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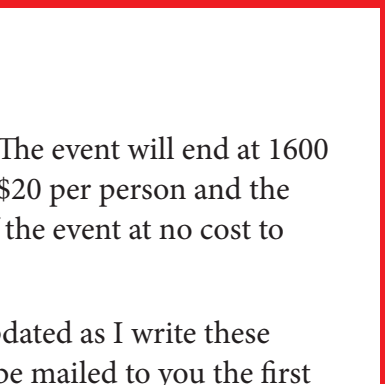
Here we are into the 2nd Quarter of the year already and we have a lot going on.

This is the biggest issue of the Incoming ever published. The very first issue of the Cannoneer was printed April 1977 and we included it in this issue in full size, making it easier for everyone to read. Also included in this issue is the next issue of the Cannoneer printed in June 1977, also in full size. We will continue to reprint every issue of the original newsletters that the Battalion produced and they will not be color enhanced or altered from the original format. The newsletters stretch from April 1977 to December 1984. I hope everyone will enjoy looking back into the past, and possibly seeing their name and accomplishments in those early years.

Each issue will continue to report members we have found, and those we have lost. We mourn the passing of our Redleg Brother Tim Willis of Alpha Battery. A wreath and card was sent on behalf of every Redleg member to his family. We also just received word that Robert "Phil" Lovelady of Charlie Battery passed away and a condolence card was sent to his family. We also would like to Welcome Home Virgil Swain, Jasper Boyer, Art Foley, Barry Hill, Don Bilsky, Eddyer Brown, Rickey McClellan, Oliver Gaston, Ben McKinney and Warren Hill.

Also included in this issue is the latest listing of former members we have been able to identify for the Battalion. The list is incomplete as we are still missing many names from all the Battery's, but we have found 750 names of individuals who served in the Battalion. Of that total, there are 92 confirmed deceased and 105 who are part of our Facebook page. This list will not be published again until we locate additional orders for each Battery listing the members. So if you have an old set of orders listing your Battery you can make a copy and mail it to me and I will add any names of those we are missing.

A date to keep in mind is 30 November 2024.....The 3rd Annual Battalion Reunion to be held at the Oxford Civic Center in Oxford AL. We moved check-in to 1100 with the official start at 1200 to insure



everyone has enough time to see each other. The event will end at 1600 hrs. The meal will still be catered at a cost of \$20 per person and the photographer will continue to take photos of the event at no cost to you.

The official Battalion Invitations are being updated as I write these comments to everyone. The goal is they will be mailed to you the first week of September, and include a stamped RSVP card. Fill that out and send with your check or money order to me. The RSVP's must be returned by 31 October.

We are working as always on several projects that will add another level to this year's Reunion.

What started as a conversation between LTC Mike Long and myself has turned into a continuing mission: preserving the memory of the 3rd Battalion, and finding all the former members and giving you all the opportunity to reunite once a year.

So keep your powder dry and I truly look forward to seeing everyone at the 3rd Annual Reunion.

Allons
Hoehne

The CSM's Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for coming to the second annual Battalion Reunion in Cullman, Alabama last December. It was truly great seeing all of you again.

As we now enter into the Spring season, please be careful when beginning your yard work and gardening. Snakes begin to move on these warm days, with some coming out of hibernation hungry and extremely angry. Also, as vacation Season starts to hit full blast, remember to stay aware of your surroundings and never let small children out of your sight. A split second is all it takes for a tragedy to strike and as we all know, this is not the same world we lived in 20 years ago.

As the BC has already mentioned, the next reunion is just around the corner. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. So be safe in what you do, and may God bless each and every one of you and your families.

Donald Peak
CSM (Ret)
3/15 FA Regiment USAR

Reunion News and Updates

3rd Annual Reunion for the 3rd Battalion FAR

Location: Oxford Civic Center
401 McCullars Ln, Oxford AL 36203

Date: 30 November 2024

Check-in Begins 1100 ~ Reunion Time: 1200-1600 hrs.

Fully Catered Meal Dad's BBQ
Two meats ~ Three Sides ~ Bread
Tea (sweet and unsweetened) ~ Dessert TBD

Cost \$20 person Check or Money Order made payable John Hoehne Sr

Invitations with RSVP's will be mailed NLT 1 September 2024

St Barbara and Battalion Colors will be present
along with some additional items!!!

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3d BN, 15th FIELD ARTILLERY

3 April 1977

RECRUITING REMAINS MAJOR UNIT PRIORITY

The 3/15 FA colors were transferred to Fort McClellan in August of 1976. At that time only a few individuals were known to be committed to membership in the organization. The new commander, then Major Phillip E. Holladay, had a gargantuan task before him--to recruit a battalion! Since that time, the major priority of the battalion has been to recruit manpower.

To date some 112 individuals now wear the patch. The most recent recruits have been SP4 Michal Mullins, SGT William E. Wible, SP4 James Baker, SP4 Tommy Whitson,

CONGRATULATIONS!

According to orders dated 2 March 1977, the battalion commander was promoted to LTC, effective 15 September 1976, (to Page 3)

Total Strength of 477 Men Ultimate Recruiting Goal

PFC Clyde Stockdale, SP4 Norman Haynes, SP4 Aldo Jones, SSG Curtis Griffin, SP4 Major Johnson, SP4 Wendell Gibson.

Having Recruited a network of leadership, the primary focus of attention is being shifted to non-prior service individuals. Vacancies exist in all batteries

at this level. The greatest and most urgent need is for mechanics, cooks, medics, chart operators, various survey jobs, commo jobs, drivers, cannoneers, gunners, and ammunition handlers, although other jobs also are available.

Let's keep up the momentum and recruit!

ANNUAL TRAINING TO EMPHASIZE MOS QUALIFICATION

"Different Strokes for Different Folks"

The latest information concerning annual training in the summer of 1977 is that when and where one goes is determined by the MOS one has or is in the process of getting.

