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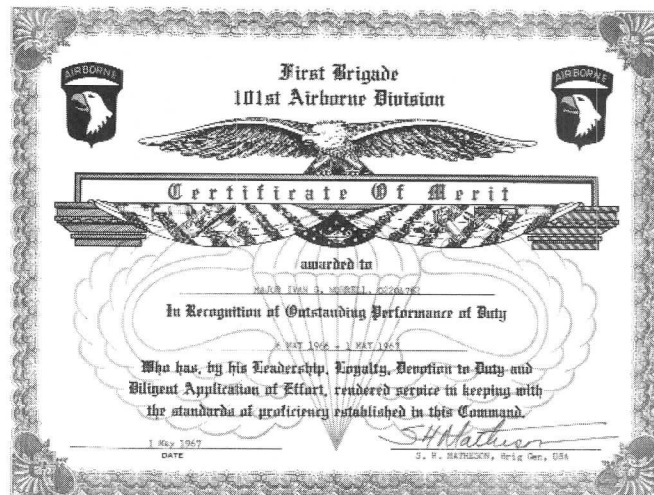
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EDITORIAL NOTES

This first issue of The First SCREAMING EAGLES in Viet Nam has been delayed by a number of factors that were unavoidable. It should be in your hands by early-to-mid August. I plan to be back on, or ahead, of schedule for the October 1999 issue.

There is good news and bad news about the number of subscribers. The good news is that 401 people have subscriptions now in force. The bad news is that is 19 fewer than April of 1999. All prospects received a promotional mailing and some joined. All subscribers received a renewal notice followed by a



This is a reduced reproduction of the certificate I received when my tour with the 1st Brigade was complete in May 1967.

postcard for those who were slow to renew. New policy will be to mail four future issues, beginning with the next magazine, to subscribers. Back issues will no longer automatically be mailed to new subscribers.

The magazine is 99 subscribers away from the break even point.

This issue has 32 pages. Eight pages were eliminated to cut cost. I hope these eight pages can be restored and perhaps another added within the next 12 months.

The cover of The First SCREAMING EAGLES in Viet Nam is from a drawing produced by PFC Raymond Gregory Brown, a 1st Brigade (Separate) trooper. His drawings were used extensively in the brigade newspaper and VIETNAM ODYSSEY.

Interest in the magazine is mounting. Photos and written material is arriving at a pace that outstrips the ability to use all of them. I am particularly grateful for many good photos and copies of orders that will be used in future issues. If you have not submitted material for the magazine consider doing so soon. Please let me know what you would like to see printed in the magazine. I would like to know what you like and do not like.

The database of awards presented to 1st Brigade (Separate) soldiers is a work in progress.

All news of the year 2000 reunion of the 1st Brigade (Separate) will be published in the first magazine after it is available.



Continued on inside back cover



COMPANY RELIEF MISSION - Company A, 1st Bn, 327th Infantry, loading aboard "choppers" to catch 75-100 Viet Cong on Burkheart Hill.



The material on this page was sent by James (Jim) Perschka who served with B Co 2/502 until July 1966. He is shown here on the USNS General Eltinge. The source of the news clip is not identified.

1st Brigade Engages In Their First Major Battle Since Arrival

WASHINGTON (ANF) -- In the early morning hours of September 18, a 250-man force of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division landed on a Viet Cong battalion headquarters numbering some 800 Communists. The action took place 20 miles east of An Khe, Vietnam, new home of the Army's 1st Air Cav Division.

The mission of the American troopers was two-fold--to clear the enemy from the 1st Cav area and to force major Viet Cong units to stand up and fight. Although the 101st troopers had been on several search and clear operations, they had yet to encounter a major Viet Cong force in combat. Indeed, the Commun-

ist guerrillas are noted for their elusiveness and reluctance to come out into the open and fight unless they think they have the advantage and can win. With an element of surprise working on both sides, the battle at An Khe was destined to become the Screaming Eagles' first major engagement since their arrival in Vietnam in early August.

Finding themselves in the midst of a force almost four times the size of their own contingent, the Airborne troopers quickly proved their mettle, systematically clearing enemy trenches and engaging the Viet Cong in hand-to-hand combat. Forming a perimeter defense, the

Americans called for air and ground support. Artillery blasted targets from several miles away as fighter bombers swooped in to pound enemy emplacements. The battle raged throughout the day and night until what was left of the Viet Cong force stole away; the Americans then directed their fire to possible evacuation routes.

With the apparent Viet Cong defeat and the capture of the Communists' flag, a small contingent of 101st troopers had proven once again that the American soldier is a dedicated and efficient fighting man--capable of overcoming almost insurmountable odds in the defense of freedom.

The Leaf-Chronicle
Clarksville, TN
Saturday May 23, 1998



Staff photo by Greg Williamson

Retired soldiers from the 1st Brigade gather around an AH-64 Apache helicopter during a demonstration Friday. The soldiers were being honored during a 30-year reunion at Fort Campbell.

1st Brigade gathers

Vietnam veterans receive recognition

By **MELISSA GAGLIARDI**
Of The Leaf-Chronicle Staff

Visiting with friends he hadn't seen in 33 years, Vietnam veteran Michael Frieze joined hundreds of his former Fort Campbell colleagues in a ceremony honoring the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division — the third ground unit deployed to Vietnam in 1965.

"It's emotional, especially when people bring up memories of those who have died," Frieze said.

The unit departed July 29, 1965, sailing on the USNS General Leroy Eltigne.

After a ceremony honoring several distinguished members Friday morning, different types of air craft were demonstrated, soldiers performed an air assault demonstration and rappellers drew applause from nearly 1,000 onlookers.

Watching a demonstration by the current 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Frieze was impressed at the changes in equipment.

The new weapons systems and vehicles are "very high-tech," he said.

However, he said, the tactics the soldiers now employ mirror those Frieze and his friends used in the war.

The sight of soldiers crawling through tall grass firing their weapons as in combat image elicited his memories of Vietnam. One thing he remembers clearly is the fear.

"It was very scary going into a country and not knowing what was there, and suddenly having to use all the training you had," he said.

And that experience forged the strong ties the men share.

"There's a great feeling of camaraderie between those who've gone to war together. We all have a common bond," Frieze said.

Seeing old pals was like a family reunion, although he admitted he didn't immediately recognize some guys. The hair now is gray. They've put on a little weight.

During the demonstrations, groups of camouflaged soldiers showed off new equipment and ended up getting history lessons in return.

Assistant gunner John Hollis

said the veterans were inquisitive, with questions about the mortar equipment he was demonstrating. They would start to tell him how much the equipment has changed and then go into stories about the old days.

"We talk and they listen," Frieze said. "I think they just like to hear the old stories and how it was back when."

Former commander Gerry Morse earned the attention of a group of young soldiers as he shared his war stories.

He traveled from Arizona for the reunion, and was honored there as a distinguished member of the force for commanding the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment. The framed certificate he received, he said, was "for the whole battalion. I wanted them all up there with me, but there was only one chair," he quipped.

Every other year, he goes to similar reunions around the country.

"We had a family. These are lifetime relationships. When you join the 101st, your life is never the same again," he said.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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MESSAGES FROM THE

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JIM GOULD, MICHIGAN, NOW LIVES IN FLORIDA
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Ivan, keep up the good work. I was with HHC
"Recondos" 2/502 from April 1966 to March 1967.

CHUCK MOREHEAD, NORTH CAROLINA
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Served with 1st Brigade Jun 67-Nov 67. Still have my
101st coin and an original: COMPLIMENTS OF THE STRIKE
FORCE WIDOW MAKERS card from the 2/502. The mes-
sage says "day la ket- qua cua viet cong nhung nguoi da tao cho
vo ho thanh qua phu. Anyone remember what it means?
See Page 19

BILL BERNARDINI (HOUDINI), NORTH AUGUSTA, SC
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Was Assigned to HHC 2/502Inf. from Apr 67 - Apr 68.

