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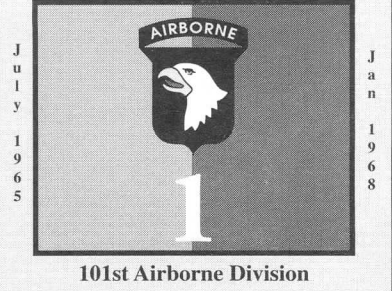
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This magazine is produced by and for veterans of the ALWAYS FIRST BRIGADE who served in the brigade from July 1965 through January 1968. The publication will chronicle the military history and accomplishments of veterans who served, as well as units that were assigned, attached or supported the brigade. The editor solicits material about the brigade for use in the magazine and for future publication in a book that will contain a comprehensive history of the brigade.

Another goal of the editor is to lead an initiative to place a monument, to honor members of the brigade, at the Wings of LIBERTY Military Museum at Fort Campbell, Kentucky (the museum will be in Tennessee) and at the AIRBORNE AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS MUSEUM in Fayetteville, North Carolina.



LTC (Ret) James C. Joiner, President of the 101st Airborne Division Association and Ivan Worrell pose at the 101st marker on the Airborne Walk at Fort Benning, Georgia. A ceremony on, Thursday, April 13th celebrated the 60th anniversary of the activation of the Test Platoon at Fort Benning in 1940, the beginning of airborne training in the United States Army. Joiner and Worrell served in the 1st Brigade (Separate) 101st Abn Div, in Viet Nam. The ALWAYS FIRST separate brigade was the last PARACHUTE QUALIFIED major unit to serve under the "SCREAMING EAGLE" banner. See related story about Jim Joiner beginning on the next page.

This is the last issue before the 7th Bi-Annual Reunion in Columbus/Fort Benning, Georgia. All the information I have about the reunion has been mailed to you, the subscribers and all prospects I have in the data base (more than 1,771 total). I know that I have not contacted all 1st Brigade (S) veterans to inform them of the reunion. If you have names and addresses of fellow veterans of the brigade please send them to me and I will get a reunion and hotel registration form in the mail to them.

The cover is the work of Specialist 6 Bill Dolan. He served as a Department of the Army Combat Artist and produced many powerful sketches of 1st Brigade (S) actions.

Please note that the magazine has grown to 48 pages for the first time. There are, now, 595 subscribers. Of these 132 have not renewed their subscriptions and this could be their final magazine. Non-renewals for this period in 1999 total 55.



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ONE YEAR IN VIET NAM

Lieutenant Colonel James C. Joiner, USA, (Ret) is President of the 101st Airborne Division Association. He is Past President of the 101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans Association. His leadership in the transition of the 101st Airborne Division Association into the 21st Century and melding the "Screaming Eagle" veterans of World War II, Viet Nam, the Persian Gulf and those who served at Fort Campbell preparing for combat, into a brotherhood of equals is a daunting task. There is no better trained fighting man than the soldiers who wore the 101st patch. That quality of initiative, courage and gung-ho approach to life does not always translate well into cooperative service in a fraternal order of veterans who, for the most part, believe the era they served in exceeds all others in significance in the history of the 101st Airborne Division.

1st Lieutenant James Joiner joined the 1st Brigade in Kontum on January 3, 1967. The brigade was preparing for the training jumps designed as preparation for Operation Junction City. He was assigned to Bravo Company 2/327 "NO SLACK." His first task as a Master Parachutist was to train the entire 2nd Battalion 327th in a modified jump course to get them back into the spirit and develop competency for jumping. The course included PLFs, functioning of the T10 parachute and other airborne lessons that had been learned in jump school.

WORRELL: A number of people have written to complain that we did not get credit for a combat jump. My approach to that is that it was training for Operation Junction City and we did not get the mission.

JOINER: Those are the facts. Operation Junction City was being planned at USARV Headquarters and at that time they had not established which unit was going to do that job. Initially we thought we had that job. Later on we were told the 173rd had the mission.

WORRELL: When you finished the task of the training jumps what did you do?

JOINER: When the jumping was completed the entire brigade moved back to Phan Rang for stand down. We stood down for about a week. We reorganized. The troops had a chance to get cleaned up, get new uniforms, get fed and go to the clubs and

have a few drinks and meet new replacements. After a week there we began Operation Malheur in the Phan Thiet area. We were operating between the sea and Dalat which was up in the northern part of that area. It was the old royal area. There was a royal palace there. There was heavy, heavy jungle from Dalat almost to the coast and then it broke out into almost a desert area like the southwest United States. It was hot, dry and sandy with little scrub trees. It was a miserable environment. My first operation out of there we flew into a one ship LZ, one ship at a time came in, to bring my platoon in. I was the 3rd Platoon Leader of Bravo 2/327. We got off the helicopter, immediately crossed a stream, and started moving up a mountain which I had selected from map recon as I felt it was dominant terrain in the area and wanted to use it as a base to work out of for my platoon.

All platoons in the company were operating as single platoons. There was no company operation. We had been off the ship, maybe, an hour when we were walking up a trail, in a heavy jungle with a point man, a second man and I was third when we came around a corner and ran into three VC. One was a paymaster and two guards. We knew he was a paymaster because we got his payroll. Along with the payroll we got photographs of over 200 Vietnamese. He had the photographs of these Vietnamese so he would know who to pay. It was a bonanza for the intelligence people because they could identify the VC in the villages in the area. The three VC were killed when we contacted them without friendly

casualties. That was a successful start for that mission. As we neared the top of the mountain we observed what appeared to be a squad of VC about 300 yards away across an open area moving into the jungle. We opened fire on them immediately and then called in artillery followed by air strikes. Helicopters in the area had observed the direction of their movement and what was believed to be a bunker complex. We were told to stay where we were that evening, because it was then getting dark, and to move in the next morning, which we did, at first light. We discovered one of the largest base camps that had been found in the past few months by the 1st Brigade. It had a complete printing press, multicolor printing press, it had an underground hospital, it had a complete tailor shop with sewing machines and 150 bolts of black silk being used to make black pajamas. We pulled more than 23 feet of docu-



Training Jump at Kontum

ments out of there. This was great material for the intelligence people. We spent two days cleaning out that bunker complex making sure that we had gotten everything and that everything was secured.

During this operation our Company Commander was wounded with a punji stake, Roman Rondiak was the "B" Company Commander, and was medevacked. The Executive Officer took over the company.

We were ordered to move out of the mountains and jungles down into the plain area of Phan Thiet. In route down there we set up a night ambush. We had the first successful night ambush that had been conducted in a couple of months within the 1st Brigade and we killed four VC and captured several weapons as the result of that ambush. That was another successful operation that we had.

We moved down into Phan Thiet and started operating in what was some of the most miserable country that I operated in. I would much rather operate in the jungle. There was sand, you would take two steps forward and go one back, there was scrub brush, you could not really see - it was not very nice terrain.

I was with the platoon for approximately two months. It was about that time when I made Captain. I was ordered out of the field, and back to base camp, immediately. I became assistant S-4, Motor Officer, for the Battalion for most of April and May. As Battalion Motor Officer, I was in charge of the convoy that moved the Battalion, 2/327, from Phan Thiet all the way to Duc Pho. The convoy went overland, up Highway One, from Phan Thiet to Nha Trang, the longest overland convoy to that date, where we loaded onto LSTs and went north to Duc Pho where we made a beach landing and set up Headquarters there. We immediately started operations in the mountains to the west between Duc Pho and Chu Chi.

I was given command of Charlie Company of 2/327. I took over Charlie Company in late May of 1967. One of the things I did as Company Commander was, when we went into a combat assault on an LZ, if it was not a hot LZ, I always assembled my platoon leaders and made sure they understood, on the map, where they were before we went on with the operation.

We operated, depending on the evaluation of the enemy and the intelligence briefing on the enemy, we operated either in two platoon formations with me being in charge of one and the XO being in charge of the other or we would operate in platoon sized elements. I remember, as a Company Commander, it was very difficult because I never had control of my entire company at any one time.

We moved out on an operation and traveled for a couple of days and, again, I went to the highest terrain in the area. We climbed up the back side of that mountain in late evening. It was about 7:00 or 8:00 o'clock when it was dark when we reached the top where we dug in. The next morning, while following the morning and evening SOP that was pretty standard

throughout the brigade and called for 50% on alert and 50% cleaning weapons and eating Cs, three NVA walked into the perimeter with their weapons at sling arms. They were laughing and joking with no idea that we were there. My guys fired them up instead of taking them prisoner, which they could have done, killed them. I immediately sent a squad patrol to find out what was out there. They had not gone more than 100 meters when all hell broke loose. Shortly thereafter all hell broke loose for all of us. I was there with two platoons. The other two platoons were far enough away that they could not get to us within a reasonable period of time. We fought all that day. We found out later it was a portion of an NVA battalion that we had stumbled upon. We were fighting that with two platoons. The final thing that broke contact was, I called an air strike and asked that they drop 500 pound bombs within 100 meters of our front line. I remember the pilots asking me for my name, my rank, my unit and my social security number. They said you are asking us to drop bombs in an area that we are not allowed to drop bombs in. I said "It's either you or them, so go ahead." They did and we broke contact. We had four troopers killed. Those were the only men I lost as a platoon leader and Company Commander. These men were not killed by the bombs but by NVA small arms fire. Because we were, thank God, on the high ground, occupying the high ground, the NVA climbed trees so they could shoot into our perimeter, otherwise they were shooting uphill. They were good soldiers, the NVA. The bombs busted them up. We found lots of blood, took quite a few weapons but weren't many bodies. They pulled them out.

This operation involved two mountain ranges on either side of a beautiful valley with lots of cattle and crops with a crystal clear river and palm trees and a village. We went in and cleaned out that valley. Cattle were herded out of the valley. We brought in South Vietnamese Army soldiers to herd the cattle out of the valley. We took the old men, women and children out in Chinooks. We burned everything to the ground. The valley was sprayed with agent orange three different times. One of the reasons we did this was that we found a large rice cache, several tons of rice. We were ordered to stay there until they could get the Chinooks back to evacuate the rice. I requested permission to leave the area, I never stayed in an area for more than one night, and was ordered to stay for a second night. The second night there was a small hooch on the middle of my perimeter, again I had two platoons. I had my First Sergeant, my artillery LNO, his RTO, my RTO and another RTO. There was about six of them in and around that hooch sleeping. Sometime during the night I heard a crash through the thatched roof of the hooch. It was a grenade coming through the roof. Luckily for us it went into the grenade sump and it went off. We immediately started moving out of the area. I moved out to the line to direct the action and had a grenade go off between me and the artillery LNO right about our feet. I was wounded and was medevacked. When I came back they turned my company over to Tony Mavroudis (CPT Antonio M. Mavroudis, KIA 10/28/67). He was called the Mad Greek. He was later killed along with my First Sergeant (1SG Henry Page Nelson KIA 10/28/67) because they were following the same SOP that I did and that was when they landed on an LZ they would get together and make sure that

everybody knew where they were and that was what they were doing and when that broke up the First Sergeant stepped away from the meeting and hit a Marine bouncing betty that killed him, killed the Company Commander and wounded two Platoon Leaders all at one time. We had a lot of problems with that up in I Corps. Marines had left mines all over the place with no record of where they were. We ran into the same thing at the base camp at Duc Pho. They had mined that whole area. There were constant problems with mines there.

When I got back to the base camp the battalion commanders had changed. Colonel Abood had been replaced with Colonel Yerks. I reported in and Colonel Yerks said General Matheson wanted to see me. I reported to Brigade Headquarters and was told by General Matheson that he wanted me to go down to Phan Rang and take over P Training, which had had some problems, and that he wanted the place cleaned up, straightened up. I reported to Colonel Quinton P. Sunday who was the Base Commander, when General Matheson was in the field, and Support Battalion Commander at Phan Rang. Colonel Sunday told me essentially the same thing, "Joiner, I don't care how you do it, get that P Training straightened up and get some facilities built." We were still in tents and it was a shame for incoming and departing troops to go through there. We did that. We immediately started to appropriate, requisition and through what other means were available acquire building materials, generators and other materials to improve the base camp. This was the first part of October of 1967. Between October of 1967 and December of 1967 we built almost 20 barracks, a 45 foot rappelling tower, an 800 man mess hall, an outdoor movie theater and provided the troops the kind of support they deserved after fighting in the jungle for months before returning to Phan Rang to go on R&R or to return to the United States. They need a place to clean up. They needed to have their equipment cleaned and maintained. Before that their uniforms were rotting and there was a shortage of replacement uniforms. This provided a hell of a moral boost.

General Matheson had asked General Westmoreland to allow us to have a jump school as part of the training facility to provide airborne qualification for those with specialties needed by the brigade. Many Military Occupation Specialties could not be found for the brigade already wearing jump wings. After General Westmoreland approved the jump school we had three or four classes, of various sizes, go through and graduate and were awarded their wings.

We also operated a sniper school, a modified RECONDO and a modified NCO School. The NCO School was designed to teach the young Specialist what was involved in being a noncommissioned officer and what their responsibilities were, instead of being buddy - buddy with your private and Sp-4 that you are now a leader also responsible for their lives. We also had the very core part of our training program, P Training, or Preparation Training. All replacements were acclimated to climate, the stress, the need for stamina. We had a tremendous P Training Course that culminated in a combat assault under live fire with live grenades going off, carrying a pack in the jungle heat. When they graduated from that course it was like gradu-

ating from Jump School. They had been challenged, they had been stressed and they had succeeded and they could then go into the combat units fully prepared to enter combat the first day they were there. I am proud of the results of that training.

One of the last things was welcoming Colonel Gerarci (LTC John P. Gerarci) and the 3/506. This was the first battalion to come into the brigade since we had been in Viet Nam. It was the lead element of the remainder of the division that which came starting the next month. The entire battalion went through P Training. This acclimated and got them oriented on their arrival in country. It was a very successful operation and Colonel Gerarci thought it was a very good way to get started.

WORRELL: Would you say that the 1st Brigade, in December of 1967 and January 1968 was the last truly Airborne (parachute) qualified unit of the 101st Airborne Division in Combat?

JOINER: Yes, absolutely, because after that they went, I am not sure what the designation was, Air Mobile, I believe. I believe they remained on jump pay throughout the year of 1968. After that they were off of jump pay. There was no jumping done by the brigade after Kontum in January of 1967 and Jump School in October of 1967.

WORRELL: It is my understanding that the Division that arrived was airborne qualified.

JOINER: That is correct. The division started to be broken up immediately. They started sending out 101st Airborne qualified soldiers to other units in country and bringing other people in who were not airborne qualified. This was done so that an entire division would not be ready to rotate at one time. They wanted to make sure that they had a mix of rotation dates. It really broke up the airborne, and it broke up the continuity of unit integrity of the units that had trained together at Fort Campbell for a year in preparation for deployment to Viet Nam. All of a sudden a squad would be half leg from some outfit they had never heard of. This was a very traumatic period for the division.

WORRELL: Would you elaborate on each of those training elements that you were responsible for in Phan Rang. You pretty well explained P Training. How about the Sniper School.

JOINER: The Sniper School was unique. There were not that many people that we put through it. We would have about five at a time that would be trained. They were trained in the use of spotters. They were a team, a sniper and a spotter. We did not have the suits that they use now which would have been a great assist. We taught them how to use scopes, both day scopes and night scopes, how to calculate windage, how the spotter and the sniper operate together and how to hide, how to move without being detected so you could actually be almost on top of your target if it was necessary. Some of our snipers were responsible for some tremendous kills at long ranges. It is an invaluable resource to have in your unit, to be able to knock off somebody at a long distance, especially a comman-

der. If you spot a unit at a great distance and you can knock off the commander you can throw the unit in disarray and your attack will have a much better chance of succeeding. It was only about a five day course to familiarize and qualify as a shooter. A soldier would volunteer for the course but the unit was responsible for looking at them and making sure they were a decent shot before they sent them to Sniper School. We were not responsible for teaching them to be a super shot we wanted to teach them all the other aspects of being a sniper.

The NCO school was a modified course. It was not like an NCO Academy because we did not have the facilities nor the time. Our job was to take young Sp 4s and E 5s, most of them newly promoted, and teach them the basics of being a non-commissioned officer, the concept that you are no longer buddy - buddy with the troops. It is like going to OCS (Officers Candidate School) you are no longer one of the guys you are now an officer. It is the same thing with a non-commissioned officer you have additional responsibilities. We had to teach those guys those things. Some people are able to adapt more quickly than others. Those are the successful ones, the ones who can adapt quickly and learn when you can be a buddy and when you must be the noncommissioned commander of that unit. He could be thrown into a situation where he would be the Platoon Sergeant. If the Platoon Sergeant is killed or wounded and he is the senior Squad Leader all of a sudden this man who was a Sp 4 a few weeks ago is suddenly a Platoon Sergeant. It is a great responsibility. A lot of lives are at stake. It was a good school. It taught the basics and, I think it stood the graduates in good stead in their units.

The Recondo Course was a combination LRRP, Recondo school. Our division LRRPs, later, went to the Recondo School that Special Forces conducted in Nah Trang. We taught them the basics of how to go in and hide and detect and to report without being observed nor detected. They were not designed to go in and destroy things. They were designed to observe and report. They had to be prepared to fight if they were, in fact, detected. In many cases that happened and we lost quite a few LRRP units. Not many in the brigade but later in the division operations. We had an obstacle course and a rappelling tower that was also part of that training. We taught rappelling. We ran them through the obstacle course to build up their stamina and strength, because they were flown in by helicopter, four or five men, and they were on their own. There was no support. Many times they were outside artillery support. They had to be able to survive out there in the jungle by themselves. We really put it on hard. They were put through a rigorous course and when they finished they were pretty proud.

WORRELL: I believe you said, earlier, that all your Airborne School instructors were experienced Black Hat staff from either Fort Benning or Fort Campbell Jump Schools.

JOINER: They were all combat leaders, because they had all been in combat for at least a year and they had all been Black Hats at one time or another at a jump school mostly at Fort Campbell or Fort Benning. Lt. Hicks (Lt. Charles R. Hicks, Ottawa, Kansas) was my XO. He was in charge of the Jump School program.

