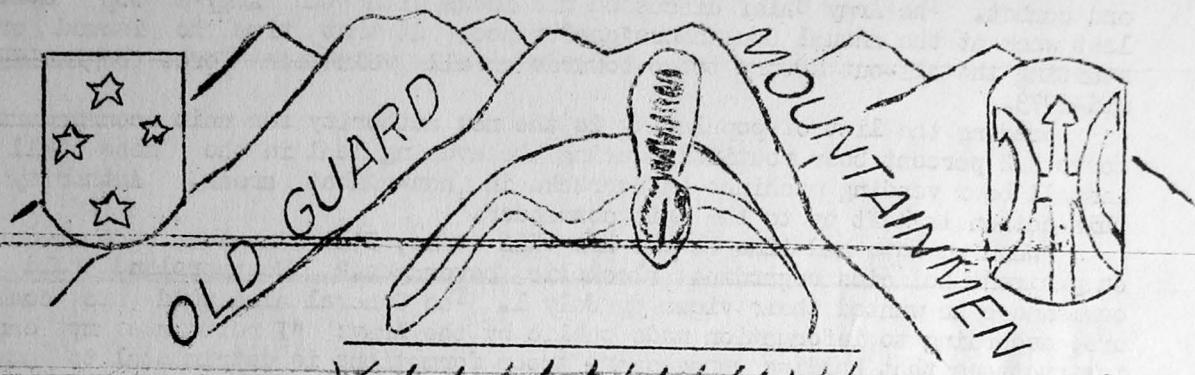


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A Trail Tale

Heavy rain drops tumble in unbroken succession and no breeze stirs the water-dense, heavy air. Moderate, but lush, foliage and underbrush lends Charlie Company's First Platoon a trail.

The 23d Infantry Division's 4th Battalion 3d Infantry unit slowly but adeptly progresses down the trail, each man separated from the next by the imaginary combat interval. Minds concentrate on the situation at hand and the hazzards which are always present. The rain drops are slowed by the branches and vines whose shadowy abstracts cast on the passing soldiers' sweat-soaked, rucksacked back. Some of which are bent over by the added weight of an M-60 machine gun, or a couple of extra claymores.

Suddenly, quick bursts of automatic weapons fire from the point and the men scramble to find cover and fields of fire. Their M-16's poised and ready on full automatic to cut down anything that moves. "How many?" "Where are they?", are questions men in the rear try to get answers to, as the men in the front keep a steady visual over the area. "One VC, we got one VC" was the word that spread among the men; "The point spotted him and cut him down." Quickly but cautiously the men moved (Cont. on page 4 Column 2)

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"It was like an old fashion western showdown," replied Specialist Four Francisco Elizalde (Arcadia California). "I was walking point when suddenly the NVA rounded the bend in the trail. Since we were both taken by surprise it was a matter of who can fire the fastest."

The showdown was a success for the Mountainmen of Recon 4th Battalion 3d Infantry, as one NVA was killed and one AK-47 was captured while the "Warriors" were working a large ridgeline to the east of Bato.

"My slackman and the Platoon Leader 1LT Timothy McCue (Madison, Wisc.) did a great job as they opened up about the same time as I did. A second and third NVA were walking behind the pointmen and even though they did get off a few rounds no damage was done," added Specialist Elizalde. The second enemy soldier was wounded but dropping his rucksack managed to escape as did the third NVA. Confiscated from the area were one AK-47, two rucksacks, documents, food and rice knives.

Recon saw a great deal of action during their last mission, however none of the kills could be confirmed except for the last day. On 8 December while clearing an LZ for extraction Sergeant Ford (Continued on page 2 Column 1)

Volunteer Army May Be A Reality

WASHINGTON -- General William C. Westmoreland, Army Chief of Staff, Monday officially unveiled a new program to make the soldiers life more attractive in camp and combat. The Army Chief discussed his ideas with the Army's top Generals last week at the annual Commanders' conference. At that time he issued orders starting the all-out effort to go towards an all volunteer force beginning in mid-1973.

Heading the list of popularity is the new authority for unit commanders to serve 3.2 percent beer routinely during the evening meal in the mess hall and install beer vending machines in barracks in non-combat areas. Authority for this action is left up to the unit commander.

"When we have had time to see how this works, I'll want your recommendations on permit policies regarding alcoholic beverages." Westmoreland told his commanders he wanted their views by July 1. The General also told his commanders, according to information made public by the Army: "I reiterate my earlier instructions that holding unnecessary troop formations is detrimental to morale, and efficient personnel utilization policies. Reveille formations, except for ceremonial training, or other special occasions are unnecessary. When held, they should be musters of all Officers and enlisted men on down."

I have directed liberalization of Army pass policies, consistent with readiness or alert requirements, to include:

- Elimination of pass forms and sign-in and sign-out requirements.
- Elimination of bed check practices, except for individuals undergoing punishment.
- Elimination of locally imposed restrictions on distance that individuals may travel.

