as the Company Commander of Bravo Company Captain Jack Swaney (Platte City, Mo.) while searching an area came face to face with an AK carrying VC. Raising his M-16 the VC was told to Chieu Hoi and luckily dropping his AK-47 the VC repeated the words back to Captain Swaney. The Chieu Hoi was escorted back to where the other VC were held. A slick was called in and all those held in custody were evacuated to the rear.

In total the members of Bravo Company confiscated five weapons, including 3 AK-47's, 12 Chi Com Grenades, documents and medical supplies.

"The documents came in very handy" reported Captain Felix Ciarlo (Springfield, Pa.) Battalion S-2, "They confirmed that all five taken into custody were in fact VC."

WAR TROPHIES CONT.

License. After screening you must complete four copies of DD 603. These and the already authenticated duplicate DD 603-1 will be forwarded to the appropriate registration activity. You must retain these forms permanently and have them available for inspection upon request.

Prior to removing a War Trophy firearms from Vietnam you must obtain an Export License. You may obtain an Export License by submitting a request for a license (Annex D, MACV Directive 643-2) along with the other forms. All requests for export licenses should be submitted at the earliest possible date but not later than 90 days prior to your departure from Vietnam. In exceptional cases where the War Trophy is acquired within 60 days of departure, and time is not available to go thru regular channels the Provost Marshall will issue you a temporary license.

This temporary license will be issued only if the time criteria is met and all the procedures have been followed for obtaining an RVN Export License as described before. The authenticated DD Form 603-1, 603 and request for Export License will be forwarded to the Saigon Provost Marshall in the usual manner by the local Provost Marshall a notation will also be added that a temporary export license was issued and will include a forwarding address to which the RVN license may be sent.

War Trophy firearms can not be mailed or shipped to the United States. On aircraft or ships, legal war Trophy firearms must be packed in your accompanied baggage and cannot be carried, into the passenger compartment of the aircraft.

Firearms carried personally aboard a ship must be turned over to the ships armory for safe keeping. In either case, you must have a copy of DD 603 and 603-1 immediately available as verification of your authority to possess the weapon. You are also responsible for insuring that the chamber or magazine is cleared.

(Command Information fact Sheet)

MEDICS TO THE RESCUE

A MEDCAP was recently conducted by the Medics of the 4th Battalion 3d Infantry Rear in the village of Van Trong or the Twin Vills, after the rains of the Monsoon left many of the Vietnamese Civilians sick and homeless.

Receiving a call from Brigade S-5 Specialist Six Mark English (Fort Campbell, Ky.), Specialist Four James LeMaster (Live Oak, Ak.), PFC Raymond Raatz (Levittown, Pa.), and PFC Joseph Zook (Olathe, Kansas), accompanied by two Vietnamese Medics and an interpreter headed up Highway one to see what could be done.

During their stay in the village the medics treated 88 medical cases, 44 surgical cases and one dental case. Most of the cases treated were colds vitamin deficiencies however during their stay the village water supply was tested and found to be contaminated. Thus another date was set for the medics to return and inoculate the entire village for Cholera. 500 to 900 people are expected to receive the shots.

OLD GUARD

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AWARDS

Below is a list of Achievement and
Service awards that have been approved
for the month of October. (A-Achieve-
ment, S-Service, C-Combat, Infantry-
man's Badge, CM-B-Combat Medics Badge.

CHARLIE CONT.

SP4 David Goff	BS"A"
SP4 Fillippo Biondo	BS"A"
1LT Gregory Foster	CIB
SSG James Hayes	CIB
SGT James Barnes	"
SGT Herbert Young	"
SGT Larry Hester	"
SGT Willie Senien	"
SP4 Ronnie Walker	"
PFC Bernard Sobjak	"
PFC Danny Vaughn	"
PFC Jose Tara	"
PFC Michael Beck	"
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PFC Steven Hertel	"
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PFC Lester Sandoval	"
PFC Jerry Więce	"
PFC Willaim Smith	CIB
PFC Johnnie Brown	CIB
PFC David Webster	"
PFC Arthur Bonds	"
PFC Douglas Cliasson	"
PFC Richard Kennedy	"
PFC Stephen Lafountain	"
PFC Alexander Kennedy	"
1LT Marcel Lettre	"
1LT Marcel Lettre	BS"A"
SSG Gerald Armstrong	BS"A"

CHARLIE

SGS Doyle Coker	BS"A"
Sgt Lowell Greenwood	BS"A"
SSG Dennis Choplin	BS"A"
SP5 Pasquale Toriani	ACM"S"
SFC Walter Cobb	BS"A"
SGT Tracy Hyatt	BS"A"
CPT William Schultz	"
1LT Theodore Prince	"
PFC Thomas Wilson	ACM"S"
SSG David Fontes	BS"A"

