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TAKE

ARMS

CO's NOTES

The completion of OPERATION BLOODHOUND marked the end of the beginning; the beginning, that is of a concept of training new to "The Cacti" and unique to the Division. We of "The Cacti" can be justifiably proud to have been selected as the Division's "Jungle Battalion", and you as individuals can be equally proud of your performance on this field problem. The true mettle of any unit is revealed when it must perform under stress, fatigue and hazardous conditions which was the case on this exercise, and I can assure you that your spirit, drive and performance left little to be desired.

It is always beneficial, however to look in retrospect upon the completion of any task, in order to see if there are any areas in which there is need for improvement; it is a rare occasion when there isn't. In looking back at BLOODHOUND, how many of us remember that there were a few things which we had failed to consider during our preparation for the exercise? Both major and small things considered, I think we can safely assume that all of us had managed to overlook something, and I'll wager that this oversight, no matter how minor, became even more noticeable as the problem wore on—

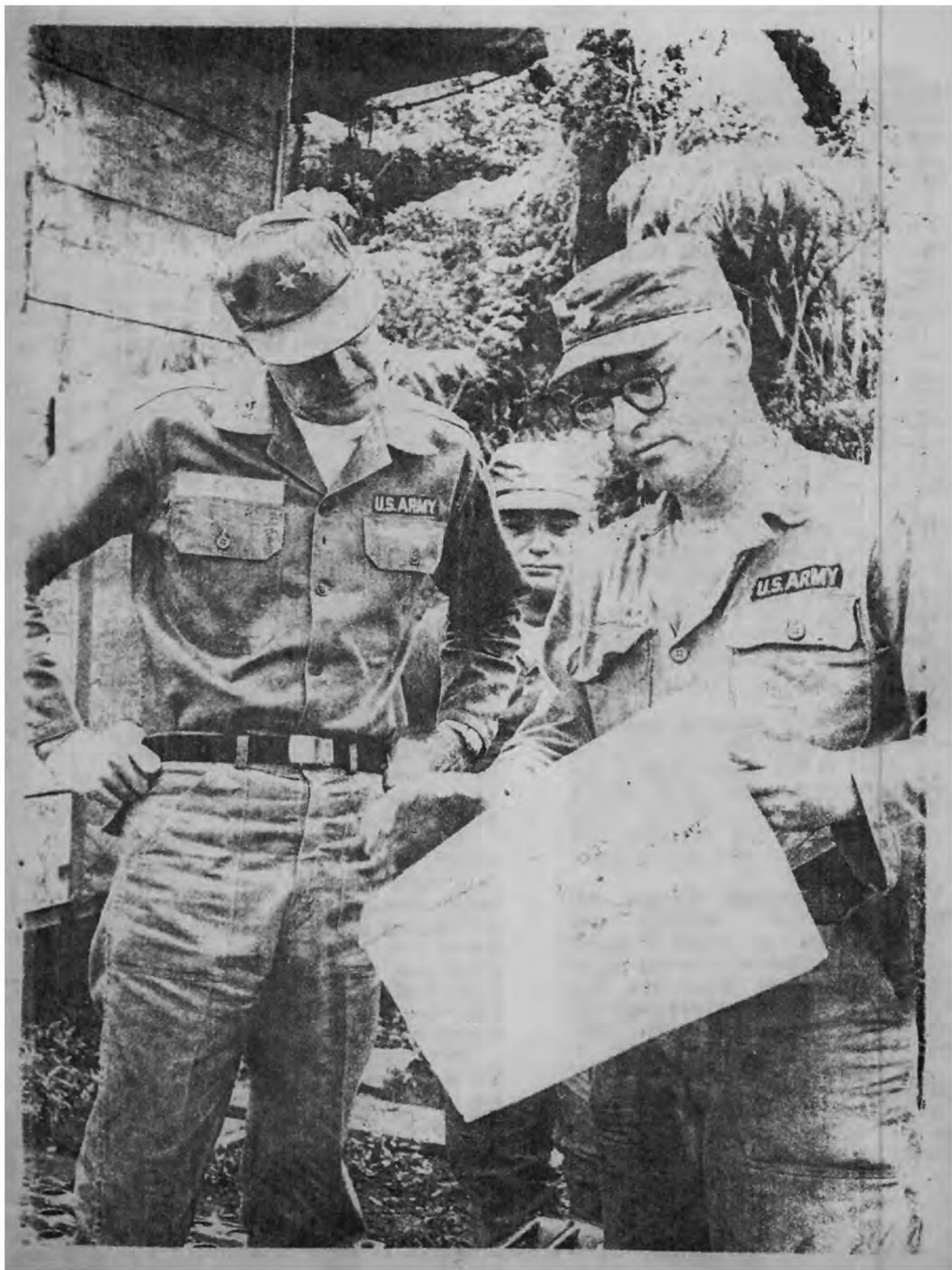
example: that tear or hole in those boots that was tiny when you started out; you were hardly aware of it then, but as it grew larger the more you walked, the more water seeped in and made your feet uncomfortably wet. Or perhaps many of us wished we had put a little more thought and consideration into a method of sleeping in a lightweight, dry bed. The point I'm trying to make is, we all could have been better prepared.

