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Broncos Near 2,000 Mark

The first week of September was very active for the 3rd Brigade. Combat actions killed 78 Viet Cong bringing the total to 1975 enemy KIA since entering the Duc Pho area.

On September 3rd the Vietnamese National elections were held without any incidents of VC terrorism. Captain Peter Bankson, MACV advisor to Duc Pho District, reported that 95 per cent of the registered voters of the district cast their ballots on election day.

Daily contact was made by the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry which employed several combat assaults. The 1/35th continued to successfully secure its area to the south.

The Brigade Aviation section, "Aloha Airlines", flying cover for ground operations, killed 23 VC.

For the second time, LTC Norman L. Tiller, Commander of the 2/35th was invited to Saigon to brief the press on the techniques of "hole-hunting."



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32 Graduate From Academy

The 3rd Brigade's NCO Prep Academy graduated 32 in a ceremony Saturday.

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CACTI BATTLE STRANGE FOE

It was the night of September 2, the eve of the national elections in South Vietnam, and all the units of the 3rd Brigade were prepared for any possible enemy offensive in their area of operations.

B Company, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry set up its perimeter for the night and were tense with the anticipation of being attacked.

Suddenly on the southern side of the perimeter a trip flare went off. "We couldn't see anything," said PFC Gregory Newman, "so we reconned the area with fire."

"There were still no signs of movement after the firing," added SGT David Lucas, "I thought it must have been some animal."

As the night progressed, five more flares were set off at different points on the perimeter. "After the third flare was tripped, I was sure the VC were probing our perimeter," claimed PFC Edward Justus. "We were really alert when the last flare went off and then we spotted the uninvited visitors. It was nothing but a pack of wild dogs!"

Since moving into the area the "Cacti Green" has uncovered and destroyed many large rice caches the enemy had stored, forcing the Communists to venture into populated areas at night in search of food and other supplies.

The most recent find by the "Ivy men" have been VC sundry packs!

The first came when C Company killed two VC carrying two woven baskets that contained items such as candy, tobacco, fresh fish and rice cakes. A few days later, the recon platoon retrieved two more baskets with candy, writing paper, chopped coconuts and cigarettes that were bound for enemy hiding places in the hills to the west.

More baskets were found containing goods ranging from food to 50 gray and black uniforms.

Cutting off these supply lines as well as destroying the rice caches (the largest of which contained 18,000 pounds of rice) have seriously damaged enemy operations near Duc Pho.

VC Harrassed By Highwaymen

"Cahrlie's" inability to mass large troop concentrations and bring in more destructive weapons to the Duc Pho District has been a credit to the men of the 3rd Brigade who have continually harrassed the enemy day and night.

A vital part of this harrassment recently has been the "Highwaymen". The Highwaymen consist of tanks and APC's of the 1/10th Cav, 2/34th Armor and infantrymen of the 2/35th's recon platoon.

* 1/35 Discovers "Sundry Packs"

Severe blows have been dealt to the Viet Cong and NVA supply channels by the 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry recently in the area south of Duc Pho.

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Baseball

National League

	W	L	PCT	GB
St. Louis	87	53	.621	--
San Francisco	75	64	.540	11½
Chicago	77	66	.538	11½
Cincinnati	74	65	.532	12½
Atlanta	72	67	.518	14½
Philadelphia	71	66	.518	14½
Pittsburgh	69	71	.493	18
Los Angeles	63	74	.460	22½
Houston	55	85	.393	32
New York	53	85	.384	33

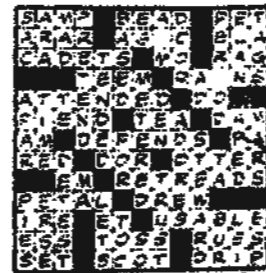
American League

	W	L	PCT	GB
Minnesota	78	61	.561	--
Chicago	78	61	.561	--
Boston	79	62	.560	--
Detroit	79	62	.560	--
California	72	67	.518	6
Washington	66	74	.471	12½
Cleveland	65	76	.461	14
Baltimore	62	75	.453	15
New York	62	78	.443	16
Kansas City	57	82	.410	21

