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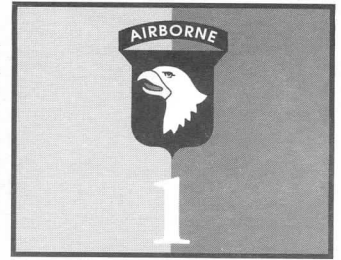
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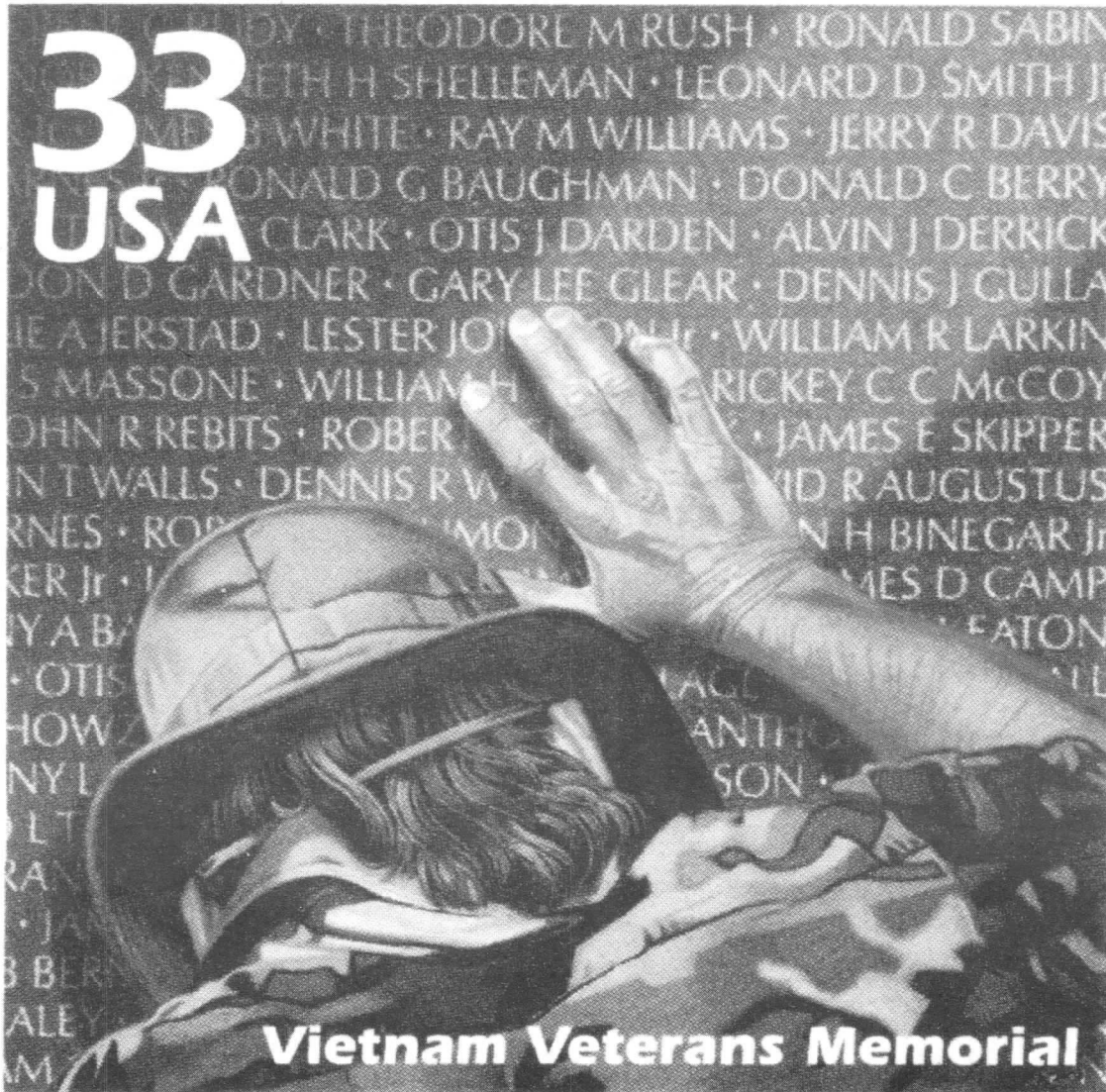


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1st Brigade Information Officer Ivan Worrell with Dean Burgess of CBS News at Dak To.

The leading news is the 7th Bi-Annual Reunion of the 1st Brigade (Separate), 101st Airborne Division to be held October 12 – 15 in Columbus / Fort Benning, Georgia.

The cover is a reproduction of a stamp in the CELEBRATE THE CENTURY - 1980s series of the postal service. "Designed by Maya Lin and dedicated on November 13, 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D. C., displays the names of the more than 58,000 Americans who died in the Vietnam War or are listed as missing."



Reunion registration and hotel reservation forms will be mailed to more than 1,700 veterans of the 1st Brigade in Viet Nam. All subscribers to this magazine are on the mailing list and will receive an advance mailing.

The July issue will have more information about the reunion. The October issue will be delayed until after the reunion and will be dominated by news and photos of the reunion.

With more than 550 subscribers the magazine has not been paying for the cost of preparation, publishing and mailing. The increase in subscription price, to \$20.00 per year (effective 3/31/2000), is necessary for the survival of the magazine.

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The Bloody Checkerboard

For eleven days, the men of the 101st Airborne Division ("The Screaming Eagles") had scoured the leech-ridden jungle of Quang Duc Province, brushing up against the Cambodian border and crisscrossing the Ho Chi Minh infiltration trail in search of the Viet Cong. A few small contacts were made, but then, last Tuesday morning, a captured Viet Cong sergeant "spilled his guts" and warned that a four-company force of PAVN (People's Army of Vietnam) were waiting in an ambush for units of the Second Battalion, 502nd Regiment. Forewarned, Lt. Col. Henry Emerson, the tough, hawk-nosed battalion commander, radioed to his scattered units, moving them into place and finally surrounding the would-be ambushers. After a shattering battle, in which artillery and air strikes were called in to support Colonel Emerson's troops, the PAVN's withdrew, leaving at least 100 of their dead on the field. NEWSWEEK'S Merton D. Perry, who joined Second Battalion headquarters during the battle, cabled this report:



'Gunfighter' Emerson: Beating the guerrillas at their own game

NEWSWEEK - Merton D. Perry photo from collection of Jim Gould. HHC 2/502 1st Bde, Recondo Plt. May 1966 (approx May 6th or 10th) Nhon Co. LT Hart - standing hands on hips; Jim Gould - left of LT Hart; LTC Henry E. Emerson on jeep.

I am certain the body count will go much, much higher. They will never be able to find all the bodies because some are buried beneath the sand churned up by the bomb and artillery-shell craters. Where the barrages and air strikes occurred, the bamboo was mowed down as if by some giant with a mammoth scythe. Where PAVN soldiers were close to the concussion, their eyeballs had popped right out of their heads. The U.S. troops found many enemy bodies hidden in the brush, placed there by their retreating comrades. Others were found in hastily dug, shallow graves. Blood splattered every avenue of retreat. The bamboo and the grass and the scrub brush were sprayed red in places where the retreating PAVN's had carried off their wounded comrades.

The PAVN's had not given in easily. "At one point," Capt.

Ronald Brown later recalled, "they got reinforced and started moving toward us. Then it seemed as if they were coming at us from everywhere. I could feel that bamboo splintering all around us."

Supported from the air, the Screaming Eagles fought back. One lieutenant dashed out of his position at the head of his platoon and charged an enemy gun emplacement, hurling grenades as he ran. He got to within 5 yards of a Communist bunker before he was killed. But Pfc. Louis Aguila, a 19-year-old from New Jersey, was luckier. "We were crawling along toward the machine guns," Aguila said afterwards. "I threw one grenade when we were about 15 yards away. I missed. I was very scared. It did not seem real. It seemed like a movie. I crawled about 5 more yards and threw another grenade. This time," Aguila added quietly, "I got him."

Heroism: There were many other tales of heroism. When Sgt. Henry Schiavone, a tough Philadelphian, was hit in the chest, Sergeant Pepper, a man so new in the outfit that no one knew his first name, ran to help him and was hit. "I thought he was just wounded," Schiavone recalled. "I later found out he was killed instantly with a bullet through the heart."

"Whenever anyone raised up in the tall grass," added Captain Brown, "Charlie would get him. Their uniforms blended so perfectly with the bamboo and the ground you could almost step on him without seeing him... And there was Schiavone, lying on his back, bleeding from the chest. When I reached him, he said: 'I told Pepper to stay down'."

"All of a sudden," recalled Sgt. Lawrence Koontz, a 14-year veteran who was wounded during the battle, "the firing stopped. We tried to crawl forward and get Pepper's body out, but when we did all hell would break loose. Charlie really had the area zeroed in. The VC were only 15 feet from us at the time." As Captain Brown later told it, Koontz again tried to move forward. "I saw Koontz get hit - not 10 feet from me he jumped over a log and it seemed like the bullet just caught him in midair and spun him around."

Crack Outfit: It had been a brutal fight, and it illustrated how tough these American troops can be. The 101st is a crack outfit. Colonel Emerson's units, however, are unique; they have been sharpened into what amounts to a counter-guerrilla spearhead. They slink through the jungle at night as well as day, operate independently in squad-size units or smaller, live on rice in the field and lay ambushes as stealthily as the enemy.

Emerson believes in saturation patrolling. But "The Gunfighter," as he is called by his men, is also the originator of what he terms the "checkerboard" concept. This is a tactical technique whereby his patrols - steadily moving from one small topographical square to the next - are in constant radio contact with battalion headquarters and The Gunfighter himself. Emerson plays his units like checker pieces, hoping to jump or block the enemy - as in last week's battle with the PAVN's.

It is fast-moving, exhausting, subtle style of war, requiring heavy firepower for a small-unit patrol. The men of the Second

Battalion are walking arsenals, carrying everything from light-weight M-16 automatic rifles and M-60 machine guns to grenade launchers, hand grenades and sharp-bladed Bowie knives. As often as possible, they operate by darkness. Each soldier carries one or two cans of meat rations and 2 1/2 pounds of rice – enough for five days. "I try to get my men to sustain themselves for five days without resupply," says Emerson. "My effort is to try to beat the damned guerrilla at his own game."

Esprit: A hard-driving soldier who hails from Milford, Pa., Colonel Emerson pushes his men relentlessly, but esprit in the Second Battalion is sky high. During last week's battle, a wounded man, hit in the right eye, had to crouch painfully in the field all night because evacuation helicopters could not find a place to land. But next day, when they finally hauled him out, he could still smile.

Before I pulled out to return to Saigon, the men were beginning their thirteenth straight day in the field, their thirteenth day without a hot meal, their thirteenth day without a shower or a bath, except what they could get in the leech-filled streams, their thirteenth day in the jungle, wrapped in ponchos and often pelted by the rain, their thirteenth day in the same clothes. By then their fatigues were caked with a mixture of sweat and red mud and in some cases blood. One man had a bullet burn on his arm, another had a bullet hole in his pants leg. In one case, two men had been creased, one on the arm, the other along the ribs, by what they thought was the same bullet.

In the fighting, the American casualties had been relatively light, totaling six dead and twelve wounded. But even that was too high for Emerson's satisfaction. Looking at two dead American soldiers awaiting evacuation by helicopter, he shook his head glumly: "Boy, even after a good action like this it's hard to take seeing good guys like that dead."



226 Communists Dead:

'Gibraltar' Over After Viet Cong Headquarters, Training Area Smashed

Task Force Alfa units put the finishing touches on Operation Gibraltar Tuesday afternoon after counting 226 Viet Cong bodies slain in the fierce battle near An Khe, 250 miles north of Saigon.

Elements of the U.S. Army's 101st Abn. Div., 1st Air Cav., and ARVN units set down into a virtual hornets' nest Saturday as helilifted forces landed in the middle of a Binh Dinh province communist headquarters and training center.

Heaviest fighting was reported Saturday night and Sunday according to U.S. military spokesmen, while Monday and Tuesday were spent in mopping up the area.

Ninety Viet Cong bodies were found in a trench Monday and 55 had been counted after initial fighting. Sixteen communist bodies were found in one area where they had been taken for first aid treatment. The spokesmen said all of the dead men were bandaged and had apparently died of their wounds.

Elements of the 101st Abn. and Vietnamese Rangers sweeping the area made no contact as they discovered the remaining bodies and all allied troops were moved out of the area Tuesday afternoon.

U.S. and Vietnamese casualties in the operation were termed "light" by American military spokesmen.



FROM THE SCRAPBOOK - THROUGH 15 FEBRUARY 1966

THE ARMY REPORTER - February 4, 1966

His Execution Date Was Set By Fidel Castro – Now He Fights The Viet Cong

PHAN RANG (101st - IO) – How does it feel to know that your execution date has been set? A "Screaming Eagle" of the Army's 1st Brigade 101st Airborne Division knows that feeling all too well.

Sergeant Rogelio R. Betancourt was a member of the resistance movement against Fidel Castro. While involved in a plot to blow up the largest electric power plant in Cuba, his name was disclosed, and

a price placed on his head.

One night at his home, he heard noise outside, looked out and saw Castro's secret police charging up the front steps. Hastily, he retreated out the back door, narrowly escaping capture. He was able to depart the country that very night for the United States. Upon his arrival there, he joined the Army.

Living on the run and in the shadow of death was not new to Sergeant Betancourt. He had fought against Batista when Castro was rising to power. At 18, Batista's soldiers dragged him from a movie theater and charged him with conspiring against the government. They tied his hands behind his back, looped a rope around his chest and hoisted him into the air. His weight caused the rope to cut through his flesh.

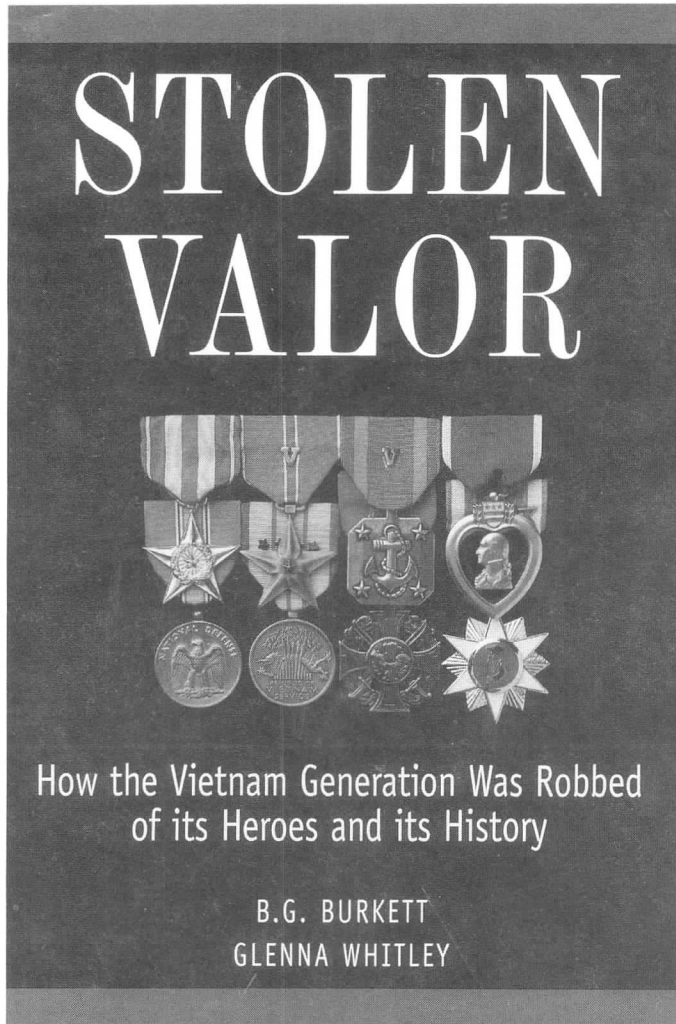
His father paid ten thousand dollars to gain his release and in a few months he had recovered, however, bearing permanent scars where the rope had embedded itself.