We all are familiar with the motto of the Boy Scouts; they've even written a song about it: "Be Prepared". To be really prepared, one must not only take into prior consideration the predictable or the foreseeable, but perhaps even more important, one should make himself ready, both physically and mentally, for the unexpected which always pops up. It cannot be emphasized enough that for those of us in leadership positions, in particular the squad, section and platoon NCO's, preparedness of just yourself is secondary; your primary concern is to that of your men. Did you check them? Then did you re-check them, again and again? Were they as ready as they could have been?

There is no such thing as being fully or totally prepared, because preparation should never actually cease; it must be a never ending process of evaluation and necessary modification of one's self and equipment in order to stay up with the constantly changing situation.

It all goes back to the fact that we never know when we're going to "go". If we go tomorrow we must be prepared; if we go next week, we must be better prepared.

EDWARD F. CALLANAN
Lt Colonel, Infantry



Bright and early 19 May 1965, the 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry loaded onto trucks and moved to East Range where the battalion minus, consisting of approximately 700 men set up base camp.

Through that dreary Wednesday, the men were busy setting up tents, camouflage, and checking their personal and organizational equipment in preparation for the mission assigned.

That evening, 10 meals of G Ration were issued to each man. This would last them until noon, Sunday 23 May 1965, when more supplies would be delivered via helicopter. After receiving their rations, and getting them packed, a tired, wet battalion settled for their first night.

The sun peaked over the ridge a little too early for most; however, three rifle companies and the attack CP were well on their way by the time most Islanders were shutting off alarm clocks. The battalion moved swiftly down a dirt road and headed for the trail which would lead them along the summit and into guerrilla territory.

The dirt road traveled, soon came to an abrupt halt, this was where the long grind to the summit began. The battalion moved up the trail single file. Due to rain soaked, muddy terrain the starched fatigues and spit shined boots were kissed good-by.

Using the Antitank Platoon and Commo Platoon for security and communications, the attack CP moved toward it's objective with one rifle company leading, to knock out any resistance, another company close behind for defense, and a third company bringing up the rear guard.

Friday morning, 21 May 1965, the battalion reached the summit. Their first objective was a small village known to be held by a small band of guerrillas. Bravo Company, Command-

ed by Captain Sloan, engaged and dispersed all resistance and set up a perimeter of defense around the village before noon. The attack CP reached the village during the late afternoon and set up a small camp, where they spent the night preparing to move the next morning for their second objective, Batu.

Batu was reached Saturday morning and found to be the hiding place for another small guerrilla band. The villagers appeared to be on friendly terms with the guerrillas, so guards were posted to keep a close watch on their activities. That afternoon fresh water and supplies were air lifted in and it was a happy battalion that hit the sack with a full stomach of "C" Rations.

Sunday morning found General Weyand in camp where he and Lt Colonel Callanan held a detailed conference while the men of "The Cacti" attended church service.

Sunday and Sunday night were spent in the village and this gave the men enough time to dry their boots and gear, rest their soaked and tired feet, and gain a well earned rest.

There wasn't much excitement Monday and Tuesday except for the fact that Tuesday was spent a short distance from the main objective, the city of Celeb.

It was still dark on Wednesday morning as two line companies felt their way into and around the enemy stronghold. The attack CP with one company in reserve moved to the top of a hill and set up an observation post to see what was taking place during the battle and keep close radio contact with the lead elements.

