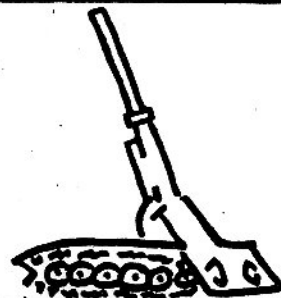
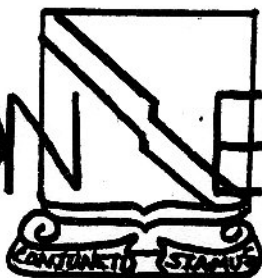


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REED GOES TO MACV HEADQUARTERS

RALLS BECOMES BN CC

Army Lieutenant Colonel Dan H. Ralls became the new commander of the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery in ceremony at 10:30 a.m., January 27, at Quan Loi, RVN.

Colonel Ralls, former fire support coordinator of the II Field Force Vietnam Artillery from July 1969 to January 1970, succeeded Army Lieutenant Colonel Leonard F.B. Reed Jr., who will become

a staff officer in the J-3 section at the Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV) Headquarters in Saigon.

During the change of command ceremony, Colonel Reed was presented the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters by Colonel John E. Baker, deputy commander of the II Field Force Vietnam Artillery. (See RALLS, back page)

75 MILLION TO RECEIVE HELP

CFC STARTS

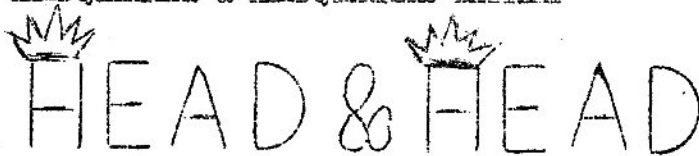
The DOD Overseas Combined Federal Campaign, which last year brought help to more than 75,000,000 people, is now under way for 1970. The American Red Cross, 10 International Agencies and 13 National Health Agencies are participating.

The campaign extends from the starting date, February 15, to March 31, and makes its appeal to military personnel and Federal civilian employees here. To help individual donors determine the extent of their contribution, the campaign has issued a "fair share" (See CFC, back page)



I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE JOHN WAYNE...YOU CAN'T PARK YOUR JEEP NEXT TO A FURE PLUS

HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS BATTERY


ON THE ROAD TO PHU LOI

The much rumored move finally came about and after five long convoys over dusty rubber-tree-lined roads, HHB's contingent of cannoneers has finally arrived at Paradise--Phu Loi. Sergeant Kenny Sharpe, the battery motor sergeant and convoy commander on the majority of the trips indicated those convoys revealed many surprises. The most unbelievable happening was the trip of HQ's #10--"The Pride and the Passion of the Message Center." With SP4 Roger "The Dodger" Mallory at the wheel, #10 surprisingly became #1, making it all the way without a DR, a roadside spot-check, or a push. The most familiar face to those bumpy roads was SP4 Jerry Suchocki. SP4 Suchocki drove in the most convoys and his new brown color--part tan and part dust--car prove it. Many local Vietnamese along the route caught glimpses of "Bat" Battersby, complete with "Snoopy" glasses, red scarf, and O.D. driving gloves. Some terrified nationals actually saw "Phantom 409"--in real life, cigar-smoking "Big" Dan Sexton behind the wheel of his deuce and a half van accompanied by his shotgun, "Cannonball" Cannon.