Those whose MOS is 13B will be going to Ft. Sill 22 May - 4 June. They will be integrated with active army personnel who are involved in

one-station training at Fort Sill.

The 13E's and 82C's will go to Fort Sill 26 June - 9 July.

The commo people are to go to Fort Gordon 4 - 18 June.

Four officers will be working on their advanced course at Ft. Sill on 26 June - 9 July. (Page 3)

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BATTERY BANTERINGS

C Battery in Gadsden

Charlie Battery is now eight men strong and is fighting hard to reach the 20-man mark by May's drill. Our new men this month are: SP4 Bobby Stewart, 13B20; SP4 Jeff Billingsley, 76Y20; SP4 Jimmy Johnson 94B20; PFC Richard Duke, 43E; and SP4 Roger Nelms, 76U20.

Armed Forces Week is next month, and C Battery will have a display in the Gadsden Mall. If you would like to participate, contact CPT Nelson: 546-4394 in Gadsden.

FORTHCOMING
DRILL
DATES

14, 15 May

11, 12 June

First Formation:

0720 Hours

B Battery (Talladega)

SSG Henry Williams' influence in recruiting SP4 Tommy Whitson for B Battery has been noted.

Sergeant Williams is being duly congratulated according to the commander's policy for assisting in the recruitment of individuals for the unit.

A BATTERY
IN CULLMAN

A Battery had their most recent drill on 2 and 3 April at their facility in Cullman. All the battalion has been drilling together at Ft. McClellan. This new experience for a firing battery to drill independently marks the achievement of the recruiting program.

As space and manpower permit, the other batteries will also drill independently.

BATTALION REENLISTMENTS

Congratulations to the following individuals who have recently reenlisted for the 3/15 FA:

T. Parsons, HHB (3 yrs)
R. Otwell, HHB (1 yr.)
G. Foster, HHB (1 yr.)
R. Waites, B Btry (1 yr.)
D. Smith, B Btry (1 yr.)

The re-enlistment of good men is essential.

SUMMARY

OF ANNUAL TRAINING DATES

<u>MOS</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
13B	22 May - 4 June	Fort Sill
13E	26 June - 9 July	Fort Sill
82C	26 June - 9 July	Fort Sill
05E	4 - 18 June	Fort Gordon
36K	4 - 18 June	Fort Gordon
Designated Officers		
	26 June - 9 July	Fort Sill
Remainder:		
	26 June - 9 July	Ft. McClellan



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Section

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Your

correct

address? Ya heah?

PROMOTIONS (from Page 1)

We congratulate LTC Holladay on this accomplishment. CPT Rex Renz was promoted to that rank on 11 March. We also add congratulations to him.

AT (From Page 1)

The remainder of the battalion (administrative personnel, cooks, maintenance and others unable to go to Fort Sill will attend AT at Fort McClellan 26 June-9 July.

While LTC Holladay may grant permission to 13B's to stay at Fort McClellan for AT when a hardship exists, it is discouraged because such individuals will be unable to get MOS training for promotions.

UNOFFICIAL PUBLICATION TAKES SHAPE

THE CANNONEER, an unofficial publication of the 3d Bn, 15th FA, begins publication with this issue.

Several potential names for the newspaper were considered. The Cannoneer was selected because it seemed to reflect the purpose of the newspaper better than other options. The paper is for the interest, information and benefit of the members of this outfit. The name, therefore, points to the central, most important asset we have--the people who are a part of the unit.

The paper will be essentially what the members want it to be. Comments, both good and bad, are encouraged.

The chaplain's office is providing the major leadership for the newspaper. If you have suggestions or complaints Chaplain Smith will accept them.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER . . .

A young boy, writing a letter to his father who was serving overseas during World War II, was obviously concerned about his Dad's welfare. Unable to state what he meant clearly, he wrote, "Daddy, I hope you stay alive as long as you live."

Perhaps the boy's sentence to his father was more profound than he realized. Many exhibiting all the symptoms of life---eating, breathing, moving about, etc., are really dead to major living realities.

Such people fail to notice the beauty of the burgeoning new life of spring, take for granted the significance of an enduring relationship, miss the joy of a new accomplishment, are not challenged by unfulfilled dreams, or fail to see the opportunities involved in something yet to be experienced.

Perhaps during this Easter/spring season, we can learn best the art of stopping to "smell the roses"---both literally and figuratively. For only when we are excited about the privileges of being alive can we truly "stay alive as long as we live."

DID YOU KNOW. . .

. . . SP4 Kenneth Digby of the Medical Section and the former Arlene Spradlin were united in marriage on 27 March. We extend our best wishes to both of them.

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3d BN, 15th FIELD ARTILLERY

12 June 1977

RECRUITING REMAINS TOP PRIORITY

Even with Annual Training upon us, recruiting remains the top priority of the 3d of the 15th FA.

The original goal assigned the unit upon its move to this area was to reach one-half the total authorized strength by the end of the first year. To reach that goal, we need a total of 239 men by the end of July.

Major Ronald Funderburke, the Battalion executive officer, heads the recruiting team. It is staffed by three full-time recruiters, CPT Homer Reaves, SFC Mike LeCroy and SGT Theodore von Bartheld. These recruiters are always cultivating and following leads.

But if the recruiting effort is to be as successful as it can be, the active and persistent effort of each member of the battalion will be required.

If each of us encourages friends, relatives and neighbors to inquire into the advantages they might enjoy in this battalion, surely we could fill the unit soon enough.

We can be certain that all of us benefit when good, solid individuals are recruited to the unit.

THAT GUTZ GOT TO GO!

