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"B" BTRY
TALLADEGA

"A" BTRY
CULLMAN

"C" BTRY
GADSDEN

Commander's Corner

Well here we are closing out our 4th year together since bringing the Battalion back to life and there are so many things to look back upon and to remember, to enjoy and to take pride in. You may be asking yourself what are those accomplishments that the BC is referring to well our 3rd Reunion, our 4th year bringing the Battalion back to life, finding and adding new members, identifying 893 former members, increasing the mailing list to its current 171, bringing the original Battalion Incoming and current Incoming back to life again, identifying 122 former members who have passed away, accounting for total rounds fired over 17 years 73600 +/-, making contact with our Red Leg Brothers from the 1st Battalion, 7th Battalion and connecting with our Red Leg Brothers from the 2nd Battalion and keeping those connections alive.

As we are about to gather for our 3rd Reunion I am reminded that the Holiday Season has officially begun and this time of year is about spending time with family. You are taking your valuable time to spend it with your 3rd Battalion Family and I truly appreciate each and everyone of you for doing so.

What will the next year hold for all of us I'm not sure but what I do know is we will continue to hold a yearly reunion, we will continue publishing the Incoming plus the continuing pursuit of locating former members.

To all of you and your families from Stephanie and I we want to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !

Allons
LTC John Hoehne
FA Last Commander



The CSM's Corner

Christmas Greetings to all the members of the 3rd Battalion 15th Field Artillery Regiment, and to your families. It is the Christmas season again; let's not forget the meaning of the season. Let us all pause for a minute and say a prayer for our Red Leg brothers that have gone before us, and remember the ones that still have boots on Foreign Soil again this year.

I truly hope everyone enjoys the 3rd Battalion Reunion this year. Also at this time of the year many families are struggling to put food on the table for Christmas. If you know of a family in this shape, please be willing to make sure that they have food, and warm clothes for Christmas, or buy a toy to donate to the Toys for Tots toy drive. You just might make some child's face light up on Christmas morning.

Well I shall close for now, Merry Christmas, and a blessed and prosperous New Year. God's blessing be with you and your family.!!!

Thank each and everyone of you.
Donald Peak CSM (Ret)
3rd BN 15th FAR.



CPT John Hoehne with his wife Stephanie the day he was promoted to CPT



Service Battery HQ's in the 3200 Area before moving to the Bill Nichols Reserve Center in Anniston

7/15th PUTS STEEL INTO CAMBODIA

By SP4 Thomas Cooper

7/15th Arty IO

Photos by SP4 Thomas Cooper

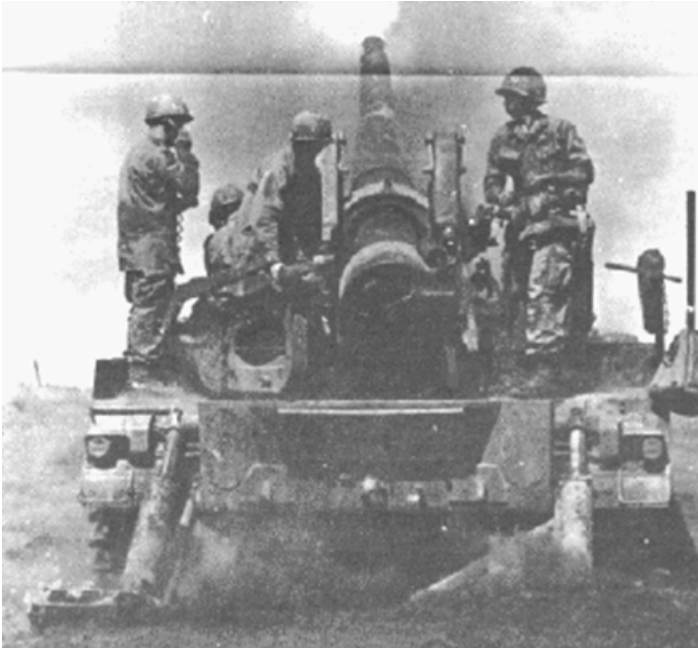
DUC CO -- From a raid site laid at the border village of Duc Co, 7th Battalion, 15th Field Artillery recently delivered heavy fire support into Cambodia.



Located five miles from the Cambodian border, the “Fighting Fifteenth” expended rounds on selected enemy locations as reconned by the II Military Region Ranger border camp. Surveillance credited the artillery unit with a massive secondary explosion as a result of their fire.