MIKE KRAWCZYK, VALPARAISO, INDIANA
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Original member of Charlie Company, 3/506th Hunt Club. Went
over on the boat in October of 67. Keep up the good work. Currahee!

HAROLD LEE WILSON, AMERICUS, GA
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This is Harold Wilson, I served with B Battery 2/320 section
4, Sgt. McBarne Section Chief. I went over on the boat with the
First Brigade. I made one jump in Vietnam. I would like to get in
touch with Norce Lee Tarance from North Carolina. I served
from July 65 to July 66. I'm proud to be Airborne and to serve
with the 101st First Brigade. Col Timothy, bridge commander.

JOHN M. TAYLOR, JR., AUTHOR, LUTZ, FL
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Latest edition of Diplomats and Warriors is great, as have
been all editions. Hope you get continued subscriptions and
can keep it up.

If you get a chance, check my WebPage for some 1st Brigade
photos and airborne comments. www.ij.net/johnmtaylorjr
Airborne and Air Assault

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STRIKE FORCE !!! C 2/502 66/68

CAIN A. BRIDGMAN, CHATTANOOGA, TN
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Enjoying the VOL 2, NR 2 and saw the BDE WEB SITE
in the "MEDEVAC" issue. Thanks for all your good work.
HHC 2/502, SEP 65-MAY 66.

STEVE S. SIMMONS, PARKER, COLORADO
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I am looking for Nick Frey, CO A 2/502, 1966-67.

CLAUDE A. FRISBIE, GLENMOORE, PA
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Proud to have served with Co A 1/327 from Jul 66 through
Jun 67 then served as driver for Finance Officer in SPT. Batt.
from Aug 67 through Feb 68. Great Web Site

DAVE WING, NEW YORK STATE
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I went over with C 3/506 on a boat in 1967 and served
until October 1968. Would like to hear from anyone who
remembers Sgt. Ted Schnoor and where he might be living
now. The "WE STAND ALONE" Battalion was the best and I
was proud to have been a member. Currahee, Airborne

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I served with HHC 1/327 in 66-67. I was a Medic and

served with A Co and C Co. Am interested in talking to anyone who was there at the same time.

JOHN P. MCKENZIE, NJ-THEN FL-NOW
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I was PFC, Rifleman and known as "Pete". All service in 101st 1/501, 2/327, 3/187. To RVN 1965-66 with 1st Bde on USS Eltinge. Co B 2/327 "Bulldogs" in Vietnam.

GEORGE C. MURPHY, LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA
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I think you have a great site! I am only sorry that I did not know of it before now. Take care.
George Murphy HHC 1/101 LRRP RVN 67-68.

RON MOONEYHAN, FLORIDA
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Served with 2/502 mortar platoon, 1st platoon C Co. & Recon 2-69/2-70. Welcome home brothers.

E-MAIL MESSAGES

BILL MILLER, Boon101@aol.com

Ivan; I was asked to identify myself in the picture that I sent you of A CO. 3rd platoon. 2/502. The easiest way that I can do that is to tell you, that I am the third one in from the right on the bottom row. There are a few other faces there that I remember, but we were turning over at that time, and there were a lot of cherries that I have no idea what their names are, sorry. Wish I could help you more with this.

Also in the last D&W you had me saying that you better call A CO., ATTACK CO. around Capt MacFadden and not Aqua CO. I don't know where you came up with that AQUA stuff? You could only call it Attack around him.

Sorry that I couldn't help you more, but I think the magazine is a good one! AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY.

P. S. If you ever need my help just ask.

Editor's Note: Bill's letter used in the April 1999 issue of The Diplomat and Warrior, should have been Alpha Company not Aqua. It was simply a typo which looked like Aqua. Maybe typewritten or e-mail messages would be a better way of corresponding in the future.

From: WALTER TOWERS, lzwalt@hotmail.com
To: cookdmsg@mint.net, rmed1@aol.com, worrell@usit.net, strike@vnet.net

Subject: Fwd: Fw: [Fwd: AOV-Guestbook]
Date: Wed, 07 Apr 1999 20:45:14 GMT

Hi Bros,

I'm forwarding this letter from the wife of one of our 101st brothers who, apparently was with us back in 1966. She's looking to have someone who might have known her husband contact her. I don't remember him, but maybe one of you do or can spread the word to other troopers from the First Brigade days, especially through the magazine, column and newsletter. No, I don't know what unit he was with.

Thanks!, "Above the Rest!", Walt Towers

From: MICHAEL ECKSTEIN, Me1065@worldnet.att.net
Reply-To: <Me1065@worldnet.att.net>
To: "Walt Towers" <lzwalt@hotmail.com>
Subject: Fw: [Fwd: AOV-Guestbook]
Date: Wed, 7 Apr 1999 07:56:22 -0700

Walt,

Tough one, but I thought you might want to read this.

Mike

From: svc@soft-vision.com
To: bonniekemp@att.net; . <aovets_list@onelist.com>
Subject: [Fwd: AOV-Guestbook]
Date: Tuesday, April 06, 1999 9:47 PM

Bonnie,

Our hearts go out to you... I am sending your message to the AOVETS list and others asking it be passed on. Your home now and not forgotten... I'm sure you'll hear from some folks... if you need to rap your in the right place. Joe

Bonnie Kemp wrote:

BONNIE KEMP, bonniekemp@att.net, Lomita, CA

I am the wife of Benjamin Franklin Kemp, 101st Airborne Div Army circa 66' known as Benny or Ben. My darling husband died 6-21-98, from pancreatic cancer, diagnosed and dead in 6 months. If anyone reads this and remembers him I would like to hear from you. Sgt Kemp did 6 tours of duty, and was a highly decorated soldier. He was and is a great husband and father to my children. We were only married a short time -- 7 1/2 years. He was and remains the love of my life. I am proud to be his wife. He loved the vets and so do I. Thank you Benner and all vets for protecting our beloved country.

DAVID HACKWORTH, teagles@hackworth.com

Ivan, You are doing a hell of a good job with the DIPLOMAT AND WARRIOR. It is a first-class publication.

Thanks for running the review of BRAVE MEN. It and ABOUT FACE have now sold over one million copies world-

wide. ABOUT FACE is in its 28th world-wide printing and still going strong. So, we're getting the word out on the magnificent performance of the troopers of the finest fighting brigade in the US Army -- past and present.

Keep up the good work. Hack (1/327 '65 and '66), PO Box 5210, Greenwich, CT 06831.

RICHARD DAVIS, gdavis@newwave.net

Ivan, first I must thank you for the D&W, it brings with it the hopes of finding formertroopers I served with plus the memories of places, faces, and operations involved with.

In your April 99 issue on page 34 are listed the POW's suffered by the 1st Brigade. The only one from the 502nd and from all of 1967 was Robert Platt. I was there when this happened on June 10, 1967. He was a member of the 3rd Plt, B/2/502 as was I.

If you want I will try to relate in words what happened as I saw it. A lot of names have faded from my memory, but the memory of what happened never will.

Please reply if you want me to try this.

Keep up the new "The First Screaming Eagles in VN", those of us knowing and subscribing are very grateful for this. I just wish more of the 1st Brigade troopers would come forth.