After Betancourt's recovery, Castro had come to power in Cuba. The sergeant, seeing that Castro was no better than Batista, joined the anti-Castro resistance.



STOLEN VALOR

Alice and I visited our son, at his home in Leavenworth, Kansas, for the 1999 Christmas season. I picked up, and started to read, his copy of STOLEN VALOR. He served two tours in Viet Nam. One as a platoon leader and Aide de Camp in the 9th Division and one as an Advisor to the Army of the Republic of Viet Nam (ARVN) units and served as a Company Commander in the Old Guard between Viet Nam tours. His company, in the Old Guard, was responsible for Arlington Cemetery funerals for many soldiers who were killed in action. He had not finished reading STOLEN VALOR but insisted that I take it, read it and report on it to the readers of the 1st Brigade (Separate) magazine. Here it is.



STOLEN VALOR, by B. G. Burkett and Glenna Whitley. 692 pages, one section of photographs, \$31.95 USA, published by Verity Press, Inc., ISBN 1-56530-284-2.

The authors present evidence that many of the popular fallacies about Viet Nam veterans, to include the one about huge numbers of Viet Nam veterans populating homeless shelters and living on the streets, are false.

The authors cite many studies which show that Viet Nam veterans do not make up a disproportionate percentage of the nation's homeless and actually have a lower than normal unemployment rate.

The authors point out how it is to the advantage of some homeless and derelict people to falsely claim they are Viet Nam veterans since few members of the news media, Veterans Administration intake personnel and Veterans Administration counselors ever ask for proof. They write that 100% disability for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) has been authorized, and is now being collected monthly by phony "Veterans" who were never in the service and who never served in Viet Nam. Others who served in non-combat, rear area, jobs in Viet Nam are being compensated for PTSD claims not substantiated by individual military records.

They also point out that many psychotherapists and bureaucrats employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs accept at face value the lies of those who claim to be Viet Nam combat veterans. Most want to get treatment in Veterans' centers and to cash in on the tax free disability pay that can be authorized by the V.A. There is no regulation that requires searching military files to confirm material furnished by individuals seeking treatment, hospitalization or, ultimately, status of disability that qualifies for payments that can exceed \$30,000.00 a year.

Altered DD 114s, appropriated identities, fictitious identities impossible combat stories and other irregularities seem to be no barrier to the 100%, tax free, PTSD qualification by the Department of Veterans Affairs for many who, by law, are not eligible.

I believe this book should be MUST reading for all politicians, those who report, produce and speak for all media, and especially for all the Department of Veterans Affairs personal who have the responsibility for determining treatment and disability cases for all veterans.

FROM THE BOOK JACKET

"Stolen Valor seems destined to be a milestone in American military history, perhaps in American history itself."

The men and women of the Vietnam War deserved more than America was willing to give.

Three decades later, the war, which never left our collective consciousness, still ignites passion among its participants.

Slowly, the war has come back to haunt us. Legions of homeless Vietnam veterans are in the street, hundreds of thousands of them suffering from Agent Orange or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and more of them have died from suicide than died in the war ... or so the social advocates and the media tell us.

B. G. Burkett, in over ten years of research in the National Archives, filing hundreds of requests for military documents under the Freedom of Information Act, uncovered a massive distortion of history, a distortion that has cost the U.S. taxpayers billions of dollars. Mr. Burkett's work has toppled national political leaders and put criminals in jail.

The authors show killers who have fooled the most astute prosecutors and gotten away with murder, phony heroes who

have become the object of award-winning documentaries on national network television, and liars and fabricators who have flooded major publishing houses with false tales of heroism which have become best-selling biographies.

Not only did Burkett and Whitley show the price of the myth has been enormous for society, but they spotlight how it has severely denigrated the service, patriotism and gallantry of the best warriors America ever produced.

B. G. BURKETT, a military researcher was co-chairman of the Texas Vietnam Memorial with President George Bush as Honorary Chairman. Mr. Burkett has been the object of an award winning segment of ABC's 20/20, as well as much acclaimed articles in TEXAS MONTHLY and READER'S DIGEST. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and the University of Tennessee. He served in Vietnam with the 199th Light Infantry Brigade, and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Vietnamese Honor Medal and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

GLENNA WHITLEY, an award-winning investigative reporter, specializes in writing about crime and the legal system. A graduate of Texas A&M University, her work has appeared in the Dallas Morning News, D Magazine, Texas Monthly, Redbook as well as numerous other magazines and newspapers. Whitley currently is senior editor at D Magazine in Dallas, where she lives with her husband and two sons.



"*Stolen Valor* is a tough, courageous book. . . Its central thesis should make American mainstream media cringe in shame from their decades of negligence and collusion in this defamation of those who served with honor."

James Webb, author of *Fields of Fire*, and former Secretary of the Navy.

"Prodigiously researched and crammed with facts. . . *Stolen Valor* is required reading for everyone interested in historical truth rather than lie and myth. I recommend it highly."

Guenter Lewy, author of *America in Vietnam*, Professor Emeritus, University of Massachusetts/Amherst.

"*Stolen Valor*, compelling and authoritative. . . Every American searching for the true history of that long war and its continuing aftermath will find it in this important work."

Malcolm McConnell, author of *Inside Hanoi's Secret Archives*, Contributing Editor, *Reader's Digest*.

"*Stolen Valor* is a powerful exposé of cowardly phonies and an inept Veterans Administration perpetuating the myths of Agent Orange and PTSD among our soldiers."

Mark Murphy, former Metropolitan Editor of the *Los Angeles Times*.

"*Stolen Valor* exposes more fraud than the Justice Department. Every veteran who served honorably owes Burkett a debt of gratitude."

Joseph L. Galloway, Co-author, *We Were Soldiers Once . . . and Young*, Senior Writer, *U.S. News & World Report*.



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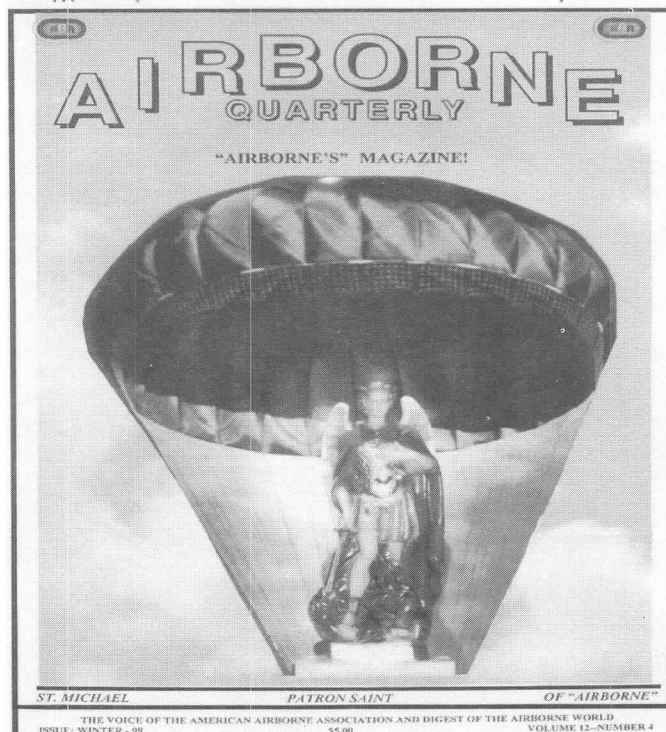
2/327 officers Feb/March 67



A larger version of this 2/327 photo, made at Tuy Hoa in the spring of 1967, was published in July 1999 issue on page 16. Many of the names of those in the photo were missing. Following is a complete list of those in the picture. John Dorsey sent a copy of the photo and names.

(Standing) - 1LT Michael McEachin, 1LT Frank K. Tokieda, 1LT Robert S. Bradley, 1LT LW Johnson, 1LT Johnson, 1LT Peter PCV Pepper, CPT Richard C. Schonberger, CPT William P. Rovin, 1LT Lawrence P. Boecklen, LTC Donald E. Rosenblum, 1LT James C. Joiner, CPT Roman Rondiak, CPT Fred J. Hillyard, 1LT Allen B. Hodgson, 1LT Kendall A. Wilson, 1LT Carlos Boswell, 1LT Charles F. Verga, 1LT Cecil Kilwhue and 1LT Tom Guterzies. (Kneeling) - 1LT John J. Dorsey, 1LT Wayne R. Clotfelter, CPT George J. Domas, CPT Ron Davis, CW2 John Glover, 1LT Dee T. McKern, WO Charles E. Couch and CPT Charleston. (Seated) - CPT Charles T. (Tom) Furgeson, CPT Joseph V. Rafferty, CPT Ronald E. Damrill, MAJ Marvin Rosenstein, CPT James A. Simpson, CPT Dennis W. Finnigan and Chaplain (CPT) Richard L. Heim.

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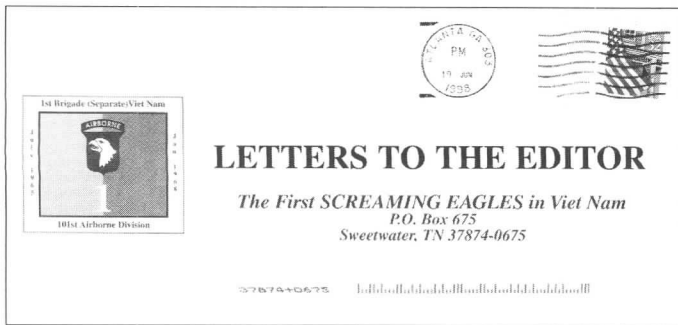


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1/9/67	PFC	Barton	Robert	W		NV	/ 147	NBD	22039854	DOI			Go Cong	RA	
1/9/67	PFC	Smith	Vennie	L		AR	/ 146	BD	19885118	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11H1P
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5/5/67	SSG	Plummer	James	A		GA	/ 134	NBD	55427547	KOR	AC CNAS	Fire/Burns	Phu Bon	RA	12B4P
5/6/67	PFC	Hatten	George	E		DE	/ 146	BD	14944983	KOR	Unk	Other Wpns	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B1P
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5/14/67	PFC	Peterson	Michael	E		AR	/ 147	BD	56693978	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	USAR	11C1P
5/14/67	PFC	Snow	Crawford			RI	/ 144	BD	56345280	KOR	Unk	Other Wpns	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B1P



**MESSAGES FROM THE
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MICHAEL J. O'NEILL, NORTH READING, MASS
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I signed this book awhile ago (Guest #81) but have since changed my e-mail address to weststa33@aol.com. Still haven't heard from anyone I was with, my info is still listed at Guest #81. Airborne All The Way

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I was with Com. A 1/327th from 1967 to 1969. Call sign was Jungle Jim I'm looking for any one that was with me at the same time.

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Served with HHC 1/327th Tiger Force 1966

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Deployed from Ft. Campbell in July, 1965 on the Advance Party to Cam Ranh Bay. Spent 5 days on a C-124 Globemaster working its way across the Pacific. Was S-4 of the 2nd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery when we deployed - worked as rail, air and sea-loading officer for the 320th. In November, 1965, took over command of A Battery, 2-320th FA from Tom Gaither. Gave up command in May of 1966 just after the battle at Bu Gia Map on the

Cambodian Border. Also served in the 1st Cav Division in Vietnam in 1969-70, and retired from the Army in 1985. Glad to see the Brigade has its own site now. Airborne!

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At the 101st reunion at Ft Campbell Week of Eagles in June of 2000, vets of the 2nd 327th will get together at the Travel Lodge Hotel on Hwy 79 off I24. Several of us already have rooms reserved. If you were with 2/327 in '65 and '66 and went over on the Eltinge or arrived later, please ask for Jim Foster or Bill Keller at the Travel Lodge. We are specifically looking for members of Support Platoon, HHC, 2/327 but all are welcome to come on by for a drink and a toast or just to say hello.

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Brigade S-3 Operations Sergeant Major Jul 64 (Campbell) - Jul 66 ('Nam). Went to 'Nam with the Advance Party with then Maj Hackworth. We went "classified," civilian clothes, and broke down our M-16s and put them in our duffel bags.

HORACE PAUL SMITH, LONDON, ENGLAND
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My name is Paul Morris Smith, I am the son of the late Horace Paul "Smitty" Smith. He served with Company C, 1/327 from 1964 to 1966 (he went to Vietnam courtesy of the USS Eltinge (thanks to David Cook for the info). He was WIA on March 9, 1966, at Tuy Hoa, and was transported to the 8th Field Hospital along with: Thomas Strand, Francisco Rodriguez, Harlow Egli, and about 7 others (the list I don't have in front of me right now). He was shot in "the bloody balls" but went on to have 3 boys and a daughter, so no permanent injury (whew). Anyway, my Dad passed away on March 23, 1992 and I miss him greatly. He always said he would tell me the stories of his service when I was old enough but we cannot have that time now. I know he was very proud of his service and wore his Screaming Eagle patch with pride. He became a Drill Sergeant in the Reserves and all the kids (as well as the Officers and NCO's) looked up to him for his endurance of the physical environment, CIB, and most of all the Screaming Eagle Combat Patch on his right shoulder. I will leave ya'll with a song he would play for us boys when he was 'recollecting', "Put Silver Wings on my son's chest, make him one of

America's Best...." God Bless to all of ya'll who served and if any of you want to share stories about my Dad, email me.

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Made the boat-ride on the Eltinge to Cam Ranh in Jul 65. Did my time until Jan '66 with "C"/2d/327. (Went to MACV as ADV in the Viet Armd Inf running the "Street without Joy" (Rte 1) on the east coast). Lt EKLUND was my Plt Ldr. I had a squad. Lost one man, a FTL, to one of those great VN bugs. He went all the way to LGH. Never did see him again. I made the Reunion at Ft Campbell in May '98. The only man I saw that remembered me was the 1SG of "C" Co. Jim Apodaca (who was also there) and I served together during our 2d tour with "B" Co. 2/502d. I was his 1SG on this trip. It's good to be able to read the quarterly magazine. I keep looking for a name that I can pin a face to...but you know how that is...time is a great liquidator of memory. Anyway...God Bless and Drive On!! Ed Lundquist, USAR Ret'd.