JOINER: One interesting part of the P Training was a serpentarium that we maintained there. We had the only one, that I know of, in country. We had four king cobras, several pythons up to 20 feet long, banded crates, bamboo vipers and spitting cobras a smaller cobra that spits venom up to eight feet. It spits venom into the eye of the prey and blinds so the snake can attack. We had samples of both the water black leach and the land leach, the red one. We used these exhibits to educate the troops on recognition and teach them treatment methods for each, for instance, a python is not poisonous but killed by constricting. They live off of rats and other rodents and most have rabies. This training helped for identification, to medics, of the type of snake bite so the proper anti venom could be administered.

WORRELL: How were the Vietnamese who worked at the base camp in Phan Rang screened? Was there an intelligence unit or personnel system to try to assure that we had the fewest possible number of Viet Cong working for us?

JOINER: I did not get involved in that. We had very few Vietnamese working in our P Training area. Support Battalion



JIM JOINER (R) was named the 101st Airborne Division Association Man of the Year by Don Lassen at the 23rd Annual Airborne Awards Festival in Atlanta on April 15, 2000. (Butler photo)

had intelligence people who were responsible for screening camp workers. The Military Police kept the camp closed and were responsible for keeping the peace on the Phan Rang strip.

I departed, for the first time, Viet Nam on 3 January 1968.

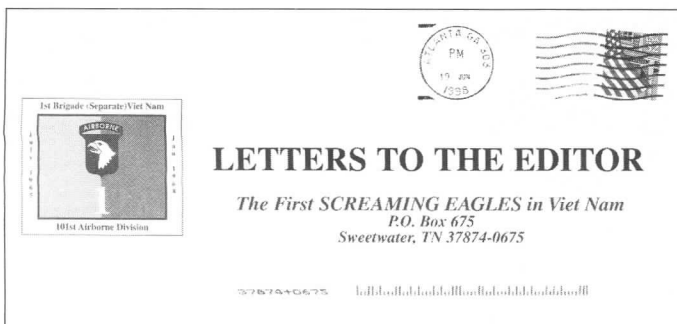
I appreciate Jim Joiner taking time for this interview. Jim has, in my opinion, always met the exacting standards of an airborne soldier. As an Sp 4, in the Information Office at Fort Campbell he was the man I chose to escort VIPs visiting the post. His other assignments in the Army proved that he could, and did, live up to the high standards he set for himself.

Ivan Worrell, Editor



KILLED IN ACTION AND NON-BATTLE DEATHS BY DATE

DD	Grade	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Generation	Home State	DOB	Casualty Category	SSN	Status	Cause of Death	Compliment Cause	Province	Component	DMOS
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5/25/67	SP4	Enos	Leonard	A		Samoa	/ /44	BD	19840934	DOW	Unk	SA Fire	Tuyen Duc	RA	11C2P
5/25/67	SP4	Funk	Joe	A	II	TX	/ /47	BD	13876954	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B2P
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5/29/67	PFC	Shelly	Michael	O		AR	/ /47	BD	56687727	Died-MIA	Unk	SA Fire	Quang Duc	USAR	11C1P
5/29/67	SP4	Cipriani	Alan	B		NE	/ /48	BD	18748113	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B2P
5/29/67	SP4	Dailey	Ronald	C		NM	/ /46	BD	15748017	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B2P
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5/29/67	SP5	Jolivette	Mathew	L		PR	/ /44	BD	18725533	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	91B2P
5/29/67	SSG	Cherry	Charles	E		CT	/ /37	BD	14569608	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11H4P
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6/8/67	PFC	Daw	Jerry	L		Samoa	/ /45	BD	19893239	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B1P
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6/8/67	SGT	Webb	Howard	L		CO	/ /42	BD	52663814	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	USAR	11F4D
6/8/67	SP4	Hoeniges	Thomas	L		GA	/ /46	BD	55862323	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	USAR	11B2B
6/8/67	SP4	Lange	Hans	D		GA	/ /44	BD	16831350	KOR	Unk	Unk	Khanh Hoa	RA	11E20
6/8/67	SP5	Mouritzen	Donald	A		MT	/ /46	BD	12732714	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11C2P



MESSAGES FROM THE

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JON A. EVERY-CLAYTON, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
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Saw reunion announcement in Army Times w/web address. Couldn't resist. Served as platoon leader, 1st/4th Plt, Co A/1/327, Jun 66 (Dak To) to Nov 66, and after hospital w/malaria, HHC as Asst Adjutant Jan to Jun 67. Despite conflict w/grandson's 1st birthday, making plans to attend Oct reunion. Hope to see many old friends there. (Maj Worrell, check for member renewal will be along shortly!) "Above the Rest"

MIKE MCCLAFFERTY, KANSAS CITY, MO
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My father James (Mack) McClafferty was a member of the 101 and served in Vietnam. He was killed July 18th, 1968 and I was 2 years old. I don't know much of what went on over there and would really like to talk to people who would not mind telling me what my dad may have seen and how it was. I look forward to talking to someone.

SGM (RET) CHARLIE FRALEY, KNOXVILLE, TN LIVING IN RADCLIFF, KENTUCKY
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Just returned from Fort Bragg. First time I had been there since the 3rd Bde left for Vietnam in 68. Had a great time saw some of the old guys from 1st Bde (65). Albert Jr Hudson he looked good. Willie B. Walker my old Psg in C 2nd 505th Inf. Chatted with Gen Bolling. Our young Troopers looked good during the Div. review and jumping brought back a lot of memories.

JERRY MACKO, ROSELLE, ILL.
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Looking for friends, photos and information about my unit. 101st B 1/327bat Tiger force. 1965 and 1966 Nam dates.

CLANCY, IOWA
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Was told I left off (net) in address in previous listing. Am looking for guys I knew in Vietnam with 3rd plt, B Co, 1/327 Inf, 1st Brig, 101st Airborne between Jan and Aug 1967. Have pictures from then to share with them via email.

THOMAS ROSALES, 3408 N. BARCUS AVE. FRESNO, CA 93722
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GREAT JOB. Planning for the 1st Bde reunion at Fort Benning, however my plans are still in limbo. HHC 1/327 (Tiger Force) 8/66-8/67 Above The Rest!!!!

CARL COULTHARD, ROCKINGHAM, NC
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I was with 3rd Plt, Bravo 1/327 from Dec 66 to May 67. Tried to reach Clancy but the E-Mail kicked back. Have a few names of people and am looking for more. Great page and keep up the good work. "Above The Rest" "CC"

PAUL GRIMES, NEW JERSEY (ORIG. R.I.)
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Another try! Looking for guys I served with in HHC 2/502 Inf. Btn. Dec '66-Jul67. Was always assigned to TAC CP handling emer. medivacs and resupply. Tough w/ names but worked closely with the Btn. mortar platoon. Where are HHC guys O'Buckley, Bitting, Crazy Ed, Sgt. Klarinet, Sgt. Edwards, and the Sgt.E-6 who took over from Sgt. Huerra (who left for Warrant Officers school)? I'd love to hear from any of you guys!!!

HARLEY (MIKE) MORGAN, LITTLETON, COLORADO
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With HHC S4 3/506th 67-68. Looking for friends I served with.

CHAPLAIN (CPT) JAMES L. BURNHAM, CURRENTLY, WILLIAMSTON, SC
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I was with the 1st Brigade from July of '67 to July '68. I was battalion chaplain with 2/327 my first 6 mos., then with 3/506 my last 6. I served with chaplains James Murphy, Bud Connett, Tommy Thompson, Dick Torer, and Otis Smith. If this jogs your memory, I wore my head shaved in spite of military regs. against it. The memory seared on my brain most deeply is those memorial services we performed, particularly those large ones while we were in Chu Lai, and part of Task Force Oregon.

ROBERT HORTON, REDWOOD VALLEY, CA
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Curious about what this site contains. I'm one of the troopers who visited SVN via the Gen. Leroy Eltinge. I also subscribe to the magazine. I served with commo platoon Hdqs. Battery 2nd Batt. 320th Artillery. I was an RTO and got around quite a bit. Hello to all you guys.

JERRY LLEWELLYN, NO CITY OR STATE INFO
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Great Page. I served with the 1/101st MP Detachment 1967-68 and ran a lot of ammo convoys to the forward firebases in the Valley out of Camp Eagle. My team consisted of 18 Troops and 6 Gun Jeeps. I'm looking forward to the reunion and truly hope I can make it. If so, seeya there.

IRA H. PERKINS III, CAMPOBELLO, S.C.
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I want to thank all veterans who served and those who served with my father in Vietnam from 65/66 A Co. 1/327 at Dak To. Go Screaming Eagles ABOVE THE REST

Editor's Note: I believe his father was SSG Ira H. Perkins who was KIA on 6/7/66.

MIKE BALDINGER, ORIGINALLY: NEW HAVEN, CT
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Hey...I was a medic C/2/502 Dec.65-Dec.66. Got wounded while with Carpenter at Dak To. Recently visited with Chuck Campbell, medic, A Co.

GREAT to see him and his wife. Hope to see more of you in the future. If you remember me, send E-mail!

JIM VAN LONE, KENOSHA, WISCONSIN
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Greetings buddies, I was with C/1/327 from 3/64 thru 7/66. Above The Rest!

EDDIE LEWIN, MIAMI LAKES, FL.
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My Bro'z..... I have been looking for a boonie-rat that I served in Nam with for over 33 years. Through this guestbook I have been able to reconnect with my First Brigade past. Two days ago I visited the guestbook and there was an entry left by the man that I had not seen since July of 1968. I want to thank Major Worrell for this website. Sir, I and my buddy will see you at Campbell at the reunion. I want to shake your hand.

Editor's Note: Sorry I could not be at Fort Campbell. There was a conflict with my 50th Wedding Anniversary.

JOHN SIMUNIC, MICHIGAN
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I'm looking for Clarence Sharron. We were together with A, Co, 326th Engr Bn 1st Bde in 1966. I've been looking for him for over 20 years and hope someone can help me find him.

DON SHACKLETTE, COLORADO
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Hard Chargers of the 30th FA Regiment

Great web site now and it continues to grow. My battalion helped support the 1st Brigade in Vietnam as a member of the 1st Field Force Artillery. Our B/1/30 FA and B/2/302 FA formed the B&B Boys. We are having a reunion at Fort Sill in June of this year and would really love to hear from any B/2/302 FA troopers, Red Legs ALL

MICHAEL CLANCY, WATERLOO, IOWA
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Looking for guys I knew from 3rd Plt, B Co, 1/327Inf, 1st Brig, 101st ABN from Jan to Aug 1967. I have a bunch of pictures from then that I'd like to share with them via email.

WILLIAM M. WRIGHT, EVANSVILLE, INDIANA
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I spent half of 1968 with Tiger Force 1st Bn 327th ABN Inf. Whiskey Whiskey E-mail: charle1xray@webtv.net

DAVID A. SWANSON, KENNEWICK, WA
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Anybody who went over from D Company, 326th Med Bn in July 1965?
ERNEST (RED) BRIDGERS, NORTH CAROLINA
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Served as FO with 502 Inf 66-67. Looking for Ben Bendixon, an RTO from the state of Washington and Bob Kizer, the platoon leader of the Recono

Platoon. Any help would be appreciated. Contact EBridgers@AOL.COM

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101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans

Ivan. Great page, I served in the 1st Bde 66-67. I was a Medic with the 1st 327th A Co for a while then with C Co with 1sg Ike and Cpt Darling, in and out of the Tiger Force a couple of times. Thank God I came home in one piece. I'm looking forward to the reunion in Georgia. Always "AIRBORNE". Above the rest. John.

CHARLES R. WHITE, JASPER, ALABAMA
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We found you because of an article in VFW News, Jan.,Feb.,Mar.,2000. We are looking for anyone that was with the Hedgehoppers. Also looking for Sgt.William Buck, Cpt.Diaz. I was there in 67-Sept.68.

LAWRENCE JORDAN (BILL), COLUMBUS, OHIO
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Finally back with my friends and brothers from my past.

TONY BELLANTONI, WHITE PLAINS, NY
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Welcome Home, Congratulations on a beautiful website, only the best for the 101st Airborne "Screamin Eagles". Continued great success. 1st Brigade A 2/327th

ERNESTO FLORES, MURRIETA CALIFORNIA
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I served with the Hdq, 2nd 327th Hawk Recon in Nam 1967-1969. I will never forget my tour with a team of well trained individuals of this caliber, we all kept each other alive and together. AIRBORNE HAWKS

THOMAS LAKOMIA, EL PASO, TX
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Member of HHC and Co B 2/502d Inf 1st Bde Jun 67 to Mar 69. I have not had contact with anyone from the unit since returning home. I have visited the grave site of PFC Milton A. Lee, who was awarded the Medal of Honor, and was my RTO during his tour of duty. A fine soldier and true professional during his short life.

DAVID M. BELDING, SANTA BARBARA, CA
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SO GLAD THERE IS A WAY TO PERHAPS CONNECT TO GUYS I SERVED WITH. 1967-68, B COMPANY, THIRD PLATOON, 2/502. LATER COMMANDED "P" TRAINING IN PHAN RANG & BIEN HOA WHEN THE DIVISION CAME OVER. SO FAR HAVE CONNECTED W/GEORGES, FELS, JENKINS, DAVIS, BESSER, JORDAN, & SINGLETON. THE REST HAD BETTER GET IN TOUCH, CAUSE WE KNOW WHERE THEY LIVE. I HAVE PRETTY MUCH BEEN THE LONE STRANGER SINCE THE WAR, BUT HAVE BEEN CATCHING UP WITH DAVIS(RTO)AND IT HAS BROUGHT BACK SOME OF THE ORIGINAL PRIDE WE ALL FELT SERVING WITH THE BRAVEST, MOST MOTIVATED, AND THE BEST. STRIKE FORCE

GREG GERHART, ALASKA
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I was in the A 1/327 3rd PT and was in Vietnam during 1966 and 1970. I am interested in talking to anyone who was in the first 1/327 3rd PT.

E-MAIL MESSAGES

CHUCK/LORI CAMPBELL
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Hello Ivan, Looking for after action reports for Dak To June 1966. Specifically looking for one that SGT/MAJOR Sablauski would have prepared for C Company 2/502. Also any after action reports for A Company 2/502. Who would I contact? Thank you, Chuck Campbell, A Company, 2/502.

Editor's Note: I will put your message in the July 2000 magazine. Your message should also be posted on the web site guest book. For definitive information the National Archives will probably have the information you want if you are willing to travel and spend time digging it out.

ED KANE
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Ivan, Let me add my own thanks for all you are doing to "memorialize" the saga of the "Nomads of Nam." No problem with subscription increase - do what you must to keep it going. Incidentally, among your library of resources on history of 1st Bde, 101st do you have a complete set of the "Scrapbook" issues? You probably know that the Command Information Unit under OCI at DA published then as collections of press clippings customized to each unit. I have the complete set from unnumbered (to 1 Feb 66) through Edition 15 (approx. Mar 69) when the service was discontinued. Let me know - I'll make a copy to send you. COL Ed Kane, USA (Ret), A/326 Engr., Apr 68-69.

Editor's Note: I do have a complete set of Scrapbooks. Thanks for the offer. If you have other material that might be used in the magazine or the book, please send it and I will copy or scan it and get it back to you. Thanks, very much, for your interest.

ROBERT HORTON
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Dear Ivan, Just a note to let you know that I very much appreciate your excellent efforts in publishing the First SCREAMING EAGLES magazine. It is highly relevant to me personally as one of the original 101st troopers to go over on the Leroy Eltinge. Again, I thank you, Robert Horton

MARY L. HEGNAUER
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I am writing on behalf of my husband, Keith D. Hegnauer, who served with TRP "A", 2nd SQDN, 17th CAV, 1st BDE, 101st ABN DIV., between April or May 1966 and November 1967. He enlisted in the Army and dates of service were May 24, 1965 through May 1, 1968. We just learned of your web site, publication and reunion plans this past week. Keith will be subscribing to the newsletter immediately and we are planning on attending the reunion. Keith states that "A" troop was not a large unit. Is there a way that Keith could obtain information regarding any fellow men he served with in "A" troop so that possible connections could be made in the immediate future? We do not have access to a computer in our home but my e-mail address is available here at my work. Our home phone is 608-525-6275. We appreciate your consideration regarding the above and hope to hear from you in the immediate future. With admiration and warmest regards, Mary Lee Hegnauer

Editor's Note: Mary, I will put this message in the July magazine and hope some of his friends will contact him.

MIKE AINSWORTH
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Ivan: You're doing a great job on the magazine and I can't wait for each issue. I have a number of slides, photos and negatives I have been looking for ever since you have requested for us to submit any for your great project. When I say a number I mean at least 100. If I send you these, I will insure them and send a check to you so you can send them insured back to me when you're finished. I have one picture of Kathrine LeRoy who was with my Platoon for a few weeks. I believe it was up behind Dak To in Dec of 1967. All I remember is we were getting probed at night and Lt. Steve Naughton, told me, "to move in the center of the perimeter and make sure she stays safe." Turns out it was just a whole bunch of monkeys that were making some really loud rustling sounds in the jungle. Take care Airborne, Mike Ainsworth
Combat Medic, Abu 3rd and 4th Plts 1/327 (66-67)

Editor's Note: Please send and I will return the material as soon as it can be scanned. Thanks for your interest.

From: JOHN M. TAYLOR, JR.
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Grady, Looked over your message again as I scrolled down the 1st Bde guest book. I was the Signal Platoon Leader with the deployment, and have tried to recollect the name of the LT in Ops who formed the Bde LRRPs. Can you refresh my memory and if you have a contact for him? Thanks. Jt, John M. Taylor, Jr., <http://www.johnmtaylor.com>

From: GRADY JONES
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To: Ivan Worrell
worrell@usit.net

Ivan, I don't remember the Lt's name! Do you? If so, please let us both know. GRADY

Editor's Note: Grady and John, I do not know but will look for it as I research material for the magazine and the book.

JACK KENNEDY
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Ivan, I am Jack Kennedy, son-in-law of Col. Chester B. McCoid. I will continue my subscription, as I want my family to understand. While they will never fully understand, it is imperative that they read, digest, and then form opinions. As stated in earlier emails, I am in the process of writing a book on Col. McCoid. At this juncture I am particularly interested in the period he served as Deputy Brigade Commander. If anyone has some anecdotes, stories, etc, I would appreciate them. I have gathered some of those cited in your periodical, and they are good. I am hoping that the Airborne community will come forth and provide additional info., so I can get on with this project.

