

16 KIA'S IN 16 DAYS THE NEW DELTA COMPANY IS REALLY ON THE MOVE

"Delta Company is running "full charge", " said LTC Lynch as he congradulated the Dragons for their steller performance in the Red Mountain area six miles north of LZ LIZ on the Gaza Strip. The men compiled a total of 16 enemy KIA's in 16 days while conducting their search and clear operation. In addition, they secured four AK 47 assault rifles, three automatic rifles, one pistol, 40 enemy grenades, two RPG rocket rounds, 12 uniforms and detained two VC that were on the area black list.

CPT David Jones (Garden City, N.Y.), the company commander, said the key to their success was good tactics and new ideas of his small unit leaders. They employed unique operations that made it impossible for the enemy to their plan of action. The men worked at all hours of the day and night to keep the VC and NVA guessing. Day ambushes, meticulous reconnaissance, stealth and night searching patrols were some of the reasons for their achievement.

They literally took the night away from the nocturnal enemy guerrillas with their "Rat Patrol", which used Ranger techniques. The patrol consists of SGT Danny Hanna (Cary, Ind.), SGT William Kalaua (kealeakakua, Haw.), SP4 William Kirch (Wyndow, Kan.), SP4 Coshel Hall (Leburn, Ky.), PFC Larry Williams (Newburgh, N.Y.) and PVT Larry Recder (Russell Springs, Ky.). They were accompanied by KCS Sy' and Popular Forces soldiers. (CONTINUED Pg. 7)

COL. BARLOW SENDS CO C

TO SONG VE VALLEY

After receiving an intelligence report of a large cache of rice in the Song Ve Valley area, the 11th Bri-a large circus-type tent gade Commander, Colonel K.B. Barlow requested the assistance of Charlie Company to use their uncanny skill for finding enemy sustenance, They joined Companies A and B from the 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry in a six day operation that yielded little rice, but detected (CONTINUED Pg7)

1/20 GI'S WILL GET

INSTANT CARE AT LZ LIZ

Men in the field can expect to be greeted by each time they rotate to LZ LIZ. Its all a part of a new program, ini-

tiated by LTC Lynch, to insure that every soldier in the field has proper medical and dental care, and in addition, is practicing necessary health hygiene. Dr. (CPT) Mark Feldman and his medical team screens each man (ONTINUED Pg2)

LITTLE JOHN

GETS VC 3QIAD

NEAR OD LAKE

Recon's Little John element got results in an ambush sight about one mile west of Dic Pho that seemed unlikely to produce. men were forced to set up close to a because they couldn't find a good location.

Just after they set out their Claymores, the men began making out the guard for the night. Before they finished seven to nine VC soldiers were heard coming down the trail.

SGT Mike Shirron (Little Rock, Ark.) said they were laughing and talking as if the area was completely clear Shirron reached over and blew two Claymore mines when the enemy soldiers were 30 meters away. The rest of his squad fired fired into the nearby at the fleeing VC. (CONTINUED Pg. 2)

1/20 GI'S ARE SENDING COMMY CARE PACKAGES TO CAMBODIA

An added twist of accomplishment, if not pleasure, is currently involved in the capturing of the notorious AK 47 assault rifle because VC and NVA guerrillas will hear its crack again, but from the other side of the muzzle.

Due to the nead for weapons by hard pressed Cambodian forces, the United States and and the S. Vietnamese forces are shipping captured Communist arms and ammunition to Cambodian soldiers to fight their North Vietnamese aggressors. In the mid-1960's the Russians and Red Chinese began supplying the Cambodian forces with AK 47 and KS carbines to strengthen their army. However, when Cambodia shifted its political viewpoint last Spring, the NorthVietnamese Army invaded and captured a large proportion of these weapons back, thus crippling Cambodia's defence. The Cambodians have a desperate need for the magazines to the AK 47 as well as the ammunition. The program has been in effect since last May.

