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CHARLIE CO AIDS AMERICAL DIVISION WAR LORDS

The Americal Division's elite fighting team known as the War Lords recently called for the assistance of the 2nd and 3rd Platoon of Charlie Company during a heated battle with two squads of VC guerrillas three miles east of LZ LIZ.

Before joining the War Lords, the 2nd Platoon and the 1st squad of the 3rd Platoon were engaged in a fruitful operation that netted four confirmed VC guerrillas. The men were on a sweep when pointman SP4 Frank Asanoma (Inerajan, Guam) and SGT Wayne Prunior (New Haven, Conn.) spotted three VC dash to the entrance of a bunker and place a rucksack inside. The enemy trio was immediately detained, but SP4 Asanoma saw a foot move inside the bunker.

After several attempts to persuade the insurgent to surrender, a yellow smoke grenade was tossed inside the bunker, but to no avail. When the smoke dissipated, SP4 Ron Ray (Spartanburg, S.C.) boldly crawled into the bunker to extract the guerrilla. He used

RECON NAILS NVA "GIANT"

ON PATROL IN 515 VALLEY

A six man patrol from Recon recently engaged a squad of NVA soldiers four miles southwest of LZ LIZ and killed the largest insurgent reported by Sykes' Regulars in a year.

The men were beginning a three-day reconnaissance mission to survey an area in which the enemy was suspected to be operating. the patrol was navigating in thick brush 150 meters from (CONTINUED Pg 7)

***** a cigarette lighter for illumination and made a careful check, but the VC seemed to have disappeared. SP4 Art Stack (Worth, Ill.) went (CONTINUED Pg 9) *****

ALPHA COMPANY PATROL

GETS 5 ENEMY RIFLES

An Alpha Company infantryman defiantly entered an enemy sanctuary recently and startled five insurgents, who didn't stay around long and left behind their entire stock of weapons supplies and equipment.

While walking point for a patrol on the Gaza Strip, SP4 Bob Morris (Meridian, Miss.) spotted three trails leading into a densely wooded area that were blocked by fallen trees. SGT Jim Stringfield (Goldsboro, N.C.) (CONTINUED Pg 2)

SONG VE RIVER FLOOD

MAROONS DELTA CO PLT

ON ISLAND FOR 2 DAYS

Getting stranded on an island may sound appealing when the usual connotations of sandy beaches, rolling surf and the essential grass-skirted lassies come to mind. However, the men from the 1st Platoon of Delta Company have a different attitude on the subject after their first-hand experience on an island formed when the Song Ve River rose 15 feet in one night.

The men had received reports that enemy soldiers were using the river to transport rice with sampans. Several squad-sized ambush locations were selected along a large sandbar, which extended into the river from the bank. As the squads moved into location, an unusually heavy rain began to fall.

"It was a relatively clear when we got there," explained SGT Steve Lintl (Prairie du Sac, Wis.). (CONTINUED Pg 7)

CHARLIE

RECON SOLDIER WRITES PLAYBOY PLAYMATE ON BEHALF OF INJURED BUDDY



Will Hugh Hefner's girlfriend write to a wounded G.I. ? Only time and Cpl Denny Shaw's mail will tell.

Shaw recently wrote to Barbi Benton, the constant companion of the millionaire Playboy publisher, on behalf of SSG Doug Deacon. SSG Deacon was acting Platoon Leader from "Sykes' Regulars" Recon when he detonated a booby trap on 18 August. As a result of his injury, he was taken to Japan for treatment.

Even before Barbi Benton appeared in the March issue of Playboy magazine, SSG Deacon had clipped pictures of her from the "Playboy After Hours" ad and carried them in his wallet.

As Shaw explained in the letter, "Doug is a gusty guy. When he leaves the hospital in Japan, he'll be fitted for artificial limbs in Washington, D.C. Within a year, he'll walk. But it's going to be a hell of a long year. He's going to spend a lot of time in bed and need mail. There's very little I can do for him now. It would mean a whole lot if you would write him."

SSG Deacon, who celebrated his 20th birthday shortly after arriving in Vietnam last February, is from Port Huron, Michigan. He and Shaw had spent their entire tour together in Recon. When the former Platoon Leader, 1LT Charles Wiley, became the commander of Company E, SSG Deacon assumed the responsibility of Platoon Leader at the end of July.

Shaw sent the letter to Miss Benton in care of the Playboy Building in Chicago. "I'm pretty sure she'll receive the letter, but there's no way of knowing if she'll do anything about it."

Shaw continues to watch his mail to find out. We should know soon.

ALPHA COMPANY PATROL continued.....

