



4th BATTALION 3rd INFANTRY

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STRIKE TWELVE

WEEKLY WRAP-UP

There's hardly a moment's rest from the blistering heat and bone-wearying fatigue of daily patrolling for the men of Charlie Company. Of late, not a day seems to mercifully pass when some tense bit of action doesn't punctuate the day. Well, September 11 was no exception from this general rule of combat for these men. The Company was on a sweep and clear mission about 6 clicks west of San Juan Hill. The 2nd Platoon, on point that day, led the way down a jungle path when quite suddenly three NVA soldiers bopping down the same trail walked smack into the lead element of the 2nd Platoon. A flash of rifles swinging to; a staccato of AKs and M-16s shattered the hush of the jungle. The NVA scampered off and escaped.

Sorry Charlie,
You Missed

After the brief skirmish which ended as abruptly as it began, the men took stock of the damage. They discovered that their Platoon Leader (cont. on page 2, col. 1)

September 9 - In the only action of the day, Alpha Company observed and killed an NVA in a green uniform. The following day, Delta Company saw some sudden action at approximately 6 A.M. in the morning. Without a scintilla of warning, about three PFGs and six grenades simultaneously exploded inside the perimeter. That was the extent of the attack. The next day, one dud was found and it was discovered that the grenades were home-made - fashioned from Colt .45 beer cans. No casualties were reported.

On September 10, Alpha Company detained a NVA regular who was nonchalantly tramping down a trail not far from the Company perimeter. The NVA was carrying an oversize can of mackerel. Some of the men spotted him when he was about 150 meters away. The NVA peered over in the direction of the commotion which started - he surveyed the men and was instantly persuaded that his presence was demanded after seeing an unbroken line of gun barrels pointing at him. The NVA marched into the perimeter smiling from ear to ear as only a Choi Hanh or captive can. Upon questioning by the interpreter, the NVA said that he was lost and was trying to ferret out a basecamp where he could deposit the fish. He had no weapon.

On September 11, Charlie Company and Recon were combat assaulted to an area southeast of San Juan Hill. At about noon, intelligence reports were substantiated when the Company spotted 14 NVA with packs and weapons. A few minutes passed and eight additional enemy soldiers with weapons and packs were sighted. Artillery was requested both times.

The following day Alpha Company came upon two dead NVA sappers while on a sweep around San Juan Hill. The NVA, dead about four days, were apparently victims of Delta Company's H&I 81mm mortar fire when it was on the Hill previous to Alpha. An AK-50 was also found beside the bodies.

At about 10:30 A.M., gunships accompanying a dust-off chopper to Charlie Company's location (13 miles west of Duc Tho) spotted eight NVA rummaging through the Company's previous NVP. The gunships sprayed the site and came up with two NVA killed. A Helix 35 also on location spotted one disappear into (continued on page 2, col. 2)

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from page 1, col. 1)
Sergeant Facundo Ramos
(Rio Piedras, P.R.), who
was in the thick of it
and looking quite thin
after the extremely close
call, had a total of 12
places where bullets had
either pierced or cut
into his clothing and
gear. One round entered
the exact center of the
back of his helmet knock-
ing him hard to the
ground. It left daylight
and then spent itself in-
side the helmet. Another
round sliced the bayonet
off his belt; several
smashed into one of his
ammunition pouches, ripp-
ed some of the ammo out
and shredded the magaz-
ines and pouch. The re-
mainder of the 12 could
be found in his air matt-
ress, pouncho and ruck-
sack and yet, Sgt. Ramos
didn't have so much as a
scratch on him. Someone
up there likes you, Sgt.
Ramos.

AROUND THE BATTALION

Sept. 16 - Alpha Company
received a new Platoon
Leader into its rank and
file. The officer is
2nd Lieutenant Robert P.
Kettering (Malvern, Ohio
a graduate of OCS with a
BA in Political Science.

clear operation. The area in question is approximately three "clicks" north of LZ Jeff and six "clicks" southeast of LZ San Juan. Charlie Company and Recon combat assaulted into the area while Delta Company in the vicinity of LZ Liz began closing in from the east. On the first day Charlie Company sighted a total of 22 NVA with weapons and packs at various times during the day. However, no contact has yet been reported. *

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a nearby hootch. Charlie Company later found the dead NVA in the hootch killed by the WP round from the Helix. A few minutes later the Company engaged and killed two more NVA in green uniforms.

