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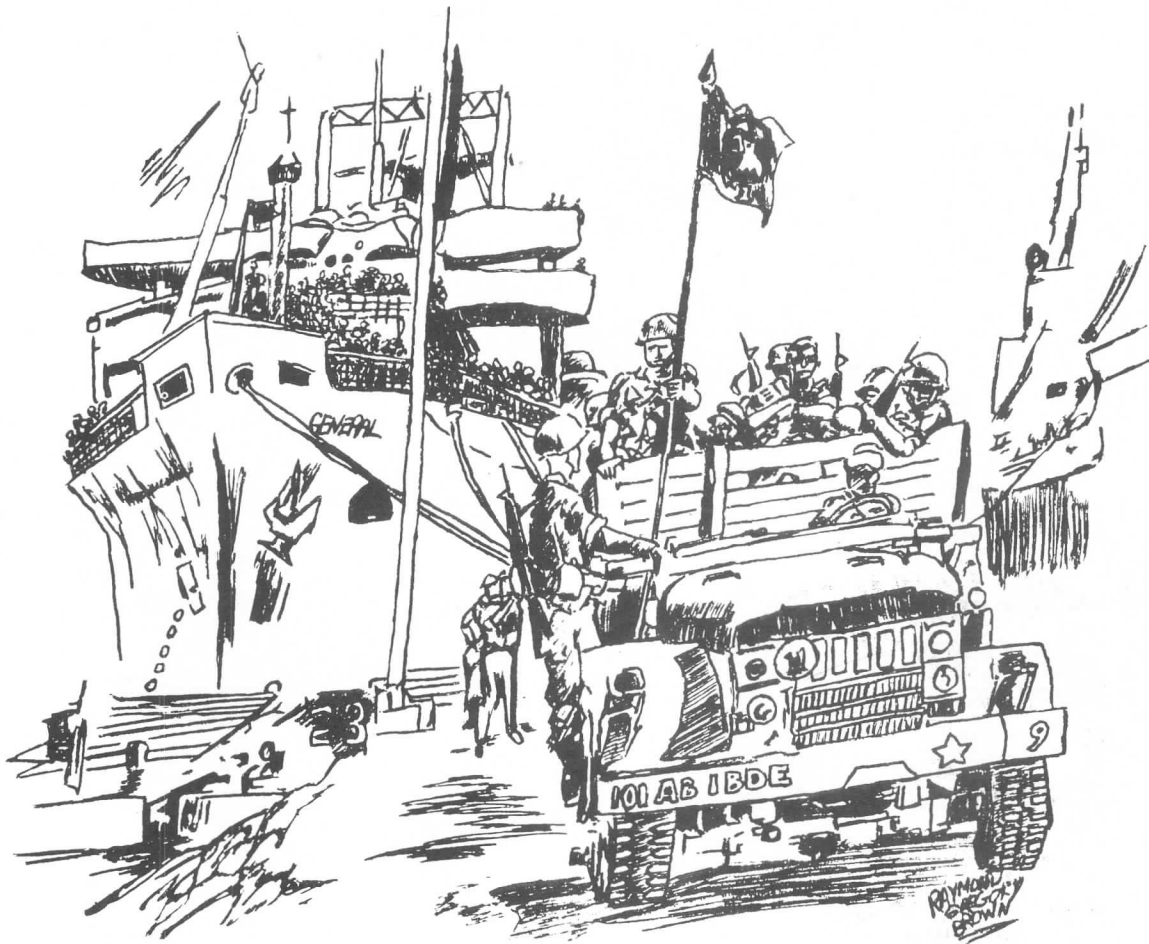
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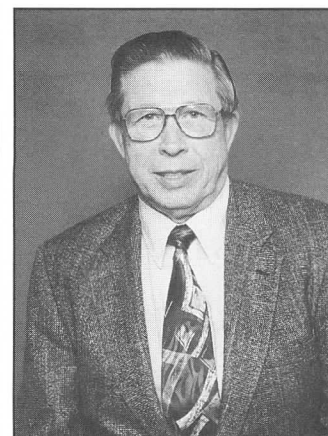
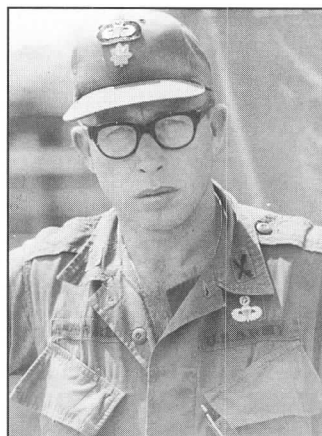
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Ivan Worrell, Editor

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The editor has three goals for 1st Brigade projects; 1) to publish a useful quarterly magazine, 2) to publish a comprehensive History of the 1st Brigade (Separate) for delivery in July the year 2002, and to 3) organize gatherings of 1st Brigade veterans at reunions, and other meetings sponsored by other 101st associations.

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The highest privilege of my career has been to command the Brigade. We share a common honor when we can proudly state that we served in Vietnam with the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

God bless, good luck, and good hunting!

COL. JAMES S. TIMOTHY

Commanding Officer

JULY 6, 1965-JANUARY 29, 1966

(VIETNAM ODYSSEY)

MOVEMENT TO VIET NAM

By: COL (Ret.) Dennis P. Vasey

During my first Vietnam tour I was 26 years old. I had been in the Army nearly ten years and, recently graduated from Infantry Officer Candidate School as a second lieutenant, was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, as the Brigade Movement Officer.

We departed Fort Campbell, Kentucky in June 1965 as part of a build up President Johnson directed to protect bases at Cam Ranh Bay. Many of the soldiers were young. Most not yet 19 and nearly all ineligible to vote in a national election because the twenty-sixth amendment was not ratified until July 1, 1971. Today some are dead. Others physically or mentally injured, they grieve and mourn the past without consolation. Some blame our Asian involvement on a botched foreign policy. Most vow never to forget what our elected leaders did. For them forgetting is possible only



when things are as close to what they should be that life can be filled again.

Colonel James S. Timothy was brigade commander when I arrived. Before my assignment, I was a non-rated aircraft maintenance officer assigned to the 801st Maintenance Battalion where I had been writing regulation and circular supplements.

My job was to prepare the movement annex and execute the brigade deployment

to Vietnam and then reconstitute all equipment and military impedimenta in ready-to-use condition for further deployment.

Through a combination of air, convoy, rail and truck movements, equipment was delivered to the Ports of Mobile and Oakland. We were lucky throughout the deployment because everything we requested came when it was required. I departed from Campbell Army Airfield with the advance party after making several inspection stops of our equipment.

The trip to Vietnam was fairly fast. We stopped at Hickham AFB, Wake Island, Guam, Cebu and Nha Trang. I went forward to Cam Rahn Bay to prepare for the brigade redeployment. With the exception a small stretch of road in from the headquarters building, sand was everywhere.

The USNS General Leroy Eltinge arrived on schedule and we were able to get them down the road and across the water at My Ca to Dong Ba Thin where the base camp was being organized. With LARKs, BARKs, LCMs and LCUs we

moved what couldn't move on its own steam. In retrospect, the redeployment to base camp was flawless. We recovered all equipment and it was in some cases in better condition when we gave it back than when we got it at the loading site.

While the brigade was learning the geography and orienting themselves, I was busy getting supplies into the base camp and operating a forward logistics base. I made the trip to Nha Trang several times but never really saw much of the country side as the road went through a well established rubber plantation.

Colonel Timothy gave me a warning order at our evening staff meeting to prepare a deployment to Qui Nhon at nearly midnight and I had distributed the plan and left on the first vehicle at 0400. We operated an aerial port at Nha Trang for jeeps, VIPs and other key personnel. The rest of the brigade deployed on the old style LSTs--the navy promised the large, drive on variety; however, when the LSTs arrived on the beach they were mastered by Japanese skippers and crews.

The motor convoy elements moved from Dong Ba Thin to the ammunition dump and were called forward to one of two slips in Nha Trang. Although there were two slip areas, we could only get boats into an area controlled by the 1st Logistical Base Command. The "Nungs" looked in other directions as the troopers made up various shortages.

It got so bad that rather than return to Nha Trang and fly to Qui Nhon, I was the last guy to get away on our last bottom. Good thing that I did because there were some unhappy campers in the headquarters over pilferage and the mysterious disappearance of vehicles.

I planned the trip to Qui Nhon using four of the Navy B9s new LSTs; when it was all over we used nine of the merchant marine 100 class. Since the numbers worked out, I really didn't have a gripe; however, loading with an elevator is a real trip!

During our time in Qui Nhon, I was detached to the 394th Transportation Battalion where I was responsible for coordinating all brigade movements and supply of the An Khe logistics area that would be occupied by the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile).

When the job was done at An Khe, I began planning the brigade movement to Phan Rang. While there I was responsible for various movements including a redeployment to Tuy Hoa.

I left the brigade in January 1966, for assignment as an aircraft maintenance officer in the 34th General Support Group (AM&S).

Regards,
Duke Vasey

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THE FIRST SIX MONTHS

By: Sp/4 Gil B. Valle

ARRIVAL

The 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division stepped from landing craft onto the beach of Cam Ranh Bay July 29, 1965, after twenty days at sea. They were met by Ambassador (to Viet Nam) Maxwell D. Taylor and General William C. Westmoreland, both former "Screaming Eagle" commanders.



The top enlisted man of the Army's First Brigade 101st Airborne Division, Sergeant Major Trinidad Preto, Anderson, South Carolina, discusses another wartime Christmas 21 years ago in the besieged Belgian town of Bastogne with a fellow Screaming Eagle, Specialist Four Gil B. Valle, Los Angeles, California. Sergeant Preto served as a sergeant with 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st during the siege of Bastogne.

The 3700 men of the "Always First" Brigade led by Colonel James S. Timothy, set foot on the beach and prepared for the coming job.