KIRK JONKHEER
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Howdy. Got your address from one of the 101st Airborne sites. My name is Kirk Jonkheer (Sgt USAF 1970) and I am the Service Officer and past commander of American Legion Post #1084 in Roselle Ill. One of our members (Jerry Macko) is a good friend of mine and asked if I could find out anything for him regarding his Army unit. He was in the 101st Airborne Div. 1st/327th Tiger Force 1965 and 1966. Can you put me in contact with someone who might be able to provide me with information and photos for that time period for him? Particularly the whereabouts of his unit members. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks and kind regards. Kirk

Editor's Note: Send me his address and I will mail information about the 1st Brigade (Separate) history project. Received Macko's address which is 1548 Seward, Roselle, IL 60172.

JIM SAMUELS (804-966-1956)
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I had wanted to stay within the 101 Division Association and still do. I will have to join both groups. My thanks to Ben and Sue Melton for signing me up. This is a great publication. I was with the 2/320 PFA- assigned to 2/502nd B Co. from Jan 1967 -Oct 1967. I am looking for Cpt. Lucius V. Reeves, if you have any information on him. We have located a few B-Co boys for the reunion at Ft. Campbell.

Editor's Note: Jim, I hope you will pass along the addresses you have so more people can get to know about this magazine.

JOHN SIMUNIC
A Co, 326th Engr Bn
1st BDE, 101st ABN DIV (1966)
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Ivan, Thanks for sending me the web site for the 1st BDE. I didn't even know there was one and I didn't know there was a reunion for the 1st BDE. This all started when I tried to find a friend of mine who served with me from basic through Viet Nam. This brings back a lot of memories for me. Again I want to thank you for showing me this web site.

PAUL GRIMES, BLOOMBERG/ NEW YORK
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Ivan, you're the best with all you do for the 101st Abn Div. Assn and associated groups. Keep up the good work and I hope to see you in October! God's blessing to all Screamin Eagles!!!!

FROM THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

CHARLES W. CAMPBELL, 2/502 A & C 2/66 (6/01), 28715 Carnoustie Ave., Moreno Valley, CA 92555-7010, wrote: Enclosed is my renewal fee for \$20.00 for the coming year. I was a platoon medic at Nhon Co (May '66) and Dak To (June '66). Your "Bloody Checkerboard" article brings back memories. I was assigned to "A" Company. The Lieutenant that charged the machine gun position was Lt. William Otto if memory serves me correct. Following that fire fight I was the medic who identified the KIA's. The article about Louis Aguila and that action I was the platoon medic. The path we took actually took us up the backside of the machine gun position. If we had followed the original path the ambush they had set up would have inflicted a lot more casualties than the original action. The Sgt. Schiavone mentioned in the article I believe was the platoon sgt. I served with while in the Recondo Platoon later that year.

Your publication is excellent.

RONALD L. MOORE, 2/17 CAV A 3/63-3/66 - 6/03, PO Box 424220, San Francisco, CA 94142-4220 wrote: I was with Trp A 1st PLT 2nd 17th CAV 1st Bde 101st ABU 1963-1966. Just thought I would drop you a line. I picked up the article enclosed of the engagement 2/502 An Ninh "Newsweek" magazine Sept 1965 also a picture of my platoon getting ready for the Turkey and Iran operations. Publish and keep both. Thanks very much for the good you are doing. I joined the Marines first in Oct 1958 to March 1963. However, I am more proud of being a Screaming Eagle more than a Marine. I am so glad that I was able to go into combat with the 101st. I spent my 24th birthday, July 21st, on the big boat, that trip was my 9th time across the Pacific. All the way, Ronald L. Moore.

Editor's Note: Ron sent \$50.00 to support the 1st Brigade (S) history project. I am sorry the quality of the photos makes it impossible to reproduce them.

MICHAEL W. DEVOST, ADMIN A 1/67-1/68 - 6/00, 35 Dodds Court, Burlington, VT 05401, wrote: Thank you for The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam. I look forward to each issue and will gladly pay the increase when

my subscription is due. Excuse the printing but I'm recovering from surgery to my hand. The magazine fills a void from the 101st Assoc. newsletter (publication). I was a "Leg" attached to Admin Company, 1st Brigade in 1967. Our unit was the 46th Army Postal Unit which was to A Company Support Bn. We were a "leg" outfit but a few people "decided" to go airborne at the jump school held at base camp in Phan Rang. I'm proud of serving in Vietnam even though I was a REMF and a "Leg." The reunion in the fall is something I'd like to do, but I don't notice a lot of people that were REMFs as part of any organization. Maybe I'm missing something. Another thing that's annoying to me is that I can't locate my unit commander when I left Vietnam. His name was LT Justin T. Beck. One reason I'd like to locate him is he put me in for an ARCOM for my duty in Vietnam and I never received it. I've written the Division with a negative reply and even my congressional people with no positive response. The fire in St. Louis in the early '70s didn't help matters either. Excuse my little spiel. Thanks for your informative and positive writings about how things were, keep up the great work.

Editor's Note: LT Justin T. Beck was not in our database. All who served in the 1st Brigade (S) will be welcomed at the October Reunion.

GARLAND T. WRIGHT, 2/320 FA A 9/63-9/66 - 6/01, 543 Jones Rd., Clarksville, TN 37043-4008 when sending in his subscription renewal wrote: You are doing a great job Ivan, hang in there.

CW4(R) CHARLES E. NORDABY, JR., 801 MAINT B 6/66-5/67 - 6/01, 1302 W. Ajo Way #257, Tucson, AZ 85713-5724 along with his subscription renewal wrote: Why do I not see anything about the support units in the magazines? Keep up the good work. All is very interesting and brings back memories.

Editor's Note: The work we did as support units was not as high profile as the individual and unit combat actions. I reviewed the past magazines and find some mention of "P" School and other support operations.

FRED TOMLIN, 1/327 HHC 5/67-5/68 - 6/01, P. O. Box 730, Leadville, CO 80461, when sending in his subscription renewal and contribution wrote: What you are doing is valuable so a little extra to keep it up. Thanks, Fred (Doc)

CSM(R) ROBERT A. YOUNG, HHC CSM 6/66-6/67 - 6/01, 420 Deerfield Circle, Santa Rosa, CA 95409-6102, along with his subscription renewal wrote: Ivan, Good to see you again at the "Static Line" Reunion! Hopefully, June and October? Airborne

THOMAS M. DEPUTY, 326 ENGR A 7/66-7/67 - 6/01, 15796 Lazy Day Lane Dumfries, VA 22026-1823 along with his subscription renewal wrote: Ivan, keep up the great work! I also was in the Brigade Support Battalion when LT COL Aboud was Commander.

ROBERT P. CHAMPY, 2/327 B 1/67-5/67 - 6/01, 61 Plummer Rd., Sanbornton, NH 03269 along with his subscription renewal wrote: I hope this note finds you and yours in fine spirits and excellent health. I am very busy with work; as I am sure you are well aware. I think you are doing a wonderful job. I really look forward to reading our magazine. I really take the time out to read it from cover to cover. Keep up the good work! Airborne

BART WELTER, 2/327 HHC 64-9/66 - 6/02, 10146 Trailridge Drive, Shreveport, LA 71106-7631 wrote: Keep up the good work when sending in his subscription renewal.

ISG(R) REYNOLD MARTINEZ, 1/327 A 5/64-3/66 - 6/02, 9425 57th Ave Ct, SW, APT KK 304 Lakewood, WA 98499-7345 wrote: Major Worrell, I received my last edition of the Always First Brigade and as usual it was nice to be brought up to date and to sit and reminisce a bit. Keep up the good work. Enclosed please find my renewal for the next two years and an extra \$10.00 for use to aid someone who may be a little short. Also would you please change my rank to ISG Retired. Thanks in advance.

RICHARD J. "RICH" WALSH, 2/327 C 6/67-6/68 - 6/01, 2 Brook Farm Rd., Boston, MA 02132 along with his subscription renewal for another year wrote: Keep up the good work! Airborne

FLOYD WALKSOUT, 1/327 C 12/66-10/67, P.O. Box 298, Oglala, SD 57764 wrote: I served with the 1st Plt., C Co. 1st 327th Abn Inf 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div from 12-66 to 10-67 then extended 6 months from rear area duty until Aug. 68 in Camp Eagle then back to the world. I read your ad in the "Static Line" Dec. 99 issue of Airborne Organizations. So, I decided to write a short note to let you know there are a few of us left from our platoon (3) who still keep in contact. I close for now but hope to receive a reply. May the great spirit shine a brighter light on your path of life. Grant your prayers and wishes. May the great spirit take you and yours into his holiness. Your Nam Bro

Editor's Note: I hope you will send names and addresses of your friends.

FRANK FAULKNER, 2/502 C & HHC 6/65-4/66 - 6/01, 192 Springfield St., Springfield, MA 01107-1230 when sending in his subscription renewal wrote: All the best, Ivan Keep at it!

MAX J. RIEKSE, 3/506 HQ 10/67-10/68 - 9/00, PO Box 82, Fruitport, MI 49415; (231) 865-3238 is trying to find the name, address and phone number of a Vietnam veteran also by the last name of Riekse. He served with the 1st Cav in Vietnam in 1967 and possibly 1968 as well. He might have been in the 1st Cav ABN BDE. He had blond hair, was of slender build and was around six-foot tall. He most likely had a CIB as well. I have written to the 1st Cav Association several times with no response whatsoever.

The above Riekse has been mistaken for me several times; two of note were at Fort Campbell, KY in January of 1967 when someone just back from Vietnam thought I was him, but did not have on my (his) CIB nor his combat patch on. I got my CIB later. We looked like the same person to him and he wondered how I had gotten back so soon from the 1st Cav in Vietnam where he had last seen 'me.' He did not see my nametag at first, but knew how to spell my name. Then last December 1999, I was down in Norfolk, VA, on a 73 day USAR special Joint WMD tour and a guy in the Norfolk naval base medical center started talking to me like his long lost friend - spelled my name right and everything - I had a dress B black coat on so he did not see my name tag. The Riekse he knew and served with in the 1970's was at Fort Bragg, NC, in Special Operations, an officer (I'm a Major - USAR) and also was involved in some very serious special operation's in Germany. This guy has also jumped with him. I want to talk to and if possible, meet this long lost relative - ABN - cousin of mine who still looks like me. All Riekse's are related. I think he may be one of the grandsons of the brother of my Great Grandfather who helped bring him (his brother) over from the Netherlands around 1890, first to Grand Rapids, Michigan; then I think he, the brother, moved out to California. Perhaps my mysterious cousin now lives in California? I think its time I meet him face to face if possible. Any help anyone can give me in this quest would be appreciated.

TONY BLISS, 1/327 A 10/65-10/66 - 6/01, 486 Bayville Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560, along with his subscription renewal wrote: Thanks, Ivan! Don't know if I will get to Campbell in June (son's Eagle Project), But will try. Best as always.

JAMES R. RAFFERTY, HHC 11/66/6/67 - 6/01, 36-36 215th Place, Bayside, NY 11361-2209 wrote: Please keep up the good work, when sending in his subscription renewal.

JOHN M. TAYLOR, JR., 1/501 SIG B 6/65-7/66 - 6/01, 23745 Oakside Blvd., Lutz, FL 33549-6904, along with his subscription renewal wrote: Ivan, thanks for all your hard work and dedication to the soldiers of the 1st Brigade.

ISG(R) GENE PALADIN, 1/501 C & A FC - 6/01, 140 Airport Road, Clarksville, TN 37042-4821, wrote: Enclosed is my renewal check to continue to receive the 1st BDE magazine. Soon as I get reprints back from pictures will send any pictures I took of you at Static Line Awards Bash. Not much attendance of locals there (COL & Mrs. Crozier, COL Jones, SGT & Mrs. Montoya and me). Not aware of any others and like your disappointment that only 4 1st BDE'ers were there. I was only one of 4th BN 503rd (old 1-501) of 173rd that was present of 173rd VETS. Good to see you there and good to be on the airborne trail with camera at the ready. The spirit was willing but the Bod some hesitant ah -- the years take their toll and soon we'll not hear..."We Brothers, we band of Airborne brothers..." from lusty throats and pride and we pass quietly into history. Also saw one officer (H Co. 3rd BN 508th P.I.R. WWII) of that time era at the Static Line - Edwin Sayre of the WWII 508th P.I.R. Airborne all the way!

LTC(R) WILLIAM KARL BERGMAN, 2/17 CAV A&B 6/67-5/68 - 6/01, NSA PSC 79 Box 264, APO, AE 09714 wrote: Keep it up. Thanks for doing this. Good Luck and Airborne all the way.

COL (RET) WILLIAM E. WEBER, THE AIRBORNE QUARTERLY - 6/01, 10301 McKinstry Mill Road, New Windsor, MD 21776-7903 when renewing his subscription wrote: Ivan, keep on plugging! It will fly!

BILL O'MALLEY wrote: Enclosed is a check for \$40, which I hope will do for a subscription for the next two years. I am now in Lexington, Virginia, where I've been teaching a couple of courses at VMI this semester. But I've lived in Australia for the past two decades, and I'll be returning there shortly. You have been sending my copies of The First Screaming Eagles to Dennis Benchoff in Lancaster, PA. If you can continue in that manner, that'll be fine with me. Dennis has promised to send the magazine on to me in Australia, and that way I can count on getting a note from him as well. Thanks for the time and effort you're putting in. I value the magazine greatly. Best Wishes, Bill O'Malley, 13 Richardson St., Garran ACT, 2605 Australia.

M. SALADEEN-"J.C. GAYTON", SPT BN C 3/67-3/68 - 3/01, 7745 S. RidgeLand, Chicago, IL 60649, on becoming a new subscriber wrote: I was in C-130 that was shot down, but we managed to crash land back on the LZ and we jumped out while landing. The C-130 crashed and burned on the LZ up north of I Corps dates 7/67 to 3/68. There were a lot of men on the C-130 that made it off before it burned up. I am looking for others that were 501 Spt BN C Company.

Editor's Note: I spoke to J. C. on the phone before he became a subscriber. Is he referring to the crash of the C-130 which has a picture on the back cover of the OCTOBER 1999 issue of the magazine? Jerry Scott reported that there were no survivors on that one.



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The anti tank platoon of 2/327 at Tuy Hoa, Viet Nam in June 1966. Listed on the back of the photo are: SSG Joseph Corino, Jr., Platoon Leader, who received a Battlefield Commission to 2LT; SSG Grumbach and SGT Procter. If you can identify others please write to the editor. Photo from the Samuel J. Watson, III, collection.

A Story from a Chaplain's Journal

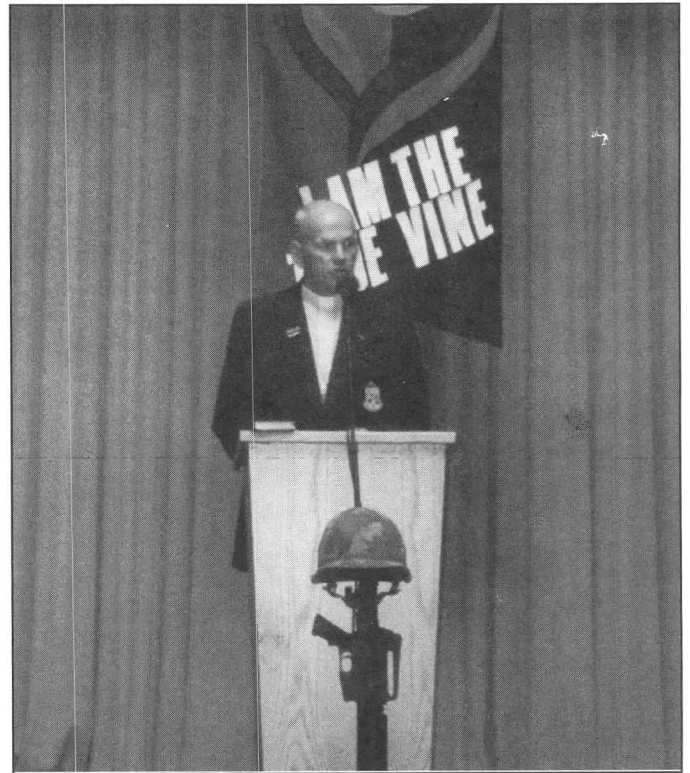
17 September 1990

I wouldn't want you to think that I kept a formal journal of my activities as the Battalion Chaplain of the No Slack paratroopers of the 2nd Battalion (Airborne) 327th Infantry Regiment during my tour of duty from 17 May 1966 to 3 May 1967. First of all, there was not that much time to devote to such a task. Secondly, I had never heard of the idea at that time. It was years later that the idea of journaling came to my attention, and by then what could have been grist for the mill of many stories evaporated into a cloud of forgotten incidents. But one story among the few that remain really stands out in my mind, and as I was sharing it with Ivan Worrell when I called to thank him for printing my invocation, it occurred to me that this might make some interesting reading for Vietnam vets in general and the troopers of Bravo Company, 2/327 Airborne Infantry who were in country in the month of September, 1966. With his encouragement, the story follows.

He was born and raised in a small town in Southeast Pennsylvania called Columbia. Frank Frederick Douglas was probably a typical post-World War II baby-boomer, learning to play marbles on the playground at school, learning to play sandlot baseball or softball at the park, growing too fast for his parents, and going to church. Frank's family, if I have this part of the story correctly were God-fearing Americans, a typical family. But somehow, although Frank had gone all through the Sunday school of the local Lutheran church, he had missed the all-important "rite of passage" of the Lutheran Church, Catechism.....or Confirmation as we called it in the old Ohio Synod of the United Lutheran Church. Amid the growing pains of a teen-age young man, with all the excitement of learning new things about himself, and girls, and life, he had missed re-learning some of the stuff from the past. Life had been such a hectic sort of thing that before long he was graduated from high school. At this point I have to make an educated guess, but I am assuming that, given his birth date of 20 December 1946, he probably started to school in the Fall of 1953, and graduated 12 years later in May of 1965.

I do not know what transpired in Frank's life between graduation in 1965 and the summer of 1966, but I do recall that sometime in July of 1966 Frank Douglas came to my tent at our forward base camp at Tuy Hoa North and wanted to talk about taking adult catechism classes and becoming a confirmed Lutheran. I could easily identify with that because, although at that time I was a member of another denomination, yet I had been raised in Emmanuel Lutheran Church in New Philadelphia, Ohio and had been confirmed into the Christian faith in that church. Why I was not at that time a Lutheran is material for another story. Anyway I was delighted at his request, and as we talked a plan slowly began to take shape. Frank would write to his parents and tell them that his Chaplain was willing to work with him to get him confirmed.