On the night of the 12th, Delta Company's LP (on the LP were four men from the Fourth Platoon - PFCs Jesse Berry, Larry Jones, Jack Kanady and John Wil-echo) ran into three NVA while heading towards the site outside the perimeter. PFC Jones heard the enemy soldiers talking and all cut loose with small arms, M-79 and grenades and then returned to the fold. Reportedly, they succeeded in killing one of the NVA.

Alpha Company, on September 13, received 20 to 25 82mm mortar rounds while on operations 13 miles west of Duc Pho. It was reported that one NVA was killed and 14 chicom grenades were captured as a result of immediate return fire. About 16 miles west of Duc Pho Bravo Company came upon nine dead NVA. The Company had just broken camp and moved out from the NDP when the NVA dead were found. It was suspected that artillery fire was the culprit.

That same day Delta Company engaged with five NVA moving in the open. A sweep of the area confirmed that two of the enemy were killed during the brief encounter.

On September 14, a squad of LRRPs (Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol) from the Americal Division at Chu Lai spotted a group of VC bedecked in NVA garb while on a mission in the Nui Con Vu mountains. The LRRPs decided to pull a snatch - in the ensuing action one VC was killed; another was successfully captured and whisked off for interrogation. Later, the captive VC provided valuable information about the VC/NVA supply operations in the Highway 515 Valley. *

4-3 JOINS WITH 4-4

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CHANGE OF COMMAND

KEY TO YOUR FUTURE

September 18 - Today marks the termination of the 11th Brigade's year-long affiliation with Colonel Jack L. Treadwell as Commander of the "Jungle Warrior". At the change of command ceremony which took place at LZ Bronco on the morning of Sept. 18, Colonel Jack Treadwell transferred the reins of command to Colonel Hugh Hoffman, a command which he termed "one of the most satisfying assignments of my military career...because of the cooperation I received from you out there."

His career has indeed been a long one. Colonel Jack L. Treadwell, born in Ashland, Alaska on March 30, 1919, entered the U.S. Army in 1941 at the age of 22 and served with the 180th Infantry Regiment during the war (receiving, among other decorations, the Medal of Honor). Since he embarked on his military career nearly three decades and a generation ago, Colonel Treadwell has been decorated with the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Soldier's Medal (entails the voluntary risk of life under conditions other than in conflict with an opposing armed force), Bronze Star (one oak leaf cluster) Army Commendation Medal, Purple Heart (three oak leaf clusters) and the French Croix de Guerre (with a gold star).

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"The least educated are the least motivated?"
True or Not?

As general as the statement is, there seems to be some shred of truth to it. But it doesn't make it any more palatable if you're one of those unfortunate enough to be deprived of an education and consequently placed in such a category. And it is unfortunate if one is destined to be a manual laborer in a world of flourishing technology, or more important, if you are not taking advantage of the benefits available to the veteran to develop your talents and abilities. Why sulk? Why be content to sit on the fringe of this swirling vortex that society is. Use the benefits you have earned. Well, what are they, you might ask? The GI Bill - that crucial economic escalator for literally millions of (lifers, grunts, ramps, and oh, officers) veterans since its inception on the aftermath of World War II. Yet, today the GI Bill is being taken advantage of by only a handful of those who need it most.

They are the guys who went off to war thousands of miles from home without highschool education and are going to return to the States with just as poor a prospect as a future wage earner. Many are passing up the veterans benefits which subsidize both secondary and higher education. Understandably, some are hostile - they blame the establishment (and here goes again) the Military-Industrial Complex and the Government for drafting them and consequently delaying or disrupting their life's plans such as marriage or job or school. But that certainly is no reason to blindly ignore the considerable VA educational benefits offered to the veteran. There are two major efforts being undertaken in behalf of the vet. The first, PROJECT TRANSITION, is reserved for those who do not have a high school education. It provides financial support necessary to feed your mouth and clothe your body while you attend high school for that elusive and all-important diploma.