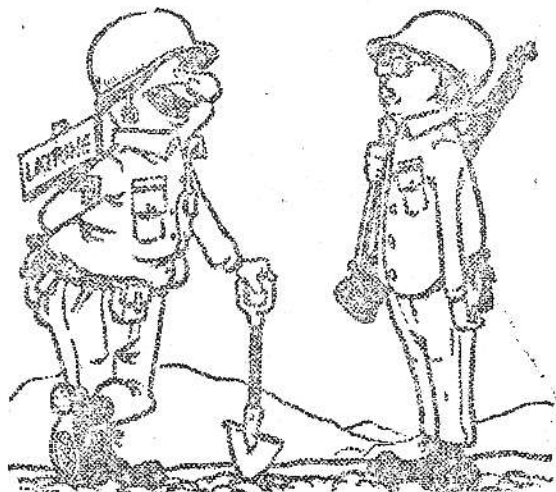
sensed the possibility of booby traps and warned the men to avoid the trails before they approached the woodline. Morris selected a suitable route a short distance away and the men advanced into the brush moving parallel to the trails.

After stealthfully navigating 75 meters, SP4 Morris heard a faint voice coming from the other side of a large dense hedgerow. He halted his comrades and signaled to PFC Randy Harris, who moved up to join him. Moments later, the two men heard the voices of several men who seemed to be engaged in a discussion.

PFC Harris, an artillery forward observer, deployed the other members of the patrol into an L-shaped position while SP4 Harris maneuvered around the hedgerow for a closer look. It was then that he spotted five VC/NVA soldiers inside a hut busily conversing. They had their weapons beside them, but were unaware of his presence.

With the element of surprise to his favor, the intrepid pointman walked out from behind a small mud hut located only 15 meters from the insurgents and ordered them to come out. One of the enemy soldiers made a quick move for a weapon and Morris fired a quick shot before seeking cover.

The positioned U.S. soldiers attempted to give supporting fire, but the tall entangled hedgerow thwarted the efforts. The VC/NVA soldiers quickly bolted out of a side entrance and (CONTINUED Pg 3)



A brief fire fight with three VC bathers recently scattered a company-size pay line consisting of soldiers from Alpha Company, who were waiting to exchange expired Military Payment Certificates (MPC).

The incident began when SGT Mike Dossier (Dallas, Tex.) received a call to bring his squad to the company's day lager to receive up-dated MPC currency. The men used a direct route, which skirted a small village that the men had checked earlier in the day. When they were 50 meters from the village, SGT Dossier said he spotted three men taking a bath beside a well.

"I had everyone get down immediately because it looked suspicious," explained Dossier. "There were no males in that village earlier, so I motioned to our Kit Carson Scout (KCS) for an opinion. Sure enough, he identified them as VC."

Dossier said he and PFC Joby Walker (Albany, Ga.) KCS Phong and two Popular Forces soldiers circled around the village to take a closer look and check for weapons. Using the concealment of a thick tree line the men maneuvered to an observation point 10 meters from the bathing insurgents.

"They never knew we were there so we checked them out for about five minutes," Dossier said. "They were wearing pajama-type trousers and didn't seem to have any weapons or gear. Then, one of the VC saw us crouched in the brush when he dried himself off. He acted as if nothing was wrong and calmly walked into his hut. Before we knew it, they grabbed their packs inside the hut and escaped into the brush."

The men pursued the fleeing insurgents for 200 meters before engaging them with M 16 rifles. Dossier and KCS Phong dropped two of the guerrillas before they could enter a mangrove swamp. The third VC was able to evade successfully.

Stray rounds from the encounter caused a bellan 500 meters away in the pay line, forcing everyone to seek cover. "At first we thought it was hostile fire from a sniper because the rounds seemed to be coming our way," said 1LT Nick Lillard (Lawton, Okla.).

"Then we received SGT Dossier's report of the two VC KIA's and breathed a little easier."

There was only one U.S. soldier in the pay line that came close to being a casualty. "Those rounds didn't even come close to us," said PFC Randy Harris (West Memphis, Ark.). "But when I hit the ground for cover, I landed directly on a cactus plant. I felt a lump in my throat and felt sick. I thought the lump was due to my excitement, but then I realized that I swallowed the wad of chewing tobacco that I had in my mouth."

(ALPHA COMPANY PATROL continued...) and were shielded by a large bunker as they scattered into the jungle. The incident was highly fruitful because the insurgent's effectiveness was thoroughly neutralized. During the confusion they left one AK 47, an KS rifle, two automatic weapons, one M 1 carbine, 6 grenades, food, clothing, equipment and medical supplies.

AFTER 6/11 ARTY

HITS NVA

After gunners from the 6/11 Artillery Battalion scattered a heavily armed platoon of NVA soldiers, the men of Recon entered the area and secured an extensive list of enemy ordnance that included a 60mm mortar tube.

An intelligence report had been relayed, revealing that the enemy soldiers were on a trail only two miles from LZ LIZ. Artillery rounds were quickly adjusted to engage the insurgents, who were reported to have been traveling in the direction of the fire base. The rounds continued to rain down upon the location until the Recon Platoon arrived at dawn.