Meanwhile I would write to the pastor of the local Lutheran Church in Columbia and offer my services as the pastor in place to make certain that Frank did his homework and completed the lessons and learned what he needed to know in order to confirm his faith in Jesus his Lord and take his place as an adult member of the Church. Within a couple of weeks a return letter had come from the pastor, which included the text-book for adult confirmation in the Lutheran Church in America. The pastor's letter revealed a man with a sensitive and caring spirit who was more than willing to work with a Chaplain in Vietnam to confirm Frank. The idea was that I would give Frank the assignment each week, and then he would come to me when he had completed it and we would review it; whereupon I would give the next assignment. Periodically I would report to the Pastor as to how the student was doing. Furthermore we began to make plans for Reformation Sunday, 1966, which as you may know is a big day for Lutherans. On



Chaplain (LTC) Richard L. Heim, USA, Ret., who served as the 2/327 Chaplain from May 1966 to May 1967 conducted a memorial service for soldiers killed in action at the Battle of Trung Luong June 19-22, 1966. (Photo taken 6/19/99)

that day in Vietnam, I would receive Frank Frederick Douglas into the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and specifically into the membership of the Lutheran Church in Columbia, Pennsylvania. Simultaneously in Columbia, Pennsylvania, the Pastor would receive Frank Frederick Douglas into membership of the church in absentia.

It was really a good idea, that scheme the Pastor and I cooked up to help Frank through this period of his life and into the realm of adult church membership. As the days flew by I was busy with three airborne infantry companies - Alfa, Bravo

and Charlie companies of the 2/327; the Headquarters Company, Alfa Company of the 326th Airborne Engineer Battalion, and the Protestant Worship service of Brigade Headquarters. Our Battalion was doing its thing, chasing Victor Charlie and his North Vietnamese brothers all over the 2 Corps area. Every few days, however, Frank Douglas would come to the tent and we would go over the lessons. He was really doing well, and I was looking forward to a unique experience on the coming Reformation Day in October, 1966. However, on the night of September 17, 1966, on Hill 88 just north of Tuy Hoa, beyond that mountain we called Chop Chai, in the midst of the rain and the fog the VC overran a company CP (Command Post), and killed the entire Headquarters element of the company. At least that was what the initial reports said. It was Bravo Company. It was Frank Douglas' company. He was working in the company CP when it was overrun, and he was killed along with his company commander and other key members of the staff.

When that news came to me at the Battalion CP it hit me like a ton of bricks. But like a good airborne paratrooper soldier, I shook it off and continued my mission. Years later I knew that what I had done was not to shake it off but to stuff it about as far down into my gut as I could.

Life went on, and so did death, but somehow I got through it and came home. I would think about Frank off and on, but by then I had blocked it out so thoroughly that I lost his entire name. But I never forgot the experience, never forgot the happy young trooper who wanted to join the Lutheran Church. Years later I myself came back to the Lutheran Faith, and rejoined my home church in Ohio. Then, through a series of circumstances it was 1982 and I was beginning to come out of the closet as a Vietnam veteran. I began to search my mind for names of the troopers in the Bravo Company CP who had been killed on 17 September 1966. I got as far as the name of the company commander, Captain Joe Mack..... and drew a blank. But I kept working on it and then the fact surfaced that this trooper was from Pennsylvania.....but still no name. Then after a few months it began to dawn on me that his name.....was Scottish. I raced to my copy of the Vietnam Memorial Directory, but no Andersen, or McTavish, or MacPherson or any of the other Scottish names I could recall turned out to be right. By then I had been working in the Vet Center program, of what was still called the Veterans Administration, and had been at the Fort Wayne, Indiana, Vet Center for about 3 years, when one of my clients told me to look on the Wall for Captain Mack's name the next time I was in Washington. He said that if I could find Captain Mack's name and then start reading the other names that surrounded this name I would find my trooper. Sure enough, the next time I went to the Wall, Frank Frederick Douglas' name literally jumped off that wall and into my heart and mind. Thank God! the quest was over. But not quite, for the quest was really just beginning. I had to find his parents, and his family members who were still in the hometown. But how?? I finally used the telephone directory service to locate Frank's parents, and was able to talk to them and tell them who I was and why I was calling.....after all these years. But they remembered my name, and the fact that I had written to them as Frank's chaplain. We had quite a visit over the tele-

phone. They even stopped out to where I was living; I had remarried and was living in Northwest Ohio. Unfortunately I was not home when they stopped, but they visited briefly with my family and then went on their way.

I have thought a lot about this story over the years. There was a part of me that felt cheated out of being able to do something really neat and unusual - namely, the confirmation in Vietnam of a young Lutheran from Columbia, Pennsylvania, and participating with the congregation back home in his "rite of passage" into the Church. But in a deeper and more significant way, I had participated in preparing Frank Frederick Douglas for a much more significant rite of passage from the church militant into The Church Triumphant. He now is in heaven with other members of the Second Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry Regiment, other members of his family, other members of his home congregation, and other members of his home town community. His name resides on a black wall in Washington, on Panel 10E, line 105, and his name is surrounded by the names of his comrades in arms from Bravo Company who fell in battle that night. I still think about Frank from time to time, and it is ironic that I chose to write this story on the 24th anniversary of Frank's death. But I still draw inspiration from that young man who with such youthful enthusiasm came to me one day long ago and said, "Chaplain Heim, I want to join the Lutheran Church. Can you help me?" Thank you, Frank, for showing that "greater love" of which Jesus Christ spoke when he said, "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Written by Chaplain (LTC) Richard L. Heim, AUS, Retired, a member of the 327th Infantry Regiment and a combat veteran of the Second Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry Regiment, First Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

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By George McArthur

PHAN RANG, Viet Nam, Feb. 4 (AP) – The "Screaming Eagles" have come down from a year in Viet Nam's highland jungles with new combat tactics designed to beat Communist guerrillas at their own game.

The "Screaming Eagles" – the 101st Airborne Division, of which one brigade is in Viet Nam – were best known until recently for saying "nuts" to the Nazis from snow-covered Bastogne.

Viet Nam has thus far offered no such dramatic moments. But the brigade's fit, gray-eyed commander, Brig. Gen. Willard Pearson, is no less determined that his elite troopers will also write history in this war.

This week, Pearson brought his 5,000-man force to their coastal camp at Phan Rang after 372 days of combat operations – an endurance record unthinkable in conventional warfare.

Practically every American unit in Viet Nam has been in the process of rewriting the rule book, but none has advanced plans as far-reaching, and sometimes controversial, as Pearson's team.

PHYSICAL FITNESS

In general the formula of the Screaming Eagles blends the helicopter and American firepower with the lessons learned by the British and Australians in Malaysia's 12-year guerrilla war.

Pearson is a physical fitness addict who once playfully ran a reporter into exhaustion on a two-mile trot. His men are similarly fit and his new tactics call for it. He sometimes requires his long-range patrols to lighten their loads by carrying rice and powdered soup in place of heavy American rations.

One of Pearson's somewhat heretical notions – for an airborne general – is that the helicopter makes too much noise. Troops should enter a guerrilla battlefield on foot, stealthily and in small units. The helicopters can then come thundering in with reinforcements, making all the noise they want – but after the smaller units have flushed or pinned the enemy.

HARASSING FIRE

Another view not shared by other generals is in the use of

harassing artillery fire in support of ground operations. It doesn't do much good and discloses what friendly units are in the area, Pearson says.

Pearson believes that it is better to have night patrols operating in the area, ambushing the Viet Cong or ferreting them out for a later kill.

The genesis of this "semi-guerrilla warfare," as it is called, came along with some rough knocks and hard-won successes for the Screaming Eagles.

In the 17 months it has been in Viet Nam, the brigade has killed or captured 3,300 Communist soldiers by actual body count. It has doubtless put far more out of action, but U.S. officers are reluctant to discuss such unprovable estimates.

In the same period, the brigade lost fewer than one soldier to every 10 Red losses. The wounded figure is in the range of 1,500 but the big majority returned to duty.

WON HANDS DOWN

The brigade's first battle came in September, 1965, when the Viet Cong 2nd Provincial Regiment made a stand-up fight of it against the 502nd Battalion of Lt. Col. Henry (Gunfighter) Emerson, a hell-for-leather fighter now back at the Pentagon pushing updated tactics for beating guerrillas. In that fight, the airborne won hands down – killing almost 500 Communist soldiers – and the Reds in the highlands began to fall back on their proven, small-unit hit-and-run tactics.

As the Communists grew harder to find, Pearson naturally concluded that in Viet Nam the real problem was not killing enemy forces but in finding them and setting them up.

By last December he had polished the brigade for a battle which a veteran military observer termed a minor classic of anti-guerrilla warfare.

That battle came in an operation known as *Geronimo*.

BRIGHT FUTURE

Using helicopters sparsely and keeping the men on foot in the tall elephant grass of mountainous Phu Yen Province, the brigade slogged for 34 days, skirmishing here, probing there and always keeping its Sunday punch ready. Over-all, the brigade killed 150 North Vietnamese regulars, but the payoff



was one three-day period when Pearson's small unit tactics caught 100 Reds in a trap which left them nowhere to flee. That unit is no more. Half were killed. The rest surrendered – a rarity in Viet Nam. A weapon was taken for practically every man – another rarity in Viet Nam.

With that kind of record, Pearson announces with confidence, "I think the future is bright."

As a parachute soldier he would naturally like to make a real combat drop in Viet Nam and feels it would be effective. Meanwhile, he has added more refinements to his practice of semi-guerrilla warfare.

He wants more night patrols, night operations by the choppers, smaller and lighter patrols with the men living five days or so alone in the jungle.

"We believe we should outfox him, out-guerrilla him," Pearson says. "Once control is established we can throw off our own guerrilla cloak and react violently, destroy him with superior firepower and mobility. We believe in clandestine entry to the battlefield, marching at night or using helicopters at night. We use stay-behind forces to catch him when he returns. We use long-range reconnaissance patrols."

With all this, Pearson's warriors have also been trying their hand at civic action projects, though this is difficult for an outfit usually on the move.

The brigade's partial solution is a wooden washing machine for Viet Nam's hard-working women. One stands outside Pearson's office.

"Operates sort of like a churn," he beams. "Just keep pushing it up and down and it works."

The brigade has distributed about 40 and more are being built.



Robert C. Hudson (2/327 C & HHC 8/64-7/66) from Gainesville, Florida, sent the following article.

From the **ORLANDO SENTINEL**, Monday, 13 June 66

Shell Lands Short, Kills 5 Paratroopers

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) The U.S. Command said Sunday that a "short round" of U.S. artillery landed by mistake on American paratroopers in the central highlands Friday, killing five paratroopers and wounding five others.

A spokesman said an Army investigation was under way to determine the circumstances.

THE PARATROOPERS were members of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, which was engaged in heavy fighting with North Vietnamese army regulars about 280 miles north of Saigon.



Pacific Stars & Stripes

Friday, June 17, 1966

Premier Ky Honors 'Screaming Eagles'

KONTUM, Vietnam (AP) – "American troops are doing a wonderful job," Premier Nguyen Cao Ky said Wednesday touring the battlefield where U.S. paratroopers with air support smashed the north Vietnamese 24th Regt.

In a fast-paced, three-hour visit to the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Div., Ky presented awards for valor to 41 men, visited an airborne battery, talked to six Viet Cong prisoners and held a news conference.

In addition to distributing the medals, Ky awarded a citation to the 101st, declaring that "the skill, stamina and courage displayed by the troops of the 1st Brigade are a tribute to them and to their leaders."

The Vietnamese premier pointed out that since the 1st Brigade arrived in Vietnam last July 8, it had conducted operations on 294 of its 321 days here, killing 1,898 enemy in action with an additional estimated kill equaling this figure.

In his news conference, Ky promised to investigate police attacks on newsmen in Saigon during Wednesday's demonstrations.

He said his government has not given orders to bar newsmen from riot scenes and added "the press is free to cover what it likes."

He referred in passing to Buddhist rioting in Saigon as "insignificant."

"How many people were involved there – at the most 5,000," he said.

Asked about his plans, Ky said he would like to get out of politics "but unfortunately there is no one to replace me."

Asked whether he was planning to be a candidate in September elections to the constituent assembly, Ky said:

"I am not planning to seek office, unless some friends ask me."



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Editor's Notes: When comparing this list with a list of those deployed with Company B 1/327th which I had, I found that some names are misspelled. Also E's where O's should be and vice versa is very common. The spellings were not corrected. Some of the serial numbers may be incorrect also and there was not a CLARK, THOMAS A. on my list, only Clark, Robert L. and Clark, John W. This is indicated with an asterisk.

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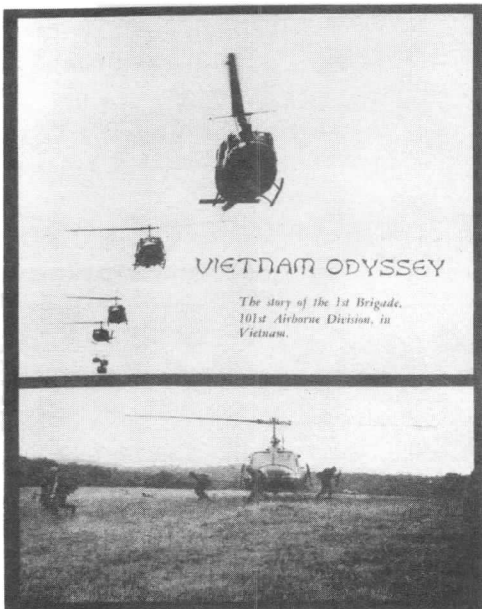
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The book was edited by 1LT Charles J. Apodaca. The writing and layout was done by SGT Robert F. Barry with sketches and art by SGT Robert Finney and PFC Raymond Brown. Photographs were by SGT Bernardo Mangaboyat, SP4 Richard Houghton, SP4 Oddvar Breiland and SGT Jack Baird. PFC Robert B. Gray furnished special mechanical assistance. Frank Faulkner and Steven Van Meter, who served with the brigade for the first six months in Viet Nam, provided many of the photographs.

VIETNAM ODYSSEY is a 108 page 8.5 by 11 inch format, soft cover, with four pages of color photos. The layout is excellent, the photos, sketch art and text were produced by members of the 1st Brigade who were part of the history that is recorded. The manuscript was completed in Viet Nam and sent to the 101st Airborne Division Association for publication.

This third printing of VIETNAM ODYSSEY is now in short supply and will probably never be printed, in quantity, again.

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A TROOP 2ND SQUADRON 17TH CALVARY

FREDERIC BORUFF (RCT), 2/17 CAV A 65-67, 3110 N.E. Dr., Wichita Falls, TX 76306-4006 sent the following article from the STARS and STRIPES.

Airborne Unit Gets Taste of Battle, VC-Style

By HAL DRAKE
S&S Staff Writer

CAM RAHN, Vietnam – A small knot of townspeople gathered around the American jeep and watched impassively as its grim burden was unloaded.

First Lt. William R. Wilson, a 24-year-old platoon leader with 1st Squad(ron), Alpha Troop, 17th Inf., (should be CAV) 101st Airborne Div., untied the body of a Viet Cong guerrilla and slid it off the hood of the vehicle onto the sand along the Song-cai River, which flows outside the town of Dien Khahn 170 miles northeast of Saigon. (Jeep 36)

An hour before, the shirtless Viet Cong with the American pistol belt and the blue work pants had been alive and deadly. He had been flushed from a thatched-roofed hut and chased up a tree.

Called on to surrender, he elected to fight, hurling a grenade at the Americans who had caught up with him.

And Wilson's four-man hunter-killer team – the oldest soldier 23, the youngest 19 – shot him out of his perch, inflicting the division's first casualty since the last days of World War II, when troops wearing the "Screaming Eagle" patch battled up the slopes of Hitler's mountain lair at Berchtesgaden.

"Everyone did the right thing fast," related Wilson, who is from Merced, Cal.

"My people were great, simply wonderful. They really reacted. They wanted to get into a fight and get this thing over with."

"For seven days we were out getting shot at," added 23-year-old 2d Lt. Seth F. Hudgins a thin, hard-looking New Englander who graduated from West Point only last year.

"They shot at us and ran, all the time. We could hear their shots cracking overhead but we could never see them or hit them. At last we shot back and got something."

The paratroopers had moved from their camp at Cam Rahn Bay – a shoreline wilderness they share with scorpions as big as lobsters and green, finger-sized reptiles that are kin to the American coral snake – to join soldiers of the 1st Bn Combat Team, 18th Inf., 1st Inf. Div., in a three-day sweep of a dusty valley between two jagged mountain ranges.

More than 30 dead Viet Cong had been counted – and young soldiers from both outfits, novices when they arrived only a few weeks ago, had drawn first blood and emerged as veterans.

One fight was sudden and furious – and over very fast.

Sgt. Carl H. Killgrove, 23, of Percy, Ill., found the operation a long, hot, flustering walk, "until we saw him (the Viet Cong) go into a house."

"We moved toward it. He came out, saw us, and ran for this tree. We couldn't tell whether he was in it or behind it."

"We ran up in spurts, covering each other, and saw him up in the tree. He didn't have a rifle. We shot over his head and motioned for him to come down. I emphasize that We tried to take him alive."

"He got halfway down and threw a grenade, likely a homemade one. It was black and about as big as a softball. It landed about 15 feet away, between me and PFC (James R.) Johnson. If it had been an American grenade, we'd both be dead."

Killgrove and Johnson, a rangy 19-year-old from Fort Myers, Fla., replied with shattering bursts from their M-16 rifles. PFC Robert Dawkins, 21, of Union, S.C., opened up with a machine gun.

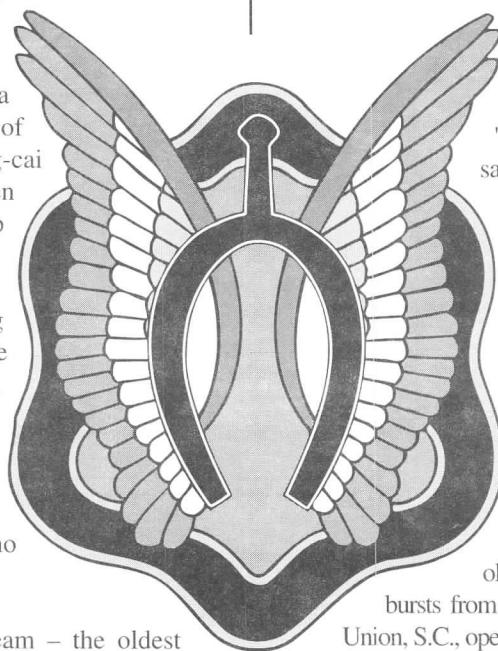
PFC Richard E. McWilliams, a strapping, 19-year-old farm lad from Norman, Okla., shook the tree with an explosive round from an M-79 grenade launcher.