Editor's Note: I did not know Jim Apodaca served as a First Sergeant. He was a 1st Lieutenant when I knew him in 1966.

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I subscribe to the Diplomat and Warrior and have pictures of 1/327 Tiger Force and the Four Duce platoon and areas of operation 66/67. Please reply with address to forward them to. And I would be happy to forward them to you if they can be put to good use. I will I.D. some of the troops and exact places. Most are color slides and black and white prints.

THANK YOU. Michael J. Davis, P.O. Box 32, Brush Prairie, WA 98606

Editor's Note: Michael was contacted with mailing address.

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Traveled on the Gen LeRoy Eltinge, taking off patches, putting on patches. Cam Ranh Bay, shooting at everything and nothing, Cursing Col Timothy for taking away ammo. You had to be there to understand. Write if you were. marvinv1@alltel.net

Now live and work at Mountain Ranger Training Camp (5th Rng Tng Bn)

LARRY L. HART, FRANKENMUTH, MI
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Found your site from list of links on 101st Assn. site. Made copy of subscription form and looking forward to joining. Looking at my calendar and trying to arrange it to fit reunion in Oct. Served with B1/502 Ft Campbell (66/67), B1/327 Viet Nam (67/68).

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BEEP A/326eng supported C1/327 dinger, nick nichols, sanchesz, mark thompson, sgt ruis-ruis, palmer, rios, sgt mouie C1ST 327 CAPT norquest CO C 1st 327. Where the hell are you guys? Your brother beep.

JOE BURGAN, SACRAMENTO, CA
NO EMAIL ADDRESS GIVEN

Great pictures and very informative/interesting site! Was in A Troop 2/17 Cav from mid-66 to mid-67.

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Hey, I have been looking for this site for over a year (assumed it existed but couldn't find it on searches). Anyway, served w/ HHC 2/502nd-101st 12/66-7/67. Was the RTO for Bn with TAC CP responsible for emergency resupply and medivacs. If you called in an "order" for rations, ammo, etc. from your patrol sight at night for chopper delivery next day, you probably spoke w/ me. Greatest man I ever served under was Col. Frank Dietrich! Looking for Sgt. Smith who took over from Sgt. Huerera. How about Crazy ED, Gerry Bitting, O'Buckley (motorpool), Jones (great young lad-son of a preacher's son, I believe). I am still searching for a pair of "Made in Ire" rosary beads I lost in the barracks in Phan Rang as we left for "beach" airlift to find a btn of NVA in Jan or Feb'67. My grandmother bgt. them from Ireland and my Dad had given them to me before he died just before I went over. Anyway, proud to have served with such a dedicated group of men and soldiers. Hold you heads high and best wishes for a Healthy, peaceful 2000. GOD bless the men of the 101st, all Vietnam Vets, and anyone who served this great country!!!!

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Great web site. Served with A 2nd 327th Inf July 1 65-June 66 1st Bde and with C 2nd 505th 3rd Bde 82nd Feb 68-Feb 69. Looking for old buddies in both units. Benard Boone, James Boseman, Oscar Dukes, Bonner Ephriam, James Gates, George Govan, Calvin Hart, Burnell Hightower, Norman Hill, Albert Jr. Hudson, Melvin Johnson, Jerome Johns, Andrew Kalama, Lawrence McGuire, David Mcdonal, J D Newhouse, Jimmy Hicks, Frankie Harp, Lonnie Coats. Have touched base with some but really would like to get in touch with these guys. Going to try and make every reunion next year. Hope to see some of the old guys there. (Phone Numbers at work (270) 352-0042 home (270) 351-6583)

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Happy Holidays to all my First Brigade Brothers.

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Above the Rest Ivan! Congratulations on a fine publication. I read every word in the six issues I have received and think they are great. I am particularly interested in the listing of the casualties that you provide in each issue. I want to know how we can identify the units that each came from? I can recognize the names of the men from my outfit, C 1/327, but want to know the companies and battalions that the others served in. Some can be discovered by reading through some of the books published about "The Always First Brigade," such as "Battles in the Monsoon" and "Fields of Bamboo" by S.L.A. Marshall, Hackworth's "About Face," Carhart's "The Offering," and Foley's "Special Men." They are helpful but cannot identify more than a relatively small number. Another thing I noticed is that two of C 1/327's battle dead were omitted: Sgt. Jimmie L. Mincks, KIA 11 Oct. '65, and Sgt Charles E. Battles, KIA 29 June '66. Neither appear on the lists that you have reproduced. Furthermore, in the "Directory of Names," the alphabetical listing of all Nam KIAs and MIAs, Sgt. Battles date of casualty is wrong by three years. He was killed on the day I left the company at Dak To, 29 June '66 but the Directory has his death listed as occurring on 29 June '69. I do not blame you as you got the information from other sources and cannot be expected to check such a huge amount of material. However, I do feel that we owe it to our dead to see that all are properly listed. Perhaps other readers who have a decent memory and/or records can identify the casualties from their companies and see that the data is correct.

I also want to notify all that there are two websites that list all the dead from Nam. Their addresses are: <http://www.the-virtualwall.com> and <http://www.Virtualwall.com> Both are good and have places where we, the survivors, can leave remembrances of those who died. I think this is a great way to memorialize our dead and we can provide the type of information that no one else has access to or can ever know, that is, our living memories of these Screaming Eagles. This is a great chance to do the only thing we can for those who gave their all. Thanks once again for your hard work on behalf of the 1st Brigade (Separate), when we are gone there won't be any more like us. I encourage our "No Slack" and "Strike Force" brothers to check out the above websites and add their bit to the legacy of those who, in the fullest sense of the words, are Airborne, All the Way! Dave Cook C 1/327 '65-'66

Editor's Note: The list I publish in each issue is the Adjutant General's list of KIA and Non-Combat deaths in Viet Nam July 1965 through January 1968.

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I HAVE CONTACT WITH 32 MEN OF A CO 2/327TH INF, AND HQ CO. 2/327 WHO WERE IN THE UNIT FROM JUNE 1965 UP TO JUNE 1967. CPT. PLUMMER 1ST CO OF A CO., CPT FERGUSON, BRUCCE, MASTERS, SGT. FRALEY. LOOKING FOR MY BUDDY BERNARD BOONE. WHO WAS WOUNDED IN 1965.

CSM(RET) JAMES (JIM) GATES, 1965 CALIFORNIA
NOW ARKANSAS
NO EMAIL ADDRESS LISTED

Great site. Didn't know we counted..all accounts that I have read imply the 101st wasn't even there until 1967. I was with A Co 2/327th Inf.(64-66) I remember the ride over on SS General Leroy Eltinge. Keep up the good work

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Great web page.

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Looking for anyone who may have photos of David Amos Scott, HHC 2/502 Recondos, 101st Airborne Division,

K.I.A. May 6, 1966. Have just located David's mother and sister after searching 33 years. If anyone knew David either state side or in Vietnam and may have some photos of him, please email me for a mailing address. Thank You, I know its a long shot.

E-MAIL MESSAGES

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I've been in contact with Bob Hudson, and asked for information on Ken Eklund's whereabouts. When he answered, he said that he knew a friend who had graduated from West Point in Ken's class, and would contact him to get more info. Seems that Ken has been the victim of a heart-attack about 2 yrs ago, just about the time we had the 6th Bi-Annual at Campbell.

I really would like to contact Ken. I have had one bad experience (losing a good friend) procrastinating when I should have been doing exactly what I am doing NOW....trying to find Ken.

My platoon leader from the Korean conflict and I were both captured in April '51. Naturally, he was separated and sent to the Officers Camp. I never saw him again. He lived in Ballston Spa, NY. I knew where he was, didn't attempt to reach him, and when I did, he had passed from Cancer. Real Bummer. Now you may understand my feelings a little better.

Anything that you can tell me as to Ken's address, et al, would be appreciated.

Many thanks, you're doing a great job! Ed Lundquist, "C" Co. 2/327

Editor's Note: Ed, My files show: Kenneth Roy Eklund, 2531 Salvio Street, Concord, CA 94519. He is not a subscriber. Hope this helps.

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I had a change of ISP that necessitates a change in e-mail address. I can now be sent mail to: edell@twave.net

Also, I have traded some info with Robert C. Hudson. Thanks a bunch for all of your efforts...with the mag as well as all the other details you carry-out in the name of the 1st Brigade (S).

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Hi Major Worrell: As an afterthought, Jim Apodaca and I served together on our 2d tour ('68-'69) with the Bde as

C.O. & 1SG of "B" Co. 2/502d STRIKE FORCE. I remembered him as the PIO of the Bde at Cam Ranh Bay. I was one of the chosen few to ride out from the ship in the lead deuce and a half. As you may recall...the word was put out for all men with a CIB to report to their 1SG's for special duty assignment on debarkation. Very smart move, putting men in the lead vehicles who knew the sound of incoming rounds when and if they heard any.

I have also written to Bob Hudson about the An Khe fracas in Sept '65. I was also in the same group.

See you in Benning this year for the 7th Bi-Annual.

Editor's Note: I did not know that Jim Apodaca was the PIO at Cam Ranh Bay.

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Hi Ivan, I really enjoy your magazine and it certainly brings back many memories. Many of the troopers who deployed with the original brigade in '65 remember the primitive conditions we faced when we arrived "in country." Cam Ranh Bay had a small, single PSP runway w/only a couple of buildings, there were no fire bases that later troopers were used to, and we were "in the field" all the time because we had no base camp for many months. I was searching through some of my memorabilia recently and came across this poem, the work of an anonymous Signal Corps soldier stationed in Nha Trang, which appeared in "The Vietnam Reporter" in October 1965. I'll bet many of the guys recall the poem and, if not, the conditions we accepted as normal.

Ode to the 1st Brigade 101st Airborne trooper

I lie in my tent thanking God for free rent while outside the rain pours,
And inside my buddy snores,
Muddy floors and a wet cot but still thanking God a lot.
Got hot chow every day, rain or shine come what may,
Got a dog 'bout two weeks old, eats C-rations, hot or cold.
Special Forces all around keeping safe this hallowed ground,
1st Cav in the air, landing, fighting here and there.
Ain't got much but it could be worse,
Just ask the men in the 101st.

Keep up the good work and "Above the Rest!"
David S. Cook C 1/327 '65-'66

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Hi folks, I just got on the net and am trying out to see if my set up works. Ivan, in your latest The Always FIRST

Brigade magazine, page 12, there is a copy of General Orders #3565, 24 Jul 68, AWARD OF THE VALOROUS UNIT AWARD, 17 Jan 66 - 25 Mar 66, Operations Van Buren and Harrison. The Order doesn't specifically list Brigade Headquarters, but I was there, and on the Tactical CP whenever it went out. Am I authorized the award? The 1st Brigade Reunion in Columbus. Who is running it? I would like to contact them to see if I can be of any assistance to them. Col Hackworth, Thanks for the nice nomination for the Distinguished Member of the Regiment. My wife and children really appreciated reading it, since they didn't know too much about what we did over there.

Editor's Note: Grady, I do not know the intent of the orders you ask about. I believe the operative word is AND, The First Brigade and assigned and attached units. I do not know if there is an individual award or what an individual valorous unit award looks like. If you get more information please let me know. Great to hear from you. Please give Obie my best regards.

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Hi Ivan, First let me say that I think the magazine is great. I'm still searching for members of the LRRP platoon who served in 1965-66. I've found about seven so far, and sadly I have found that eight of them have already passed away. I have used the VA to help locate some of the men that I had service numbers on, but I don't have service numbers on everyone. I was wondering if you knew if anyone had a roster of members of the 2nd /17th Cav. that went over on the boat? I'm trying to find a Ssgt David Skau. I believe he was a member of this unit before he came to the LRRP platoon. Thank You, Ron Bourne, Commo Chief, LRRP Platoon 65-66

Editor's Note: David Skau is not in our data base. Anyone with a roster of 2/17th CAV soldiers or LRRP Platoon, please contact Ron.

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Ivan; My name is Jerrold H. Llewellyn and I served in the 101st from 1961 through 1968, and as an SSG with the 1/101st from July 67 through July 68. When I first got in country, I was assigned to the 801st Maintenance but soon transferred to the Military Police where my primary function was running convoys. Upon return to the States, I got married (still am) to a absolutely fantastic woman, went Special Forces, (MP's) stayed at Bragg until 72, then went to Bad Tolz, Germany until 74. I returned to Bragg and served with the 118th ABN MP Company until 76, then took an assign-

ment with USAJFKCENMA, 96th Civil Affairs Bn. From there I went to recruiting in Michigan as I thought that was where I was going to retire. One Michigan winter changed my mind so I ended up at Ft. Hood, TX from 1981 to present working for the Army. When you have time, I would like info on the reunion. It's been one Hell of a long time since I've seen or heard from anyone in the 1/101st. We were absolutely the best in country until the Division got there and screwed everything up. Thanks in advance.

Editor's Note: Subscription info was sent.

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I was with the 1st 327, combat trooper during 1966. Got wounded (million dollar type). Sure would like to see some of the guys in Charlie Company 3rd platoon. I had a nick name Hoot Owl. Me and the Chief (native American) usually always walked point. He got wounded same time as me when the medic (a new guy) tripped a wire. We were close to the Cambodian Border. 101---maybe to close. My name is Louis Broussard and I live in the hill country of North Central Texas.

FROM THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

COL(R) Thomas H. Taylor, 2/502 B 7/65-7/66, 2500 Massachusetts Ave., NW #1, Washington, DC 20008-2821, (202) 265-7138 wrote: Richard Cobb sure got it right in plugging John Del Vecchio's **The 13th Valley**, the only VN novel to ever make the NY Times best seller list. Out of Division PIO, John walked with 2/502 in the Ashau. In **13th Valley** it is thinly disguised as the 7/407 I believe. Sure glad it's being reprinted. John, Tom Carhart (**The Offering**) and I held a joint book sale at FTCKY in 1988 to raise money for the Oh-deuce memorial which now stands in front of Second Bde HQ.

For Viet vets who've been out of the loop, First Bde is now the 327th Regiment, Second Bde the 502nd, Third the 187th. Sabalauski was at that fund raising event. Your item about him on page 30 (January 2000 issue) by Keyes Beech was also the source for my dedication to Sabo in my book **Lightning in the Storm**, the story of the 101st in the Gulf War.