STRIKE FORCE, Richard Davis

Editor's Note: E-Mail sent: Richard, I would like, very much, to receive your account of the action in which Robert Platt was reported MIA. Thanks for the kind words. I appreciate those of you who are subscribing and contributing. Ivan

SAMUEL J. WATSON, watsons@kapos.com

Dear Mr. Worrell - By now you've probably received a box of photos of the various elements of the 2/327 Hqs and HHC in late "Spring" 1966. As CO of HHC, 2/327 Inf at that time, it seemed that pictures of the units, platoons and sections within Hq and HHC for each soldier would be a worthwhile addition to their memories. We had a local Vietnamese photographer come in and take the photos and make enough copies for each soldier. Whether this continued or not after my DEROS in late summer 1966 is *unknown*. What prompted me to send these in were the pictures Tom Ferguson sent in of his company that were recently published. Of course, Tom and I had been friends, even went on R&R to Hong Kong together, returning just in time for the big battle that was to get the 2/327 the PUC. We both went on to other assignments only to reunite at CGSC at Leavenworth, and be in the same instructional section of about 40 officers. Seeing Tom's company in "Diplomat and Warrior" (which title I'd prefer to keep) prompted me to call him and spoof him a bit before he caught on who it was. It wasn't until my fake accent broke from laughing over a prank we pulled on Tom as CGSC that he recognized his tormentor.

I'll try to find other photos to send if you'd like. The one great photo is of Captain Paul Vallelie and me marveling over

an unexploded NVA hand grenade the morning after the battalion CP had been hit pretty hard in the rice paddies west, as I recall, of Tuy Hoa. The grenade was special as it hit my helmet as the attack began and fell to my feet, unexploded. Our battalion CO took a load of shrapnel in the rear from another grenade and several of us took smaller pieces, we think, from that same grenade. My unexploded grenade (emptied of explosive and fuse) is now on a mount on my desk. Rarely the subject of a war story, but more surprising how few people ask about it, or even what it is.

Best wishes on the journal. It is great, so please keep on with it.

Editor's Notes: Thanks again for the photos. The quality of the prints is much better than usual. I will use them as I have space. Sorry the change in name has been made. The Diplomat and Warrior will be prominent in all the magazines.

TONY MABB
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I apologize for not getting back to you sooner. Thanks for your kind comments. I have heard from two first brigade troopers about Robert Lenwood Platt. In the upcoming issue of "The Screaming Eagle" there should be one trooper's story. The book by Shelby Stanton "Rangers at War" does a very good job describing the status of Newton and Wills. Although Stanton is subject to authenticity problems his account is very informative. In the next week I will get off a check to subscribe to your publication. Tony Mabb

TIM SWAIN
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Ivan: Congratulations on the April 1999 issue of Diplomat and Warrior. The ad looks great. Great article on Joe Hicks (and, photo!!). Here is what his wife Babs said in a note to me I received yesterday: "Dear Ones, Thanks for the excellent article - Joe recognized his picture immediately!!" I thought you would like to know the lives you touch with your God's gift of writing. The new name looks great. Ivan, everything looks great when you are doing it. Also, maybe sometime you could reprint the obit Gen Frank Clay worked up for his friend Brig Gen James Simmons Timothy in early 1994 for the "Screaming Eagle". For the many who would have missed that, they would enjoy reading it. DSC and all!!! I sent my copy long ago to Francine in Utah. He died in January 1994, so it would have been in maybe the next or second issue after that, I believe. Could you tell me how many I subscribed for last year; and I will re-subscribe them; if there is a doubling up, just use it for someone else. Just e-mail me the figure. Airborne!!!, Tim

MIKE MCFADDEN
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Dear Ivan - Am writing to inquire if you received the picture of Frank Dietrick and A/2/502 - hope they were not misplaced in the mail. I hope you can confirm receipt and put my mind at ease. Thank You - AIRBORNE - Mike McFadden

Editor's Note: The material was received and will be returned as soon as I can get it scanned. Thanks for your interest and help. Ivan

JOHN GIFFORD
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Greetings Ivan, I received your letter in the mail last week and I just finished visiting your website. You're doing a remarkable job! Congratulations! I will send in my subscription today. I was in Company A, 2/327th Infantry from '66-'67 serving under Captain Ferguson and later Captain Pepper. I was in Phan Rang, Tuy Hoa, and Kontum. I have some interesting pictures of Gen. Pearson, Gen. Westmoreland and John Steinbeck (on his visit to Kontum in '67). Let me know if you would like to see them. Keep up the good work!
Best wishes, John Gifford, Minneapolis

Editor's Note: John, I welcome all contributions of photos and stories. If you wish to have what you send returned to you I will scan the material and get it back to you after the next (or the issue I can use it in) issue is complete and in the mail. Thanks for your kind words and your interest in the history of the 1st Brigade (Separate). Ivan

CLAUDE A. FRISBIE ("FRIZ")
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Received order I placed and acknowledgement of subscription to The First SCREAMING EAGLES. Thank you. Earlier, I had e-mailed an inquiry in reference to the jump we made in Vietnam, which at time we weren't given credit for a combat jump. Do you know whether or not that changed? Thanks again. Claude A. Frisbie ("Friz")

Editor's Note: To the best of my knowledge the jumps made by the First Brigade were training for the possibility of making a combat jump. The combat jump went to the 173rd and was Operation Junction City. I have no knowledge of the training jumps being considered combat jumps.

FROM U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

JAMES EDWARD WILLIAMS, (#A236131), G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility, 3510 N. Elm Road, Jackson, Michigan 49201-8877 wrote: Dear Mr. Worrell, Just a few

lines to a comrade to let you know that this old soldier's address has changed to the above.

My claim under PTSD with DVA is still pending a hearing. I haven't heard from a service representative and I have wrote numerous Veterans organizations, for help with my claim, so I am still pro per on the claim with my appeal of the VA regional office rating decision denying my claim for benefits. Ann Arbor Veterans Medical Center, fails to give a reply to my numerous requests for a copy of the PTSD evaluation done there by Doctor Chanderland. Also, my request with VA for a copy of all PTSD evaluations seems to fall on deaf ears, because the VA hasn't denied or granted my request and it has been over ten months now the PTSD evaluation was conducted.

Airborne Above the Rest, James E. Williams (1/327 A VN 65-66)

COL(RET) WILLIAM E. WEBER, Executive Editor, THE AIRBORNE QUARTERLY magazine, 10301 McKinstry Mill Road, New Windsor, MD 21776; 410-775-7733, sent a letter which, in part, said: Congratulations on another fine issue. You're doing a super job!

Enclosed is my renewal for another year. I'm assuming the 6/99 on my mailing label indicated expiration date.

In any event, I fully appreciate that it is like "pulling teeth" to get the renewals in on time - if at all! So, I don't want to compound your problems.

I'm sure I've got some subscribers that are 1st BDE troopers. Send me a camera ready page (or half page) "teaser" on your magazine and I'll run it for you in my Fall issue. No charge - be happy to do it to help you get to 500.

I like the writeup you had on Huff (pg. 1, Vol. 2 No. 2 April). May I run it as my "Airborne Personality" in my Fall issue? Naturally, I'll credit your magazine. That will give you two exposures in the Fall issue.

Hang in there! It takes time.

My best to you and yours and may God walk by your side always!

Editor's Note: I would be honored for you to use the material about Paul Huff.

"BAB" HICKS wife of JOSEPH E. HICKS (1st BDE HQ S2), 1448 E. Torrey Pines Circle, Yuma, AZ 85365-3504 wrote: "Thanks to all for the great article in the last issue of THE DIPLOMAT AND WARRIOR - of Joe Hicks. His face lit up as he recognized himself in the picture."

LTC(R) WILLIAM (BILL) ROVAN (2/327 HQ & A VN 6/66-5/67) 1271 Hickory Cove Ln., #2, Orange Park, FL 32065-6964 wrote: My subscription renewal is attached. Regret not enough subscriptions received to keep the publication going as it has been better with each issue!