The dead guerrilla was laid across the jeep's hood and driven to the Dien Khahn, there to be placed beside the body of a Viet Cong killed two days before.

The operation was over, although armed helicopters still blistered a nearby hill range with machine gun fire and flashing rockets.

Naked children swam and frolicked in the river as jeep-mounted machine guns and 106mm recoilless rifles swung around to cover towering clumps of bamboo that spread like green fans on the opposite bank.

A long column of two-wheeled and four-legged traffic was held up on the north end of the bridge.



The townspeople waved, smiled or watched blankly as sweaty, dog-tired, green-clad soldiers slogged past them and climbed into a row of trucks. In a few minutes, they were rolling through the streets of a sturdy little French colonial town that had straw roofs on the outskirts and ornate old villas that looked like chess pieces.

It was just another day in the life of the old town. Soldiers were nothing new to the townspeople. Nor was war – nor was the sight of death. The sun came up, the sun went down and life went on.

"Look at that," Wilson said, nudging the man next to him.

The wadded belongings of both dead Viet Cong had been dropped beside their bodies. A cyclo (bike ricksha) driver spotted a roll of long, thick cigars. He scooped them up, lit one and stuffed the rest into his shirt.

On the ground, communist guerrillas fired mortars on government positions both north and south of Saigon, and U.S. Army units continued to encounter small Viet Cong bands in the central highlands.

About 200 communists hit an outpost 110 miles southwest of Saigon in Bac Lieu Province with automatic weapons and mortar fire. No casualties were reported on either side.

Later, the Viet Cong inflicted heavy losses to defenders of the Vinh Yen watchtower in Vinh Binh Province 65 miles south of the capital. Viet Cong losses, if any, were not known.

Vietnamese and U.S. troops sweeping an area west of the central highlands town of An Khe on strategic Route 19 killed nine Viet Cong soldiers and wounded three others, the spokesman said. Among 92 suspects detained, 14 were confirmed communist guerrillas.

No casualties were reported to either the Americans or Vietnamese.

In another action, elements of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne brigade killed two guerrillas in the An Khe area without suffering any losses. Another brigade unit overran a Viet Cong outpost 40 miles northwest of Qui Nhon. The unit killed one Viet Cong and wounded another.

In raids on north Vietnam, 26 U.S. aircraft hit ferry complexes, bridges, barges, barracks areas and storage buildings, a spokesman said.

The aircraft flew eight bombing missions, dropping 47 tons of ordnance. In one strike, pilots said they knocked out the middle span of a bridge 25 miles south of Vinh.

All of the planes were reported to have returned safely.



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A, 2-17th Cav, First Cav. Unit In Army History To Receive CIB

'A' Troop, 2/17 Cav became the first Cavalry unit in the history of the US Army to receive the Combat Infantryman's Badge at a formal ceremony last week.

The 'Screaming Eagles' Cavalry, under the command of newly promoted Captain William R. Wilson, from Merced, Calif., received the coveted infantryman's award for their performance as a Provisional Infantry Company while attached to Task Force 'Hansen,' a Provisional Infantry Battalion during Operation 'Highland,' for a period of 35 days.

As a Motorized Infantry Company, the 2/17 participated in most of the operations conducted in the An Khe area. They also had the responsibility for security of Highway 19 and the safe passage of the more than 200 convoys that traveled to An Khe.

'A' Troop was the first 101st unit to get a VC kill.

Pinning the CIB on the Troop Guidon, Colonel James S. Timothy, 1st Brigade Commander, stated "I know of no other unit that deserves this award more than you, the 17th Cav!"

First CAV SCOUT as US Army to given C.I.B. 133 in Troop A/2nd Squad/17th CAV 1/101 ABN DIV 99 received CIB

It was a damn good mission, first dismounted opp. into "Happy Valley." Rick got kill with M-79 round. We checked body, had spring like thing exit chest over heart. Tied him onto 36's jeep and dropped into village square. CPL Boruff was RTO for 3rd LRRP (call sign Black Watch 36 Alpha).



101st Abn. Div. Screaming Eagle logo cap sells for \$8.00 + \$3.20 postage, a total of \$11.20.

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ALMOST A BLITZKRIEG 'Count' Flies Last Mission

By MSGT. BILL BRADFORD
S&S Staff Correspondent

TUY HOA, Vietnam – One of the most colorful pilots in the Vietnam war, "Count Wilson der Blitzkrieg von Phang Rang," almost didn't make his port call for the States recently. His O-1E Bird Dog went down during his last mission.

The "count," who actually is Capt. Gail H. Wilson, a forward air controller (FAC) in this area who dropped personal calling cards wrapped in three-foot streamers of red silk to friendly and enemy troops, had just completed his tour of duty in Vietnam.

He had packed his bag and was ready to leave, but as he put his gear in a vehicle taking him to the air terminal, Maj. Clifford Allison, Jr., air liaison officer, ran by. Wilson asked what was happening.

"The VC are hitting a Special Forces camp," the major replied.

Wilson asked if he could do one last mission before leaving.

Arriving over the camp that was under attack at about 8:15 p.m., Wilson and Allison successfully directed Air Force fighter pilots on bombing and strafing strikes against the Viet Cong, taking the pressure off the friendly forces.

But as the pilots finished their work, Wilson was beginning to have trouble with his small plane.

"I noticed my oil pressure dropping and knew I would have to land. It was almost zero. We told the fighter pilots about our trouble and that we had to land and would need light," Wilson said.

The fighters contacted a flare ship and they lit up the area.

"We noticed a small sand bar in the river across from the Special Forces camp and decided to land there," Wilson said.

"As we touched down the place was alive with enemy fire. Using the survival radio, we contacted the fighters for help, but they had used all of their ammo."

Two medevac helicopters made an attempt to pick them up, according to Wilson, but the ground fire was so intense they had to move off.

Finally, to give Wilson and Allison a chance to get away from the sand bar, the fighters came down in a simulated strafing run. The VC shifted their fire and the two stranded pilots ran into a nearby cane field.

"After we got into the field, the VC started mortaring us. To try and draw their fire away, we asked that the flare ship orbit a half mile to a mile from us and drop flares there. They did and the VC, thinking we had moved, shifted their fire again."

"About this time another FAC plane showed up and we were able to contact him on our radio and direct them toward us."

The uninjured Wilson and Allison were brought back to Tuy Hoa.

"Count Wilson der Blitzkrieg von Phang Rang, has returned to the U.S. but his calling card will be remembered.

It read, "Your airborne FAC has been Count Wilson der Blitzkrieg von Phang Rang, Willie Wilson, Captain, United States Air Force, Jet Fighter Pilot (Extraordinary), Parachutist, Playboy, World Traveler, Big Game Hunter, International Lover, Wire, U.S. A.F."

The reverse of the card had an inscription that may well have fitted the occasion of Wilson's emergency landing.

It said, "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I fear no evil. For I'm the meanest S.O.B. in the valley."



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ENGINEERS THROW 1ST PUNCH

The first punch was slammed into Victor Charlie during the first round of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division's current operation, Austin VI by, not the infantry, but the Brigade's 326th Engineer Battalion.

The Army's paratrooper engineer battalion more than lived up to its motto, "When its too tough for the rest, call the best." On the night of 3 May 1966 when A Company had the mission of guarding the "Chinook" landing pad near Brigade Headquarters, at 2130 a hail of enemy fire burst from the nearby jungle in an effort to hit the CH-47's but the engineers fast reaction of fire superiority quickly quieted the enemy firing.

In the heat of the firefight was Sp/4 Dewey Ivy from Mavguard, Miss., who stated, "I had just assumed my guard position when I heard the firing, then this guy came running toward me from the jungle. I opened up with my M-16 and he screamed and slumped to the ground but then a machine gun opened up on my position and I had to take cover."

A patrol was quickly organized and led toward the enemy positions by Sgt Harvey B. Harris of Lynchberg, Va., but once again the VC had melted into the thick undergrowth dragging their dead and wounded behind them.

101st AIDS MONTAGNARDS

The Rhade tribesmen of the Montgnard village of Dac Tich II near Nhon Co owe a healthy debt of gratitude to the Screaming Eagles of the Army's 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

With the support of the Brigade's Civic Action Team a medical assistance program has been initiated by Capt Ronald L. Gooding, M.D., of Bethesade, Md., to render medical aid to the natives in the area.

"The main support we can give is to treat the various skin diseases and sores which are prevalent among these people," states Captain Gooding. "We leave as much soap as possible with them as most of their problems are caused from a lack of sanitation. We instruct them on the use of the soap and general sanitation which we feel will help a lot when we leave." The Maryland native continued, "We also

think some of them have a strain of skin tuberculosis, but there is little we can do for them as prolonged treatment is required and the facilities for such treatment are not available in Vietnam."

The treatment of the three to four hundred villagers is being administered by Sp/6 Gary E. Laude of Plattsburg, NY, and Eloy S. Friego from Denver, Colorado who are donating their off duty time to accomplish the task.

"Getting a hypodermic is a big thing among these people," said Laude the senior medic. "They not only think it will cure all their ailments, but it is looked upon as a status symbol to receive one."

Although somewhat apprehensive at first, the Montagnard chief, Dieu Xieng, was highly complimentary in his appreciation to the paratrooper medics, for he was injected twice.

1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION HONOR ROLL

The troopers mentioned below have distinguished themselves by deeds of valor and heroism in the combat theatre of Vietnam. They merit the respect and admiration of Screaming Eagles everywhere and have conducted themselves in the finest traditions of troopers gone before them.

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- Cpl James E. Cook, Sr.HHC/2/327 Inf
- Sp/4 Edward E. Stevenson, Sr.HHC/2/327 Inf
- Sp/4 Lyman D. MooreHHC/2/327 Inf

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STAY ALERT AND STAY ALIVE

Brig Gen W. Pearson - CG
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HOUSING

The following article is a command information release from Headquarters U.S. Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe, Va.

"Housing for dependents of soldiers serving overseas is no longer available at Fort Lewis (Seattle, Washington, Air Defense Area), the Family Housing Officer, United States Continental Army Command, announced.

Housing units are still available at the St. Louis Missouri, Support Center; U.S. Army Support Detachment, Oakdale, Pa., and Fort Riley, Kansas. Two, three and four-bedroom units are available at Schilling Air Force Base, Kansas.

LAST ISSUE OF D&W

This is the last issue of Diplomat and Warrior to be printed in mimeograph form. A new letter press newspaper, printed in Saigon, is planned and the tentative date for the first issue is 29 May 1966.

There will be no paper next week. (Editor)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

As if on signal, the sun broke through the clouds and the rain stopped. The Chaplain bowed his head and the congregation prayed.

The scene took place at the forward headquarters for the Army's 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division at Nhon Co, 85 miles northwest of Saigon. It was the memorial service for Chaplain (Major) William Barragy. Chaplain Barragy, who

was the Brigade Chaplain, was killed in the crash of a CH-43 helicopter while flying to Brigade elements engaged in a combat operation.

The memorial service, which was attended by Brigadier General Willard Pearson, Clairton, Pa., the chaplains of the brigade, and approximately 30 troopers, was ministered by Chaplain (Colonel) Holland Hope, Chaplain for II Field Force Vietnam. Chaplain Hope who comes from Clarksville, Tenn., is a master parachutist and the former Chief Chaplain of the Fort Campbell, Kentucky based 101st Airborne Division.

EVERYONE'S FIGHT

Cooks, clerks, and typists are all part of the elite guard of the Screaming Eagles of the Army's 101st Airborne Division.

This is the war of no front lines where staff and support personnel often become the combat unit of the moment, especially when "Charlie" attempts infiltration into helicopter pads and headquarters units.

Sp/4 Jack C. Dunn from Dallas, Oregon, a clerk in the Brigade Adjutant General's section, comments, "I was on guard a few nights ago thinking about the infantry units out in the boondocks chasing the VC when automatic weapons fire and mortar rounds started flying all over the place." The Oregon native added, "at the time I kinda wished I had been out with the infantry."

Generals and privates find themselves ducking bullets together. For instance, most typists consider their job fairly safe, but not Sp/4 James A. Pomilia of Detroit, Mich., a clerk in the paratroopers S-1 section. Reaccounting a recent experience Pomilia stated, "about a month ago I was typing a report for the section commander when a 7.92 round came through a window and lodged in my typewriter. Not only did it scare the devil out of me, but I sure learned a lesson." Pomilia added, "I don't type in front of windows anymore!"

ABU'S WITH DOCTOR

The concussion of explosions, the screams of wounded men, and the cry "mines." Battle-hardened men freeze in

their tracks with fear distorting their facial features. Any move could be their last.

As the conditioned reflexes of combat infantrymen shook out the last vestiges of fear and panic, the cry "medic" passed through the paratroopers like a prairie fire. In fact, however, the company senior aidman had started moving forward almost simultaneously with the blast of the mines. As the men of "ABU" Company, 1st Battalion (Abn) 327th Infantry worked their way out of the minefield and took up positions, Army Sp/5 Raymond Staley of New York City started working his way into the field with its crop of death.

Four men had been hit by the mines, four men without feet, four men bleeding to death. Slowly "ABU's" Witch Doctor worked his way toward the wounded men.

There are always plenty of willing hands to help a member of "America's hard-core," but one false move in this field could spell death for those already wounded as well as for the men detonating the mine. Sp/5 Staley reached the first man.

With hands well practiced in the art of healing, the young man with the torn and dirt uniform stopped the paratrooper's bleeding. Talking softly he injected morphine, and quickly started an intravenous flowing with serum albumin. Moving through the wounded men he skillfully practiced his art while offering each man a few quiet words of comfort and encouragement.

This done, Sp/5 Staley knew that he had at best prolonged their lives, not really saved them. Unless he got them out of that field with its hidden death they were sure to die. Again and again he led men from "ABU" Company in and out of the minefield. Buddies of the fallen readily followed Sp/5 Staley as they carried the wounded to a waiting "dust-off" helicopter.

Men like Sp/5 Staley are with every platoon in the 101st Airborne. Soldiers trained to heal, not to kill, daily risking their lives that others may live.

The 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division has been in Vietnam exactly 290 days today.

DIPLOMATS AND WARRIORS ALL

ABOVE THE REST

On 9 March 1966, southwest of Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam, while engaged with a Viet Cong force superior in number, Sgt Otis Ransaw, Jr., with complete disregard for his personal safety, voluntarily remained forward to call in and adjust mortar fire in support of his unit's withdrawal. The timely and accurate mortar fire was instrumental in the successful withdrawal with minimum casualties.

SECOND TO NONE

On 26 April 1966, near Tuy Hoa, RVN, SSGT Regenal F. Scott was riding in a 2 1/2 ton truck which was part of a convoy clearing a portion of Highway 1. One of the vehicles in the convoy hit a mine, and the enemy engaged the convoy with intense automatic and semi-automatic weapons fire. Sergeant Scott, with complete disregard for his own safety and welfare, continually exposed himself to deploy men, direct fires, and resupply the troops with ammunition. He then drove the 2 1/2 ton truck down the mined road to retrieve a damaged vehicle and was wounded himself when the 2 1/2 ton truck in which he was riding hit a mine.

STRIKE FORCE

On 26 March 1966, near Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam, while his squad laid a base of fire, Pfc Albert J. Murphy crossed a river by himself while exposed to enemy fire. On reaching the other side, he killed two Viet Cong and thereby allowing his platoon to continue with its mission.

UNITED WE STAND

Brig Gen Charles A. Symroski, Commanding General, IFFORCEV Artillery, Nha Trang, recently paid a visit to the 5/27th Artillery area at Tuy Hoa, RVN. After a briefing by the battalion staff, General Symroski was given a tour of the Headquarters Battery area, where he observed the dug-in-facilities and operations complex. Following lunch the general's tour was completed with a visit to Bravo and Charlie Batteries, and a short stop at the forward Battalion Fire Direction Center.

ALWAYS THERE

Major Smith of Support Battalion, the 1st Brigade Inspector General, and his staff have been working long and diligently for the last two weeks drawing up checklists for each individual area of inspection. Major Smith is attempting to prepare the brigade for the upcoming pre-IG and IG inspections to be conducted in the next few months.

ON THE WAY; WAIT

The 2nd Battalion (Airborne) 320th Artillery Rear Detachment is kept busy preparing itself for the upcoming inspection while their comrades in the forward area at Nhon Co battle the Viet Cong.

Which task is the toughest might be debated by the troopers in the rear as a great deal of rigorous work is involved in preparation for an IG inspection.

17TH MULE

Flying directly from Tuy Hoa to Nhon Co, the 17th Cav spearheaded the 1st Brigade's movement into Nhon Co. Immediately upon arriving in Nhon Co the Cav disappeared into the jungle and began extensive patrolling action to insure the safety of the airfield. When the 2/502nd began making enemy contact to the west the cavalrymen were quickly loaded into CH-47's and rushed to bolster the infantry battalion. The Troop is presently functioning similar to an infantry company under the operational control of the 2/502nd.

WHEN ITS TOO TOUGH FOR THE REST CALL THE BEST

A/326th Engineers second platoon had the sad task of clearing two LZ's for access to a CH-47 which crashed on May 3, 1966, killing the entire crew and passenger complement. They entered the jungle via CH-47 from the 1st Air Cav, using a ladder method of entry.

Work was completed swiftly, enabling Graves Registration to begin the recovery of bodies and the investigation of the crash.

ALWAYS FIRST

Rotation is very evident in Brigade Headquarters Company as new faces are now the rule and not the exception. The majority of the staff sections have received their new personnel and are in the process of training their replacements.

SALUTE TO AN INFANTRYMAN - THE BACKBONE OF THE ARMY

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

You're the guy that jumps on a helicopter at dawn for a fifteen minute ride out to greet Charlie and then the ride is over and the walking begins. It starts early and ends late, sometimes in blistering heat and sometimes through the steady monsoon downpour, but you keep going for you know the Infantryman can't stop.

Heavy? You bet you're heavy, with four or five days "C" rations, all the water you can find canteens for, and your rifle with four hundred rounds of ammo that you wouldn't trade for the world. Then a steel pot that gives you a headache, several hand grenades, a bayonet, a gas mask, an entrenching tool, and the many other instruments of war.