Shortly after entering the area, the men found two dead NVA soldiers that had been killed by artillery (KBA). They began a meticulous search and uncovered concealed ordnances and equipment that the NVA platoon attempted to hide before withdrawing into the mountains.

The items included: one 60mm mortar tube and six rounds, one bangalore torpedo, 15 NVA rucksacks; one "Bouncing Betty" artillery round, 18 Chicom grenades, medical supplies, four dud 105mm rounds and several first aid pouches.

In 4 Days

1/20 VIP BUYS ENEMY ORDNANCES FROM CIVILIANS

The next time uncle Charley decides to do a little night roving, he might have to cancel his plans because someone thinned-out his private stock of ordnances.

He may begin to add 2+2 when he sees his nephew, but it's doubtful that he will ever get close to the youngster thanks to CPT Charles Garefino (Flemington, N.J.), the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer, and a new bicycle purchased with Volunteer Informant Program (VIP) funds.

Maybe it won't happen exactly that way, but the fact remains that the VIP is successfully diminishing the enemy's supply of fire power with the assistance of Vietnamese boys.

The chart to the right lists the items procured by CPT Garefino over a period of four days.

The program was designed to encourage Vietnamese civilians to exchange enemy information and supplies for money. According to CPT Garefino, boys between the ages of 10 and 14 have currently been taking advantage of the opportunity to earn extra spending money by searching for enemy ordnances.

Using V.I.P. funds, CPT Garefino recently excavated a large hole near LZ Dragon at the cost of 9,100 Piasters, which totals to only \$77.12. It may have been an expensive way to make a hole in the ground, but it had the highly practical purpose of serving as an insurance policy against injury for U.S. soldiers.

"Sometimes those kids scare the hell out of me when they empty a sandbag full of ordnances at my feet," chuckled CPT Garefino. "You can't be overly cautious because some of those rounds had been booby-trapped. Half of the 60mm rounds and one of the 105mm rounds recently turned-in were booby-trapped.

CPT Garefino wishes to remind the men in the field to be wary of all explosives. "If a Vietnamese boy leads you to an ordnance, never attempt to touch it in any manner," CPT Garefino said. "The safest thing to do is blow it in place after an extremely careful look for other booby traps in the immediate area."

Every U.S. soldier should be conscious of the program and endeavor to encourage it's progress. Each platoon is given V.I.P. funds for the purpose of securing enemy ordnances. Check with your Platoon Leader if you have any questions about the program.

NON-STOP CHOPPER FLIGHT

The first non-stop trans-Pacific helicopter crossing has been successfully completed by two Air Force HH-53 Super Jolly Green Giant aircraft, flying a 9,000 mile ferry mission from Eglin Air Force Base in Florida to Da Nang Air Field in the Republic of Vietnam.

The giant helicopters are assigned to the 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Da Nang. They will replace the older and smaller HH-3 helicopters now being used at the base.

Qty	Item
1	4.2 mortar round
3	105mm artillery round
1	155mm artillery round
2	45mm cluster rounds
24	60mm mortar rounds
7	M 72 Laws
3	HFG-7 rounds
202	M 79 grenade rounds
1	122mm rocket
26	grenades
12	5 lb. booby traps
7	mackerel can booby traps
40	M 47 rounds
3	81mm WP mortar rounds
5	rifle grenades
2	57mm recoilless rounds

Cost= 9,100 Piasters or \$77.12

"Trocue Freak"

Belive it or not !

BN COMMO CHIEF CONTACTS KOREA

WITH PRC 25 RADIO FROM SMOOPY



The next time you transmit with you PRC 25 it could happen to you!

While using the battalion's command frequency at LZ Swoopy, SSG Henry Striplin (Clarksdale, Miss.) was interrupted in the middle of a transmission and thought that someone was attempting to jam the radio channel. The communications chief said he got the surprise of his life when a U.S. soldier identified himself and his location from Camp Red Cloud in Korea.

"At first, I thought somebody was trying to block the command net," said Striplin. "After talking for a minute, I told him to identify himself and he said to call Camp Red Cloud. I told him that the only Camp Red Cloud that I knew of was in Korea. Then he shocked the hell out of me and said, 'That's where I'm at.' He sounded as clear as if we were talking in the same room.

"The normal range of a PRC 25 radio can be increased when atmospheric conditions are ideal," explained Striplin. "The incident occurred the day prior to the reported typhoon that struck near Chu Lai (55 miles north). The powerful winds most likely removed the static electricity from the air and opened the channel."

When SSG Ernest Kuykendall heard about the unusual event, he recalled a similar occurrence in 1967 that happened to his squad near the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in Korea.

He said his unit was on a night patrol and heard an American soldier calling for artillery support over the PRC 25. The element was under attack at the time and was unable to contact its headquarters for a fire mission.

