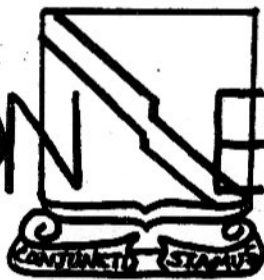


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VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL EARLY-OUTS

EARLY-OUT PLAN AIDS MORE GI'S

WASHINGTON (AFPS)--The DOD Policy to release enlisted men up to three months early to attend college has been revised to include men who desire to attend vocational or technical schools.

To qualify, a man must:

--Show he has been accepted for

enrollment commencing with a specific school term in a full time resident course of instruction of no less than three months duration at a recognized vocational or technical school.

--Not be essential to the mission of his assigned organization.

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VIET VETS BENEFIT

VET BONUS

WASHINGTON (AFPS)--Seven states have authorized a Vietnam-era veteran bonus. They are: Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota.

Eligibility information may be obtained by contacting the appropriate offices in each state.

CONNECTICUT: Office of the Treasurer, Vietnam Bonus Division, 15 Lewis St., Hartford, Conn. 06115.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

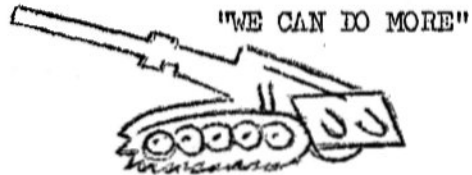


MARCH 17



Top 'o the mornin' ta all ah the Irish laddies in this the month of St Pattys Day. All the wee lads of King O' Brian wish all the Cannon Kings and their wee lasses a leapin' good time.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY
HEAD & HEAD



NEWEST ADDITION TO THE S-1 SECTION

Last month the astute S-1 team added an electric typewriter to its many administrative aids but this past month the energies and prestige of the battalion's fact finding team was definitely enhanced. The enhancing--SP6 "Bad Bill" Slaten--the new battalion legal clerk. SP6 Slaten comes to the battalion following a tour of duty as the battery clerk at Alpha Battery. If nothing else, SP6 Slaten has already completely eliminated those morning BLAHs with his daily "Witty Ditty" and the unpredictable "Word of the Day."

NEW FACES

Headquarters has many new faces in once vacant staff positions. Major Clifford D. Clay, the former executive officer of the 7th of the 9th Arty, has been assigned to the 6th Bn, 27th Arty as the new Battalion XO. Major William D. Merritt has become the Battalion S-3 replacing Major Teddy H. Hrabal who was reassigned to the 23d Artillery Group. Captain James B. Foster ~~4th~~ was reassigned to the 23d Artillery Group and 1LT Robert Doran is now filling in as the Battalion Maintenance Officer. Command Sergeant Major E.J. Furr has recently occupied the "Top EM" position of the battalion.

MASCOT HONORED

HQB took time out to recognize the achievements of their battery mascot, Sergeant George Haymaker, a prematurely graying four year old German shepherd dog. Sergeant Haymaker has served with both Alpha and Headquarters Battery providing valuable service to the 6th Bn, 27th Arty while enhancing the morale of his fellow soldiers. Sergeant Haymaker was presented the Bronze Star Medal for outstanding service by a dog for four years of heroic and meritorious service while operating in the combat environment of Vietnam. Sergeant Haymaker was overcome with joy and could only offer his right paw in thanks.

ON THE MOVE AGAIN

Although HQB moved from Quan Loi early in February, we are just now settling ourselves into our new home. The reason for the delay--HQB had to wait until the 2/13th Arty was relocated to another area and vacate the area HQB will fill. The HQB "Movers" are at it again and everyone around here is wondering if the moving will ever cease. The men of HQB are convinced that all of this moving is really practice for the eventual "Big Move" of the 6th Bn, 27th Arty back to the States.

LOYALTY AND RESPECT

"To attract to the defense service people with ability, dedication, and capacity for growth." That is part of the statement made last August in Philadelphia by Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird when he addressed the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention. He emphasized that "People are our most important asset," and outlined a program he called Human Goals. He listed five ways to attain the Human Goals. The first statement above is the first one he listed.