But you keep on pushing. There's another hill to hump and another bamboo thicket to hack through and another rice paddy to wade up to your waist through. Your boots and socks probably won't dry out until you stop to get some sleep - day after tomorrow.

Maybe today your squad is out front and maybe you are the point man. One man out in front of all the rest and that feeling is in the pit of your stomach. But you are extra alert and you know someone has to be first so you step forward cautiously - probing for that mine or foot-trap that lies ahead and your M-16 is ready - on full automatic.

You stop briefly to check out the rustling in the brush ahead. It must be a monkey or a bird - you hope.

Now your pack is rubbing your shoulder raw and your ammo pouch is pinching your side between your belt. But that's just part of the war, isn't it, so you swat away the mosquitoes and burn off the leeches and drive on - toward that village ahead with the bunkers around it.

You know you are a tool, an instrument of war, another cog in the vast wheel. You're not real sure of who you are fighting, or why, or what they have done, but you know its for your folks at home and your waiting wife and your little blonde-headed daughter, and it's for the country you love and has something to do with freedom. So you jut out your chin a little more - and check your grenades.

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

Last week you fought at Normandy, yesterday on Pork Chop Hill, today along the Cambodian border, and tomorrow - let tomorrow speak for itself - and pray to God you see tomorrow.

You're the same guy Ernie Pyle wrote about and Winston Churchill talked about.

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

5/27th ARTY CAPTURES VC

While returning from Tuy Hoa to the base camp area recently 2/Lt James A. Finch, Battalion Commo Officer, from Jennings, Mo., noticed a large crowd beside the road. Deciding to investigate, Lt Finch found that the object of attention was a young Vietnamese male with the ends of four fingers of his left hand blown off and numerous perforations on the legs, chest and face. After taking the man to the battalion aid station where he was treated by the battalion surgeon, Dr. Francis T. Greene, Tallahassee, Fla., the suspect was turned over to the nearby Sector Headquarters. Upon interrogation the suspect was found to be a confirmed Viet Cong and had been injured while handling a homemade mine.

(AFPS) - The highest mountain, 10,319 feet and the lowest lake, 144 feet below sea level, in the Caribbean area are found in the Dominican Republic.

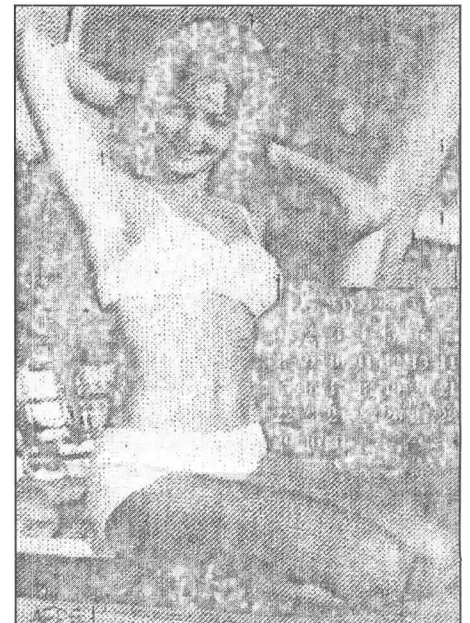
101ST CHARLIE'S PEST

The word around Nhon Co is that the Americans aren't playing fair. Just a few weeks ago the Viet Cong had an infiltration route through Nhon Co. Not just an ordinary, everyday infiltration route mind you, but a regular super highway for North Vietnamese Regulars. Then it happened.

One morning as 'Charlie' got up and surveyed the peaceful countryside he heard it overhead, a USAF C-130, it landed on the airstrip at Nhon Co Special Forces camp, its engines screaming as the huge iron bird billowed dust on the dirt runway. If the screaming engines bothered him, he was completely unprepared for what followed.

"Screaming Eagles," hundreds of them from the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, quietly and efficiently, with the self-assurance of Army paratroopers who have fought scores of engagements and never lost, the troopers of the 1st Battalion (Abn) 327th Infantry moved into position. For all that day and the next, the "nomads" of Vietnam poured into Nhon Co, ready and eager to take the war to the communists rather than wait for the VC to come to them.

The rest of the troopers are there now also. The engineers making improvements and building positions, the medics ready to treat the sick and wounded and the support battalion building mountains of supplies to support the gravel agitators. The only one that hasn't been seen lately is "Victor Charlie." He's looking for a new infiltration route.



This pert Miss is trying to tell us that May is here but who is looking at the calendar.

FROM LENNY VITHA'S NOTEBOOK

Lenny A. Vitha sent the following from his notebook of material he writes about from his time with 2/502 Recondo Plt 1966.

I have never been more awed by any other jungle animal than the huge predatory cat called the Bengal tiger. It ranged through out Asia from India, Burma, Laos, Cambodia, Southern China and on down into North and South Vietnam. In the 502nd Recondo Plt 1966, I can't recall the procedures to follow if a large jungle animal was ever confronted unexpectedly in the bush, but you always had your weapon for protection. This incident took place at Kontum or Dak To, I can't recall, but it was late 66 so probably Dak To. It was in the early morning hours and I was roused from my sleep for my turn at guard duty. We were at a mountain top on kind of a rocky crag jutting out from the summit and the trees and brush were fairly thinned out so I had a decent view of the surrounding area. There was a full moon overhead and the summit was lit up in the silver glow of the moon. I could look out over the valley and see the other mountain tops and ridges stretching away into the distance. I looked at the rest of my Recondo squad laid out in different positions with their poncho liners pulled up around them sleeping. I kept looking out over the humps and peaks spread out in the moonlight and thought to myself how insignificant everything was. From down below in the valley came the growls and coughs of a tiger on the hunt. I sat in the moonlight mesmerized by it and every hair and cell in my body, my heart, skin, everything seemed highly alive in my system. As I sat there listening to this Bengal tiger it dawned on me that I was so far away from home in a foreign country on the other side of the globe and I was seeing and experiencing something that I will never do again. That a lot of other people will never understand the beauty and ugliness of this land and of the people and its culture. I woke up the next Recondo in line for guard duty and waited till he was up, awake and in position, then I turned in to sleep. It seemed like my spirit was soaring and everything in the heavens was content.



DUC PHO, Vietnam - AMBUSH. The tension of waiting shows on the face of Pfc. Robert C. Rieller, Florence, Ariz., as the 101st Airborne paratroopers holds the firing device of a Claymore mine positioned on a jungle trail near here. (USA Photo by Staff Sgt. Art Campbell)



DUC PHO, Vietnam - EXTRACTION. A company of 101st Airborne paratroopers signals a covey of 176th Aviation helicopters during a recent extraction. The paratroopers were air-lifted to another tactical area of operations. (USA Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Mangiameli)

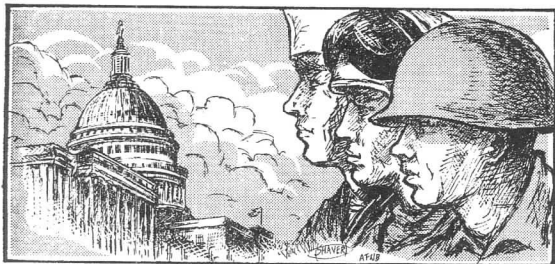
EDITORIAL

Voice Of The People

AS MEMBERS of the 90th Congress walk the halls of the Capitol, they are surrounded by reminders of the continuity and traditions that have existed in our government since the first Congress convened in March 1789.

Paintings and busts of Congressional greats who helped make the history of our Nation abound throughout the corridors, recalling for each elected representative the legacy of service and responsibility to the American people.

Throughout its history, Congress has served not only as the voice of the people, but as an effective check against the accumulation of too much power by any one branch or individual in our governmental structure.



The 435-member House of Representatives has a strong voice in the operation of the government inasmuch as all revenue bills must originate with it. Approval of all treaties and major Presidential appointments gives the 100-member Senate an equally powerful voice in the conduct of our country's affairs.

Through the years, the responsibilities of Congress have increased, as has its size. The complexities of government have multiplied as the Nation has grown and progressed, demanding greater knowledge, toil and dedication from each successive Congress.

Today, as as in the past, our elected representatives face the challenges of the world knowingly and firmly, resolute in their efforts to help this Nation prosper as never before. (AFNB)

Official Price List Ninh Thuan Province

The following are the official prices of selected items set by the province chief of Ninh Thuan Province. U.S. personnel will not pay more than the set price. If an attempt is made to charge more than the set price, do not pay it. Place the correct amount on the counter and leave. Then notify your commander so that action can be taken against the merchant. DO NOT TIP.

DRINKS	REST.	BARS	BARBER SHOPS	
Coffee	5 \$VN	6 \$VN	Haircut	30 \$VN
Coffee w milk	8	8	Shave	20
Beer Larue	30	37	Shampoo	20
Beer 33	28	35	Ear Cleaning	10
Orange (Bireleys)	17	22		
Coke	20	25	LAUNDRY	
Soft drinks BGI	14	18	1 Pr trousers	7-10 \$VN
Soft drinks SEGI	15	19	1 Shirt	7-10
Top SEGI	16	20	1 Set fatigue	20
Soda	14	18	1 Large Towel	5
Rum	12	14	1 T Shirt	5
Whiskey w/soda	60	80	1 Pr stockings	5
Whiskey (small)	50	60	1 Sheet	20

HOTELS

Large room from 120 to 150 \$VN
Small room from 80 to 100 \$VN

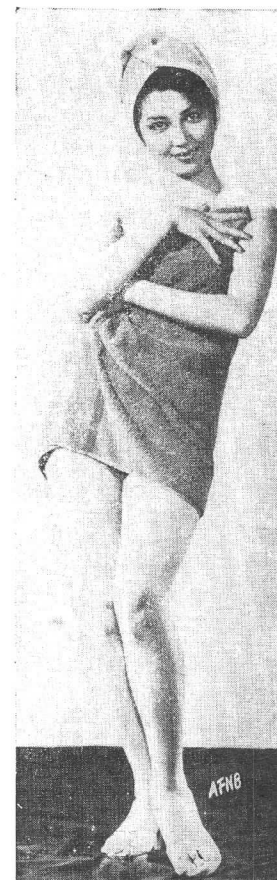
LABOR FOR TAILORING

Suit from 1000 to 1200 \$VN
Jacket from 800 to 1000 \$VN
Trousers from 200 to 300 \$VN
Shirt from 100 to 120 \$VN

OTHER

Ice 4 \$VN Kilo
Phan Rang to Airfield 10 \$VN
Lambretta Phan Rang to Thap Cham 6 \$VN
Phan Rang to Ninh Chu 6 \$VN
Cyclo (within Phan Rang) 0-30 minutes 40 \$VN
30-60 minutes 60 \$VN
(outside Phan Rang) Phan Rang to Thap Cham 150 \$VN

NOTE: Lambretta prices are figured on a load of 8 people. If load is less than 8 people, passengers will be charged a proportionate rate increase.



INTERNATIONAL BEAUTY—Eiko Wakabayashi appears as a real bathing beauty in her latest picture. She is one of several Japanese lovelies in cloak and dagger films.

RVN Artillerymen Learn From 2/320th

By PFC Daniel Strobel

KONTUM — Paratroopers of the 2nd Battalion, 320th (Airborne) Artillery have been assigned a dual mission: provide close and continuous fire support for the infantry units of the brigade and instruct Vietnamese artillerymen in the use of the 105mm howitzer. This instruction continues the Mobile Training Team concept started by the brigade months ago.

The Mobile Training Team Battery. For the past three operations the team has been going to MACV and Special Forces camps to assist in training fire direction personnel, furnish survey data for indirect fire weapons, assist in developing maintenance programs, train howitzer crews in correct procedures and handling of ammunition.

The program was initiated to provide improved artillery support for Vietnamese units such as Civilian Irregular Defense Groups (CIDG) and Popular and Regional Forces in areas where the brigade operates.

The members of the team are very enthusiastic about their tasks and the students have shown a great eagerness to learn. Castillo says, "They are very enthusiastic about their training, although they are hampered by a lack of education, they learn very quickly."

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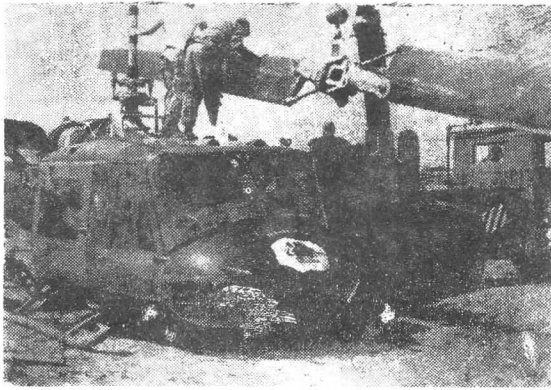
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Food Prices In Restaurants

Each restaurant is required to post a menu in English and Vietnamese on the outside of their restaurant to notify the customer of their prices before he enters. Listed below are few selected items and their cost. The cost listed are the maximum that can be charged for these items. DO NOT TIP.

SOUPS	SMALL SERVINGS	LARGE SERVINGS
Pork and Noodle Soup	45 \$VN	80 \$VN
Vegetable and shrimp soup	35	60
Vegetable and beef soup	35	60
Rice w/pork and shrimp	30	200
Mushroom soup	130	
Asparagus, crab & chicken	100	
FISH AND SHRIMP		
Breaded shrimp	70 \$VN	140 \$VN
Shrimp and pork fried w/peas	70	140
Shrimp and chicken fried/mushroom	150	250
Boiled fish	60	60
MEATS		
Sour fried beef	40 \$VN	60 \$VN
Boiled chicken	45	70
Steak w/lettuce	50	
Steak w/potatoes	65	
Sour spare ribs	90	
Spare ribs and potatoes	60	
Fried chicken and potatoes	90	
OTHER		
Mixed fried rice and eggs	45 \$VN	
U.S. rice and eggs	55	
Tomato salad	15	
Egg Omelet	28	
Ham and eggs	60	
Fried rice w/ham	70	
French fried potatoes	50	
Asparagus	100	
Chinese fried rice	60	



KONTUM... Mechanics of the brigade's Aviation Section and the Support Battalion perform operational maintenance on one of the "Wings of the Eagles" helicopters. Preventive maintenance by the paratrooper mechanics keeps the "air eyes" of the brigade in the skies.

(Army Photo by 1st Lt. Arthur Barnett)

Village-Troopers Exchange Gifts

By 1st Lt. John Hensley

Kontum—The custom of exchanging gifts is apparently a highly valued tradition even to the remote Montagnard tribes in the mountainous jungles of Kontum Province.

Upon traveling to a Montagnard village in the province to present gifts of clothing and food to the villagers, a team of brigade personnel were likewise treated by the villagers to a ceremony and a feast.

The paratroopers entered the village with two trailer loads of supplies made up of several boxes of assorted soups, children and adult clothing. They were greeted by the area's French priest who distributed the articles along with Captain Troy Collins, commander of Team 15, 41st Civil Affairs Company, and Vietnamese and Montagnard interpreters.

When the distribution was complete the village orchestra led the procession of Americans and Montagnards into the main village building.

The group was entertained by native music and dancing provided by the children. The Americans were then treated to roast pig prepared for the occasion, and the traditional, and potent, rice wine.

The seal of friendship between the Americans

and the Montagnards was completed by the smoking of the village chief's pipe by both groups.

To reach the isolated village, the Civil Affairs Team, which is attached to the "Screaming Eagles," along with other 1st Brigade paratroopers, traveled several miles into the mountainous jungles near Kontum with a Military Police gun jeep escort for security.

The Montagnards couldn't have been more grateful for the food and clothing than the paratroopers were for the food, entertainment, and the chance to learn more of the native customs.

SPECIAL LEAVE

Effective November 2, 1966, Army members who volunteer for a tour extension in Vietnam of at least six month's duration are entitled to a special 30-day leave, exclusive of travel time, to any desired location selected by the member.

In addition to the special leave, which is not chargeable to accrued leave, the member receives required round trip transportation at government expense to leave site selected. The special leave cannot commence earlier than 90 days before nor later than 30 days after the member's established normal rotation date. Personnel who extend their tour of duty a second time are also authorized a second special leave. This second special leave must be taken during the period 90 days prior to and 30 days after the individual's adjusted rotation date.

'Can Do'

(Cont from Page 1, Col. 4) every day.

The students being sponsored are not necessarily the top people in school.

"They're just a bunch of youngsters who want to learn," says Lathrop. "Because they don't have a genius I.Q. doesn't mean they shouldn't be allowed to learn. These youngsters have the initiative. All they need is help."

The unique aspect of the sponsorship program is the personal relationship upon which it is based. Each student meets his sponsor-to-be before any support is given. Once the 101st paratrooper has agreed to finance a child's education he visits his charge at least once a week to help, advise, or just to listen to any problems the youngster may have.

"This makes the student more responsible when he realizes that he has an obligation," says Lathrop. "It's not just the money that an American soldier gives him that makes the student respond. Most of them believe Americans are all rich anyway. What really does it," Lathrop concludes, "is the fact that someone cares enough to see the kid weekly and asks him about school."

Results: All of the students being sponsored at present have virtually pole-vaulted in class standing. There's one boy who jumped fifty-two places since a paratrooper extended his helping hand. "One student couldn't jump any higher," says Lathrop. "He was already number one. But he wouldn't be there today if somebody had not come forward with help."

Some of the "Diplomats" have contributed enough to financially support the student for two years, and even throughout high school.

Lathrop tells of an incident when he introduced one 101st Military Policeman to a girl student he was about to sponsor. They both stood shyly looking at each other for several minutes. Abruptly the M.P. handed the envelope containing her first tuition installment to the girl, turned and started to leave. The girl brought him up short when she spoke in English, "Thank you, sir, and I will try to be a good student."

The M.P. turned in amazement. "You speak English," he said. "Yes," the thirteen year old girl said, "and I hope to make you proud of me."

The girl was number twenty in class standing before she had a sponsor. Today she's number three.



KONTUM, VIETNAM... This 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division paratrooper had no tub, but he did have an Australian Shower Bucket which enables him to shower in the field. Specialist Four Charles S. Harrison soaps it up under one of the buckets. His unit, Headquarters Company of the 2nd Battalion, 502nd (Airborne) Infantry.