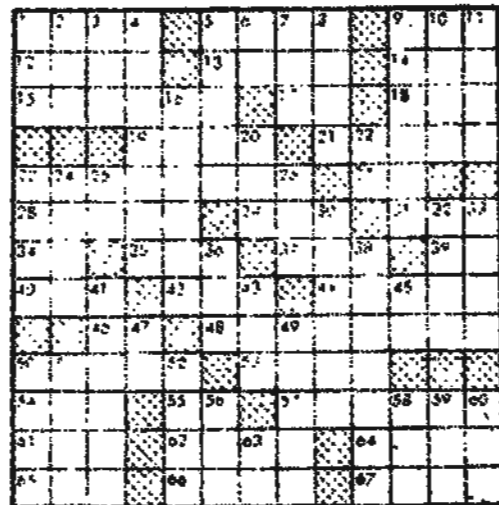


CROSSWORD PUZZLE

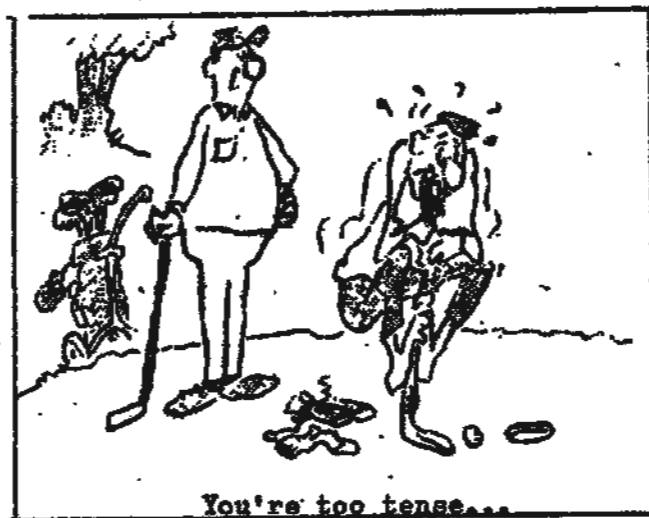
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- Orv
 - Fuel
 - Brake
 - European lisa
 - River in Italy
 - A state lobby
 - Egg dish
 - Provision
 - Egg
 - Suitcase
 - Attractive substance
 - White wine
 - Negative
 - Kind of music
 - Kind of energy
 - Shoelace
 - Artistic style
 - Unit
 - Part of a horse
 - Kind of ear
 - Damp
 - Wound
 - Chem. order
 - Hebrew month
 - Benevolence
 - Journeys forth
 - Band
 - Not
 - Exists
 - Concern
 - Macam
 - Afternoon paper
 - Portico
 - Deluxe
 - Identical
 - Temporary shelter



- DOWN**
- Frail
 - Male sheep
 - Frozen water
 - St. Andrew
 - Prove and
 - Conjunction
 - Emmet
 - Name
 - Orv
 - Unread
 - Domestic
 - Occurrences
 - Compass point
 - Indefinite article
 - Sluggish
 - Military
 - World organization (abbr.)
 - Period of time
 - Covered
 - Penalty
 - Public sports
 - Asphalt
 - Game
 - Intractable person
 - Fruit seed
 - Note of scale
 - East
 - Dir
 - Frost
 - Bubble emulsion
 - Poles for portrait
 - Ocean
 - Measured
 - Measure of weight
 - Dir
 - Part of "to be"



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*Mess Sgt Turns GRADUATION Squad Leader

Tired of sitting back and watching the war from the relative safety of his mess hall, SSG Alvin F. Fricks, mess sergeant of the 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry, recently changed his MOS to infantry squad leader to join the fighting in the Duc Pho area.

SSG Fricks, who received infantry training when he entered the Army in 1953, later became a cook. His career led him to the 3rd Brigade where he was preparing meals for the troops of the 1/35th at the Brigade forward command post near Duc Pho.

"Every day I would see the young men coming in from the field," said SSG Fricks. "I felt it wasn't quite right that these men, mostly draftees, were out fighting while I, a career soldier, was back in a relatively secure area. I then decided to change my MOS."

Now out on patrol with the "Cacti Green's" C Company, SSG Fricks has no regrets about the change. "It makes me feel like I'm serving my country more out here," he added.

Highwaymen

CONT.

Taking up positions along the roads and highways during the day, they check ID cards and provide security.

at night the Highwaymen ride. The mechanized monsters race along Highway 1 to strike terror into would-be Viet Cong terrorists. An occasional mine is found and destroyed, but so far no heavy contact has been made.

The future leaders were addressed by LTC John D. Weil, Bde XO. LTC Weil stressed the importance of moral courage on the part of a leader and pointed out the variety of skills a squad leader must possess.

A squad leader, according to LTC Weil, must be familiar with the functions of all the various staff jobs in order to handle any problems that may arise within his squad.

Following the address, the graduates were presented their diplomas in recognition of the two weeks of rigorous training that they had completed.

The top five, or honor graduates, were rewarded with a promotion to the next highest rank.

The honor graduates were; Ronald J. Komp, B 1/14th; Donald G. Witte, 40th IPSP; Charles Mayette, B 1/14th; Wesley H. Hauschild, B 1/35th; and Kenneth M. Boswell, A 1/14th.

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