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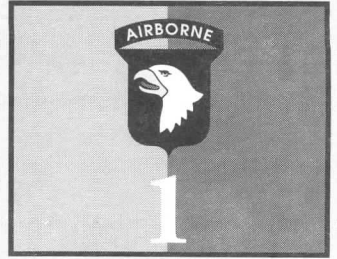
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This magazine is produced by and for veterans of the ALWAYS FIRST BRIGADE who served in the brigade from July 1965 through January 1968. The publication will chronicle the military history and accomplishments of veterans who served, as well as units 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.

EDITOR'S NOTES

The 7th Bi-Annual Reunion of the 1st Brigade (Separate) 101st Airborne Division, was the most enjoyable military reunion I have attended. Thanks to Jerry Scott, Jerry White, Grady Jones, Dick and Bucky Maglin, Willie and Darlene Snow, Lee and



This high level news interview at the forward headquarters of the 1st Brigade (Separate) 101st Airborne Division was done by correspondent Howard Tuckner [I do not recall the news media he represented]. (L to R) are: a civilian cameraman, 1LT Arthur D. Barnett, Assistant Information Officer; MAJ Ivan Worrell, Information Officer; Tuckner; General Creighton W. Abrams and a civilian soundman. My recollection of events leading to this was: that General Abrams had received his first 1st Brigade briefing, Tuckner asked for and was granted an interview and I am listening to the exchange and recording it with a small microphone attached to Lt Barnett's tape recorder. I am unsure about the date and place. The photo does not have a caption so memory (not very good) is the only reference.

Mickie Rodriguez, and Harry and Sue Ikner. The Hotel was great, the hospitality rooms hospitable, the tour of Fort Benning interesting, and the final dinner delicious. Dinner was followed by a program featuring interesting speakers with brief, informative, messages.

The cover is art by Specialist 6 Bill Dolan, combat artist for the Department of the Army. The image was taken from the Army Scrapbook series.



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WELCOME
1st BRIGADERS!
101st AIRBORNE DIVISION
"SCREAMING EAGLES"


7th Bi-Annual Reunion

**1st Brigade (Separate),
101st Airborne Division**

Vietnam July 1965 - January 1968



Columbus & Fort Benning, Georgia

October 12 - 15, 2000

Schedule of Events

Thursday, 12 October

09:30 Registration, hotel sign-in, free time
Hospitality suites open from 1500 to 2400 hours

Friday, 13 October

0830 Depart Hilton Hotel by bus for Ft Benning
Airborne 5000 Demonstration (outdoors)
Airborne class graduation (outdoors)
Lunch in OCS messhall
"I am the Infantry", Classroom 6, Building 4
Infantry Command Update, Classroom 6, Building 4
Bus to National Infantry Museum
Memorial service across from museum (outdoors)
Tour museum
Bus to hotels
1730 Social hour on roof of parking garage 1/2 block North of
Hilton Hotel (outdoors)
1830 Barbecue, roof of parking garage (outdoors)
Hospitality suites open from 2000 to 2400 hours

Saturday, 14 October

0830 Callaway Garden tour departs Hilton Hotel
09:30 Andersonville tour departs Hilton Hotel
1030 Tee times at Follow Me Golf Course at Fort Benning
1830 Social hour, North Hall of Trade Center
1930 Dinner, North Hall of Trade Center
Hospitality suites open from 1200 to 1800 hours and from
2130 to 0100 hours

Sunday, 15 October

Depart

The reunion in Columbus, Georgia was an unqualified success for me and for everyone that I talked to during the three days I was there.

Jerry Scott (2/502 B 7/66 - 7/67) and Jerry White (1/327 A 7/66 - 7/67) served as co-chairmen for the reunion.

Grady (Bde HHC S-3 7/64 - 7/66) and Obie Jones represented the Georgia Chapter of the 101st Airborne Division and were responsible for registration. They were assisted, in registration, by Mickie Rodriguez and Darlene Snow.



Grady & Obie Jones at the Registration Desk

Richard "Dick" Maglin was responsible for Hospitality Rooms, Harry and Sue Ikner kept the two rooms supplied. The Hospitality Rooms were staffed by Dick and Bucky Maglin, Willie and Darlene Snow and by Lee and Mickie Rodriguez. Liquid and solid refreshment was always on hand in abundance.

Grady and Obie were working under a real cloud of sorrow. Their son was killed in an automobile accident a few days before the reunion started. Both continued with their registration work and made welcome all those who registered.

**1st Brigade (Separate),
101st Airborne Division
7th Bi-Annual Reunion
Columbus/Ft. Benning, Georgia
12-15 October 2000**