The field unit, under the command of B Battery Commander, Captain Norman R. Cherry, was comprised of “Association for Peace III”, a 175mm gun from A Battery, Fire Support Base Blackhawk, and “God of Hell Fire”, a 175mm gun from B Battery, Fire Support Base Oasis.



The road march to the site, 20 miles southwest of FSB Oasis, necessitated a 50-mile journey for the A Battery gun. Both heavies closed on the site in early morning after negotiating hazardous “Rocket Alley”, a 1-1/2 mile stretch of road which had been the scene of hostile action the previous day.

After quickly laying the guns, the crews manned their positions until late afternoon before receiving the march order. The convoy then displaced 30 miles to Artillery Hill, Pleiku.

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RE-ENLISTMENTS

It is good to announce the re-enlistments of the following:

SGT Foreman - 2 years
SSG Garrett - 5 years
SP5 Digby - 5 years
SFC Pratt - 1 year
SSG Sanford - 1 year
SGT Wilson, S. - 1 year

RECRUIT! RECRUIT! RECRUIT! RECRUIT!

The battalion watchword remains RECRUIT! We are the unit with the greatest potential in this area, offering a lot to any qualified individual willing to give something of himself in the Reserves. Tell your friends about this opportunity; you will be a better friend by doing so.

C BATTERY DRILLS AS UNIT

Another milestone symbolizing the growth of the battalion was reached during the December drill when C Battery was able to conduct their training in Gadsden for the first time. Joining some assets with 310 Chemical Co, they drilled in the AR Center on Chestnut Street.

MEET OUR B. C.'s. . .

The spotlight on our Battery Commanders this issue is on CPT Gregory M. Moore, Commander of C Battery in Gadsden. CPT Moore is a native of Hagerstown, Maryland, but he came further south to receive a B.S.C.E. degree from The Citadel in Charleston, S. C., where he also obtained his commission in the army.

TRAINING TAKING A NEW TURN

In keeping with new strength capabilities and battalion policy, the primary resources and responsibility for training have been shifting from battalion to the batteries. The battalion S-3 will be assuming more and more a supportive role, making it possible for personnel in the batteries to use their own expertise to train where people work—the batteries themselves.

He served on active duty at Fts. Benning, Jackson and Belvoir and also a tour in Viet Nam. Released from active duty on 4 July 77, he joined this battalion in September.

Mrs. Moore is the former Carol Ricker, and sons Douglass, 7, and Jeffrey, 2, round out the household.

In civilian life, CPT Moore works at the Post Engineer office, Fort McClellan.

 Chaplain's CornerJ L
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FORTHCOMING DRILL DATES

"It says to go to meetings."

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January 7 - 8, 1978

7:20 a. m.

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February 11 - 12, 1978

6:50 a. m.

(Overnight)

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March 11 - 12, 1978

7:20 a. m.

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"See you there."

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A child was looking at a manger scene in front of a church during the Christmas season. He noticed the figures depicting the Christ child, the animals in the stable, the shepherds, wise men, Mary, Joseph and the angels. In all innocence, the child asked, "Where does God fit in?"

It is easy for us to enjoy celebrating this happy season so much that we forget the reason for which we celebrate. All the tinsel, glitter, the shopping, social gathering and other trappings which are enjoyable tasks may be appropriate ways to express our joy. But we have to make a conscious effort to remember the event which gives us that joy, lest our celebration be empty and meaningless.

God's love, so pervasive and complete, resounds at Christmastime as loudly as the burst of cannonfire, if we will but listen. My prayer for all of us is that we can experience or re-experience anew that love during this season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WELCOME!

We are happy to report that the battalion has received quite a few new members since THE CANNONEER was published last time. We welcome all these new men to the "Third Herd":

A - SSG Barton
SSG Cofer
SSG Hays
SGT McKenzie
SGT Buchanan

B - SP4 Lackey
PV2 Roseman
PV2 Edison

C - PFC Kennedy

SP4 Bates, C; SP4 Young, C; SP5 Ashley, B; SP4 Chapmon, B; SP4 Garrett, B; SP4 Hayes, B; SP4 Lowe, SVC; SP4 Bullock, SVC; SP4 Fair, HHB; SP4 Brincat, HHB; SP4 Little, HHB; SP4 Hanson, HHB; SGT Durham, SVC; SP5 Elkins, C; PV1 Schlosser, A; SP5 Smith, W., C; PFC Coleman, SVC; SGT Heaton, A; SP4 Davis, B; SGT Montgomery, B; PVT Weeks, C; SGT McGatha, C.