The medical section is initiating a weight control program beginning on 11 June and to be completed by 9 July. All personnel must be weighed & measured. A chart will be kept on all personnel. Those who are overweight will be checked monthly. All personnel placed on the weight control program will be advised of possible adverse consequences for failing to achieve & (See "Weight", page 2)

ANNUAL TRAINING FOR MOST TO BE AT MCCLELLAN

Annual Training for a major part of the unit will begin on Sunday, 26 June at 0650 hours at Ft. McClellan. It is scheduled to end at 1600 hours on 8 July.

According to the training schedule, emphasis will be on Section On the Job Training, with practical, on hands training the major method.

LTC Holladay has announced that individuals could expect to remain on post until about 1400 hours on Saturday, 2 July, but that 4 July will be a training holiday.

Unless further rescinded, plans are to permit individuals who so desire to spend the evenings off post--- unless they are tardy for morning formation. Anyone tardy for formation will be required (See "AT", page 3)

WEIGHT (from P. 1)

maintain acceptable body weight and personal appearance standards prescribed in AR 600-9.

MEET OUR B. C.'s

In an artillery unit, the commander of the battery is often referred to as the B. C. We have some outstanding B.C.'s in our battalion, and this column will attempt to introduce one of them to you each issue.

Meet CPT James D. (Jimmy) Proctor, Jr. The commander of B Battery is a native of Talladega, was educated in the Talladega school system and attended Jacksonville State University. He is a graduate of the Alabama Military Academy.

In civilian life, Mr. Proctor is an active and concerned citizen. He is a supervisor for Mid America Mills and a member of the Talladega City Council. In that capacity, he is in charge of the police department, fire department and ambulance service and is a member of the beautification council.



SP4 Robert Waites of B Battery became a grandfather on 11 May 1977. The child is the daughter of SP Waites' daughter, Mrs. Margaret D. Pinkston. We congratulate the entire family upon this happy event.

He had 5 years' service as an EM before receiving his commission.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS. . .

The 3d Bn, 15th FA has been in Alabama for almost one year now. While we have made good progress in some areas, our strength is of continuing concern to me. Assigned strength is the life blood of any reserve unit. I request your continued cooperation and support in this area.

Our most effective resource in recruiting is the individual reservist. It will take a great deal of initiative and hard work on the part of each member in the Battalion to bring this unit up to 100% strength, but we CAN do it.

As soon as we solve our strength problem, we can devote more time to the very important mission of training.

Some of our personnel have already returned from annual training at Ft Sill. All comments I have heard regarding the training have been excellent. Annual Training at Ft McClellan is 26 June-8 July. I look forward to an outstanding encampment during this period.

To those returning from Ft Sill: Welcome Home!

NEW MEMBERS OF THE
BATTALION

The following individuals have joined our ranks recently. We welcome them aboard and congratulate them for selecting the best outfit around.

Headquarters Battery

1LT Kirksey
SP5 Ivey
SP4 Mullins
SP4 Provo
PFC Morrow

A Battery (Cullman)

2LT Conti
SSG Lott
SSG Peak
SSG White
SGT Cofer
SGT Hayes
SP4 Cooper
PFC Kilpatrick

B Battery (Talladega)

CPT Proctor

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AT (from page 1)

to stay on post for the remainder of training. Space will be available in the barracks for anyone desiring to stay on post.

In order to permit adequate planning for the Mess Hall, eating there will be required of all.

Congratulations to MSG B E Presley upon receiving the Army Commendation Medal.

B Battery (Cont'd)

SP4 C. Truss
SP4 D. Truss
SP4 Whitson
PFC Lackey
PV1 Ellison
PV1 Roseman

C Battery (Gadsden)

SP5 Hancock
SP4 Pointer
SP4 Stonecipher
PFC Miller

Service Battery

1LT Chalker
SSG Griffin
SGT Vancil
SGT Wible
SP4 Bailey
SP4 Haynes
SP4 M. Johnson
SP4 A. Jones
SP4 Gibson

FROM THE TRAINING DESK

In an effort to give you more realistic hands on training, this battalion will be conducting training in the field during July, August and September.

On 23 and 24 July we will conduct reconnaissance selection and occupation of position (RSOP) training in a dry fire exercise. This will not be an overnight exercise. On 13 & 14 August we will conduct live fire exercises with a night tactical movement from two firing positions. On 10 and 11 September, we will conduct individual and crew served weapons qualifications to include M16 rifle, M60 MG & .45 pistol.

During these training periods individuals will be evaluated to determine the effectiveness of previous training and the need for additional training. Future training will be determined greatly by your performance in these exercises.

Sympathy is extended CW2 O L Denson upon the loss of his father-in-law.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER . . .

Ever since her 90th birthday, a certain woman had begun a tradition of spending each birthday in her doctor's office for an annual physical examination.

On the twelfth such birthday celebration--on her 102nd birthday--the doctor again gave her a clean bill of health and commented upon her excellent physical condition, considering her advanced years.

As she left, she cheerfully bade good-bye to the doctor and his staff, saying, "I'll see you again this time next year." The doctor suggested that she seemed pretty certain about that. Her reply came quickly, "Oh yes, the statistics are in my favor; very few people die between their 102nd and 103rd birthdays."

Perhaps this woman's sense of humor is the best clue to her longevity. It is often a useful and productive trait to be able to interpret something which might produce anxiety in such a way as to laugh about it.

