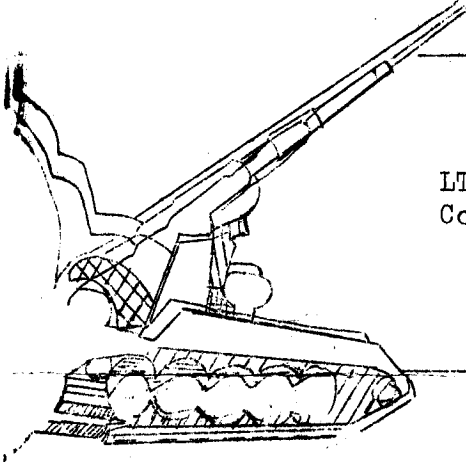


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FOR HEROISM IN AN O1 BIRDDOG

On the 22d of February 1969 First Lieutenant Richard W. Pierce was the honored recipient of the distinguished Air Medal with "V" Devise at an award ceremony held at the Battalion Headquarters. Ltc Frank M. Kulik Jr. presented the award as Lt Pierce terminated his tour of duty with our unit.

1LT Pierce has spent 430 hours flying as an Air Observer in an O1 Bird Dog along the DMZ. Prior to the November bombing halt he also flew over North Vietnam to guide artillery fire and air strikes on strategic NVA positions. During his 180 missions for the 108th Artillery Group, 1LT Pierce is credited with destroying 17 artillery pieces, damaging 22, damaging or destroying 5 anti-aircraft positions and has a record of 13 confirmed KILs. 1Lt Pierce also called the 2nd mission for the battleship USS New Jersey shortly after the floating fortress arrived off the coast of Quang Tri.

The award of the Air Medal reads as follows:

For heroism while participating in aerial flight in the Republic of Vietnam: First Lieutenant Richard W. Pierce distinguished himself by valorous actions on 24 September 1968, while serving as an Aerial Observer in the Demilitarized Zone. Spotting a North Vietnamese heavy artillery piece preparing to fire on friendly troops, Lieutenant Pierce called for artillery fire. He then adjusted the artillery until the enemy weapon was heavily damaged. Jet fighters arrived to continue the attack on the hostile position. While directing the fighters on target, Lieutenant Pierce's aircraft came under devastating ground fire and received four hits, including one less than six inches from his head. Unshaken, he continued his mission until the enemy artillery piece was damaged beyond repair. First Lieutenant Pierce's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

1LT Pierce departed for home, a leave, and his new duty assignment at Fort Lewis, Washington on 23 February. His future plans include extending his educational background and returning to Sydney to marry a sweet Australian miss that he met ~~in the field~~. For all you theater lovers and motion picture directors, 1LT Pierce's story in an O1 Bird Dog is a dramatic episode with a fitting ending.

All who have lived and worked with 1LT Pierce are most appreciative of his modest and considerate ways. May he live "happily overafter."

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ALPHA BATTERY

Construction and improvement continue at Alpha Battery. All the new gun positions have been completed and the continuing task of improving and beautifying the area takes precedence at this time. Other construction includes a new XO post with living quarters, CP, mess hall, maintenance shop with dispatch and tool room shed, and FDC bunker. A new supply and com room is now being erected. Since the XO tower has been raised another 16 feet, you have to be airborne qualified to go up to the top.

... of Alpha's efforts for continuous fire support is the fact that since the unit arrived at its new location, we have seen twelve tube changes on our "Big Boys". The question confronting higher Headquarters these days is whether or not Task Force should be attached to A Battery primarily for tube changes. To date we have fired in excess of 54,000 rounds. That's a lot of "joes" to hump.

The battery recently had the dubious honor of undergoing a CMMI. The results proved what our stomachs have been telling us for some time - we have an outstanding mess section. Under the guidance of SFC Domogala and SP6 Cotton, our mess has done much to dispel longstanding bias against Army chow. The Battery Commander and his staff salutes these outstanding professional soldiers and thanks them for a job well done.

