



4th BATTALION 3rd INFANTRY

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NEW Bn. X-O

September 23 - The 4/3 Old Guard has a new Battalion Executive Officer, a Major William J. McGee. Major McGee entered the Army in 1960. His previous assignments are Company Commander in Germany, Machine Gun Officer with the British Army, 1st Bn. Royal Fusiliers, District Advisor (Mekong Delta) in Vietnam during his first tour, and stints at Ft. Benning and Ft. Huachuca, Arizona.

Major McGee, who hails from Wrentham, Mass., is married and has one child.

AROUND THE BATTALION

The 4/3 Old Guard extends a warm welcome to four officers who were recently assigned to our Battalion. The four officers:

Captain Rodney Kirk - From Denver, Colorado, Captain Kirk entered the Army in 1960. He is assigned to HHC.

Lt. Juan R. Caballero-Romero listed as Juanes P.R. Lt. Caballero entered the Army in September 1960. Last assignment was at 1st Pz. op Bn. 3d Bn. He is assigned to Charlie Company.
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BATTALION SUMMARY

September 23 - The first bit of action during the past week erupted at about 1100 hours when the intrepid LRRPs made contact with NVL eight "clicks" south of San Juan Hill. In the morning, 12 VC were spotted, two NVL were killed, one new 9mm pistol and an AK-47 were captured. In addition, seven stretches of American Fire Support Bases were found.

At about 1300 hours, the LRRPs again made contact and succeeded in killing another NVL and in capturing an AK-47. That same afternoon, Alpha Company, about four to five "clicks" northwest of San Juan Hill, killed one of the enemy in a bunker.

September 24 - The following day, at about high noon, Alpha Company observed 25 NVL with packs and weapons. Artillery and 81mm mortar were brought to bear on the enemy position. Gunships were also requested. Less than two hours passed when the Company swept the area and turned up one NVL dead and seven abandoned packs. At about 1430 hours, Recon, along with the 3rd Platoon of Alpha Company, engaged and killed another of the enemy. At approximately 2200 hours, the Company made an additional tally of two NVL dead after shooting two of the four that were spotted.

September 25 - Alpha Company reported that two NVL were turned out while they were foraging in the foxholes of the Company's previous HDP. There were six in all, clad in green uniforms.

That same day, Bravo Company unloaded several ambushes while on patrol below San Juan Hill. In the ensuing action, the 2nd Platoon, which is commanded by Lt. Pedro Cancino, killed two NVL in a day ambush. The men were busy hacking away at the ubiquitous jungle growth preparing the ambush site when the two unwary NVL came strutting into their midst. The men opened up and the two NVL were killed on the spot.

Bravo Company was also credited with a kill by virtue of an ambush in the afternoon.

The following day, Bravo Company's 1st Platoon netted two more NVL. The Company was on operations in the valley directly below and southeast of San Juan Hill. An ambush was set up when the two NVL, who were crawling, fighting close, were snared. A fresh grave was found near the location of the ambush.
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INDIANA COMMUNITY "ADOPTS" US

YOUR M-16

One can easily conjure up disturbing visions of protests, marches and insensate violence which flare up across the United States almost daily. This is understandable, tolerable to some degree since discussion means change and change is basic and indispensable to any viable democracy. But in the scuffle and scum over the war in Vietnam, the GI, nearly 12,000 miles from home, receiving fewer letters than he would like, is forgotten or neglected. This seems to be the crux of many GI's aversion to the rampant dissension back home. The innumerable march of history may unravel the war of some its mystery and divest it of some of its confusion but in the harsh reality of the present, it continues unabated. A war is still being fought, GIs are still dying, being maimed and broken. Quite often, in the mind of the man out on the battlefield, of the "munt" endlessly stamping his way across the rice paddies and treacherous hedges that abound, the war may seem futile, his energy and youth wasted in the stifling heat and eternal rains.