(Army Photo by Sp4 Alva Tate)



KONTUM—Paratroopers help unload a Chinook helicopter filled with possessions of a tribe of Montagnard, moved to a refugee village near Kontum during Operation Pickett. Captain Ludwig C. Hoffman III (left) and Captain (Doctor) Bradford E. Mutehler, both from the 1st Battalion, 327th (Airborne) Infantry, carry this man's pig, while he carries his son and another pig.

(US Army Photo by SSG Mike Mangiameli)

Patrol...

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need arise they can be used for interrogation purposes. On one occasion a field force police man saved a unit from an ambush by extracting information from a prisoner of war.

Because of his outstanding work, Field Force Policeman Ker has been recommended for an award by Captain William G. Northquest, Company "C" commander, 1st Bn, 327th (ABN) Inf.

The Field Force Policemen are part of the Vietnamese National Police and work with the Brigade Military Police during the brigade's stay in any area.





KONTUM . . . Chaplain (Captain) Roland R. Torer says Mass at a brigade radio relay site in a bunker atop a mountain in northern Kontum Province during Operation Pickett. Catholic and Protestant services were given by "Screaming Eagle" chaplains at the high and windy outpost. (Army Photo by 1st/Lt. Arthur Barnett)

How Much Do You Know About R&R?

Saigon (MACV) — How well do you know your R&R program? Try this quiz and find out, scoring five points for each correct answer.

- 1— Name the nine R&R sites.
- 2— If you go to this site, you arrive before you depart. Which R&R site is it?
- 3— More troops have been to this site in the past six months than to any other. Which is it?
- 4— Statistics show that troops spend more money in Hong Kong than at any other R&R site. At which site do they spend the least?
- 5— Leave personnel are guaranteed round-trip transportation to three R&R sites. Name them.
- 6— To go on R&R your immunization record must be up to date. Seven shots are required and two often are out of date. Plague is one. What is the other?
- 7— If you take this item out of Vietnam you might have an extended R&R in a foreign prison. What is it?
- 8— Malaysia has two R&R sites. Name them.
- 9— This R&R site is the largest city in the world. What is it?
- 10— The farthest R&R site is Hawaii. Which is the nearest?

(1) Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Singapore, Manila, Taipei, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Hawaii and Tokyo. (2) Hawaii (you cross the international date line). (3) Tokyo (bet you missed this one!). (4) Kuala Lumpur. (5) Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Tokyo (why not take leave in addition to R&R). (6) Cholera (plague shots every four months, cholera every six months.) (7) A weapon. (8) Kuala Lumpur and Penang. (9) Tokyo. (10) Bangkok.

Are You From Arizona?

Radio Station KOY, Phoenix, Arizona, has scheduled a Saturday evening program of musical requests and comments by servicemen from the State of Arizona.

Requests can be made of the station to play favorite musical selections for relatives and friends of Arizona servicemen in Vietnam and will be broadcast between 2000 hours and 2100 hours. In addition, letters, tapes, and disks sent by men will be aired by the station. Recordings should not be longer than two minutes. The station reserves the right to screen the letters and recordings for propriety and good taste.

Communications should be addressed to:
Mr. Dick Douglas
Radio Station-KOY
P.O. Box 2671
Phoenix, Arizona, 85002



Playmate By Tree Becomes King Cobra

By Sp4 Luis Callender

Phan Rang— Unless one happens to be a connoisseur of snakes, at first glance they all look alike. So occasionally someone summons up a bit of bravado, grabs a snake, and winds up with a case of mistaken identity.

Specialist Four Thomas Sturges is no connoisseur of snakes and what he believed to be a Boa Constrictor — nonpoisonous — turned out to be (he found out later) a King Cobra — a most venomous fellow.

It all happened in the base camp. Sturges, of the Security Platoon, Company "E," Support Battalion, was doing a bit of repair work on telephone wires when he decided to take a break. The 101st paratrooper chose the shade offered by a small tree and sat down facing a hollowed eight-foot stump.

"I was just sitting watching this stump," recalls Sturges, "when this thing started to come out of the hollow and wind down the stump. I just watched it for a few seconds."

The "Screaming Eagle" said that he decided on the "spur of the moment" to turn snake-catcher, and was quickly joined in his little adventure by several Republic of Korea (ROK) Marines.

As one of the ROKs pinned the snake's head to the stump with a piece of wood, Sturges expertly unwound his quarry from around the stump. He stretched the snake out to its full length of eight feet and the next thing he noticed was that the head had slipped from under the piece of wood, and the ROKs were doing a hasty retreat.

"I took off too," says the

19-year-old, eleven-month combat veteran. "I mean I just let go of that thing and went."

Paratroopers, however, are a determined lot, so Sturges rallied his ROK allies and back they went. They surrounded the snake who was now coiled into a lump.

While one of the Korean Marines poked at the reptile with his piece of wood our quick-thinking paratrooper improvised a noose out of his belt and in dare-devil fashion, lassoed Mr. No-shoulders, Specialist Sturges pulled the noose tight and held up exhibit "A" for what could have been called "catching a snake is an every day affair."

I could have sworn it was a Boa Constrictor," Sturges explained later. "I know they aren't poisonous." Here the fun began.

First Sturges and his group went to the ROK Marines' camp, as one of the Koreans wanted to show off the snake to his commanding officer. Several people posed for pictures, with some brave souls draping the snake around them as cameras clicked away. All this time the eight-foot reptile was kept in a stranglehold by the paratroopers belt.

"We really had a good time. We even jumped rope with it," relates Sturges.

Then it was time to head home and typical of every soldier who loves his first sergeant, Sturges next presented himself at the orderly room to parade his prize. "I wanted 'top' to see it but he wasn't in," he states.

The first sergeant wasn't in, however, two majors having a meeting when the 101st rifleman walked into the orderly room didn't take too kindly to snakes. They also told him what kind of snake he was modeling around his shoulders.

"They told me I had a King Cobra!" Sturges exclaimed. He gave them an "I don't believe you" look.

The two field grade officers quickly dispatched Sturges to the 1st Brigade's Replacement Company's serpentarium and a connoisseur of snakes — Staff Sergeant Kenneth Thibault.

He told me I had a King Cobra — really bad news," says Sturges. "Well, my teeth started chattering, my knees started knocking, and I told that sergeant he could have the snake."

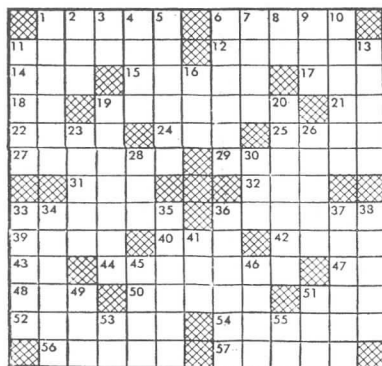
"I mean I was profiling, and jumping rope, and hanging that thing around me!" Sturges chanted with disbelief. "A KING COBRA, and I have only thirty-five days left in-country!!! Now THAT can shake a guy up!"

CROSSWORD FUZZLE

- | ACROSS | DOWN |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1-18th President | 1-Complains |
| 6-Article of furniture | 2-Knock |
| 11-Dealer | 3-Paid notice |
| 12-Sickest | 4-Roman tyrant |
| 14-Tear | 5-Three-base hit |
| 15-Lasso | 6-Names |
| 17-Suffice: native of | 7-Wings |
| 18-Above | 8-College degree (abbr.) |
| 19-Tumbled down | 9-Hawaiian wreath |
| 21-Indefinite article | 10-Landed property |
| 22-Bristle | 11-Rely on |
| 24-Confederate general | 13-Doctrine |
| 25-Poker stake | 16-Simian |
| 27-Sleeping-sickness fly | 19-Gossips |
| 29-Thoroughfare | 20-Mending with cotton |
| 31-Devoured | 23-Plague |
| 32-Number | 26-In want |
| 33-Passageways | 28-Observe |
| 36-Rates highly | 30-Rocky hill |
| 39-Woody plant | 33-Essence |
| 40-Equality | 34-Turkish decrees |
| 42-New York Stock Exchange (abbr.) | 35-Showed mercy to |
| 43-Symbol for tantalum | 36-Publishes |
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| 47-Symbol for tellurium | 38-Propnets |
| 48-Girl's name | 41-Exist |
| 50-Another girl's name | 45-Fork prong |
| 51-Weight of India | 46-Tidy |
| 52-Purify | 49-Rear part of ship |
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| 57-Vapor | 55-Compass point |

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ALPHA TROOP ALONE 1965 - 1967

Troop A arrived in the Republic of Vietnam on 29 July 1965, and immediately spent the next two weeks trying to make a "home" for themselves in the then desolate Cam Rahn Bay area. The Troop got its first real chance to flex its muscles on Operation BARRACUDA, which was held in conjunction with the 1st Infantry Division just south of Nha Trang. This was only one of many small operations conducted in and around Nha Trang to acquaint the 1st Brigade of the Screaming Eagles with Vietnam. The Troop quickly proved its worth as they recorded not only the first kill in Vietnam for the 101st, but marked the first time that any Troop of the 17th Cavalry had engaged in a firefight in a combat zone. Over the next two years, A Troop, with the remainder of the 1st Brigade, would make 28 tactical deployments, traveling over 2,300 miles and conducting 23 major operations in Vietnam.

On 19 August, the airborne cavalrymen found themselves as the nucleus of a mobile infantry battalion task force, TF HANSEN, which loaded into LSTs at Nha Trang and moved to Qui Nhon on the 22nd.

Regrouping at Qui Nhon, TF HANSEN moved to An Khe and commenced Operation HIGHLAND, to secure and prepare the way for the arrival of the US 1st Cavalry Division, which was due in from the States. For most of September, A Troop's mission was to secure a 45-mile stretch of Highway 19 between Qui Nhon and Ah Khe Pass. Three hundred convoys of various sizes traveled the road secured by A Troop during this period without the loss of a single vehicle to enemy action. In October, the Troop was honored by being the first cavalry troop in the US Army to have some of its members receive the Combat Infantryman's Badge for their actions as part of TF HANSEN.

The Troop moved on from An Khe to Qui Nhon for the arrival of yet another allied unit, the South Korean Tiger Division. Finally, on the 11th of November "Always First" Brigade and the weary cavalrymen moved to Phan Rang and began to set up a "permanent home"or so they thought. The next two weeks at Phan Rang were spent at improving their living conditions and in pulling much-needed maintenance on the Troop's vehicles. For the first time since their arrival in Vietnam, the airborne troopers celebrated a *Thanksgiving* "holiday" in real fashion, with the cooks turning out an extra-special turkey dinner, complete with all the trimmings.

Three days later, the Troop moved via road marches to Cam Rahn Bay, and then flew to Bien Hoa for operations with the remainder of the 1st Brigade and the "Big Red One" along Highway 13 and in the Iron Triangle.

It was during one of the numerous patrols and sweeps that the Troop was called on to perform in Operation CHECKERBOARD that they lost their first trooper to a VC mine (PFC Richard E. McWilliams). On 19 December, the operation ended and on the 21st, the Troop returned to Phan Rang. Following a week-long stay at their base, over the Christmas Holiday, the 1st Brigade Task Force would begin what history has recorded as their "Odyssey," for as they returned to the field for Operation VAN BUREN, they would not return to their permanent base camp for the next two years.

Early 1966 brought the cavalrymen their first mission in the Tuy Hoa area. In a thirty-five day period, the 1st Brigade was to kill 348 enemy personnel from the 95th NVA Regiment, while conducting security operations and thereby allowing the local populace to harvest their rice crops unhampered by enemy interdiction.

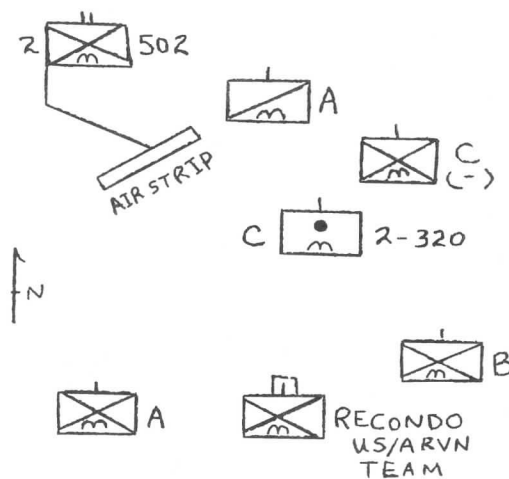
The beginning of April saw the Brigade on the move again...Phan Thiet...Nhon Co...Cheo Reo...Pleiku...wherever a "fire brigade" was needed during the Vietnam Defensive Campaign, the Screaming Eagles reacted aggressively. Operation AUSTIN IV provides an example of the Troop in action during a sweep, some 30 miles north of Bu Gia Map near Bu Prang:

"On 5 May 1966, LTC Emerson, CO of the 2/502nd Infantry Battalion, conducting a reconnaissance of Bu Prang in search of the enemy. The following day, at 1000 hours, his recondo platoon, with some attached engineers inserted into an LZ around an abandoned airstrip and began a "checkerboard" sweep of the surrounding area. Checkerboarding amounted to dividing the battalion's area of operation into a checkerboard grid pattern, inserting near the center, and checking the pattern by sending elements of the Battalion in all directions. By late afternoon, Company A was headed north, Company B to the east, and a company team (consisting of a US and ARVN recon platoon - the Apache Platoon) headed to the south. For the

next three days, the units moved and searched during the day, while setting up ambushes at night. In order to travel as light as possible, only the essentials were taken by the infantrymen. This allowed them to move rapidly and not be tied to the resupply helicopters. Company C and the engineers were held in reserve at the airstrip."

"By 10 May, although no contact had been made, additional resources arrived in the form of an artillery battery and A Troop, 2/17th Cav (dis-mounted). While the cavalrymen went into reserve, one platoon from C Company was sent to the US/ARVN recondo team, to bring it to the strength of a full company."

"Initially, Company A was 7 km to the southwest, B Company was 8 km to the southeast, and the recondo team was somewhere between the two. Realizing that his force was too spread out, LTC Emerson directed B Company to move behind



Company A, and the Recondo Team to move to the northwest and to tie in with A Company's left flank. Meanwhile, Company A was to continue moving to the southwest. This order was given at 1020 hours, and by 1430, A Company encountered heavy contact. Immediately, A Company was to be assisted by A Troop, with orders to move southwest and tie in on A Company's right flank. Scattered action continued until dusk as both B Company and the Recondo Team were hit as they moved to their new positions. The Battalion learned from a captured NVA soldier that they were up against four NVA companies, already dug in, with six more companies in bunkers between the first force and the Cambodian border. Realizing this, the Battalion consolidated its positions about 2000 hours, and sent out ambush patrols."

The plan for the 11th called for the cavalrymen to move out at 0700, move a kilometer to the northwest and then turn 90° to the left, and move to a blocking position behind the NVA forces, now identified as the 141st NVA Regiment. The remaining three companies would attack the NVA position and catch the enemy in a position where he would have to withdraw through the cavalrymen to cross the Cambodian border.

At 0700 hours, the Cavalrymen moved out and by 1000, they were paralleling A Company's advance. By 1040, A Company was engaged with enemy forces in bunkers and by 1125, so was the recondo team, on the left.

As the infantrymen slowly advanced into the enemy's positions, A Troop continued to move through the extremely rugged terrain in order to get behind the enemy force. LTC Emerson was in his C & C helicopter and by 1330 saw that the cavalrymen were in a position to move behind the enemy force. Taking the enemy from the rear, A Troop, with an attached platoon from C Company that had been with them for the past day, moved carefully through the bunkers, forcing what remained of the enemy to withdraw after a brief firefight.

As the cavalrymen worked over the bunkers, LTC Emerson held his infantry companies back for fear that they might advance into a overlooked strongpoint, which would cause further unnecessary casualties. As the day came to a close, the airborne cavalrymen from A Troop were in control of the field with a NVA body count of one hundred and six KIA's.

The operation did not end though, and beginning the next day (the 12th), the 2/502nd TF continued their checkerboarding, although there was no enemy contact. At 1000 hours, on the 13th, an "Arc Light"...B-52 air strike... was placed in front of their route of advance in the area where the other six companies of the 141st were supposedly encamped. At 1840 hours on the 14th, the 2/502nd reached the Cambodian border, and learned (from four POWs picked up during the final two days of the drive) that of the 450 men in the 141st Battalion, only

about 50 had survived the B-52 strike and had moved on to Cambodia. Shortly thereafter, the cavalrymen left the "Gunfighters" Battalion and moved north.

Between 29 May and 2 June, the 1st Brigade shifted its forces into northern Kontum Province in the Dak To area. Beginning on 2 June and lasting until 22 June, the Brigade conducted Operation HAWTHORNE, which would ultimately earn them the Presidential Unit Citation. HAWTHORNE turned out to be a model operation employing massive B-52 strikes and a double envelopment of the 24th NVA Regiment, which would yield 459 enemy KIA's and another estimated 485 KIA's in just 18 days of fighting. During HAWTHORNE, another famous incident occurred when CPT Carpenter of C Company, 2/502nd Infantry, called in an air strike on his own position, due to his being heavily outnumbered and in danger of being completely overrun at any moment.

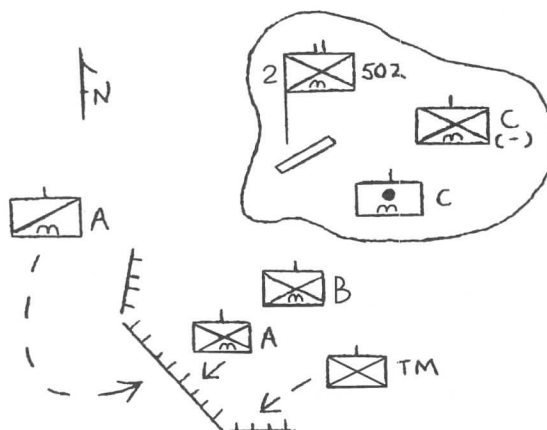
After a brief lull, the airborne cavalrymen moved back to Tuy Hoa and conducted search and destroy operations with elements of the Brigade. The year almost closed out on the Troop while it was still in the Tuy Hoa area, but late December 1966, brought a return to Kontum Province and an "Unmerry Christmas."

The new year opened with Operation FARRAGUT, in which the "Chieu Hoi" program was stressed, in an attempt to weaken the enemy through psychological warfare, by offering conditional pardons to NVA and VC soldiers. The success of the Chieu Hoi program in FARRAGUT is obvious, for 475 NVA/VC surrendered to the 1st Brigade's "soldiers with the chicken patch."