NEW AST in TALLADEGA

The B Battery in Talladega has been fortunate enough to hire SSG Ronald Dison as the Administration and Supply Technician. The lack of an individual in that job has been a substantial handicap to the battery, but it is certain that the wait may have been worthwhile in order to secure such a conscientious man there.

SSG Dison was one of the first to join this battalion when it moved to Alabama, and he has seen it grow from the 12-15 per formation to the present strength.

Both Ron and B Battery are to be congratulated for getting this act together.

The office for B Battery is in the shopping center, phone 362-1361.

PROMOTIONS

The battalion has continued to gain in rank because of the steady promotions of individuals who have met the qualifications. We congratulate the following individuals for their recent promotion to the grade indicated:

HHB - SFC Stepleton
SSG N. Warren
SGT S. Wilson
SGT Norton

SVC - CPT Chalker
SFC Griffin



*Battalion Maintenance 5 ton Wrecker at
FT Stewart GA*



*2LT Orlando Lemon AT-84 at
FT Stewart GA*



*Left to Right SGT John Bushard
Battalion Maintenance and SSG
Earnest Woods Service Battery Mess
Sergeant*



*CPT John Hoehne being promoted by
LTC Toby Craft 3rd Battalion BC*



*COL Paul Wharton 348th Engineer Group
extreme right observing training during
AT-93 School House of the Soldier at
FT McClellan conducted by 3392 USAR
School*



*SPC 4 Edward Jelks Service Battery
Cook 1984*



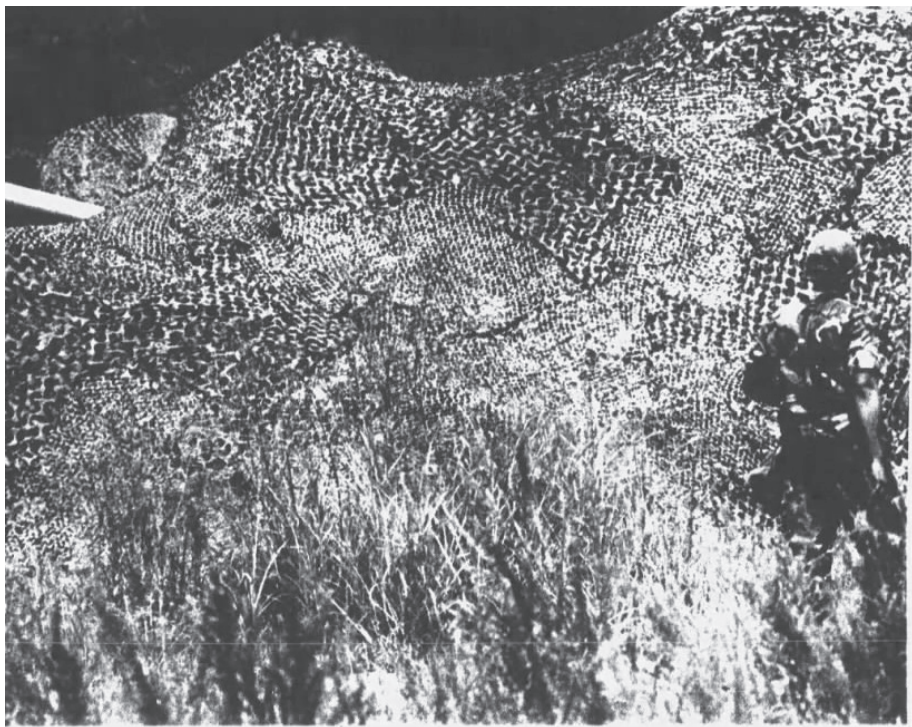
*Service Battery Change of Command
August 1984 1LT Roy Hall SVC XO
Commander of Troops*



*M108 Training School House of
the Soldier AT-93*



*5 ton Prime Mover with M108 headed to
training AT-93 School House of the Soldier*



Star Photo by Ken Elkins

Hidden howitzer

f a howitzer cannon pokes through a camouflaged net
McClellan Army Reserve unit trains during summer

camp this week at Pelham Range. The cannon is aimed at an
unseen target by members of 3rd Battalion 15th Field Artillery.