The U.S. has made the M 16 its standard arm, but some of our soldiers in other parts of the world, including a number of those in training, do not have the weapon. By providing these captured enemy stocks, the U.S. is able to issue its costly m 16 (\$135) to our own troops without a weapons drain. We also save the expense of sending American advisors and equipment to train the Cambodians to use our rifle. The only action involved by Free World Forces is the transportation of the captured weapons.

The AK 47 and all other enemy weapons capable of firing automatically have never been classified as a legal war souvenir. Rather than collecting rust and dust in an arms storage locker in Vietnam, this new practical usage of captured enemy weapons is saving lives in Cambodia today.

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Shirron moved his element 200 meters from the sight and then retured back with SGT Thomas Kruchowski (Mt. Iron, Minn) SP4 Truman Hall (Bevinsville, Ky.), SGT Herbert Sorg (Owensboro, Ky.) and Bruce Miller (Lemon Grove, Cal.). They found four dead VC guerrillas along with one ak 47, an M2 carbine and 12 grenades.

According to signs, Shirron believes the killed or wounded three more.

eror is also on hand for those wishing to have their weapons checked or fixed.

"I feel like a new soldier," said a Delta Company soldier as he boarded one of the trucks taking men up the hill Remarks soon changed from catcalls like "Harassment!" to smiles and expressions like "This is groovy."

"With this program we can immediately find out the condition of a company," said LTC Lynch. "It gives each man a chance to see a doctor and take care of his medical needs. We will have this program waiting for the men each time a company comes to LZ LIZ. We won't always have a brand new set of fatigues for them, but there will be a clean one and any other item of equipment they need."

DID YOU KNOW????

More than 2000 dogs are serving in the Army. They are used to help detect the enemy, guard installations and sniff out contraband.

INSTANT SERVICE cont ... individually before he is trucked up the hill. The first procedure is to discard all clothing except for jungle boots and file through the tent, Dalandman thoroughly checks the men for any sign of health defects. Medication is on hand for those who need it. In some cases the men are referred to the health clinic for furthurattension. Dental kits and foot powder are offered to each man. Shot records are also brought up to date.

After finishing their checkup, the men will be greeted by CPT Adrian M. Fitzpatrick and his S-4 crew, who will issue a complete new uniform, including underwear, towels, socks, subdued collar pins of rank, and camouflage cover for their helmets.

The next step will be to the refreshment stand for a cup or two of ice cold "cool aid". Finally a portable shower, consisting of Australian water buckets, awaits them. Ill the soap and water desired is available. An armed

NEW BANKING SERVICE OVERSEAS

LINKS SAVINGS, CHECKING ACCOUNTS

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The Defense and Treasury Department inaugurated a new concept of banking service for military personnel and their dependents in all Pacific commands July 1.

Effective that date, all savings accounts with military banking facilities were eliminated and a new checking account procedure was established which will pay interest at the rate of five per cent-per amnum on an account balance of \$100 or more during any one month.

Defense Department banking officals call it a giant step toward meeting the need for better banking services for personnel in overseas areas. The new program becomes world-wide October 1, 1970.

The program allows the first two checks to be drawn on an account during a month without cost to the account holder. If more than two checks are written during the month there is a 10 per cent charge for each additional check with the maximum amount of a \$3 charge in any one month. Also there is a maintainance charge of 40 cents for using more than two free checks.

If the account holder does not choose to use the arrangement as a checking account, he may use it for savings purposes and enjoy five per cent interest on balances over \$100. Banking institutions that operate military banking facilities formilitary personnel offering this service are American Express International Banking Corporation, The Chase Manhattan Bank, and the First National City Bank of New York.

There are more than 240,000 individual banking accounts in the Pacific Command

with the amounts on deposit in excess of \$107 million.

