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PHOTO ALBUM

'THE YEAR'

Those days and nights of mud and dust, of sitting in wet bunkers, listening for that special sound, and marking off days on a Julian calendar won't look so bad in retrospect.

And you'll be able to view it that way in a photo album the battalion is sponsoring.

The battalion has commissioned a Korean firm to produce a sort of year-book depicting the men and activities of the six batteries. The photographers have already finished their work in part of the batteries and ex-

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SOLDIER, VEHICLE AWARDS

2 TOP EM

SP4 Robert A. Kane of Westville, Ind., was supply sergeant in Battery B, was chosen Soldier of the Month in the battalion's first competition.

Kane, selected by a board on Oct 8, will receive a \$25 bond plus a three-day in-country R&R at Vung Tau.

In a second contest, also held for the first time, SP4 Carl C. Mowbray, the battery commander's driver in Battery A, won a \$25 bond for having his jeep picked as Vehicle of the month. He is from Flagstaff, Ariz.

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HOT POOP ON RAIN

Chances are that most letters leaving these batteries complain about the rain and mud, the heat and dust. Yet chances are just as good that none of the letters contain any exact information about the weather.

Such as:

--The mean high temperature for this region in September was 88 degrees; the minimum averaged 68.

--Rain fell on 21 of the 30 days and amounted to about 16 inches.

This information comes from a detailed climatic study based on past weather conditions. These "forecasts" are published each month by II Field Force primarily for the use of aircraft.

The report says that in September "the soil becomes very moist and tractionability poor." That's another way of saying everything becomes a sea of gooey mud and it's all a man can do to stand up or keep his jeep on the road.

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