New personnel on the scene have become a frequent recurrence. Our new XO, 1LT Dennis Deeman, arrived from Bravo Battery and has done an excellent job of supervising and directing the improvement of the firing battery. Our new "Top" recently promoted 1SG Roy Davis has likewise proven an effective and dedicated leader.

Other new personnel include SSG Jack McCoy, motor sgt; SGT James Baker, chief of section, SP5 Arthur Wright, FDC; SP5 Edward Miller, maintenance; SGT Charles Plitt, commo. We welcome these new personnel and anticipate even more improvements which their collective experience and leadership will bring.

On 31 February 1969, Alpha Battery once again made history by firing the first Beehive Projectile from a 175mm gun. Actually, it was a bee swarm round, as the projectile(s) were millions of bees which had swarmed over, under, around, and in "Afterbirth XXIII's" tube. Braving the hostile indigenous insects were SP4 Charles (Chan) Williams, the battery medic, and SSG Roy Workman and his crew who fired a Charge 1, which definitely blew the bees' minds and simultaneously alleviated the unique problem for our first section. It is still believed that the VC used these infiltrators to kick off TET early, do you count the gun being overrun by hostile creatures as "down time"?

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SVC BATTERY

by SP4 Donald Machon

Congratulations are in order for SP5 Perske and SSG Harley Meshew. Specialist Perske earned his Sp5 stripe on 11 Feb 69 before the promotion board held at the NCO Club. SSG Meshew was awarded his fourth hard stripe on 17 Feb. Sp5 Perske was also the winner of the "Soldier of the Month" contest for January and just returned from his in-country R&R to Vung Tau minus his \$25 check.

For those who wondered why 1SG McGrath was not at the morning formation on 17 February, here is the explanation: 1SG McGrath became a father for the third time and was recovering from the shock. The new arrival, an 8½ pound, red-head girl will be named Ruth Ann. Many thanks for the cigars, Top!

The S-4 Section had a new arrival of its own. This one is a little older however. He is SFC James Clifton who will be the new S-4 Sergeant. This is SFC Clifton's first tour in Vietnam, and Service Battery hopes it will be a pleasant and successful one for him.

Another award was won by Service Battery for the month of January. SP4 Thomas Malone was selected as the "Battalion Driver of the Month". Maintenance pays off, another winner of \$25.00.

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CHARLIE BATTERY

Another month has past and Charlie Battery is still hard at work. Our new gun pads are nearing completion and should be in use by the end of the month. The latest new construction is the new XO post. This should help 1LT Horton and his crew to do even a better. Three of our short-timers are going home a little prouder. Congratulations are in order for SP5 Cogger, SGT Frazier, and SGT Fowler for receiving the Army Commendation Medal for a job well done. Our Fourth Gun Section has recently gained a valuable asset in SSG John Watkins. SSG Watkins has taken over as section chief of number 4 gun and now number 3 has some stiff competition.

The newest addition to our battery is 2LT Joseph Brown. 2LT Brown is serving our FCC and will be a great aid to us. As far as construction goes, the Seabees don't have anything over on our SFC Hawkins. SFC Hawkins and his crew designed and built a tower for our aiming circle. Although it slightly resembles the "Leaning Tower of Pisa", we are reasonably sure that it is safe and its presence is immeasurably in the laying of the battery. If you don't believe it, ask 1LT Horton or SFC Hawkins. Among the many visitors that Charlie Battery receives few dare spend the night. However there was one such brave soul who did. Of course we're speaking of our own Battalion XO, Major Hoglan. It was a pleasure to have you with us Major Hoglan. We hope your stay was pleasant and do come again. Maybe next time we'll have syrup.

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HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

Many improvements to the battery are have been completed in the past month. This constant job has required the help of all the personnel in the battery. A good start also has been made by many of the battery personnel on protecting our command bunker and other areas that required improvements. Along with the enhancing of our defenses, CPT Smith, the battalion assistant XO, should be congratulated for his efforts in fortifying our perimeter to a greater degree. Many weak spots have been strengthened as a result of his hard work and supervisory talent. With teamwork such as this we all will be able to live safer and more comfortably in the days to come.