I just responded to RAYMOND E. BENSON, II's request for information on the death of his father, 1st SGT RAY BENSON, Co C, 2/327, in May 1967. I was the company com-

mander when the helicopter on which 1st Sgt Benson was a passenger crashed when taking off from my company's small mountain top resupply LZ. Being able to provide some information to 1st Sgt Benson's family after 32 years is, in part, what your magazine is about – and worth much, much more than the subscription price.

TOM TAYLOR, '65-66, 2500 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20008-2821, 202 265 7138, fax 265 0131 wrote: Ivan: Thanks for the write up of Ben Lam's decoration ceremony. Before Ben made the remarks you published, MG Ivany spoke glowingly of Ben's history and achievements, how he, a refugee and immigrant as well as a veteran, has added extraordinary credit to our country and its ideals. Amen and airborne.

Perhaps spurred by Saving Pvt. Ryan the 101st is gaining more historical recognition. This fall the history channel will present a two-hour documentary on the division and its three wars. And much to my amazement there came a call from a DA historian asking me about aspects of Operation Van Buren. Can any of us remember the names of all the operations we were on? Anyway this historian reminded me that Van Buren was during early 1966 around Tuy Hoa, and OCMH was finally getting around to writing an official multi-volume history of the Vietnam War!

This will be a hard cover "green book" series like the ones of WW II and Korea, both published within a few years of the conclusion of the wars. Why a 25-year lag for VN? Well, the historian who called me hinted that there were too many generals still alive who would object to the implied criticisms that a rigorous history of the "no win" strategy might reveal. The problem, as I see it, is that no general stood up and said this is a no win strategy so let's not pretend it will work.

So there may be some old wounds reopened and finger pointing but not until around 2003 when the history is expected to be completed.

WILLIAM H. (BILL) DUFF, JR. (A 1/327 6/66-6/67 and HHC 1/327 6/67-1/68) 115 Edwards St., Danville, IL 61832 renewed his subscription to the magazine and also sent along some extra money and the following info: If you're not already aware, David S. Cook, C 1/327 65-66, RR 1 Box 11300, Winthrop, ME 04364; (207) 377-2186, email cookdmsg@mint.net, compiles an updated list of names and addresses of those who served with the 1st Bde, 1st and 2nd, 327th. As of now, the list stands at nearly 700 names.

Also, another organization of which I'm a member, that might be able to help is the 101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans, Together Then *** Together Again, P.O. Box 5614, Dothan, AL 36302, Phone/Fax (903) 831-5951, President: Johnnie Lindsey.

I hope this will help. You have a great publication. Use the excess where it will help the most. Good Luck.

Editor's Note: Bill, Thanks for your participation and interest.

COL (R) GEORGE W. AUX, JR., (2/320 FA HHB, A, B 1/67-8/68) 3514 Woodpile Court, Alexandria, VA 22310, wrote: Dear Editor, Enclosed find my annual renewal. I thoroughly enjoy your publication and approve of your plans to scale back as necessary and yet maintain your focus and purpose. I am looking forward to the publication of your brigade history.

I have kicked around some ideas for an article but it isn't even close to completion.

I'd like to offer any assistance, I can because I live in the Washington, D.C. area and served several tours in the Military Personnel Command – and its successors. If you need a "dog robber" or "lead chaser" or "scuffer" in this area, please call on me.

SFC(Ret) JOHN SANDS, Waukegan, IL, when renewing his subscription and subscribing for a friend, wrote: I was in Vietnam July 65-July 66 with A/326 Engineers. COL (Ret) George T. Kimbro, (Faxes, April 99 issue) was Company Commander, CSM (Ret) Monk was 1st SGT.

I sent along copies of our orders awarding A/326 the Combat Infantryman Badge. Also A/326 won the highest award for best Engineer Company in 1965.

Anyone recall S/SGT Chisum 2/502 65-66? Chisum was the most decorated soldier from 101st 65/66.

Great paper. Keep it coming.

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May 2, 1999

Dear Ivan,

My name is Donald Singleton. I served with Company B, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division from July 1966-May 1967. HHC 2/502 from September 1967-February 1968.

In the October 1998 issue of *Diplomat and Warrior* there was an article written about Specialist Four Dale E. Wayrynen. Dale was in my squad. On the night of May 18, 1967, our platoon was ambushed near Duc Pho, Quang Ngai Province, Republic of Vietnam. Our platoon was assisting in the night evacuation of the wounded from an earlier enemy contact. That night Dale lost his life by throwing himself on a live grenade. He saved my life and the lives of others in our platoon. The same grenade that took Dale's life also wounded me, however if it had not been for Dale's heroism I would not be here today.

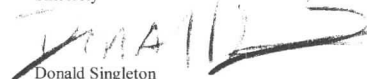
I spent the last 32 years trying to locate Dale's family. I just wanted to talk to them, let them know that Dale's actions were appreciated and that he did a good job over in the jungles of Vietnam. After searching for over three decades my search finally came to a close. In November of 1997, I found Ms. Laverne Wayrynen (Dale's mother) and John Wayrynen (Dale's brother).

In March of 1999, Ms. Wayrynen visited me at my home in West Palm Beach, Florida. This was a nice gathering and I was happy to have had the opportunity to meet her after all these years.

I am also looking for anyone who served in Company B, 3rd Platoon. In the past four years I have found three people from this platoon, Winston Georges of St. Croix, VI, Nathaniel Fells of Little Rock, AR, and Dolfey (Doc) Jenkins of Owendaw, SC.

If you were in this platoon or know someone that was please feel free to call or email me.
Email: nam1555@aol.com
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Sincerely


Donald Singleton

*Enclosed is a picture of Ms. Laverne Wayrynen and me

*Ivan, keep up the good work with the magazine.



Specialist Four
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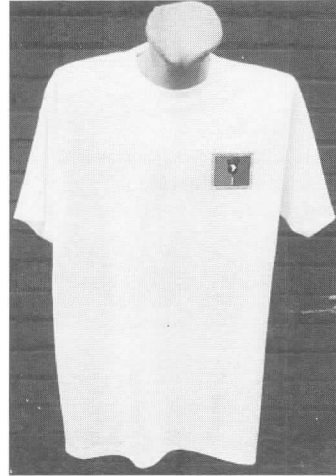
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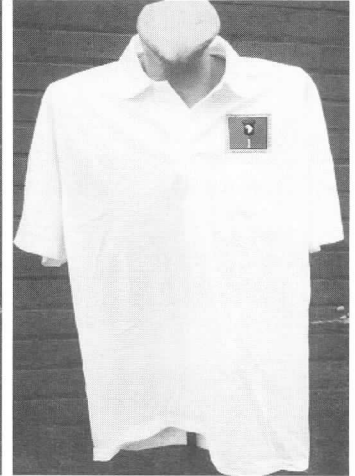


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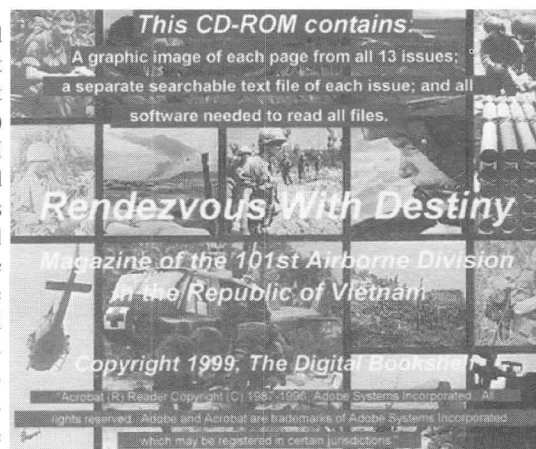
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327th Captures VC Woman Informer

Cong Cops Out

(By PFC Luis Callender)

TUY HOA—The Viet Cong may have just relearned an old lesson; that women cannot keep secrets—even if they are Viet Cong.