Reunion Attendees

Edmond P. Abood
2/327 CO 67

Augustino "Augie" Agro and June
1/502

Michael Ainsworth
1/327 A 9/66-5/67 *

Spurgeon Ambrose
Bde HQ

CPT(R) Charles J. "Jim" Apodaca and Joyce
2/502 B 5/66/4/67 *

Kenneth V. Arnold, III
HHC AVN

Michael Baldinger and Jill
2/502 C 12/65-12/66 *

Clay E. Barker and Anne-Marie
HHC 181st MI 6/66-6/67

Martin E. Bearscove
HHC MP 7/65-6/66 *

Kenneth R. Beebe

Anthony Bellantoni
2/327 A 64-65 *

CW4(R) George T. Berryhill
2/327 HHC 10/67-10/68 *

Griff Bloodhart and Penny
1/327 HHC 7/67-7/68 *

Cain A. Bridgman
2/502 HHC 9/65-5/66 *

MSG (R) Bobby H. Burke and Mary
2/327 C 65 EIT

Sfc(R) John Burke, Jr.
2/327 C 12/65-12/66

Ed C. Burkhalter
2/502

Wally Burrell and Carmen
1/327 Tiger Force

Charles W. Campbell and Lori
2/502 A, C, Recon 2/66 *

William L. Carpenter
1/327 Tiger Force 12/66-12/67

Jeremiah Carter
2/502 C 12/65-12/66 *

BG(R) John W. Collins, III
Bde HQ 67-68

Robert "Buffalo Bob" Corey
2/502 HHC Recon 10/65-1/67*

Bob Crosby and Margaret
2/327 C 3/67-2/68 *

1SG(R) Otis Curry and Sylvia
20 Chem Det 10/65-10/66 *

Bennie Dancy and Barbara
1/327 Tiger Force

Howard "Dan" Danford
2/502 5/67-5/68 *

Gordon R. Davis and Marilyn
2/502 B 9/66-9/67 *

BG(R) Oscar E. Davis and Patty
Bde HQ 3/67-8/67 *

Richard E. Davis
2/327 C 3/64-6/66 *

George W. Day and Shirley
2/327 Recon 7/58-7/66 *

Anthony W. Dean
2/327 C 11/66 - 11/67*

LTC(R) Allen C. De Graw and Elin
1/327 C 7/64-7/66 EIT *

Michael W. Devost
46th Postal Unit, Spt BN 1/67-1/68 *

William Doyle

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2/327 A 7/67-7/68 *

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1/327 C 11/66-11/67 *

Matthew English
2/327 Recon 1/64-6/66 *

Jon A. Every-Clayton
1/327 A & HHC 6/66-6/67

George C. Fallon
2/327 Hawk Recon 1/67-1/68 *

Nathaniel Fells
2/502 B 66-67

Douglas N. Field and Arline
2/327 B 4/66-12/67 *

Bruce R. Frederick
1/327 A

Michael E. Frieze
2/17 CAV A 65-66

COL(R) C. Thomas Furgeson, Barb and
Son
2/327 A 5/66-5/67 *

Joseph A. Garcia and Kathy
2/17 CAV A 7/65-8/68 *

COL(R) Melvin Garten and Ruth
2/327 10/65-6/66 *

Winston J. Georges
2/502 B 7/66-7/67 *

Richard L. "Pop" Gerhard
1/327 B 3/67-3/68 *

John W. Gilboux and Bernice
2/327 HQ 66-67

Harry Gilchrest

C. Rich Ginder
1/327 B 8/66-8/67 *

CSM(R) Hal S. Gladson
1/327 B 5/66-5/67 *

Alan L. Glover

Kenneth Gormley, Sr., and Linda
326 ENGR A 7/66-6/67 *

Hubert A. "Andy" Greene and Sheila
2/327 A

Benny L. Hamby and Betty
326 ENGR A 2/66-2/67 *

Larry L. Hart
1/327 B 7/67-4/68 *

Franklin C. Haskins
20th Chem Det, Bde HQ 66-67

CH(LTC)Ret. Richard L. Heim Chaplain 2/327 HQ 5/66-5/67 *	Gordon Kennedy and Emily 3rd BDE HHC FC 2/63-7/65 *	ISG(R) Reynold Martinez 1/327 A 5/64-3/66 *
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Richard G. Hinkle 2/327 HHC 1/66-12/66 *	Clarence Kinloch 2/502 A 8/66 - 8/67*	Harold Mattson 1/327 A 5/65-3/67 *
Richard A. Hise and Karen 1/327 Tiger Force 1/67-8/68 *	Franklin Knickerbocker and Gladys 2/327 HHC 7/65-1/66 *	Russell A. Maxson and Brian HHC AVN Det
Gay Holden Sister of A. Harbord 2/327 Recon	Gary Kornatowski and Betty 1/327 Tiger Force 66-67	LTC(R) Louis M. McDonald and Lista 2/327 B 5/66-10/66 *
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Maurice S. Houlst 1/327	David J. Land 2/327 C 65-66	Ben G. Melton 2/320 FA Attached to 2/502 11/66-9/67 *
Gary J. Housley and Karen 2/327 A 3/66-3/67 *	COL(R) Gerard Landry and Young-Lan 2/502 A 7/64-7/66 *	Morris D. Melton, Jr. 2/327 C 7/65-8/66 EIT *
Raymond Howard 1/327 C 7/67-7/68	LTG(R) Stanley R. Larsen CG, IFFV	Larry F. Melton and Peggy 1/327 B 6/67-7/68 *
Robert C. Hudson 2/327 C & HHC 8/64-7/66 *	COL(R) John P. Lawton 2/327 A & HQ 66-10/67*	Carl E. Midkiff Bde HQ 12/66-12/67 *
Harry Ikner and Sue Bde HQ *	Charles E. Lea 326 MED D 2/67-8/67 *	Ray Millard 2/327 B & HQ
S. D. "Sam" Ipock and Donna 2/327 Recon 63-66 *	Daniel F. Little 1/327 C 65-66	Peter Mitchell 1/327 A, C & HQ 66-67
Carl A. James and Joanne 1/327 B 67-68	Allen W. Lloyd 2/327 HHC Recon 4/67-11/67 *	Ernie G. Moreland 1/327 Tiger Force 11/66-11/67 *
Roger M. John and Elise 1/327 C 7/67-12/68 *	Henry T. Locklear and Sylvia 2/327 C 3/64-7/66 *	COL(R) Gerry Morse and Helga 1/327 HQ 67-68
BG(R) Julius F. Johnson and Dianne 1/327 A 6/67-6/68 *	Stanley Lonell and Freda Bde HHC	Richard H. Morton Bde HQ
William Johnson 2/502 Recon	Richard A. Luttrell and Carole 2/327 A 4/67-3/68 *	Phillip Mullenix Friend & guest of Robert Martin
Grady M. Jones and Obie HHC S-3 7/64-7/66 *	COL(R) Richard R. Maglin and Bucky 2/17 CAV A 6/66-6/67 *	William P. Newton Bde HQ & Spt Bn
Stanley Kasavage 1/327 A	Edward W. Malinen and LaVerne Mother & Step-Father of Dale Wayrynen B 2/502 KIA/MOH	Robert Patrick Noonan and Rosalie 2/327 A 10/65-10/66 *
GEN John "Jack" Keane and Terry 2/502 C *	Roderick J. Marshall 2/327 HQ 5/66-4/67 *	John E. Pagel and Patricia 1/327 B 5/65-1/66 *
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Ralph Puckett and Jean
2/502 HHC 7/67-3/68 *

Lee C. Pugh
2/502 HHC & A 67-68

CSM(R) Thomas W. Pulliam and Josephine
2/327 B 66 *

Jessie F. Qualls
2/502 B 64-7/67 *

Lawrence Raby
1/327 B 7/65-6/66

Jim Rafferty
Bde HQ 11/66/6/67 *

COL(R) Joseph V. Rafferty and Sherrill
2/327 HHC 6/66-6/67 *

COL(R) Larry A. Redmond and Mary
Bde HQ & 2/327 A 5/67-2/68 *

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1/506 C

Wilford E. Roe and Diana
2/502 B & HHC Bde

Dallas H. Rogers and Susan
1/327 Tiger Force

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2/327 B 6/66-6/67 *

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2/502 HQ 66-67

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CSM(R) George M. Sekerak and Hazel
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2/327 A 1/66-2/67 *

Sam Snyder
2/327 C

Samuel B. Snyder
2/502 B

Billy E. Spangler and Melba
INFO OFF 67-68

Sava Stepanovitch
2/327 HQ, Bde HQ

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2/327 Recon Plt

MSG(R) Bobby G. Still and Judy
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Charles M. Sullivan
1/327 C 5/66-5/67 *

Elliott P. Sydnor and Jean
1/327 HQ 8/67-8/68 & Bde HQ

Esequiel Tanguma and Norma
1/327 B 1/68-1/69 *

Carlos Torres and Alicia
1/327 A 9/60-2/66 *

SGM(R) Harold G. Trout and Brigitte
1/327 HHC Tiger Force 4/67-4/68 *

Jim B. Uphouse
1/327 B 6/67-6/68 *

Marvin F. Vanderverter
HHC 2/65-7/66 *

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2/502 Recon HQ 7/66-7/67 *

John P. Wayrynen
Honorary 2/502,
brother of Dale KIA/MOH *

MG(R) Jerry A. White
1/327 A 7/66-7/67 *

Harold Lee Wilson

MAJ(R) Ivan Worrell
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Terry L. Wren and Bonnie
2/327 A 4/67-2/68 *

Larry M. Young
2/327 Hawk Recon, Bde HQ

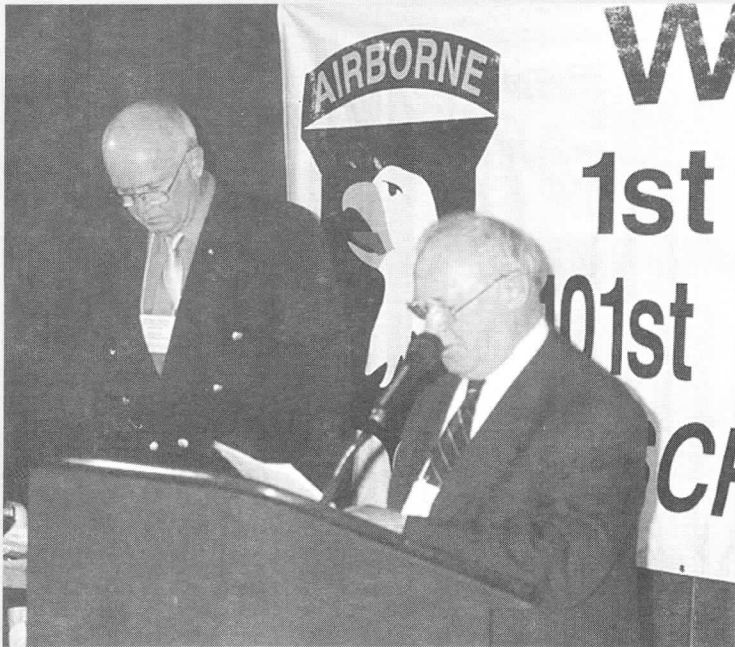
CSM(R) Robert A. Young
HHC CSM 6/66-6/67 *

This is the list Jerry Scott produced for all the reunion participants and distributed at the Saturday dinner.