Wednesday, 26 May 1965, marked the end of a guerrilla stronghold, one week of hard gruelling work and the end of "Operation Bloodhound".

SP/5 K.N. Wilson







CHAPLAIN HOLLIS CONDUCTING SERVICE ON THE SUMMIT.

FOOF'S SPOOFS

The Auto Did Away With HORSES...
NOW It's Doing Away With
PEOPLE.

Driving Like You Were
Late For A Dental Ap-
pointment Is A Good Safe
Speed.



One Way To Be Popular Is
To Listen Closely To A Lot
Of Things You Already
Know.

It's Not The Hours
We Put In But What
We Put In The Hours
That Really Counts.



Miss Estella B. Wherry
of
Boston, Massachuettas

The Sweetheart for the month of June is Miss Estella B. Wherry of Boston, Massachuettas.

Miss Wherry is a graduate of Frazier High School in Boston. Upon graduation Estella won a two year scholarship to A&I State University of Nashville, Tennessee. Two years at A&I State are completed and Estella is presently working as a secretary at Cape Kennedy, Florida.

This September takes our Sweetheart back to college for the completion of her remaining two years. Boston State University is where Estella will complete her education.

Foreign languages and music are the main interests of Miss Wherry. Though she is quite studious, Estella enjoys sports and basketball is the favorite. She also loves to dance.

The future looks bright for our intellectual Sweetheart. Yet, Estella is undecided in selecting her future career. Will it be teaching or a continuation in the secretarial field. Regardless of the choice, I am sure Estella will achieve her goal.

"The Cacti News" wishes you the best of everything and we are proud to have you as our Sweetheart for June.

Miss Wherry's picture was submitted to the news staff by PFC James E. Wherry, Company A, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry, who is her brother.

COMPANY REPORTS

HEAD & HEAD REPORTS

We would like to welcome Lt Ralph R. Burr Jr. as our new executive officer. He comes to us with a fine recommendation from his old company, "Chargin Charlie". Our thanks go to Lt Timothy J. Crotty, our former executive officer, for the fine job he did for us. We wish him the best of luck as the new commander of Bravo Company.

Our congratulations are extended to Sgt Donald R. Workman and Sgt. Donald A. Hull who were just promoted to that rank. Other promotions this month were SP4 Money, SP4 Rivera, SP4 Anderson, PFC Fuller, PFC Hebel, PFC Rowland, and PFC Thomason.

We have been engaged in jungle training this month. We know that this training may someday save our life and we are happy for the opportunity to partake in this type of training. We hope we don't have to use it but if we do, we will be ready.

PFC McQuatters
HHC, 1st/35th

ALPHA REPORTS

Everyone talks of "smoke bringers". Well the men of Company A had their share of smoke brought on them as the annual EIB testing took its course. For the men of Alpha Company the EIB testing committee began their course with the distance speed march. Yet, the tests that seemed to be of much talk and concern were the bayonet course and grenade throw. The men learned that pursuing the

Expert Infantryman Badge is not a "push over" or a "soft touch" but nearly all agreed that the feat isn't at all impossible. Winners of the badge are 2nd Lt. McInnis, SFC Shishido and SSG Peterson.

It is said that, "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy". Realizing this to be true, Alpha Company recently had a company party at Waianae Beach. All seemed to have enjoyed a pleasant day of swimming, surfing, eating and the works.

In the recent change of command ceremony for the Brigade Commander, Alpha Company was acknowledged the best marching company in the Brigade.

We welcome our new 1st Sgt., 1st Sgt R. Smith, who has arrived from Fort Knox.

Another first for Company A is a show-piece in the form of a fish pond with live fish in the Mess Hall. We boast of having the only one in "The Cacti".

PFC Malbrough
Co A, 1st/35th

BRAVO REPORTS

During the month of June, Bravo Company changed command. We bid a sad Aloha to Capt. Monte T. Sloan who departed for CONUS. 1st Lt Timothy J. Crotty assumed the reins.

SFC Charles McKeague departed for "the land of rising sun" while SSG Neal and Sgt Paulson went to CONUS.

The company softball team under the direction of Lt James McClure won the battalion softball championship. Kingpins of the team were (continued on page 10, column A)

(Bravo Reports, continued)

SP/4 Conage, PFC Calhoun, PFC Pollion and PVT Rivera.