Company "B" of the 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry was on a search and clear operation north of Tuy Hoa when elements of the company's first platoon surprised a woman outside a small village and took her into custody.

After several minutes of questioning, the woman told all: there were Viet Cong in the village; she was one herself; not only that she would go back in the village and point them out.

However, before the "Screaming Eagles" allowed her to return to the village, they decided she needed a disguise. They dressed her in jungle fatigues and put a sack over her head so she would not be recognized by her cohorts. Once the disguise was complete the woman calmly led

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Gen. Beach Succeeds

Gen. Walters

SAIGON (D&W)—General Dwight Edward Beach assumed command of the US Army, Pacific (CINCUSARPAC) on September 1st.

Gen. Beach is a USMA graduate of the class of '32. He has commanded the 11th Airborne Division, the 82d Airborne Division; been commander-in-chief United Nations Command, and Director of Guided Missiles for DA during the launching by the Army of the first free world satellite—Explorer—and the first missile intercept of a very low altitude aircraft.



A paratrooper, during a stop at a deserted village, takes a refreshing drink from a coconut as the 1st Brigade blazes the Tuy Hoa area on Operation SEWARD. (Photo by Sp4 Oddvar Briland)

Chopper Cans Cong

TUY HOA — Two armed Viet Cong were spotted escaping the path of a Company "C", 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry, sweep and clear operation in the Tuy Hoa area.

The Viet Cong crossed a river and were heading for a small peninsula on the South China Sea coast. Within minutes after receiving a report, a squad was deployed for a heliborne assault on the fleeing Cong.

A gunship hovered overhead as a squad landed in a troopship and began moving toward the enemy. The orbiting gunship from the 48th Aviation Company spotted the two VC just as they left a village in an attempt to escape aboard a sampan.... They never made it. The gunship dove at the two Viet Cong, all its guns blazing. It was all over.

The results: two Viet Cong killed; two weapons captured.

17th Cavalry Votes For Greatest Pilot

By PFC Luis Callender

TUY HOA — Paratroopers of "A" Troop, 17th Cavalry think Captain Donald Kelsey of the 48th Aviation Company and his crew are the "greatest guys in the world."

The 17th was on operations north of Tuy Hoa when they encountered a Viet Cong force. Their commander, Capt. Richard Maglin, called for gunship support.

Within minutes, Capt. Kelsey was on the scene. The gunship commander came in shooting once he determined the location of the enemy. Immediately, the Viet Cong tried to withdraw and were caught in the open. "They're coming out of the village," reported Capt. Kelsey over the radio, "I'm going in after them."

The gunship pilot dove at the enemy, blazing away with all the weapons on his ship. Four Viet Cong fell.

"I got 'em," came a calm voice from Kelsey. "There are four of them laying over there. Police them up... I'll cover you."

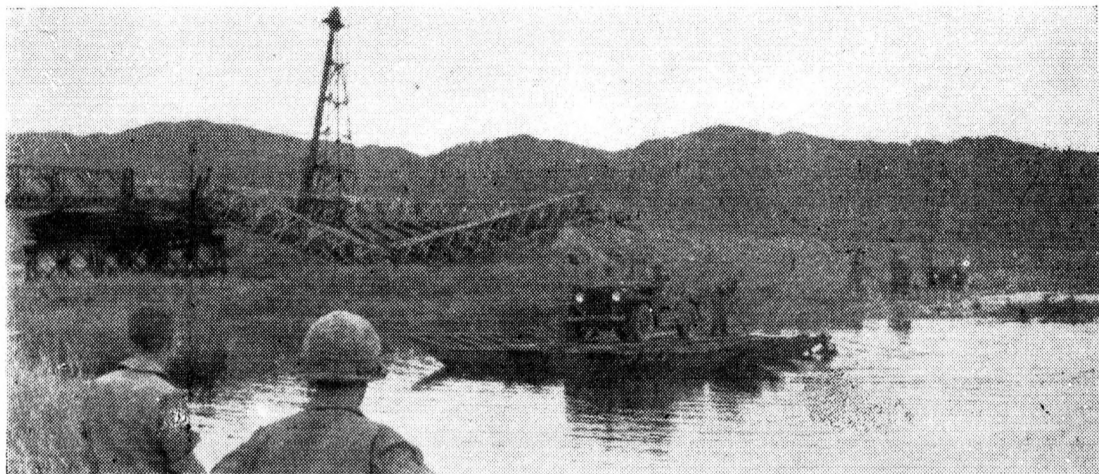
He circled his ship overhead until the Cav men had the field under control, then

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The bridge may be out but the 1st Brigade is not stopped for long. With the help of the 39th Engineers, the troopers soon had a barge shuttle-service in operation and by-passed the VC destroyed bridge which will be rebuilt by the 39th, as will many others the VC have put out of commission. In the meantime, the "Always First" Brigade is securing the area and reopening accesses to the bridges.

Trooper's Personal Effects Yield Donation For Church

Tuy Hoa — Some piasters made a journey to the US and returned to RVN this week to assist in the running of the Sunday School of the Evangelical Church here.

The parents of the late Specialist 5 Bruce Johnson who was killed in action last June at Truong Luong, sent a reply letter with 875 piasters in it to Chaplain (Captain) Richard L. Hein. The piasters were in the personal effects of the Johnson's son, a member

of Headquarters Company, 2d, 327th Infantry. The Johnsons requested the money be used to help Vietnamese children.

Chaplain Hein who had written the Johnsons following the battalion memorial service for their son, gave the money to Pastor Tin Lanh of the Tuy Hoa Evangelical Church.

OPERATION SEWARD PROGRESSES

TUY HOA (D & W) — Operation Seward, a brigade-size search and destroy, rice harvest protection operation, was begun September 5, by units of the 1st Brigade in Phu Yen Province.

The paratroopers had officially killed 146 enemy, captured 55, detained 614 suspects and seized 58 individual weapons in the operation by the 29th of September.

Early in the ninth day of the operation, an element of the brigade was fired at. The paratroopers returned fire killing nine VC and seizing three enemy suspects.

Air Reservations At Reduced Fare Offered To Military On Emergency Leave

WASH. (AFNB) — Six U.S. airlines offering reduced standby fare to military personnel are now providing "confirmed reservations" to individuals on emergency leave orders.

Airlines offering the emergency leave provision are American, Braniff, Continental, Trans-World, Western, and United. Military passengers must surrender to the carrier a document from "his commanding officer or from the American Red Cross certifying the emergency leave," a Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service (MTMTS) spokesman said.

Other airlines are expected to offer similar provisions to armed forces personnel, the MTMTS spokesman explained. Four other airlines—Frontier, Bonanza, Allegheny, and Ozark—offer various reduced rates and standby rules.

MTMTS officials recommend military personnel contact local transportation offices for information on special airline fares and standby rules. It was also recommended that transportation officers maintain liaison with local airline representatives regarding any additional changes.

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her captors into the village and pointed to her two partners.

A thorough search of the village netted some medical supplies. Of course, she said, the village was only a Viet Cong aid station. The paratroopers were next treated to a guided tour through a vast network of tunnels and other Viet Cong escape routes in the village.

The men of the "Second to None" battalion also uncovered large food caches of corn, salt, and over 2,000 pounds of rice. "Oh....But, of course," the female informer said, "Hadn't I told you that village was also a Viet Cong supply station?"