ALPHA

SGT Robert Boyer	BS"A"
SGT Robert Glass	BS"A"
SP4 William Burr	"
SP4 Donald Etienne	"
SP4 Gary McMillin	"
SP4 Andrew Morzel	"
PFC Russell Chamberlin	"
PFC Jeffery Dunnum	"
PFC Mark Fellows	"
PFC Stephen Graham	"
PFC Richard Helms	"
PFC Alan Piekutowski	"
PFC Gordon Pooley	"
SFC Frank Reynolds	"

BRAVO

SP4 William Goode	BS"A"
SP4 Nelson Lunt	BS"A"
SP4 Patrick Martin	"
PFC Gary Franklin	"
SP4 Terry Cole	BS"S"
SP4 Henry Cain	BS"S"

CHARLIE

SGT Jewell Smiley	BS"A"
SP4 Terry Rasnic	BS"A"

ECHO

SGT Elton Patton	BS"A"
SP4 Cyril Kirkland	BS"A"
PFC Charles Kirkland	"
PFC Charles Conlogue	"
PFC Wayne Nelson	"
PFC Zachary Natale	"
PFC Darrell Rasnake	"
PFC Donald Williams	"
PFC Billy McCoy	"
SGT Dennis Esterline	CIB
SGT John McDonald	CIB
SGT Eldon Patton	CIB
SGT Stephen Stoutenburgh	"
SP4 Wayne Nelson	"
PFC Dennis Aubuchon	"
PFC Billy McCoy	"
PFC Zachary Natale	"
PFC Darrell Rasnake	"
PFC Romeo Spikner	"
PFC Donald Williams	"

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NEW ECHO CO

The Old Guard wished to welcome the New Commanding Officer of Echo Company 111th. 1Lt. Konyha who comes to us after over months with the 3d Brigade of the 9th Division.

1Lt. Konyha entered the Army in February of 1968 after receiving his Degree in Economics at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania. Completing Basic and AIT at Fort Dix New Jersey, 1Lt Konyha went thru OCS at Fort Benning Georgia, after which he was Commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army.

Assigned to Fort Myer, Virginia, 1Lt. Konyha became a member of the Mother Battalion of the Old Guard where he served in the capacity of Platoon Leader and later Executive Officer of the Honor Guard Company, Platoon Leader of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Medal of Honor Escort and Platoon Leader of the United States Army Drill Team. In these capacities 1Lt. Konyha was involved in Funerals including the State Funeral given the late President Eisenhower, arrivals and departures of United States and Foreign Dignataries including the President of the United States and all White House Ceremonies. As Platoon Leader of the United States, Army Drill Team, 1Lt Konyha gave demonstrations and attended drill meets of ROTC units on campuses on the east coast.

Ordered to the Republic of Vietnam 1LT. Konyha attended Jungle School before coming to the 9th Division in Vietnam. With the 9th Division 1Lt. Konyha served as Platoon Leader before being reassigned to the 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry of the 11th Brigade, in October of this year.

1Lt. Konyha is married and his wife resides in Scotch Plains New Jersey.

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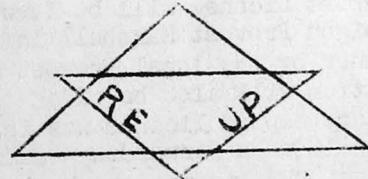
DOG'S CONT.

Most of the dogs which have not been vaccinated have been taken down to the kennels to be put away but a few are still to be rounded up. The Medica advise you do not handle the dogs in the area until they say it is safe. If anyone has seen the dog named Mama a bright red in color, get in touch with the Medica immediately.

RESUPPLY CONT.

river, finally after waving an undisclosed number of piasters in front of an old and somewhat reluctant Vietnamese Citizen the men found themselves in business. The supplies were loaded aboard the Sandpan and along with Major Frakes and four other members of the element the slow trip across the Song Tre Bong River began to the awaiting members of Bravo Company on the other side.

"It was an interesting mission and very gratifying to know that the guys in the field were able to get the food they needed and mail from home which they enjoy." added Sergeant Laese.



The Army is short over 2,000 Drill Sergeants. Being a Drill Sergeant you get an extra \$30, a month plus 18 months stabilized tour in the United States. This option is open to EM's, from E-4 to E-7 with the opportunity to advance one grade after completion of the school.

If you think you can take it and want to wear the famous Yogi bear hat, inquire today.

See your Career Counselor today, he is located at Battalion S-1.