Photo taken 11 August 1983 edition of the Anniston Star by Ken Elkins during AT-83 at Pelham Range....Thanks to Jim Wilson for finding this photo



*Left to Right SFC Larry Smith SVC Battery Supply
Sergeant and SPC 4 Tommy Harbor SVC Battery
Commo 1984*

Army unit relocating in Anniston

TALLADEGA — The third battalion of the 15th Field Artillery of the U.S. Army Reserve is being transferred to Alabama, with its headquarters to be located at Ft. McClellan, U.S. Rep. Bill Nichols told Talladega Kiwanis Tuesday.

"This transfer of the third battalion of the 15th Field Artillery is one of several Army reserve units to be relocated under the brigade improvement program," Nichols said. "Under this move, there will be batteries stationed in Talladega, Gadsden, Cullman, each under the command of the Anniston headquarters."

Anniston will have an authorized troop strength of 171 positions, including 17 officers, two warrant officers and 152 enlisted men.

Talladega will have three officers and 99 enlisted men. Twelve of the 18 field guns or tubes will be stationed in Anniston, with two each at the other locations, he said.

No personnel will actually be moved to Anniston, just the slots, the congressman said.

The impact on the total economy is anticipated to total \$234,500 in Anniston and \$119,230 in Talladega, primarily derived from pay and state and local taxes. The transfer of the unit will be effective July 23 with numerous openings available.

For further information, call Joseph Panell at 237-7965.

Thinking about the Holidays and where the 15th FA would spend them over the years and as you will see the 15th has been all over and for many time spent away from home yet through it all they accomplished their mission as Red Leg professionals.

WW1 Liverpool England 1917

Germany December 1918

FT Sam Houston and Camp Travis Texas
1919-1942

Camp McCoy Wisconsin November 1942

Ireland October 1943 till 7 June landing
Omaha Beach D+1

Lausdell Crossroads Elsenborn Crest

Battle of the Bulge Belgium DS to the 1st
BN 9th Infantry Regiment 1944

FT Lewis and Yakima Washington
1946 - 1950

Korean War 1950 - 1953

15th FA now becomes the 15th FAR with
8 Battalions and Christmas Holidays are
spent all over in places such as:

1st BN Camp Casey South Korea

2nd BN Fort Drum NY, Iraq and
Afghanistan

3rd BN Fort McClellan AL

4th BN San Antonio TX

5th BN Fort Richardson AK and Dayton
Ohio

6th BN Viet Nam

7th BN Viet Nam

8th BN Ft Bliss Texas and Homestead AFB

Article from the Anniston Star
dated 6 July 1976....Thanks
to Jim Wilson for locating this
article



*Service Battery Change of Command
August 1984 left to Right 1LT Henry K
Burgess LTC Toby Craft and CPT John
Hoehne*



Says it All



*SFC Mike Mullins FTM SVC Battery
Motor Sergeant 1984*



*SFC Lester Turner Battalion Motor
Sergeant and SGT John B Bushard
Battalion Maintenance*



SPC David Fair SVC Battery Cook



BN Trains CP at Ft Stewart GA AT-84

Chaplain's Corner with Chaplain Wes Hodgins

As we look forward to this festive season of giving and receiving it would seem that our culture has lost sight of the “*roots*” which have brought this season to us. Companies are racing to finish their year “*in the black, not red*”! Santa, reindeer elves and flashing colored-lights are seen prominently everywhere; absent is the angelic hosts speaking to the shepherds and the exhausted young mother resting in a stable with her new-born baby!

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Church in Galatia: “***But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law , to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.***” The birth of Jesus was not a “*happen-stance-event*”; it was a precisely timed and executed event planned by the Creator of all things with a specific purpose to be achieved.

Since Genesis Chapter 3, man has **needed** a Savior to redeem him from Adam's sin. At that time, God told Adam a “***seed of the woman***” would crush the Serpent's head. Later, it was revealed that this “*woman*” would be a virgin; never having “*known*” a man! He would be called the “*prince of peace*” bringing man back to God. All of this was fulfilled in the life of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus; right down to the detail of having the baby born in Bethlehem!

As we celebrate this Christmas season, may the greatness of God's gift to men be the center of our thoughts. Because He came to earth as a man, we have the opportunity to become “*adopted-sons*” of God. May the greatness of God's gift to us motivate us to share that message with others. May our lives be focused on “*GIVING*” rather than “*receiving*” during this festive season.



-Chaplain Wes Hodgins

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