General Westmoreland said he wanted instructions given throughout the per-
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Conley (Wellston, Ohio) and the Kit Carson Scout with Recon spotted three NVA moving into the valley 300 meters below. Set up on a ridgeline 500 meters from the location of the previous action, the men moved silently into a hasty ambush. Suddenly the power of the M-60 machine gun, M-16's and M-79's were unleashed on the unsuspecting enemy soldiers. "We sent out a quick patrol to check out the area but with the birds in bound for extraction of our unit, we only had time for a quick check." reported Staff Sergeant David Tillotson (Goldsburg, N.C.) Platoon Sergeant of the Recon Element. Moving down into the valley the men found one dead NVA and the blood trail of his cohort. One NVA pack was found which included rice knives, hammock, and AK ammunition.

All captured items were carried back to the LZ and the men were extracted out into a new area of operation.

OLD GUARD

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Volunteer Army cont.

sonnel system to emphasize the personal aspects of a soldier's life. These he pointed out should include the following points:

- Improving communication up and down.
- Insuring at interim level response within 24 hours to any question of a personal nature asked by an individual.

each installation for reduction of waiting time and speed up handling of personnel actions.

- To improve communication between commanders and their men at all levels, the Army chief said CO's doors should be continually open to the men in their units instead of during open-door hours.

Westmoreland added many Army regulations need revision and directed DA staff to review what he called "unnecessarily restrictive" or unnecessary regulations and simplify the language and content of others.

"I want to impress upon Non-Commissioned Officers their key role in making the modern Volunteer Army a success," Westmoreland added, "Commanders at all levels must challenge their NCO's to stay ahead of the changes in the country and Society. Let them know they will be supported when they foster action that is in keeping with Modern Army philosophy. I want all NCO's and Career Counselors to engage in re-enlistment activities."

"In conducting training in accordance with our training manuals and directives, commanders will seek to develop instruction that is responsive to fast and slow learners which places greater reliance on performance testing. An individual who progresses quickly can be cross trained in another MOS or be used in instructing other men, basic training must be graded to improve the soldiers initial impressions of the Army."

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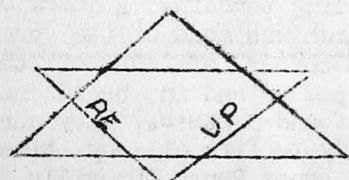
TODAY

Drops Still Coming

The following is a list of adjusted DEROS dates for those individuals in the Battalion whose regular DEROS falls between 23 January and 10 February.

REGULAR	ADJUSTED
23, 24 Jan 71	14 Dec 70
25, 26 Jan 71	15 Dec 70
27, 28 Jan 71	16 Dec 70
29, 30 Jan 71	17 Dec 70
31 Jan, 1 Feb	18 Dec 70
2, 3 Feb 71	19 Dec 70
4, Feb 71	20 Dec 70
5, 6, Feb 71	21 Dec 70
7, 8, Feb 71	22 Dec 70
9, Feb 71	23 Dec 70
10, Feb 71	26 Dec 70

Those individuals whose DEROS fall between these dates can expect to spend New Years at home. Your Company clerk will notify you when your orders arrive and when you are expected in the rear.



DEROSING

Is it time for you to DEROS? Then it's time for you to make an important decision: ETS or RE-UP. Which will it be?

If you ETS you go out looking for a job in the world, with training, knowledge and self-confidence that comes from serving in the United States Army.

But if you RE-UP you can make these abilities pay off in cash right now, and get school or job of your choice, if you can qualify.

Your decisions must be made before your final RE-UP interview prior to DEROS and processing out of the Battalion.

Staff Sergeant Johnson at S1 can show you how to make your skills pay off as building blocks of your future.

SEE HIM TODAY*****

3 SKS's For Charlie

A little luck and patients helped Mountainmen of the 4th Battalion 3d Infantry capture RPG's and 3 SKS's, while patrolling the top of hill 607, eight miles northeast of Fire Support Base San Juan Hill.

The men of the First Squad of the First Platoon of Charlie Company were nearing the end of their patrol when Sergeant Freddie Reeves (Omaha, Texas) curiously looked behind a large rock formation to find the entrance to a small cave. "I did not want to enter the cave alone so the other men were called to set security." replied Sergeant Reeves. "Branches and vines were piled in the corner of the cave and underneath them we found 15 RPG's." Also found buried in the cave were RPG boosters and a 30 pound shape charge.

Hoping for more evidence of enemy activity the men again spread out for a thorough search of the area. Hooches were located 100 meters away from the cave, nicely camouflaged into the surrounding terrain. A quick but thorough search was made of the premises. "In the corner of one of the hooches, wrapped up and in brand new condition we found 3 SKS's. They were clean and ready to fire at any time," reported 1LT James Ronan (Oroville, California) Platoon Leader of the First Platoon.