FIRST COMBAT

The first assignment was at Cam Ranh—protection for the logistic base. Then, in mid August, elements of the "Screaming Eagles" teamed up with ARVN troops in a search and destroy mission in the Qui Nhon - An Khe axis which netted nine Viet Cong

killed and twenty-four captured. It was the first rumble of battle for the troopers.

In the operation, the troopers opened infamous highway 19 and kept it open. There were no enemy actions on the roadway while the troopers held it.

Shortly after this operation, the troopers secured the base camp area for the newly arrived 1st Cavalry.

Upon the arrival of the 1st Cav, the 101st conducted operations in the An Khe area so as to give the 1st Cav the opportunity to place their units in combat configurations.

THE BIG ONE

In a few days, Company B, 2/502 Infantry and a handful of other troopers from the 502nd made an air assault on a Viet Cong battalion training camp.

The first air assault lift touched down on a landing zone eighteen miles NE of An Khe, on a clear morning at 7:15 AM, September 18, 1965. The second lift skimmed in over the treetops and began to descend. They didn't make it.

"All hell was let loose." A trooper recalled. Three choppers hovered ten or fifteen feet off the ground, the door-gunners firing into the treeline until their weapons smoked; there was a hail of bullets directed at the airships. The pilots decided not to land.

"I'm getting out!" A chopper pilot hollered to the troopers he was flying. None of them said anything or looked around. They stood up and began jumping to the ground fifteen feet below. The craft moved out. Four of the choppers didn't make it.

The fight raged on the entire day and through the night, until nine the next morning, when the Viet Cong withdrew and left the troopers in possession of the battlefield, 226 enemy dead, and hundreds of weapons.

SAYONARA

In mid-October, the 101st began Operation Sayonara. The troopers were not on the road very long before they were engaged by a VC platoon. Within two hours one hundred and seventeen enemy were dead, ten were captured, and 330 tons of rice was taken.

CIVIC ACTION

While in the Qui Nhon area, the "Screaming Eagles" spent an equal part of their energies at civic action projects as well as battle.

In November, 192 tons of Viet Cong cached rice was distributed in the area. Through the first part of December, roads were built and repaired; rice paddies harvested, culverts and bridges constructed and homes, destroyed by many battles in the area, were rebuilt.

The people of the district, grateful for the troopers' help held a district ceremony and publicly thanked the troopers, gave them gifts, and hoisted banners proclaiming: "The Whole People of An Nhon District Are Deeply Grateful To The 101st Airborne."

SOUTH TO CHECKERBOARD

Back in early November, the "Screaming Eagles" attempted to begin housekeeping. It wasn't easy. After the troopers left Qui Nhon in early December, they got their first crack at starting a base camp. It was short lived though.

By mid December, just days after their arrival at Phan Rang where the camp was to be built, the troopers were ordered to Lai Khe for operation CHECKERBOARD, a joint 1st Infantry Division, 173rd Airborne, Aussie, ARVN operation.

Near Bien Hoa the troopers discovered 400 tons of rice, thousands of rounds of small arms ammunition, other ordnance, a hospital, and many logistic supplies at an enemy regimental base camp.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME

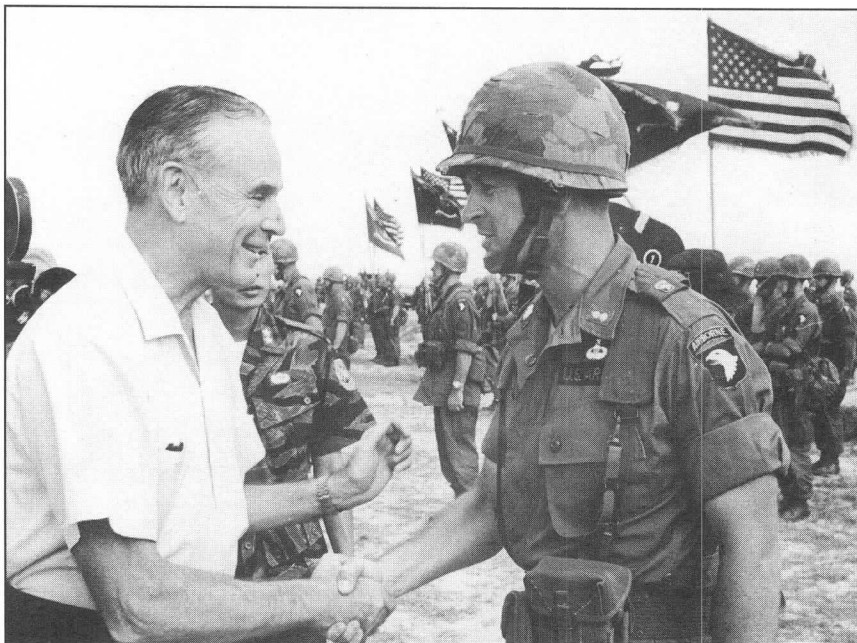
At last the troopers got to come home to Phan Rang. It was a busy Christmas. There was much to be

done. A whole base camp to be built, and only till the middle of January to get it well under way.

Christmas came and went, without notice. The troopers received a great many presents and letters from the States, but they were still 12,000 miles from their home at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

NORTH AGAIN

On January 17th, the major portion of the Brigade moved to Tuy Hoa, to set up the forward area camp in preparation for OPERATION VAN BUREN which would begin at the end of the TET truce.



General Maxwell D. Taylor, USA, Ret., WWII Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division, serving as ambassador to Viet Nam, greets arriving troops of the 1st Brigade (Separate) as they disembark at Cam Ranh Bay. (U.S. Army photo)

On January 24th, the "Screaming Eagles" began the first major offensive of the year: a search, destroy and secure operation to assist the local populace in their rice harvest. The area is known to be the harbor of several battalions of hard core Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army regiments.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

On the 28th of January, the commander of the Brigade, COL James S. Timothy, handed the colors of the "Always First" Brigade over to a new commander. It was a heartfelt loss for the troopers who had followed this man through six months of almost constant contact with the enemy. He was the only colonel commanding an individual brigade in Vietnam.

The colors were given, however, not to a stranger, but to the 101st's Deputy Commander from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Brigadier General Willard Pearson.

When General Pearson received the Brigade Colors, he received command of the Army's finest ... **Timothy's Traveling Trouble.**



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**1st Lieutenant
James A. Gardner, MOH**

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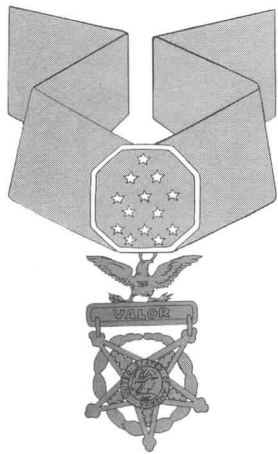
AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR



By direction of the President, under the Joint Resolution of Congress approved 12 July 1862 (amended by act of 3 March 1863, act of 9 July 1918 and act of 25 July 1963), the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty is awarded posthumously by the Department of the Army in the name of Congress to:



First Lieutenant James A. Gardner, O5321930, United States Army. On 7 February 1966 Lieutenant Gardner's platoon was advancing to relieve a company of the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, that had been pinned down for several hours by a numerically superior enemy force in the village of My Canh, Vietnam. The enemy occupied a series of strongly fortified bunker positions which were mutually supporting and expertly concealed. Approaches to the position were well covered by an integrated pattern of fires including automatic weapons, machineguns and mortars. Air strikes and artillery placed on the fortifications had little effect. Lieutenant Gardner's platoon was to relieve the friendly company by encircling and destroying the enemy force. Even as it moved to begin the attack, the platoon was under heavy enemy fire. During the attack, the enemy fire intensified. Leading the assault and disregarding his own safety, Lieutenant Gardner charged through a withering hail of fire across an open rice paddy. On reaching the first bunker he destroyed it with a grenade and without hesitation dashed to the second bunker and eliminated it by tossing a grenade inside. Then, crawling swiftly along the dike of a rice paddy, he reached the third bunker. Before he could arm a grenade, the enemy gunner leaped forth, firing at him. Lieutenant Gardner instantly returned the fire and killed the enemy gunner at a distance of six feet. Following the seizure of the main enemy position, he reorganized the platoon to continue the attack. Advancing to the new assault position, the platoon was pinned down by an enemy machinegun emplaced in a fortified bunker. Lieutenant Gardner immediately collected several grenades and charged the enemy position, firing his rifle as he advanced to neutralize the defenders. He dropped a grenade into a bunker and vaulted beyond. As the bunker blew up, he came under fire again. Rolling into a ditch to gain cover, he moved toward the new source of fire. Nearing the position, he leaped from the ditch and advanced with a grenade in one hand and firing his rifle with the other. He was gravely wounded just before he reached the bunker, but with a last valiant effort he staggered forward and destroyed the bunker and its defenders with a grenade. Although he fell dead on the rim of the bunker, his extraordinary actions so inspired the men of his platoon that they resumed the attack and completely routed the enemy. Lieutenant Gardner's conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity, above and beyond the call of duty, were in the highest traditions of the United States Army.



