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INFORMATION

1. Katum Expedition. I was very pleased with the professional way in which the squadron rescued the 2-32nd Artillery elements at Katum. While the exercise did point out some areas in which we could stand improvement (more on this later), it did show quite clearly our capability to react rapidly and successfully to an important contingency task, while continuing to maintain a major fire base in the Boi Loi Woods. Both MG Wagstaff (CG, TRAC) and BG Burton (3rd Bde, 1st Air Cav) have complimented the squadron on its efforts. Col Louisell (Dep CO, 3rd Bde) also paid a high tribute to us. The entire squadron was responsible for the success of our operation, not just the field elements. A real pat on the back is due the individual trooper throughout the squadron; it was his performance that carried the day. Make sure that your men are made aware of the high-level praise they have earned.
2. Reenlistments. Sergeant Faatau Togia, Howitzer Battery.

POLICY

1. Know Your Men. An alarming number of personnel actions (extensions, bars to reenlistment, board actions, etc) cross my desk indicating that commanders don't have a good handle on a trooper's background. I cite, for example, FST extensions when a man has a questionable disciplinary record. In another case, a bar to reenlistment was sought (with all the paperwork that it involves) when a bar already existed in his 201 file. Make sure you know your men.
2. Unserviceable Ammunition. It has been brought to my attention that large quantities of serviceable ammunition are being turned in with unserviceable ammunition. The time and labor expended inspecting and re-packing this ammunition places an unnecessary burden on the supply system. All commanders should insure ammunition is properly maintained and is thoroughly inspected prior to turn-in.
3. Alcoholic Beverages. All personnel 21 years of age and older are now authorized to consume alcoholic beverages in their rooms. This policy will remain in effect as long as it is not abused. I have made this change based on a recommendation from a Human Relations Council; I feel the councils should, in turn, be instrumental in enforcing this policy. The change does not affect the policy on hours; consumption of hard liquor during duty hours (0730-1700 hours or at other times when on duty) is strictly prohibited. The policy of no hard liquor at the fire base and NDP's also remains in effect. The new policy is for the benefit of the troops; encourage them to protect it by using common sense and moderation.
4. Civilian Clothes. Civilian clothes may be worn by all personnel of the 2/11th ACR at Phu Loi and Cu Chi after 1800 hours Monday through Saturday and after 1300 hours on Sunday. The only meal at which civilian clothes are authorized is Sunday evening. Personnel are required to wear a shirt, trousers, shoes or sneakers in the mess hall and post exchange. Shower slippers are not authorized foot wear at these two locations except in the immediate vicinity of living quarters or at the pool, when and if it becomes operational. I thank the concerned member of the command who suggested this change to our uniform policy.

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