The new arrivals list is topped by our new 1st Sergeant De Rado. Other new NCO's who arrived are Sgt Green, Sgt Stone, Sgt Walinski, and SSG Boyd.

We welcome you new NCO's and are looking forward to your contribution.

Lt Entringer
Co B, 1st/35th

CHARLIE REPORTS

In the past month of June, Charlie Company bid an "aloha" to six EM as their period of service on "The Rock" was completed. SFC Herbert W. Tankersley, Sgts Harmon, Pascua, and Houston, and SP4s Fields and Koppang all rotated back to the mainland.

An aloha of a different meaning was said to the new arrivals SSGs Koon and Brock, PFC Walls and PVT Coates III. Hawaii is indeed a change to PFC Walls from the unfriendly slopes of Korea where he was last stationed.

This past month also saw SP4 Arthur Plant become Sgt E-5. John W. Coughlin and Ernest Askew Jr. now wear "the bird" of E-4s.

Determined to rank among the very highest of Jungle Warfare companies, "Chargin Charlie" has recently continued to improve its preparedness by a PCPT, company FTX's, Code of Conduct and participation in the epic "Operation Bloodhound". By striving night and day, Company C has shown itself to indeed be worthy to be known as the pride of "The Cacti" and has proven itself more

worthy of the slogan, If you're good enough..."

1st Sgt Tavanlar



THE CORNER COP—Things are looking up if pretty Lorna Dwyer is serious about being a cop. Lorna would have no trouble in rounding up criminals—they'd turn themselves in.

FOOF'S SPOOFS

You're only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely.

SPORTS

News

During the past month our softball season has been waging hot-n-heavy, and there were many surprises as the season began.

Last year's Mets, "Battlin Bravo", became this year's Dodgers, as they ran through each opponent in the 1st round and were busy looking for more victims.

Then "Chargin Charlie" came along. Last Year's champs began the 2d round by serving Company B their first loss of the season, and suddenly they seemed to be unbeatable. Charlie "rolled-on-through" HHC, Co A, and HHC, 3d Bde. Now for the play-offs between "Chargin Charlie" and "Battlin Bravo".

Co C, dominating the season in the 2d half, downed Co B, 3-1, and it appeared that the best-of-three play-offs was just a formality. But in the 2d game it was the other way 4-3 in favor of Battlin Bravo. Bravo "ended it all" the next day for Co C giving them a 7-2 whipping, and letting them know that they finished 2d to a better team.

Bravo is now playing for the 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry in the 3d Brigade play-offs. They lost a close one to the 2d Battalion, 7-5, and appeared to have "butterflies" as the play-offs started, but in the second game the "butterflies" were swarming - on the 5th (Mech) Infantry. Co B gave them a solid 16-6 thrashing, and probably made them

wonder what they were doing there.

One game remains with each of the two teams, as the orange from Co B hope for victories over the 5th (Mech) and 2/35th, and look ahead to the 25th Division's long play-offs of 30 games through July and August.

Sgt Williams
Bn A&R NCO



Editor's Notes

"The Cacti News" is published for you, the men of "The Cacti". It is difficult for us, the news staff, to print a paper of interest without news or pictures. The news wanted is not that of the world situation. This I, as the editor, can obtain from other sources. What we need is news of you, your company and your activities during the month. This battalion newspaper wants to recognize you, the individual, as well as you, the squad, platoon and company.

I am interested in news articles from the individual soldier. I know there are many of you who know of interesting items of news that require publication. Submit these articles to us.

Another matter that requires your support is the selection of our Sweetheart of the month. It is quite obvious that if no pictures are received, there is no girl selected. Yet, the majority of the personnel of this battalion still will not submit their favorite girl's picture. Several times before, I have made mention of this fact. I ask that you support this portion of the paper or I will be forced to discontinue it.

"The Cacti News" is printed as a command information publication for you. Support your paper. Submit news articles you feel warrant publication, submit your favorite young lady for the Sweetheart of the Month and submit your suggestions for improving the battalion paper.

In submitting articles, pictures and suggestions, remember that they must reach us by the 25th of each month which is our publication deadline.

SP/5 K. N. Wilson, Editor

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