Shortly after Sabo's death a bunch of us Strike Force vets petitioned Division to have something named for him at FTCKY. We were hoping for maybe a firing range. Little did we realize how much of an impact he had made on the CG and CS at that time, Jack Keane – presently Vice Chief of the Army – and Tom Hill. Years apart, both had been platoon leaders under Sabo's not always gently tutelage.

The upshot was that we didn't get a range; instead the Army's only air assault school was named for Sabo! I felt we'd won the lottery! But it didn't stop there. Hill went on

to be ADC for the 25th LID where he named the urban warfare training range for Sabo. You see he had fought all through the Pacific with the 25th, then again in Korea. He was among the couple of hundred guys who have ever been awarded three CIB's, many fewer than MOH winners. Sabo was the greatest soldier of any rank or nationality that I ever met. He's also the only EM – including Alvin York, Audie Murphy, any other super soldier you've ever heard of – to have two major training facilities named for him.

Charles A. "Shaky" Hover wrote with a chronological description of his Army career. He came to Fort Campbell and the 101st Airborne Division with the 187 ARCT in August of 1956 to become part of the reactivated division. He became a parachute rigger, was discharged in 1958, reentered the Army in 1962, went through training at Fort Benning and went to France as a Rigger.

In 1966 he went to Viet Nam as a Rigger in C Company Support Battalion of the 1st Brigade (Separate) 101st Airborne Division.

He writes, "Due to my time at Fort Benning, I was picked to be one of the instructors for the 1st Brigade Jump School. We had to make Parachute landing platforms – swing landing trainers, also used for canopy control and mock doors. Because the people were needed ASAP this jump school was not run like in the states, less PT and harassment, but push ups if you goofed up. These people jumped at Phan Rang at Bugiamap DZ April and May of 1967. Other jumps were at Kontum 28 Dec. 66 and 5 Jan. 67."

He continues, "Rumor was there was a combat jump coming and the whole brigade would be ready, so we jumped as many as we could. But most of our air items had been stored in metal connex containers and had dry rotted. The brigade could not support a jump (combat) and the 173rd got the jump. We had storage areas in Phan Rang and Kontum where we would go TDY for 30 – 60 – 90 days but for the most part we were a detail platoon for Support Battalion."

He transferred to 5th Special Forces when his tour with the 1st Brigade was completed. He returned to Fort Bragg and subsequently back to Viet Nam to 5th Special Forces Group. SFC Charles Hover retired in October 1979.

Editor's Note: Thank you for this letter and the accompanying orders and material. I was there during the Kontum jumps and never heard about dry rot in the brigade air items.

Robert Edson with B Company, 1/327th Infantry, 3rd Platoon in Viet Nam 3/67 through 3/68 wrote: Ran across a familiar name, Richard L. Gerhard from Brewer, ME under "new subscribers" in the January 2000 issue. I remember him telling us that his nephew had been killed in Viet Nam and that was the reason why he had re-enlisted. Because he was admired and a father figure to the 3rd platoon we called

him "pop." Thanks to your magazine I will be communicating and sharing old memories with "pop" real soon. Message to B Company, look for that familiar name and keep communication lines open! Enjoy and appreciate your magazine. Keep up the good work!



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MACOI by Sgt. Bob Barry

HUNGARIAN COMPANIONS COMRADES IN VIETNAM

Three American paratroopers stood in a U.S. Army chow tent near Tuy Hoa, Vietnam, staring in disbelief. They had not seen each other since their homes were destroyed by revolution in Budapest, Hungary, ten years ago.

William Zsigmond, Steve Baka and Peter Feketa were playmates in their home town of Budapest. When the revolution erupted in 1956 the 10 year old boys parted and left the country with their families. Steve Baka's father was one of the organizers of the resistance and before young Steve left his home land he bore the scars of war on his body.

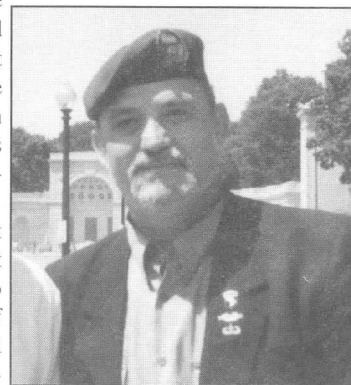
When Zsigmond, now a Specialist Five in the Army entered the tent in Tuy Hoa he heard excited voices conversing in his native tongue, when he introduced himself to Specialist Four Feketa and Private First Class Baka the gap of ten years and half the world away was closed.

All three men were in the same unit, 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. All three were in different companies in the battalion and for six months fought in Vietnam never knowing of each others presence.

Zsigmond recalled the first meeting; "we just stood staring at each other when we realized who we were. Then we got a case of beer because we couldn't find any wine." All three of the paratrooper's families arrived in the United States in 1956. All three men were made naturalized citizens in 1963.

Baka commented on his seeing Feketa "when I saw him I knew immediately who it was, Pete had an accident when we were kids and he still had a scar."

PFC Baka is the only one of the three married. His wife Jacki and their daughter live in Forrestville, Md. Zsigmond lives in Pittsburg, Penn., and Feketa, makes his home in East Orange, N.J. The threesome vowed to keep contact with each other upon arrival back in the United States. The old saying, "its a small world" will be vouched for by three Hungarian playmates.



Steve Baka at the 1999 101st Airborne Division Association Memorial Day commemoration.

Editor's Note: None of the three troopers in this story are subscribers.



The following article was taken from The Screaming Eagle July - August 1987 magazine.

42nd Scout Dog Platoon

Here is a list of the original group of the 42nd Scout Dog Plt. As a group we were assigned to the 101st Airborne Division September 15, 1966, and stayed until September, 1967. However, we did not leave as a group, but as one person only and not with our dogs.



PHAN RANG, VIETNAM (101st - IO) - *Soon they'll be hot on the trail of the enemy. Private First Class Dennis R. Barnette, of Elizabethton, Tenn., and his dog from the 42nd Infantry Scout Dog Platoon, practice patrolling before they join a unit of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division on combat operations.*

(T1-7) U.S. Army Photo by Sp/4 Alva Tate

	From	ETS
Dennis Barnette	(Tennessee)	12/68
Michael Bost	(Michigan)	KIA
Robert Brez	(California)	(Still in Army, retires in Oct 1987)
John Fama	(Calif)	12/68
Donald Larson	(Chic, Ill.)	12/67
Allen Gerson	(New York)	11/68
Gerald Connigan	(Conn)	12/68

	From	ETS
Ron Lofts	(Godfrey, IL)	12/68
James Basham	(Cabery, IL)	12/67
Louis Perras	(Burlington)	12/67
Lonnie Hawkins	(Beatrice, NE)	12/68

Note: This is the handler who's dog was used with a loud speaker on an operation and had V/C turn themselves in and stopped an AMBUSH!!

Allen Thorell	(Salt Lake)	01/68
Howard Webb	(Delaware)	KIA
Steve Reiss	(Ft Laud, FL)	10/68
Richard Sanders	(Rockford, IL)	12/67
Patrick Copeland	(Hawthorne, Ca)	12/67
Sidney Owen	(Santa Clara, CA)	01/68 WIA

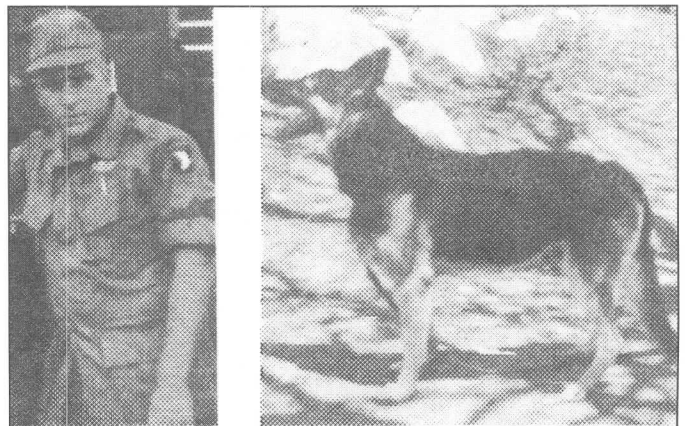
I hope this gives you a little background on us. I know it's not much. When we left it was like, just don't talk to anyone and keep your thoughts to yourself. But maybe someone out there will know us as we were the 1st of all Dog Units to work and be a part of the 101st. I know guys that are alive today because of what a dog and handler did on a mission. Remember that all the Alerts were silent and no noise as not to give away our positions!! Hope you realize that was a job in itself.

If you were in a unit that was led by a Scout Dog and handler or recognize any of the above names, write to John.

"Always in Front"

John Fama (42nd Scout Dog Plt), 5245 Bucknall Road, San Jose, CA 95130

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John Fama and partner, Amigo

I served in Vietnam in September 66 - September 67 with the 42d Scout Dog Platoon. (Amigo) was my dog's name. We walked point for the 101st that year, roads, village, etc. Nobody seems to know about us; there were 27 men, 24 dogs. I would guess 5 - 7 people left. We all left one day at a time because of replacements. Most of my time was with 2/502 "B" & "C" Company Recon.



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By PFC Luis Callender

"THE VIET CONG MEET SATAN"

TUY HOA, VIETNAM (101st - IO) – Some paratroopers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division are convinced that there is no better point man than a dog called Satan.

Satan is a black 72-pound combination German Shepherd-Labrador assigned to the 42nd Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) working with Company B, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry. On his first combat operation, he's proven that a dog is still man's best friend.

The first and third platoons of Company B were on a night patrol, southwest of Tuy Hoa, in the opening phase of Operation Geronimo I. Satan and his handler, Sergeant Edward Kozub, of Lackawana, New York, were on the point.

As the leading element crossed a river and moved on the dark jungle trail, Satan stopped, sniffing the air. Because of the sounds of the paratroopers wading the river to the rear and the wind blowing away from them, Sergeant Kozub thought the dog was confused. He prodded Satan to move forward.

The entire patrol element was now out of the river and on the trail. They had walked about 200 yards when Satan again alerted. His ears pricked up, and an almost inaudible growl rose from the depths of his throat, as he made jerky forward motions ready to pounce on whatever it was he sensed.

There was no speculation on the part of the dog handler this time. Sgt. Kozub passed the word to Lieutenant Robert Meager, the platoon leader, that there was definitely something moving toward them on the trail. Meager passed the word back to "keep moving and blast the first thing in sight." Again Satan was prodded forward and the rest of the column followed.

The dog moved for another fifty yards and stopped dead in his tracks. There, only five yards away, dressed in black pajamas and brandishing an AK-47 was the point man of a Viet Cong platoon.

Sgt. Kozub, his M-16 on full automatic, blasted the Viet Cong point man, killing him instantly. In seconds the silent jungle erupted with the crashing sound of a head-on collision. The

rest of the paratrooper patrol quickly fanned out on line and charged the enemy column, their M-16 rifles chattering wildly.

The Viet Cong, caught by surprise, started to return the fire with AK-47s and other automatic weapons but the paratrooper surge and firepower routed them. Screaming, cursing, and in a complete state of chaos, the Viet Cong dropped the equipment they were carrying and scattered in any direction that offered safety. A total of fifteen different blood-trails were counted leading away from the contact area.

Two Viet Cong were killed and one automatic weapon captured. Bundles of clothing, some of them containing North Vietnamese Army khaki uniforms, pots, pans and other cooking utensils, medical supplies and documents were recovered. Twenty-seven individual sacks of rice and corn were also left behind by the hastily departing enemy.

"If it had not been for that dog," Lt. Meager said after the fight, "I don't know what would have happened. He really did a hell of a job letting us know in advance that something was coming toward us."

Lt. Meager, a native of Bellair, Ohio, said he's putting both Satan and his handler, Sergeant Kozub, in for an award for valor.

For Satan, this was his first combat mission. He came through with flying colors. The big black German Shepherd just relaxed quietly as praise was heaped upon him.

The Viet Cong are going to meet Satan again...and they'll find out the devil comes in many forms.



KONTUM, VIETNAM....A scout dog from the 42nd Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) leaps from a 117th Aviation Company helicopter to join a search and destroy mission on Operation Pickett. Both units are supporting the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division's operation in northwest Kontum Province.

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By PFC Luis Callender

"SARGE IS DEAD"

TUY HOA, VIETNAM (101st - IO) – "I was looking forward to taking him home when we got through here," Corrigan said looking down at the limp body of the dead dog, "now...he's gone."



TUY HOA, VIETNAM (101st - IO) – Paratroopers of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 327th (Airborne) Infantry carry the body of "Sarge" to a landing zone. The 42nd Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) dog was killed by enemy automatic weapons fire while with the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division unit during Operation Geronimo I, southwest of Tuy Hoa.

(L-84/13) US Army Photo by Sp/4 Alva Tate

Private First Class Gerald F. Corrigan, Jr., reached down and covered the lifeless body of the animal he knew as "Sarge" with his poncho. An unending friendship of many months had been swiftly cut off by bullets from a Viet Cong automatic weapon the night before. Now, the morning after, under a gray sky, the 21 year old "Screaming Eagle" was feeling the loss of a buddy in combat.

"Sarge" and Corrigan first met six months ago when both were chosen to attend the Scout Dog School for later deployment to Vietnam. They had met and overcome some of the greatest challenges of their lives while training in the swamps of Georgia.

"He was an awfully frisky kind of animal," the Warren, Connecticut native recalls, "but he was intelligent." You only had to show him something once and with a little practice, he'd soon have it perfect."

Corrigan said that the huge black and brown German Shepherd was very friendly and loved people. Once their training was completed, both were assigned to the 42nd Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) and after an additional three week course at Tan Son Nhut Air Force Base in Saigon, they joined the 1st

Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. Both spent a rugged week training at the 1st Brigade's famous Proficiency School at the Base Camp in Phan Rang before moving to the forward area.

When B Company of the 2nd Battalion, 327th (Airborne) Infantry moved out on a night helicopter assault to kick off Operation Geronimo I, Corrigan and Sarge were assigned to the first platoon. For both it was their first combat operation.

"Once we got out there in the field, he was ready to go to work," stated the dog handler. "He knew what he was doing. He was a bit excited. We both were, but he was working out fine."

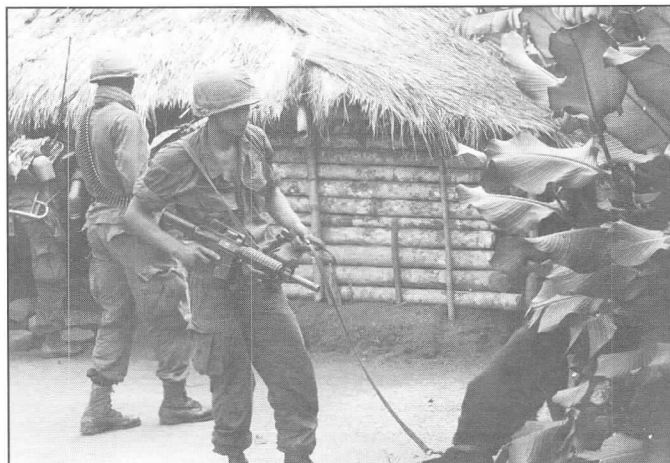
When a night patrol by the first platoon culminated in fierce firefight, Sarge took several hits from a Viet Cong automatic weapon. He died minutes later, as his young handler worked frantically to stop the bleeding.

