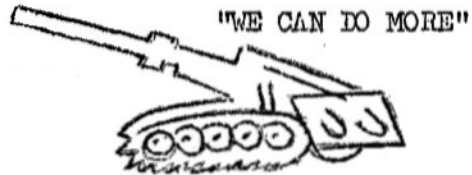


HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY
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NEWEST ADDITION TO THE S-1 SECTION

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.