Secretary Laird believes most young men entering the military are well educated and highly motivated, full of ambition and full of energy. "We must see that the treatment they receive does not frustrate their ambitions or waste their energies," he said.

A characteristic of all mammoth organizations is the ease with which one can get lost in the crowd, forgotten and ignored. If Human Goals are to be achieved, if the attractiveness of a career in Defense is to be brought out, then servicemen and the civilian employee must feel the highest pride in himself and his work. The Secretary of Defense believes it can be done. He offers these guidelines:

"We must show them that loyalty and respect among military ranks are a mutual, not a one-sided relationship--extending downward as well as upward. We must cultivate and train these young men for leadership. We must provide them with personalized career development. Above all, we must make them feel they are important people doing important jobs." (AFPS)

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CDGJ ALPHA-BITS ORNG

BY: SP4 John Wavra

FLASH....."Dirty Bill" departs.....

After packing his bag with all the things he cherished most; six bottles of Chevas Regal and two of Johnny Walker Red; SP6 "Dirty Bill" Slaten, better known as Billy "The Kid" Slaten left Alpha Battery after five months of undevoted service. Saying farewell to his buddies was perhaps the hardest part of leaving for Bill. Locking his R.C. Allen (typewriter) into upper case; Bill jammed the keys for the last time at Quan Loi and mumbled something about temperance and prohibition down south. All that remains are the 1000 or so cans and bottles that he consumed and an orderly room that was run by the book--A Guide to Procrastination. Bill will be missed by someone here at Quan Loi as soon as the 1SG adds that little detail to his duty roster. Seriously; Bill will be missed by all.

WHERE DID IT GO ?????????? Anyone in the III Corps finding 2LT Ronald Zabel's Army issue, round top, baseball cap, please return it immediately to Battery A. 2LT Zabel is simply heart broken over the loss of his favorite headgear which disappeared mysteriously last month. The cap had been with LT Zabel ever since basic training. LT Zabel is now sporting a more cosmopolitan, OD green, oriental made regulation baseball cap but is awaiting the return of his old round top.

ALPHA HAS RECORD BREAKING DEROS LIST

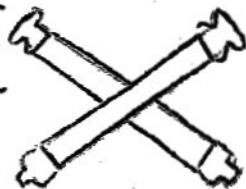
After spending 12 months, for many extended tours of 13 and 14 months, fourteen men of Alpha Battery said their good-bys and left with an ARCOM for service well rendered. Most will be released from active duty upon their return to the states; but for such "Lucky" individuals such as SP4 Wayne Thompson and PFC Paul Jones, a few more months of Army life remain. Departing to Fort REFRAD were: SGT Denny Webb, SGT Lonny Anders, PFC Stephen Thompson, SGT Louie Misciasci, SP4 Sam Shockley, SP4 Stephen Robles, SGT Ronnie Turner, SP4 Bill Sanford, PFC Tom Trowbridge, SP4 Bob Moore, and SP4 Bob Kersteins. One question remains--where are the replacements?

NEW FACES

Alpha Battery's mess hall was rejuvenated in March with the addition of SFC Walter Culbertson, mess steward, and SSG Edward Barron, first cook, along with PFC Melvin Campbell, a cook transferred from Service Battery. The food has improved immensely. PFC Les Widner joined the Ammo section, PFC Jim Cannon went to the FDC, PFC Denny Brainerd is doubling as the battery commander's driver and clerk, while PFC Dick Longoria is in supply and PFC Archie Gober joined the Commo section.

PROMOTIONS.....during March set another record. Charles Nelson, Dan O'Hearn, and Louie Misciasci were promoted to Sergeant E-5. Dan Smith made Specialist Five and twelve PFC's are now Speedy Fours. These are: Frank Findeis, Gilbert Gruber, Stephen Eaky, Jon Heisler, Kurt Helmgren, Gregg Hetzel, Carrol Loveless, Jim McLain, Lee McMurtry, Lewis Thompson, Doug Wedge, and Roy Ransom. Our congratulations to all and our compliments to the S-1 and his staff on a much improved promotions system.