Which brings us to the point of the article in the first place. On September 15, a group of sororities assembled to listen to a former GI speak about the possibility of supporting the troops over in Vietnam. The one-time GI is James Harvick, formerly Sergeant James Harvick, 59th Scout Dog Platoon, 11th Light Infantry Brigade. The group of sororities decided to "adopt" a unit in Vietnam. A letter was sent to the Battalion Commander informing him that the lucky unit was the 4/3 Old Guard! Below is an excerpt of the letter:

Dear Sir:

On September 15, 1968 a recently discharged infantryman, who is now a member of our student body, spoke to our sororities about the possibility of adopting a group of GIs. Sergeant Harvick suggested that if we were interested, we should immediately undertake this project, so that the packages and letters could be shipped to our "adopted" unit in time for Christmas.

After serious consideration, we decided to involve the Valparaiso community in this project. We formed a committee, and told Harvick of our intentions to initiate this plan. We decided to adopt one thousand men, and chose your unit, the 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry Brigade of the 1st Light Infantry Brigade...

So it seems, the GI is not entirely forgotten. If successful, all men of the 4/3 Old Guard can look forward to an interesting Christmas and with it, a good boost in morale. It is a positive step in supporting the GI in Vietnam in sharp contrast to the usual order of things. The 4/3 extends its sincere appreciation to the Valparaiso Community and to the sororities of Valparaiso University in Indiana and hopes that we can all soon commence to write to the girls at the University. *

Far too often maintenance of your M-16A1 rifle may mean the difference between life and limb. Some things must need be done every day without fail such as the cleaning of the bolt and housing. But have you ever noticed that little screw in the rubber butt plate, and that the screw has a little hole in it?

Far too frequently, grunts allow dirt to pack over the head of this screw, and for stop to think why it is important to keep the hole open in the buttstock screw. This is the drain hole which prevents water from remaining in the stock and lower receiver group where it can foul up the working parts causing corrosion and malfunction.

When the rifle gets soaping wet or dunked in some stream bed, take time to make sure that the hole is free of grime by working it with a pipe cleaner or whatever you have on hand.

4/3 TO SEE CLUB

The EM club is in the process of being built under the coordination of 1st Sergeant Don Thorpe. The tentative date for the grand opening is set for 15 October.

Pfc Paul Fardac (Alpha Company) on September 26, received a staggering, mind-reeling total of 50 letters.

TAKE THE PILL, please

INTRODUCTION TO Bde. CO.

Colonel Hugh F.L. Hoffman, born on May 6, 1925 at West Point-on-the-Hudson, entered the Army at the robust age of 16. After a burst of 11 months in the homogeneous rank and file of enlistees, he entered West Point upon receipt of an appointment to the Military Academy. He became a full-fledged officer upon graduation in 1948.

Colonel Hugh Hoffman returned to his Alma Mater almost twenty years later to become Director of the Office of Military Instruction maintaining the position for two years.

During the course of his 26 years of military service, Colonel Hoffman served overseas in Europe, Korea and Vietnam. For his first tour in the 'Nam, Colonel Hoffman was Senior Deputy Advisor to the 7th Army Division (from 1964 to 1965).

Colonel Hoffman's considerable background of both command and staff positions makes him well-suited for the job as plenipotentiary of 11th Inf. Brigade (Jungle Warriors). He has attended Command and General Staff College, the Army War College and the myriad, indispensable Basic and Advanced courses at Infantry School. Among the 27 awards and decorations merited during his long career, Colonel Hoffman received the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, the Joint Services Commendation, a Bronze Star with "V" device, the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, two Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry (with palm and gold star), and a Purple Heart with 1st oak leaf cluster.

Colonel Hugh Hoffman, his wife and two sons hail from San Antonio, Texas. During his 2nd tour in the 'Nam, the family is residing in Highland Falls, N.Y. - in the vicinity of West Point.



INCOME TAX INFORMATION

If you are deeply anxious about being lax in filing for your income tax, be at rest. Servicemen are not obliged to file their income tax returns while in Vietnam but can wait to do so up to 180 days after leaving the Republic of Vietnam.