"Our RTO finally figured out that he was calling from Vietnam and transmitted to him," SSG Kuykendall said. "He thought that if the soldier in Vietnam could reach us, we could transmit to his rear element. He gave us their call sign and we called in and adjusted a fire mission for him from Korea."

The next time a typhoon heads this way, keep a close ear to your PRC 25 radio because you might get a chance to talk to one of your buddies in Korea.

SYKES' REGULARS CHIEF TO COOK FOR GENERAL ABRAMS

One of Sykes' Regulars cooks recently departed from Duc Pho to a new "home on the range", an electric one, that is, where he will be one of three cooks for General Creighton Abrams in Saigon.

SP4 Charles Austin (Birmingham, Ala.) was selected for the position from a group of seven cooks from the 11th Brigade. The competition was high, but Austin stayed on top and got the job. "From now on he'll be working in an air-conditioned mess hall preparing lobster tails, steaks and caviar," joked SFC Bobby L. Whitten (E. St. Louis, Ill.) "I had to talk him into taking the interview because he was a bit hesitant. But once he got there, he answered all the questions and then some.

SP4 Austin entered the Army after receiving a degree in political science at Alabama University. Shortly after arriving at Duc Pho, the former Battalion Commander, LTC Arthur Fischer, was extremely impressed with Austin's performance as a rations coordinator and gave him an on-the-spot promotion to Specialist Four last June.

The men of Sykes' Regulars wish to congratulate Austin for his achievement and send their best regards.

"Like hell, No Bik"

ALPHA COMPANY SERGEANT NABS VC ACTRESSES

"Papa sahn Duc Pho; Mamma sahn Mo Duc; Baby sahn tes tee no bik," or "No VC and G.I. number one," are among several of the cliches that constantly haunt every "Sykes' Regulars" infantryman. They usually suffice to prevent further interrogation, but that wasn't the case with Alpha Company's SGT Rick Hupp (Newark, Ohio.)

While searching for rice caches, SGT Hupp and his comrades passed through a small village where three poker-faced women passively told them that they knew nothing of VC activity in the area. Their performance wasn't convincing enough to satisfy SGT Hupp and a lingering doubt remained with him as the men left the village.

He evaluated the situation and came up with an idea that later confirmed his suspicions. Hupp removed some VC clothing from a pack that the men had procured the day before and persuaded a Popular Forces (PF) soldier to don the enemy attire over his uniform. The next step of the plan took place 20 minutes later when the PF soldier, disguised as a VC and carrying an M 2 carbine, wandered into the village and talked to the same women.

He asked them if any U.S. soldiers were in the area and one replied, "Beaucoup G.I." In a worried voice the allied soldier asked the women if they could hide him from the American soldiers. The women willingly led him to a concealed spider hole beneath the floor of a hut and told him to get inside and remain silent. Minutes later, Hupp entered the village for the second time and asked the same questions. Again the women denied the knowledge of local insurgents.

Hupp then yelled, "La Dai," and the South Vietnamese soldier continued to play the role of a guerrilla by answering with, "Chieu Hoi!" He came out of the spider hole with raised hands and gave his carbine to Hupp.

"It was really comical," Hupp said. "I watched the PF go into the hut and knew where he was all the time. When he gave me his weapon, we walked behind a big haystack where the women couldn't see us. Then I gave him the carbine back and we walk back to the hut. It really blew their minds because it looked like the PF was leading me with his carbine. They didn't know what to think. Then, to put the icing on the cake, the PF removed the VC clothing and exposed his uniform.

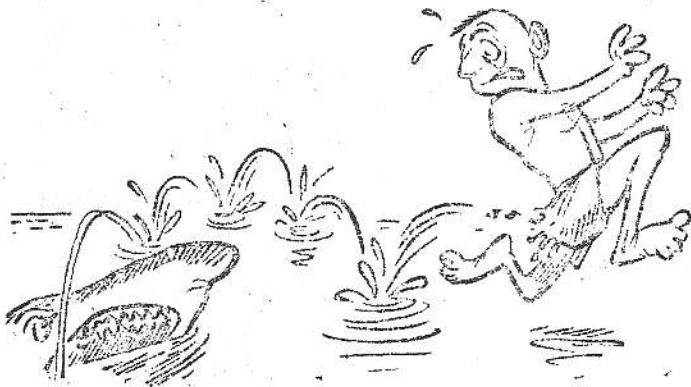
After the women found out about the hoax, they were escorted to No Duc for a questioning session by Regional Forces soldiers.

Much to Hupp's delight, the trick worked again in another village a short distance away on two other women. The men of Alpha Company had a lot to chuckle about that night over the incidents. With any luck, Hupp may continue to keep them laughing by foiling other previously successful actors and starlettes in the future.

DID YOU KNOW ? ? ?

Alaska has more square miles of glaciers than the than the rest of the inhabited world put together.





