



# CO'S CORNER

## FAREWELL, FOXTROT

On 17 October the "Cannon Kings" lost one of their members. F Btry, 16th Arty will be detached from the 6/27 Arty and will be attached to the 2/12 Arty where Foxtrot will join up with three other 155mm towed batteries. The loss of such a long-time member of the family is indeed a severe loss. During the eleven months Foxtrot has been with the battalion, this battery has fired almost 60,000 rounds in support of friendly maneuver elements without ever "firing out."

This is a record of which we all may be justly proud. There have been many personal friendships developed among the men of all our batteries-- friendships which will now be interrupted by the needs of the service.

I'm sure I speak for all of you when I say I'm sorry to see Foxtrot leave. I wish Captain Solomon and all of his men Godspeed and good shooting.

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### ONE WAY TO SOLVE...

# PROBLEMS

When there are marital, birth or other personal problems which demand the serviceman's presence at home, his Vietnam unit will grant him leave if the proper verification is provided through the Red Cross.

The family members at home such as parents, wife, etc., must contact the Red Cross so it--not the family--may verify to the man's unit commander the need for him back in the States.

Many persons request compassionate leave but numerous requests are turned down because of lack of verification. A letter from a chaplain in Vietnam who has talked with the

man, word from the Red Cross, or a letter signed by a doctor will provide proper documentation.

So, Vietnam personnel should inform their families that, if they are required at home, the family must contact the Red Cross -- not simply write to the battery commander themselves.

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