Okay, so you have the diploma, but why stop there. The GI Bill can be used for a wealth of institutions: public or private secondary school, vocational, correspondence, business or flight training school, junior or teacher's college, normal school, college or university, professional, scientific or technical institution, or any other institution which furnishes education at the secondary school level or above. The long list seems to be all-inclusive yet, many ignore the extensive GI educational benefits. "The least educated are the least motivated." Are you?

AWARDS

Below is a list of awards which have been approved during the course of the week. (V-valor; A-achievement; S-service).

Echo

Award

Chapman, F.	ACM-S
Luther, R.	"
Perry, R.	"
Reyes, R.	"
Richmond, B.	"
Sander, J.	"
Tucker, T.	"
Stever, J.	"
Townley, D.	"

HHC

Awards

Chapman, L.	BS"V"
Simpson, P.	BS"V"
Gebhart, W.	ACM-A
McDermott, K.	ACM-V
Fitzgibbon, J.	PH
Brown, B.	Ph

Alpha

Mangone, T.	ACM"V"
Norwood, M.	BS"V"
Dubin, D.	BS"V"
Albert, W.	BS"V"
Bateson, O.	BS"V"
Woodworth, D.	BS"V"
Howard, J.	BS"V"
Gardner, J.	ACM-V
Rosario, L.	BS"V"
Paris, P.	BS"V"
Battlebaugh, D.	BS"V"
Cunningham, D.	BS"V"
Heflin, R.	BS"A"

Bravo

Brewer, K.	ACM-S
Griswold, W.	"
Heat, T.	"
Miller, A.	"
Robertson, R.	"
Phillips, E.	"

Charlie

Moore, W.	ACM-S
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Delta

Frazier, B.	BS"V"
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A PILL A DAY KEEPS MALARIA AT BAY



You qualify for an interest-free loan from AER if you are in the active Army or retired and need financial assistance for you or your dependents due to an emergency. When an emergency comes your way, think AER. The Chief, AG Personnel Actions Branch, is the Division AER Officer and is located in the east end of the Americal Division AG Section butler building.

WANT TO EXTEND

P&R COLUMN:

HAWAII

14 Sept. - a forthcoming change which becomes effective 1 November 69 will require extensions of foreign service tour to be approved NLT (not later than) 60 days prior to DEROS. This is a major change from the existing policy which allows an individual to submit his request for extension at any time. Those within 60 days of DEROS prior to 1 Nov 69 still have opportunity to extend their foreign service tour. Effective 1 Nov 69, any request for extension of foreign service tour, which can not be approved within 60 days prior to DEROS will be returned without action.

WANT TO RE-UP



Tired of your present duty assignment? Want a change of pace? You can get a new MOS and new area of assignment. Just see your Career Counselor.

The Battalion Career Counselor, SSG Pubin Rodriguez, will be at the Stand-Down area (in the mess hall). Drop in and see him.

Hawaii has special appeal for those who are married or who desire to meet friends or family from the mainland. The Hawaii Islands, Oahu in particular, have tremendous tourist facilities and everything seems oriented towards the entertainment and pleasure of visitors. The Waikiki Beach area is where most tourists make accommodations at the several large and luxurious hotels. Also at Waikiki is the largest concentration of nightclubs and a myriad of restaurants with culinary delights from all over the world.

If someone is to meet you in Hawaii, it is advised that they make hotel reservations in advance. The hotels are frequently filled to capacity and you will save valuable time by having a room waiting for you. If you arrive without reservations, the P&R Center at Fort DeRussy has a reservation service which includes most of hotels in Waikiki Beach. Here you can quickly find out what rooms are available and in what price range they fall.