MAROONED DELTA PLT continued.....

"After we set up, it started to pour buckets and we couldn't see ten feet in front of us," continued Lintle. "The rain kept coming all night and eventually made the river rise 15 feet by morning. During the night, the river overflowed and made an island out of the sandbar. Originally, the sandbar was roughly 800 meters long and 150 meters wide, but the area dwindled to 300 meters long and 75 meters wide after the heavy rain."

"I knew what was going to happen,"

SGT Ian Roberts (Coquille, Ore.). "The same thing happens near my hometown in Oregon when we get a heavy rain. Of course, it doesn't come down that hard back home, but I definitely knew we were in for a surprise in the morning."

Helicopters were unable to get to the island due to a tactical situation in another section of the AO, therefore, the "3rd hard" embarked on a rescue mission to save their stranded comrades. The strongest swimmers in the platoon were summoned to swim across the raging river with a rope. 1LT James Adams (Laguna Beach, Cal.), SF4 Tom Hill (Birmingham, Ala.) and PFC Bob Blackwell (Gaffney, S.C.) grabbed the rope and attempted to stretch it to the island, but there was not enough to span the 40 meter distance. The swimmers released the rope and continued to the island.

The marooned 1st Platoon tied several hammocks together to complete the connection. Once again 1LT Adams, a varsity swimmer at San Jose State, plunged into the turbulent water to connect the hammock with the rope. He succeeded to join both ends, but the powerful current snapped the rope and ended the second attempt to remove the men.

SF4 Hill attempted to get back to the bank, but the swift movement of the river nullified his progress and swept him downstream. PFC Alan Hutchinson (Lekeville, Ohio) saw Hill go under and immediately dove into the river to save him. An estimated 15-man team formed a human chain that brought Hill safely back to shore. The rescue was just in time because Hill swallowed a large quantity of water and would have drowned without assistance. A Medivac helicopter extracted Hill to the 91st Evacuation Hospital in Chu Lai where he recovered from the ordeal.

The 1st Platoon was forced to remain on the island for another day until the river subsided. At 1000 hours the entire platoon waded through waist-deep water and reached safe ground.

RECON AND NVA GIANT continued.....

a main trail when the pointman, SGT Jim Erhardt (Ellington, Mo.) spotted three enemy soldiers wearing blue uniforms and carrying rucksacks 40 meters away.

While the men quickly spread to an on-line formation, PFC Ed Kapusta (Philadelphia, Pa.) and SGT Rocco Cipriano (Yonkers, N.Y.) spotted two more NVA soldiers to their right standing in thick brush. Once the men were in position, SGT Erhardt shouted, "Dang lai!" and the insurgents instinctively dispersed, forcing the U.S. element to take offensive action.

"We opened up with our M 16's on full automatic," explained Kapusta. "The main body of our element heard the racket from a distance and thought that we ran into an enemy regiment. We were able to put out a lot of fire power because everyone had a 40-round banana clip in their rifles."

The foliage was extremely dense for the men to effectively engage the insurgents, but they managed to wound two with their initial burst of fire. (CONTINUED Pg 8)

RECON AND NVA GIANT continued.....

Cipriano and Kapusta pursued the two insurgents that they had spotted previously, while Erhardt, SGT Tom Day (Lepier, Mich.), SGT Ray Campbell (Fortsouth, Va.) and PFC Larry Pike (Ft. Bragg, Cal.) attempted to track the other three enemy soldiers moving to the west toward the mountains.

"We had to move slowly because there could have been an ambush waiting for us," Cipriano said. "After moving 100 meters, we spotted them moving across an old open rice paddy, so we thought it would be safe to chase them. One of them seemed to be limping."

The other men had lost contact with the NVA trio that was originally spotted, and joined Cipriano and Kapusta. The six Recon soldiers pursued the NVA for 500 meters before firing their weapons. Just as one of the NVA began to enter a woodline at the base of the mountains, Kapusta took deadly aim and downed him with a long shot.

"He was the biggest enemy soldier that we've ever seen," exclaimed Cipriano. "He had a thick black goatee and was about five-foot-eleven and a lean 185 pounds."

"I wouldn't have wanted to try any hand-to-hand with him," joked Kapusta.

The men returned to the location where they first sighted the insurgents and found six NVA rucksacks containing equipment, supplies, cooking utensils, clothing, trip wire and blasting caps.

