



A PERSONAL TALK



The "1" Section.

Seated, *l to r.*: SPC María Hernández; SPC Wilma Vega; and PFC Sahyra Morales. Standing, *l to r.*: CPT Higinio Figueroa; SGT Julio Gómez; SSG Israel Maldonado; SGT Luis Asencio; SSG José L. Cabán; SPC José Rivera; SGT Juan Fonseca; and SGT Gabriel Serrano.



**Sgt. Juan Fonseca interviews
Capt. Higinio Figueroa, Personnel Officer**

P. What is the main function of your section?

R. The S-1 section covers all the aspects related to administrative and personnel actions of the Battalion. The aspects of finance, medical, education, promotions, awards, and other services to soldiers and family members are just a few of the areas of responsibility of the section. The S-1 section is also the main advisor to the Commander in the area of administration.

P. What effects has the mission had on the dynamics of the section?

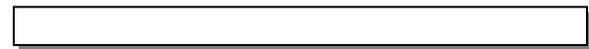
R. In terms of a work plan, the mission has not affected dramatically the essential process of the section. While it is true that the volume of work was larger during the first weeks of the mission, the work team has adjusted to perform all the tasks effectively.

P. Which would you consider have been the most difficult aspect for you and your section?

R. The most difficult aspect has been, without a doubt, the delay in the acquisition of phone lines, technological equipment, and Internet – all of them fundamental in the service to personnel.

P. ¿How do you catalog the experience of working with soldiers from other units and specialties?

R. The experience of working with soldiers from different units and specialties has been a very enriching one. This situation has permitted the exchange of experiences and knowledge among the members of the section. More than a difficulty, I find that this experience leaves without a doubt that the soldiers of the Puerto Rico Army National Guard are capable of adjusting rapidly to the changes, needs, and demands of the best army in the world.



1-295th Inf History Facts

While the 295th Infantry Regiment was not actively involved in the hostilities of World War II, the *milicianos* rendered security services along the Antilles Command and the Panama Canal Zone. Its area of responsibility covered the island of Trinidad, the oil fields in Venezuela, the U.S. Army posts in Panama, the coasts of Ecuador, and the Galapagos Islands.

Its distinguished services earned the 295th the AMERICAN THEATER campaign streamer without inscription.



Sick Calls

Mon – Fri: 0630 hrs to 0730 hrs

After Sick Call Hours:

Mon – Fri: 0730 hrs to 1630 hrs

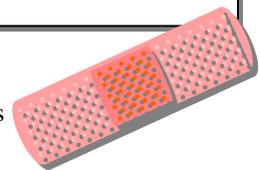
Bldg. C-3731, 2nd Floor, BDE HQ, Sick Call Room

POCs: MAJ Héctor Rosado, BDE Surgeon; and

SSG Ana Díaz, NCOIC, at 432-4177.

Emergencies:

Call Womack Army Medical Center, or call 911.



**FROM THE
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR'S DESK**

**Edelmiro Hernández
Battalion Command Sergeant Major**

**CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS:
The Position of Honor**

The last time we talked about the origins of the hand salute. Today we will talk about the position of honor. The place of honor is on the right. As the junior officer, you will walk, sit, or ride to the left of senior noncommissioned officers and all officers. In the same manner, soldiers junior to you should walk, sit or ride to your left side.

**THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER
CH (CPT) Carlos Correa**

***Emergency Religious Support to Casualties
(Peacetime and Combat)***

The emphasis in compiling these acts of religious support is the word EMERGENCY.

These religious support actions are intended to be short in duration, since time is of the essence in ministry to the wounded and dying.

The Army doctrine requires in the case of a dying soldier desires religious support, and a chaplain is not available, the Commanding Officer, Platoon Leader, Chaplain Assistant or another soldier may repeat with the soldier any prayer according to the dying soldier's faith. For example, in the case of a Protestant soldier, you may use the Lord's Prayer or the Apostle's Creed. For a Roman Catholic soldier, you may use the Hail Mary, the Act of Contrition, and the Sign of the Cross.

Emergency Christian Baptism

If a dying soldier has not been baptized and desires to be, and a chaplain is not within reach, any baptized person may administer baptism.

- Pour water three times on the soldier's brow while saying the soldier's first name and this: "I baptize thee in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen."
- Report the facts to a chaplain as soon as possible.

On the next edition: ***Religious support to Jews and Moslem soldiers.***

This custom has an early beginning. Soldiers fought for centuries with sword and shield, and since most men were right-handed, the heaviest fighting occurred on the right. The shield was carried on the left arm, and the left side became defensive. The most trusted and best fighter was put on the right to protect the sword arm of the men on his left. Soldiers and units were proud of their fighting ability and considered the right side of battle line to be a post of honor.