As a special bonus for two outstanding personnel of HFB, they were invited to spend three days on the 56,000 ton battleship USS New Jersey. SP5 Green and SP4 Ewing were the lucky HFs to take the tour. During their sojourn aboard they were treated with the utmost courtesy and practically given the run of the ship. Perhaps the most impressive part of the tour was a fire mission directed at an enemy shoreline 122mm rocket installation. All in all, a tour of this type will be long remembered by everyone. The word is out that this is just the first of more to come. Constant attention to detail, and a high showing of acceptance of all responsibilities may make you the next lucky person.

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SKIN

by CPT MC John J. Saia

NO -- not that kind!

I'm talking about diseases of the skin--a group of diseases which constitute one of the most common and certainly most annoying problems of health that all of us have to face here in this haven of rest for all worthy souls. Skin diseases are many and varied, but the most commonly seen here are infectious conditions of the skin--infections caused by fungus, as in athlete's foot and some forms of "crotch rot", or by bacteria as in severe acne.

With a minimum of care and effort, each of us can prevent himself from falling prey to these nuisance disorders. The rules of the game are very simple. Here is what you can do to help yourself.

1. Shower at least once each day. ~~Dirty, filth, and disease-causing bugs~~ cannot be separated--where there is one, there is the other! But you can sock it to these microscopic scoundrels simply by drowning them in plenty of soapy water. For some of us, it is best to use a medicated soap-- preferably one containing hexachlorophene such as Dial. In addition, there are some specially medicated soaps available through your friendly Battalion Aid Station.
2. Be certain to wash your feet thoroughly!!!
3. Rinse well!
4. Wear a clean set of underwear and socks every day.
5. If athlete's foot, ringworm of the groin or body, or acne occurs inspite of the careful preventive maintenance which you pull on your bod, see the Doc. He needs neither the business nor the experience, but maybe he can help!

Art Linkletter says that one of the best examples for good manners he knows came from a four-year-old youngster who said: "If you're riding in a car and you are going to throw up--do it on yourself." Emily post failed to include that in her book on etiquette; it seems that she missed a good point.

Good manners, after all, are something quite different from simply knowing how to hold a fork properly. Good manners are doing those things that will make other people happier and more comfortable. They are the little acts of courtesy that make life pleasant for those about us.

We don't usually think of Vietnam as a breeding ground for good manners, but it should be. There are no women to encourage courtesy, but there is a more compelling reason to be courteous. A lot of people live under our roof here, and there is no escape from friends in the barracks. One person having fun in the barracks late at night can make a lot of misery for everyone else in the building.

So good manners in Vietnam consist of such things as being quiet when your friends are sleeping, helping the new guy to get settled, asking before you take something from your buddy's room, and lending a helping hand when another man is having difficulty. Perhaps Jesus said it best: "Whatever you wish that man would do to you, do so to them." This is called the Golden Rule. Practice it, and you will never regret it. Neither will your friends.

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REDLEG

LTC FRANK M. KULIK JR.

On January 28th, LTC Frank M. Kulik Jr. assumed command of the 8th Bn, 4th Arty. We extend our welcome to this month's "REDLEG" as we look forward to a most profitable tour with our new commander.

Col Kulik was brought up in Chicopee, Massachusetts. He attended Cathedral High School in Springfield, Mass. and Boston College in Chestnut Hill, a suburb of Boston, receiving a BSBA degree in 1951. He has since earned an MS degree in Management from the University of Arizona and is also a graduate of the Command & General Staff College and the Armed Forces Staff College.

The highlights of Col Kulik's career are as follow:
From 1952 through 1953 he served in Korea as a Battery Commander and as a Liaison Officer. For 38 months, from December 1954 until February 1958, Col Kulik served in Germany as commander of a Howitzer Company on the Czech border. For 3 years, he instructed Field Artillery in the ROTC program at Siena College, Loudonville, New York.

Col Kulik spent 2½ years in the Artillery Branch at the Pentagon, From 1963 to 1965. Before assuming command of the 8th Battalion, 4th Artillery, he served 11 months in Vietnam in an advisory position. He was the Senior Advisor to the Command and Staff College located in the II Corps area. The past month has found Col Kulik working most effectively and professionally as the Battalion Commander of this unit during a period of increased activity and pressure in the northern area along the "Z".