Units and dates are in some cases from The First SCREAMING EAGLES in Viet Nam database.

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Sava Stepanovitch (HQ 2/327 & Bde HQ) [right] from Paris, France reads *THE PARATROOPER'S PRAYER* as the invocation to the Saturday evening reunion dinner. Reunion Chairman COL (R) Jerry Scott (Company B 2/502 7/66 - 7/67) from Columbus, Georgia is in the left foreground.



After the reunion dinner (L to R) Donna and S. D. "Sam" Ipock (HQ 2/327 63 - 66) from Zebulon, North Carolina; Linda and John R. Stiles (Recon 2/327) from Dubuque, Iowa; Shirley and George W. Day (HQ 2/327 7/58 - 7/66) from Wilmington, Ohio and Matthew English (RECON 2/327 1/64 - 6/66) from Brooklyn, New York posed for a photo.



At the Memorial Service near the Infantry Museum veterans and their families stand to honor the 1st Brigade veterans who are no longer with us.

THE PARATROOPER'S PRAYER

I pray to you, my Lord
Because you alone can give
What one can only obtain from oneself

Give me, my Lord what you have left.
Give me what no one ever asks of you.

I do not ask you for peace
Or tranquility,
Neither of the soul, nor of the body.
I do not ask you for riches
Nor of success, nor even good health.

All these things are always asked of you
So much that you may have no more to give.

Give me, my Lord, what even you are denied
Give me what others do not want.

I want danger and fear
I want suffering and fighting
And I want you to give these things to me,
My Lord, for all time.

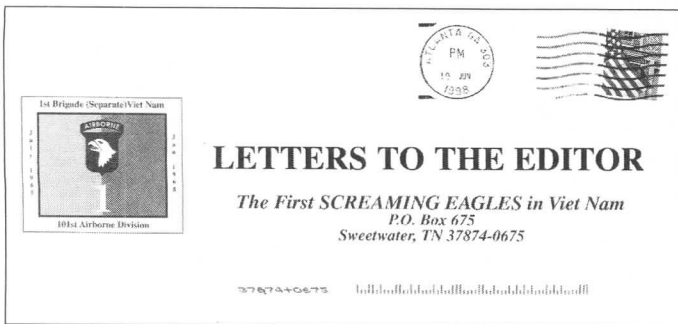
Give me these things for always
Because I will not have the courage
To always ask you for them.

But give me also courage
And strength and faith.

Andre Zirnheld
Paratrooper, Free French Forces
killed in action – Africa, 1942



BG (R) Oscar E. Davis (Bde HQ 3/67 - 8/67) and his wife Patty from Fayetteville, North Carolina after the Saturday evening reunion dinner.



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**MESSAGES FROM THE
101stdiv1stbrigade.com WEB SITE GUEST BOOK**

DAVID SNYDER, WAYNESBORO,VA
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WONDERFUL WEB SITE. I WAS A S/SGT IN A CO. 1/327 FROM 1961-1966. HAVE AN ABU TATOOD ON MY LEG. WAS WITH THE 11th ABN BEFORE THAT.WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE WHO SERVED WITH ME,OR ANYONE THAT DIDN'T. AGAIN I LOVE THIS SITE.

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Served with C Company-2/502d July 67-Nov 68; BN S-4 Nov 68-Jan 69; I am proud to have been a member of the "Strike Force".

PATRICK LOVETT, FROM NY- NOW IN MD
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Hi, I served in VN with Cold Steel Cobra, 1/327 65 & 66- Always Remember those that didn't get to come home and raise their families. Thanks-Pat

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Great site, served with C-2/327 Aug 66 to Aug 67. Looking for members of 2nd platoon: Grier, "Smitty", Rapier, Zigler, Moses and Kirk.

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2/502 Recondo Plat '67

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I served with 101st C Btry 2/320 Arty October 66-October 67. Great site. Looking for anyone from C 2/320.

DONALD SINGLETON, SAVANNAH GA
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Looking for Sgt BLUE..... Edward Carr.... Richard Roberson

PAT NOONAN, SIMI VALLEY, CA
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SERVED A CO. 2 / 327 R.T.O. OCT 65 TO 66 LOOKING FOR J MURTHA AND SGT K GAGE, ALL I CAN SAY IS WE WERE WINNING WHEN I LEFT. ALL THE WAY, TO THE BITTER END.

JIM GOULD, FLORIDA
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Just heard that Kelly Torres was killed in a car accident. Kelly was a 2/502 Recondo from 67-70. Kelly will be missed.

ROBERT H. KEPRTA, LANE CITY, TX
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SSG, 3rd platoon, Co. C, 1/327 June 67 to 68. Spent last months TOC security, looking for old troopers of same. Glad to chat with any one-0-worsters. Trying to locate trooper named Kearney from NY who left 3rd platoon for Tiger Force in 68. Another named Dyers from Tennessee. Any other pards out there contact me, been a long time.

Editor's Notes: Neither are in the magazine database. Can anyone help?

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I am Airborne! I served, initially, 1st Airborne Battle Group, Delta Company, 506th Airborne Infantry and when the 3rd BDE was formed I was sent to HHC 3rd BDE. Many of my former comrades volunteered to serve with the 1st BDE in Vietnam. John Pagel, Richard Crossland, Jim Mudd, James Bailey, Ted Porter, Jim Bush, Mike Young, and Terry Norcross are a few. Thanks to John Pagel for all the names. Thanks for allowing me to adopt the 1st BDE and thanks for the magazine. I look forward to reading it each time. I hope to see John Pagel and you at the 1st BDE reunion. Welcome Home Troopers! Thanks!

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B Btry, 2d Bn, 320th FA Nov 67 - Nov 68. Great site!!!

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Served from Dec. 65-Nov 66 with 2/plt, A Co, 2/502

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B 2/502..JULY 66-MAY 67.....HHC 2/502 SEPT. 67-- FEB 68 IN
THE MESS HALL IF ANY YOU GUYS KNOW ME GIVE A YELL.
STRIKE FORCE

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Served, B Co. 2/502 1966, 1967 wounded- 11 June 1967 near Chu
Lai. Would like to hear from all Vets, family, friends.

TOM MCCARTHY, NORFOLK, MA
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Served with pride: B 2/502 June 67 to January 68. Wish you all well - Airborne.

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Looking for any one who served with SSG George Burchett 1965 1st
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Vietnam HHC 2/502 Inf. Recon 4-66 to 12-67 first of 5 tours in the
Nam. God bless the 1st Bde.

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I was with Abu 1/327 from Sept. 66 to 14 May 1967. I was also a
Combat Medic with the 3rd Plt for 7 1/2 months and the 4th Plt until
"Mothersday Hill" which was when I was wounded and my last day
on the line. I wrote in before but gave an incorrect e-mail address.
mapaa@pacbell.net is the correct one. I would like to hear from any-
one I served with or have knowledge of what happened on "Mothers
Day Hill" 14 May 1967. Thank you and may have all your Plf's been
soft, or kinda soft. Mike Ainsworth Combat Medic, 1/327 Inf Abu
3rd and 4th Plts September 66 to 14 May 67.

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I served as a combat medic in the 101st from 5/5/67 to 5/5/68. I was
with HHC 1/327. Would like to hear from some of you guys.

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Served in VN, 66-67 2/320/HHQ was a RTO for 2/502/RECON, also
for C 2/327, just jumped in to say hello to all, and a big thank you to
Ben Melton.

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Hi Ivan! Terrific site! Just wanted to say hello to all my 1st Brigade
brothers, and a special Airborne Hello to Mike Guerra of San Antonio,
Tx. Love Ya Man!! We served together in Recon Pltn, A Troop, 2/17th
Cav. 1st Bde, 4/67-4/68. I'll catch up with all you badasses next year.
Be Well, Richard Mills

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Served with the 1st Brigade as CO, A/2-502 (ABN), 1964-65 (Ft.
Campbell and RVN) and as Ass't. Bde S-3, 1965-66 (RVN).