Next time you walk, sit or ride with an officer or senior enlisted, let them occupy the post of honor, that way you are teaching the ones behind you and someday they will do it for you. That's all for now. We will continue the next time with the "Correct Use of Titles."

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Spanish Catholic

Ret CH (LTC) Kit
CH (MAJ) Abreu
CH Asst SSG Santos

Sundays @ 1230 hrs
Wednesdays @ 1900 hrs

JFK Memorial Chapel
Ardennes St.

Spanish Protestant

CH (CPT) Correa
CH Asst SPC Peña

Sundays @ 1230 hrs

Faith Comm Chapel
Ardennes St.
Bldg D-3733

Pa' que tú lo sepas....

El P-38, ese pequeño instrumento de metal compuesto de dos piezas – una base y una "uña" – se inventó y desarrolló durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial con el fin de ser utilizado en las nuevas raciones enlatadas. La designación del "38" surge del número de puntadas necesarias para abrir una lata. Además de abrelatas, el P-38 también servía como destapador de botellas y como destornillador. (El P-38 fue también la nomenclatura de un avión de la misma época.)

MAIL CALL FORMATION

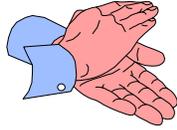
**In front of Bldg. C-3731
1400 hours**

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY

HATS OFF

FOR

All the mother-soldiers of the 1-295th Inf



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OF YOU!

Congratulations!

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

May (1-15)

Congratulations!

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| (1) MAJ Vazquez, Daniel - 92 SIB | (7) PFC Rodriguez, Pedro - A 1-295 |
| (1) PV1 Perez, Luis M. - HHC 1-295 | (8) SGT Santiago, Jose - 92 SIB |
| (1) SPC Nieves, Edmundo - Trp E | (8) SPC Colon, Michelle - D 1-295 |
| (1) SPC Ramos, Roberto - 92 SIB | (9) SGT Vega, Angel L. - Trp E |
| (2) SGT Centeno, David - 92 SIB | (9) SPC Diaz, Luis M. - D 1-295 |
| (2) SGT Ortiz, Gilberto - A 1-295 | (9) SPC Merced, Edgardo - HHC 1-295 |
| (2) SSG Jorge, Eduardo - HHC 1-295 | (12) MAJ Magenst, Angel - 92 SIB |
| (2) SSG Lisojo, Felix - A 1-295 | (12) SGT Roman, Santos - 92 SIB |
| (3) PV2 Izquierdo, Misael - Trp E | (12) SPC Lopez, Luis A. - Trp E |
| (3) SGT Serrano, Ruben - HHC 1-295 | (14) SPC Ramos, Antonio - 92 SIB |
| (5) SGT Ortiz, Alexis - Trp E | (14) SSG Rivera, Ricardo - Trp E |
| (5) SPC Munoz, Francisco - HHC 1-295 | (15) SGT Andino, Jose - 92 SIB |

Mailing Address at Fort Bragg:

Rank/Name/Team #
HHB, XVIII ABN CORPS ARTY
92nd SIB/(Unit)
Fort Bragg, NC 28310

For UPS, FedEx, or Airborne Express ONLY:

Rank/Name/Team #
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Bldg. C-3731, Ardennes St.
Fort Bragg, NC 28310

Did you know that . . .

In a largely segregated Army, paratrooper hero **Lt. Gen. Matthew Bunker Ridgway**, former (and first) commander of the XVIII Airborne Corps, held the Puerto Rican soldiers in such a high esteem that he went against the Joint Chiefs of Staff to advocate for the inclusion of Puerto Ricans in US operations in Korea. His efforts saw the inclusion of the Puerto Rican 65th US Infantry Regiment.

This is what Ridgway had to say about the Puerto Ricans' role:

“. . . their conduct in battle has served only to increase the high regard in which I hold these fine troops. I am confident that the 295th and 296th Infantry Regiments will measure up to the high standards set by their brothers in arms here in Korea.”

Letter to Col. Colberg, PRNGUS
March 5, 1951

“These boys are fine soldiers. I am highly impressed with their ability. We are damn lucky to have them here at this time. They have put the fear of God into these Commies.”

- MATTHEW B. RIDGWAY
(CG Eighth US Army Korea),
on Puerto Rican soldiers

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EL PENSADOR LIBRE

Contribuye el
Sgto. Juan R. Fonseca
“El Filósofo de Santurce”

MADRE

Las madres son los pilares que sostienen la historia como parte integral de la misma.

