

TOP SOLDIER TO GET R&R

Pay grades E-4 and below now have the opportunity to compete for both an in-country R&R plus a \$25 savings bond.

LTC Reed, battalion commander, has revealed plans to establish a board to select a Battalion Outstanding Soldier of the Month.

Each of the batteries of the Battalion will pick their own Battery Outstanding Soldier of the Month. These candidates are then to compete for the battalion's top prize.

Meeting during the second week of each month, the selection board will choose the winner from the can-

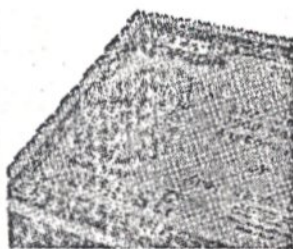
didates who have survived the battalion's preliminary competition.

The selection board will consist of Major Jerome J. Idbassi, battalion executive officer, Sergeant Major James C. Rusk, and at least three of the battery first sergeants.

The winner will receive a Battalion Certificate of Achievement, a three-day pass to Vung Tau, and a \$25 savings bond.

Each of the batteries' outstanding soldiers will receive plaques, certificates of achievement, and other authorized awards.

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GED's UP

Army participation in the General Educational Development (GED) program reached a new high in FY '69 as 896,403 course completions were reported. This compares to 734,885 in FY 1968 and 629,969 during FY 1967.

Included in FY 1969 totals were 495,418 completions in MOS related courses, a gain of 119,803 over the previous year.

F-T ROOP

Bustin' Bravo has got a new neighbor at Song Be. F Btry, 16th Arty, the "sixth finger" of the 6/27, has moved three of its six 155mm towed howitzers up to LZ Buttons, directly across the way from Camp Martin, home of Bravo.

This one-day airlift took place Sept. 11. It also included two officers and 38 men.

DEROS

September will see 57 men DEROS from the battalion, down from last month's record high of 72.

Battery C will lead the battery loss column with 15. The rest of the list looks this way:

HHB.....	9
Btry A.....	11
Btry B.....	10
Btry C.....	15
F/16.....	7
Svc Btry.....	5

Other statistics--these for August--include 61 getting awards, 42 taking out-of-country R&R, 29 getting extensions on their tours, 15 Article 15s. Five persons were wounded in action.