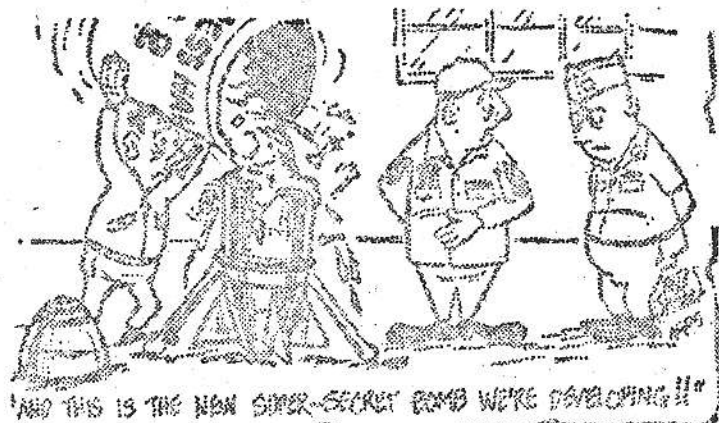
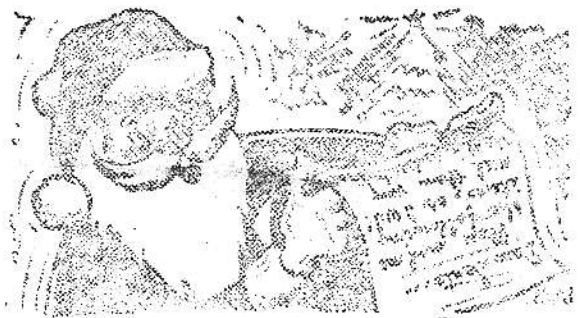
HOLIDAY MAIL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The Christmas Holiday mail dates for U.S. Armed Forces serving overseas has been greatly simplified this year, according to military postal officials.

Surface mail from U.S. servicemen overseas should be mailed no later than November 7 for a guaranteed holiday delivery. Space Available Mail (SAM) to overseas destinations must be mailed by November 21; likewise Parcel Air Lift (PAL) and Air Mail should be posted no later than November 28 and December 12 respectively.

For personnel stationed in the Pacific, the latest possible surface and Air Mail letter dates for arrival at the West Coast were listed as Dec. 16 and Dec. 19 respectively for Christmas delivery to East Coast addresses; similarly, surface and Air Mail parcel West Coast arrival dates were given as Dec. 12 and Dec. 16.

Military postal units will publicize any local variations in the projected holiday mail schedule, spokesmen noted.



SYKES' REGULARS LIST ODD JOBS

They may be Sykes' Regulars now, but before entering the Army, many men of the battalion held unusual jobs.

For an example, two men seem to have been professional dancers. They listed their civilian occupations as "OD Grinder" and "Twister". Perhaps they worked with a partner who listed his job as "Set Man".

Two others spent some time, probably in a saloon, working as "Triple Operators" and a "Glass Worker".

The most exotic jobs jobs were held by three men who served as "Body Man in a foreign body shop", "Body Painter" and "Stocking Clerk".

Perhaps in an apple-growing area, one man was was employed as a core maker. Someone else, who obviously enjoyed fish, was a "Carpeater".

These interesting job titles were gleaned from a purusal of the Hometown News Release Information sheets, more commonly known as the 1526 form. Since there is not enough space to describe the job in detail, one can only guess the exact function of a "Plastic Cop" a "Hand Packager" and a "Differ".

Although not from Green Bay, one man worked as a "Packer". Other famous cities are represented by the men of Naples (Fla.), Hollywood (Md.), Belfast (Mn), Rome (NY), Hamburg (Mich.) and Bogota (N.J.)

Men of the battalion also come from Friendship (NY), Freedom (Pa.), and Farmer City (Ill.). For others, home is Fochontas (Ark), Sparks Nev.), and Antler (Okla.) Still others come from Oblong (Ill), El Dorado (Ark.), Matador (Tex.) and, last, but not least, Roosterpoot (Miss).

---Cpl. Denny Shaw

CHARLIE CO AIDS WAR LORDS continued....

in for a double check while SP4 George Tate (Suwanee, Ga.) inspected the outside for possible escape tunnels. Both men returned with negative findings.

"Damn it! I know he's in there because I saw his foot," exclaimed Asanoma, who lit a dried coconut leave and went inside. He found a spider hole and began to dig with a hoe. It was then that he noticed another spider hole which was camouflaged with grass and near the wall. He went over and commenced to dig at the new spot. When he dug three feet down, the men outside heard a triumphant shout.

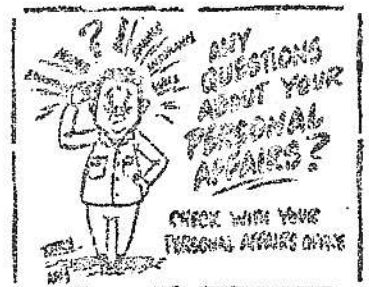
"Here he is," cried Asanoma. The guerrilla had crawled beneath the floor using a hidden side entrance in hopes of evading the U.S. soldiers. Moments later, Asanoma came out with a wide grin and was escorting the detainee. The men found a VC ruck - sack containing a uniform, rubber stamps and medical supplies.

