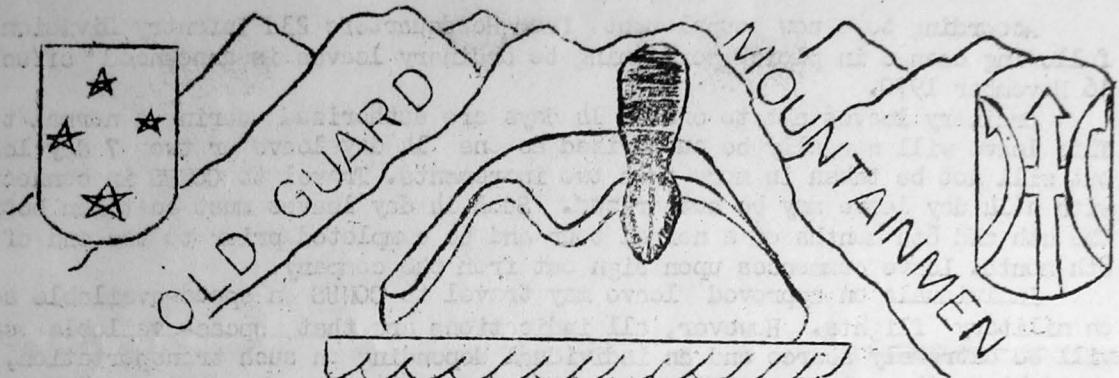


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BLOWS IT

Artillery was recently combined with the forward eyes and ears of 11th Brigade Infantrymen to net 6 NVA while working in the rugged mountains lining the 516 Valley 9 miles northwest of Fire Support Base San Juan Hill.

After being combat assaulted into the 516 Valley the Second Squad of the Second Platoon of Delta Company 4th Battalion 3d Infantry were reconning night ambush locations when they heard and later spotted 20 NVA cooking in their base camp. "We broke for chow about a quarter of the way up this mountain when our pointman heard people talking a couple of hundred meters to our front," reported Sergeant Swisher (Craigsburg, Va.), "We moved slowly and quietly for a closer look and spotted 20 NVA sitting around eating."

Rather than engaging the 20 NVA with an eight man squad, the element moved back to a location down the mountain. Artillery was called in and adjusted by Sergeant Swisher, Platoon Sergeant and Squad Leader of the Second Squad. With darkness approaching, the men moved into the brush for the night. At first light the Squad joined up with the rest of the Platoon of Delta Company and the platoon moved out cautiously for the base camp.

Resistance was anticipated but none was received as the men entered the base camp to find 6 NVA killed by Artillery. "Artillery did a great job as some of the NVA were buried and had to be dug out of their bunkers," said Sergeant Leo Temple (Dalesville, Miss.). Rucksacks were also found in the camp along with food, however no ammunition or weapons could be found. Thoroughly searched the men moved out of the camp in search of the evading NVA.

Trying to outwit Infantrymen of the 11th Brigade, one VC recently became the victim of his own mischievous deeds as he tripped his own booby-trap 9 miles northwest of Fire Support Base San Juan Hill.

Setting up for the night the men of the CP and Fourth Platoon of Bravo Company 4th Battalion 3d Infantry were unaware that they were being watched by a determined VC soldier. Setting the first of two booby-traps on the trail leading to the Mountainmen's location the VC moved 20 meters closer to the perimeter to set up the second. "We heard an explosion about 2000 lbs and couldn't figure out what it was caused," reported 1LT Milton Brown (Mooreland Indiana) the Forward Observer for the Company. "We contacted the other platoons but all had a negative contact report." Early the next morning the men moved out to check the area of (Continued on pg 3 Col 2)

# OUT OF COUNTRY LEAVES

According to a new supplement from Headquarters 23d Infantry Division the following change in policy pertaining to ordinary leaves is announced effective 16 November 1970.