It might be good for us to keep this in mind as we move on into a summer of intensive and challenging training, a time in which the pressure is upon us to perform new and unfamiliar tasks. Keeping a sense of humor about who we are and what we are about may be a most effective way for us to cope and do it with pride.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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Fort McClellan, Alabama 36205

FORTHCOMING DRILL DATES

23, 24 July

13, 14 August

10, 11 September

Formations: 0720 Hours

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Members We Have Identified *(*** denotes deceased)*

Steven Abel	Kenneth T Beavers	James Bundrum ***
Allen Abernathy	Jerry Bell	Coy L Bunhanan
Edwin L Abney	Christopher S Benefield	Henry Burgess
SGT Acton	Bradley Quinn Berry	Keith Burgess
Curtis W Adair	Leavey Berry	Jim Burleson
Jimmy Adams	Donald Bilsky	Don Burns ***
Ronnie Aldridge ***	Donnie Bishop	John Bushard
Jerry L Alford ***	David Bivins	William H Butler
Donald Allen	J V Blackman	Clark W Cain ***
Rusty Allen	Kenneth K Bohannon	Danny O Calloway
Bruce Anderson	Vernon H Bohannon ***	Elijah Campbell
Frank Anderson	Gary Bolton	Julius Campbell
Terry Anderson	Robert A Boody	Ray R Campbell
Dan Andresen	Cameron Boone	William Campbell
Anthony G Areno	Richard L Boone	Danny L Cannon
Gregory Arledge	Clois Boozer	Shawn P Cannon
Jerry D Arrington	Timothy Bowlin	John S Capone
Mike Ashley	SP5 Boyce	Truman Carden
Anthony Askew	Jasper Boyer	David Carlisle
Warren Askew	Bernard Bradford	Ralph D Carlisle
PVT Avvott	Charles Bradford	Roger B Carlisle
Ken Badgett ***	Eric J Bradford	Thomas Carpenter
Lonnie Bagley Jr	Don A Bradley	Terry Carr ***
Shannon G Bagley	Frank Brannon	Michael C Carter
Charles Bailey	Anthony Branom	David L Cary
Clovis B Bailey	Sammy A Brewster	Lee Casey
Kurtis E Bailey ***	SP4 Brincat	Gerry Chalker
Charles Baker	Melvin Brisbane	Bradley Champion
James Baker	Charlie Brock	James Chapman
PV1 Barlow	James Brock	SP4 Chapmon
Jeffery L Barnes	Roger D Brooks	Donald Clardy
Hexekiah Barrax Jr	T R Brooks	Ronald Clark ***
Evon Barrett	PFC Brothers	Van Cleaf
Paul Barron	David Brown	Charles Clements ***
Theodore von Barthfeld	Eddyer Brown	Stanley Coats
Lionel Bates	Michael Brown	George Cobb Jr
James Battle	Donald G Bryant	SGT Cofer
Charles Battles	Marion Bryant	Bill Coker
Steven C Beaird	Victor Buchanan	Darren L Cole
Finus Beavers	Tom Buckley	Winston Coleman Jr
Greg Beavers	Charles Bunch	Billy Colyer ***

Members We Have Identified (cont.) (***) *(denotes deceased)*

Richard Conti	Zackery C Dupree	LT Fowler
Fred D Cook	Frederick F Durant ***	Charles J Freeman
Carl W Cooley	PV1 Edison	Eric B Freeman
Kent Cooper	Zachary Edison	Phillip T Freeman
SP4 Cooper	Carl I Edmondson	Stephen E Freeman
Andrew Cordova	Wilbur J Edmondson ***	Terry W Freeman
Arthur Cottingham	Wilburn Edmondson	Larry G Fricke
Timothy J Craft	Allen Edwards	SP4 Funderburg
Toby Craft ***	Charles Edwards	Ron Funderburk
Clifford Crawford	Randall Edwards	Robert Gaither ***
Tommy Creel	Robert F Elkins	Robert Gallager
Mike Crosby	SGT Ellen	Jeffery A Garrard
Joseph H Cunningham ***	Charles Ellis Jr	Bryant Garrett
George Curry ***	Thomas Elsbernd	Denson Garrett
Theodore Curry	Vincent Elston ***	Gary Garrett
PVT Curtis	Dave Emery	Ronald Garrett
Michael Dalesandro	Kenneth Emory	Sammy Garrett
PVT Dates	Bertis English	Wayne Garrett
Gary Davenport	Harvester English	Oliver Gaston
David S Davis	Daniel D Erickson	Larry E Gattis ***
Gary E Davis ***	Richard N Erickson	George A Gibbs
Ronnie Davis	Melvin Ervin	Wendell Gibson
Timothy R Davis	Hugh R Esco III	Calvin Gildersleeve ***
Clarence W Deerman	Richard N Eskildson	Gary Gilliland ***
Mickey Deerman	Kenneth Estell	Kenneth S Gladden
Oliver Denson ***	David L Evans	Shevy Glenn
David Despagna	Orrin C Evans	Gary R Glover
SP4 Devoe	David Fair	James C Goggins
Barry Dickerson	James D Farmer	Vincent Goldsby
Steve Dickerson	John Faulkner	Vincent Goldsmith
Jonathan Dietz	William M Faulkner	Calvin Grace
Kenneth Digby	Roger Feazell	Horace Grady
Don Dison	Donald Ferrell	Wesley Grand
Ronald Dison	Delenza R Fields	Wesley L Grant
Christopher Dixon	Art Foley	Eddie Gray
Jack Dorman	Aaron R Forcier ***	Jerry Green
George E Duff	Gueron Ford	Denson M Greene ***
Jerry Duke Richard Duke	Ollis Forman Jr	SP4 Greenwood
David K Dunaway Sr	Gary Fortenberry	Curtis Griffin ***
Jeffery J Duncan	Gene Foster	SSG Griffin
Johnny M Duncan	Lovoyd Fountain	George Hardy Griffith