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C/2/502/2nd Ptl. Looking for Lee Dudley(dudley-do-right)1-66.
Also Manny Sanchez, both Charlie Co. 66.

MIKE HARTNESS, CHARLOTTE, NC
BraveRifle101@AOL.com

Was with B-1/327 Apr. '66-Apr.'67. Email address was wrong on first
sign up. Like to hear from anyone during my time there and from
those in the months following my departure.

HARRY CAMBELL, PITTSBURGH
gkhc@kiskinet.com

Looking for boat guys 6/65 to 6/66, C/2/502/1st Ptl

BRUCE A. MASTERS, NJ
masters2327@cs.com

A/2/327; M-60 gunner, 1966, currently live in NJ, address is available
through 327 Association, Dave Cook publication as well as in 1st
Brigade, Ivan W. publication.

EVERETT W. KADLE, ARCATA, CA
etkadle@humboldt1.comARCATA ca

ABU 1/327 June 67 to June 68 4th Plt

BILL HALL, FORT WORTH, TEXAS
Billk75@hotmail.com

I was with the 1st platoon of ABU 1/327 June 67-March 68, and
81mm Plt from Apr-Jun 68. Stayed in and retired in 1989. I ran into
then LTC Julius Johnson (Assassin6) in 78, and he was doing great.
Saw him again at Nixon's funeral escorting Pat. He was a two star.
Who woulda thought??? ABU!

E-MAIL MESSAGES

BILL KELLER
BKe2076635@aol.com

I have a photo of the Supply & Transportation Platoon 2/327 taken in early 1966 on the steps at Tuy Hoa. Will be sending you a copy. Also an article from the Division paper Apr 1965, about Sgt Maj Duco teaching a class to the NCO's of 2/327.

I also have original copies of General Orders No 73 dtd 27 Nov 1968 awarding the Presidential Unit Citation to 2/327, No 83 dtd 27 Dec 1968 awarding the Vietnam Defense Campaign to 2/327 and No 1 dtd 8 Jan 1969 awarding the Valorous Unit Award to the entire First Brigade.

If you would like me to send these G.O. to you I will send them, however I would like them back sometime down the road.

Editor's Note: Thanks to Bill Keller for sending the orders and a copy of the photo. It will be used in a future issue.

PAGE, JAMES A. CPT
pagej@emh2.campbell.army.mil

I am CPT Jim Page, the Assistant Operations Officer of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. Among my routine duties, I have also been recently appointed the Brigade/Regimental Adjutant. As some of you may remember from your service days additional duties are often taken with a sense of dread. However, this is one of those rare occasions when the extra work will truly be a pleasure. As an avid history "buff" and a guy who has always enjoyed meeting, talking to and learning from veterans, this will be an experience I will enjoy. Please consider me your point of contact within the Brigade and forward this e-mail to others.

Among our main goals are to: Be your point of contact for questions, events and ceremonies on FT Campbell, to assist veterans with research inquiries at the Pratt Museum, and finally, to make you feel welcome and encourage each of you to visit your Brigade often and regularly.

Initiatives you can expect:

1. A dedicated e-mail address for veterans looking for assistance or information
2. A dedicated fax machine to assist veterans looking for information
3. A new and improved Brigade/Regimental web site

Future Events:

1. Brigade Building Memorialization Program
2. Distinguished Members of the Regiment Board and Induction Program

I hope to be of service to you and your comrades.

BASTOGNE! CPT Jim Page, (270) 798-4605 (Duty), (270) 798-3786 (FAX), pagej@campbell.army.mil

Editor's Note: CPT Page, Check out this website. You may wish to sign the guestbook. I look forward to having a direct link to the ALWAYS FIRST BRIGADE.

Ivan Worrell (Maj Inf Ret), Information Officer 1st Brigade (Separate) May 1966 - May 1967 also Company Commander C Company (Cold Steel Cobra) 327th Airborne Infantry Battle Group 1956-57.

CSM (R) JOSEPH M. BOSSI
jbossi@commandnet.net
Subject: Change of Command

Division Parade Field, 0900 Hrs 21 July Col. Thomas J. Schoenbeck,

assumed Command of the "Bastogne" Brigade, replacing outgoing Commander Col. Michael L. Oates. In attendance was 101st Abn. Div. Cmdr Major General, Richard A. Cody and many Distinguished Guests and Family Members. Col. Oates, upon turning over the Regiment assumed the Duties of Chief of Staff, 101st Abn. Division. As your representative to the Soldiers of the Past, to the Present, we the members of the 327th Infantry Regiment have been blessed to have had and have the most Outstanding Infantry Leaders the U.S. Army. As to Col Oates, Bastogne and Gods Speed and to Col Schoenbeck, the Regiment is behind you Past and Present. No-Slack, Above the Rest and Battle Force. CSM(R) J.M. Bossi, Out

DAVE COOK
cookdsmg@mint.net

Above the Rest, Ivan! Thanks for the list of 327 guys you sent me. I think I will have over 1000 327 Nam vets listed when I get all the ones I don't have already. Your addresses for some are more recent than mine and I will rectify my list with yours. Here is another piece of news; the 327 Abn Inf Ass'n (Vn) will have a website shortly and the roster will be there or in a linked site. It will be assessable to all but only I will be able to make alterations. I think it will be a great aid to 327 guys and also 327 next of kin. So long for now but I will be in touch soon. We also hope to link the 327 site to your 1st Bde site, 101st Abn Div Ass'n, etc., etc. Abn! Dave

Editor's Note: The website is at <http://www.screamingeagles-327thvietnam.com/>

CHARLES J. DUKES
cjdukes@public.bta.net.cn

Don't know where you got my name, but thanks for sending this notice. Visited Nam last year; have photos of Bastogne and Veghel FSB area. Want to see story and photos?
Dukes, 2/502, 1st Bde July 67-68

Charles J. Dukes, C/O China Daily, 15 Huixin Dongjie, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100029, People's Republic of China, 6492-4488 ext 5147 (hm) 2273 or 3233 (wk), fax 6491-8377, cjdukes@public.bta.net.cn (home) chinadukes@mailasia.com (when on the move)

Editor's Note: Charles, Your e mail address was on the 101st Airborne Division Association website. I would be interested in anything you would like to contribute to the history of the 1st Brigade (Separate).

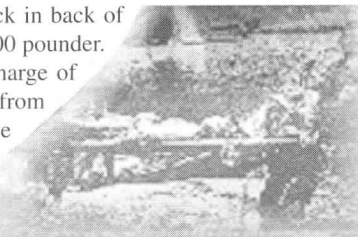
CHARLES GERLACH
cgerlach_99@yahoo.com

Ivan, Check the lower right corner of the picture. I am the one carrying the stretcher in front. This was in Co D 1st Bde 101st ABN area at Dak To. Gen Pearson was the Bde Cmdr. I also have a LTC that works at work with me. He was an E7 up there at the time. In the back of me - is a Chinook. I was out to Dak To, but don't have any pictures. The two guys in the chopper were too close to the bombs when they came in and it fractured all their bones. The NVA also had a 3 story underground hospital complex there. This Chinook never made it back. The top left is the Huey we used to go out on an operation in the Meekong Delta, close to Mi Lai. The 3rd Chopper got hit by a North Vietnamese bazooka. I have a few other pictures scattered around, and

want to put more out there. I have some pictures of Westmoreland coming out to our location back then. He always showed up with his crew of spit-shined boots and all kinds of support choppers. More were taken down close to Ben Cat. Do you remember the road and Ben Cat area, we lost a few casualties on that road - a Sgt Davis and Lt that was driving with him. One of the Plt Sgts got stuck in the rice paddy head first. The 2 1/2 truck in back of us did not make it. They hit a 500 pounder.