APPROVED VALOR AWARDS

<i>NAME</i>	<i>RANK</i>	<i>SERIAL NUMBER</i>	<i>UNIT</i>	<i>AWARD</i>	<i>PERIOD</i>	<i>GENERAL ORDER</i>
BENNETT, Sammy H.	SP4	RA18701522	HHC/2/502	ARCOM"V"1OLC	18Sep65	GO413/22Jan66
BOSTON, Charles E.	SP4	RA18671780	A/2/502	BS"V"(Post)	10Sep65	GO43/17Jan66
DUNBAR, Earnest S.	SP4	RA16760040	A/1/327	BS"V"	27Oct65	GO28/14Jan66
DUSCHINSKI, James	SP4	US55752919	HHC/2/502	ARCOM"V"	18Sep65	GO432/24Jan66
GREY, James W.	SP4	RA13616189	B/2/502	BS"V"(Post)	15Dec65	GO44/17Jan66
GONZALES, Alfred	SP4	RA18707985	B/2/502	ARCOM"V"	18Sep65	GO1850/10Dec65
KING, Titus	SP4	RA18644477	HHC/2/502	BS"V"	2Sep65	GO1673/20Nov65
MARTIN, Robert W.	SP4	US52613264	HHC/1/327	SM	20Sep65	GO75/10Feb66
McCLOUD, Carrol H.	SP4	RA13761556	C/2/327	ARCOM"V"	30Jan66	GO1382/1Mar66
REEVES, John W.	SP4	RA18686242	HHC/1/327	BS"V"	13Oct65	GO31/14Jan66
SAGON, Ruby	SP4	RA18677801	A/2/502	BS"V"(Post)	10Sep65	GO43/17Jan66
SMITH, Pete Jr.	SP4	US54357881	A/2/502	ARCOM"V"	18Sep65	GO319/19Jan66
WATSON, Donald J.	SP4	RA16766915	HHC/2/502	BS"V"	2Sep65	GO1900/14Dec65
WRIGHT, Charles C.	SP4	RA16762114	B/2/502	SS	18Sep65	GO2049/20Dec65
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ADEN, Danny C.	PFC	RA14865287	B/2/502	BS"V"	18Sep65	GO2082/17Jan66
AMIDAN, Michael	PFC	RA19766952	A/2/502	ARCOM"V"	5Sep65	GO1706/22Nov65
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GIORLANDO, Anthony	PFC	RA12722795	A/2/327	ARCOM"V"	24Jan66	GO1386/1Mar66
JONES, Wiley	PFC	RA14884074	A/2/327	BS"V"	25Jan66	GO1395/1Mar66
LEHAMAN, Hilfred G.	PFC	RA13835179	B/1/327	SM	17Oct65	GO33/14Jan66
MACDONALD, Lester E.	PFC	RA11343786	HHC/1/327	ARCOM"V"	12-14Dec65	GO1358/1Mar66
MARTIN, Melvin	PFC	RA13817251	B/2/502	SM	11Sep65	GO17/9Jan66
MARTINEZ, Harry E.	PFC	RA13696417	C/2/327	BS"V"	29Oct65	GO25/14Jan66

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REL. NO. 245 MACOI

TUY HOA, VIETNAM (101-IO) --The 101st Airborne Division has added a voice to the talons of its "Screaming Eagles."

The addition is the loud shriek of an eagle, broadcast through four loudspeakers mounted on an Air Force U-10 airplane.

The "voice" is flown over the enemy before 101st heliborne-paratrooper assaults and also at night over Viet Cong areas.

The aircraft drops leaflets picturing on one side an eagle holding a Viet Cong in his talons, and on the other side, a message written in Vietnamese which reads: "Viet Cong beware. There is no safe place to run to--no shelter in which to hide. The Eagle attacks anytime, anywhere...without warning, bringing sure death."

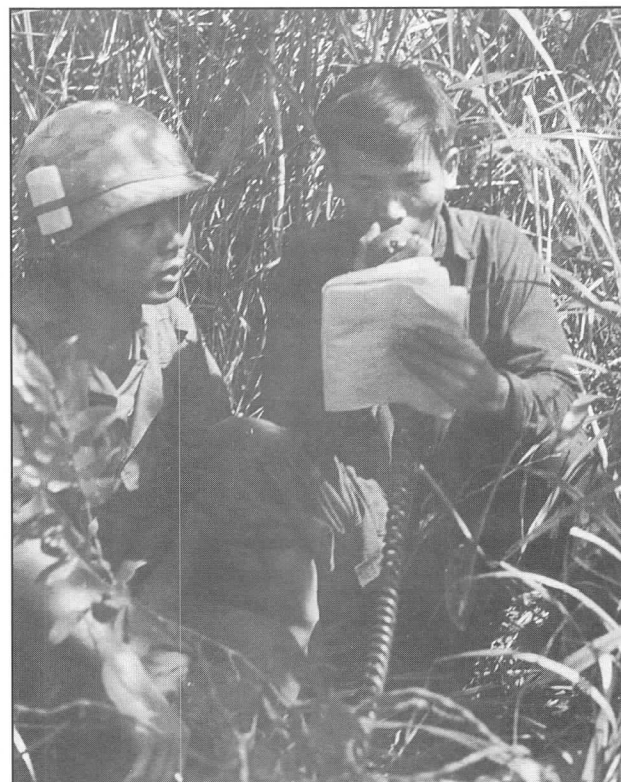
The leaflets and the screeching eagle are a part of the psychological warfare methods used by the 101st's 1st Brigade. The Brigade is currently conducting Operation HARRISON in the Tuy Hoa region of Phu Yen Province (60 miles N of Nha Trang).

HARRISON is a search and destroy operation which the 101st began after closing a month and a half long rice and VC gathering operation in the same area.

The leaflets' message also states that if the Viet Cong recipient surrenders he will be accorded safe-conduct in conjunction with the Choi Oui (open arms) program set up by the National Government.



An NCO from the attached platoon of the 245th Psychological Operations Company places a loudspeaker in a tree in preparation for broadcasting a propaganda message to the enemy.



A member of the attached platoon of the 245th Psychological Operations Platoon (L) monitors the propaganda broadcast being made by a native of Viet Nam.



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"P" TRAINING. It means training that "Pays Off" for a man, his unit, and the mission. "P" TRAINING works for Proficiency, Preparedness, Pride, Physical Training, and Patrolling.

"P" TRAINING. Never heard of it? Well, it is new. The 101st Airborne's 1st Brigade has come up with the program.

Brig. Gen. Willard Pearson of Clairton, Pa., commanding general of the 1st Brigade, was shown through the various phases of the program which is conducted at the 101st's base camp near Phan Rang, Vietnam.

Most of the Brigade is now forward in the Tuy Hoa region of Phu Yen Province on Operation HARRISON. But among those in the rear area, is the 101st Replacement Detachment. On a tour of the Detachment, Gen. Pearson was shown highlights of the units training program for incoming troopers.

The training NCO for the unit, Sergeant John Oliver of Clarksville, Tenn., briefed the general on introductory classes given the new troopers. The general also was shown commonly encountered Viet Cong booby-traps and also many various VC weapons.

Lt. Ivey L. Woods, the Detachment commander, explained plans to award a distinctive pocket patch and a certificate to graduating troopers.

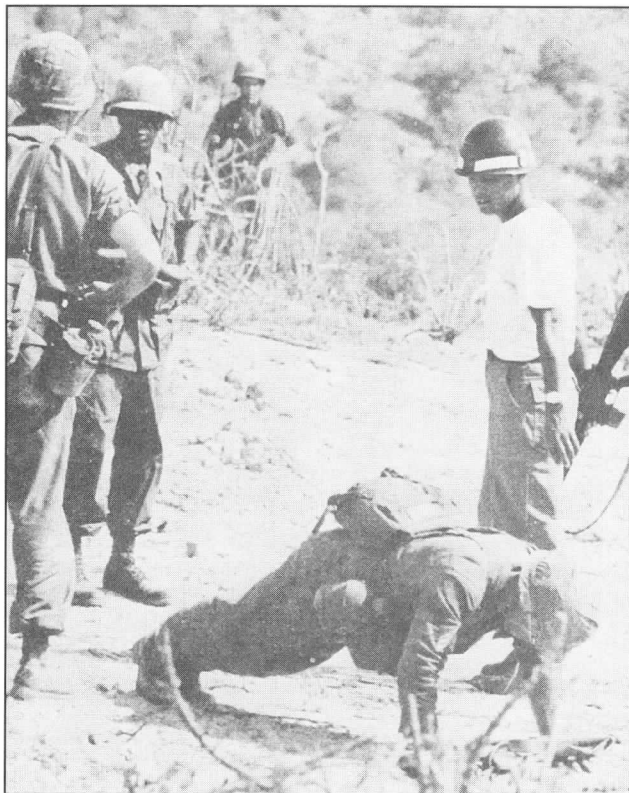
Gen. Pearson was conducted to the firing range where he and his party followed and observed a fire team composed of replacement personnel. The troopers received orders to move out on a sweep in an area reported to inhabit a reinforced Viet Cong squad.

The fire teams encountered well camouflaged stationary and surprise targets, which they were required to "kill" before advancing further.

The distance covered was about 400 meters or 435 yards. During the course simulated fire was directed at the replacements who then used fire and movement to approach and destroy the "enemy."

"On the spot corrections" were made and used to advantage to make the replacements aware of the good and bad points of their conduct during the "mission."

The problem was climaxed by the use of fragmentation grenades to destroy an enemy bunker.



*Proficiency School at Phan Rang.
STAY ALERT STAY ALIVE*

The general's inspection of the training range concluded with a realistic booby-trapped path planted with foot traps, a Montagnard cross-bow and arrow, a few trip-wireactivated demolitions, and a bamboo whip fitted with poison dipped pungli stakes. The path is used by the Detachment instructors to teach and demonstrate the traps and their detection to the incoming personnel.

Gen. Pearson expressed great interest in the "P" TRAINING the replacements were receiving. Subjects, he said which will enable them to more effectively "stay alert and stay alive."