Tony Gunter	Larry A Higginbotham	Doyce Jenkins
Michael J Guthrie	Phillip L Higgins	Robert W Jennings
Allen Hale	Barry M Hill	Brian K Johnson
Brian L Haley	G M Hill	Byron L Johnson
Joe Hall	Gregory D Hill	Chester Johnson ***
Robert Hall	Warren Hill	Danny O Johnson
Roy Hall	Bill Hinton	Don Johnson
Charles Hallmark	Wes Hodgins	Elwin Johnson ***
Timothy Hallmark	John A Hoehne	James C Johnson
Stephen Hamby	Mark Hoff ***	Jamie Johnson
Sam Hamner	Phillip Holladay ***	Jimmie D Johnson
Darrell Hancock	Aubrey Holland	Joel A Johnson ***
SP5 Hancock	John W Holloway	Major Johnson
James E Hann ***	Charles Holt	Tyrone Johnston
SP4 Hanna	Darryl E Holyfield	Aldo Jones
SP4 Hanson	Chris Honea	Bobby H Jones
Tommy Harbor ***	Elbadean Hornsby	Mark A Jones
Steve Harding	Gary Horton	Sam Jones ***
Anthony Y Hardy	Carlus Houston	Charles R Jordan
Jerry Hardy	Myrone Houston	Martin D Jordan
David Harmon	Robert L Houston	James Joshua
Billy Harp ***	Fred Howard	Brad Joy
Billy Harris	Franklin B Howze	Theodore R Joy
John W Harrison	Kenneth R Huddleston	Morris Kay
Derrick Harry	Danny Hudson	SP4 Keener
Danny C Harvey ***	Tommy L Hudson ***	William Kelley
Derrick L Harvey	David Huff	Robert R Kendrick
Fred Hawkins Jr	Robert M Humphries	Bill Kennedy
Ernest G Hayes ***	Randall Hunt	Kenneth R Kennedy
SGT Hayes	Tommy F Ingram	Terry L Kennedy
Tmothy Hayes	William P Iorio	Thomas Kerr
Norman Haynes	Curtis Ivey	Danny R Kilpatrick An-
Richard A Haynes	Alfred Jackson	thony Kimble
Richard Haynie	Chris Jackson	King V Kimble
Scott Headen	Gerald Jackson ***	Bruce King
Craig L Heald	Grady Jackson	Larry D King
Walter Heath	John Jacobs	Rickey King
Bobby Heaton	Abdul Jalloh	Laverne Kinney ***
John Hecker ***	Derek R James	Carey Kirby
Mark A Henderson	Mark James	Clifton Kirksey
Michael A Henderson	Edward J Jelks	Leonard Kiser
Joel Herron ***	Robert Jemison	Scott Kiser
Rodney Hicks	Stanley Jemison	Darryl Knox

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James L Kritner	Arthur Matthews	John L Mitchell
Richard Lackey	Keith Mayne	Anthony Tony Molino ***
Ron Lancaster	Jerry McBurnett	Dexter Monroe
Jake Landers	Bill McCain ***	David Montgomery
Clyde Lane	Michael McCallum	Jerry Montgomery
Sidney Leak	Gary D McCarthy	Edward L Moore ***
Mike LeCroy	Jeffery McClain	Gregory M Moore
Orlando Lemon	Ricky McClellan	David Morgan
Edward Leonard	Mark McClendon ***	David J Morgan
James F Lightfoot	Kenneth A McClendon	Melvin Morgan
SSG Limbaugh	SGT McClendon	James Morris
Robert Lipscomb	Mack McCluney	Jim Morris ***
John C Little	PVT McCormick	Roosevelt Morris Jr
Terry Livingston	J L McCrary	David Morrison
James R Lloyd	James H McElwee ***	SSG Morrow
Thomas Logan	J C McGatha Jr	Thommy Morrow
Mark Lolley	Jottie McGhee	Michael S Mullins
Joseph Long ***	Lawrence McGhee	Phillip L Mullins
Mike Long	Bill G McGill	Phillip Murphy
Thomas Long	Hiko McGinnis	Roger D Murray
Marvis Lott ***	Robert C McGowan	Jackie Nails ***
Robert P Lovelady ***	Harold McKee	Roger Nelms
Duv Lowe	Michael L McKee	Raphael Nelson
Charles G Lowery	William C McKinley	Richard A Nelson
Willard Lowery Jr	Ben McKinney	Ron Nelson
PVT Luker	Bill McKinney	Jim Nemeth
Levi Lyles	Gregory McMath	Michael J Nessler
Tom Lynch	Cleophus J McNeal	Franklin Newkirk ***
Steve MacMillan	John R McQuay	Harry Nichols Jr
Daniel Macon	Derrick McRath	Tommy L Norris ***
James Mallory	Paul McWilliams ***	Wayne Norris ***
Charles Malone	Jeffery Means	Steve Norton
David L Mansfield	Joseph Meeler	Kenneth D O'Dell
Ray Marsh	David Miller	Benny Ogles
William Martain	John Miller	Gregory Oliver ***
Curtis L Martin	Kenneth Miller	Red Oliver ***
Horace Martin	Michael D Miller	Michael D Orr
James Martin	Willie L Miller	SP4 Orso R Otwell
Sylvester Martin ***	PVT Milner	William E Owen
William D Martin	Jeffery Milton	Joseph Owens Sr ***
Rickey N Massey	Terry Mims	Nathaniel Owens

Stephen T Owens
Dalton Painter
Darwin E Park
Gilbert J Parker
Johnnie P Parker Jr
Timothy E Parsons
Bobby Patterson
Howell Patton
Kenneth Patton
Don Peak
Fred Pearson
Sam Pearson
Jeffery Peek
Adonis Pendleton
Drew Peppers ***
John Peppers
Richard Pepple
Mel Perkins
Thomas M Perrin
Steven M Perry
James M Pickard Jr ***
Randall N Pinkard
Ron Pitts
Kenneth R Pock
SP4 Pointer
Dwight Porter
Robert Posey
Jody Potts
SP4 Potts
Michael A Pounder
Jeffery W Powell
Nathaniel Powell ***
Terry Powell
Tim Powell
SFC Pratt
B Presley
Glen Prestridge
Hilman G Prestridge
Lamar Pritchett
James D Proctor
SP4 Provo
Daniel O Pruitt ***
Rosetti Puleslli

