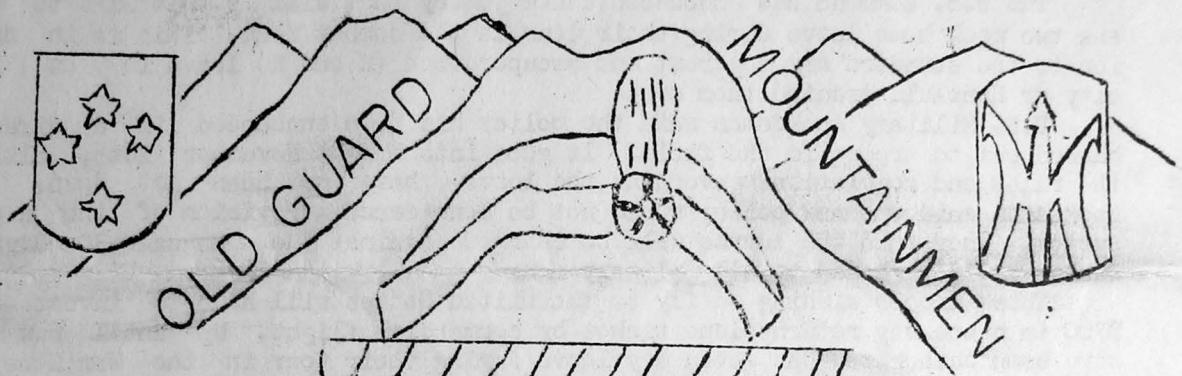


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DELTA SPRINGS AMBUSH

Bathing during duty hours recently cost three NVA their lives and their weapons as Infantrymen of the Americal Division's 11th Brigade set up and sprung a hasty ambush five miles west of Fire Support Base Chippawa.

Working OPCON (attached) to the 198th Light Infantry Brigade the CP and Fourth Platoon of Delta Company 4th Battalion 3d Infantry were moving along a trail contouring a sparse ridgeline when it's pointman PFC James Gibson (Gaston, North Carolina) heard voices and spotted four NVA bathing in the river below. "The river was full and loud from the new rains of the Monsoons which helped block out most of the noise we made moving into the ambush location," stated Specialist Four Dan Shockley, (Olmsted Falls, Ohio).

With security out to the flanks a hasty ambush was set and the power of the M-60 Machine Gun, M-16's and M-79's were unleashed on the unsuspecting enemy. Three of the NVA could be seen lying on the banks as the men cautiously moved down to check out the area of contact. Reaching the river the men found three dead NVA an AK-47, a 9mm Chinese Communist Pistol and the blood trail of the fourth leading up the river (Cont. on pg. 4 Column 1)

ALPHA FINDS WEAPONS

Going to a committee meeting and leaving your weapon behind could be costly as the Mountainmen of the 11th Brigade captured two weapons in fresh hooches five miles southwest of Gru Lai.

Moving up to the top of the first of two terrain features for the purpose of reconning night defensive positions, the men of the CP and the Fourth Platoon of Alpha Company 4th Battalion 3d Infantry found

thick thorny vines which made the location unsuitable for the night laager position. Moving down to check out the second small hill the pointman of the Fourth Platoon Specialist Four Wayne Hardin (Corcoran, Texas) found an old French base camp. The camp was very old with collapsed bunkers and thus was not searched by the element. 100 meters further down the trail a recently constructed bunker was found. A search was made and one weapon with a magazine and a round already chambered and a coffee can containing fuses was located hidden in the bunker.

"After finding the first weapon we were instructed to set security and make a thorough search of the area. A little further down the trail another hooch was found and just outside a note tacked to a (Continued on page 4 Column 1)

2 WEEK LEAVES TO U.S. COMING

The U.S. Command has announced a new policy that will permit GI's to take one two week home leave during their tour in the combat zone. This is in addition to the standard six day rest and recuperation (R and R) leave in an Asian city or Honolulu granted them now.

U.S. Military spokesmen said the policy had been announced in a directive handed out to troops in the field. It goes into effect November 16th, although the rules and regulations governing the leave have not been set down. The spokesmen said the new policy could not be considered a revision of the R and R system. They said the leaves will be charged against the annual 30 days of furlough time granted to all military men.

Those troops wishing to fly to the United States will have to invest about \$700 in a one-way return plane ticket by commercial flight. Up until now GI's have been authorized one seven day leave during their tour in the War Zone in addition to the R and R and could be used to travel to an Asian City, the spokesmen said. GI's will be able to travel on Military aircraft on a space-available basis to the United States and the new leaves will not begin until the men leave the War Zone. But since flights returning to the War Zone are often booked solid, they will have to show proof that commercial transportation is available to get them back here when their leaves are up. Although \$700 investment in a commercial ticket sounds high, especially where Privates and Specialists are concerned, the spokesmen said a large number of the troops are still expected to take advantage of the new policy. It is more expensive to bring their wives or girlfriends to Hawaii during R and R or stay in hotels and eat out in restaurants during their R and R, in Asia.

They also pointed out that troops living in the field save substantial money
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NEW 4/3 CHAPLAIN

The Old Guard wishes to welcome its new Battalion Chaplain Captain Robert T. Belton to the 4th Battalion 3d Infantry.

Chaplain Belton received his Bachelor of Arts from Bob Jones College in South Carolina, and his Bachelors of Divinity from the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. Moving to Chicago for the next eight years, Chaplain Belton was pastor of the Central Park Congregational Church before moving to Switzerland to work on, and complete his Master's of Divinity from the Baptist Seminary there.