As the men were returning to LZ LIZ with the four detainees, they received word that they were to be combat assaulted to the Gaza Strip. At the time nine members of the War Lords were in contact with 15 VC. The first squad of the 3rd Platoon was the first Charlie Company element to reach the area, landing on a "hot LZ". They joined the War Lords who had already killed two VC. The members included SGT Prunier, SP4 Stack, SP4 Asanoma along with 1LT Richard Tucker (Johnson City, Tenn.) SP4 Harold (Moose) Watts (Nashville, Tenn.), PFC Broderick Bean (Kake, Alaska) and SGT Richard Scott (Corinth-----alias Roosterpoot, Miss.) (CONTINUED Pg 10)

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1/20 REMF TAKES

DIRECT HIT WITH

CLAYMORE, LIVES



The battalion aid station was quiet. A few medics were writing letters to their loved one as a tape recorder played softly in the background. In the medics' underground bunker, several men had already gone to sleep and others were preparing for bed.

A messenger ran breathlessly into the aid station. "Claymore. Guy bleeding bad. Bunker 51," he gasped. SP4 Joe Markiewicz (Chester, Pa.) dropped his pen and ran in to the back room for an aid bag. SP4 Tim Brown (Redondo Beach, Cal.) dashed into the bunker to alert Dr. (CPT) Mark Feldman (Queens, N.Y.) and get the driver SP4 Charles Trammell (Stone Fort, Ill.)

In less than two minutes, the four men were in "Beverly", the aid station ambulance speeding through the night to the scene of the emergency.

Driving dangerously fast over the wet, slippery road, they rushed to the bunker line. Even before Trammell came to a complete stop, Dr. Feldman and Brown jumped out of the vehicle and headed for the bunker and the injured man.

The injured man was sitting up. Blood dripped from a cut over his eyebrow which later required a total of two stitches. There were no little holes in his body. A Claymore, which was being used to weight-down a poncho, had fallen off the bunker wall and struck him in the head.

"What a trip!," commented Dr. Feldman. "It's a shame we didn't have a red light and siren." He refused to release the name of the injured man. "Just call him the 'Claymore Kid'," he added.

-----Cpl. Denny Shaw

CHARLIE COMPANY AIDS WAR LORDS continued.....

After taking their positions to secure the LZ, the men spotted movement only 15 feet away in a dense thicket. Everyone opened fire with M 16 rifles and tallied one enemy KIA, one VC MIA and one detainee. Soon after, ILT William Sorter (Grand Junction, Col.) arrived with the remainder of the 3rd Platoon and the entire 2nd Platoon.

They began a sweeping operation, but most of the insurgents had evaded into the nearby treeline. Some hardcore guerrillas had remained behind to resist. Three VC were detained in a large bunker containing eight grenades, one pistol belt and a large quantity of clothing.

On the return to the LZ, PFC Gary Reed (Corpus Christi, Tex.) spotted a camouflaged 155mm artillery round that was booby-trapped and hanging in a tree. It was too late to safely destroy the round with explosives. SGT Danny Wright (Webb, N.C.) carefully marked the round for future detonation and guided his men around the area.



The men boarded helicopters and returned to LZ LIZ after a successful day's work that included the detention of nine enemy guerrillas and three VC KIA's.

COME AGAIN???

Cripple Creek Colorado, now with a population of 550 residents, had a population of 30,000 in 1900 when it was a boom town that turned out \$400 million in gold ore and 28 millionaires.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answers on Page —

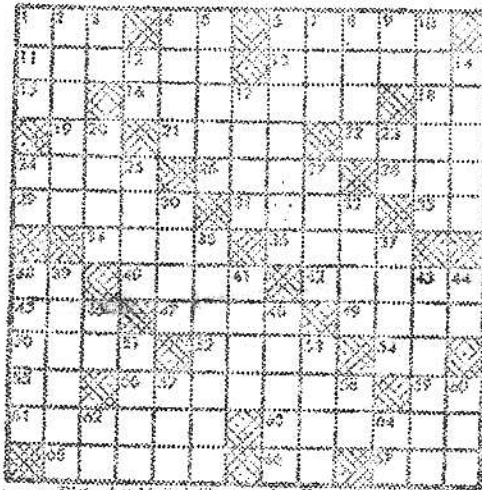
- Across
- 1-Mature
 - 4-Pronoun
 - 6-Damuda
 - 11-Trade
 - 13-Ached
 - 15-Printer's measure
 - 16-Piece of jewelry
 - 18-Compass point
 - 19-Noise of sciss
 - 21-Rip
 - 22-Location
 - 24-Danish Island
 - 25-Fall in drops
 - 28-Communist
 - 29-Snares
 - 31-Greenland settlement
 - 33-Purses (abbr.)
 - 34-Permits
 - 35-Cease
 - 38-Registered nurse (abbr.)
 - 40-Tidings
 - 42-Skid
 - 45-Comparative ending
 - 47-Skin of fruit
 - 49-Lifeless
 - 50-Artificial animal
 - 52-Sewing case
 - 54-Symbol for samarium
 - 55-Latin conjunction
 - 56-Holds back
 - 59-Greek letter
 - 61-Employ again
 - 63-Puffs up
 - 65-Hinder
 - 66-Compass point
 - 67-Limb