Han contribuido a la esencia de la vida, que es la que permite que la historia continúe.

Yo, hombre, te doy el más apreciado saludo;

pero al mismo tiempo te decimos que te queremos y amamos con todo nuestro corazón.

Mientras la historia exista, tú nunca desaparecerás porque, como el aire que respiramos y como la luz que nos permite ver así de especial eres tú.

“Que Dios te bendiga, Mami.”

- Juan R. Fonseca

ÁNGEL ERES



Ángel de bondad,
ángel de dulzura
Dios te envió a sus criaturas.

Protectora por naturaleza,
ternura emana de tu corazón.

Destello angelical
de la vida eterna.

- Sahyra Morales

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EMERGENCY LEAVE

- Contact Red Cross for Case Number
- Red Cross will fax case paperwork to 92nd SIB
- Complete DA Form 31 (Ref: AR 600-8-10, pp. 27-29)
- CONUS-bound cases will be handled by ACS/AER (Army Community Services/Army Emergency Relief). Have readily available a copy of LES and orders. *
- OCONUS-bound (P.R.) cases will be handled by XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery, G-4 Comptroller.

* If you do not have the means to cost the travel at the moment of the emergency, ACS/AER will provide transportation on a loan basis. This loan will be repaid through direct payments. The amount will vary according to each individual case.

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BE MINDFUL OF WHAT YOU SAY

Phone calls, e-mails, letters – they are prone to be monitored or intercepted at all times.

LOOSE LIPS SINK SHIPS



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Good luck and Godspeed to our comrades.

AN INFANTRYMAN

The average age of the Infantryman is 19 years. He is a shorthaired, tight-muscled kid who, under normal circumstances is considered by society as half man, half boy. Not yet dry behind the ears, but old enough to die for his country. He really never cared much for work and he would rather wax his own car than wash his father's; but he has never collected unemployment either.

He's a recent High School graduate; he was probably an average student, pursued some form of sports activities, drives a ten-year-old jalopy, and has a steady girlfriend that either broke up with him when he left, or swears to be waiting when he returns from half a world away. He listens to rock and roll or jazz, or swing and 155mm howtizers. He is 10 or 15 pounds lighter now than when he was at home because he is working or fighting from before dawn to well after dusk.

He has trouble spelling, thus letter writing is a pain for him, but he can field strip a rifle in 30 seconds and reassemble it in less. He can recite to you the nomenclature of a machine gun or grenade launcher and use either one effectively if he must. He digs foxholes and latrines and can apply first aid like a professional. He can march until he is told to stop or stop until he is told to march. He obeys orders instantly and without hesitation, but he is not without spirit or individual dignity.

He is self-sufficient. He has two sets of fatigues: he washes one and wears the other. He keeps his canteens full and his feet dry. He sometimes forgets to brush his teeth, but never to clean his rifle. He can cook his own meals, mend his own clothes, and fix his own hurts. If you're thirsty, he'll share his water with you; if you're hungry, his food. He'll even split his ammunition with you in the midst of battle when you run low. He has learned to use his hands like weapons and his weapons like they were his hands. He can save your life – or take it, because that is his job.

He will often do twice the work of a civilian, draw half the pay and still find ironic humor in it all. He has seen more suffering and death than he should have in his short lifetime. He has stood atop mountains of dead bodies, and helped to create them. He has wept in public and in private, for friends who have fallen in combat, and is unashamed. Just as did his Father, Grandfather, and Great-grandfather, he is paying the price for our freedom. Beardless or not, he is not a boy. He is the American Fighting Man that has kept this country free for over 200 years. He has asked nothing in return, except our friendship and understanding. Remember him, always, for he has earned our respect and admiration with his blood.

He is an INFANTRYMAN!

BRINDIS DEL INFANTE

A la salud, compañero
del más fiero combatiente
que al enemigo hace frente
llegando siempre primero

Brindo por el infante
caballero de la guerra
que abrazando su bandera
gallardo sigue adelante

Por tu entereza yo brindo
por ese paso triunfante

que sólo tú lo puedes dar
cuando el peligro de muerte
y hay dudas al avanzar

Porque más allá donde inerte y
fría
cae la bala del cañón
está presente el infante
paracaidista y tesón

Tiembla la tierra al paso
del soldado en la batalla

descansa patria descansa
que un infante está de guardia

Infante, brindo porque la gloria
sea tu hogar algún día
y reine como siempre
la invencible infantería

Acompañame por favor
por este gesto galante
una salva a la infantería
y un loor al infante.

“TODO POR LA PATRIA”