OJT MEDICS

Commendations are in order for the medics of the 1/3 Old Guard. The "docs" have recently initiated an on-the-job-training program designed to offset the critical shortage of medics that has plagued the Battalion of late. Full strength for the Battalion would be realized if each platoon in every company had a "doc" to call its own. However, present circumstances fall quite short of this. In addition, about one-half of the medics will be rotating to the States between now and December. Consequently, some medics have been griping about the hassle it has been with more work but fewer replacement medics to alleviate the problem. The shortage has in fact necessitated that several medics be kept in the field with as little as seven or eight days remaining in-country.

Be that as it may, most grunts must put up with just as much twice as long. All the same, the "docs" should certainly be commended on their initiative. Sharing responsibility for the OJT program are Battalion Surgeon Cpt. Joseph Fagin and Plt. Sergeant Morgan. PSG Morgan reports that each volunteer will receive classes in symptom recognition, conduct of sick call, emergency medical care and OJT in the emergency room at the 23rd Med, 1st Airborne. Some of the OJT medics are Pfc Larry Cook (Alpha Co.), Pfc Gerald Brockwell (Bravo), Pfc Leonard Demetris and Pfc Grover Cleveland, Robert Lee, Gary Griffin (Delta Company). *

NEW MEMBERS FOR BA LONG

On September 21, the population of Ba Long village, located 1/2 miles from Ba To in the Montagnard District, could be said to have increased by five. However, the new members were not new-born nor even of Montagnard or Vietnamese descent. Nor would it be the truth to say that their lineage could be traced to the Koreans, Japanese, Thai, or Chinese. In fact, the five additions to the Montagnard village were all officers of the 11th Brigade, specifically of the 4/3 Battalion (Old Guard). The five officers were invited by Major Dinh Ehi, Assistant District Chief of the Ba To District. Major Ehi, also a Regional Forces company commander, bestowed upon all five Old Guard officers the friendship bracelet. Five widowed Montagnard girls were interspersed with the officers, all seated in a circle. When a gong sounded, the girls placed the bracelets around the wrists of the men, a ritual which signified both friendship and induction into the village of Ba Long as honorary life-long members. The ceremony was concluded with the drinking of rice wine, a local but particularly potent mixture. *

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hush. A few minutes later, another with two dozen grenades and in a very uniform was found. Artillery was credited with the kill.

September 27 - The IRRP Team spring into action again at 1000 hours on Saturday, the 27th. While trail watching, the IRRPs spotted two NVA and consequently engaged them with small arms fire. They believed that one of the enemy was killed. The team was extracted soon after the light drizzle.

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Lt. James G. Allen - He entered the Army in 1969, hails from Springfield, Missouri. Lt. Allen is assigned to Delta Company.

Lt. Steven D. Riggs - hometown, Wilton, Connecticut. Lt. Riggs attended 1038, Airborne and Ranger Schools.

OH, THAT CHAIN OF COMMAND

There's a story currently making two rounds of the service newspapers that should arouse a chuckle or two. It shows how messages get fouled up as they filter down the chain of command. It goes like this:

COLONEL TO MAJOR: At nine o'clock tomorrow, there will be an eclipse of the sun, something which does not happen every day. Get the men to fall out in the company street in their fatigues so they will see this rare phenomenon and I'll explain it to them. In case of inclement weather, we will not be able to see anything, so take the men to the gym.

MAJOR TO CAPTAIN: By order of the Colonel, tomorrow at nine o'clock, there will be an eclipse of the sun. If it rains, you will not be able to see it from the company street, so then, in fatigues, the eclipse of the sun will take place in the gym, something that does not happen every day.

CAPTAIN TO LIEUTENANT: By order of the Colonel in fatigues, tomorrow at nine o'clock in the morning, the inauguration of the eclipse of the sun will take place in the gym. The Colonel will give the order if it should rain, something which occurs every day in the company street.

LIEUTENANT TO SERGEANT: Tomorrow at nine the eclipse of the Colonel in fatigues will take place by cause of the sun. If it rains in the gym, something which does not take place every day, you will fall out in the company street.

COMMENTS AMONG THE PRIVATES: Tomorrow if it rains, it looks as if the sun will eclipse the Colonel in the gym. It is a shame that this not occur every day. (Bill Kreh's SPENCER GI)



R&R PROBLEMS

Many individuals have reported to the R&R processing centers with insufficient copies of their orders. The individual should receive at least six copies but unfortunately, routing through channels very unavoidably reduce the number of copies. In any case, the unit PS-30 (MSG Isaac Goldberg, S-1) should be contacted and additional copies will be made available.