The EOD person that was in charge of that action doesn't live too far from me. I could go on, but I would be writing a book. I am glad that you stopped by, looked at the site, and asked the question.

Thanks and God Bless You.
Charles



Forwarded by: JOE BOSSI
From: RUSS MCDONALD
RUSS327@aol.com

My name is Russ McDonald. I was 1SG of C company 1st BN Airborne 327th Infantry when we went to VN in 65. Had a previous tour in 63-64 as an advisor to a VN Ranger BN, a subsequent tour as a 1SG in the 3/506 in 67-68. I retired in 75 as a Command Sergeant Major while stationed at Ft Richardson, AK.

My family and I moved to Texas after retirement and about 4 years ago we moved back to Clarksville, TN, because after our children graduated from Texas A& M they moved back to TN and we wanted to be close by to see if they were raising our grandchildren right.

We have a great bunch of troops on this list from the 1st and 2nd BN of 327th Inf. and a few troops from other Bn too. We just had our annual reunion in Catlett, VA (close to Manassas) we had men there from several Battalions and you would be hard put to find a finer group to associate with. Lots of information flows open mike and some of it is interesting and helpful. Like Yankee Jim said even some of the jokes are not too bad. When we get our Website up you will be able to get more of an idea of the people involved, hopefully there will be many stories of our in country experiences and information will certainly be on it for the annual reunion in VA which we hope you will be able to attend next June. We have some excellent writers in this group and of course we all tell a good story. Above the Rest, No Slack and Currahee, Russ McDonald, Russ327@aol.com

DIETER AND MARION STEIGERWALD
MWSteige3@aol.com

Dear Ivan: Hi my name is Marion Steigerwald. I am the wife of Dieter Steigerwald a fellow veteran. We met at the reunion in Fort Campbell, Kentucky last June. In your JULY (2000) issue of "The First Screaming Eagles in VietNam," on page 11 you asked if anyone could identify others in the photo. Dieter has the same photo in his album and he would like to share the names with you, unfortunately there is one name that he is not sure of, sorry. Also, after Dieter was wounded in Trung Luong and was able to return to duty he drove the water truck for Capt. Samuel J. Watson, III - the person that sent you the photo from his collection.

The Anti Tank Platoon 2/327 in June 1966 consisted of: Holding the flag:



Spec.4 Robinson. 1st row left to right: Platoon Sgt. Corino - Spec. 4 Porter (Medic) - Pfc. Richardson - Pfc. McDavid - Pfc. Testa - Pfc. Vasquez - Pfc. Jester - Pfc. Bridges - Sgt. White - Pfc. Collender. Top row left to right: Sgt. Grumbach - Pfc. Pottorf - Pfc. Kelly - ??? - Sgt. Proctor - Pfc. Steigerwald - Pfc. Myree - Pfc. Elliott - Pfc. Boyd - Pfc. Wooden - Pfc. Griffitt.

Hoping that all is fine and well with you. With best regards, Dieter and Marion Steigerwald

MAJ BILL SUNDAY, USAR (RET), Son of LTC Quinton P. Sunday (See obituary in The Diplomat and Warrior, October 1998 issue (Volume 1, Number 2)
herdmp@flash.net

Dad used to write us regularly and one of the stories I remember best was when Gen. Westmoreland came to visit Phan Rang.

They had just completed all the construction on the P training area when Gen. Westmoreland came for a visit. Dad had all the staff standing by (LTC Joiner was probably among them) when Westmoreland arrived.

Dad reported to him and the General acknowledged him, saluted and continued walking. It seems the General's pilot was late that morning making their arrival in Phan Rang late and General Westmoreland wasn't happy - in today's terms 'he wasn't a happy camper.'

Dad took him on a tour of the base and pointed out the new facilities they had for training. Westmoreland's reply was something to the effect "Colonel I thought I gave orders that no permanent facilities were to be built at Phan Rang." Dad respectfully gave him a "yes sir" and they continued with the tour.

As dad relates it he showed him something else and Westmoreland didn't like that either.

Finally, he decided to give him some good news about something that was happening within the brigade and the General stopped him and said "Colonel, do you realize you're talking about classified information in front of a civilian?"

From that point on I can't remember the conversation verbatim but it went something like this:

Dad said he had nowhere to go but up from there so he said "Sir, I've worked for the General before and I wouldn't think the General would have anyone traveling with him who wasn't cleared to hear the same information he was."

He said Westmoreland looked at him for a minute, smiled and then said, "You're right, you have worked for me before and I wouldn't have anyone on my staff who didn't have a security clearance."

After that they finished the tour and returned to the airfield where General Westmoreland put his arm around dad, to everyone's amazement, then shook hands, they saluted and he got on his plane and left. I think it was after that dad became known as "Peacemaker."

Just an interesting bit of trivia to add to LTC Joiner's account of his time in Support Command.

An ironic sidebar to LTC Joiner's memory of dad saying "Joiner, I don't care how you do it, get that P training straightened up and get some facilities built," five years later I was a young Airborne, Infantry Second Lieutenant at Ft. Campbell and got assigned to the post MP company for duty in the stockade as an Assistant Correctional Officer running the rehabilitation center.

I got called in by the Correctional Officer and told "Sunday, the 101st is coming back to Ft. Campbell and you have to move out of your facilities at Clarksville base. I don't care how you do it but I want you to take this couple of acres adjoining the stockade and build a new rehab area. I got it done by hook and crook, building a two million dollar rehabilitation center without it costing the Army a penny and when it was done LTC Ed Pitts said "I don't know how you did this and I haven't asked any questions. I just hope we don't go to jail."

My reply was "We haven't done anything illegal sir, just done a realignment of military assets to a mission of higher priority."

So I can identify with the complex hardships my dad gave another lieutenant a few years before.

My brother Bob gave me his copy of the First Brigade's Newsletter and I would like to continue to receive them so I am forwarding my check for \$20.00 with an application for associate membership. I served with the 173d and the 101st and in eighteen years as a dependent and another twenty as an Army officer and soldier I never met a more honorable group of men than those professional soldiers I grew up around. Men like General Matheson, General Davis, COL Frank Garrison, CSM's Paul Huff, Dan Thornton, A.B. Cannon, Robert Young and many, many others, especially dad, I was proud to be a soldier in some very trying times. Thank you for putting out this magazine. I look forward to future editions.

Editor's Note: Thanks for the letter Bill! Your dad and I were friends. I am an Eastern Cherokee and he was from the West. He talked me out of a .45 Colt revolver one night 'cause he said he needed it more than I did. Quint was a great man and a great officer.

BILL PORTER
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Hello, I'm Bill Porter and I signed your guestbook recently. I would like info about the 1st Brigade reunion and magazine. I have not had any contact with anyone that I served with in VN. I now find myself, since I have this computer, very much wanting to make contact. I was in Co. B 2/327th Nov.66 to Nov.67. I located Donald Bowers on your guestbook, and I think I served with him. With my daughter's help I sent him an e mail, but got no return. Thank you for this web site.

William Porter, 3312 Freese Ave., Eureka, CA. 95503

Editor's Note: Reunion and magazine information was sent and he is now a subscriber to the magazine.

CSM CHARLES L. SPEARS
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Subject: Killed in Action

Ivan, As you already know we are dedicating our conference room to the Vietnam Veterans of 1st Bde. I am trying to get a list of all 1st Bde soldiers killed or MIA during Vietnam and unit they were assigned. I am planning to have each unit framed individually and hung between the Bde Colors flown in Vietnam. Please send to the following address if you can help: 1st Brigade 327th Infantry, Bldg 3780, 53rd St., Ft. Campbell, KY 42223, ATTN: CSM Spears.

Editor's Note: I sent CSM Spears the material I have that will help him with this project.

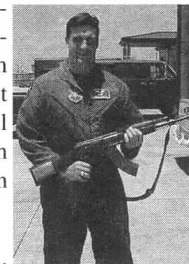
DAVID SMITH
attyd_smith@hotmail.com

Dear Ivan, I had intended to journey to Columbus for the Reunion in October. Unfortunately, my practice as a lawyer has loused up my plans - I have to be in the Oregon Court of Appeals for a case during the reunion period. No time extensions are allowed.