The Hawaiian Islands are characterized by beautiful beaches, tropical flowers, hula dancers and a quality of romance unlike any other state of the Union. The people are a mixture of Polynesian, Chinese, Japanese, and Hoale, which is the Hawaiian name for those who came from the mainland. The Polynesian-Oriental strain - is distinguished by graciousness and courteous manners. These people are very much a part of modern America yet have maintained the ease of their ancestors. Because of this one feels at home almost immediately in Hawaii.

For sightseeing, most P&R personnel stay in the hotel. No. Actually they rent a car, the main reason being the reduced rates which are offered. Interesting places to see with a car are Pali Lookout which affords a peerless panoramic view of Honolulu and Waikiki; Round Top Drive, a curving mountain road above Waikiki, and the Diamond Head area which extends along the shore east of Waikiki. If you would like to see the memorial to the battleship Arizona, it is a short drive past Honolulu to Pearl Harbor. Enjoyable yacht cruises are available for a tour of the harbor and the memorial. You may also wish to drive around the entire island and through the pineapple fields for a free sample of Hawaii's most famous product.

But don't waste your time. Other frequented attractions, all close to Honolulu, are the Iolani Palace, Ala Moana Park, the International Market Place and Hawaiian Cultural Arts Center.

Water sports are, of course, very popular and good facilities are available. Surfboarding and waterskiing lessons are easy to obtain. Hickam Air Force Base will loan qualified personnel small sailboats. The glass bottom boat is unique for its direct view of coral and fish without even getting wet.

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COMMUNIST BLOCK WEAPONS:

RPG-2

The Soviet RPG-2 is a direct descendent of the reloadable-type German Panzerfausts, which were in development at the end of World War II. It is a smooth bore, shoulder fired, anti-armor weapon. The ChiCom counterpart is Type 56; the VC counterpart is the B-40.

The RPG round weighs 3.3 pounds and has a 80mm shaped charge warhead with a base detonating fuse. The fin-stabilized heat projectile is loaded into the muzzle of the launcher. A stud on the projectile matches a slot cut in the muzzle of the launcher, thus aligning the firing pin and the primer. The warhead is approximately twice the diameter of the tube and projects beyond.

The launcher, 6.23 pounds and 37.4 inches long, has an effective range of 150 meters and a maximum range of 600 meters. The recoilless weapon will penetrate 10 inches to 12 inches of steel armor, or 16 to 18 inches of aluminum armor. The muzzle velocity is 64 meters per second. *

Below is a riddle that can blow your mind. See if you can solve it. The answer is on the following page.

As I was going to Saint Ives,
I met a man with seven wives.
Each wife had seven sacks,
Each sack had seven cats,
Each cat had seven kittens.

How many were going to Saint Ives?

OLD GUARD

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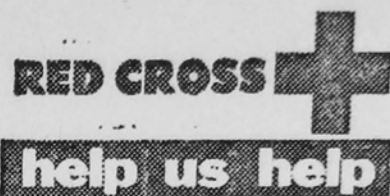
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R & R INFO

As of 15 September 69 money conversion will be accomplished at the R&R processing centers only for individuals who present the MACV Form 5 (MACV Currency Control Plate). All R&R personnel are to have the card on their possession before departing for the processing center.



(Colonel Treadwell - cont. from page 3, col 1)
Americal Division Commander, Major General Lloyd Ramsey, also present at the ceremony presented Colonel Jack Treadwell with decorations merited while Commander of the 11th Brigade. They were the Legion of Merit (2nd oak leaf cluster), Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldiers Medal and an Air Medal. *



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For good eating one can't go astray at the top hotels. One skyscraper hotel has a revolving restaurant in its uppermost level. The Lau Yee Chai restaurant is renowned for its vertical rock garden, waterfall and superb food. Popular and picturesque tea houses are the Tropics, The Broiler, The Tahitian-Lanai and the Colonel's Plantation, the Beef Steak & the Coffee House. For an authentic Hawaiian Luau with native food and entertainment visit Don the Beachcomber's and the Queen's Surf. Some cocktail lounges are notable for their atmosphere such as The Royal Hawaii Hotel, Captain Cook Bar in the Surfrider Hotel, The Bora Bora Bar at Don the Beachcomber's, Kamalina Bar at the Moana Hotel, the Tiare Noun Shell Bar, The Gormet and the Queen's Surf.