CHARGIN' CHARLIE CHATTER



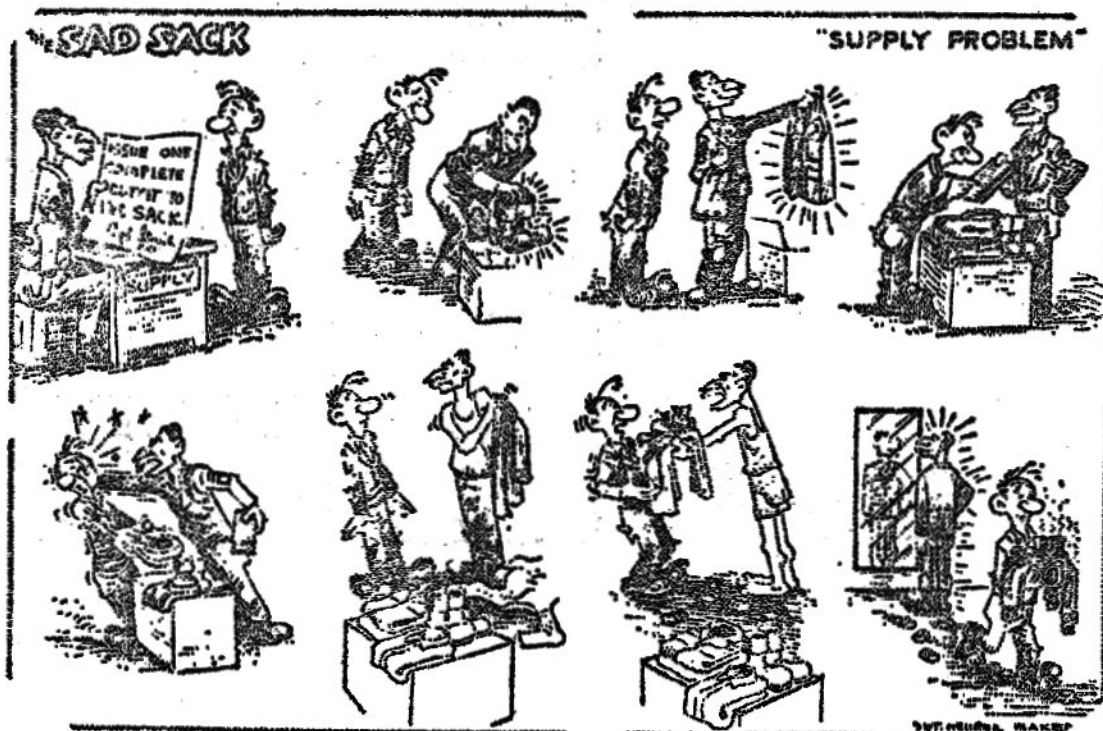
SP4 Ron Frantz

TOGETHER AGAIN

Chargin' Charlie returned in force to Phuoc Vinh recently, rejoining the platoons from LZ Elaine and LZ Bunard. For the first time since January, the battery has been at home and together again. What looked like a sure R&R--Rest and Recuperation--turned out to be an R&R of a different type--Repair and Restoration--as the battery tightened up for the USARV CMMI.

SHORTTIMERS AND NEW GUYS

There were those for whom homecoming meant homegoing. 1LT John McNeill left for Ft Benning; SGT Bobby Chancery went to Ft Bragg; SP4 Don Pittman to Ft Knox; Richard Kimble--The Fugitive--to Ft Rucker; Dave Hooper to Ft Sill; and Gary Mershon to Ft Stewart. Leaving to become civilians were EX-SSG Jake Jacobsen of Long Island, N.Y., EX-SGT Leroy Clevinger of Missouri, EX-SGT Elester Jensen of Oregon, and EX-SP4 Charlie Thomas of North Carolina. Charlie welcomes a new First Sergeant, Augustine Cuellar. 1SG Cuellar joins us after a tour of duty with the 1st Infantry Division. 1SG Sanchez leaves for the 1st Bn, 3d Artillery at Ft Hood. Also assigned to Charlie this month were: SSG Ernest Bullard, and PFC'S Richard Deaver, James Malloy, and Elliot Reidel. SP4 Jack Vernon joins us from the 1st Infantry Division and 2LT George Montgomery and SP4 Kent Oleen join us from Headquarters Battery.