Randy Putnam
Howard Race
Homer Reaves
SSG Reghness
Rex Renz
Adrian O Reynolds
Anthony Reynolds
Robert L Reynolds Jr
Frank L Ribich
John A Rice
David P Richardson
Richard W Rinehart
SP4 Ringo
SP4 Rivers
Donald L Robertson ***
Abraham Robinson
Darryl Robinson
Travis Robinson
Calvin V Rogers
Joe Rogers
Stanley K Rolley
Mike Roseman
Willie Roseman
Pulealli Rosetti
Kenneth Rouse
SP4 Rubens
James Rudolph
Jerry W Russell
Woodrow Russell
Terrence Sadler
SSG Sanford
Ron Schaefer
SGT Schlosser
John Schwaiger ***
Paul Schwaiger ***
Thomas Scott
Warren Sellers
Leon Seth de Loche
Charles M Shields
SGT Silmon
Danny Simmons
Maurice Simmons
Timothy Simpson

Ned Sims ***
Charles F Sistrunk
Rick Skinner
Bobby R Smith
Carl Smith
Charles T Smith ***
D Smith
Darrin Smith
Eddie L Smith
John A Smith Jr
Kenneth Smith
Larry Smith ***
Lester C Smith
Robert A Smith
Ronnie G Smith
CH Smith
Victor Smith
Lee Roy Smoot ***
Ricky Smoot
William Snyder
David Sparks
Joe Sparks ***
Winfred E Spivey
Emmit L Spurgeon
Jeffery P St.John
Rodrick O Stallings
Anthony Staples
Don Stephens
Walter Stephens
Larry Sterling
Kenneth Stevens
Anthony R Stewart
Bobby Stewart
Robert S Stewart
Clyde Stockdale
Robbi Stone
Travis Stone
SP4 Stonecipher
James A Streeter
Lewis P Strickland
Charlie Sugars
SP5 Suggs
Glenn Sullivan

Members We Have Identified (cont.) (***) *denotes deceased*

Danny V Summerville	Tony Verges	William E Wible
Archie Swain	Miguel Villasana	George Milton Wigley ***
Earl Swain	Eric Wade	Rodney R Wilder
Virgil Swain Jr	Robert Waiters	Maurice Wildman ***
Randy L Sweatt	James E Waites	Russell Wilkerson
Robert Swindell ***	Robert Waites	Carl Willecke
PVT Tanner	Brad Waits	Deverick Williams
Hersey L Taylor Jr	Daniel L Walker	Henry Williams
Joseph R Taylor	John A Walker	Lewis Williams
Larry J Taylor	Gerald Wallace ***	Maceo Williams ***
Robert C Taylor	JD Ward	Michael Williams
Henry L. C. Teague	Michael W Ware	Winfred C Williams
Brett Thomas	Billy T Warren	Jerry L Willingham
Darryl Thomas	N Warren	Reginald Willis
Edwin V Thomas	PFC Warren	Tim Willis ***
Jimmy T Thomas	Danny Warwick	Jim Wilson
Warren Thomas	Craig Waschko	S Wilson
SSG Thompson	Kelvin Watkins	Joseph Wimpee
Travis M Thompson	Patrick Watkins	James R Wisaler
Ralph Thorson	Gary Watt	Lonnie B Wood
Mark A Tidmore	ILT Watts	James A Woodard
Ronald Tilley	Ed Weatherford ***	Charlie A Woods
Carbon Todd ***	Roger Weaver ***	Denver Woods Jr
Clifton Tolbert	PVT Weeks	Earnest Woods
Eric Trull	James H Welch ***	Earnest Woods III
C Truss	Robert M Welch	Harry C Woods ***
D Truss	James R Whaley	Roderick Woods
SGT Trussel	Paul Wharton	Stevie Woods
Gerald Tucker	Joseph W Wheat	John Woody
Robert Tucker	Eddie J Wheeler	Huber Wright ***
Terry Tucker	Andy D Whitaker	Lewis Wyatt ***
Lester Turner	Gary W White	PFC Wynn
Merv Turner ***	Nelson White ***	Arlon Yates
SP4 Turner	Phillip L White ***	Johnny Yeppez
Degrick M Twymon	Ray White ***	Andy Young
Howard Underwood	SSG White	Edward C Young
Terry Upton	Christopher Whitehead	William A Young
Thomas G Urso ***	William J Whiteside	George Zbinden
SGT Vancil	Tommy L Whitson	Ray Zimmerman
Don Vardaman	Richard U Whorton	Victor Zimmerman
Rodney Veasy		



*ISG Jerry Montgomery and
SFC Wendell Gibson*



SFC Tim Powell



*LTC Hoehne addressing members
of the Battalion*



Picture of those attending the Reunion



*Chaplain Wes Hodgins and
SGT Michael McCallum*

15th Field Artillery Korean War Part 1

On 15 July 1950, the 15th Field Artillery (FA) Battalion (Bn) landed at Pusan, Korea, as an integral part of the 2nd Infantry Division (ID). The first artillery round fired in support of combat actions of the 2nd ID was fired by A Battery, 15th FA Bn, on 6 August 1950. On the morning of 14 February 1951, 1LT Hartell was flying in a Liaison Plane as an Air Observer, when he noticed thousands of men and pack animals moving down from the north. It turned out that two Chinese Divisions were massing for an assault on the Wonju-Yogu Main Supply Route. 1LT Hartell caught them as they were assembling and fired several Battalions onto the target area for more than three straight hours. This became known famously as the great Wonju Shoot, and resulted in nearly 3,500 enemy casualties. (Also see: Massacre at Hoengsong)



*15th artillerymen near Bloody Ridge in September 1951
Photo credit: Davis (Pat) Beaver*

By 26 August 1951, 1LT Hartell was on the ground as a Forward Observer with B Company, 9th Infantry Regiment at the base of Hill 700 near Kobansong-ni. Hill 700 was attacked and taken by B Company that day. But the Chinese mounted a major counterattack at 0400 hours. 1LT Hartell walked the artillery fire right up the hill on top of the charging enemy. Although many of the enemy were cut down, they just kept coming. Although wounded, 1LT Hartell kept calling in artillery fire onto his hilltop. Finally at 0630 hours, 1LT Hartell was hit in the chest by a bullet and his phone went dead. For his heroic actions, 1LT Hartell was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor (Posthumously). One of the main roads at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was renamed Hartell Boulevard in his honor.



