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SEX AT BRAVO

On 6 June 1969 battery clerk Larry Abel had his hair combed for the first time since arriving in country. What was the reason for B Battery's sudden interest in grooming? An inspection by a general? No, for a general SP4 Charles Zeringue might tie his shoelaces, but to go beyond that would be asking too much. What was up on 6 June at FSB Roy to stimulate the sudden interest in personal hygiene?

Answer: Four sweet young damsels (females!) visited Bravo's nest off Hiway #1 (Vietnam's version of "77 Sunset Strip"). While no one can be sure how long it had been since the cannoners of B Battery had seen a shapely female, live and in color, First Sergeant Paul Greer stated it had been quite awhile. What with SP4 Warren Johnson, CPL Ed Wolfe, & SP4 Richard Leverett staking out front row seats, where they remained steadfast despite an hour and a half three inch rain storm, it was pretty obvious that B Battery men had not seen a stacked female for some time. In an interview just prior to show time, SP4 John Rosier and SP4 Jim Pullman admitted that they had only a hazy recollection of

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ON THE SERVICE SCENE

Welcome back, to some of the more lucky individuals in the battery (SVC) who were fortunate enough to survive the many hazards of their Leave/R&R

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CHARLIE'S CORNER

Charlie Battery has remained at Fire Support Base Blaze for the entire month of June. Considerable effort and co-operation has enabled the battery to get its feet on the ground again. The battery area has been continuously under improvement as bunkers for ammo and powder have been erected, individual fighting positions have been installed, and the groundwork for personnel bunkers has begun.

Possibly the most enjoyable and useful installation has been the erection of a shower. Due largely to 1SG Roland W. Hocutt's efforts, a boat was secured for a holding tank and a shower was built. It is now possible to get clean at least once during the day.

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HEADQUARTERS HAPPENINGS

Battalion FDC provided Headquarters and Headquarters Battery with its initial Soldier of the Month as SP4 Stephen J. Prest, US 52902192, copped SOM honors for the month of May in HHB. SP4 Prest, a Fire Direction Computer who is approaching the 400-day mark on his RVN tour, was selected as the outstanding soldier among the various sections' nominees by a board of senior NCO's from HHB. His selection netted him a cash award of \$18.75.

The male/female ratio in the 1/83d Arty's Headquarters and Service Battery areas will again become a reality with

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NOTES FROM YOUR FRIENDLY MAIL CLERK

"I may not be the best but I am On The Way."

Here are some timely postal pointers which I trust will help improve your already fabulous mail service.

1. Every time you move or are moved-
FILL OUT NEW LOCATOR CARDS. Use them to advise everybody of your new address. Don't forget the mail clerk of your old unit. The locator cards (DD Form 1175) require no postage.

2. Make sure all address elements are written or printed clearly.

3. As of 1 July 1969 use your Social Security Account Number where you have been using your Service Number.

4. Add your section (Metro, Radio, etc.) to your return address.

5. Be sure your correspondents include your battery designation.

6. Remember that undeveloped film may not be sent FREE.

SAMPLE ADDRESS:

PFC John Doe, 234-05-3211
A Btry, 1st Bn, 83d Arty (Radio)
APO SF 96308

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what a female, a woman, looked like.

Giving credit where credit is due, it should be noted that only three men from Bravo made it on stage with the sexy performers: SGT Roosevelt Fowley, PFC Clarence Berger, and CPL Robert Woodsum. Obviously, these were three of Bravo's best!

CHARLIE'S CORNER (Cont'd)

The first gun section made a raid to FSB Cannon beginning 13 June and returning 17 June. Various targets including supply routes, bunkers, and active automatic weapons positions came under the fire of the 175.

Charlie Battery welcomes all new personnel that have joined it this month and extends its thanks for a job well done to those who have completed their tour and are again enjoying all the comforts of home. Among those the battery gained are SSG Johnnie Nelson, SSG Gary Glascock, and SP5 Dennis Sterrett. SFC Lantus Hall and SSG Patrick Clark have departed for new assignments in CONUS.

SERVICE SCENE (Cont'd)

absences. Among the happy returnees are two of Bn Personnel's finest, SP4 Ron Mikula and SP4 Roger Emery, who were overheard to state, "It's good to be back with people you love!"

Still to be heard from, with great expectations are SP4 Joseph Perry, SP4 Tom Bender, and of course, your favorite and mine, SP4 George Foster. Hurry home fellas.

A warm round of applause should be extended from everyone to the guys who help keep the Ballasted Men's Club in constant motion. Our Thanks to the ever present club manager, SFA Harold Shive, and his fearless convey drivers, SP4 Chris Eckle, SP4 Doug Shivers, and SP4 Ronnie Williams, for keeping the tireless drive to Ballast to secure liquid refreshments for all the batteries.

Some people have called it one-upmanship, but there has been constant

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activity in the basketball court area during the past week. Needless to say, the boys from Service are slowly working toward a full-length basketball court, obviously preparing to do a study on the incidence of heart attacks during a basketball game. Some of the more prominent faces to be found include: SSG Johnny (Motor H.g.) Redder, with wheel in hand, and a fair cement finisher; SSG Claude Locks, in charge of controls of the cement mixer (Keep up the good work, Claude); and SFC Tyrrell Pearson, performing the task of cement finisher and charge man on the bigger chunks of lime. Of the basket laborers we find, through observation, SP4 Eckle, SP4 Schaub, and SP4 Williams are always to be "Eads." Also to be found are PFC Duane W. (Subtle) Supple, and a fine fellow with a cement rake, SP4 James A. Kuzmar.

