

COMPANY C
4TH BATTALION, 3D INFANTRY (THE OLD GUARD)
APO San Francisco 96557

21 February 1967

SUBJECT: Unit History Summary

TO: Commanding Officer
4th Bn 3d Inf
ATTN: XIRD-IN
11th Inf Bde

Company C, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry, 11th Infantry Brigade was activated 1 July 1966 under authority of General Order 114, para 1, Headquarters USARPAC, APO San Francisco 96557, dated 23 May 1966. The unit was activated under T.O.E. 7-18E with an authorized strength of 6 officers and 174 enlisted men.

2LT George Bryant, [REDACTED], and 2LT Alfred E. Lehman, Jr., [REDACTED] were the first men assigned to the company. They were assigned 22 July 1966. LT Lehman was the first man to join the unit, effective 30 July 1966.

Pvt E-2 Jerome L. Heaton, [REDACTED] was the first enlisted man to join the unit effective 3 Aug 1966. On 3 Aug 1966, LT Alfred E. Lehman assumed command of Company C.

As of 1 Sep 1966 the company had a total strength of 8 officers and 20 enlisted men. On 1 Sep 1966, CPT John P. McAnaw, [REDACTED], USAR assumed command of the company from 2LT Alfred E. Lehman.

On 12 Sep 1966 1SG Robert E. Jarles, [REDACTED], became the company's First Sergeant. On 21 Sep 1966, Company C won the Organization Day Trophy in competition with the other companies of the battalion. On 12 Sep 1966, the unit began a program of squad training.

On 1 Oct 1966, the company had a total strength of 6 officers and 88 enlisted men.

On 1 Nov 1966, the company had a total strength of 6 officers and 106 enlisted men.

On 2-3 Nov 1966, the First Platoon's rifle squads took their ATT's and finished 1st, 3d, and 4th in the battalion.

During the month of November, the company won the Battalion Football Championship by defeating all other teams in the battalion.

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On 1 Dec 1966 the company had a total strength of 7 officers, and 106 enlisted men.

On 8-9 Dec 1966 the First Rifle Platoon took its ATT and received an excellent rating.

On 9 Dec 1966 the 106mm Recoilless Rifle Section took its ATT and received the highest rating in the battalion.

On 15 Dec 1966 the Weapons Platoon took its ATT and received an excellent rating.

On 16 Dec 1966, the first squad, 106mm Recoilless Rifle Section, won First Place in competition with all other units of the Brigade.

The Brigade Quarterly Competition was completed on 3 Feb 1967, with Company C finishing first among all units of the Brigade.

From the time the company was activated until the present, it has had no AWOL's and has had 100% participation in the Savings Bond Program.

As of 31 Dec 1966, the First Rifle Platoon and the Weapons Platoon are combat ready with respect to training. Most of the company's equipment is on hand. The company has a total strength of 5 officers and 106 enlisted men.

The organization is as follows:

Commanding Officer:

CPT John P. McAnaw

Executive Officer:

2LT John D. Maier

First Sergeant:

Robert E. Jarles

1st Platoon Leader:

2LT William H. Lance

1st Platoon Sergeant:

PSG Cleveland McBee

2nd Platoon Leader:

2LT Donald P. Couch

2nd Platoon Sergeant:

PSG Billy F. McCain

3d Platoon Leader:

No Officer Assigned

3d Platoon Sergeant:

MSG Rolf Meisels

Wpns Platoon Leader:

2LT Floyd W. McLean

Wpns Platoon Sergeant:

SFC Alfredo Sanut

John P. McAnaw
JOHN P. McANAW
CPT, Infantry
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
4TH BATTALION 3D INFANTRY
11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE
APO San Francisco 96557

20 February 1967

SUBJECT: Unit Historical Summary

TO: Commanding Officer
4th Battalion, 3d Infantry
ATTN: XIRD-IN
11TH Infantry Brigade

On 1 July 1966, concurrent with the formation of the 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry (The Old Guard), Headquarters and Headquarters Company was also formed. With only a small handful of Officers and enlisted personnel, the cornerstone of the Battalion was layed and the building began from the ground, up.

Taking over as the first Company Commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company was a newly commissioned second lieutenant by the name of Alfred J. Lopresti. He had been commissioned at Fort Benning, Georgia the very month that his new unit had been formed. On 31 July 1966, with a strength of 3 Officers and 19 enlisted men, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, under the direction of Lt. Lopresti and acting 1st Sgt. Robert E. Jarles, began building the organizational framework and facilities that would begin accepting the newly assigned personnel and equipment.

On 29 August 1966, command of Headquarters and Headquarters Company was passed from Lt. Lopresti to Capt. William R. Daknis who had just arrived from a tour at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Lt. Lopresti then became the Executive Officer of the Company. On this same date Sgt. Richard G. McGinness reported in to the newly formed unit and took over as 1st Sgt of Headquarters and Headquarters Company after having served with the 1st Battalion, 3d Infantry (Old Guard) at Fort Meyer, Virginia. By the end of August, Officer strength stood at 12 and enlisted strength at 74, with one Warrant Officer having also been assigned.

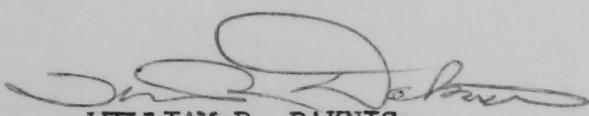
During the first month following the formation, training was held to a minimum, due to the lack of personnel, equipment, and the initial tasks of getting the unit organized. By late August pre cycle training for the Battalion and the Company got underway. Training for the Company initially centered around general military subjects for all personnel then assigned. A schedule of physical training, basic communications, first aid and drill and ceremonies initiated the training for Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

Throughout September the personnel and equipment necessary for training continued to increase. On 26 September the Basic Unit Training phase of the training cycle began, and by mid-October the Company had it's full compliment of Officers. The basic organizational structure of the company had been completed. The Medical Platoon, The 4.2 inch Mortar Platoon, the Communication Platoon, the Recon Platoon, the Anti-Tank Platoon, the Maintenance Platoon and the Ground Surveillance Section, although not at full enlisted strength, were at least operational and beginning to function and train for their mission in the Battalion.

Throughout October and November weapons, radios, vehicles and other equipment began to arrive in increasing quantities and the pace of training continued to quicken. Selected Officers and enlisted personnel from Headquarters and Headquarters Company began to attend the various schools and special courses operated by the U.S. Army, Hawaii at Schofield Barracks. Courses in CBR operations, Mess Management, The Army Equipment Records System and Air Mobility were attended by Company personnel. Other courses for PLL clerks, clerk-typists, generator operators, wheeled vehicle operators, forward observers and fire direction personnel were all helping to strengthen, little by little, the Company and the Battalion.

By the end of November the Battalion had been on bivouac at East Range training area and had a first taste of the teamwork that is necessary for a unit to function. Then, in early December, the 4.2 inch Mortar Platoon took their first Army Training Test and achieved the significant honor of being the 4.2 inch Mortar Platoon in the Brigade with the highest ATT score.

During the latter part of December Headquarters and Headquarters Company, along with the rest of the Battalion, turned in the M-14 rifle in exchange for the new M-16 rifle. By the end of December 18 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, and 188 enlisted men had qualified on the new M-16 rifle. Headquarters and Headquarters Company had topped off a tough, but satisfying, first six months of training.



WILLIAM R. DAKNIS
CPT, Inf
Commanding