NEW TOY IN THE S-1 SECTION

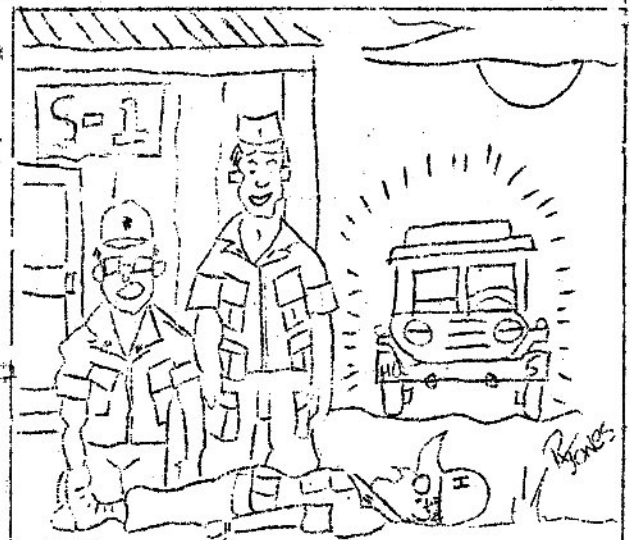
The newest addition to the Battalion's astute S-1 section's arsenal of fact-finding tools is an electric typewriter. The new piece of machinery has attracted much attention as well as many new volunteers to play with the new toy. "Speed" Sheets, "Ranger" Battersby, "Touch" Thomas, and "Smashing" Smitty have been volunteering the help of their nimble fingers but the real owner and user, SP4 Jerry Suchocki, reluctantly comes forward to "hunt and peck" away when the fun is over and the work begins.

HAIL AND FAREWELL

On February 12, CPT Jan Askman assumed command of HHB replacing CPT Edward Wey who departed from Vietnam. CPT Askman had been serving as the Battalion Intelligence Officer, S-2, for several months.

NEW BATTERY ARTIST

This month's HEB page includes a new addition to its regular format--a battery cartoon. The drawing was made by PFC Rick Jones of Baltimore, Md. PFC Jones was once a commercial artist.



"Hey Darnell, what happened to Captain Wey?" "I don't know--he took one look at HQ's 5 and then keeled over!"

CH/ALPHA-BITS NAO

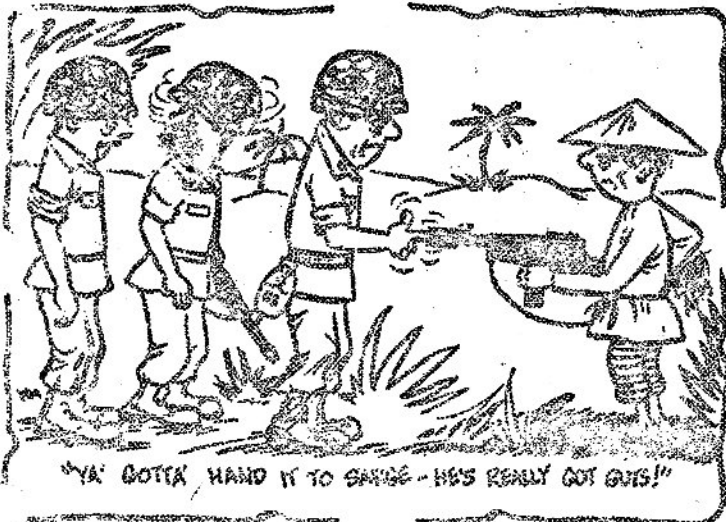
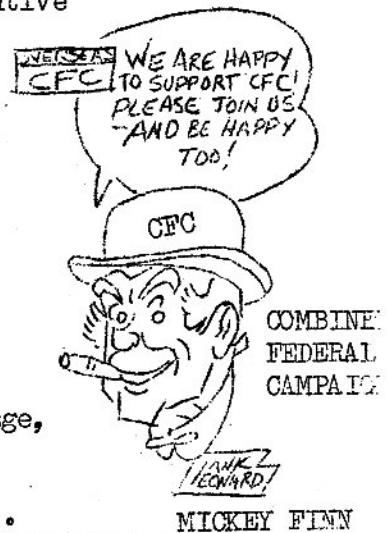
By: SP5 Bill Slaten

HOUSE WARMING

Alpha Battery has lost its old living quarters; however, new surroundings have replaced the lost area. The orderly room now occupies the old S-1 building with the mail room in the ex-motor officer's office and the ex-message center operating as the training room. The commander's office still houses a commander, CPT Albers, and the executive officer's office is also the home of an executive officer, 1LT Roznowski. The medic's area has become the supply and the officers' club now houses the ribald antics of the NCO's. Everything else is the same with the mess hall still messing, the EM Club still clubbing and the medical facilities still dosing pills and shots. This is just another change in the ever changing face of Alpha Battery.