"Maybe..if I could have just held him down longer," Corrigan said regretfully. "When the firing broke out he tried to get to the front...where the Viet Cong were. He was that kind of animal...he loved action. Everything happened so fast. One minute I was trying to hold him down and next he was bleeding to death. Maybe those bullets were meant for me...," the dog handler's voice trailed off.

"Sarge" was taken to Saigon to be buried in an animal cemetery and Corrigan was off to the First Brigade's base camp at Phan Rang to begin training another dog.

"I'll be sterner with the next one," Corrigan said watching his dead companion being put in a helicopter. "I let Sarge have his way at times...but he was that kind of dog. If only I could have kept him down last night..."

Corrigan, his face drawn, boarded the chopper from the 2nd Battalion's forward Tactical Command Post. For the length of a chopper ride he would sit beside the lifeless animal and remember...a dog called "Sarge."



CHU LAI, Vietnam – SEARCH. Scout Dog handler, Spec. 4 Charles R. Poovey, Maiden, NC., and his dog "Spook" assist paratroopers of C Co., 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. during search and destroy action in Operation Wheeler west of here. The 101st Airborne accounted for 828 enemy kills in seven weeks of combat.

USA Photo by Spec. 4 Ben Croxton

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U.S. OFFICER DESCRIBES VIET BATTLE

By Peter J. Kumpa, Sun Staff Correspondent

Saigon, Vietnam, Sept. 20 – The fighting was so close that two men grappled over a mortar piece – the American paratrooper coming away with the sighting piece, the Communist with the tube.

The fighting was so intense that an American platoon was cut off for a day and a night only 400 yards away from its company.

This was the start of "Operation Gibraltar" last Saturday, described here today by Lt. Col. Wilfred J. G. Smith, 39, commander of the 502d Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division.

Ordered To Find Battalion

He was ordered to find and eliminate a Viet Cong battalion that was known to be operating in the general region east of An Khe, the new highland headquarters of the 1st Cavalry Division. Smith was assigned three companies of paratroopers from the 101st and a company of Vietnamese.

Most of the troops never made the vicious fighting of the first day. The landing zone that was chosen for the helicopter assault was a long stretch of dried rice paddies carved out of the thick brush and jungle surrounded by mountains 30 kilometers east of An Khe and just north of Highway 19 that runs over Deo Mang Pass and then drops in the coastal plain to the base port of Qui Nhon.

Purely by accident the selected loading zone was the very front yard of the Viet Cong battalion that was being sought.

It was only a minute last Saturday morning as Colonel Smith related the story after an intensive artillery and air barrage that the first Americans were lifted in.

What they didn't know at the time was that breakfast fires were just boiling water in the bamboo and grass huts adjoining the rice paddies. As the first helicopters were discharging troops, the Viet Cong were running out and diving into long prepared entrenchments and tunnels.

Second Wave Comes In

The light firing swelled into vicious small arms and automatic weapons attacks as the second wave started coming in 15 minutes later.

Four American helicopters were downed. The battle developed quickly and fiercely with the Americans largely exposed through firing from behind the dikes of the paddies. Only a small part of the third planned airlift was able to land.

Thus the Americans under Smith had only a company and a half. The Viet Cong they were engaging had over a battalion and held superior positions.

One platoon of Americans, led only by two sergeants, were at the far southern tier of paddies surrounded by the Communists.

A Telling Fire

Just to the northeast of the series of paddies that ran from north to south like a long column lay a knoll some 50 feet high. From it the Viet Cong were directing a telling fire.

A young paratroop officer took a squad of men and after failing once they succeeded in an assault on the hill. He was shot down leading his men in hand-to-hand fighting. It was the far side of this hill that parts of a mortar piece were literally wrestled out of Communist hands. Twenty Communist bodies were dragged from that hill. A trenchline on the west side of the paddies was assaulted and taken. A Viet Cong officer in the trench was shot three times in the stomach but still managed to signal up his men while on his knees.

Hold Perimeter

"However, we dispatched him and proceeding on," explained Smith.

Throughout the day the main body of Americans held their perimeter that was 150 yards wide and 400 yards long despite continuous and repeated Viet Cong assaults. Army helicopters, Air Force attack planes and Navy jets battered the Communists, one halting an attack with "a long belt of fire."

"Their fire support was invaluable," said Smith.

Despite the heavy fire Army helicopters dropped into the tight zone in mid-afternoon, dropping off ammunition and taking out the wounded.

Viet Cong machine gunners were outfitted in tiger costumes. Other Communists wore a variety of costumes but all were cleverly and heavily camouflaged.

"You never saw a man move," said Smith. "You saw a bush or a tree move."

The fighting went on into the night. Some 600 flares lit the skies and the ground to help the paratroopers halt infiltration. It worked although one American was shot from only five feet away by a Communist who crept up in the thick brush.

Seized Headquarters

The Americans had also seized the actual huts that were the headquarters for the main force battalion.

Along with a large scarlet Communist banner emblazoned with a golden hammer and sickle, they seized and destroyed more than 2,000 rounds of small arms ammunition and several hundred pounds of explosives. They found hundreds of wooden grenades obviously used in training, along with documents and a variety of weapons from World War II German machineguns plus Russian, American and Red Chinese makes.

Six times during the evening the Viet Cong probed and attacked in units of about 40 men, but Smith thought by then they were "half-hearted" and possibly only trying to escape to mountain trails to the north.



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101st Kills 63 VC in Hand-to-Hand Battle

By Wallace Beene - S&S Vietnam Bureau Chief

SAIGON – Troops of the 101st Airborne pursued the Viet Cong Tuesday after killing 63 of the enemy and possibly 45 more in bitter hand-to-hand fighting Monday.

The 101st reported moderate casualties in the action southwest of Tuy Hoa that broke out when the U.S. troops stormed the perimeter of fortified VC positions.

Facing heavy automatic weapons fire from the dug in VC, the men of the 1st Brigade of the 101st fought for two hours before they cracked the enemy defenses and charged inside the perimeter where the hand-to-hand fighting took place.

The action started shortly before noon when the company-size VC force was located during a sweep that was part of Operation Van Buren, an offensive started Jan. 25 that has accounted for 509 VC killed. The troops captured 20 Red Chinese machine guns Monday.

Later in the day a combat patrol of the 101st operating six miles west of the main battle area hit a VC platoon dug in along a trench line.

The VC waited until the U.S. unit was some 50 yards away before opening up with small arms fire. The U.S. troops charged and took the trench in close-quarter fighting, only to be pinned down by heavy fire from another trench further back.

Tactical air strikes and artillery were called in to help the U.S. unit break off the action after dark. U.S. casualties were listed as light and the enemy's unknown.

Units of the Republic of Korea Marines are continuing to take part in the assault along with the U.S. troops.

In operation White Wing, the massive sweep by 1st Air Cav. Div. troops north of Bong Son, the assault into the An Lao Valley in pursuit of the fleeing north Vietnamese and VC troops failed to produce any significant contact Tuesday.



FROM THE SCRAPBOOK - Through 16 February 1966

Pacific Stars and Stripes – February 16, 1966

101st Saves Orphans

TUY HOA, Vietnam (IO) – The 101st Airborne Div. was asked to evacuate an orphanage because of impending Viet Cong terrorism.

A Catholic priest, Father Bang, and the province chief of

Trung Phan requested that the 101st evacuate the parish of Hoi Tin and its orphanage because of Viet Cong harassing actions.

The division's 1st Brigade sent the 10th Aviation Bn. and B Co. 2/502d Inf., to begin the evacuation, with B Co. providing security and surface transportation. They carried children, elderly adults and baggage in their arms to the 10th's waiting helicopters.

During the evacuation, the Viet Cong were observed moving mortars into position to shell the helicopter landing zone. But before the first round could be fired, the LZ was moved 1,200 yards and out of the mortars' range. The evacuation was completed without further incident.

In all, 85 children, 21 nuns and 31 elderly men and women were evacuated to a secured area, where they received food and medical aid.



The following newspaper clipping was received from James (Jim) W. Perschka, 2/502 B 7/65-7/66, 5416 Delona Road, Milton, FL 32583-1611:

MESSAGE FOR VC

When the Eagle Screams – Beware

By SSGT. VERN HAMILTON - S&S Staff Correspondent
23 Mar 66

TUY HOA, Vietnam – "Eeeahhh" goes the blood-chilling shriek of the eagle.

A small, single-engine plane, equipped with four amplifiers and loud speakers, plays a recording of a screaming eagle to the Viet Cong before ground troops move into an area.

Several thousand leaflets – telling the Reds they can't win and that the screaming eagle will attack – are unloaded over the area.

It's all part of psychological warfare by the 101st Airborne Div., aimed at breaking the VC's will to fight.

A ride in the plane is an experience. It flies at about 1,500 feet over the jungle-covered areas of suspected VC concentrations. The ride lasts more than an hour, circling, dropping leaflets and playing the screaming eagle recording through amplifiers – and hoping the VC's aim is bad.

The small leaflets dropped from the plane depict an eagle, similar to the shoulder patch of the 101st Airborne, with a VC clutched in its claws.

On the reverse side, it bears a personal message to the VC from the "Screaming Eagles" of the 101st.

"Viet Cong beware," the message warns. "There is no safe place to run to – no safe place in which to hide – the eagle strikes anywhere, anytime, without warning, bringing sure death. Your only chance to escape is to take a safe conduct pass (one of the leaflets) and rally to the true government cause."

The VC are instructed to wave a white leaflet or white cloth, sling their rifles over their shoulder pointed at the ground and advance toward the U.S. soldiers.

This time the message went unheeded. Elements of the 101st killed 20 VC in a brief fight before the Reds retreated.



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2/327 Medical Platoon at Tuy Hoa in June of 1966. Listed on the back of the photo are: all on the front row, SFC Pate (?3rd from L), Dr. Buchanan (4th from L) and Lt Murray (5th from L). If you can identify others in the photo please send names and position in the picture to the editor.

Photo from the Samuel J. Watson, III collection.

Eight Wounded Men Extracted By 326th

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Paratroopers of the 1st Brigade run to get an ammunition resupply chopper loaded for a forward battery of the 2nd Battalion, 320 Artillery. (US Army Photo by Sp/4 Richard Houghton)

Trooper Discovers Two-Step Bedmate

DAK TO— "It must have been about two o'clock in the morning when I felt something cold crawling across my cheek," said PFC Jimmie Waldron. "I grabbed it and held it up toward the light—immediatly, I threw the damn thing down."

Zoomie Scores

DAK TO. — While marking a landing zone for a heliborne assault, Captain Richard Akre noticed something odd about a clump of brush.

A platoon leader for the 117th Aviation Co., Capt. Akre reported, «We dropped a couple of smoke grenades and out popped a pair of 'Charlies'.»

The gunship orbited the Cong until elements of «A» Troop, 17th Cav could arrive below and take the captives to the brigade for interrogation.

The 1st Brigade trooper didn't know it at the time but his bedfellow had been a deadly bamboo viper.

Waldron, a clerk in casualty reporting feels sure his section would have been doing paperwork on him if the viper had not been cold and sluggish.

Waldron woke up his buddies, or rather they woke

up when he gave a yell, and they captured the reptile. It is now in a jar and while it is will be their section mascot.

«It didn't really scare me until we caught it and I found out it was a bamboo viper,» stated the four month veteran of Vietnam. «But one thing's for sure—I tuck-in my mosquito net every night now.»

NDS Medal Authorized

The Secretary of Defense has directed award of the National Defense Service Medal to armed forces per-

sonnel for honorable active service performed anytime after 31 December 1960.

ENGINEERS CLEAR MINE FIELD

by PFC Tim McGowen

DAK TO— Six men of the 1st Brigade had entered an enemy mine field and lay wounded and forward of their platoon. Two of their buddies rushed out to help them and there were more casualties.

Grim faced commanders watched and waited while the Itshner Award winning soldiers of Company «A», 326th Engineers began throwing out detonater cord with rocks tied to the end. The cord would blast a path to the mine victims.

The wounded waited too. They treated themselves as best they could. They were quiet — a couple of them, too quiet.

The engineers used the detonater cord until they were too close to the wounded to chance safty. They began the slower, and more tedious job of probing and marking until they reached each wounded man.

After evacuating the wounded, the field was marked and the paratroopers of the «Always First» Brigade moved out.

Gen Pearson Meets With PR Friendship Council

PHAN RANG — Brig. Gen. Pearson and Major Huy, Ninh Thuan Province Chief joined hands «between two nations» in a cake cutting at Phan Rang.

The occasion was the monthly meeting of the Phan Rang Friendship Council, an organization designed to develop community relations between Vietnamese and Americans. «Your struggle for freedom is not unlike the struggle our country had about

200 years ago,» said the 1st Brigade commander in his speech, «You fight today to free yourself of communist rule by North Vietnam.»

The general went on to say, «It is our desire that someday South Vietnam too, can have it's 4th of July holiday.»



Major Hue (L) and General Pearson, cutting the cake at the Phan Rang Friendship Council meeting July 4th. (US Army Photo by Sp/4 Robert Lloyd)

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LETTERS

From Kontum:

Greetings to the American allied soldiers.

We wish to express our thanks and warm appreciation to the American soldiers who have come to our country to fight to exterminate the invading communists, to defend the freedom and welfare of the people of Vietnam.

Our country is too weak and small to be able to withstand the aggression of both the Russian and Chinese communist blocs, so that the aid of your country and the presence of you our friends here with us is essential, and it bears witness to the high ideals of the United States, always trying to help the small nations fight back against the communist invaders, in order to establish a free and prosperous nation.

We assure you that the history of Vietnam will never forget the high ideals of your nation and of you who are here in our country now.

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Newsclips Available For Vietnam Scrapbook

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Sixteen Years And 3600 Hours Go A Long Way

DAK TO. — At the age of ten Vincent G. Ripoll began his military career assisting the French underground in Algeria by carrying food and wine to them in the mountains.

Now thirty-five a captain in the United States Army, three wars, and two direct commissions later, he states of his World War II military activities, «I was a cub scout — it was one of our duties.»

Nine years later, at nineteen, the Oran, Algeria native joined the French Air Force where he was one of the «flying sergeants.» Shortly thereafter he received his first direct commission to second lieutenant.

In the Moroccan uprising in 1953 he got his first combat flying experience.

At this time the French Foreign Legion was very short of officers and Ripoll

found himself flying combat missions by day and leading combat patrols at night.

It was shortly after Morocco that Ripoll received his first set of orders for Vietnam — then Indo-China — with the French Air Force.

«At the last minute they changed my orders,» he said. «They needed an air liaison to England and I spoke good English.