The spring found the Troop in Phu Yen Province and then on 29 April, the whole Brigade task force moved by air and sea to Duc Pho, 175 miles south of the DMZ, where it joined the 196th Light Infantry Brigade and the 3rd Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division, to form TF OREGON. The cavalrymen participated in Operation MALHEUR I and II, from 29 April to 7 June, and from 8 June to 1 August. Again, the operations conducted were primarily search and destroy.

The last major operation of the Troop's "odyssey" began on 11 September in the Chu Lai area, and then into the Song Traph Valley. At the end of November, the Brigade received word that the remainder of the 101st would be joining them soon. The "odyssey" ended in preparation for the Division's arrival in December of 1967.

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NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY AUGUST 16

The Test Platoon performed the first official U. S. Army parachute jump on August 16, 1940 making August 16, 2000 the 60th Anniversary of that historic occasion.

Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina secured a senate resolution and the President proclaimed August 16th as NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY in 1999.

A Committee of the 82nd Airborne Division Association is working on the political and public relations aspects of securing continued national recognition of this day to honor all airborne soldiers.

For more information contact Wilmer C. Dutton, Jr., 8210 McClure Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.



1st BRIGADE (SEPERATE), 101st AIRBORNE DIVISION UNIT MEMORIAL

I have a letter from General James J. Lindsay, USA (Ret), President of the Board of Directors of the AIRBORNE AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS MUSEUM FOUNDATION, stating that the 1st Brigade (Separate), 101st Airborne Division may place a UNIT MEMORIAL on the grounds of the new museum being built in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

All UNIT MEMORIALS will be the same size, 30" tall, 36" wide and 17" deep. A memorial to the UNIT MEMORIALS. Test Platoon will be 3" taller than other

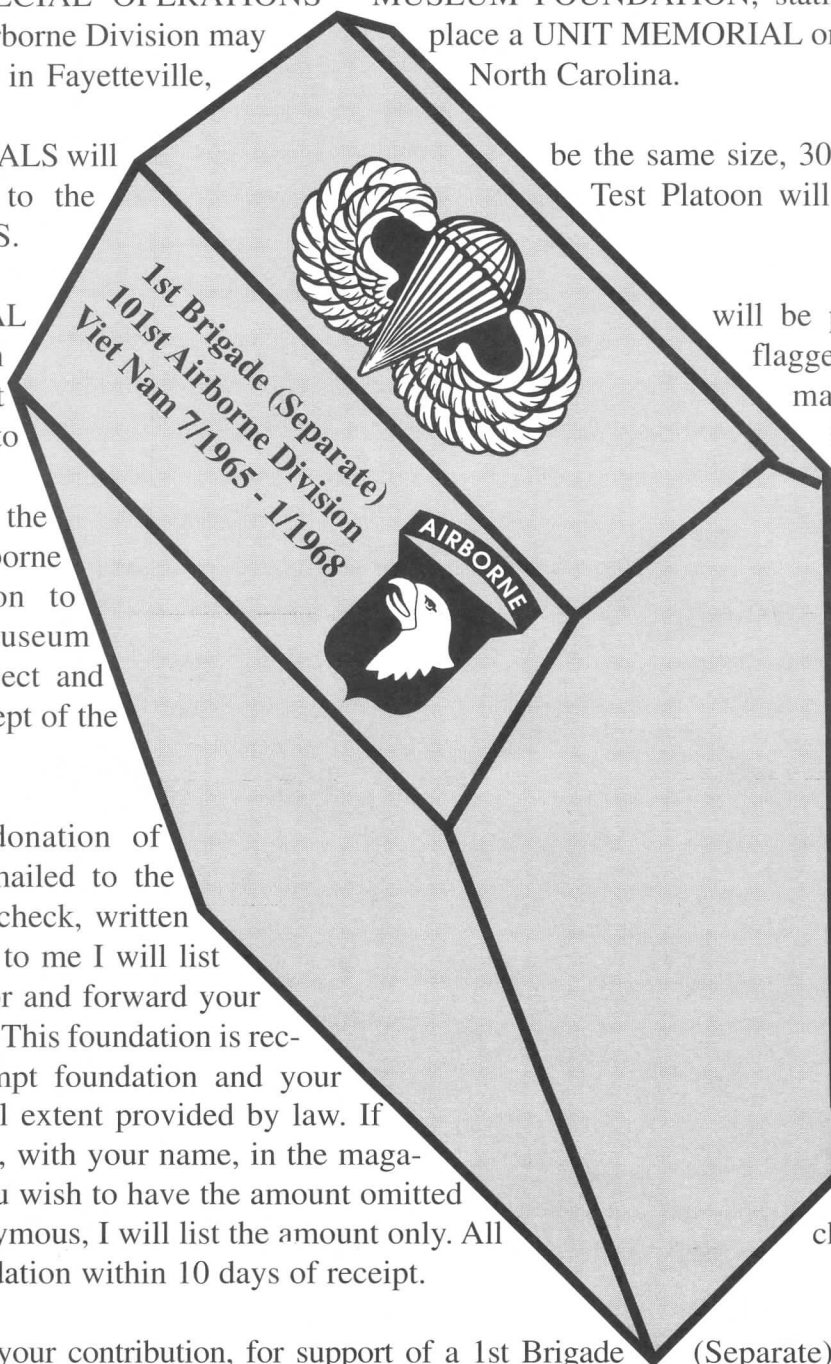
A UNIT MEMORIAL will be placed, on the museum grounds, for each flagged Airborne or Special Operations unit that makes a contribution of \$3,000.00 or more to the foundation.

I am proposing that the memorial be placed on the museum grounds and I volunteer to promote the project and record contributions. A drawing of my concept of the memorial accompanys this story.

My check for a donation of \$100.00 has been written and has been mailed to the museum foundation. If you will send your check, written to the Abn & Spec Opns Museum Fdn, to me I will list your name in the next issue as a contributor and forward your check directly to the museum foundation. This foundation is recognized by the IRS as a 501 (C) 3 tax exempt foundation and your contribution is tax deductible to the full extent provided by law. If you wish the amount omitted on your check, in the magazine do not comment on your check. If you wish to have the amount omitted to remain anonymous, I will list the amount only. All checks will be forwarded to the museum foundation within 10 days of receipt.

If you wish to send your contribution, for support of a 1st Brigade (Separate) UNIT MEMORIAL, directly to the museum foundation the address is: 846 E. Elm Street, P.O. Box 89, Fayetteville, NC 28302-0089.

Ivan Worrell, Editor



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Robert C. Hudson (2/327 C & HHC 8/64-7/66)) from Gainesville, Florida, sent the following article.

From the ORLANDO SENTINEL, Monday 13 June 66

Sergeant's Wife Used to Waiting

By Richard Moore
 Sentinel Staff

PALM BAY - Her husband fought with the Tropical Lightning Division in the South Pacific 25 years ago, has been in every major war and skirmish since and is now on his second tour in Viet Nam where he is a candidate for a Distinguished Service Cross.

Mrs. Walter J. Sabalauski, Southeast Port Malabar Blvd., lives alone as she has done for most of her married life. Her husband is a professional soldier and Mrs. Sabalauski accepts the lonely life with no complaints.

"HE LOVES COMBAT; it's his work and he enjoys doing it," she said.

First Sergeant Sabalauski joined the famed "Screaming Eagles" 101st Airborne Division just two months ago and headed back to Viet Nam. He had only been in the states a year since his initial tour in the war-torn country as a military adviser.

In one of the bloodiest battles of the war, Sabalauski and his comrades fought off Communist entrapment and survived napalm bombs called in by their own commander.

THE FIERCE fighting took place at Tau Morong and won for the 55-year-old sergeant a recommendation for a Distinguished Service Cross.

Even if the award is not given, Sabalauski will get his fifth Purple Heart citation because he was burned and battered in the conflict.

Mrs. Sabalauski said her husband cut his teeth in combat during World War II with the Hawaiian Cacti Outfit, nicknamed the "Tropical Lightning Division."

AFTER FIGHTING his way all over the South Pacific, Sgt. Sabalauski came out of combat for a few short years then plunged into the Korean conflict.

A few more quiet years followed, most of them spent overseas, and then lightning struck in Viet Nam and the combat veteran was at it again.

A year in Viet Nam, back to the public crisis wasn't enough; Sgt. Sabalauski has 10 more months to go in his familiar role as combat soldier.

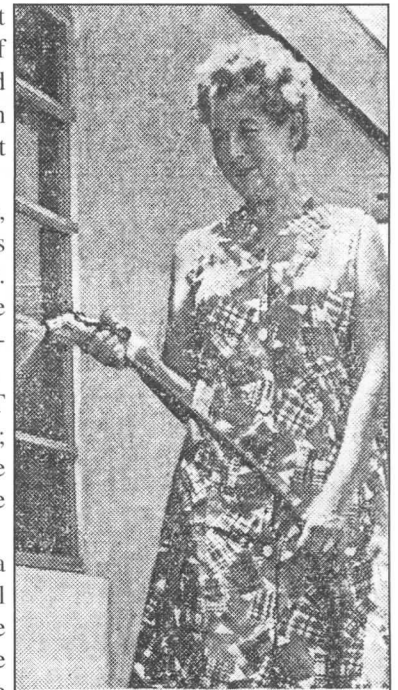
THE SERGEANT has a chest full of medals; so many his wife isn't sure what they are or where they came from.

"He was awarded a Bronze Star and several clusters," she said, "and he was awarded medals twice in Korea and twice more his first time in Viet Nam."

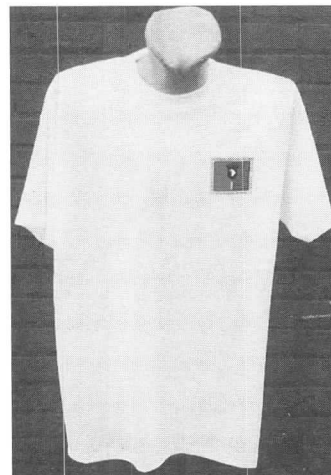
Remarkably, Sgt. Sabalauski went through the entire Pacific war without a scratch; a full four years of combat action.

MRS. SABALAUSKI has learned to live with the thought her fighting husband is always in the thick of it. She calmly smiles and readily tells all she can "think of" about him and she doesn't worry.

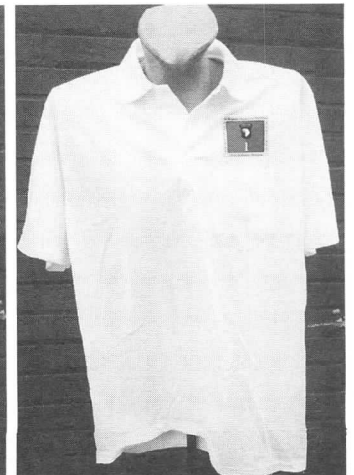
"I was a little lonesome at first," she admitted, "but I got used to it and that's what he loves; somebody has to do it."



(Sentinel Photo by Richard Moore)
MRS. WALTER SABALAUSKI
 . . . Waters Flowers at home



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From the ??? Journal
September 20, 1965

8 - Hour Nightmare in Viet

Operation Gibraltar turned into Operation Nightmare for a handful of men of the U.S. 101st Airborne when they were trapped in a mountain bowl under a murderous crisscross of machine-gun fire from Viet Cong - held heights around them. UPI cameraman Ceferimo Balbaboco was with the 101st.

By Ceferimo Balbaboco

AN NINH, South Viet Nam (UPI) – I shared the captain's poncho in the rain last night.

This morning, I saw him killed by a burst of Viet Cong machine-gun fire that raked across his chest as he tried to lead his men to safety.

Within a few minutes, the lieutenant who replaced him in command also was to die, his body falling at my feet.

This was company – of the first brigade, or what there was left of it. (The name of the company is intentionally left blank since next of kin are not yet notified.)

This is the story, from the beginning:

After dinner last night, Col. Wilfred K.G. Smith took me to the headquarters briefing near An Khe, where for a month the 101st has been on a clearing operation along Route 19. The briefing officer outlined today's operation which was dubbed "Operation Gibraltar."

There I met the captain who offered to share his poncho with me.

He told me he would be in the lead helicopter, and that I would follow closely behind.

On the muddy ground, in the driving rain, there was not much sleep. At 2 a.m. we were up again.

At 7:30 a.m. we took off.

Fifteen minutes later, we were over the landing zone.

Even before we landed, the area already was under heavy machine-gun and automatic weapons fire from three hills dominating the landing zone. We landed in the middle of the fire.

Behind us were other choppers carrying more airborne troopers. The captain waved them off.

He told me to stay with him and we began moving east. Two hundred yards from the landing zone machine-gun fire from the east stopped us.

The captain was standing and I was crouching in a shell ditch about 15 feet behind when another machine-gun blast raked him across the upper body.



WOUNDED PARATROOPERS HELP EACH OTHER
(AP Wirephoto)

A medic who jumped to his side also was pinned down. For perhaps another 10 minutes, the captain continued to breathe.

Then the lieutenant took over.

He told me to stay put while he checked on a sergeant and some other troopers pinned down close by.

From somewhere, a Viet Cong threw a grenade. Two of the troopers threw themselves out of their hole and landed squarely on top of me. In the blast, the sergeant received a leg wound.

The lieutenant told me to move back to where the captain's body lay, and he would follow.

I made it. The lieutenant didn't. The machine gun caught him just as he made his final leap.

The fire was coming on us now from all around, from one wooded height rearing up some 2,000 feet and from two other ranges down to perhaps 900 to 1,000 feet.

I held the rosary that had been given me in Manila by

Cardinal Antoniotti and prayed that I would be allowed to live.

The sergeant called to me:
"Are you all right?"
"Yes."
"Is the lieutenant alive."
"He is dead."

The sergeant told us that we would get out of the ditch and jump for a water-filled canal. He said for me to go and he would cover me.

Soon there were 11 of us standing in water up to our chins.

We stayed there for the next three hours, shivering as bullets tore at the earth around us and a U.S. forward air control plane circled suspiciously above us, taking us for Viet Cong.

A signalman with us identified us and called for air support. Thirty minutes later U.S. B57's began bombing and strafing a Viet Cong machine gun nest 200 yards to the east.



BODIES OF U.S. PARATROOPERS LIE NEAR AN KHE COMMAND POST (AP Wirephoto)

But the Viet Cong were moving up on us and the sergeant decided we would have a 50-50 chance if we moved. None if we didn't.

We got out of the water and jumped into another ditch. Then we began crawling 150 feet to the south back toward the landing zone.

By this time it was 3:30 p.m.

On the way, we found a wounded American and dragged him out with us.

To our right was a wooded area and we crawled to it across a field. By now we numbered about 40. We found an officer who told us to keep on moving, north this time, to escape the bombing and strafing planes.

Under cover of the planes a signalman called for a helicopter to pick up wounded. The chopper came in but it was taking hits.

My camera was wrecked so I helped carry the wounded men.

The chopper took off with four wounded men, a medic and me aboard, heading back for the 85th evacuation hospital at Qui Nhon.

It was not yet 4 p.m.



Robin Hood

Pfc. Bernard A. Roe, Durango, Colo., chats with a trio of Vietnamese boys, one of whom wears a hat—Robin Hood style. Roe is a member of C Co., 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf.

(Photo by Spec. 4 Ben Croxton)

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Calling for 'Redleg'

Pfc. Charlie Jones, Chesapeake, Va., a radio-telephone operator (RTO) with A Co. of the 2nd Bn. (Abn) 502nd Inf., radios for artillery support during Operation Klamath Falls southwest of Phan Rang. (Photo by Pfc. Robert Mosey)

LISTEN LADIES, I BEG YOU, PLEASE...

To enemy soldiers, a most terrifying, shocking sight,
Thousands of Sky Soldiers about to STRIKE..!
The Widowmakers of the 101's Five O'Deuce,
Elite warriors, 'bout to tighten the noose..!

Staring with disbelief, uncontrollably, they shake with fear,
As hundreds of planes, choppers and chutes fill the air...
Now at treetop level, Hell's gates are open wide,
Enemy resistance, so very much, like suicide..!

Tears will be shed, black will be worn,
Many a young widow, about to be born...
Freedom's enemies will pay a high price,
Listen young ladies, save your man's life..!

For when you see Old Abe's patch,
Your soldier husband, about to breathe his last..!
Convince him quick, he must throw down his arms,
Spare him from this certain harm..!

Hear my words, LISTEN LADIES, I BEG YOU, PLEASE,
No way possible, victory, he can not achieve..!
All will perish by the sword of the free,
He must surrender, stop the impending misery..!

Don't let your children lose their father,
He can't provide, ground into fodder..!
Caskets will become a commodity, rare,
Protest this war, his life you'll spare..!

Imagine a society, without your young men,
What a terrible price, your agonies will have no end..!
Laughter and happiness will cease to exist,
You'll curse the day, he chose to enlist..!

Grossly inadequate, his training and weaponry,
He can not defeat advanced technology and bravery..!
The patch of skull, parachute and wings,
Represent the Widowmakers' deadly sting..!

These Sky Soldiers have never tasted defeat,
Once engaged, their enemies' life so bleak...
Oh, so profusely, their blood will pour,
Heed my warning, bring them home, bolt the door..!

LISTEN LADIES, I BEG YOU, PLEASE,
If you must, pull him to his knees...
Compassion, the Widowmakers, will gladly, grant your wish,
His name, need not appear, on a casualty list..!

Hold onto your husbands, before they're gone,
If not, to eternity, they'll certainly belong...
The Widowmakers will hear your plea,
Death and sadness, does not have to be...
LISTEN LADIES, I BEG YOU, PLEASE...

Peter S. Griffin 1/27/2000
Co. A, 2/502nd Infantry
101st Airborne Division
Vietnam, 1965-66



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April 20, 2000

Dear Ivan,

All airborne soldiers from the Home of the Infantry send their regards and thanks for the great work you are doing.

We are looking forward to hosting the 2000 reunion in Columbus. Jerry Scott and I are preparing an exciting agenda so everyone needs to prepare for a good time.

By the way, I am the President of the National Infantry Association (NIA). We now have over 40 chapters and nearly 3000 members. This is a great way to support the Infantry and our soldiers.

Please use the additional 20 dollars to support a subscription for one of our great troopers.

Regards,

Major General Jerry White, USA, Ret., (1/327 A 7/66-7/67) is co-chairman of the 7th Bi-Annual 1st Brigade (S) Reunion in Columbus/Fort Benning, Georgia, October 12-15, 2000.



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