Ordinary leaves not to exceed 14 days are authorized during a normal tour. This leave will normally be authorized as one 14 day leave or two 7 day leaves but will not be taken in more than two increments. Travel to CONUS in connection with a 14 day leave may be authorized. Such 14 day leaves must be taken between the 4th and 8th months of a normal tour and be completed prior to the end of the 8th month. Leave commences upon sign out from the company.

Individuals on approved leave may travel to CONUS on space-available seats on military flights. However, all indications are that space-available seats will be extremely scarce and an individual depending on such transportation, may spend his entire leave in Vietnam waiting to get out to the States. Leave commences on date of signout from unit. There is no provision authorizing travel time. Travel is in a leave status, therefore individual must sign in at his unit not later than midnight on the 15th day after he signed out to avoid being AWOL. For this reason travel by commercial flight to CONUS and from CONUS should be arranged in advance. Personnel may obtain tickets and reservations through the commercial ticket offices at the Ton Son Nhut and Da Nang airports. Headquarters USMACV is attempting to make arrangements with commercial airlines for reduced individual air fares for chartered flights. Further information will be furnished in this regard as soon as received. Currently, fares one way from San Francisco to Saigon are approximately \$520.

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## A 51. FOR BRAVO

A battalion-size base camp lodged deep in the lush, vegetated mountains lining the 516 Valley recently yielded an old 51. caliber machine gun to Infantrymen of the 11th Brigade.

Working 8 miles northwest of Fire Support Base San Juan Hill the Second Platoon of Bravo Company 4th Battalion 3d Infantry was conducting search and ambush operations when its pointman PFC Steven Willis (Griffith, Indiana) ran across a recently abandoned base camp. "The camp was large, consisting of 30 bunkers and 10 hooches connected by an underground tunnel complex," reported Sergeant James Gonovesino (Anderson, S. C.) Platoon Sergeant of the Second Platoon.

With good security out, the unit started sweeping through the complex searching everything. Buried deep in the floor of one bunker was the tripod of a 51. caliber machine gun. Cautious

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## A TIME OF DECISION

You have driven through many crossroads; sometimes it is where only two roads meet; sometimes there are many roads coming together. Wherever you the individual are driving, whether you know it or not, it is a time of decision; which lane to take, which turn to make. You're at a point in your life where you're going to have to make some basic decisions about your future, and soon.

The course of your life will be set by decisions you make between now and the time your active duty tour expires. It's not just a question of whether to reenlist or not; it's a question of choosing your life's work, finding the job that fulfills your needs, your aspirations, your plans for the future. You've got to decide if your present job will do, if you are qualified for another, that seems to be more to your liking, if you have leadership potential, and where that potential can be best put to use. In short you've got to take a long, honest look at yourself, at your Army job, at Army training and the opportunities available to you in civilian life.

There are more opportunities now than ever. You can choose from over 200 different fields when you reenlist. The training you want, the duty station you want; any of these can be yours if you qualify for an opening.

So if you've been wondering what the Army has to offer, stop in at Battalion S-1 and spend five minutes with Staff Sergeant Johnson, your Battalion Career Counselor and he will explain the reenlistment options to you. You owe it to yourself and your future.

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## A 51. FOR BRAVO

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optimistic of an even greater find, the men continued their search. In a tunnel connecting the bunker where the old tripod was, the Mountainmen found an old 51.00 caliber machine gun. "The gun was very old and rusty but could be repaired with a lot of work," added Sergeant Genovesino.

Confiscated from the camp along with the 51. and tripod were old 60mm mortar rounds, det cord and ponchos. All items were evacuated to San Juan Hill as the Second Platoon moved out in search of other enemy activity.

## VC BLOWS IT

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the mysterious explosion. Moving down the trail the pointman spotted the trip wire of the second booby-trap set by the VC; disconnecting it the element cautiously continued down the trail 50 meters below the point where the booby-trap was disconnected, the element found the body of one VC. "The VC obviously was moving back down the trail and tripped his own booby-trap. Also there was more than one because a blood trail was found leading into the brush," added 1LT Fraw.