*15th artillerymen (left to right) Beaver, Gallenburger and Sutton near Bloody Ridge
Photo credit: Davis (Pat) Beaver*

Additionally, MSG Jimmie Holloway, A Battery, 15th FA Bn, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy near Changboag-ni, Korea, on 12 February 1951. He braved 150 yards of open ground, while under heavy enemy fire, and dragged a wounded member of his Battery to safety. He again exposed himself to enemy fire and uncoupled

a howitzer and swung it into firing position to place devastating fire on an enemy fortified hill that threatened A Battery's position. After the Battery XO was wounded, MSG Holloway exposed himself to heavy enemy mortar fire and directed artillery onto the opposing forces. Later that night, he was last seen leading a combat patrol towards the enemy. For his heroic actions MSG Holloway was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously).



105-mm howitzers of Battery A, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, are set up one mile south of Kumhwa, Korea, as the assault against Chinese Communist Forces on Hill 1062 gets underway. 4 November 1951 (Koorejian)

From 15 July 1950 to 27 July 1953, the 15th FA Bn established two records unequaled by any other artillery unit during the Korean War. In one 24-hour period during the battle for Bloody Ridge, the 15th FA Bn fired 14,425 rounds. Additionally, from 26 August through 2 September 1951, in support of the 2nd ID during the battle of Heartbreak Ridge, the 15th FA Bn fired 69,956 rounds.

UN DEFENSIVE 1950

Streamer image: Institute of Heraldry

For its actions during its three continuous years in some of the bloodiest fighting of the war, the 15th FA Bn was awarded 10 campaign streamers including the: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; Chinese Communist Forces Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; Chinese Communist Forces Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea, Summer-Fall 1952; Third Korean Winter; and Korea, Summer 1953. Additionally, the 15th FA Bn was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation (Army), streamer embroidered HONGCHON; the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, streamer embroidered NAKTONG RIVER LINE; and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, streamer embroidered KOREA.

KOREA

Streamer image: Institute of Heraldry

And once again, the Indianheads of the Fighting Fifteenth had more than paid their dues - in blood!

Written by Dan Gillotti 15th Field Artillery

15th Field Artillery Korean War Part 2

**On Feb. 12 and 13, 1951, at Hoengsong,
elements of the 2nd Infantry Division
suffered severe, tragic losses**

MASSACRE AT HOENGSONG by Gary Turbak

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The grisly scene, horrible almost beyond belief, shocked even the toughest men of the 7th Marine Regiment. Some averted their eyes. Others broke off their macho banter to talk in hushed, church-like tones.

It was death that spooked them -- death that hung like an eerie cloud over the narrow valley north of Hoengsong, Korea, that cold, quiet day in 1951.

In early February, with the Chinese offensive stalled, U.N. commanders prepared a counter assault across the center of the Korean peninsula. This time, however, Republic of Korea (ROK) troops were to do the bulk of the fighting -- with elements of various U.S. infantry, artillery and other units supporting them. The notion of Americans supporting ROK troops was very much an experiment -- one U.S. military leaders later regretted.

What U.N. commanders didn't know was that Communist forces also were launching a major offensive and had moved four Chinese and two North Korean divisions into the area north of the village of Hoengsong. On Feb. 11, ROKs tangled with Communist forces, quickly disintegrating the planned South Korean offensive.

At one point, GIs of the supporting 15th Field Artillery (FA) Battalion (2nd Division) encamped for the night, relying on ROK infantry for protection. When the Chinese attacked in the dark, the South Koreans fled. The enemy swarmed over the U.S. position. Some 204 artillerymen ultimately died, resulting in one of the most concentrated losses of American lives in the entire war, according to Joseph Gould in "Korea: The Untold Story."

Retreating ROKs streamed south past U.S. support forces, allowing the Chinese to flank American positions. Soon, the Chinese owned the narrow,

twisting valley north of Hoengsong and the road that ran through it -- the only escape route.

Steep hills rose up on both sides of the road, turning the valley into a shooting gallery. The Chinese relentlessly rained mortar fire down on the withdrawing and vastly outnumbered GIs. Later came the hand-to-hand fighting.

"At times," said one battalion commander, "U.N. troops lined up on one side of the road and tossed grenades at the enemy attacking from the other side of the road."

BATTLE CASUALTIES

38th Inf. Regt.....462 KIA

15th FA Bn.....208 KIA

503rd FA Bn.....56 KIA

FIGHTING WITHDRAWAL

During one withdrawal, forward observer (for the mortar platoon) Sgt. Charles Long of M Co., 38th Inf. Regt., 2nd Div., chose to remain at his position atop Hill 300. It was rapidly being overrun, so he wanted to better direct mortar fire on the Chinese. For a while, he held off the enemy with rifle fire and grenades, but his last radio message reported that he was out of ammo. He used his last words to call for 40 rounds of high explosive fire on his own position, by that time swarming with enemy soldiers. For his bravery, Long posthumously received the Medal of Honor.

American rescue forces fought their way north from Hoengsong to the besieged units only to find that a river of Chinese soldiers poured in behind them. Points secured just an hour or so earlier reverted quickly to enemy hands.

U.S. infantrymen tried to clear an escape route for the howitzers, supply trucks and other vehicles, but Chinese soldiers were everywhere. U.S. artillery fired point blank into ranks of attacking enemy, but it did little good.