THE NEW SOUTH

Plantation

SERVICE BATTERY

By: SP4 Richard "The Professor" Myers

CMMI WRAP-UP

The Professor reports that the "short" month of February was a very successful one for the Plantation workers of the New South. A Command Maintenance Management Inspection Team (CMMI) announced that Service Battery had passed the CMMI inspection with flying colors. After months of hard work, the New South was rewarded with an almost unbelievable rating of 98 per cent in all areas of the inspection. A long awaited celebration followed and the battery party saw the ritual dunking in ice water of not only all short-timers but anyone in the general area.

ON THE ROAD TO PHU LOI

Service Battery will be relocating this month--the new site--Phu Loi and the new next door neighbor of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery. The big job of moving will be starting shortly and thus the present Plantation R&R facilities will be reluctantly closing. It might be added that upon relocation, every effort is to be made to reopen these facilities as quickly as possible.

NEW FACES

The month of Aquarius saw the addition of three new faces to Service Battery: SGT Pizzaro from the 1st Infantry Division; PFC's Smith and Belcher fresh from the distant land over the horizon. While no one boarded the "Freedom Bird" during February, SP4 Smith left for duty with the 12th Aviation Group and SP4 Benjie Meek was reassigned to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

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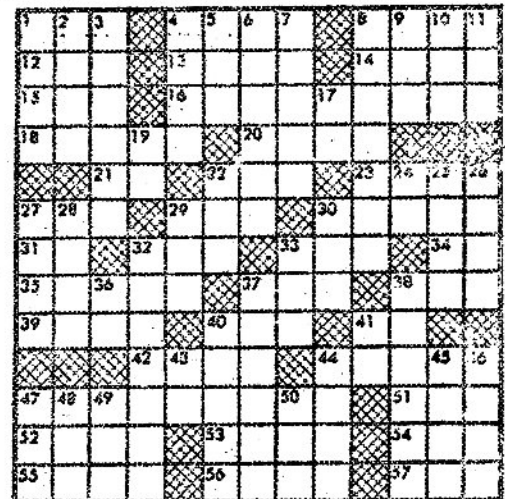
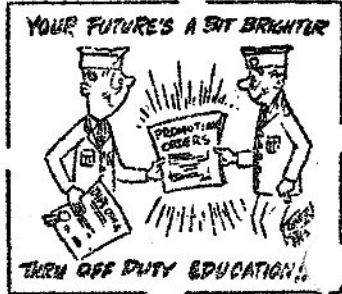
- 1-Arabian garment
- 4-Solicitude
- 8-Former Russian ruler
- 12-Parcel of land
- 13-Region
- 14-Comfort
- 15-Witty remark
- 16-Parts of paragraph
- 18-Lessen
- 20-Care for
- 21-Symbol for cerium
- 22-Chicken
- 23-Goddess of discord
- 27-Cheer
- 29-Parent (colloq.)
- 30-Test
- 31-Teutonic deity
- 32-Hog
- 33-Possesses
- 34-Proceed
- 35-Old womanish
- 37-Fastener
- 38-Vessel
- 39-European
- 40-Stroke
- 41-Conjunction
- 42-Word of sorrow
- 44-Go in
- 47-Preserved
- 51-Collection of facts
- 52-Great Lake
- 53-Gull-like bird
- 54-Small bird
- 55-Flaps
- 56-Lamb's pen name
- 57-Poem