With luck I'll be able to make the next Reunion. If Garland Wright turns up at Columbus, please give him my warmest regards. He was my First Sergeant when I commanded A Battery, 2/320th Field Artillery in 1965-1966. I haven't seen him, or spoken with him, since I gave up command in May, 1966 right after the battle at Bu Gia Map. Keep up the great work with the newsletter. Airborne! Dave, LTC(Ret) David B. Smith

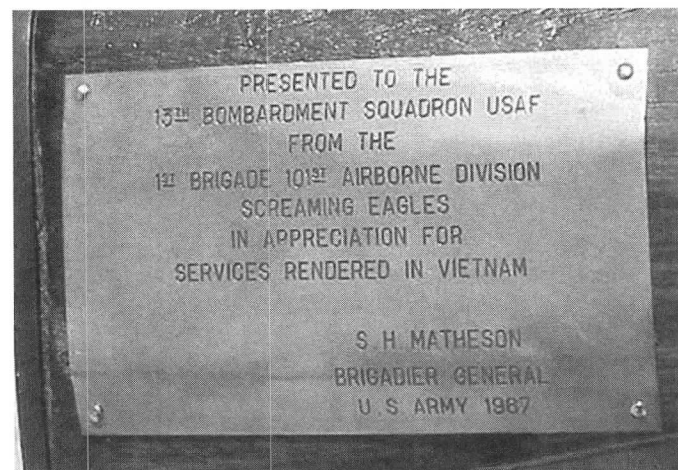
From: WILLIAM F. RICKETTS, JR.
[mailto:bill-ricketts-jr@juno.com]
To: pagej@emh2.campbell.army.mil
Subject: Re: 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne

Sir, The 13th Bomber Squadron has been deactivated since the Vietnam War and was recently reactivated again in Texas. Apparently, the Brigade (then under the command of COL (BG) S. H. Matheson) had a special relationship, in which we presented them with a captured AK-47. The squadron's last commander, COL Cap, kept the rifle for all these years and returned it to the squadron upon its reactivation this past summer. I hope you can view these photos as the plaque is interesting.



From: pagej@emh2.campbell.army.mil> writes:

Mr. Ricketts, I am CPT Page, the Brigade historian. Consider me your contact within the Brigade. As for the specifics surrounding the gift of the rifle, I'm afraid I can't offer to much insight. Specific or approximate dates of the gift would be helpful. It was customary for the brigade to give such gifts (several are in the Division's museum here) while it was a separate brigade from 1965 until late 1967 (**Jan.**



1968) when the rest of the division deployed. During this period the brigade had four (**three**) commanders. I would be willing to assist you in any way possible with your story, however I'm not sure there's much available in the way of photos or narratives. I will get in touch with some of our veterans. It's a shame we didn't know about the ceremony earlier, I could have organized some participation from us or our veterans. (**Editors Notes correction are in bold italics**).

Bastogne! CPT Page, (270) 798-4605 (Duty), (270) 439-1497

(Home), Commander, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), (Attention: Regimental Adjutant, CPT Page), Building 3780, Fort Campbell, Kentucky 42223-5000

From: WILLIAM F. RICKETTS, JR. [mailto:bill-ricketts-jr@juno.com]
To: pagej@emh2.campbell.army.mil

Captain Page, Thank you for your response. I am amazed at the difficulty in finding you (the unit). Our newsletter is already at the printer and I will send you a copy. Let's think about it. Perhaps we can come up with something for the next edition which will be in November as we only publish three each year. It would have been great if the Brigade had been represented at our re-activation. I will attach three photos of the AK-47 that were taken at Dyess AFB recently. Colonel Retired George Cap, who received (and saved) the gift, is included in the cover photo of our newsletter.

Bill

FROM THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

MANUEL VARGAS, 2/502 A 11/63-11/65, 1539 Tamesis, Urb El Paraiso, San Juan, PR 00926, when renewing his subscription wrote: I will always be a life time subscriber. Keep up the wonderful job you're doing.

CSM(R) HARVEY P. APPLEMAN, 2/327 HQ 2/67-2/68, 2868 Summer Lawn Drive, Clarksville, TN 37043-4030 wrote: Keep up the good work Ivan. I enjoy your magazine and the articles about Vietnam.

RODERICK J. MARSHALL, 2/327 HQ 5/66-4/67, 2784 Mountain Terrace St., Memphis, TN 38127-8824, sent the following note along with orders from the 85th EVAC Hospital in Japan showing 1st BDE troopers and date they were wounded.

I really enjoy your magazine and it certainly brings back memories. Being with the HHQ 2/327 Inf, Hawk Plt (Recon) 101st Airborne Div. WIA 7/66 on Highway 1, went to Japan for three months. Sometimes I think about the songs the 1st Brigade made up when they got off the ship. My BN CO nick name was Wild Gypsy. I went to Japan for my three months. Some others that were with me.

CORLEY, WILLIAM RA14875463 PFC E-3 USA
Co C 2nd Bn 502nd Inf 101st Abn Div APO 96347 5 July 1966

SHRECK, CURTIS US56390686 PFC E-3 USA
Co B 1st Bn 327th Inf 101st Abn Div APO 96347 5 July 1966

FINNDERMAN, JOSEPH RA11467594 PFC E-3 USA
Co A 2nd Bn 502nd Inf 101st Abn Div APO 96347 7 July 1966

NEIL, LARRY RA14861330 SP4 E-4 USA
Co A 2nd Bn 502nd Inf 101st Abn Div APO 96347 11 July 1966

AQUILERA, ROMAN US54374441 PFC E-3 USA
Co B 1st Bn 327th Inf 101st Abn Div APO 96347 11 July 1966

BLACKBERRY, MICHAEL RA18724952 PFC E-3 USA
HQ Co 2nd Bn 502nd Inf 101st Abn Div APO 96347 11 July 1966

REANEY(?), LEE RA13873172 PFC E-3 USA
HHC 1st Bn 327th Inf 101st Abn Div APO 96347 11 July 1966

HENNESY, JOSEPH N. RA19862496 PFC E-3 USA
Co B 1st Bn 327th Inf 101st Abn Div APO 96347 11 July 1966

RAVENEL, MELVIN RA14911698 PFC E-3 USA
HHC 1st Bn 327th Inf 101st Abn Div APO 96347 11 July 1966

RAYSOR, JAMES RA13875223 PFC E-3 USA
HHC 1st Bn 327th Inf 101st Abn Div APO 96347 11 July 1966

LUJAN, DAVID US50010391 PFC E-3 USA
HQ Co 2nd Bn 327th Inf 101st Abn Div APO 96347 12 July 1966

LaVerne (Wayrynen) Malinen, HC4 Box 587, McGregor, MN 55760, wrote: The first subscription to your magazine was given to me as a gift, so I'm renewing it now. I would like to put it in my son's name, John Wayrynen, Family (Dale), 33198 State Hwy. 65, McGregor, MN 55760. He is the younger brother of Dale Wayrynen, Medal of Honor winner from the 101st Screaming Eagles. He is so proud of his older brother, as am I! So please send the magazine to him. Thank you. P.S. I remarried last year so my last name has changed.

CHARLES W. CAMPBELL, 2/502 A & C 2/66, 28715 Carnoustie Ave., Moreno Valley, CA 92555-7010 wrote: Ivan, Excellent issue for your July 2000. Concerning the jumps at Kontum, I remember making mine in December 1966. We made the jump with ARVN's rotating every other man with the ARVN's. These jumps were non-equipment jumps. Right after we took off we got our 6 minute alert for jumping. I remember the rice paddies we landed in were like landing on asphalt. I think the plane I was on was the first one to drop jumpers. I remember the jumps covered a 2/3 day period. We rotated providing perimeter guard for the other jumpers. Ironically this was my last military jump. I may be wrong about the month and year and that is why there is no mention of these jumps. Did you have the opportunity to make one of these jumps? Enclosed is my check for \$30.00 for the back issues for The Diplomat & Warrior issues 1,2,3,4. Look forward to meeting you in October.