Col Kulik's wife and 5 children reside in Loudonville, New York.

Upon arriving at his new command, Col Kulik stated that he was most pleased to have been honored to have the opportunity to lead this particular unit. Expecting a much rougher existence here with temporary command locations, Col Kulik was pleasantly surprised to find the fixed permanent Battalion Headquarters area and the many comfort created here. In his calm professional stance, our new Battalion Commander eagerly looks forward to an exciting tour with big guns, anticipating continued improvements in all areas, and a wealth of new personal relationships.

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STAY WITH THE TEAM

COURTS AND PUNISHMENT

Most likely everyone in the 8/4th is familiar with the term "Article 15". Generally defined, the "Article 15" is provided by the Uniform Code of Military Justice as a means for imposing and enforcing disciplinary punishment for offenses of a minor nature. Perhaps a better understanding of the more specific aspects of the "Article 15" will prove of some use. Consider the following:

THE ARMY RULES FOR IMPOSING NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT FOR MINOR OFFENSES (Art. 15, UCMJ)

There Are Three Purposes For Nonjudicial Punishment

1. Correct, educate, and reform offenders who have shown that they cannot benefit by less stringent measures.
2. Preserve, in appropriate cases, an offender's record of service from unnecessary stigmatization.
3. Further military efficiency by disposing of minor infractions of good order and discipline in a manner requiring less time and personnel than by court-martial.

Who May Impose Nonjudicial Punishment?

Any commanding officer, including a warrant officer in command.

Upon Whom?

A member of a command who has committed a minor offense and who has not demanded a trial by court-martial.

How Is Nonjudicial Punishment Imposed?

In writing: Upon enlisted personnel when punishment includes reduction in grade, confinement on bread and water or diminished rations, correctional custody, restriction or extra duty for more than 14 days, or forfeiture or deduction of pay.

Orally: All other proceedings may be conducted orally.

WHAT ARE THE PROCEDURES FOR IMPOSING PUNISHMENT?

The Immediate Commander Determines Whether:

1. A minor offense has been committed.
2. Nonjudicial punishment is appropriate
3. To use own authority or refer the matter to the next superior

The Commander Intending To Impose Punishment Advises Offender:

1. Of his intent to impose punishment.
2. Of rights under Article 31 (b), UCMJ.
3. Of right to demand trial by court-martial.
4. Of time of reply to notification.
5. Of right to submit matters in extenuation, mitigation, or defense.

If No Demand for Trial Is Made the Commander Considers:

1. What is an adequate and appropriate punishment.
2. Curative effect of punishment on offender.
3. Deterrent effect of punishment in command.
4. Desirability of suspending probationally all or part of punishment to be imposed.

After the Punishment Is Imposed the Following Occures.

1. The punishment is enforced or modified.
2. Any appeal made is processed promptly.

IF APPEAL IS MADE

How An Appeal Is Made

In writing on Section II of DA form 2627 or Section IV of DA form 2627-1.

When Is An Appeal Made?

appeal must be made within reasonable time, normally within 15 days, after imposition of punishment.

Who Acts On The Appeal?

The commander who imposed the punishment or the successor in command may act on the appeal. Unless withdrawn it must be acted upon by authority superior to the officer imposing the punishment or successor in command.

The Results of The Appeal

Offender is advised of results of appeal through channels.

MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED PUNISHMENT FOR ENLISTED PERSONNEL

| Punishments | All Commanders | Field Grade Commanders |
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| Restriction | 14 days | 60 days |
| Extra Duty | 14 days | 45 days |
| Correctional custody (except E-4's and above) | 7 days | 30 days |
| Forfeiture of pay | 7 days | $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 mos pay per mo for 2 mos |
| Detention of pay | 14 days | $\frac{1}{3}$ of 1 mos pay per mo for 3 mos |
| Reduction in grade | E-4 or below 1 grade | E-4 or below 1 or more grades; E-5 or above 1 grade |

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