As soon as the withdrawing GIs pushed through one Chinese strongpoint, they would run smack into another -- while enemy forces reformed behind them. Some 2,000 Chinese troops manned one enormous roadblock. But the route south was the only way out. So the Americans continued to run this meat grinder of a gauntlet toward Hoengsong, taking heavy losses all the way.

Finally, the column of weary survivors reached Hoengsong. GIs who made it to the village joined a more general and less hazardous retreat farther south and lived to fight another day. Yet in the little valley to the north there was only death.

‘ENORMOUS GRAVEYARD’

On March 7th, the 7th Marines re-entered the area north of Hoengsong for the first time since the rout three weeks earlier. Frozen in time -- and frozen literally -- the battle scene remained eerily preserved.

“Everyone looked into the valley and saw the smoke twisting toward the sky,” wrote Marine Bill Merrick in his book *Tan Vat*. “The smoke came from overturned trucks and jeeps. They had burned so long only the frames remained. The area looked like an enormous graveyard with the bodies buried. The troops lay in the road, in the rice paddies, and in the cabs of the trucks that had not caught on fire.”

Hundreds of GI bodies remained where they had fallen. “We had to push arms, legs, and heads to the side of the road so vehicles behind us would not run over dead soldiers,” wrote Marine Rod Bennett. Some GIs had been stripped naked by enemy soldiers. One naked, dead soldier lay across the barrel of an anti-tank gun. In many trucks, dead Americans lay behind the wheel or hung out the doors. One truck contained two lifeless GIs and two dead Chinese soldiers.

“The road was blocked by a Sherman tank with one set of tracks blown off,” wrote Merrick. “The hatch was open and the tank commander was hanging out of it. His jacket was full of holes, and blood made a big design on his back. Two GIs with their hands tied behind them had been shot in the back of the head. There were powder burns on the back of the caps they wore.”

Marines, sickened by the sight, erected a sign along the body-strewn road. It read: “Massacre Valley, Scene of Harry S Truman’s Police Action. Nice Going, Harry!”

U.S. units suffering losses in the Hoengsong debacle included elements of the 38th and 17th Infantry; 15th, 503rd, 49th, 96th and 674th FA battalions; 82nd Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Bn.; and the 187th Airborne RCT.

Several outfits incurred severe battle deaths. Korean War vet Dick Ecker, using the Army’s Adjutant General’s Korean War Casualty File, determined the following breakdown by unit:

- * 15th FA Bn. -- 208 (106 KIA & 102 in captivity)
- * 503rd FA Bn. -- 56 (27 KIA & 29 in captivity)
- * 38th Inf. Regt. -- 462 (328 KIA & 134 perished in captivity).

Among the 15th’s dead was its commander, Lt. Col. John Keith, and Master Sgt. Jimmie Holloway, both of whom died after being taken prisoner.

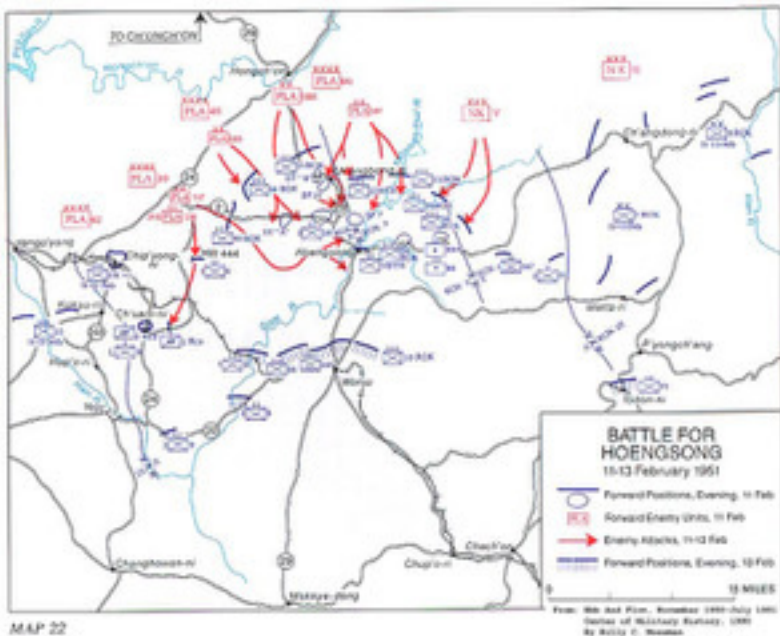
“Holloway was recommended for the Medal of Honor, but it was downgraded to the Distinguished Service Cross,” according to the 15th’s historian, Dan Gillotti.

Ecker summed it up succinctly: “It was, of course, the nature of the fatalities in this action that was the real tragedy -- many of them MIA, never found and declared dead or captured and died in captivity.”

Because military authorities tried to hide the extent of the disaster, casualty figures regarding the Hoengsong massacre are extremely jumbled. But according to a Time war correspondent, “It was part of the most horribly concentrated display of American dead since the Korean War began.”

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15th Field Artillery Korean War Part 3





Chaplain's Corner with Chaplain Wes Hodgins

SPRING IS HERE!

Tuesday, 19 March 2024, the first day of “Spring” arrived on our calendar, and with it all of the hopes of “new-life” on every hand to replace the drab silence of winter. In His wisdom, God created the seasons to illustrate for us the “seasons” of life we are all subject to: Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter. In our “springtime” we are full of energy and innocence. In our “summer”, we are mature, productive and planning for the future. In the “fall”, we are forced to face the reality that our strength is fading fast and our “get-up-and-go” has already “got-up and went”! In the winter of our lives we will lie down in the earth from which God made the first man. But this is not the end of the story! God has also made a way to “live-again, forever”! Jesus died to atone for the sin of Adam which brought the curse. When God raised Jesus, He promised “eternal-life” to all who would believe in Him. Easter, also celebrated in “spring” is the promise of “new-life” to all who will believe. This year, be certain that your hope is in the “new-life” based on faith in God’s promise to men.

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