The military ID card is used by military personnel in lieu of a passport when traveling to other countries. If a person loses his ID card, or it expires, he cannot leave the R&R. A lost or invalid ID card can be replaced by requesting a new one through Personnel Actions, having one made on stand-down or having one made during a R&R visit to an ID card office.

EXTENSIONS

NET LEAVE

The special 30-day leave and free transportation authorization for servicemen who agree to extend in Vietnam for an additional six months has been changed to cover more than one extension, according to a new Defense Department directive.

Each six months extension will now retain additional 30 days of special leave. The old directive, established about three years ago, provided only one special leave per period year.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to those who have been promoted to higher grade. For those promoted to E-6, total pay raise amounts to \$14.20; for those promoted to E-7, pay raise is \$19.50 while by far the largest increment is \$73.10 for those promoted to E-8.

TO E-4

Brandt, M.
Bass, J.
Hollowell, L.
Kuhse, J.
Brighton, J.
Anklin, J.
Sprossman, F.
Davidson, E.
Helfenstein, P.
Albert, .

Franklin, R.
Kestel, J.
Stewart, L.
Gausman, G.
Vernon, M.
Vernon, F.
Priddy, B.
Henderson, J.
Bateson, G.
Hisher, M.
Lynch, P.
Cunningham, J.
Evans, H.
Wilson, K.
Harris, M.

Strickland, S.
Page, R.
Vandera, T.
Johnson, J.
Elli, L.
Rosario, L.
Williams, P.
Marvinson, M.
Kiorck, R.
McG, L.
Anthony, J.
Parish, G.
Coster, B.
Vann, J.
McDonald, L.
Blunden, G.
Brown, A.
DeChristofano, R.
Hirsch, P.
Miller, R.
Minton, D.

E-6s cont.

Unerliko, L.
Hedley, F.
Stroud, J.
Coutos, J.
Flannery, D.
Girres, D.
Stimmer, R.
Way, E.
Branton, E.

TO E-7

Glancey, M.
Cook, L.
Langer, R.
Mathcock, L.
Sawatski, W.
Woodworth, D.
Folk, L.
Hruschel, D.
Revale, P.
Shields, M.
Bateson, B.
Parris, P.
Baker, L.

Romero, R.
Goldschello, J.
Cantor, R.
Cooch, J.
Deiley, W.
Dean, L.
Gordon, W.
Hunt, S.
Johnson, M.
McGinnis, R.
Pesch, E.
Spritz, B.
Thoms, G.
Thompson, W.
Vucci, A.
Collier, E.
Golonello, D.
Hilloyas, E.
Huculan, D.
Stimmer, S.
William, D.

E-8s cont.

McSor, L.
Hall, D.
Jones, J.
Phillips, R.
Tielski, R.
Alvarado, M.
Alvarez, O.
Campbell, K.
Drake, D.
Mitel, V.
Foster, R.
Trotter, T.
Marchetti, A.
Padilla, G.
Fussner, M.
Richardson, F.
Thames, J.
Uresti, L.
Valder, K.
Davenport, J.
Pope, J.
Slater, J.
York, M.
Sipes, L.

TO E-8

Farmer, J.
Gallagher, J.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to previous puzzle

ACROSS

- 1-Mating bird
- 6-Nautical expression
- 11-Figures of speech
- 12-Angle covering
- 14-Exclamation
- 15-Small children
- 17-Unit of Italian currency
- 18-Possessive pronoun
- 20-More recent
- 23-Soak
- 24-Seines
- 26-Less cooked
- 28-Symbol for tellurium
- 29-Facial expressions
- 31-Early
- 33-Permits
- 35-Be borne
- 36-Guided
- 39-Weird
- 42-Preparation
- 43-Rosters
- 45-Edges
- 46-Unit of electrical measurement (abbr.)
- 48-Adhesive substance
- 50-Make lace
- 51-Festive
- 53-Wife of Zeus
- 55-Preceded
- 56-Star in Draconis
- 59-Slumbering
- 61-Amphibious mammal
- 62-Liquefies

DOWN

- 1-Mouth of volcano
- 2-Artificial language

3-Likely

4-Gaseous element

5-Chemical compound

6-Symbol for silver

7-A state (abbr.)