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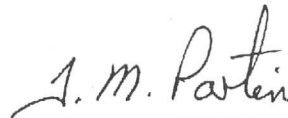
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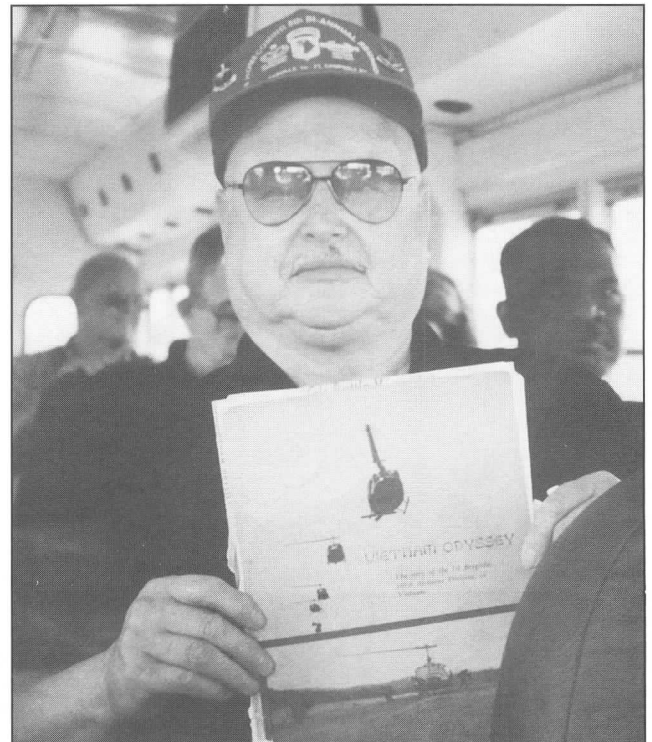
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“Old Abe”

*Enemy beware when “Old Abe” is
near,*

*A predator of flight, by day or by night
The Eagle will STRIKE with a terrible
might.*

*His feathers are made of soldiers of
nether*

*They will send you to hell no matter
the weather*

*They will appear from out of nowhere
And death you will fear, for it is so
near.*

*You shall run for cover when he
hovers,*

*Too soon to discover the shadow
of death you have met.*

*His eyes are keen and he has seen
The fear of death that you have left.
Your body trembles as he assembles
Too late you know, there’s no where
to go.*

*His talons are sharp as they cut you
apart,*

*Your screams you shall hear as
Hades grows near.*

*The devil you say, is on his way,
to collect his pay on your dying day.*

*Your escape is marred as he strikes
hard*

It is over fast as you breathe your last.

*But before you go you have come to
know,*

Exactly what I told you so.

*Peter S. Griffin
Co. A, 2/502 Infantry
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Viet Nam 1965-66*

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DOD	Grade	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Generation	Home State	DOB	Casualty Category	SSN	Status	Cause of Death	Compliment Cause	Province	Component	DMOS
8/23/65	PFC	Messer	Darryl			NM	/ / 46	NBD	19796893	DOI	Unk	SA Fire	Hau Nghia	RA	
8/24/65	SGT	Smith	Gilbert		Jr	CT	/ / 42	NBD	53344321	DWM	Unk	Drowning	Bac Lieu	RA	
8/27/65	PFC	Kilbuck	George	G		AK	/ / 43	BD	10820407	Died-MIA	Unk	Other Wpns	Quang Duc	RA	11B40
9/3/65	1LT	Burkheart	George	W		PA	/ / 40	BD	100086	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	71542
9/5/65	SGT	Jackson	Lawrence	E		TX	/ / 41	BD	13659879	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11C40
9/9/65	1LT	Dadante	Leonard	J		NM	/ / 41	BD	5222131	KOR	AC CNAS	Other Wpns	Khanh Hoa	RA	1981
9/9/65	CW2	Reagan	Robert	W		CT	/ / 31	BD	3151304	KOR	AC CNAS	Other Wpns	Khanh Hoa	RA	062B
9/9/65	PFC	Hipke	Harry	A		UT	/ / 46	BD	16800321	KOR	AC CNAS	Other Wpns	Khanh Hoa	RA	36A10
9/9/65	SP5	Simkaitis	Erich			CT	/ / 43	BD	14807877	KOR	AC CNAS	Other Wpns	Khanh Hoa	RA	67N20
9/14/65	SP5	Franklin	Robert	O		IL	/ / 32	NBD	13612229	DOI			Go Cong	RA	
9/16/65	SP5	Meek	Donald	H		PA	/ / 29	NBD	52059527	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Phu Bon	RA	
9/18/65	2LT	Fox	Edward	H		PR	/ / 42	BD	5418715	Died-MIA	Unk	SA Fire	Quang Duc	RA	71193
9/18/65	CPT	Rawls	Robert	E		LA	/ / 35	BD	75767	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	71542
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9/21/65	PFC	Fernandez	Manuel	F		NV	/ / 43	BD	12694721	KOR	Unk	Other Wpns	Khanh Hoa	RA	11C10
9/24/65	PFC	Aranda	Eugene	L		NY	/ / 45	BD	18695127	DOW	Unk	Other Wpns	Tuyen Duc	RA	11F40
9/26/65	SP4	Paialii				D.C.	/ / 32	BD	10107541	KOR	Unk	Other Wpns	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B40
9/27/65	2LT	Kelly	James	P		ND	/ / 42	BD	100815	KOR	Unk	Other Wpns	Khanh Hoa	RA	71193
9/27/65	PFC	Logan	Halford			AR	/ / 40	BD	19689238	KOR	Unk	Unk	Khanh Hoa	RA	13A1P
9/27/65	SP4	Mariano	Jesus	R		WY	/ / 45	BD	10119144	KOR	Unk	Other Wpns	Khanh Hoa	RA	11C2P
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10/3/65	PVT	Stevens	Charles	W		CT	/ / 37	NBD	14575119	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Phu Bon	RA	
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11/19/65	PFC	Thompson	Everett	B		TN	/ / 47	BD	19832639	DOW	Unk	SA Fire	Tuyen Duc	RA	11B10
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25 Viets Moved

101st, USAID Team Up Help First Of 50 Refugees

PHAN RANG— A shiny, silvery Air America C-47 touched down at the airfield in Phan Rang and taxied up to the air terminal. Twenty-five passengers stepped from the plane, one at a time, helped by 101st paratroopers. None had ever flown before and some were air-sick. Anxiety masked their faces.

The 25 were the first group of 50 refugees from Binh Dinh province. This group was from Bong Son. They had endured Viet Cong terror and intimidation, and the VC had finally succeeded in chasing them from their lands. They went to a United States Agency for International Development (USAID) project headquarters and were subsequently moved to Ninh Thuan Province to build new homes and to escape the Viet Cong.

Airlifting the refugees from Bong Son to Phan Rang had been a USAID project. But the civilian agency had needed help to care for their immediate needs before taking them to their new home at Nin Chu beach near Phan Rang. Help was requested from the 1st Brigade.

The "Diplomats and



3 Snipers Fail Test With 'Hard Core Squad'

PHU YEN— Three unsuspecting Viet Cong snipers learned about combat the hard way recently and the "Hard Core Squad" drew up the lesson plan.

While guarding the rice harvest northwest of Tuy Hoa, Company "C," 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry encountered quite a bit of sniper fire from a nearby village. Repeatedly, a rifle would crack and the troopers would be sent ducking. But because the area was heavily populated, the troopers could not return the fire.

Staff Sergeant Burwood Yost and his "Hard Core Squad" were sent to scout the village. They went in the back way.

Yost split his squad into two elements and deployed them into the village. Set apart from the rest of the village, by about 70 yards, was a hut. Yost started towards it. His point man, PFC Wendell Rose followed close behind. They closed in on the hut and peered through the bushes.

"There was Charlie," Yost recalls. "We saw a Mauser rifle leaning against the wall.

He was just sitting there on his porch rubbing his face. Just taking it easy."

Yost and Rose watched the black pajama clad Viet Cong for a few minutes. The distance between them and the unsuspecting enemy was only eight feet. Yost motioned Rose to cover the VC while he tried to capture him... and started stalking the man.

A carbine cracked twice very close by and dirt kicked up around Yost. Immediately, Rose shot the enemy he had been observing and went to Yost's aid. His squad leader did not need it. Yost had silenced a Viet Cong who had appeared suddenly and started shooting at him.

The rest of the "Hard Core Squad" came up from the rear of the village. Yost deployed them around the hut and sent two of his men in to search it. As the two

viding trucks for transportation, medics to care for the air-sick, and a hot-chow line to fill many empty stomachs.

Temporary quarters had been built by USAID personnel working closely with Ninh Thuan Province officials, and were awaiting the refugees when they arrived. At their new homes were 101st troopers with clothes and food, and essentials such as a well had already been dug on the site of their new residence.

Very fertile, well irrigated farm land, was provided by the province, and each refugee will soon be starting his farm. USAID will provide cement and lumber for the construction of permanent housing.

To further assist the refugees, the 101st has placed at their disposal welders and metal workers from Company "B" of Support Battalion. They will build wash basins and shower tanks from 55 gallon drums.



First Brigade infantrymen on a "search and destroy" patrol. (Photo by Sp4 R.S. Parker)

door, a third VC who had been hiding inside, went dashing out another door with a carbine in his hand.

He did not get far. A shotgun shell, from Specialist 4 Glenn Whitehead's M-79 grenade launcher caught him.

The "Hard Core Squad" collected two carbines, one Mauser, 150 rounds of ammunition, 15 hand grenades... and, oh yes, three Viet Cong snipers.

Select Squad Leaders Convene For 'Grass Roots' Conference

TUY HOA— Thirty select squad leaders from all the combat units of the 1st Brigade participated in a one day combat leaders' seminar this week. The purpose of the seminar was to discuss mutual problems and to exchange training concepts to better keep combat troops at top fighting efficiency.

Using straight "army language" and a no-holds-barred attitude, the group of paratroopers grappled with every aspect of squad leadership and discussed in depth, numerous techniques on counterinsurgency operations in Vietnam.

The morning portion of the seminar was kicked off

with a 5-minute welcoming by Colonel Chester B. McCoid, deputy commanding officer of the 1st Brigade. As the morning session progressed, subjects such as the brigade level training programs and the small unit action evaluation program were thoroughly examined.

In the roundtable group discussion that followed, ideas were rapidly exchanged and a flurry of proposals for keeping the brigade at its present combat peak were made. One point which received extensive attention was the recently innovated "Squad Leader's Reaction Course"

taught at the brigade's proficiency school in Phan Rang. Periodically, squad leaders from combat units are sent back to "P" school for either a refresher course or to participate as instructors.

"I think training men to be squad leaders—to take over in
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an emergency," said Staff Sergeant Burwood Yost of Company "C," 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry, "should be the object of the course, rather than teaching a squad leader what he already knows."