DANNY GARCIA BACKS DOWN NVA

WITH STEEL NERVE AND SMOOTH TALK

Delta's Danny Carcia (Santurce, Puerto Rico) proved that he is one the Americal Division's top showmen. He recently gave the performance of his life while searchin for a dispersed band of NVA guerrillas on the Gaza Strip six miles north of LIZ.

The search started after LTC Gordon P. Lynch (Warwick, R.I.), the battalion commander, spotted seven enemy soldiers with packs and weapons from his helicopter. LTC Lynch had been visiting Telta Company's day laager and was being flown back to LIZ at the time. CPT Tevid Jones (Garden City, N.Y.), the company commander, immediately organized a four element sweep of the area.

The guerrilla jumped up and pointed his AK 47 assault rifle directly at Garcia's head. In less than a split second Garcia snapped the breech of his empty weapon and pointed it at the enemy soldier. He then used what little Vietnamese he knows and exclaimed, "You no Chieu Hoi, I crocodile you." The bluff worked! The towildered guerrillas dropped his rifle and raise' his hands. Garcia snatched up the rifle and said he was the happiest soldier is Vietnam, especially when he noticed that the selector switch of the AK 47 was on automatic.

"My heart felt like it dropped a foot," said Garcia. "I was too surprised and scared to think of anything, but God told me what to say."



Wou'll like it here Grapeshot..... His meetings are a blast.

U.S. SOLDIERS FROM CUAM

CELEBRATE HOLIDAY ON LIZ

LZ LIZ was recently the scene of a festive Gramanian holiday for four battalian soldiers from the island of Gram who calebrated "Liberation Day", which commemorates Gram's emancipation from Japanese rule by U.S. forces in WWII.

The men were SSG Frances Chargualaf (Agat, Guam-Co D), SGT David Crisotomo (Ipan, Guam-Co E), SP4 Frank Asnomoa(Inarjan, Guam-Co C) and PFC Tony Torres (Sinajana, Guam-CoB). They met at the 4.2 section on LIZ for the celebration. SSG Chargualaf prepared a Guamanian dish of chicken, rice, soy sauce, hot pepers, and Spanish sausage. He bought the food while he was on R&R in native homeland and carried it back to Vietnam for the occasion.

"This is the first time that so many Quamanians have been in the battalion at on time," said SSG Chargualaf. "Usually a guy is lucky to run into one person from his home town, but in this case there's four of us." SSG Chargualaf, ST Crisotomo and SP4 Asnomoa were lassmates at George Washington High School in Tumon, Quam.

SSG Chargualaf received special permission from Major William T. Honjiyo to gather for the celebration. Chargualaf has been Delta Company's weapons platoon sergeant for eleven months and will be leaving Vietnam next month.



CHARLIE CO CP

FINDS BEAR TRAP

SP4 Larry Lindsey (Boonesville, Ky.) and PFC David Snyder (Jackson Hole, Wy.) from the command post element found a 20 pound trap hidden on a trail in the Song Ve Valley.

They were near a village and ILT Franklin K. Nelson, the company command-

er had the men make a routine check of the area before they set up a day laager.

Lindsey and Snyder noticed something different burried in a path that led to a nearby village and decided to investigate.

They found the trap and removed it. It has a jaw spread of 16 inches and was probably used as a Tiger trap by the French, according to authorities.

Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (CPT) Robert P. Brenneman

IUC MY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT UNDERTAKEN BY SISTER BATTALION

The Dic My Refugee Center houses four thousand persons, eight hundred of whom are school age children. Although a grade school exists at the center, there is no high school.