17th Cavalry...
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some breathing room. Capt. Maglin related that the gunship fired and maneuvered in all directions where the 17th was engaged with a large enemy force. "That gunship really saved us," said the Cav CO, as he thought back on how the ship had enabled him to evacuate his wounded.

Kelsey went back home again but only to return that night to help-out a Cav patrol in contact with enemy in a rice paddy. He was not able to use his ship's armament because the two forces were so close to one another. In lieu of gunfire, he flew his chopper into the VC making them hit the ground and get up on the run. A very dangerous maneuver for a machine as vulnerable as a helicopter.

Said Sergeant Bower, the patrol leader, about the captain's maneuver, "It was a damn good morale factor."

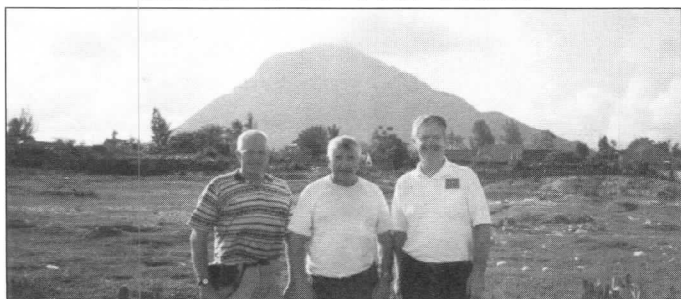
2/327 officers Feb/March 67



LTG (R) Donald E. Rosenblum sent this photo with the following message: "The picture I've enclosed is the officers of 2/327 (No Slack) Battalion circa Feb/March 1967. I won't name all those I remember, but suffice to say that the front row, from L to R, is Tom Furgeson (S-1), Joe Rafferty (S-2), the S-3, Marv Rosenstein (XO), Jim Simpson (S-4), Dennis

Foley (S-5), and Chaplain Heim. Standing on the back row starting 7th from L to R are the Company Commanders; Dick Schonberger (Hq Co. & currently president of the 101st Abn Association), Bill Rovon (A Co.), Myself (CO. 2/327 AKA Thunderball), Roman Rondiak (B Co.) and Fred Hilliard (C Co.)." If you can identify others please notify to the editor.

Return to Viet Nam



ABOVE: On a visit to Tuy Hoa North and Chop Cha Charles T. "Tom" Furgeson A 2/327 VN 5/66-5/67, Richard C. Schonberger HHC 2/327 VN 8/66-7/67 and John J. Dorsey A 2/327 VN 6/66-5/67 found that construction in the area, including a new brewery, made the old base almost unrecognizable. (Photos submitted by Richard Schonberger)

BELOW: John Dorsey and Tom Furgeson dance with the natives in the central Highlands in April 1999.



Trung Luong 33rd Anniversary



THE 33RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF TRUNG LUONG WILL BE COVERED EXTENSIVELY IN THE OCTOBER 1999 ISSUE OF *The First Screaming Eagles* in Viet Nam.

I SEEN YOU

I remember, I remember...walking off that hill at Dak To, a mere lad of nineteen. I SEEN YOU there, Jim, you were walking at my side. You were covered in blood, the blood of your enemies, the blood of your fallen comrades, it was intermixed with that of your own. No longer was there the glint of youth in your eyes, it was replaced with a somber, empty stare. You said nothing as we walked, there was nothing you could say. You didn't need to utter a word, the hell we barely escaped was still dictating and rolling through our minds.... In this numbed state of mind, one thing and one thing only, did we realize..., that we were forever and irrevocably, changed. The innocence of our young lives was killed, it had died with so many of our fellow soldiers on those jungle covered hills surrounding the Dak Tan Kan Valley.

We had survived, we fought many fierce battles over the past twelve months, but this one, this one, was by far the bloodiest. The carnage, horror and death was incalculable in our young minds. We were stunned, but we were alive, and we had been victorious! We had put in our year. We were going home! To the Land Of The Big PX! We would be able to buy and enjoy whatever our pocketbooks would permit. Our tour was up and the nightmares behind us. We would be able to go and do as we pleased, no more fighting, suffering and dying. Or so we tried to tell ourselves.

Inside we really knew that things would never be the same. We realized that, when we walked off that hill. But still, we didn't want to admit it. There was no way we could predict the unrest and chaos that awaited us in the streets of our hometowns and in our minds.

We were welcomed home, quietly and individually, by close friends and family. We didn't expect any fanfare nor did we get any. We melted into our civilian roles and jobs, as best we could. We watched the war and protests over the television and in our downtowns. There was little we could do as this unrest and division slowly broke our hearts. We watched Saigon fall, we watched the "boat people" as they tried to make their escapes, and we watched the killing fields spread throughout Laos and Cambodia.

No longer did we belong to our great society. We felt isolated and alone. We tucked the war inside us, as neatly as we could. We kept our feelings and experiences to ourselves, only sharing them with a trusted few. Slowly, ever so slowly, did we come to realize the severe damage this war had inflicted on the soul of our nation and to ourselves.

Many of us went for years without knowing what was eating at us from inside the depths of our minds. We suffered silently with flashbacks, nightmares, and intrusive thoughts. These problems invaded every aspect of our lives, inhibiting our personal relationships and subjecting many of us to the singular world of isolation. Many found that they were no longer in control of their emotions. They felt incapable of giving or receiving the love they so desperately needed. Many suffer from guilt resulting from what they believe they did or failed to do. Alcohol and drug abuse took their toll on many of our veterans. To this very day there are many, many veterans out there suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder that have not been diagnosed or treated for this very serious problem.

PTSD has taken and ruined many lives over history. It is as old as war itself and in many ways, more cunning and ruthless than the most deliberate of enemies.

If there is only one thing to be stressed to our veterans about PTSD it is that its an HONORABLE condition. They



suffer from it as a result of fighting for their country. It knows no race, creed, color or rank. It is indiscriminate. It's only criteria is that you spent enough personal time in the hell of combat to meet its prerequisites.

Now, three decades later, I am coming out of my shell and into the light of reality. I have been diagnosed with PTSD and I am receiving proper treatment. I now know what's been wrong with me and I'm starting to feel much better. So good in fact, I think I'll go to my outfit's reunion. Perhaps I'll recognize some old buddies that I fought with and find out I'm not really alone, that there are others who share my feelings and understand what I've been through.

Jim, is that you I see sitting across the table from me? It is you, you staring into space. You, yes, you, with "The Thousand Yard Stare". I remember, I remember I SEEN YOU in action at the artillery site, as you were overrun at your listening post, as the enemy chased you back to the perimeter. I SEEN YOU throw grenades and empty the magazines in your rifle as the enemy blew their whistles and bugles in an all out charge. Yes, I remember, I SEEN YOU take a round and administer aid to the more seriously wounded soldiers. Have you been diagnosed with PTSD? You haven't? Let's walk down the hill together, again. This time we'll go to the nearest Veterans Administration Hospital, then we'll go to that Big PX. Yes, yes, it does seem like only yesterday, doesn't it?

WHEN ONE GOES TO WAR, ONE NEVER RETURNS HOME THE SAME; ALL BE IT, FOREVER CHANGED.

Peter S. Griffin
Co. A, 2/502nd Infantry
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The Combat Infantryman



There is one particular soldier in Vietnam that stands a few inches taller than the rest—he is the Combat Infantryman.

If that's you then you're the guy who jumps on a helicopter at dawn for a 15 minute ride out to greet 'Charlie' and when the ride is over, starts walking. You start early and end late, sometimes in blistering heat and sometimes through a steady monsoon downpour, but you keep going for you know the infantry can't stop.