Nightclub entertainment is best at the major hotels. They constantly feature well known talent from the mainland. Other clubs feature Tahitian and Samoan entertainment such as the enticing hula dancers.

Since the climate is perfect light clothing is quite adequate. The dress is mostly informal although more formal evening clothes are certainly useful. Also, be prepared for occasional light showers. *

Though we are roughly 12,000 miles from the homeland most of us have been quite aware of the recent disaster wrought by Hurricane Camille. As a result of this devastation, thousands of Americans have been left homeless and in need of food, clothing and medical care. The American Red Cross is trying to provide emergency care and recovery assistance for the victims in the devastated area.

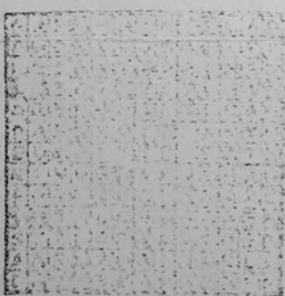
However, the enormity of destruction is such that Red Cross funds normally available for relief are insufficient. For this reason, the Red Cross must raise at least \$15,000,000 additional funds.

If you care to contribute any amount in response to the Red Cross emergency appeal, your CO will collect the donation and turn it over to the Red Cross Director's Office, Chu Lai.

The answer to the riddle on page 6 is one. "I" was the only one going to Saint Ives.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By John J. Moore



ACROSS

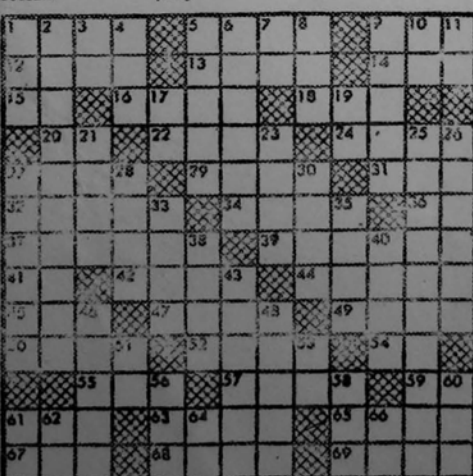
- 1-Mitigated
- 3-Base pair for purine
- 4-Greek letter
- 12-Girl's name
- 13-Opera by Verdi
- 14-Lacey
- 15-Whind!
- 16-Portion of medicine
- 18-Employ
- 20-McGraw letter
- 21-Sines
- 24-Overabundance
- 27-Ment
- 28-Conduct
- 31-A state (abbr.)
- 32-Spy
- 34-Periods of time
- 36-Note of scale
- 37-Higher
- 39-Paid back
- 41-Preposition
- 42-Lended
- 44-Feeling
- 45-Unusual
- 47-Barracuda
- 49-Covers
- 50-Metal fastener
- 52-Scorch
- 54-Exclamation
- 55-Insect egg
- 57-Lumber
- 59-Late conjunction
- 61-Mature
- 63-Part of stove
- 65-Lens
- 67-Conducted
- 68-Sailors (colloq.)
- 69-Mental image

DOWN

- 5-Artist's stand
- 6-Followed food program
- 7-Cyprinoid fish
- 8-Greek letter
- 9-Build
- 10-Preposition
- 11-Near
- 17-Preposition
- 19-Compass point
- 21-Bad
- 23-District in Germany
- 25-Half of earth
- 26-Chemical compounds
- 27-Fixed amount
- 28-Girl's name
- 30-Changes color of
- 33-Lampreys
- 35-Barracuda
- 38-Tears
- 40-Ox of Celebes
- 43-Seesaw

- 46-Ate
- 48-Mountain tops
- 51-Girl's name
- 53-A state (abbr.)
- 56-Sail child
- 58-Greek letter
- 60-Afternoon party

- 62-Girl's name
- 64-Greek letter
- 66-Cyprinoid fish



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