No ammunition or other enemy equipment could be found. Extracting the captured materials the men proceeded onto their night ambush location, tired but ready for the long night ahead.

All individuals who are between their fourth and eighth month in country can now put in requests for 14 day leaves to CONUS during the months of January and February. You must have sufficient fund to purchase a round trip ticket, before your request is submitted. Contact your company clerk for all the latest details.

A Trail Tale cont.

up to set security as a few others searched the body of the dead enemy soldier.

This was the scene which netted the Third Squad of Charlie Company's First Platoon one VC and one AK-47, while the unit was on search and ambush operations 8 miles northeast of Fire Support Base San Juan Hill.

Moving up a vegetated ridgeline the pointmen and slackman were rounding a bend in the trail when they came face to face with the AK-carrying enemy soldier. "We opened up as soon as we saw him," reported Sergeant Darrell Walker (Harrisburg, Ill.) Squad Leader of the Third Squad. "The rain was beating hard and made enough noise so it was impossible to hear the VC moving down the trail."

A second VC was moving a little ways behind the pointman and was wounded in the ensuing fire fight. Discarding his rucksack the VC managed to escape into the thick brush.

Confiscated from the scene were one AK-47, two rucksacks, and one magazine of AK ammunition.

The action ended, the men continued on their way, contemplating what occurred and the mistakes that were made; a little more aware that the unexpected can appear at any time.

AWARDS

Below is a list of achievement and service awards which have been approved for the month of November. (A-Achievement, S-Service, CIB-Combat Infantrymen's Badge.)

ALPHA

SSG Stephen Jones	CIB
SGT Charles Agnew	CIB
SP4 Juan Gonzalez	"
SP4 Gordon Pooley	"
PFC Russell Chamberlain	"
SP4 Larry Adams	BS"S"
SP4 Bill Downing	BS"S"

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AWARDS

ALPHA CONT.

SP4 Michael Goldmacher
 SP4 Jerry Murphy
 PFC Gary Benedict
 SGT Wayne Brown
 PFC Edward Mau
 PFC George Campbell
 PFC Terrence Kazmierczak
 PFC Joe Torres
 PV2 Juan Gonzales
 SP4 Ronald Lawrence

BRAVO

LLT George Danielson
 SGT Louis Lacaprucia
 SP4 Joe Banda
 PFC Michael Beck
 PFC Bruce Blonde
 PFC Ronald Brown
 PFC Glenn Burrell
 PFC Dale Black
 PFC Larry Aubur
 PFC Daniel Atencio
 PFC Clifton Billings
 PFC Frank Grimal
 PFC Donn Eckert
 PFC James Enfield
 PFC John E. Harrison
 PFC James Green
 PFC Donald Tomczyk
 PFC Billy Toppings
 PFC Anone Smith
 PFC Charles Wynn
 PFC Ronald Kendrick
 LLT William Gaudet
 SGT Douglas Colegrove
 SP4 Harry Cain
 SP4 Phillip Girardin
 SP4 Michael Wagner
 SGT Hoover Breckenridge
 SGT Douglas Colegrove
 SGT Billy Gernertt
 SGT Timothy Nichols
 SP4 Michael Freude
 SP4 Larry Faught
 SP4 Willie Lowe
 SP4 David Stevens
 PFC George Romer
 PFC Richard Cridebring

CHARLIE

BS"S" SGT Gregory J. Lynn
 BS"S" SGT Michael Sabella
 BS"S" SGT George Peterson
 ACM"S" SGT Raymond Morse
 ACM"S" PFC Robert McKay
 BS"A" SP4 Gary Kociss
 " SP4 Donald Steffens
 SP4 Raymond Thompson
 SP4 Larry Lowrance

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DELTA

LLT John Nelson
 CIB SGT James Unsted
 CIB PFC Robert Anson
 " PFC Larry Berch
 " PFC Charles Reed
 " PFC Lyle VanHove
 " SGT Michael Borges
 " SGT Gregory Forletta
 " SGT James Unsted
 " SP4 Melvin Wynkoop
 " PFC Jerry Brandyke
 " PFC Roderick Kell

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CIB ECHO

" SSG Joseph Henry
 " SGT Dennis Stillwell
 " SGT Robert Anderson
 " SGT William Belcher
 " SGT Johathon Polecheck
 " SGT Robert Staron
 PH SGT Floyd Smith
 PH SGT Steven McCracken
 PH SGT Kenneth Weber
 BS"S" SGT Eppa Wimbish
 BS"S" SP4 Kenneth Fushimi
 BS"A" SP4 Michael Sandefur
 " SP4 Francis Theusch
 " SP4 John Treadmen
 " SP4 Richard Welch
 ACM"A" SP4 David Wolff
 ACM"A" PFC Edward Navarro
 " PFC John Netterville
 " PFC James Tidwell
 " PFC Thomas Roesch
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