It was the contention of many that fire team leaders and "promising Privates First class" are the ones who could better benefit from the course, and also, before any man holding the rank of Specialist 4 in a line squad is promoted to sergeant, he should attend the Phan Rang course.

The training of new combat replacements, the squad leaders strongly urged, should have more emphasis placed on marksmanship and defense, and the use of certain students to act as aggressors to lend a more realistic picture to such subjects as ambushes and patrolling.

The highlight of the seminar was the midday

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Confab...

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lunch attended by visiting Lieutenant General John Heiniges, deputy commanding general of MACV. Over lunch, spiced with discussion, Gen. Heiniges told the gathering that he thought the "101st had achieved [its] outstanding combat record because of the high quality of leadership on the squad level."

The afternoon session was spent with the 30 squad leaders being briefed by a representative from each of the combat support units, Artillery, Army Aviation, U.S. Air Force Tactical Air Support, and Chemical Warfare. Brigade engineers also presented a detailed study on mines and booby traps. The rest of the afternoon was used for a group discussion with the squad leaders posing questions to each representative on how they could better coordinate with combat support units during operations.

BOOK REVIEW, by Ivan Worrell
SPECIAL MEN
A LRP's Recollections
By: Dennis Foley
Ivy Books, \$5.99, ISBN 0-8041-0915-X

I found *SPECIAL MEN* on the military history shelf at Waldenbooks. The book was published in 1994. Denis Foley is also the author of *LONG RANGE PATROL*, a book I look forward to reading when I locate a copy. I am also trying to find Dennis Foley. His mail came back marked undeliverable (see returned mail).



In five years, he went from private to captain, from New Jersey to Vietnam. But he always served with the best the U.S. Army had to offer....

SPECIAL MEN

A LRP's Recollections

DENNIS FOLEY

Author of *Long Range Patrol*

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The author reviewed his experiences as a volunteer and his attempts to attend the U. S. Military Academy, his year of training to be a radar repairman and his tour in Germany with a Signal unit. He, after many delays, was allowed to

attend OCS at Fort Benning. Upon graduation from OCS he was sent to an experimental basic training unit and eventually to Viet Nam.

SPECIAL MEN is a real trip back to Viet Nam without leaving your favorite chair. Dennis Foley has a real capacity for details. His words convey the complexities of properly preparing a Tiger Force unit for combat. He communicates the look and feel of the jungle and pulls no punches about the uncertainties of demands and requirements from higher headquarters.

Action is the central theme of the Viet Nam part of the book (most of it). He was being prepared to take over the Tiger Force Platoon of the 1st Battalion, 327th led by 1st Lieutenant James Gardner (see Medal of Honor) whose promotion to Captain was eminent. He was with LT Gardner when he performed the acts of courage that earned him the Medal of Honor – posthumously.

His mentor in the 1st Brigade (Separate), 101st Airborne Division was Major, and later, Lieutenant Colonel David Hackworth who served as the Executive Officer and then Battalion Commander of 1/327. David Hackworth wrote the Introduction for *SPECIAL MEN* and in six pages prepares you for the outstanding story that Dennis Foley is about to tell.

This book is an opportunity to read an in-depth report of a very special unit, in the 1st Brigade, written by an author who knows how to tell a gripping story that will keep you up late to discover what is on the next page and the next one. I hope Dennis Foley can be found and that he will get involved in the 1st Brigade Reunions.

Go to your book store. Buy *SPECIAL MEN*, then experience a unique reading and remembering experience.



FIRST BRIGADE (SEPARATE) 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION
“ALWAYS FIRST BRIGADE”
NOMADS OF VIET NAM
DIPLOMATS AND WARRIORS

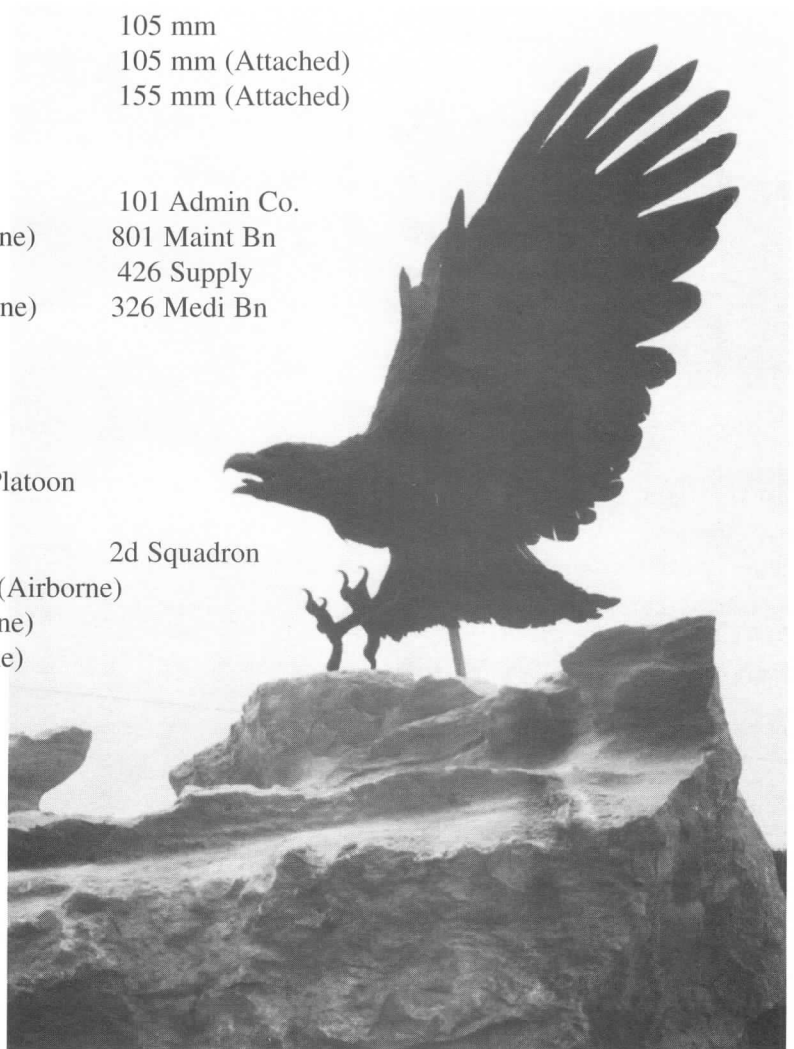
The First Brigade (Separate) 101st Airborne Division was the first continental United States based army unit to be deployed to the Republic of Viet Nam. The 1st Brigade arrived in Viet Nam in July 1965 and fought gallantly for two and a half years as a separate Brigade Task Force. During this time it earned the nickname THE NOMADS OF VIET NAM for deploying all over Viet Nam to act as the United States Army Viet Nam FIRE BRIGADE. It also earned the nickname of DIPLOMATS AND WARRIORS. The name DIPLOMATS was given when the Brigade moved an entire village, to include water buffalo by helicopter, to a safe location. The WARRIORS portion of the nickname came from being respected by the enemy for their fierce fighting spirit. The First Brigade (Separate) was the only infantry unit fighting in Viet Nam, at that time, whose soldiers did not wear a subdued patch. The Screaming Eagle Patch was worn in full color.

In order to produce the optimum balance of combat power, the First Brigade (Separate) Order Of Battle was constituted as follows:

1st Battalion (Airborne)	327 Infantry	
2nd Battalion (Airborne)	327 Infantry	
2nd Battalion (Airborne)	502 Infantry	
2nd Battalion (Airborne)	320 Artillery	105 mm
5th Battalion	27 Artillery	105 mm (Attached)
1st Battalion B Btry	30 Artillery	155 mm (Attached)

101 Support Bn (Prov)	A Company	101 Admin Co.
	B Company (Airborne)	801 Maint Bn
	C Company	426 Supply
	D Company (Airborne)	326 Medi Bn
	E Company (Provi)	

10th Aviation Battalion	(General Support)	
101st Replacement Platoon		
101st Quartermaster Co	Air Equip Support Platoon	
326 Engineer Battalion	A Company	
17th Cavalry (Armored)	A Troop (Airborne)	2d Squadron
1st Brigade	HQ&HQ Company (Airborne)	
501st Signal Battalion	B Company (Airborne)	
101st Military MP Co	1st Platoon (Airborne)	
Long Range (Airborne) Reconnaissance Platoon		
20th Chemical (Airborne) Detachment		
181st Military (Airborne) Intelligence Detachment		
406th Army Security Agency Detachment		
3rd Radio Research Detachment (Attached)		
41st Civil Affairs Company, Team 9 (Attached)		
245th Psychological Operations Company (Attached)		
TACP Aviation Section (Attached)		
42d Infantry Scout Dog Platoon		



The 1st Brigade (Separate) 101st Airborne Division was detached by General Order 436, United States Army Viet Nam, DTD 29 JAN 68, with an effective date of 1 FEB 68. Subsequently assigned to the 101st Airborne Division by General Order 643, United States Army Viet Nam, DTD 12 FEB 68 with an effective date of 1 FEB 68.

6th BI-Annual Reunion • 1st Brigade (Separate) • 101st Airborne Division Viet Nam July 1965 - January 1968

Veterans of the 1st Brigade (Separate) met in Clarksville, Tennessee and Fort Campbell, Kentucky for a four day reunion. Reunion dates were May 21 - 24, 1998. Registration records indicate that 307 individuals registered. Operation Nathan Hale, dinner at the Fort Campbell Sportsman's Lodge, was attended by 296 and Operation Gibraltar, banquet at the Fort Campbell Officers Club was attended by 402 (many members of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), led by the Division Commander and the Commanding Officer of the 1st Brigade attended this function).

This was the largest gathering, to date, for the BI-Annual Reunion of the 1st Brigade and sufficient numbers of "ALWAYS FIRST" veterans were in attendance to make the reunion an unqualified success.



