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Orange blossoms, blood tests, wedding bells and a champagne breakfast were on the list of Cpt Jeffrey L. Hmara, who attended his own wedding while R&Ring in Hawaii. Miss Carolyn Leapart of Charleston, S. C. was the lucky girl, so all you (or y'all) can take her name out of your address books. Cpt Hmara will spend his first days of marital bliss in Honolulu from Oct 6-13, experiencing the loss of bachelorhood to the soothing sounds of the ocean and the sunny playground surrounding him.

SP4 Carl C. Mowbray, A Battery commander's driver, drove away with the battalion's best driver and the Vehicle of the Month award for September in his 1/4 ton. SP4 Mowbray adds an \$18.75 Savings Bond to his account along with the award.

The enlisted men of Alpha have embarked on a program to remodel their club. PFC Frank M. Pastore, club custodian, acquired several sheets of fiber board to panel the inside of the club. The expected results will be a much pleasanter appearing club and perhaps a dustproof one. (Ed. Note: You're dreaming.)

In September Alpha Battery lost some familiar faces...

Among those who left were three intrabattalion transfers: PFC Ronald Alvarez to Bravo, SP4 Charles B. Clarke to Service, and PFC Inez J. Chevez to Charlie.

Some also departed via "Freedom Bird": SP5 William A. Henricks, for reassignment to Germany; SP4 David W.

Goshen, reassignment to Germany; SP4 Ronald E. Barr, Ft. Campbell, Ky., SP4 Duane M. Nygaard, Ft. Riley, Kan., and SP4 Daryl V. Home Gun, Ft. Lewis, Wash.

...and gained some new ones:

New and needed addition to roster totaled 8 for September. Two were sergeants from the ACL Academy-- Dale L. Anello, Towanda, N.Y., and Domingo Rios Jr. from Dallas, Texas.

Three other "New Guys" bunk in the maintenance section: PFC Stephen J. Haky, Cleveland, Ohio; PFC Mark D. Wolfe, Kincaid, Ill., and PFC Gerald L. Morris, Columbus, Ohio.

Three more arrived from other batteries in the battalion--PFC Robert Patterson from Bravo, PFC Gregg L. Hetzel from Service, and PFC John R. King Jr. from Charlie.

#### 23D GROUP CHANGES COMMANDERS

Col. Joseph N. Hearin, formerly deputy commander of the II Field Force Artillery, is the new commander of the 23d Group.

The 6/27 was represented October 4 at the change of command ceremonies at Phu Loi--both by LTC Reed and the battalion staff and by guidon and color bearers from the batteries.

Col. Walter Beinke, former 23d Group commander, takes an assignment with CINCPAC in Hawaii.

Col. Beinke received the Legion of Merit at the ceremonies.