After finishing his five year stay with the French Air Force, Ripoll came to America and two years later he was drafted into the Army and immediately applied for the Warrant Officer Flight Program where he graduated a short time later.

He received his second direct commission, this time in the United States Army to 1st Lieutenant and has since been promoted to Captain.

Last year the thirty-five year old warrior received his second set of orders to Vietnam — this time there was no last minute change.

Arriving here last November with the 48th Aviation Group, Capt. Ripoll has flown in support of the 1st Brigade since January when the brigade was at Tuy Hoa.

Piloting a UH-1D machine-gun — rocket ship, better known as the «flex,» Capt. Ripoll's aircraft has taken hits from enemy fire on at least five missions.

Major Carl Jones, Platoon Leader of the gunship section, said of Capt. Ripoll, «His experience as a fighter pilot has been extremely valuable to us in such areas as combat tactics. He is in charge of the training in the platoon and is one of the most outstanding pilots I have.» Added the Major, «His sixteen years and 3600 hours of flying sure goes a long way toward making us a top-notch unit.»



Captain Ripoll, a veteran of three wars while serving with two countries, poses with his gunship. (US Army Photo by Lt. John Hensley)

New CO At 17th Cav

In Change of Command Ceremonies at the forward Command Post at Dak To on July 11, Captain Richard R. Maglin from La Grange, Georgia took command of «A» troop, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry, succeeding 1st Lieutenant Doye W. Adams.

Capt. Maglin's previous assignment was with the 10th Special Forces Group at Bad Tolz, Germany.

Lt. Adams has been reassigned to USA Training Center Armor, Fort Knox, Ky.

Warrior Of The Week



1st Lt. Richard W. Whelan a platoon leader in the 2nd Battalion, 337th Infantry poses with Brig. Gen. Pearson. Lt. Whelan was chosen warrior of the week for his actions when his battalion engaged a North Vietnamese army unit at Tuy Hoa.

Kirkland Friendship Club School Supplies Distributed

DAK TO — To have seen the expression on his face when he received the big pencil and the green plastic ruler was an experience to touch the heart of even the toughest paratrooper.

The small six year old boy was one of 10 children at Dak To in Kontum Province who last week were presented school supplies.

This was just a small part of the vast civic action program constantly being implemented by the paratrooper "Diplomats and Warriors" of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

The supplies were shipped to the "Nomads of Vietnam" by the Kirkland Friendship Club of Pittsburg, Kansas. They were sent to the brigade's 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery asking that the items be given to a needy village.

Lt. Col. William Madden wrote to the Friendship Club concerning their welcomed contribution, "You are aware, as is evidenced by your gift, of the importance of civic action coupled with the military defeat of the enemy in this type of war. Your gift will help these people know the benefits of freedom, and, aid the government in bringing this war to a close, securing a lasting peace, and maintaining a free society."



The newly acquired yellow pencil and green ruler are only part of the school supplies being presented to this Montagnard youth at Dak To as paratroopers of the 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery hand out articles sent by the Kirkland Friendship Club, Pittsburg, Kansas.
(US Army Photo by Lt. John Hensley)

CG Cites EM Warrior

DAK TO. — A new program has been initiated by the 1st Brigade to honor the

enlisted **WARRIOR OF THE WEEK** and to complement the present similar officer program.

Sergeant First Class Billy Jones, a platoon sergeant in «A» Troop, 17th Cavalry, is the first enlisted man to be honored.

Sgt. Jones was chosen for his leadership and actions while on operations against the Viet Cong in the Dak To area. He will spend a 24 hour period at the brigade Command Post as the guest of Brig. Gen. Pearson.



SFC Billy Jones the first enlisted Warrior of the Week.



Lt. Col. William Madden Jr., commander of the 2d Battalion, 320th Artillery, gives a small Montagnard child school supplies. The supplies were sent to the colonel's unit by the Kirkland Friendship Club, Pittsburg, Kansas for distribution to local Vietnamese schools.
(US Army Photo by Lt. John Hensley)

'Get On Line'

DAK TO. RVN — Two columns of tired paratroopers snaked their way uphill. The First Platoon of Company «B», «The Brave Rifles», had been walking all day and had been fighting North Vietnamese units for several days.

Mud caked on their jungle fatigues gave the green cloth a perfect camouflaged effect. The dirty environment they had been living in stuck to their 3 day growth of beard which darkened their faces blending skin with jungle. Tired bones and muscles responded to determined wills which propelled the paratroopers up the slope.

Suddenly a squad leader yelled, «In the bunker.» His M-16 went to his shoulder and three shots were off. The returning burst from an automatic weapon chewed the branches around the squad leader's head. War had once again come to the first platoon.

«Watch out, watch out, the place is full of them,» came the cry from Lt. James McCoe of Winters, California, he knew his platoon was in for a fight. «Get on line.» He shouted the command that was to stand the rest of the afternoon. A cry of the forward observer for a medic mixed with the shelling as someone shouted — «I got that guy in that hole.»

A sergeant shouted, «Grenade, Grenade.» He rolled and ducked with one complete motion as two blasts tore into the earth next to him. He muttered in pain, «They got me, I'm bleeding

pretty bad.»

«Oh God I'm hit» as the same grenade hit another trooper. Painfully he started working his way down the hill as automatic fire from the Viet Cong continued to pour in.

The medic was working feverishly on the wounded when the left flank of the platoon pulled back out of grenade range. Word went from man to man, «Watch the flanks, don't let them get around us.»

Suddenly a welcome cry rang, out, «Friendly troops to our rear.» The 2nd Platoon was linking up with the 1st.

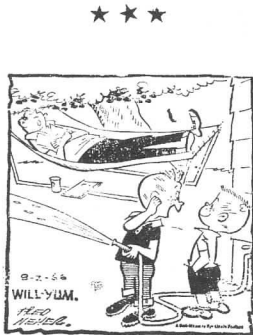


PFC Jimmie Waldron, cautiously eyes the deadly bamboo viper he found in bed with him at the Dak To base camp.
(US Army Photo by Lt. John Hensley)

New Commander

PHAN RANG, RVN — Captain Dale H. Wright has assumed command of «A» Company, Support Battalion, Captain Wright's last assignment was with the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division in Germany. There he served as the Battalion S-2 and Motor Officer.

Lt. Dave Andre, the departing commander, will serve as Liaison Officer in the newly formed Combat Support Coordination Center.



“Wanta hear some words that are baned in Boston?”

Income Tax Exclusion For Dislocation Allowance

A bill which may relieve service personnel from paying income tax on dislocation allowance has been considered by Sub-Committee No. 2, House Armed Services Committee.

H.R. 5293 would rephrase existing law to eliminate term «dislocation allowance,» which a 1964 IRS decision held must be included in gross income.

Congressional testimony was presented by Cdr. W. D. Wessinger, USN, Bureau of Naval Personnel, representing DOD. He explained the allowance was established in 1955 as a partial reimbursement.

DOD's view, he said, is that Congress clearly intended it not be considered as compensatory in nature. He referred to continued cost rise since last adjustment and said adverse effect of IRS ruling is obvious.

The commander said DOD understands treasury Department and Budget Bureau oppose enactment of the bill. He said DOD, nevertheless, strongly supports enactment because of the current adverse effect on moral and personnel retention.

It's A Small World

DAK TO. — «It's sure a small world,» said Sergeant Patrick Schmader, shaking hands with Sergeant Benjamin Holmes. «It's sure a small world.»

A year ago Schmader decided to get out of the Army and become a civilian again. At that time Sergeant Holmes had to replace him in the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry.

It didn't take long for Schmader to decide civilian life wasn't for him so back in the Army he came, volunteering for Vietnam.

The trooper was again assigned to the 1st Brigade this time with the brigade headquarters. That still wasn't quite what he wanted, so by talking to some old friends he managed reassignment back to the 502d «Strike Force.»

The NCO he was replacing was none other than the same man that he had been replaced by year ago — Sergeant Holmes.

Total Military Pay System Under Defense Dept Review

The Defense Department is engaged in quadrennial review of the total military pay structure required in the Uniformed Services Pay Act of 1965.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) Thomas D. Morris has informed the House Armed Services Committee that DOD is reexamining the whole range of pay and career incentives needed to attract and retain the numbers and types of skills required at every level—officer and enlisted. He also said the review includes pro-

fessional specialists required to have advanced degrees before entering the service.

Secretary Morris noted, Our goal is to develop imaginative new approaches to the solution of problems, many of which are long standing, for consideration by this committee next year.»

QUIZ

SPORTS

1. Who led the New York Mets in runs, hits, singles, doubles, triples, stolen bases, slugging, RBIs and walks in 1964?

2. Which pitcher in 1964 pitched a no-hit game, but lost anyway?

ANSWERS

1. Outfielder Joe Christman lost to Houston O-1 on 7th. 2. Ken Johnson of Cincinnati.

Free Leave

The proposed non-chargeable 30-day leave program «would attract a number of extremely valuable volunteers,» according to Deputy Secretary of Defense Cyrus R. Vance.

In a letter to Speaker of the House of Representatives John W. McCormack, Secretary Vance noted that sense of purpose, patriotism and dedicated interest of many career personnel indicates that such a program for voluntary extension of tour or for reenlistment or extension of obligated service would be attractive.

However, the secretary said, «It is considered that equity and acceptability require that such a program include at least a temporary break in the rigorous duty and an opportunity to relax at home or in a selected location.»

The proposed legislation is intended to provide such consideration in recognition of the added obligation accepted by participants.

Although the proposed authorization is immediately intended for personnel in Vietnam, the legislation would be permanent and applicable to any area in which hostile fire pay is authorized in the future.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

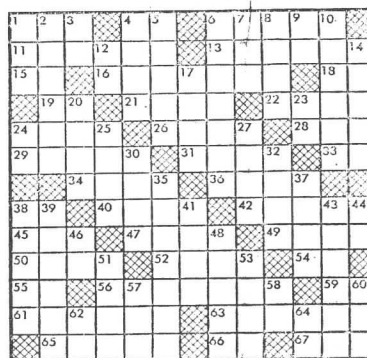
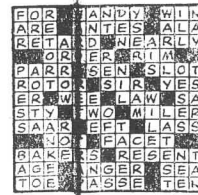
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- 4-A continent (abbr.)
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- 11-Walks wearily
- 13-Calamitous
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- 16-Locale
- 18-Conjunction
- 19-Symbol for iron
- 21-College official
- 22-Satiate
- 24-Lease
- 26-Outfits
- 28-Article of furniture
- 29-Fairy in "The Tempest"
- 31-Jump
- 33-Dental surgeon (abbr.)
- 34-Let fall
- 36-Unruly crowd
- 38-Stolen base (abbr.)
- 40-Christmas carol
- 42-Points of medicine
- 45-Greek letter
- 47-Bard
- 49-Young boys
- 50-Aleutian island
- 52-Peal
- 54-A state (abbr.)
- 55-Football position (abbr.)
- 56-Boat
- 59-Preposition
- 61-Bristlelike
- 63-In truth
- 65-Europeans
- 66-Note of scale
- 67-Dutch town

DOWN

- 1-Unit of Siamese currency
- 2-Choose
- 3-Babylonian deity

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Evidence Fails To Support NVA Build-Up In Cambodia

U.S. officials say there is still no hard evidence to support reports of a North Vietnamese troop build up in Cambodia.

Defense Department termed the reports unconfirmed in a May 27 announcement. The official statement said an investigation failed to substantiate the reports.

The officials said similar reports continue to trickle in, but are unconfirmed.

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HE CALLS THE STRIKES—Airman Second Class David J. Lilja was one of the Air Force ground radio operators participating in Operation Hawthorne, now ended. He used a high-powered radio to communicate with forward air controllers (FACs) directing strike pilots against enemy concentrations and gun positions. During search and destroy operations radio operators such as Lilja coordinate ground troops' request for air strikes.



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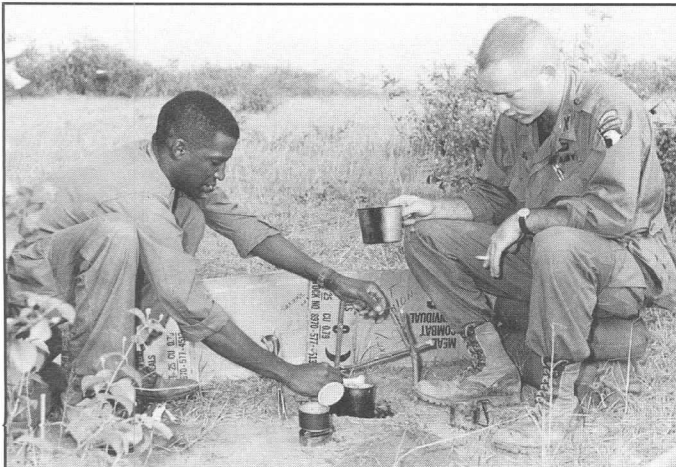
GOD BLESS AMERICA

and the

101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION!!!



TUY HOA, VIETNAM (101st IO) – General William C. Westmoreland (R) COMUSMACV, comments on the phenomenal Viet Cong corpse to captured weapon ratio attained by the Screaming Eagles to Brigadier General Willard Pearson, Clairton, Pa., Commanding General of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, and Lieutenant Colonel Henry E. Emerson, Milford, Pa., Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion (Airborne) 502nd Infantry. The Eaglesmen achieved a 2.5:1 ratio of bodies to captured weapons during their operations near Tuy Hoa, Vietnam. (Photo by SP/4 Richard Houghton)



TUY HOA, VIETNAM (101st -IO) – Officers Open Mess? That's what these two officers from the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division seem to think as they prepare a tasty meal during Operation Geronimo I. Captain Lucius V. Reeves, Headquarters Company Commandant from Miami, Florida and Captain Arthur L. Conlon, Assistant Operations Officer from Flint, Michigan don't seem to mind compromising to 'chow down.'

(L101-12) US Army Photo by Sp/4 Alva Tate

GHOSTS OF BATTLES PAST

by: Peter S. Griffin

Spirits of those, claimed in the fight,
Leave to us, to do what's right....
They gave their lives, for love of others,
They've become, our beloved brothers.....

They are, GHOSTS OF BATTLES PAST,
In our hearts, their spirits last....
They share with us, their special love,
Remember them, for what they've done.....

The time of warriors, a fleeting thing,
Gabriel's trumpet calls, the Angels sing....
The souls of troopers, take to wing,
A soldier's death, how battle stings.....

Don't let their spirits roam,
In your heart, give them a home....
Their death then has, a sacred meaning,
Not in vain, their sacrifice, glowing, beaming.....

To some, he's gone, eternity, he now belongs,
Quiet, listen, you'll hear his song....
He's telling you, hold back those tears,
He'll be with you, throughout the years.....

Tragic events will stay in your mind,
Like sad movies, they play, then rewind....
Never ending, awake or asleep,
Just a reminder, their love to keep....