DOWN

- 5-Exist
- 6-Issued
- 7-Consumed
- 8-Presents
- 9-Algonquian Indian
- 10-Peer Gynt's mother
- 11-Things, in law
- 17-Printer's measure
- 19-Symbol for tellurium
- 22-Ugly, old woman
- 24-A state (abbr.)
- 25-Shakespearian character
- 26-Narrow opening
- 27-Peruse
- 28-Wild buffalo of India
- 29-Expire
- 30-Sunburn

- 32-Gratifies
- 33-Strike
- 36-Preposition
- 37-Light color
- 38-Vegetable
- 40-Adhesive substance
- 41-Symbol for tin

- 43-Chinese mile
- 44-Girl's name
- 45-Wife of Geraint
- 46-Evaluate
- 47-Fondle
- 48-Period of time
- 49-Bone of body
- 50-Silkworm



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CAMP MARTIN

BATTERY B

By: SP4 Robert Kane

BRAVISSIMO!

THE MOVE TO THE LZ

The latest way of life for the battalion's firing batteries seems to be the move to the LZ--Landing Zone. Bravo Battery has taken up the chant and with its three moves in the past few months, Bravo Battery has practically become "airmobile." Moves to LZ Lee, LZ Elane, and LZ Candy have had an effect on the men and Camp Martin has literally become a Vietnamese version of an Italian movie's version of a deserted ghost town.

A FEW MORE LEAVE

SP4's Elec Ficklin, Bernard Weber, William Stuckey, Dennis Kieffer, David Harless, and Johnny Carroll; SP5's Randy Poole and Larry Lanley, SGT Dave McPherron, and SSG David Walner all departed from Bravo Battery this past month.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. The number one football draft choice in 1970 was?
2. The New York Yankees conduct spring training in what city?
3. The recent computerized heavyweight boxing championship was won by?
4. What two cities were awarded new franchises in the National Hockey League?
5. Name the consensus "Man of the Year" in sports in 1969?
6. Two of the biggest stars in the National Hockey League are brothers. Name them.
7. What major sport has the fewest ex-collegians in its ranks?
8. The "Man of the 1960's" in baseball was?
9. Gary Player, golfing star, hails from what country?
10. Name the director of the Major League Baseball Players Association?

ANSWERS

1. Terry Bradshaw, QB, Louisiana Tech (Steelers)
2. Ft Lauderdale, Fla
3. Rocky Kourak, LA Dodgers
4. Buffalo, N.Y.; Vancouver, B.C.
5. Tom Seaver, Mets
6. Phil and Tony Esposito
7. Hockey--less than 25% of players graduated from high school
8. Sandy Koufax
9. Union of South Africa
10. Marvin Miller

12-MONTH TOUR IN RVN

NO TOUR CHANGE

WASHINGTON (AFPS)--The 12-month tour established in 1965 for troops serving in the Republic of Vietnam has been "frequently reviewed," according to Defense officials.

So far, the officials report, "circumstances have precluded any reductions" in the tour length.

Among reasons given are:

--The effect of tour length on

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--Have completed 21 months of active service on his current tour of obligated service if he will have a reserve obligation after separation.

--A Defense official said a recognized vocational or technical school is one which is approved by a state board for vocational education or is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association listed by the US Commissioner of Education.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS



the operations readiness of the overseas areas.

--The ability of the services to support short-term rotation within authorized numerical strength and skill resources.

--The movements generated by increased movement of personnel to and from overseas areas.

--Officials also cited the turbulence that would be created in activities located in the United States, which must continually supply personnel for overseas shipment and absorb returning personnel.

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DELAWARE: Veterans Military Pay Division, 1224 King St., Wilmington, Del. 19081.

ILLINOIS: Illinois Veterans Commission, 211 W. Jefferson St., Springfield, Ill. 62704.

LOUISIANA: Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, Vietnam Bonus Division, Old State Capitol, Baton Rouge, La. 70801.

MASSACHUSETTS: Treasurer's Office, Room 227, State House, Boston Mass. 02133.

PENNSYLVANIA: Vietnam Bonus Bureau, 19 S. 2nd St., P.O. Box 415, Harrisburg, Pa. 17108.

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