Editor's Note: I had the opportunity of making two (2) of these jumps.

KAY LANTZY, 12824 Midway #1136, Dallas, TX 75244-6362 wrote: Dear Eagles, Your magazine is very well edited and printed. It was informative to read my brother, Frederic Baldwin's articles. I lived in Viet Nam 68-70 when my husband flew choppers for Air America. Jon Merkel was KIA Feb 70 in Laos. Good Publishing.

Editor's Note: We have Baldwin's name in our data base as Frederic Baldwin Boruff.

RAYMOND W. GERNER, 2/327 HHC 5/65-6/66, 1423 Oxford St.,

Slaton, TX 79364-2811 wrote: Just received my new quarterly "Civic Action." In your address corrections entitled Mail Returned March 6th - May 31, 2000, the name Michael Sierra appears with unit & dates questioned.

I was his driver for a short time. We both served with HQ&HQ Company 2/327th. I have enclosed a copy of my old orders with my name and his on them. We were assigned to MACV ADV Team 39 in Phan Rang RVN for 30 days.

I was in the process of being transferred from being an R.T.O. to the position of Battalion Armor and to assist the S-2 officer, LT Christian in I.D. of enemy weapons.

The story that Chaplain Richard L. Heim related in the quarterly about B Co. 2/327 C.P. personnel being killed, really touched me. You see one of my jobs as Armor was to train troopers in the use of the AN PVS 1 STARLITE nite scope. You see I was the first person in 2nd Battalion 327 to receive the new STARLITE nite scopes. My job was to learn how they worked, plus their mode of operation, mount them or various weapons and train others in their use.

I have a letter of appreciation from Captain Joe Mack with his signature in ink. I also have another one from HQ Company signed by my CO - Capt. Samuel J. Watson III.

I was home on leave when B Company C. P. was overrun. I was enroute to being assigned to Fort Bragg to B Co. 1/325th ABN INF. I will send some pictures as soon as I get them transferred from 35 mm slides.

RICH PAULEY, 326 MED D 4/65-6/66, 18709 Whirlaway Rd., Eagle River, AK 99577-8334 wrote: Enclosed is my check for \$100 in support of a 1st Brigade (Separate) Unit Memorial at the Airborne and Special Ops Museum. Sounds like a great idea. Surely we can quickly find sufficient donors to reach \$3000, but if not, please contact me and I'll see if there is anything left in my "piggy bank."

I enjoy receiving the magazine and reread each issue. Some day I'll dig out the old pictures and write a little about D/326 Med, Spt Bn (PROV), which followed the Brigade around Viet Nam on every mission. Unfortunately I saw a lot of fellow troopers pass through our facility. This summer at the 101st Assoc. reunion I had one fellow walk right up to me and say: "The last time I saw you, you were holding an IV bottle while loading me on a Huey!" I guess I'm as ugly as ever, but I had to admit I didn't recognize him at all. In my defense I will say that "grunts" who have been crawling around in the mud and then get themselves shot just don't look the same as some guy in shorts and a yellow baseball cap.

Keep up the great work.

NICHOLAS WORTH, 1/327 HQ FC 6/62-6/65, 5002 Tujunga Ave., Apt 102, N. Hollywood, CA 91601-5015 wrote: Enclosed: \$20.00 for a subscription. Enclosed also a résumé of my work (some of it) as an actor in Hollywood. I was an actor before I enlisted in the Army Airborne in 1962.

I'll be 63 on 4 Sep '00. I was 24 when I enlisted, and 27 when discharged honorably, in 1965.

Leo B. Smith was my First Sergeant.

I'll send a photo very soon.

ISG(R) REYNOLD MARTINEZ, 1/327 A 5/64-3/66, 2420 Harts Lake Loop Rd., Roy, WA 98580-9136 wrote: First, I want to thank you for the change of address in the JULY edition. Also for all the wonderful work that you're doing in keeping me and everybody else up-to-date on current and future events.

Enclosed is a check for \$100.00, my contribution towards our Unit Memorial. I am sure you will address our progress on this in the next edition. Hope to meet you at the reunion in October.

LTC(R) JOHN WAGNER, 5/27 FA C Bty 7/66-12/66, P.O. Box 397, Barker, TX 77413-0397 wrote: I'm a member of the 101st Airborne Division Association and of The First Screaming Eagles in Vietnam. In July, 1966, I arrived in country a 1LT hoping to get in the 2nd Battalion 320th Field Artillery, but was assigned to Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, a "leg" battalion attached to the 1st Brigade. While in Alpha Battery at Phan Rang, I met 1LT Denis Wayne Galloway, who was with the Brigade engineers, also in Phan Rang. In August or September, I was sent to the Tuy Hoa area to join Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery as its XO and, a few months later, became its commander. Shortly after I left Phan Rang, Denis was killed. Some time ago, I visited The Virtual Wall, and left a note to Denis. A few months ago, Denis' 13year-old nephew, Andrew Parker contacted me via e-mail and we have been corresponding. He seems a fine young man, very interested in military history and in the Airborne. Please send Andrew a copy of Vietnam Odyssey. His address is 723 Lincoln Street, Elsberry, MO 63343-1124. Also, if you have any memories of Denis, please share them with Andrew.

My check in the amount of \$15 is enclosed. Thank you.

Sincerely, /s/ John Wagner, LTC(Ret), U.S. Army

Editor's Note: John, the book has been mailed. I was not acquainted with LT Denis Galloway. I hope your interaction with his nephew will help to show him some of the spirit of our soldiers who served in Viet Nam.



I recently subscribed to the 1st Screaming Eagles in VN. I think we were there about the same time...12/65-12/66. I was a medic in C/2/502. I attached my pic. If you can get it in the mag. or on the web page, maybe someone will remember me. Pic. was taken the day before the Dak To fight. Thanks Mike Baldinger

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WILLIAM V. LARSEN, 2/327 B 3/64-7/66, 442 Otisco Drive, Westfield, NJ 07090-2716, sent the following FAX: Just received the July 2000 issue – Fantastic! Page 16 lists 25 Sept 1965 CIB's. Attached 14 Sept 1965 CIB's from my records. Of course they spelled my name wrong also.* I was a "Boat Person" having made the trip to Vietnam on board the "Leroy Eltinge." I was with "B" Company 2/327. Most of the names on the attached are from our outfit.

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1. TC 322. Under the provisions of AR 672-5-1, following individuals this station awarded BADGES as indicated.