Death's anniversary, will come, then go,
It gives you the chance, their love to grow....
Refuse to let, their deaths be sad,
Celebrate their love, the love, you have.....

A friend like him, never dies,
In your heart, his spirit thrives....
He gives to you, that part of him,
His lasting love, you two, now kin.....

They stay with you, not to haunt or taunt,
Simply because, there's something they want....
Their desperate need, not to conceive guilt,
Just remember them, their spirit not wilt....

When you hear, the sound of "Taps",
That song of, GHOSTS OF BATTLES PAST....
Tis their bugle, pure and solemn,
Reminding you, one day, you join their column....

Till then, rejoice, you know the secret,
In your heart, the locket, you keep it....
Death can't steal, this love that lasts,
Live on, be at peace, for GHOSTS OF BATTLES PAST....!



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Rice to the people of Southeast Asia is survival — life itself.

Rice... An Editorial

...by MACV-CI

Rice contains protein, fat, starch, sugar, minerals, fibrous matter and Vitamin B. As in other countries in Asia, it is the staple food of Vietnam.

Together with salt, and coupled with weapons, it is a basic consideration in the conduct of this counterinsurgency war. Weapons determine the capability to fight; food, the capability and the will to fight. The Orient, from Iran to the Philippines, from China's Yangtze Valley to Indonesia, produces close to 90 per cent of the world's rice.

Since the first of the year, rice has been denied to the enemy in two significant ways: First, through operations aimed at the protection of the rice harvesting, and secondly, through search and destroy operations.

Operations Jefferson and Van Buren, the latter conducted by the 101st, in January and February, were directed primarily at the protection of the rice harvesting areas in Phu Yen Province. The significance of this type of operation is evident from a comparison of the last rice crop harvested in Phu Yen Province in 1965 which yielded only 9,000 tons of rice, with the recent ROK/ARVN Operation Jefferson accounting for 30,000 tons.

Further, Operation Su Bok, a Republic of Korea (ROK) forces effort which started in March, is a continuing operation which has for one of its objectives the protection of the rice crops in their area of responsibility as does the current 101st Operation, Seward.

But what is the real significance of these drives to deny the enemy his rice harvest? What importance does rice assume in the Vietnam conflict? Furthermore, what are some of the possible consequences of this loss of rice to the individual enemy soldier and to his cause?

Because the combat life of the guerrilla is replete with hardship and privation, the additional burden imposed with the loss of food tends to weaken his will to fight; lessens his effectiveness in battle, and finally; affects his health by lowering his resistance to disease.

As the individual VC suffers so does his cause and his organization. The logistics problems encountered by insurgents are difficult enough. Couple these with the losses to search and destroy operations, bombings, artillery fire, and relentless coastal and inland waterway patrols aimed at cutting the infiltration of weapons and supplies, and they assume discouraging proportions to the VC logistic effort. Deprived of other alternatives, the VC supply system must either purchase rice from farmers at a fair price, thus depleting their supply of funds, or alienate the local population by confiscating the rice or taxing to get more.

These logistical problems disrupt the enemy time table for operations. Planning, always a VC strong point, becomes less exact, and more contingent on variables beyond their control. The element of calculated military risk rises constantly until it becomes unacceptable. Finally, preplanned operations must be indefinitely postponed or cancelled because the pre-located caches have been destroyed or captured.

The enemy does his fighting on rice. Deny him his rice ration and you hasten his defeat.

Lt Col David Hackworth Gets 9 Medals At One Ceremony

WASH. (AFNB)— Army Chief of Staff Gen. Harold K. Johnson honored one of the nation's fighting men at the Pentagon Oct. 5 by awarding Lt. Col. David H. Hackworth a total of nine medals in one ceremony.

The medals were: the Distinguished Service Cross, the third and fourth oak leaf clusters to the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with V-device for Valor, the second and third oak leaf clusters to the Air Medal, and two Army Commendation Medals.

It is believed to rank among the largest group of medals the Army has presented at a single ceremony.

Lt. Col. Hackworth won the awards while serving with the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division. They were pinned below a full ribbon row from the Korean Conflict, including two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars and four Purple Hearts.

Gen. Johnson pointed out the colonel was a highly uncommon man. Running away from an orphanage and enlisting in the Army at 15 in 1945, he is now a 20-year veteran at 35. During the Korean War he won a battlefield commission.

He filled out his high school education with a GED certificate and then went on to earn a baccalaureate degree from Austin Peay State College in Tennessee.

Col. Hackworth is also a graduate of the Command and General Staff College.

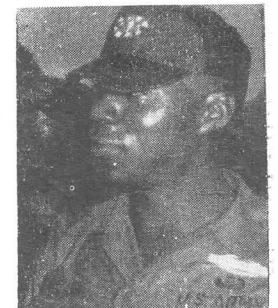
WARRIORS OF THE WEEK

Lt. Lynwood Mullins



First Lieutenant Lynwood S. Mullins a member of Company "A," 326th Engineer Battalion, was chosen as the "Officer Warrior of the Week" for recent actions against the enemy near Tuy Hoa.

Sgt Harvey Harris



Sergeant Harvey B. Harris a member of Company "A," 326th Engineer Battalion, was chosen as the "Enlisted Warrior of the Week" for recent actions against the enemy near Tuy Hoa.

Confab...

(Cont'd from p-1, Col. 5)
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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Editor's Column

Weigh allowances of household goods shipped on Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders have been increased for all eligible enlisted men and officers through the rank of major by DOD's Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee.

Increases ranging from 1,500 to 2,000 pounds were authorized for E-4s (four or more years' service) to E-9. For example, E-4s received an increase from 5,000 to 7,000 pounds under changes to JTR, par. M. 8003 as revised.

Officer increases reflected a similar hike, with a 2nd Lt. receiving a 9,500 pound allowance and a major's increased to 11,000 pounds.

The Red Cross Center at Phan Rang has announced the following schedule for the rest of the month of October: Friday the 21st—A Whisk Tournament (the game of cards upon which Hoyle's famous book of rules is based. It is much like poker but has twists all its own.) Sunday the 23rd—Mad Ads (a group participation game to try and out do Mad Magazine zaininess.) Tuesday the 25th—the monthly Birthday Party (free cake and coffee, mens!) Friday the 28th—Touchdown (We LA fans might as well take up a new game for a while.) Sunday the 30th—HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!—(A party is planned in the best traditions of stateside happenings... Jiggers, the fuzz!)

TEMPORARY ENLISTED PROMOTION quota has been released to major Army commanders for October. The authorization is for 32 E-9s; 164 E-8s; 629 E-7s; 2,345 E-6s; 24,237 E-5s; and 74,142 E-4s.

Dependants of active duty personnel may obtain outpatient care from civilian sources without first going through military channels under the Military Medical Benefits Amendments of 1966.

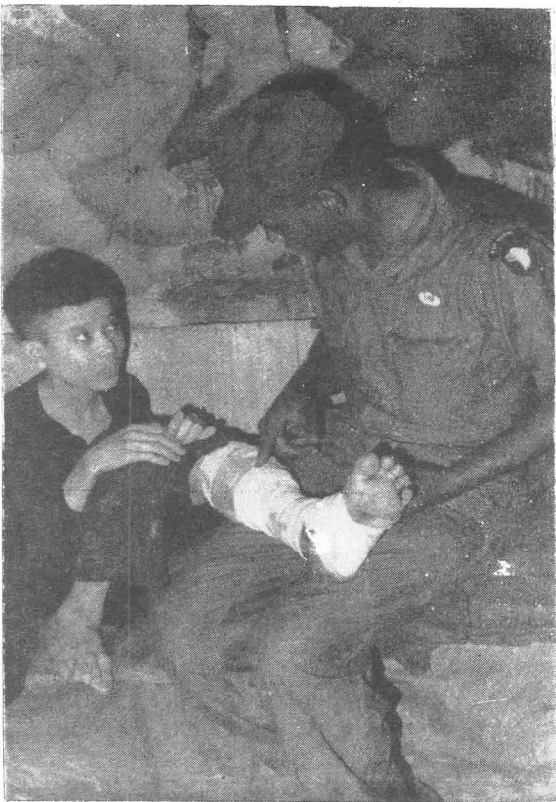
These individuals previously paid all costs when going to civilian sources. Now, the dependent's sponsor pays all charges during a fiscal year until the costs reach \$50, then he pays only 20 percent of further costs that year. If the sponsor claims more than one dependent, he pays the first \$100 and 20 percent of the remainder that fiscal year.

Once the \$50 or \$100 total has been reached, the civilian source bills the government for 80 percent of charges thereafter and collects 20 percent from the sponsor.

Most types of outpatient care are authorized. Dental care, however, may be provided only as a necessary adjunct to medical or surgical treatment. Routine physicals and immunizations are limited to dependents preparing to join their sponsors overseas under official orders.

Drug and medicine purchases are limited, except for insulin, to those obtainable by written prescription of a licensed physician or dentist.

101ST P I C T O R I A L



Specialist 5 Ned Rice 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry examines the wounded leg of a Vietnamese liberated from a Viet Cong prisoner camp. The Vietnamese was shot by the Viet Cong during an assault on the camp by elements of the battalion which resulted in the liberation of 23 people.
(Photo by Sp4 Oddvar Breiland)



Major John Gilboux, executive officer of the 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry takes a first hand look at the fruits of his labors to bring books to the barren classrooms of a Vietnamese orphanage. The major wrote his wife of the need for school supplies and was answered by six boxes of school necessities donated by the children of a stateside school.
(Photo by PFC Dan Hines)



Staff Sergeant Davis L. Higgins takes a break to eat watermelon while on a search and destroy mission during Operation SEWARD. SSgt Higgins is assigned to the 3rd platoon, Company "B," 2d, 327th Infantry, now protecting the rice harvest in the Phu Yen province.
(Photo by Sp4 R.S. Parker)



Four paratroopers serving with the 2d Battalion, 320th Artillery, have gained fame but little fortune entertaining their comrades with melodic sounds on improvised instruments. The foursome, known as the "Rou ng Troubadours," are (L to R) PFC Jerry Wilrite, PFC Homer Bonds, PFC Edward Bluford, and PFC Pat Dorsey.
(Photo by Sp4 Oddvar Breiland)

In IO1st Action

DFC Awarded Pilot For Extraction Under Fire

TUY HOA (1st Avn Bde) — One of the toughest missions in the helicopter business, labeled an "extraction under fire" won a Distinguished Flying Cross for Army Major James T. Radford.

Radford, a "Huey," pilot with the 17th Aviation Group's 48th Assault Helicopter Company, 10th Combat Aviation Battalion, earned the award last April supporting the 101st Airborne near Phan Thiet, 95 miles east of Saigon.

Brigadier General Willard Pearson, "Screaming Eagle" 1st Brigade commander, made the presentation at the 10th Battalion field headquarters here, where the 10th and the 101st remain paired for operations.

Radford had volunteered to attempt the rescue of five paratroopers surrounded by Viet Cong late in the afternoon of April 13th. As he arrived overhead, he found the area not only alive with VC, but too heavily wooded to land in. Enemy ground fire was intense.

Two armed choppers, also of the 48th Assault Company, sprayed the fringes of the troopers' position with rocket and machinegun fire while the airborne began blasting down trees with plastic explosives. Radford circled, waiting. When two trees had fallen, he tried an approach but again found the clearing too confined to hold his helicopter.

Two hours later Radford was still circling. All three choppers were low on fuel, the plastic explosives were gone, the 101st patrol had resorted to automatic rifle fire to gun down two more trees, everyone but the VC was nearly out of ammo, and the clearing was still too small.

Fresh gunships arrived to defend the beleaguered troops while the three fuel-poor Hueys flew back to gas up and re-arm. Before leaving, they made one low pass each as the chopper crews dropped the ammo from their personal weapons to the patrol below.

Radford's flight refueled and reloaded quickly. Heading back at full speed they bore fresh ammo and demolitions for the paratroopers. The time was about 7 P.M.

"It was really starting to get dark," Radford said, "and it had started to rain. There was just enough light left to make one more try, so if that missed, they'd have had to try to hold on somehow 'til morning."

With the new explosives the patrol unearthed one more tree and in came Radford, fast and low. He yanked his ship into a violent "flare" maneuver to bring it to a shuddering stop just over the clearing and settled it in, tail down. Deftly leveling the chopper, he then brought it to a hover, dead in the middle of the clearing, with its big rotor blades whipping past three limbs just inches away. It was a small, dim-lit target and he had hit it coming fast.

The five-man patrol, with no casualties, clambered aboard. Five seconds after the miraculous landing, the machine was roaring into a "maximum performance" (straight up) takeoff and the ordeal was over.



"Wild TV programs aren't enough, now he's got to listen to exaggerated campaign speeches!"

NFL News Notes

NEW YORK (NFL) — **LAMAR LUNDY**, 6-foot-7 Los Angeles defensive end, has become the first defensive lineman and only the third other than defensive halfback to score three touch-downs on pass interceptions... In his seven years as a defensive end, Lundy has made three interceptions and returned each for a score — the third for 33 yards against the Bears... His other TD interceptions were 25 yards vs. Detroit in 1960 and 15 yards vs. Pittsburgh in 1964... The only other non-defensive backs to score three times on interceptions were linebackers Bill Blackburn, former player with the Chicago Cardinals, and Lee Roy Caffey of Green Bay, who made his third vs. Baltimore in the Packer opener this year.

PFC Michael McGee 101st 'Power Man'

TUY HOA — "I am the power man of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division."

No that is not some self-styled Hercules talking. However it is PFC Michael McGee and he is exactly what he says he is — 'the power man' — electrically that is — of the "Screaming Eagles" brigade headquarters. Without him there would be no lights.

The 20-year old paratrooper is responsible for lighting up the 1st Brigade Headquarters when night comes. Since his arrival in Vietnam four months ago, his job has been to maintain and run the generator that illuminates the nerve center for the paratrooper brigade.

Although his training for the job only consisted of a "twenty minute class on how to operate and maintain the generator," McGee has become expert on electricity and wiring. In addition to the usual repair of cable breaks and disconnections, he recently rigged up a stereo system for the field mess halls. But like any other technician, the "power man" runs into difficulties.

"With the monsoon coming around," he says, "there's going to be trouble with water

NOTICE !!



The watch on Miss Natalie Wood's left arm, after exposure to harsh marsh water is still ticking. Put your ear up close and Listen! Isn't that amazing! Miss Wood has just completed a one yard breast stroke... how much punishment can a watch take?! (Photo courtesy of "Operation Pin-Up" Hollywood Overseas Committee)



"It seems like you just came, Jimmy!"

in the gasoline for the generator. And there's always the problem of parts. But my biggest problem is the trouble with homewiring experts. People trying to fix a broken cable and all they wind up doing is blowing the whole circuit."

McGee is at his job all night and sleeps during the day, an arrangement he "likes just fine." Friends don't dare kid the 101st paratrooper about his job. "I'll turn their lights out," he quips.