It was in Switzerland where Chaplain Belton first came in contact with American Soldiers, and thus upon returning to the United States applied for and received a Direct Commission in the United States Army in September
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US LEAVES CONT.

during their tours for the reason that aside from beer and cigarettes they have virtually nothing to spend their, money on. Military sources have speculated that there were several reasons for the new policy, aside from better troop morale.

One reason would be the declining involvement of the U.S. troops in the actual combat activities in South Vietnam. All Combat units are expected to be out of the country by the middle of 1971 under the current policy, and garrison troops involved mainly in support activities can be spared from their duties more easily.

Another possible reason is the fact that the United States would like to do everything possible to end the drain on its balance of payments being caused by war related expenditures. At the height of the war it was estimated that American soldiers here were spending about \$125 million in foreign exchange annually on leave costs. That amount is considerably less now, with a smaller number of troops in the combat theater, but it is still substantial.

All the information on the two week leave has not been received from Division at the present time, however when the information is received it will be made available to the troops. Your Company clerk will fill you in on all the details.

(Stars and Stripes)

ALPA CONT.

tree which after being read by the scout stated the occupants had gone to a committee meeting." reported Sergeant First Class Frank Reynolds (Columbus, Georgia), the Platoon Sergeant of the Fourth Platoon. Searching the hoodoo the men found one other SKS in very good working condition.

Hoping the VC would return from his committee meeting an ambush was set up on the trail, however the VC failed to materialize.

4/3 IS BACK

After completing a successful mission while working OPCON (attached) to the 198th Light Infantry Brigade the Mountainmen of the 4th Battalion 3d Infantry returned to Fire Support Base, San Juan Hill

During the mission the Battalion accounted for five VC/NVA killed and five more VC/NVA captured. Confiscated during the mission were nine weapons including four AK-47's, one SKS, one 9mm Chinese Communist Pistol, and three other weapons, 12 Chi Com grenades and numerous documents, medical supplies, food and clothing.

Overall the mission was beneficial not only to the 198th Infantry Brigade but to the men of the 4th Battalion 3d Infantry, who gained experience in techniques not commonly used in their own AO. Movement of the entire unit in the air, movements which were quick and unplanned, and the use of multiple landing zones for landing and pickups. Employing our ambush tactics as well as the cordon and search while working in populated areas, which are areas not commonly found in the Old Guard area of operation.

"The men adjusted to the new techniques and carried out their missions quite successfully considering we never used these techniques and the men were given no prior training employing them." reported LTC Albert Coast (Alexandria, Virginia) Battalion Commander.

Back in their own mountains the men of the 4th Battalion 3d Infantry can revert back to operating as they did before in terrain which is familiar to them, secure in the knowledge that new techniques learned up north are always available to them when ever they are needed.

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THE BIG ONE AND THE SMALL ONE

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TODAY

EASTER TRIP TO SIDNEY

AUSTRALIAN CHARTER FLIGHT....A Charter flight to Sidney, Australia, has been announced by the trip coordinator, Mrs. W.R. Crawford of Arlington, Virginia. The flight will leave Washington, D.C. (Dallas International) on 7 April and return on 20 April 1971 (over Easter). If there are enough interested parties, the flight will make a pickup in Oakland, California. The price will be prorated with a maximum cost of \$695.00 round trip which includes meals and beverages on the plane while flying please send a self addressed stamped envelope if possible (if you can't get, one write anyway) with your request for more information. The flight is opened to military dependents and civilian employees paid by the Department of Defense..... Sorry no girl friends. The Government regulation state that those participating, in the flight must be dependents if not military or DOD civilian employees. Dependents may travel without their sponsors, however. Parents sharing the same permanent address may also travel.

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into the water. A thorough search of the area was made but the body of the NVA could not be found.

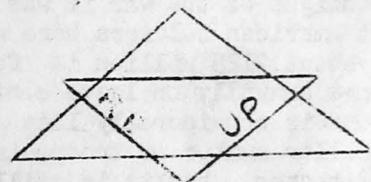
A cave close to the river used as a sleeping position was also found. Confiscated from the inside were five rucksacks, AK-47 magazines, 100 pounds of rice, food stuffs, and hammock, all items including the weapons were evacuated to Hu Lai as the element again moved out in search of further enemy activity.

NEW CHAPLAIN CONT.

of 1966. After attending the Chaplains Basic Course at Fort Hamilton, New York Chaplain Belton's first assignment was at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri, as Chaplain of the 12th Field Hospital and the 5th Engineers.

Assigned to the Republic of Vietnam Chaplain Belton's first tour came in October of 1968 with the 17th Field Hospital at An Khe. Returning to the United States, Chaplain Belton spent two years at the Post Chapel at Fort Lewis, Washington, before being reassigned to Vietnam for a second tour with the 4th Battalion 3d Infantry.

Chaplain Belton is married with two boys and two girls who are residing in Tacoma, Washington.



Latest information is that 11b's and 11c's and related Combat MOS's can no longer reenlist to change their MOS.

Reenlistment will still be accepted from qualified personnel. To qualify you must:

1. Meet medical fitness standards
2. Have your Company Commanders recommendation.
3. Have no lost time (AWOL)
4. Have three scores of 90 or better on your aptitude area tests.

Some of the requirements may be waived but, if a waiver is required you lose your choice of options.

For further information see SSG Johnson, Battalion Career Counselor at Sl NOW.