

ALPHA-BITS

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On 18 October, Alpha Battery hosted a change of command ceremony, saying farewell to an absent CPT Jeffrey Emara, and bidding a cheerful welcome to the new commander, CPT Donald Albers. Although CPT Albers is enjoying his first command position, he is no stranger to Alpha Battery. While a 1LT, he was the XO from February until July of this year. A native of Milwaukee, Wis., CPT Albers is a graduate of West Point, receiving his commission on 7 June 1967. Upon his arrival in Alpha, his comment was, "I could not help but notice the great improvements made by the battery in all areas, especially morale of personnel, battery facilities, professional competence and general operations. I hope that we will be able to continue to strive forward in the months to come."

HOMEWARD BOUND . . .

Alpha said a fond farewell this month to SP4 Ferber Lusk of the maintenance section and SP4 Barney Bowles of the FDC section. Both departed for Oakland where they will ETS.

PROMOTIONS

Promotions for the month totaled an even dozen. Pedro Agosto was promoted to E5 and assumed the duties of Supply Sergeant. Promotions to SP4 included: Wayne Thompson, James Jones, Steven Robles, John Wavra, Floyd Oller,

Daniel Smith, Harry Parker, Bob Moore, Sam Shockley, Bob Katzenback and Claude Dancy.

A NEW LOOK IN PADS

There is a new look in the 1969 "pads" of Alpha. Engineers from Co. C, 168th Engineer Battalion, commanded by 1LT Libby, have been busy rebuilding the four gun section pads in the battery. The new construction will make life in the gun section a little brighter due to easy maintenance of the gun pad.

ALPHA SEES STARS ****

Alpha Battery was recently paid a visit by General Ralph E. Haines, USARPAC commander. Gen. Haines commented that the Battery looked excellent and that the men of the battery should be thankful for the high standards which they have worked for and enjoy. His general comments were cheerful, making his visit a happy memory.

NEW GUYS

New arrivals to Alpha this month were SGT Archie Green, recently of C Battery. SGT Green has assumed the duties of Chief of Section in the "Fightin' 4th" section. SP4 Eddie White and SP4 Rich Kassar came to us from deactivated units. They assumed the duties of Unit Supply Specialist and Chart Operator in the FDC respectively. Alpha takes this opportunity to welcome the new guys.