FSB JAKE FLASH (FLOOD?)

Like the old saying, "Water, water, everywhere . . .", Fire Support Base Jake found the detached 175mm platoons overrun by mother nature when the water fell as the rains came. 1LT Passage, the officer in charge, ordered the platoons to bring out the pontoons and remain in action throughout the crisis. 1LT Passage was and still is quite stunned by the entire ordeal. Incidentally, whenever you see LT Passage, just ask him if the monsoons were early this year?



HELLO DERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Many new faces have appeared in Alpha Battery in the past month and rather than name all of the new noses, ALPHA-BITS will take this opportunity to wish you all a pleasant--"Hello Dere." The veterans of "Automatic Alpha" will be happy to help you in any way possible to bare your year in Vietnam. SP5 Bill Slaten, alias "W.C.", "Dirty Bill", "Big Bill", etc., (wanted in 50 states and seven continents for many dirty deeds) will be more than happy to supply beer and wine prices, places to go, and things to do while in Quan Loi.

EDITORIAL

A SILVER LINING

That old adage about the inevitability of death and taxes seems to gain validity with time. It was originally coined, of course, to emphasize modern man's perennial plight: though Peter may be 'robbed' to pay Paul, there is no escaping the cost of civilization. The optimist accepts the truth of the adage and goes on to look for consolations. Among them this year is the improved form for federal income taxes. The new form 1040 represents 24 years of hard work on the part of the Internal Revenue Service. It combines the best features of the old card form 1040A and the so-called long form.

More than half of all servicemen will find that they need complete only one let's size form--the new 1040. It is about as simple as the old card form, allowing standard deductions. The minority of servicemen who had unusual expenses will find the attachable form--Schedule A--very easy to use. Other schedules--for dividend and interest income; sales or exchanges of property; supplemental and miscellaneous income; and retirement income credit--are also simplified this year.

Another consolation the optimist would look for (and find) is the opportunity to set his personal records straight as he reports his income. If, for example, he finds that his withholding does not approximate his taxes due (or, in IRS language, if line 18 is significantly larger than line 23) he should check to see if his W-4 (Exemption form is up to date.

Finally, the optimist who finds an overpayment (line 23 being larger than line 18) will smile with glee as he accepts the refund in the form of United States Saving Bonds paying the new five per cent interest! (AFPS)

THE CANNON-EARS

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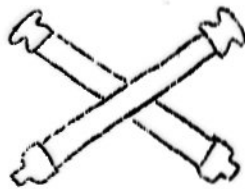
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"Well Gee Sarge, Ya Said We Could Keep a Me"

CHARGIN' CHARLIE CHATTER



By: SP4 Ron Frantz

THUNDER III--LZ JAKE--PHUOC VINH--????

In order to share the wealth with the 8-inch crews who were enjoying a change of scenery at Thunder III, the 175mm gun crews and all of the battery except for four moved to the dust bowl of Vietnam--LZ Jake. A week later the 175mm platoon rumbled back to good old Phuoc Vinh to discover that the battery area had been transformed into an R&R center for various other units. Already present was 2/13th Artillery who have since returned to Phu Loi (hats off to them). Utilizing #3's pad for a short time were three 155's from the 2/12th Arty. Making use of the area behind the orderly room is a mortar platoon from the 5/7th Cav.

FROM WATERING HOLE TO MOTOR HOLE

With the tactical happenings, certain domestic changes were almost inevitable. Sure enough, where beer cans once tipped, and many an EM drank away his sorrows--web gear and trip tickets are now drawn as Supply and the Motor Pool set up housekeeping in the once infamous "Eddy Lounge." The new EM club is presently in the former NCO Club. And the NCO's--well, they built themselves a new club--all by themselves (with some assistance from Papa Sen, the carpenter, of course).