There was no way to miss the reunion hotel. The Reunion Committee had covered all the possibilities for welcoming the 1st Brigade veterans. (Paladin photo)

The Reunion Committee was lead by Reunion Chairman **Harvey P. Appleman**. **Willard Ball** was the Treasure Chairman. **Joe Garcia** was the Registration Chairman. **Melvin Strawser** was the Hospitality Chairman. **Dayton Herrington** served as the M1 Rifle Raffle Chairman.

In the welcome message of the Program Book the committee wrote: "We cordially extend to every veteran and guest our best wishes for a productive and enjoyable reunion. Your appearance at this reunion is a priceless investment! We are proud to have served you. We are especially proud to have planned and executed your reunion. Your benefits for attending this reunion may be direct or indirect, but most obvious will be reuniting with First Brigade veterans whose battle experiences will keep the bonds of the past alive. As you gather in Clarksville, Tennessee for this reunion, take a moment to reflect on our fallen comrades and those who have since met their last formation. You have survived to reunite in this auspicious occasion to ensure the presence of our fallen comrades. Yes, they will be present in our conversations and forever live in our memories because of their sacrifices. Have fun and enjoy the reunion."



The Reunion Committee was prepared to greet 1st Brigade veterans at the registration desk. Some of those who helped with registration were (L to R) Mrs. Millard Ball, Mrs. Marce "Rosie" Quintero and CSM (Ret) Roy Salinas. (Paladin photo)

Major General S. H. Matheson, USA, Ret., 1st Brigade Commanding General from January 1967 - January 1968 attended with his wife and son. He spoke at the Thursday evening dinner and at the Saturday banquet. He was very complementary in his praise of the Reunion Committee and, after having no volunteers for other locations, stated his intention to have the reunion, in two years, in the Columbus - Fort Benning, Georgia area.

Colonel Benjamin R. Mixon, Commanding Officer of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, was a leader in all the activities prepared for the 1st Brigade veterans by the Reunion Committee and the active duty 1st Brigade.

Operation Nathan Hale started with preparation for dinner at the Sportsman's Lodge bar at 5:30, seating for dinner began at 6:30.

Larry Redmond acted as the Master of Ceremonies. After the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Eugene Perry, Harvey



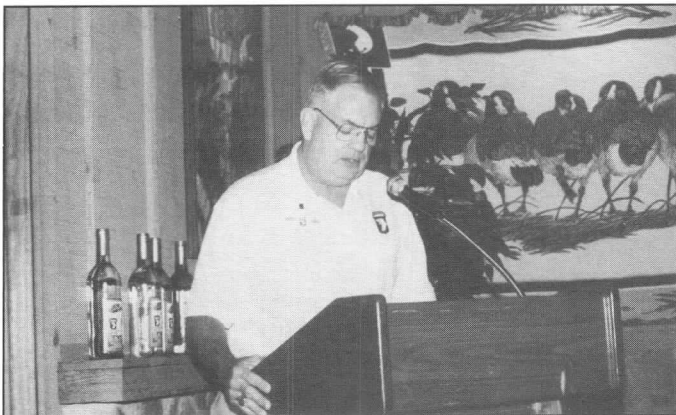
Command Sergeant Major Harvey Appleman, USA, Ret., chairman of the 1st Brigade Reunion Committee emphasizes an announcement about the program for the next day.

Appleman welcomed those in attendance. Edmond P. Abood gave a short description of Operation Nathan Hale. After an introduction by Larry Redmond, Major General Robert E. Clark, Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) welcomed the 1st Brigade veterans to Fort Campbell and expressed his desire to see

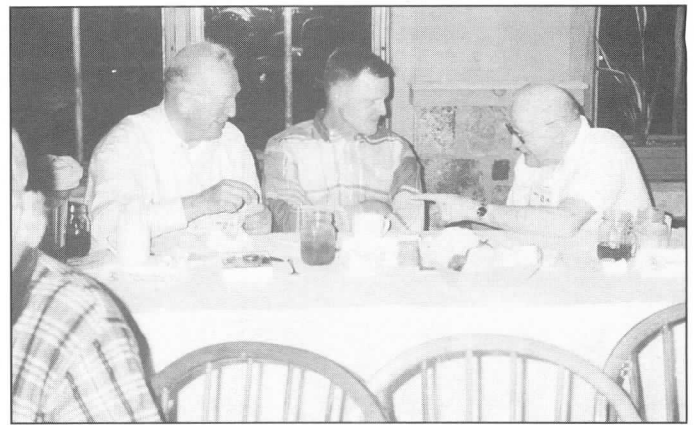


1st Sergeant, Retired Gene Paladin, (standing, face to camera) is responsible for most of the good photos taken at the brigade reunion. His is a long history of photographing events for the 101st Airborne Division. (Worrell photo)

more interaction between the present Screaming Eagles and the veterans that preceded them. Major General S. H. Matheson, USA, Ret., (The Iron Duke) was introduced by Larry Redmond and gave the reunion committee praise for their efforts that led to the largest attendance, yet, for the bi-annual reunion. He also recognized some of the individuals attending. Chaplain Curt Bowers pronounced the invocation and the schnitzel meal was served. Following dinner, Billy C. Colwell, member of the 101st Airborne Division



Colonel Larry Redmond, USA, Ret., was the Master of Ceremonies at the Thursday evening dinner at the Sportsman's Lodge at Fort Campbell. (Paladin photo)



(L to R) MG S. H. Matheson, USA, Ret., Major General Robert T. Clark, and BG Oscar Davis, USA, Ret., discuss 1st Brigade matters at the Operation Nathan Hale dinner at Fort Campbell's Sportsman's Lodge. (Paladin photo)

Association Monument Committee, displayed the concept for a 101st Airborne Division Monument to be erected on the site of the new Fort Campbell Museum. LT Anne Mendicino of the G-5 office made a presentation about WEEK OF THE EAGLES. After a presentation Harvey Appleman reviewed the schedule of May 22.

The "Operation Gibraltar" Banquet at the Fort Campbell Officers Club was an impressive affair. The active duty men and women were in dress blues and greens, the dining room looked great and the speeches were to the point and short. Colonel Mixon (his father is Command Sergeant Major (R) William T. Mixon) conducted a Punch Ceremony, with the help of other First Brigade officers. Major General S. H. Matheson made a presentation in which he asked for



The Saturday picnic at the Western Kentucky & Tennessee Chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Association was a great success. (Worrell photo)

volunteers to host the Brigade Reunion two years hence. An M-1 Rifle was given away to the lucky ticket holder and other door prizes were distributed.

On Sunday morning, May 24 at 9:00 Chaplain Curt Bowers, assisted by Chaplain Robert Harlee, conducted a Memorial Service to a packed house in the room that had served as the Hospitality Room for the preceding days of the reunion.



DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE 327th & 502nd REGIMENTS

The following individuals were inducted into the 327th and 502nd Infantry Regiments Distinguished Members of the Regiment, Halls of Fame. These men are past members of the regiment, who attained positions of stature and responsibility while on active duty. Each of these inductees also attained positions of distinction in their civilian communities. Because of their achievements, these individuals were chosen by their peers, and nominated by the Brigade Commander, Colonel Benjamin R. Mixon, to be selected for this most distinctive honor. Their selection was then confirmed by the Regimental Hall of Fame Induction Committees. Inductees for 1998 are listed below.

The following individuals were inducted into the 327th Infantry Regiment Hall of Fame.

Chaplain (Colonel)

Curt Bowers, distinguished himself as the 1st Battalion 327th Infantry Regiment Chaplain in Vietnam. Chaplain Bowers put his life in jeopardy to be beside his men on the battlefield during conflicts. He was awarded the Silver Star and Bronze Star.

Colonel (Retired) Gerald E. Morse was Battalion Commander of 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment in Vietnam. Colonel Morse is still involved in the lives of soldiers who served under him by providing support, guidance and friendship. Colonel Morse was awarded the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star

with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart.

The late **Colonel (Retired) Edward J. Collins**, distinguished himself as the Battalion Commander of 2nd Battalion 327th Infantry in Vietnam. Colonel Collins excelled as Brigade Commander, Infantry Training Center and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations for Washington, D.C. Accepting for Colonel Collins was Mrs. Marie Collins.

The late **Colonel (Retired) Frank Dietrich**, distinguished veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam, served in the 2d Battalion, 502nd Infantry in Vietnam. Later he commanded the 1st Brigade. Colonel Dietrich made three combat jumps in World War II and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Accepting for Colonel Dietrich, was Colonel Benjamin R. Mixon.



Colonel Benjamin R. Mixon, assisted by LTG Donald Rosenblum, USA, Ret., with the help of two 1st Brigade soldiers, made presentations of certificates to new distinguished members of the 327th Infantry Regiment. Recipients are (L - R) Chaplain (Colonel) Curt Bowers, USA, Ret., Colonel Gerald E. Morse, USA, Ret., Mrs. Marie Collins accepting on behalf of her late husband Colonel Edward J. Collins, USA, Ret., Command Sergeant Major Warren S. Eichelberger, USA, Ret., Command Sergeant Major William T. Mixon, USA, Ret., Command Sergeant Major Robert A. Young, USA, Ret., Command Sergeant Major Dick D. Stranahan, USA, Ret., Sergeant First Class Eugene Perry, USA, Ret., George Fallon, and David S. Cook. (Paladin photo)

Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Warren S.

Eichelberger was a distinguished member of the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment in Vietnam. Command Sergeant Major Eichelberger served as a First Sergeant in 2nd Battalion, 327th and the 2D Infantry

Division Command Sergeant Major. He was awarded the Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star with three Oak Leaf Clusters and "V" Device.

Command Sergeant Major (Retired) William T. Mixon, completed 35 years of service in the Army during which time he served in the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry, HHC, 1st Brigade and 2/502nd Infantry during the period of 1966 to 1967. He served as the 101st Airborne Division Command Sergeant Major from 1969 to 1970 in

Vietnam. He was awarded two Combat Infantryman's Badges, the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star.

Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Robert A. Young, served as the 1st Brigade Command Sergeant Major in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. A distinguished veteran of more than 30 years of service, he was also the 101st Airborne Division Command Sergeant Major from 1968 to 1969. He was awarded two Combat Infantryman's Badges, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Dick D. Stranahan was a distinguished member of 327th Infantry Regiment in Vietnam. He retired with 24 years of service and was awarded the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

Sergeant First Class (Retired) Eugene Perry, distinguished member of 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment in Vietnam, also served in the 82nd Airborne Division and Special Forces. He was awarded the Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, "V" Device and the Purple Heart.

George Fallon, distinguished member of 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Recon Vietnam, was awarded the Silver Star for heroics performed on the battlefield during a Recon mission in Vietnam.

David S. Cook, distinguished himself while serving in Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment. Mr. Cook has worked tirelessly on behalf of veterans to assist them in obtaining recognition, and keeping members of

the 327th Infantry Regiment informed and organized. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his actions in Vietnam.

The following individuals were inducted into the 502nd Infantry Regiment Hall of Fame.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 (Retired) Frank Wohlfahrt was a distinguished member of 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. Chief Wohlfahrt was awarded the Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Sergeant First Class (Retired) James G. Moffitt, completed two tours in Vietnam with the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry. He was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

Ben Lam, served as an interpreter for 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry from 1965-1967. He also served as interpreter for Division Headquarters 1967-1971. He was an Army Republic of Vietnam Company Commander from 1972-1975. Mr. Lam was imprisoned by the Vietnamese Communists from 1975-1980, when he escaped reeducation camp, and made his way to America in 1980.

Timothy Swain, served as Platoon Leader for Bravo Company 2/502nd Infantry, the Battalion S-1 and the Assistant Brigade S-2. He also participated in Task Force Hanson from November 1965 to July 1966.

Peter S. Griffin, served as a 106 Millimeter Recoilless Rifle Gunner, for Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry from September 1965 to May 1966. He was awarded the Silver Star for actions during Operation Hawthorne.



**LETTERS OF PRAISE,
FOR THE OUTSTANDING REUNION,
TO HARVEY APPLEMAN**

Major General S. H. Matheson, USA, Ret., wrote:
Dear Harvey,

I know I join all who attended the "Brigade Rally" in expressing our thanks to you and your crew for a most successful reunion. Those who follow will have a time to equal it – and my congratulations on "The Busses."

[He went on to talk about the possibility of a meeting in the Fort Benning - Columbus, Georgia area in the year 2000.]

Mrs. Edward J. Collins wrote:

Dear Molly and Harvey,

Thank you for a memorable weekend. I will remember it always, from the first moment of arrival to the moment of departure.

To be remembered with love and respect is honor. To be inducted into the 327 Hall of Fame is above and beyond. How proud COL Collins would have been. Thank you both for your devotion to hard work. It was a labor of love. The 6th Bi-Annual Reunion was a grand success. My heart is full and truly the men of the 2/327 are "Second to None."

CSM Robert A. Young, USA, Ret., wrote:

Dear Harvey and Molly,

A note to thank you for "Honchoing" the biggest and BEST 1st Brigade Reunion EVER. *[After congratulating Harvey on his choice of volunteers and the hard work of the wives, he concluded with:]* Harvey, I sent COL Mixon a thank you note for the super job the 1st Brigade did in hosting the old 1st Brigade "Vietnam Vets!"

So I'm closing, Harvey again I congratulate you on running a SUPER-DUPER Reunion. Couldn't have been better and please convey my regards to all those "Guys and Gals" who helped you with this successful reunion.

Tony and Jeri Bellantoni wrote:

Dear Harvey & Molly,

Once again Jeri and I want to thank you for the

wonderful time we had at the reunion. ----- I can only imagine the enormous work involved in the reunion and it was run with military precision. --- For me it answered many questions, and put a lot of gremlins to sleep once and for all. I felt honored to be reunited with old comrades and especially to see Spencer Huntoon and Michael Plummer my former CO whom I haven't seen in 33 years. I'm already anxious for the next reunion at Fort Benning where I graduated Jump School. However, I can't imagine how you can top what you and your committee accomplished with perfection. I met a lot of new friends, wonderful people all and they will not soon be forgotten, some I will stay in touch with.

Howard H. Danford wrote:

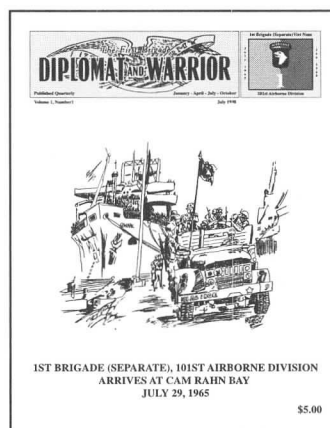
Dear Harvey,

Just a note to thank you and your excellent team for a splendid reunion. The reunion was well planned, organized and carried out, and I was most impressed with how it turned out. You worked hard and it paid off. Again, many thanks!

Curtis and Ann Duco wrote:

Dear Harvey,

What can I say but state these honorable statements of a very successful reunion both my wife and I's first attendance. Since I observe more than it's required, a habit of mine, I emphatically make this statement - I'm proud to know Harvey Appleman. You are a person of great accomplishment. May the Lord continue to bless the Appleman family.



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This material was taken from the registration records of the reunion. In many cases the name of guests and spouses were not given. If you find such an omission please let me know and I will make a correction in the next issue.

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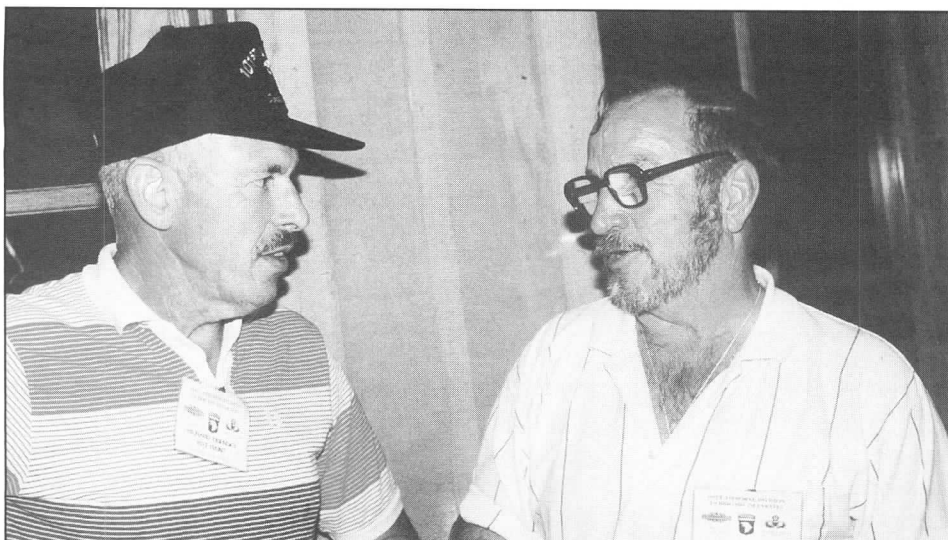
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Colonel Benjamin R. Mixon, (L) Commanding Officer of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) with his father CSM [R] William T. Mixon. CSM Mixon served in the 1st Brigade in Viet Nam and later served as 101st Airborne Division Command Sergeant Major. (Worrell photo)



Two veterans of B Company, 801st Maintenance (L to R) Richard Tibensky and Wayne Lange had an opportunity to review their Viet Nam experiences at the Brigade Reunion. (Paladin photo)

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CSM (Ret) Melvin C. and Faye Strawser at the Thursday evening dinner at the Sportsman's Lodge. Mel was Hospitality Chairman for the reunion. (Paladin photo)

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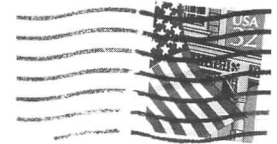
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The first letter, May 9, 1998, was from Tim Swain. In the letter he thanked me for taking on the 1st Brigade publication and history project.

He sent 13 addresses, including his own, for subscriptions to the magazine, said he had a scrapbook in the attic that he would find and loan the material to THE DIPLOMAT AND WARRIOR and said he would send subscriptions to the following 16 individuals if they can be found.

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101st Airborne Division, 1st Brigade:

- (a) 2nd Platoon Leader, B Company, 2/502 Infantry (Airborne) [Boss: Captain Rowe?] 15 July 1964 until 15 August 1964
- (b) S-1 (Adjutant), 2/502 Infantry (Airborne) [Boss: Lt.Col W. G. Smith] 15 August until about 15 November 1964
- (c) S-2, (Intelligence), 1st Brigade [Boss: Colonel James S. Timothy] 15 November 1964 until about April 1965
- (d) Assistant S-2, [Boss: Major Joe Hicks] April 1965 (in late June, to Vietnam) to maybe August 1965
- (e) S-1 and S-2, Task Force Hanson [Boss: Major Mark Hanson] August 1965 until mid November 1965 when left Vietnam

IF I CAN LOCATE INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY MEMBER FOR KIAs I WILL PAY FOR SUBSCRIPTION

- 1. Mark Hanson CO, Task Force Hanson (Major) Route 19 - VN - Fall, 1965
- 2. David Johnson 2/502 - ILt - 1964/65
- 3. Phillip Waldron Mock, USMA, Class 1963 (#24622), Colonel, teaching at War College, Carlisle, PA last I heard
- 4. Gerald Nobuaki Nakashima, USMA, Class 1963 (#24625)
- 5. Louis Francis Sill, Jr., USMA, Class 1963 (#24884)
- 6. Family of: George W. Burkheart (KIA 3 September 1965), Parents deceased, cousin in Murfreesboro, TN survives
- 7. Family of: George E. Burchett (KIA 18 September 1965), Bloomington, Illinois
- 8. Family of: Johnnie W. Faircloth (KIA 18 September 1965), Cordele, Georgia
- 9. Family of: Robert Edward Rawls (KIA 18 September 1965), Royal Oak, Michigan, USMA, Class 1957 (#21335)
- 10. Family of: Herbert J. Dexter (KIA 18 September 1965), Decatur, Illinois, Widow: Beverly, and children
- 11. Family of: Frankie Lee Wallace (KIA 4 February 1966), Cherokee, Alabama, Son: Frankie L. Wallace III, Dallas, Texas ????
- 12. Family of: Carlos Betancourt-Mojica (KIA 7 February 1966), Jacksonville, New Jersey
- 13. Family of: William D. Settlemire (KIA 9 February 1966), Sister, Mt. Vernon, Illinois??, Bill's parents are both deceased
- 14. Family of: George Everett Perry, III (KIA 16 June 1966) Falls Church, Virginia, USMA, Class 1963 (#24908)
- 15. Family of: William Townsley Deuel (KIA 30 September 1966), Springfield, Illinois, USMA, Class of 1961 (#23522), Bill's father was Illinois' State Librarian, and is deceased (I believe)
- 16. Family of: Gerald J. Winch (KIA 15 March 1968), Lakewood, Ohio

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

From: Clarence D. "Hugh" Long, III, 2/502 1966-67

With the permission and assistance of the Dietrich family, I am going to attempt to write a biography of Colonel Frank L. Dietrich, former Battalion Commander of the 2/502 and Brigade Commander of the First Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

I have or will be in contact with veterans of the 504th PIR (WWII), the Wolf Hounds (Korea), and Special Forces who served with Colonel Dietrich. I would deeply appreciate hearing from anyone who served with this great American hero, in any war, or in peace time, including the Civilian Conservation Corps. All contributions that are used will be attributed.