8-Be ill

9-Mix

10-Cylindrical

11-Item

13-Evaluates

16-Scrub

19-Set of steps over a wall

21-Pitcher

22-Bird again

25-Scoff

27-One borne

30-Sharp

32-Earn

34-Bristle

36-Platform

37-Fruit

38-Sprint

40-Likenesses

41-Bar legally

42-Vapor

47-Real estate map

49-Caulis

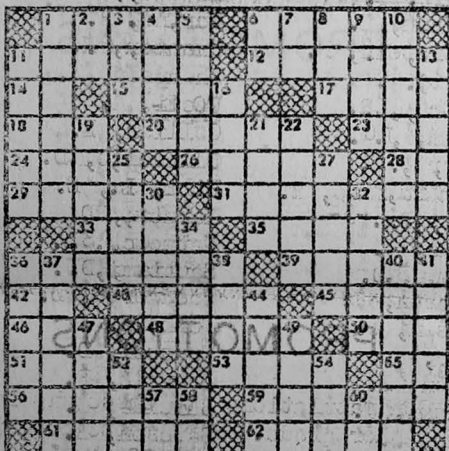
52-Danish land

54-Everyone's

57-That's (abbr.)

58-Near (abbr.)

60-Latin conjunction



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October 7 - Dated 1861 - The Pony Express started. When the telegraph went into operation, it supplanted this method of delivering messages.

October 12 - Dated 1892 - Christopher Columbus landed, which is now known as San Salvador.

October 26 - Dated 1879 - The Thomas Edison developed the first successful electric incandescent lamp at Menlo Park, N.J.

October 28 - Dated 1917 - The first American artillery shot of World War II was fired.

October 26 - Dated 1885 - On this day, the Erie Canal was officially opened to traffic. The first in the United States, it connected Lake Erie and the Hudson River.

October 28 - Dated 1886 - The Statue of Liberty was presented to the United States by the French people as a memorial of the friendship between the two countries. (AFP)

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS - (cont.)

Renford, E., Blum, J., Taylor, R., Wilson, K., ...

Harshfield, J. ...

Edwards, C., Keefe, R., Trister, W., Buchanan, D., Rice, W., Smith, H., Pincus, A. ...

Patterson, J., Frisch, E., Sander, H., Spencer, J., Tamm, S., Thomas, G. ...

Pope, J. ...

AWARDS & DECORATIONS

Bedmont, T. ...
Popp, A. ...
Mullon, R. ...
Devonport, H. ...
Ray, R. ...
Campbell, H. ...
Draeton, H. ...
Knight, S. ...
Albert, ...
Bateson, O. ...
Gausman, G. ...

Larsen, T. ...
Stewart, T. ...
Foster, J. ...
Andrade, ...
Hutchcock, L. ...
Pope, J. ...

FOOTBALL SCORES

COLLEGE

PRO

Army 10
Vanderbilt 6

Penn State 27
Colorado 6

Alabama 33
Southern Miss. 14

Ohio State 52
Texas Christian 0

Purdue 28
Notre Dame 14

Southern Cal. 40
Northwestern 6

UCLA 34
Idaho 3

Tenn. 15
 Auburn 13

Ark. 13
Oregon 0

Florida 21
Miss. State 5

Minn. 12
Colts 14 *

Chargers 34
Jets 27

Broncos 27
Raiders 24

Indianapolis 17
Colt 14

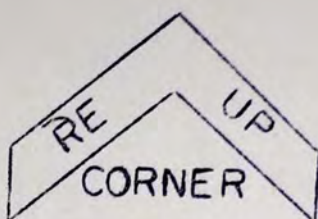
Cards 20
Bears 17

Cleveland 27
Washington 24

Cincinnati 24
Kansas City 10

Lions 24
Giants 17

Dallas 14
Packers 20



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