If the sacrifices we are making here are ever to result in the Republic of Vietnam standing alone as an independent nation, then certainly greatly expanded opportunities for professional, technical and vocational training must be available to a larger percentage of the population. Chaplain (CPT) G.K. Norton of the 3rd Bn, 1st Inf, has been the motivating force behind this project. This Brigade approved plan has included our battalion since the Center is in our AO. The World Missionary Alliance and World Vision have agreed to supply operating support and teachers if the people at Dic My are able to erect the building. The Center will supply all labor, but need \$2300 and the necessary building materials. Chaplain Norton has already raised \$1400 in his battalion and has obtained cement and sand. Additional funds are needed for roofing tin, 2xt's, and plywood. A designated offering for this purpose was taken in all Division chapel services recently. Another designated offering is scheduled for the first Sunday in August. Units are urged to make an opportunity available for individuals to contribute on pay day if they so desire. Gifts may also be given to the chaplain directory at any time. It is desired that the name of the donor and the amount be recorded.

It must be emphasized that the spirit of the project demands that all gifts be on a completely voluntary basis, and are in effect evidence of a belief in long run projects of this nature will enable the principles we most cherish to become accomplished realities.

Information relative to the progress of the project will be published in this paper.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

- * Religion will be an aggressive mode of life in which the individual learns to become the master of his environment and not its complacent victim.
- * Character is what you would do if you were certain you wouldn't get caught.
- * "I will permit no man to narrow or degrade my soul by hating him."

-Booker T. Washington

* "Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being."

-Goethe

NEW DELTA CO continued

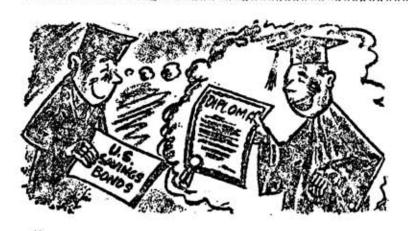
ILT Peter Dimercurio (Saginaw, Mich.) explained that the patrol was originated by the six Delta Company soldiers. They begin the operation with a seemingly routine day patrol in the villages to get information. KCS Sy' asked the villagers questions while the men make a mental count of the population and carefully survey the surrounding area. Camouflaged with mud and foilage, they quietly return to a sus-

pected village at night and wait for the enemy. Excess noise is reduced by tying down their goar.

Last week these men surprised a squad of VC that walked into their location. SGT Hanna, SGT Kalaua, SP4 Kirch and KCS Sy' were searching the village at the time and SP4 Hall, PFC Williams and PVT Reeder were deployed as a blocking force. Sy' began talking with two of the VC that entered the village from a short distance away. Suddenly he raised his rifle and two dead guerrillas fell to the ground. The remaining VC fled to the woodline, but the blocking force reacted and was credited with two enemy WIA's.

A spontanious combat assault also proved to be an effective maneuver for Delta Company. Five minutes after the first platoon was in position for a sweep, SGT Lisle Pottorff (Huntington Beach, Cal.) eyed three evading VC in an irrigation ditch as he glanced over a dike. He quickly fired and killed one of the VC. One of the guerrillas then threw a Chicom grenade that landed ten meters away from ILT Thomas Kreuger (Charlette, N.C.), PFC Efrain C. Ramos (Pittsburgh, Cal.) and SP4 Steve Ware (Philadelphia, Pa.), but it landed in a foot of mud and was ineffective. The U.S. soldiers heaved two grenades into the ditch and wounded the two VC.

CPT Jones said that everyone worked together on the last operation and that he is extremely pleased with the job they did. Delta's morale is "sky high" at this point and its going to stay that way. (Congradulations from Sykes' Regulars for a job well done!!!)



CHARLIE CO continued...
numerous enemy activities.

The first day Charlie Company detained 80 VC suspects that were taken in for questioning. The detainees did not have identification cards.

The area was unusually thick with jungle foilage that provided the enemy with natural concealment. LT Franklin K. Nelson (Arlington, Tex.), the company commander, said his men found seven small base camps that were hidden by thick plant growth on the sides of ravines.

The 3rd squad of the 1st platoon almost joined a VC fish fry at one of the base camps. Squad leaderlike Seward (Winchester, Va.) and SGTAL-len Denucci (Minneapolis, Minn.) from the mortar platoon, spotted a dense area at the top of a hill. "That sure looks like a good hiding placely said Denucci, who periodically joins patrols by his own volition. Upon investigation, the men unknowingly spooked out a squad sized element, according to SSG Seward.

