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**NEW BN XO
& ASST S3
JOIN UNIT**

BN OPERATES NEAR LZ CORK SPORADIC ACTION REPORTED

The Battalion would like to welcome two new Officers; MAJ Larry Spargo, and CPT Richard Gorety, to the Battalion. The two men are taking over the positions of Battalion Executive Officer and Assistant Battalion S3, respectively.

MAJ Spargo will assume the duties of Battalion XO when MAJ Davidson leaves at the beginning of next month. MAJ Spargo, from Twin Falls, Idaho, is serving his second tour of Vietnam. His first tour was spent with the 5th Special Forces Group (Special Forces A Detachment, A 3/12). MAJ Spargo's last duty station was FT Benning, Ga. MAJ Spargo is looking forward to his tour with the 4/3. He said, "It is an honor to be a member of the Old Guard. The unit has accomplished much in the past. I am confident it will continue to do so in the future."

The new Battalion As-

sistant S3 is CPT Richard Gorety. CPT Gorety is a recent graduate of the Advanced Officers Course FT Benning, Ga. He has spent four years in the Special Forces, serving a tour in Thailand with the "Green Berets" prior to reporting to FT Benning. CPT Gorety, who is soon to be MAJ Gorety is from Wichita, Kansas.

During the first few days the Battalion was working on LZ Cork, the location of the TOC element, gunships and Aero Scouts claimed 10 enemy kills and two enemy captured. Gunships from the 174th Aviation Battalion killed one VC and Aero Scouts of the 123rd Aviation Battalion killed nine VC/NVA and captured two. Three individual weapons were found near the dead VC/NVA.

Later on during the week, Delta Company discovered an old VC base camp. A careful search of the area turned up a large quantity of medical supplies, and several very valuable documents including an NVA strength report.

One man of the Third Platoon, PFC Orus Mooney, discovered a number of AK-47 magazines. The empty magazines were found partially buried in a hooch.

The following day, PFC Duane Dowing and PFC Dave Irwin, both of the First Platoon, Delta Company, discovered three 82mm mortar rounds while searching a hooch. The two men also found a full box of AK-47 ammo in the same hooch.

On Friday, Nov 7, SGT Joe Williams, of the Second Platoon, D Company, recovered an AK-44 rifle hidden in a hedgerow. The rifle was hidden by an NVA who was trying to escape gunships who were

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flying in support of the Company. The fleeing NVA was quickly mowed down by a hail of gunship bullets.

Charlie Company was also successful in finding enemy equipment and gear last week.

On Nov 4, just as darkness was setting in, Charlie Company came upon the remains of an NVA base camp. Although the camp appeared to be old and already burnt, numerous fresh sandal tracks in the area showed that the camp was being used quite recently by the enemy.

As they were approaching the camp several members of the Third Platoon, led by 1LT Lee Assadoorian, spotted two fleeing NVA with weapons. The Platoon opened up on the enemy, but no enemy kills could be confirmed.

The next day Charlie Company went back to the old NVA base camp and carefully searched it.

CPL Tom Britton and SP4 Steve Wentling, both of the Third Platoon, searched a long tunnel complex. The tunnel was about 150 feet long and interconnected into a number of smaller tunnels leading out from separate hooches.

While searching the tunnel the two men found: an NVA pack, complete with NVA uniforms; several NVA documents; a large quantity of NVA medical supplies bundled inside of a waterproof bag.

Through a combined effort of the Company, a total of nearly 300 lbs. of unpolished rice was

Although Christmas might seem like a long time away, mailing time to insure that packages arrive before Christmas is rapidly approaching a deadline. If you planned to send packages home, or have packages sent to you, you should observe the following postal regulations announced by the Department of Defense and the Post Office.



discovered and destroyed.

That night Charlie Company set up in their NDP. Wisely, the Company set out trip flares for the night.

Shortly after dark, an unknown number of enemy personnel tried to sneak up on the perimeter and penetrate it, but the invaders hit one of the trip flares and set it off. The squad nearest the burning trip flare blasted the area with a Claymore mine and small arms fire.

About one-half hour later, SGT Jim Cooper, SGT Don Roberson, and SP4 Anthony Grigas ventured outside the perimeter to investigate. No enemy kills could be verified but the three men found large pools of blood indicating the enemy had been at least severely wounded.

Bravo Company spent much of last week under the operational control of the 1/46. While working with the 1/46, Bravo

Four methods of mailing are available and the following dates and rules should be observed:

SURFACE MAIL - Parcels weighing more than five pounds should be mailed before Nov 9. Packages in this category must not be heavier than 70 pounds nor larger than 100 inches around the length and girth combined.

SPACE AVAILABLE MAIL - Packages in this category must not weigh more than five pounds nor be wider around the length and girth combined than 50 inches. These packages should be mailed between Oct 21 and Nov 23.

PARCEL AIRLIFT - For an extra fee of one dollar, packages weighing up to 30 pounds will be airlifted on a space available basis. The mailing dates for this category is Oct 28 to Nov 30.