The element searched the area thoroughly and then moved out to a new area of operation.

## NEW COMMANDING GENERAL

Major General James L. Baldwin, Deputy Commander of XIV Corps has named the new Commanding General of the 23d Infantry Division. General Baldwin succeeds Major General A.E. Millroy who will become the new Deputy Commander of XIV Corps.

General Baldwin has been Deputy Commander of the XIV Corps for the past five months, with the responsibility of giving support to the Logistics and Administration of forces assigned to the Corps.

# AWARDS

The following is a list of Combat Infantrymen's badges, which were awarded during the month of November.

BRAVO

1LT DONALD CRAVER	CIB
1LT JOSEPH BILLINGS	CIB
1LT MICHAEL MONAGHAN	CIB
SGT BRADLEY, LARRY	"
SGT MCKENNA, JOHN	"
SP4 ROGERS, DONALD	"
SP4 CAUDLE, DONALD	"
SP4 WEEKS, DAVID	"
SP4 RHODES, DENNIS	"
PFC PATIN, HARRY	"
PFC RUSHING, JAMES	"
PFC SCHNE, TERRANCE	"
PFC SCHUTTE, ROBERT	"
PFC SPACK, JOHN	"
PFC CLEARY, PAUL	"
PFC DEGRATER, DARRELL	"
PFC HEINZ, THOMAS	"
PFC WOODS, DAVID	"
PFC AVILA, LOUIS	"
PFC BURSKI, KENNETH	"
PFC BOYER, THOMAS	"
PFC CANTER, LARRY	"
PFC BUTLER, JEFFERY	"
PFC COOPER, ROBERT	"
PFC DILLARD, CHARLES	"
PFC DORAN, JOHN	"
PFC DUCKLOW, ROBERT	"
PFC GRUDEN, JOSEPH	"
PFC HARDER, RICKY	"
PFC HEJL, ROBERT	"
PFC JOHNSON, WAYNE	"
PFC KANARA, GARY	"
PFC CISNERO, FERNANKO	"
PFC CASHMAN, DENNIS	"
PFC ALEXANDER, ZACHARIAH	"
PFC HAGER, JOHN	"
PFC COLLIER, FRED	"
PFC COPELIN, TED	"
PFC CORBETT, STEVEN	"
PFC ADAMS, GEORGE	"
PFC BARKEER, DENNIS	"
PFC STONE, ROBERT	"
PFC TULLIER, BARRY	"
PFC WACHOWICZ, STANLEY	"
PFC WILLIS, STEVEN	"
PFC WINGERT, VERNON	"

PFC LAPLANT, EDWARD CIB  
 PFC NELSON, ANTHONY CIB  
 PFC NORMAN, JAMES CIB  
 PFC ORES, KENNETH CIB

## OUT OF COUNTRY LEAVES cont

Individuals desiring to apply for the 14 day leave must:

A. Coordinate with the unit commander and obtain tentative approval of requested dates of leave far enough in advance to permit purchase of a return ticket.

B. Obtain and present to the unit commander evidence of a return ticket on a commercial airlines and reservation for a confirmed flight back to Vietnam.

C. Have sufficient funds to defray cost of commercial travel both ways. While individuals on leave are authorized space available travel, it is probable that such space will not be available.

D. Submit a leave request in format which is known by the company clerk and will be typed by him.

Commanders receiving requests for leaves under this program must:

a. Insure that not more than 10% of assigned strength is not on leave or R & R at any time.

b. Approve tentative dates of leave well in advance of the desired time to permit the individual to purchase his return ticket and make reservations. Once approved, the commander will not arbitrarily change the dates or refuse the leave. Changes to agreed upon times will be made only for the most cogent operational necessities.

c. Insure the serviceman has confirmed reservations for return travel to RVN.

For any other questions contact your company clerk.

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