My e-mail address is longc@afpentagon.mil. My telephone number is 703-697-7693(w); 703-294-6635(w). My home address is 900 N. Randolph St. Arlington, VA 22203.

Colonel David H. Hackworth, USA, Ret., wrote "Ivan, Thanks for the info. Help yourself to anything from ABOUT FACE. Good luck on magazine and looking forward to eyeballing same.

Warmly, Hack

Michael R. McKenzie wrote: I have in the sky photos of the Kontum jumps in Dec. 1966. I have lots of photos also. I will try to get some together for one of your deadlines. Good luck with the new publication effort. It's about time. After all we're all still alive and still busy. (He sent a 2/327 HAWK RECON patch.)



Marcus E. Campbell sent Special Order Number 57 dated 25 September 1965 with a page and one half of 1st Brigade troopers who were awarded the COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE. These names will be published in a later edition.

Larry Pretzer wrote to see if a commemorative coin was used by the 1st Brigade (Separate) in Viet Nam. My reply was that I know of no coin for the brigade.

Mike Schaub wrote that he did not join the brigade until June of 1968 and that the date for membership should be extended. (There is no membership. Anyone with an interest in the 1st Brigade (Separate) is invited to

subscribe. The magazine will be focused on those who served from July 1965 - January 1968.)

Tasha Donaldson is giving a subscription to her father, Daryl Donaldson who she says does not talk much about Viet Nam. "He still feels a lot of pain and lost a lot of friends."

Colonel Dennis P. "Duke" Vasey wrote the article on movement to Viet Nam. He also sent a number of 35mm slides that are being copied for use in future issues.



(Apodaca Collection)



RATION DROP
Art By Raymond Brown
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BRIGADE COMMANDERSPage 1

In this issue Colonel James S. Timothy is featured. Brigadier General Willard Pearson and Brigadier General S. H. Matheson will be featured in subsequent issues. The editor is searching for official photographs and resumes of these three 1st Brigade Commanders.

BEGINNING THE ODYSSEYPage 2

Stories by Brigade Movement Officer, Colonel Dennis "Duke" Vasey, USA, Ret., and Brigade Information Office photographer and writer Sp/4 Gil B. Valle, set the tone for the 33rd anniversary of the arrival of the 1st Brigade in Viet Nam.

MEDAL OF HONORPage 6

According to the records available to the editor three men of the 1st Brigade earned the Medal of Honor. 1LT James A. Gardner, Sp/4 Dale E. Wayrynen and SFC Webster Anderson. LT Gardner is featured in this issue. The remaining two will be prominent in future issues.

VIET NAM VALOR AWARDSPage 7

The valor awards printed in this issue comprise one of two and one half pages now available for use in the magazine. If you have orders listing men who received awards for valor please contribute them. They will be scanned and returned to you.

MOVEMENT ORDERPage 10 & 11

Copies of the Brigade Movement Order were furnished by CSM Grady Jones, USA, Ret., who was Brigade Operations Sergeant.

POETRYPage 12

Peter Griffin contributed a file folder full of his poetry. OLD ABE is printed in this magazine. Each issue will have a poem by Peter.

SUBSCRIBERSPage 14 - 17

A list of those who have subscribed to THE DIPLOMAT AND WARRIOR shows that more subscribers are needed. Break even for the number of pages and quality of paper depicted by this magazine is 500 subscribers. This list has the names received on or before June 10, 1998. Those received after that date will be published in the September issue. All efforts

to gather names of 1st Brigade veterans are being used. If you have the address of one or more veterans who served in the brigade, please send it to the address inside front cover.

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This issue has a reproduction of a page from THE DIPLOMAT AND WARRIOR published in Viet Nam, in the centerfold. All issues will have this reproduction, until the limited copies of the brigade newspaper in our files are exhausted.

BOOK REVIEWPage 20

The review of SPECIAL MEN, by Dennis Foley, in this issue was a happy happenstance. The book was in a book store and was purchased and read just in time for this magazine. Too late for this issue, Larry E. Forrest (an original LRRP with the 1st Brigade who furnished information about the original 1st Brigade LRRP Teams) sent a copy of the book SIX SILENT MEN by Reynel Martinez. It will be reviewed in the September issue.

REUNION STORYPage 22 & 23

The 6th Bi-Annual Reunion of the 1st Brigade, (Separate), in the "Clarksville - Fort Campbell" area was an unqualified success. More stories and photos will be used in subsequent issues.

RETURNED MAILPage 29 - 33

This list of 1st Brigade veterans contains the names and the addresses used to mail material about the magazine. If you have a correct address or addresses for them please send it.

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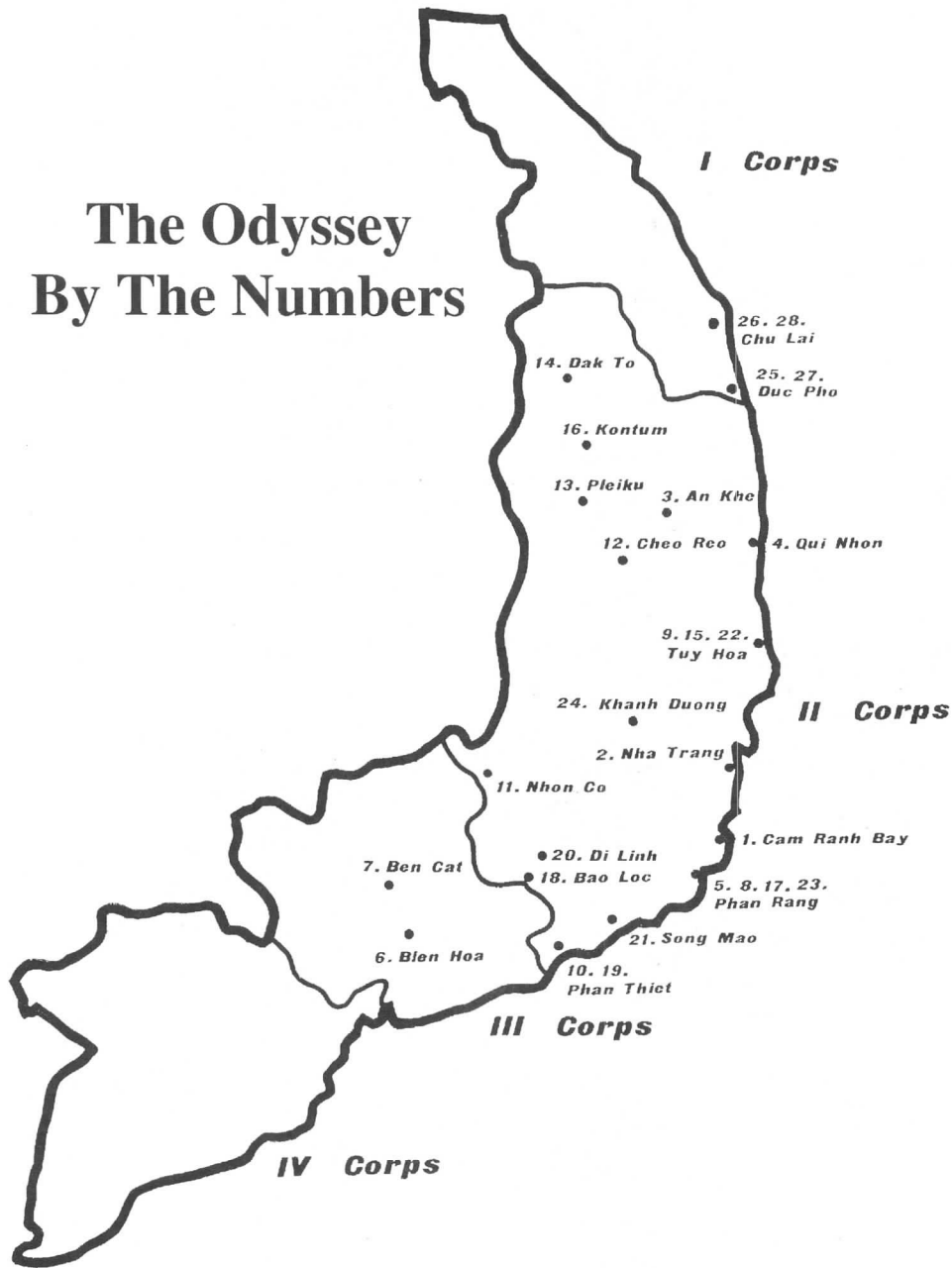
All letters received before June 1, 1998 are acknowledged and printed in total or summarized. Your letters are welcomed and solicited.

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