AIR MAIL - Packages sent airmail should be mailed in the period Nov 30 thru Dec 11. Mailers should remember that this is the most expensive of the four postal services.

Despite efforts of the Post Office to ensure rapid and safe delivery of your mail, many packages never reach their intended destinations because they are poorly packaged



'AROUND the BN

SGT James R. Davis of Second Platoon, Delta Company was shocked to read in a letter from his parents back home that he is wanted by the FBI for desertion. SGT Davis, who is just completing a one year's tour of Vietnam, acted quickly to clear up the apparent case of mistaken identity. "I put a full year out there in the field," he said, "I would certainly hate for that time not to count."

SP4 Eddie Walker, a medic in Headquarters Company, is convinced that the Army is keeping an eye on him. SP4 Walker's CO from AIT, CPT Lurch, has just recently been assigned to 6th Support Battalion, Da Nang. SP4 Walker assured that CPT Lurch's assignment to the same base camp, LZ Bronco was just a coincidence; but, when CPT Simpson, the new Battalion S3-Air, arrived in the unit he became convinced that someone was keeping tabs on him. CPT Simpson was SP4 Walker's basic training Company Commander.

LIGHTER GEAR FOR "GRUNTS"

After "humping" a rucksack, complete with all the gear which helps protect you against the elements, you probably have said to yourself, "There must be an easier way. This gear must weigh a million pounds." Apparently someone in the Department of the Army has heard you and appreciates your problem.

The Department of the Army, particularly the U.S. Army Natick Laboratories, Natick, Mass., is currently developing clothing and equipment tailored to the Infantryman's needs. The emphasis of the new program is directed towards turning out clothing and equipment that offers the highest degree of combat efficiency (minimum weight), yet still provides a high degree of protection against battle field hazards and the natural environment.

Already developed, or in the late stages of development are: a 1.3 pound poncho; a two pound entrenching tool; a 1.5 pound helmet; a 4 pound armor (flak) jacket, and 2 pound boots. In each case the new weights represent at least a one-half cut in the current weight of the items.

The Army is also developing several other items to help the Infantryman in Vietnam. Among these are: hot weather sleeping gear; a lighter machete with sheath; a new pneumatic mattress; rubber overshoes, and wet weather parker and trousers.

The exact date those items will begin to be disseminated to the men in the field isn't known. There are a number of design and engineering tests to be run first on the various items. Shortly thereafter, lighter ponchos, entrenching tools, helmets, and boots, as well as other items designed for maximum effectiveness and comfort for the Infantryman will begin to reach the field for the usual service testing period for these items is being waived in favor of "in the field" testing.

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and/or incorrectly or illegibly addressed.

Proper packaging and addressing are particularly important during the Christmas season because of the extra volume of mail handled at this time.

Mailers are requested to be sure that packages are securely packed in cartons of wood, metal, or heavy corrugated fiber board. Packages should be covered with brown paper and tightly bound with heavy twine. Fragile items should be surrounded by cushioning materials such as excelsior or shredded paper.

Addresses should be neatly printed or typed and should contain the proper APO or ZIP code number. The receiver's proper name and service number should also be legibly addressed. For extra security, address and return address should be placed inside the package.

Packages brighten everyone's Christmas. It can be a bleak Christmas without them. To ensure that your packages don't arrive until after Christmas, or worse yet, end up in the "dead end file", make sure that you wrap and address them properly and that you mail them on time.

As noted in a recent article in Reader's Digest, life of a soldier during wartime hasn't really changed that much. A quote from a Union Soldier's diary dated Jan 20, 1863 read: "Still raining... day gloomy. Bought a gallon of whiskey.... day still gloomy."

"Humor in Uniform"

Oct 68 Reader's Digest

UP COUNTRY



I'VE GOT A GOOD IMAGINATION, BUT I
STILL CAN'T CONVINCE MYSELF THAT HAM
AND LIMA BEANS IS THANKSGIVING TURKEY
DINNER !!

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Company found NVN gear and supplies, and on at least one occasion, made enemy contact.

On Thursday, Nov 7, Bravo Company searched out an area which showed signs of past enemy activity. Members of Third Platoon uncovered a total of 200 pairs of "Ho Chi Minh" sandals. PFC Ronnie Robertson of the Second Platoon found a large cache of rice in the bedroom section of a hooch. Another large supply of rice was discovered by the Platoon shortly afterwards.

On Thursday night the Company was in their night defensive position (NDP). First and Third Platoons had listening posts (LPs) positioned away from the perimeter to detect enemy movement. The tactic paid off. Both LPs radioed almost simultaneously to CPT Pryor, the Company Commander, that they were hearing a great deal of movement to their front. After the LPs were drawn back into the security of the perimeter, 1LT Michael Reid, the Company FO, called in a heavy concentration of artillery on the enemy.

While B 4/3 was ob-com to the 1/46, B 1/46 was ob-com to the 4/3. While working with the Old Guard, B 1/46 discovered an NVN communications base camp. Several large radios and a number of makeshift antennas were found after searching the area.