You get a laugh out of the sergeant that stepped onto the punji stake and it broke, and your buddy that sat down on a mine and its progs bent without it exploding. But you try to forget a hell of a lot more—like the friend you've been with for two years who didn't see the machine gun nest in front of him this morning.

You're the combat infantryman and if anyone can do it—you can, you have to.

The sketch, above, was made by Specialist 4 Oddvar Breiland. It was published on page two of the September 30th 1966 issue of THE DIPLOMAT AND WARRIOR. Oddvar, a Norwegian, volunteered for service in the U.S. Army, Parachute School and the 1st Brigade. He performed his duty as a combat photographer and reporter with a gusto that reflected in his pride of accomplishment when he was able to photograph combat action. He was part of a great team of Army journalists who helped record the accomplishments of the 1st Brigade (Separate).



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For truth and righteousness, to lead our way....

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So all the world's nations, see Your light....

Where the strong, protect the weak,
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America, be the world's persecuted peoples, open door...!

From Alaska's snow capped peaks,
To Hawaii's orchids, so sweet....
God bless this land we love,
WHERE THE EAGLE PROTECTS THE DOVE....

Peter S. Griffin
Co. A, 2/502nd Infantry
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Vietnam, 1965-66



Photo sent by 1st Bde SGM Robert A. Young (Retired)

(L to R) SGM Young and COL McCoid, Southwest of Phan Rang RVN at the 2/327th C.P. SGM Young wrote, "COL McCoid was a real 'Old Airborne Vet,' 507th PIR in Normandy (WWII) and perhaps he was with the 507th that jumped across the Rhine River on March 25th 1945, (although I'm not sure). I enjoyed flying with him because he was a SUPER TROOPER! Perhaps we had the maps to find our way back to the 1st Bde C.P."

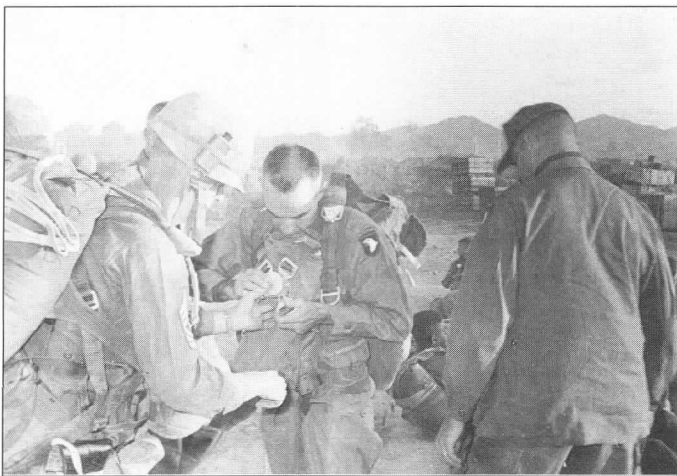


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Kontum, VN - Dec 1966 (L to R); Bde SGM Robert A. Young, Brigade Commander BG Pearson, CG 1st Bde and COL McCoid, Deputy Commander 1st Bde 101st Abn Div (back to camera). SGM Young wrote, "This was the training jump in Dec 1966 at Kontum, when we thought we would be called on for an 'Airborne Operation,' which later was performed by a battalion of the 173d. Turned out to be a 'Bummer!' Only good for a star in the parachute wings and bragging at the beer hall! This was my last jump and probably was LTG Pearson's too!"

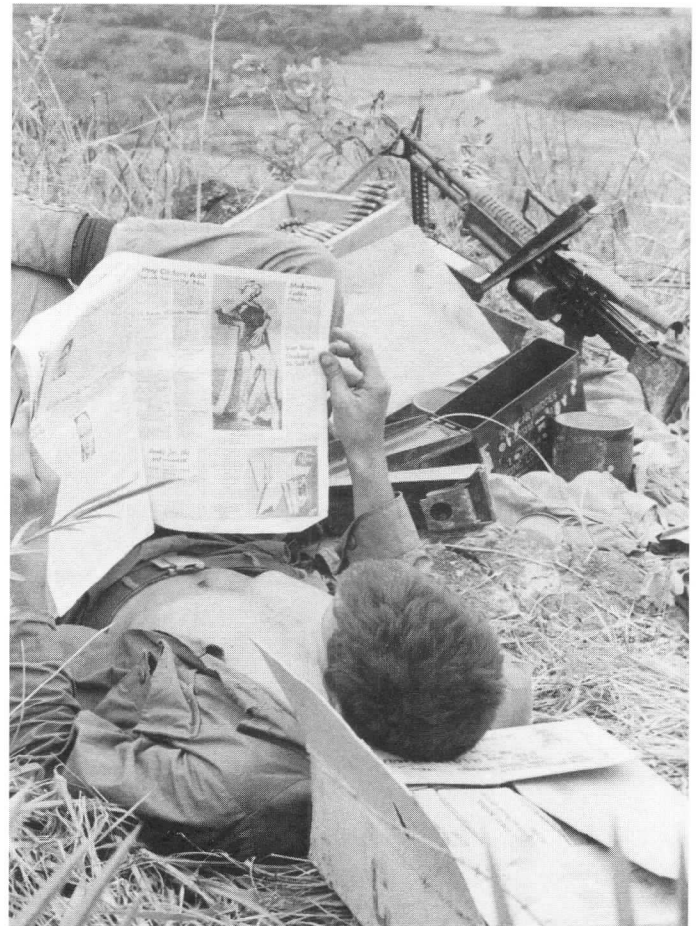


WIDOW MAKERS

Translation:

"THIS IS THE RESULT OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS. THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THEIR WIVES WIDOWS."

This card was sent by Richard E. Cobb who served in RECON 2/502 from 6/67 - 10/67. The Vietnamese writing was interpreted by Ben Lam who served, in the Army of the Republic of Viet Nam and was assigned to the 1st Brigade with duty in the 2nd Battalion of the 502nd Airborne Infantry.



CHU LAI, Vietnam--A GIRL IS A GIRL. Pfc. George H. Tucker, Tifton, Ga., catches up on the news during a lull in the 101st Airborne's Operation Wheeler near here. Tucker, a member of Hq. & Hq. Co., security platoon, appears to find the news in fine shape. (USA Photo by Spec. 4 Ben Croxton)

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KHANH DUONG, Viet Nam (101-IO) – Devastating desserts are being served in Viet Nam. The chefs are the paratroopers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

Their kitchen is the jungle. Gourmets would shudder at the conditions. The walls are savage green in daylight. With nightfall they become grotesque images. The floor is dirt. It quickly mires in the rain. Above the sun provides a constant temperature – hot.

Each paratrooper helps prepare the desserts in the jungle kitchen. The menu is selected at battalion level, the rifle companies concoct the toxic delights.

The treats come in three forms – Claymore Parfait, Shrapnel Suzette, and Ambush Jubilee. Company A, 2d Battalion, 327th (Airborne) Infantry does the cooking.

The recipes are simple:

CLAYMORE PARFAIT – 3/4 pound of C-4 plastic explosive, one steel plate, an electric fuse to light when serving. Delicious up to 100 meters.

SHRAPNEL SUZETTE – one dozen M-79 grenade launchers, a bag of hand grenades, one radio on the artillery's frequency. Sprinkle lightly with mortar fire. Guaranteed to "tantalize" the most reluctant diner.

AMBUSH JUBILEE – A jungle trail, 10 hidden positions, one crossfire of M-60 machine guns mixed with interlocking M-16 rifle fire and unsuspecting Viet Cong. Surprise essential for perfection.

The chefs are professionals. Their hours are long, the work arduous.

Sergeant First Class Roy E. Shelnut, a veteran from Fayetteville, N.C., pauses along a trail to check his position on a worn map. This is his third tour in Viet Nam. The first two were with the Special Forces.