When the squad reached the top of the hill they found freshly cooked fish in one of the pots. "They definitley saw us coming and ducked the area," said Seward. The guerillas left behind all their cooking utensils, salt and food supply. The men of the 3rd squad found 124 rounds

The next day the 1st squad of the 1st platoon found another base camp with 15 fighting positions. SGT Denucci was on the scene again with SGT Richard Scott (Corinth, Miss.) and they found phonograph records, cooking utensils and a VC newspaper.

Seward and Scott accounted for the only KIA of the operation by following footsteps from a stream that land to the top of a hill where an NVA guerrillas was hiding in a thick section of a hedgerow.



Slow down. Your body can't do its best in high temperatures and humidity, and it

might do its worst.

Heed your body's early warning that heet syndrome is on its way. Reduce your level of activity and get to a shaded location as soon as possible.

Put less fuel in your inner fire. Foods (like protien) that increases metabolic heat production also increases your water loss.

Don't dry out. Heat-wave weather will wring you out before you know it. Drink

plenty of water.

Stay salty. Unless you are on a salt restricted diet for medical reasons, take an occasional salt tablet or salt solution after you have exerted yourself.

Wear loose clothing. Tight fitting clothes increases your chances of exhaust-

tion.

Get out of the sun during the hotter hours of the day. Sunburn makes the job of heat disipation that much more difficult,

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CHARLIE CO GI

HAS CLOSE CALL

WITH BOOBY TRAP

SGT Larry McCormick (Lineville, Miss) learned a basic lesson about VC booby traps the "lucky way" during a searching operation by Charlie Company on the Gaza Strip.

McCormick found a metal box that appeared to contain enemy documents, however, when he opened it he discovered that it was a VC booby trap filled with TNT and rocks. Luckily, the trip wire broke when he opened the box. "It blew a two-foot-square hole in the ground and cleared 20 meters of brush when we exploded it," said SSG John Eddy (San Bernardino, Cal.). McCormick vowednever to tamper with any suspicious Itans again.

Charlie Company soldiers uncovered a total of ten booby traps in the area. They were triggered by metal to metal, push-pull and pressure release divices.

The soldiers from the 1st and 3rd squads of the first platoon four i seven of the booby traps. SSG, the leader of the first squad, said some of the booby traps were pin-pointed by marking sticks that leaned in the direction of the concealed explosives. Cautious searching seems to be the reason why Charlie Company is finding so many of the enemy's booby traps.

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SERVICEMAN'S INSURANCE COVERAGE

RAISED AUTOMATICALLY TO \$15,000

Serviceman's Group Life Insurance coverage for everybody in the armed forces was automatically inareased from \$10,000 to \$15,000 by legislation signed into President Nixon.

Premiums for the basic coverage are correspondingly increased from \$2 to \$3 per month. There will be no charge for the month of June.

Servicemen who want \$10.000 , \$5,000 or no coverage at all will have to say so in writing. your first sergeant or come to the S-1 office for more information.

Previous beneficiary designations will remain the same. beneficiary changes are desired a new VA Form 29-8286 must be completed

SCI MONNIE CAMP BELL

IS NOO OF THE WEEK

Sykes' Regulars NOO of the week is Monnie Campbell from the 3rd platoon of Delta Company.

He is a native of Sapulpa, Oklahoma where he graduated from Sapulpa High School in 1967. Campbell plans to attend Tulsa University and major is business administration.

Campbell took Basic Training and AIT at Ft. Polk, La. He came to Vietnam as a PFC and made the rank of sergeant in 16 months.

MAIL CHANGE FOR RVN

Due to a recent ruling by the Post Office Department "free mail is no longer treated as airmail once it reaches the states. Your letters are treated as regular ist mail and will take longer to get to their destination.