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NEW BN CO WWI EXPERT

LTC Leonard F.B. Reed Jr., who became the sixth battalion commander of the 6/27 Arty in July, is an authority on World War I and author of a textbook on the subject used at the U.S. Military Academy.

The 37-year-old Chicagoan, who is on his first tour in Vietnam, comes here after three years as professor of military history at West Point. The colonel is a 1954 graduate of the Academy, with a B.S. in military history.

LTC Reed also has a master's degree in history from Duke University. His specialization for this 1966 degree was the First World War period and his text, published earlier this year, examines various campaigns in the war.

One of LTC Reed's more exotic assignments was in 1962 as commander of a British artillery troop in Minden, Germany. The outfit was a 25-pounder, comparable to the 105mm.

He was with the military advisory group in Korea for 16 months directly after the fighting stopped there -- his first assignment upon graduating from the Academy. He was battery commander in the 1st Battalion, 35th Artillery (105mm towed) at Fort Lewis, Wash., in 1958.

In 1961-64 he was battalion S-3 in Germany, again in the 35th Artillery, but this time in the 2d Battalion.

Among the military schools he has attended are the Command and General Staff College and three tenures at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill.

(See LTC REED, back page)

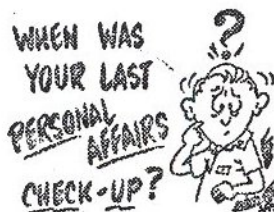
FIRST ISSUE...

OUR EARS

This is the first issue of Cannon-Ears, a battalion newsletter to be published each month. This is an introductory issue, not as complete as future ones will be but an example of what we hope to do.

In the October 15th issue there will be news from every battery--from Song Be in the north to Long Binh in the south. We have sent out a letter asking each battery to choose a reporter as soon as possible so your news won't be late for this first deadline, which is October 1st.

Cannon-Ears is not for the publication of official information but for what is happening among the men of the battalion.



VEHICLE OF MONTH...

WIN BOND

A \$25 savings bond will go to the driver of the battalion vehicle of the month, under an awards program recently established.

The first inspection for the top vehicle in the battalion will be held the week of Sept. 22. The vehicle for September will be a 1/4 ton truck.

Primary inspection team will be from the battalion maintenance section.

The battalion commander will make the presentation.