SHORTTIMERS AND NEW GUYS

Those going back to the "WORLD" this month were: SP4 Burton Dodick, PFC Jeff Gahagan, SP4 "Pops" Booth, PFC Bill Baldwin, SP4 Gil Gilchrist, PFC Guy Dow, PFC Oney Hellens, and SP4 Greg Johnson. As always with the guys going home, there had logically got to be--replacements. Joining Charlie Battery from HHB were: 2LT Henry Cooke of Alabama, SP5 Yoland Rougeau, and PFC Frank Baumgardner. Fresh from the US were: PFC Lyle Boulware from Lynn Haven, Fla., PFC Keven Cabra of Hialeah, Fla., PFC Charles Hoke from Springfield, Mo., and PFC Raymond Eskeets Jr. from Chinle, Ariz. Chargin' Charlie Chatter takes time to welcome all of the new faces around the battery and thank those who have departed for a job well done.



THE NEW SOUTH

Plantation

SERVICE BATTERY

By: SP4 Richard "The Professor" Myers

THE OLD AND THE NEW

The Professor reports that the bringing in of the New Year has seen a slight influx of recruits into Service Battery, but a still larger outflux remains. We might be able to hang on for a few more months. Service Battery saw the following personnel depart to the land of the "Big Papa X-Ray in the Sky" to seek their better fortunes: CW 2 Bobberts, WO1 "Pappy" Cohen, SSG San Agustin, SP5's Richardson and Scott, SP4's Freed, Landry, Pollett, Bobrowski, Beganiskas, and PFC's Holmes and Galloway. The "New South" also saw SGT Kenneth Sharpe depart to HHB and PFC Trowbridge went to Battery A. Service Battery welcomed PFC's Deem, Everhart, Falvey, and Spears into the battery.

CONTACT 928-5512

The "New South" announces the depletion of $\frac{1}{2}$ of its dog population by one as "Hardcore" was apprehended, or better put, dragged, by the MP's for certain indications towards the fairer sex. We are expecting his release any day now with full exoneration from his dastardly deeds. The other eminent member of our dog colony, "Lady" is expecting any day. Incidentally, anyone desiring a young puppy of high breeding contact 928-5512. Unfortunately, because of a lack of information, no copies of the expected pups' blood line will be issued with the purchase. The AKC (American Kennel Club) will just have to accept your word on their high breeding.

HAPPY TET TO YOU

If anyone is not aware of it yet, a so-called "Get Set For TET Week", at Service Battery was something of a novelty to the men of the "New South." They had to learn what a fox hole was; that a "50" was not $\frac{5}{6}$ th's of a sixty or slang for whiskey; and somehow overcome these obstacles and yet stay ready to repel the enemy with vigor. Life goes on as usual but those nights at Plantation will be a little different for the remainder of this month.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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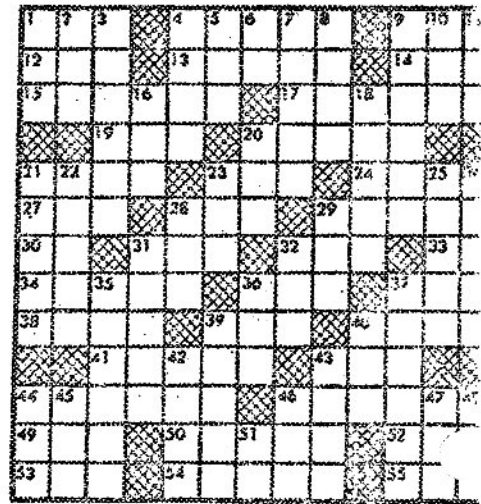
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- 1-Idle chatter
 - 4-Keen
 - 9-Unit of Latvian currency
 - 12-Anglo-Saxon money
 - 13-Part of flower
 - 14-Time gone by
 - 15-Pennant
 - 17-Spruce
 - 19-Small child
 - 20-Locations
 - 21-Dilseed
 - 23-Sign of zodiac
 - 24-Lease
 - 27-Conjunction
 - 28-Insect egg
 - 29-Broaden
 - 30-Precout
 - 31-Drink slowly
 - 32-Mountain pass
 - 33-Parent (colloq.)
 - 34-Lawful
 - 36-Shallow vessel
 - 37-Siamese native
 - 38-Prepare for publication
 - 39-Cooling device
 - 40-Stop
 - 41-Repulse
 - 43-Man's nickname
 - 44-More insane
 - 46-Uncultivated
 - 49-Foam
 - 50-Kettledrum
 - 52-Female sheep
 - 53-Equality
 - 54-Slumber
 - 55-Communist