Confab...

(Cont'd from p-2, Col. 5) lunch attended by visiting Lieutenant General John Heintges, deputy commanding general of MACV. Over lunch, spiced with discussion, Gen. Heintges 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.

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1st Brigade Medic Cuts Fellow Trooper's Throat; Saves His Life...

NHON CO., VIETNAM (101-10) --The man wearing the Combat Medical Badge above the left pocket of his jungle fatigues, smiled broadly as a trooper entered the tent. "Hey, I thought you were dead," he joked.

The other man smiled and said, "Yeah, you probably did after you cut my throat." The last time the two had seen one another was two months before on a battlefield. The cry for a running low under a hail of machinegun fire. As he came to the severely wounded man, a moan of "God, no!" came from his lips. The two knew each other well. They were members of the 101st Airborne's Tiger Force.

Quickly, the medic assessed the damage. The bullet had hit his friend from above, gone in the back, through the lung and come out the front. Blood was choking the wounded trooper and he was fighting to breathe. The way he had been hit meant there was a sniper up a tree, who even now might be lining them both up for a couple more shots.

He grabbed his wounded comrad under the arms and pulled him to cover. The man, being in pain as he was, shock was almost inevitable. The medic took out a syrette of morphine and injected it. A burst of bullets from an automatic weapon cut up the bushes to their right; he paid no mind. He used an aid dressing to cover the gaping wound of entry, and as he finished, explosions went off to his front. He leaned over the wounded man to protect him from further injury. Something hit him. He checked for blood, none showed and he went back to work.

Reaching into his kit, he took out a scalpel and blade. The fallen paratrooper was having great difficulty breathing and was spitting blood. The medic put the man's head back and made an incision in his throat. Blood

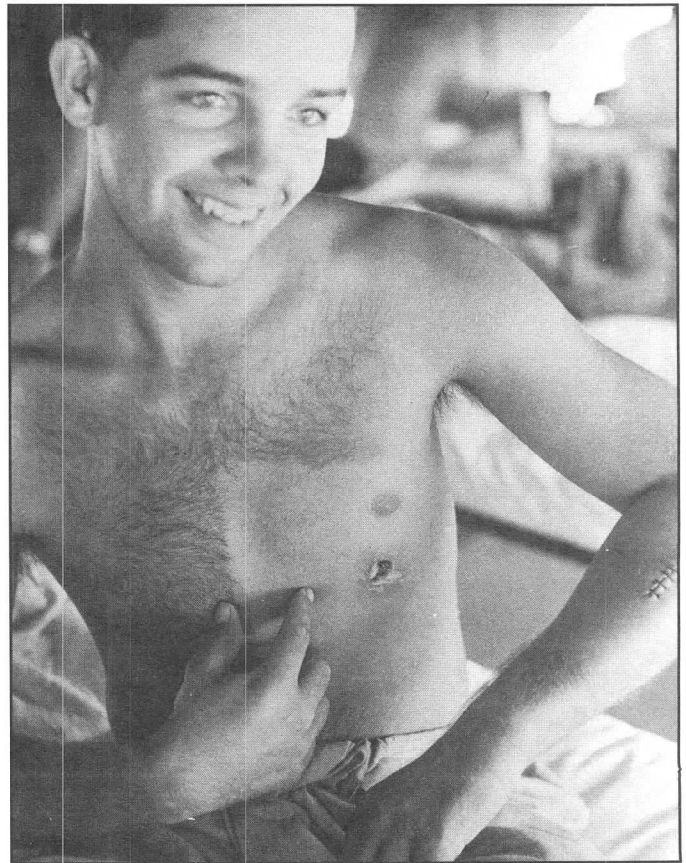
flowed from the cut, the mud-splatter aidman dabbed it away, and kept making shallow, careful cuts. Finally, he saw what he had been waiting for, the trachea; he punctured it and heard air from his friend's lungs whistle out. He pushed in the wounded man's chest one time, inserted an airway, muttered a few words of encouragement to the now apparently unconscious man, turned, and in a crouch, ran away.

Minutes later, he was back with an improvised litter and the men to carry it; one of them was a chaplain. Quickly, and as gently as they could, they placed the paratrooper on the litter and carried their charge across the open bullet swept field. As his comrad was taken to the medevac helicopter, Connolly turned and went back to answer another call for a medic. Over his shoulder, he watched a Viet Cong machinegun firing tracers at the airship, hitting it several times.

Today, both men stood looking at one another. Neither one really knew what to say. At last, the man with the scar on his neck spoke, "It was rough, wasn't it?" Connolly of Quincy, Mass., replied, "Yeah. It was. C'mon, I'll buy you a beer."

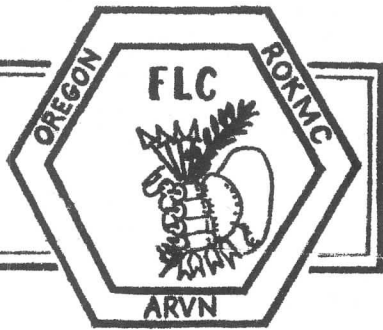


CHU LAI, Vietnam – CAREFUL AIM. A 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne paratrooper takes aim on the enemy during a contact between the 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., and NVA forces. (USA Photo by Sgt. Bob Chambers)



SAVED BY A SPOON: Paratrooper First Class Billy Campbell points to the imprint made when his mess kit spoon stopped a Viet Cong bullet.

From: Public Information Office, 101st Airborne Division & Fort Campbell, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, November 26, 1965



Wounded Pfc. Calls Accurate Adjustment Fire to Save Platoon

By: PFC Bob Mosey

DUC PHO—Accurate adjustment of artillery and gunship fire by a badly-wounded artillery radio telephone operator saved a platoon from a severe mauling when attacked by a reinforced VC company near here recently.

The Recondo paratroopers of 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, set up night defensive positions next to a deserted hamlet in the Song Ve valley.

Minutes later, sounds of clanking metal and rustling bushes told the paratroopers they were not alone.

Alert eyes searched the huts dotting the flat, fertile valley. Attentive ears listened for any distinct sound or movement.

Lt. Clarence Long, Ruskin, Mass., gave instructions to use grenades if the enemy was spotted.

Pfc. Jerry Cain, Cody, Wyo., alerted artillery and gunships for possible fire missions.

An alert Recondo on the platoon's perimeter saw two Viet Cong run under a tree. Warning the rest of the platoon, he threw a grenade. The explosion triggered an attack by an estimated 100-man VC force.

Using 60-millimeter mortar, 57-millimeter recoilless rifles, grenades, heavy machine gun and small arms fire, the enemy quickly maneuvered to three sides of the platoon, setting up a deadly cross fire.

Cain, of H&S Btry., 2nd Bn (Airborne), 320th Artillery, radioed for supporting fire. Within minutes, friendly artillery created a protective sheath around the platoon. Overhead, heavy machine gun fire from attacking gunships raked the

enemy positions. Flares turned night into day as the battle raged.

"The supply of grenades 'Charlie' had seemed endless," said Pfc. Ronald Gardner, Alamogordo, N.M.

Cain, now suffering a facial wound from shrapnel, continued calling in artillery fire, often within 100 meters of his position.

Artillery and gunships pounded the enemy with withering fire.

The VC carried their casualties across a shallow river adjacent to the platoon front, at the same time attempting to reinforce their stricken company. Gunships raked the river to thwart any attempt of the Viet Cong force to link-up.

Four hours later, unable to overrun the Recondo platoon, the enemy withdrew across the river, gunships still in pursuit.

Ten enemy lay dead. Enemy blood trails led into the jungle.



Mike O'Neill sent this clipping along with the following: I've kept this clipping since 1967. I was there that night and a long night it was! Maybe you can use this in your new publication. I'd really like to find out the names of all the guys I was with back then but my memory for names is real bad. I seem to have blocked it all out! You can pass along my e-mail address if that's ok? weststa3@aol.com.

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Charging Paratroopers Kill 292 Red Troops

SAIGON (UPI) — American paratroopers, charging with fixed bayonets, yesterday threw back a heavy Communist attack. They killed at least 292 North Vietnamese regulars in a two-day battle in Central Highlands jungles 300 miles north of Saigon.

The North Vietnamese attacked repeatedly, bugles blowing, with a force of at least 1,200 troops and overran one American artillery position capturing a 105 mm howitzer. But troops of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division stormed back in hand-to-hand fighting, retook the lost weapon and put the North Vietnamese to flight.

U.S. spokesmen said over-all American casualties in the battle were "light." There was no quarter given and no prisoners were reported taken.

Red Regiment Engaged

"We're killing them faster than we can count them," an airborne officer radioed to military headquarters in Saigon last night.

U.S. military spokesmen said the Communists threw at least a full regiment against the 101st Airborne soldiers in an attempt to wipe out a major American unit.

But the paratroopers, aided by artillery and aircraft stopped the Communists cold, then chased them to prepared positions where fighting continued last night.

It was the first time in months the Communists had taken to the offensive with such a large force. They had confined themselves recently to hit-and-run attacks on small allied positions such as isolated special forces camps.

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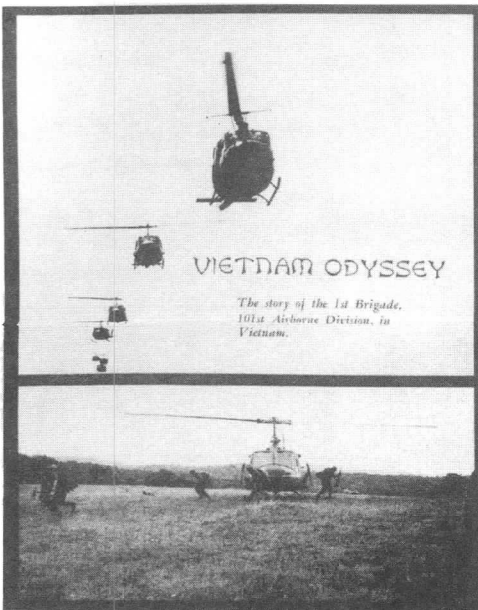
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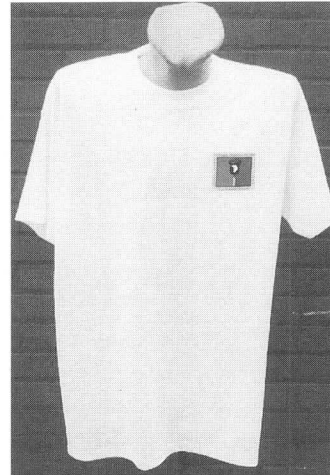
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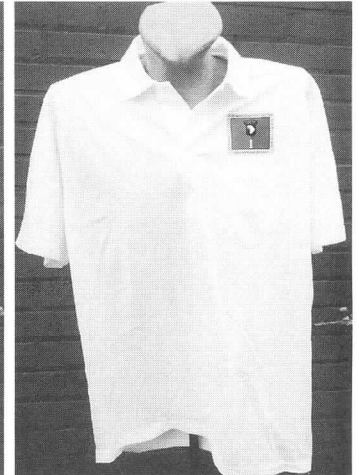


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Wounded Sergeant Rallies Defense in VC Onslaught

WITH 101st ABN. DIV., Vietnam – "Give me a couple quarts of blood and I'll be ready to go again." This was the whispered statement of the wounded patrol leader shortly after his eight-man patrol beat off the fifth Viet Cong assault in 24 hours. Barely able to see or speak, due to his extreme loss of blood, the patrol leader continued to command his men. Collapsed and unable to even lift his arms, the patrol leader called in artillery on the Viet Cong surrounding the besieged squad, adjusting the fire by listening to the direction and loudness of the detonation rounds.

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He demanded that he be left behind while his men moved to safety. They refused. When told that they would carry him with them 800 meters to where they could be picked up by helicopter, he said, "Hell, I can walk that far!"

The patrol leader is Sgt. Gene Hawthorne. The squad was from Co. A, 2d Bn., 502d Inf., 1st Brig., 101st Abn. Div.

The mission was simple, the execution difficult. The patrol was to penetrate, undetected, deep into a Viet Cong-controlled area about 30 miles northwest of Saigon and sit, observing the movements of the Viet Cong until the patrol was met by their advancing parent unit two days later. Each man was armed with three or four times his normal load of ammunition.

LEAVING at dusk, the patrol moved 5000 meters from their camp, swam one river, their clothing and equipment towed in a boat, crossed through jungle, rice paddies, rubber plantations, carefully skirting villages in their path.

They were safely in position by daybreak, when, according to Sgt. Robert E. Drake, "one little VC rat walked right into the middle of where we were concealed. Before we could do anything, he was off like a bullet. The jungle undergrowth was thick and we could see nothing, but we could hear them moving all round us.

The pattern was the same each time they attacked us. They would spring up out of the bushes, yelling and screaming, and shooting as they came. We got through the first assault without a scrape.

"The second go-round we weren't so lucky. One of the men was hit, although he kept right on going and fought well right up to the end of the mess. We were hit a third time and came through clean. As we moved for the third time one of the men triggered a booby trap, killing himself and wounding Sgt. Hawthorne in both arms."

"**THE BOOBY TRAP** going off gave away our position, and minutes later we were hit again. We cut down several before they withdrew, while none of our men was wounded in the attack. They didn't hit us again until about nine the next morning. Hawthorne had lost a lot of blood during the night. When the attack came, although he was in great pain and could see only a few feet in front of him, he put out a deadly volume of fire. He would collapse, regain consciousness, and fire again. It was then that he pinpointed our position on the map for the artillery, and adjusted the fire by listening to the bursts."

Everyone stayed calm and cool because of the way Sgt. Hawthorne acted. He just wouldn't give up. He's a real leader."

Two more men lost their lives in the last attack before the Viet Cong were finally forced to retreat. Soon afterwards, the besieged patrol was reached by a platoon of its comrades, marking the end of the 39-hour ordeal, during which three men lost their lives and two were wounded.

As Hawthorne was being carried aboard the helicopter that would evacuate him, he remarked, "I'm going in for a refill, and I'll be back."



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THE BLOODY CHECKERBOARDPages 1 & 2

This story was originally published by Newsweek in May of 1966. Photo from Jim Gould. The story is a great description of the checkerboard tactics of the 2/502.

CLIPPINGS FROM INCOUNTRY NEWSPage 2

Both stories were published in publications produced by the Saigon headquarters of MACV.

STOLEN VALORPages 3 & 4

Reading this book is a must for those who would like to learn what happened to the image of the Viet Nam Veteran. The authors believe Viet Nam Veterans were robbed of their place in the country's history by many of those who opposed the war while we were still in Viet Nam.

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PHAN RANG, VIETNAM (101st – IO) – Private First Class Dennis R. Barnette, from Elizabethton, Tenn., whispers instructions to his dog during training here prior to the 42nd Infantry Scout Dog Platoon's being assigned to units of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

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