- Down
- 1-Man's nickname
 - 2-Male goose
 - 3-Autonic city

- 4-Flash
- 5-Was mistaken
- 6-Alcohol
- 7-Sunburn
- 8-Outfits
- 9-Preposition
- 10-Annoy
- 12-Symbol for tellurium
- 14-Acts
- 17-Unusual
- 20-Spoken
- 23-Prefix not
- 24-Near
- 25-Unick
- 27-Stroke
- 30-Milk
- 32-Embrace
- 36-More saccharine
- 37-Baker's products
- 38-Part of step
- 39-Profited



- 41-Bristle
- 43-Port of furnace
- 44-Man's nickname
- 46-Sun god
- 48-Enriches
- 51-Courage
- 53-Unemployed
- 57-Before
- 58-A continent (abbr.)
- 60-Doctrine
- 62-Pronoun
- 64-Symbol for tantalum



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"ANSWERS"

1. Alvin Dark, when with the Giants and earlier when with LSU Tigers.
2. Fenway Park, Boston.
3. Mike Garrett, Kansas City Chiefs
4. Ted Green, Boston Bruins
5. Riverfront Stadium, Cincinnati
6. Vic Davalillo, St. Louis Cardinals, set a record with 23 hits.
7. Mexico
8. Salt Lake City Utah
9. Horse Racing
10. Matty Alou, Pirates, 698 at bats in 1969.
11. Don Shula
12. Ice Hockey, the term is used to describe a kind of stick handling.

1. Who hit a home run off S.Koufax and caught a T.D. from Y. A. Tittle
2. Name the only single deck baseball stadium in the major leagues.
3. What player is giving up two football for two baseball?
4. Name the hockey player who will attempt a comeback after suffering a fractured skull?
5. Name the only Maj. Lg. baseball park using artificial turf.
6. What player broke the Nat'l Lg. record for pinch hits this season?
7. The World Soccer Cup championship in '70 was in what country.
8. What city is the new home of the NBA's L.A. Stars?
9. Saratoga, N.Y. is famous for what sport?
10. Who holds the all-time record for most-times-at-bat in a season?
11. Who is the coach of the new Miami Dolphins?
12. The term "dake" is used in what sport?
13. In what sport do participants stoop to conquer?
14. What is the highest score ever achieved by one college football team?
15. The Kansas City Chiefs got their start in what city.
16. Did Babe Ruth ever lead the American League in batting?

17. Who is the only baseball player to win the MVP award in both leagues?
 18. "Who's on First" was originated by what comedy team?
 19. The America Cup is awarded in what sport?
 20. Andy Granatelli is connected with what sport?
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13. Weightlifting
 14. 222 by Georgia Tech in 1916
 15. Dallas
 16. Yes, in 1924 when he batted .378
 17. Frank Robinson, Reds and Orioles
 18. Bud Abbot and Lou Costello
 19. Yacht Racing
 20. Auto Racing
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Do to our unit's belief that a happy soldier is a 24 hour soldier, the following short form letter has been prepared to insure that adequate communications are maintained with friends and relatives back home.

Dear: () Father & Mother () Sweetheart () Brother & Sis () Buddy () Wife
() Grandpa & Grandma () To Whom it may concern

How are you? I am () Fine () Bored () Drunk () Going Crazy () Sick
() In heat () Constipated () You can guess

The weather is () Hot () Rainy () Very hot () Very muggy () Lousy
() Windy () Terrible

My job here is () Excellent () Fair () Good () Poor () Boring
() too insignificant to mention () Exciting

This week we have been () Under normal () Under attack () Under alert cond.
() Under constant harassment () O D

We have been sleeping in () Bunks () Rice Paddies () Bunkers () POW Camps
() Foxholes () Too drunk to remember.

The food is still the same. Last night we had () Lizard a La' Carte
() Water buffalo on rye () Monkey meat () Censored

In _____ days I am getting ready to:
() Come home () Marry my hooker maid
() Take a bath () Shar () Re-up

I've got () Good health () Jungle rot
() Malaria () Worms () You name it

For entertainment we've been () Drinking
() Checking for pack strap marks () O D
() Dating a Madam K () Burning shit

I guess that's all for now. I'll try to write a personal letter when time and the enemy permits.
() Very truly yours
() Yours lovingly
() Yours never

Signature _____

P.S. () Please write () I love you
and miss you () Get off my back
() Short ! () Send Care Package
() Wish you were here () See you in
Sweden

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