- 4-Barracuda
- 5-Pronoun
- 6-Nour
- 7-Wireless
- 8-Real estate map
- 9-Fell into disuse
- 10-Mature
- 11-Rocky hill
- 16-Negative
- 18-Danger
- 20-Place
- 21-Old-womanish
- 22-Famed
- 23-Brim
- 25-Country of Asia
- 26-Characteristic
- 28-Nothing
- 29-Emerged victorious
- 31-Satiated
- 32-Container
- 35-Steel beam
- 36-Cromy (colloq.)
- 37-Higher
- 39-Wild
- 40-Man's nickname
- 42-Fondles

- 45-Musical instrument
- 44-Cleaning device
- 45-Girl's name
- 46-Energy
- 47-Be in debt
- 48-Marry
- 51-Exist



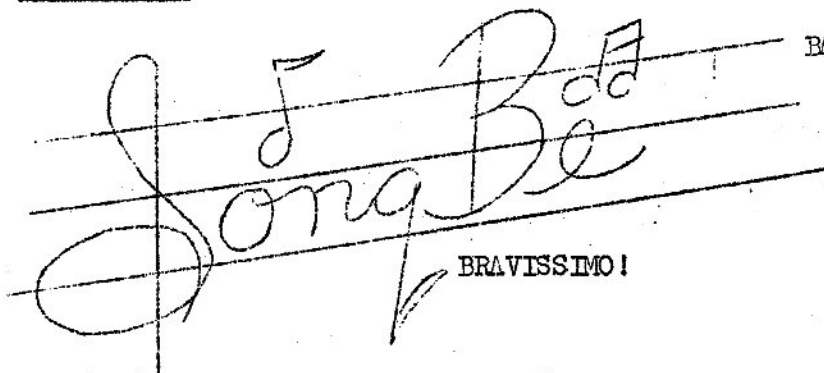
- DOWN
- 1-Sailer (colloq.)
 - 2-Monkey
 - 3-Ridicule lightly



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CAMP MARTIN



BATTERY B

By: SP4 Robert Kane

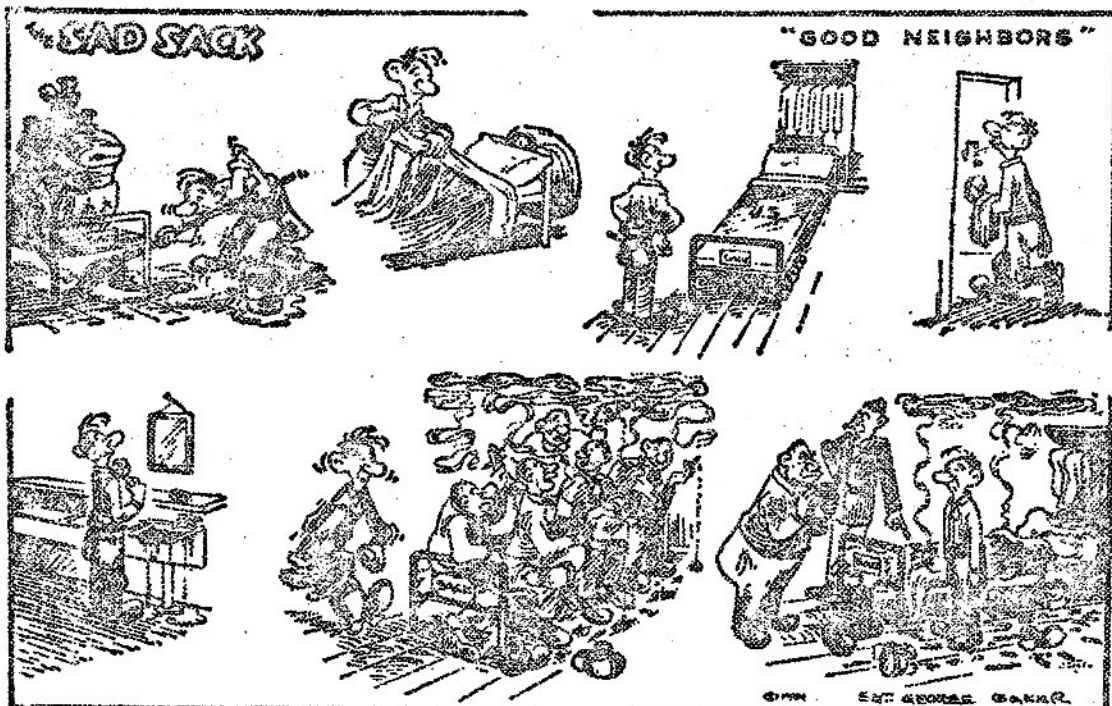
BRAVISSIMO!