ISG Robert Flick acted as foreman.

FRIEND INDEED!!!

PFC Lynward Short, Charlie Battery, has found a life long friend here in Vietnam. While on guard duty, a piece of shrapnel about six inches long coming from friendly artillery struck PFC Short on the head. Fortunately, he was wearing his steel pot and as a result the friendship sprang to life. Although the pot now carries a battle scar, PFC Short has decided against parting with it.

HEADQUARTERS HAPPENINGS (Cont'd)

the appearance of S.S. Enterprises' "Sugars & Spice" floor show on 12 July 1969 in the battalion mess hall. The Aussie/English entertainment combo features Sandra Mitchell, England's breathtaking Egyptian & Hawaiian dancer, and the vocal/instrumental duo of The Temple Two from The Land Down Under. The floor show is being co-sponsored by the HHB and Service Btry unit funds. Early arrivals hoping to snare a front row seat to observe the three female species of the "Sugars & Spice" entourage will be warmly welcomed by mess sergeant SFC Sylvester Hardin, who is always in need of a few "extra" hands to supplement his civilian KP force. Rumor has it SP4 Ron Neihoff and SP4 Theodore (Fox) Vujnovich have already ordered front row seats for the show. SP4 John Reilly and SGT Richard Breunig reportedly have bought binoculars for the Australian show.

A number of area improvement projects are in progress in the HHB area as the troops of HHB continue improving the personnel bunkers in the area as well as the motor pool facilities.

Work has also commenced on the erection of a new operations facility as "Pit" boss SP5 Paul O'Keefe and fellow surveyors SP4 James Harris, PFC Walter Noechel, PFC Larry Allison, PFC Franklin Owen, and PFC Richard Waller are busy completing the initial stages of construction on the new operations structure. Operations/Liaison personnel--SSG Howard Jones, SP4 Dennis
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ALLOTMENT PROBLEMS?

Personnel are increasingly requesting changes in Finance Center, Indiana, allotments after the established cut off date for the month. All Finance Center allotments have to be received and processed by the local finance officer by the 20th of the month prior to the effective month of the allotment. Example: An allotment requested to start in August must be received and processed at finance by 20 Jul 69.

Is there a type of allotment that could be started or stopped with very little notice?

Service members serving in overseas areas are currently authorized a Class I Allotment. This allotment is initiated at the local finance office in Phu Bai and a US Treasury check is made up and mailed from that same office. This allotment is authorized to be sent to savings institutions, dependents and relatives. It cannot be initiated for the purpose of paying bills such as loan companies and jewelry stores. Changes in this allotment can be effected by notifying the battalion finance clerk prior to the 15th of the month in which the service member desires the change. Example: Starts, stops and/or changes in Class I Allotments for Aug 69 must be submitted to the battalion finance clerk by 15 Aug 69.

MORE HHB

Gajda, PFC Cannon Paris, SP4 Patrick Warner, SP4 John Reilly, and PFC Richard Potts--have occasionally given a helping hand to the persistent surveyors.

LONG-TIMERS

New arrivals in the land of the 1st & 83d "where a bath is unknown and a flush toilet is unsean."

Assigned to Btry A:

Richard Mello, Falls River, Mass.
Benjamin Faith, Evansville, Ind.
Richard McAlister Jr., St. Louis, Mo.
Richard Merriman, Battle Creek, Mich.
John Jackson, Compton, Calif.

Assigned to Btry B:

Daniel Bailey, Tipp City, Ohio
Kermit Miller, Los Angeles, Calif.
Renardo Means, Chicargo, Ill.
Larry Cantwell, Gardena, Calif.
Ronald Cummings, Ft. Worth, Texas
David Dilley, Paoli, Ind.
Robert Maga, Imperial, Pa.
Lionel Reckley, Fayetteville, N.C.

Assigned to Btry C:

Douglas Ball, Corfu, New York
Tommy Talamanlez, Pecos, Texas
Stephen Kipping, Redfield, Iowa
Douglas Cipriano, White Plains, N.Y.
Thomas Fleming, Bellingham, Mass.
Bobby Davis, Pampa, Texas
Loren Hinnenkamp, Wichita, Kansas
Danny Fiano, Connelville, Pa.
Theodove Belajoe, Pittsburg, Pa.

Assigned to HHB:

Ralph Falcon, Los Angeles, Calif.
Mark West, Omaha, Neb.
Robert L. Choquette
John Butler, Bloomington, Ill.
Charles Larish, West Mifflin, Pa.
Owens Mc Kinley, Atlanta, Ga.
Daniel Duell, Dayton, Ky.
Odell Jackson, Saluda, S.C.

STAFF

OPT Howard (Hong Kong Bound) Sanger
Sp5 Richard (Poker Chips) Toftness
Sp4 Al (PaPa) Di Emdio
Sp4 Evan Haag (Society Reporter)
PFC Brian (Peace Corps) Walsh
PFC Tony (Poncho) Sanchez
PFC Bill (The Rebel) Castens