Leaning against a tree as his squad destroys a VC fish-trap in the rushing stream below, young Sergeant Donald Dreiling, Portland, Ore., knows the way to find Charlie is to find water.

Lean Staff Sergeant James Bailey, Rock Hill, S. C., is concerned about his sick son back in the States, but he does his job well. He leads his men on an early morning patrol while the mist hangs across the jungle valleys. Like many in the 101st, he volunteered to serve in Viet Nam because he feels this is where a soldier should be.

Fire team leader, Sergeant Manuel Gomez, Harwich, Mass., harshly corrects his men's mistakes – mistakes that can cost a life. At proper times he jokes with his men. They respect him.

After a punji stake punctured his leg, Private First Class James Triplett, Roanoke, Va., walks all day, talking of joining the battalion's reconnaissance platoon because he wants even more action than he's getting.

The diminutive frame of Private First Class Donald Conely, Warren, Minn., is 103 pounds of airborne fortitude. The others tease him about being the only man in Viet Nam whose pack is wider than he is. Every day he trudges with that pack, nearly half his own weight, dreaming of the good old "cold" days in Minnesota.

War for them is a vocation, not a passion. Ordinary men rising to extraordinary efforts in serving the enemy their bitter desserts.



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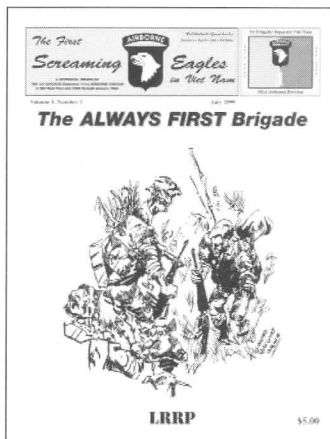
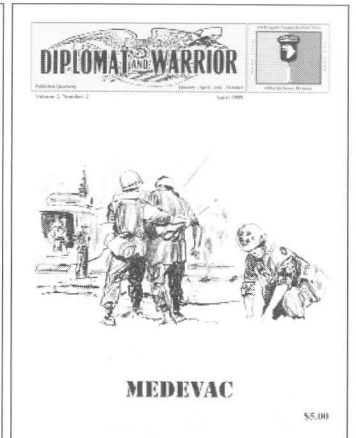
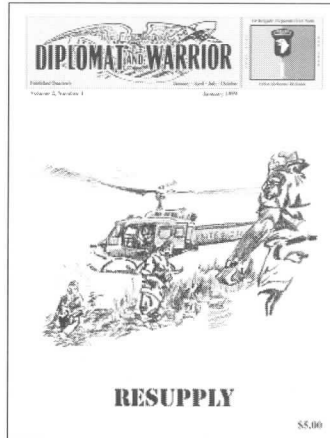
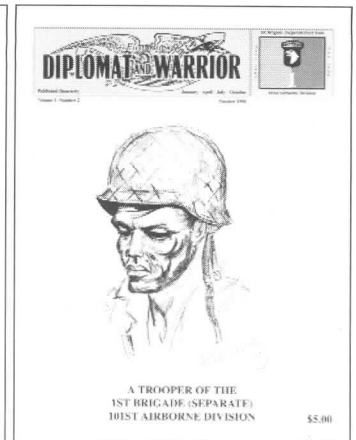
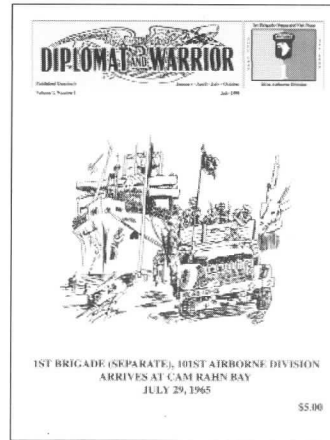
PHAN THIET, VIETNAM (DELAYED) – Although "Know your Enemy" training is stressed by both sides in Vietnam, it would appear that Viet Cong training methods in this field are sometimes open to criticism.

During Operation AUSTIN II by the 101st Airborne Division's 1st Brigade, numerous long range reconnaissance patrols were sent into the jungles near Phan Thiet. One such patrol entered an area where no government or American forces had penetrated since 1954.

The paratroopers silently maneuvered to a vantage point above a small Viet Cong training camp to observe the enemy's activities.

A VC tactics class was in process.

Subject of the class: **"ALERT WARNING METHODS AGAINST AMERICAN RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS."**



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1ST BRIGADE REUNION MAY 1998PAGE 2
This news clip appeared in the Leaf-Chronicle in Clarksville, Tennessee on the final day of THE 6TH BI-ANNUAL REUNION of 1st Brigade (Separate) Viet Nam veterans.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORPAGE 3 THROUGH 8
These messages from the web site, e-mail and U. S. Mail are getting better each issue. The mission is to publish all messages received with editing only for length and content inconsistent with the goals of the magazine.

SALESPAGE 9
Three new items have been added to the sales page. A new cap with a 101st SCREAMING EAGLE logo and two compact disks that contain publications of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) in Viet Nam.

SUBSCRIPTION FORMPAGE 10
Form can be used to subscribe for a friend, to send names of friends to include in the 1st Brigade (Separate) database and to send change of address.

KIA AND NON-BATTLE DEATHSPAGE 11
Continuation of the list of 1st Brigade (Separate) soldiers who died in Viet Nam. They are listed by date of death.

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2/327 VETERANS, RETURN TO VIET NAM AND TRUNG LUONGPAGE 14
A 1967 photo of 2/327 officers sent by LTG (R) Donald Rosenblum along with two photos, sent by Dick Schonberger of a recent trip to Viet Nam. The 33rd anniversary of Trung Luong will be prominent in the next issue of this magazine.

SOME THOUGHTS ON PTSDPAGE 15
Peter Griffin sent this dramatized account of his perception of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). All the material is from his recollections as a soldier in the 1st Brigade (Separate).

1ST BRIGADE VIET NAM NEWSPAPERPAGES 16 & 17
This reproduction is from the front page of the September 30, 1966 issue of THE DIPLOMAT AND WARRIOR.

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN AND POEMPAGE 18
Sketch and text from the September 30, 1966 THE DIPLOMAT AND WARRIOR with acclamation of the vital role of the Combat Infantryman and a poem by Peter Griffin titled WHERE THE EAGLE PROTECTS THE DOVE.

WIDOW MAKERS AND PHOTOSPAGE 19
A card, used by the 2/502 troopers, developed to leave on enemy bodies with translation along with photos sent by CSM (R) Robert Young and photo released by the Brigade Information Office.

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A news release from April 1967 with a drawing from VIETNAM ODYSSEY.

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News release relating to Viet Cong class on warning methods being discovered by a 1st Brigade patrol.

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7TH BI-ANNUAL REUNION OF THE 1ST BRIGADE (SEPARATE), 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION

Telephone calls and a fax from COL (R) Jerry C. Scott indicate THE YEAR 2000 REUNION for the 1st Brigade (Separate) veterans is well underway in the planning and coordination stages. The reunion will be in the Columbus, Georgia - Fort Benning, Georgia area. Preliminary plans are for the reunion to begin on Thursday, October 12, 2000 and end on Sunday, October 15, 2000. More definitive information about the reunion will be featured in the October 1999 edition. The dates above, although tentative, will help with your planning to attend the reunion.



"OPERATION VAN BUREN"

Troops of the 1st Brigade 101st Abn Div take cover from sniper fire by a house where the North Viet Nam Forces were collecting rice from the Vietnamese. This operation was held to prevent the rice harvest from falling into Viet Cong control.

8 February 1966 U.S. Army photo by S/Sgt Gilbert J. Myers

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