HAIL AND FAREWELL

On the 30th of January, Bravo Battery said farewell to its former battery commander, Captain David Cole, who departed for his next assignment at II Field Force Vietnam Headquarters in Plantation, Vietnam. Greetings were then extended to the new "BC", Captain Garland Boleware. Captain Boleware hails from Jackson, Miss.

CIVILIZATION AT CAMP MARTIN

The recent trend of re-civilizing the Camp Martin area was given quite a boost this past month. The EM Club purchased a new television set and the club's pation was covered with a gigantic red and white parachute. Both additions should definitely make those lonely evenings in Vietnam a little more enjoyable. A more notable accomplishment this month was the addition of a hot shower unit. For many of the battery's personnel, this was their first "hot" shower while at Song Be. However, for some, the discovery that their deep-brown sun tans were fading away while the dust was being washed away was just too large a dose of civilization at once.



RECEIVES THREE AWARDS

LTC REED HONORED

Amy Lieutenant Colonel Leonard F. B. Reed Jr., former battalion commander of the 6th Bn, 27th Arty, was presented two US and one Vietnamese decoration in ceremony at 10:30 a.m., January 27, at Quan Loi, RVN.

Colonel John E. Baker, deputy com-

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giving guide" which seeks to establish figures that meet the increased need, but are fair to all personnel. The extent of giving is, of course, the decision of the individual donor.

The combined agencies participating in the 1970 campaign have an overseas goal of \$1,500,000.

The donor may give in one lump sum, or he may contribute through a payroll deduction plan that spreads the amount and the time of giving. He may also, if he chooses, designate the agency or agencies to whom his contribution is to go, and how his contribution is to be divided. Undesignated gifts are apportioned to the agencies by a formula which is explained in campaign literature.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

GAB	SHARP	LAT
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mander of the II Field Force Vietnam Arty, presented Colonel Reed with the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

Vietnamese Lieutenant Colonel Tran Van Nhut, the Binh Long province chief, then awarded Colonel Reed the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star cluster, brigade level.

Colonel Reed has become a staff officer in the J-3 section at MACV Headquarters in Saigon.

RALLS, Continued from page 1

Colonel Ralls addressed battery representatives, Vietnamese military and civilian groups, and other US civilian and military officials. Colonel Ralls stressed the fact that the 6/27th Arty will move with the changing times and events.

The departing commander, Colonel Reed, related that even though the challenges have increased and the complex combat changes have challenged the 6/27th Arty, the battalion has lived up to its namesake, Cannon-Kings.

Musical interludes were provided by the 1st Infantry Division "Big Red 1" band and the local Vietnamese Boy and Girl Scout troops organized by the 6/27th Arty.

Colonel Ralls was graduated from the University of Florida in 1953 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

Colonel Ralls considers Orange Park, Fla. his home, where his wife Sue and their two children now reside.