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TOMASETTI, RONALD E	RA13807663	SPECIALIST FOUR E4
APFEL, PAUL W	O91744	CAPTAIN INFANTRY
OWEN, WILLIAM J	O98881	FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY
JOHNSON, CARL M	O5322413	SECOND LIEUTENANT INFANTRY
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SABLAN, DAVID R	O5325164	SECOND LIEUTENANT INFANTRY
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JORDAN, LaFRANCIS	RA39562350	STAFF SERGEANT E6
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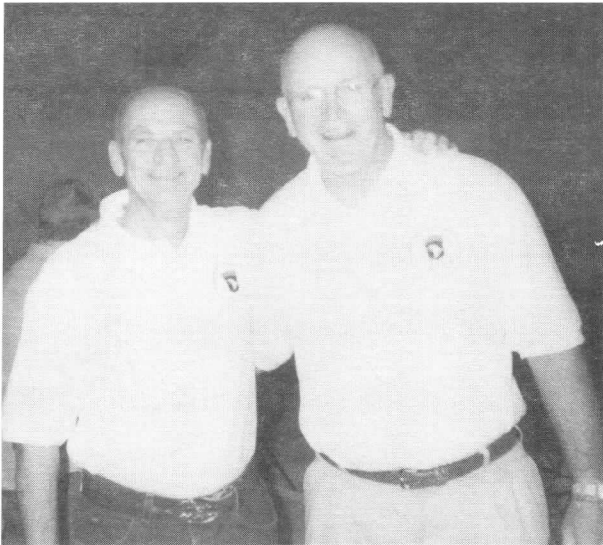
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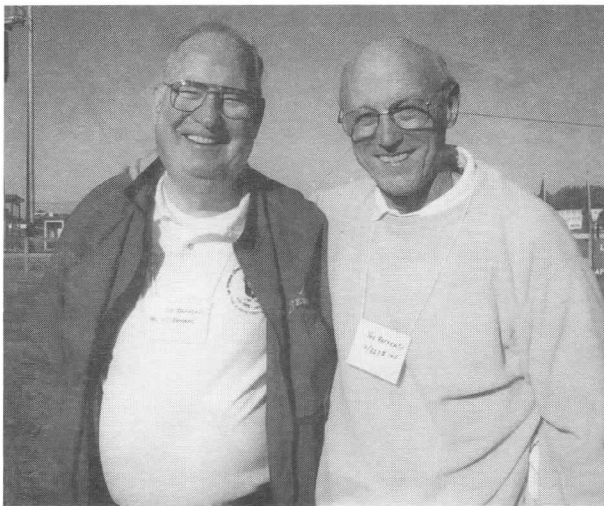
1/101 Reunion 2000



The chairmen and hosts for the 7th Bi-Annual reunion of the 1st Brigade Separate, 101st Airborne Division, (L to R): Reunion Co-Chairman MG (R) Jerry A. White (Company A 1/327 7/66 - 7/67) from Columbus, Georgia and Reunion Chairman COL (R) Jerry Scott (Company B 2/502 7/66 - 7/67) from Columbus, Georgia.



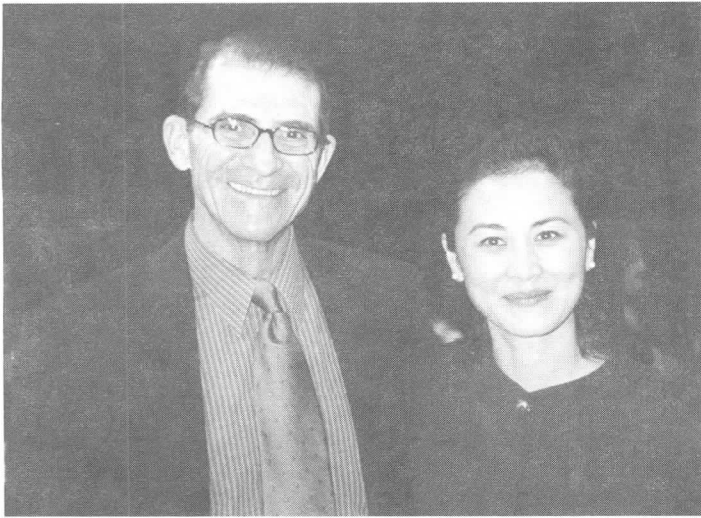
After the "Airborne 500 Demonstration" these veterans who were together in Company A 2/327 took a pause from reminiscing for a photo. They are: (L to R) ISGT (R) Edward J. Dube (Company A 2/327 7/67 - 7/68) from Westminster, Massachusetts; COL (R) Larry Redmond (Company A 2/327 5/67 - 2/68) from Tampa, Florida and Hubert A. "Andy" Greene (Company A 2/327) from Keystone Heights, Florida.



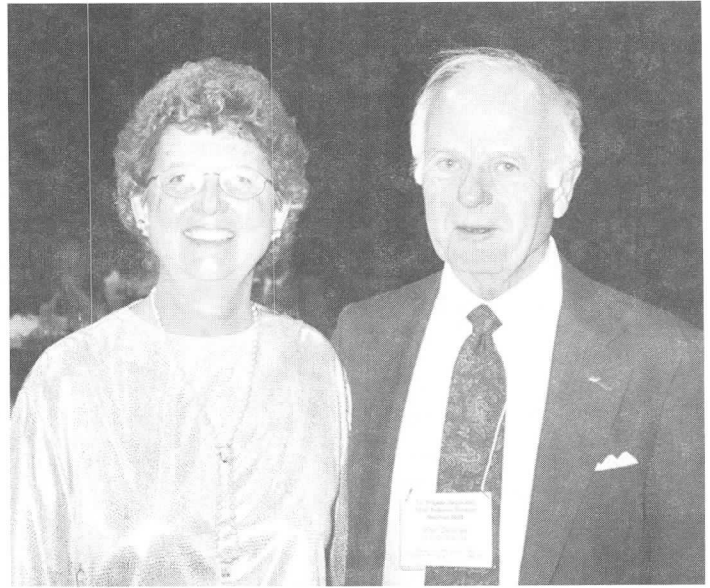
Brothers, (L to R) James R. Rafferty (Brigade HQ 11/66 - 6/67) from Bayside, New York and COL (R) Joseph V. Rafferty (HQ 2/327 6/66 - 6/67) from San Rafael, California had a few days together to catch up on family visiting and to tell war stories.



(L to R) Benny (Company A 326th Eng 2/66 - 2/67) and Betty Hamby from Rockwood, Tennessee and Kenneth Gormley, Sr., (Company A 326th Eng 7/66 - 6/67) from Cape Coral, Florida, at the rooftop gathering.



COL (R) Gerard Landry (Company A 2/502 7/64 - 7/66) and his wife Young-Lan, from Alexandria, Virginia, at the Reunion Dinner.



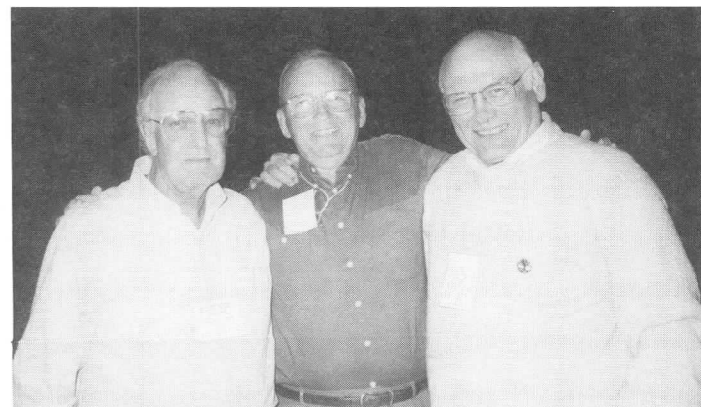
Elin and LTC (R) Allen C. DeGraw (Company C 1/327 7/64 - 7/66) from Tallahassee, Florida at the 7th Bi-Annual Reunion Dinner.



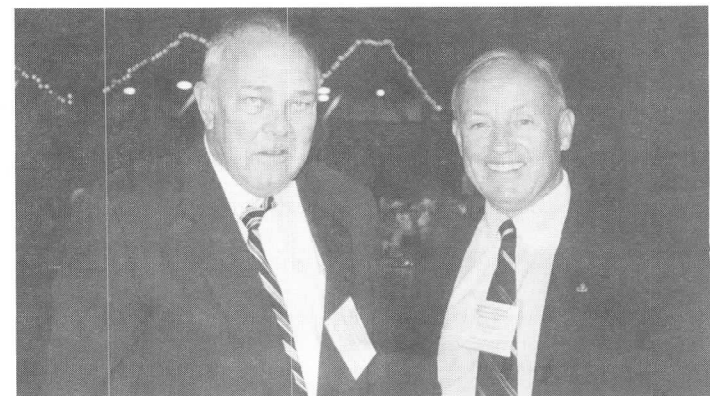
(L to R) Mrs. LaVerne Malinen and her son John P. Wayrynen from McGregor, Minnesota. They are the mother and brother of Specialist Four Dale E. Wayrynen (Company B 2/502) who earned the Medal of Honor, posthumously, for actions near Duc Pho on May 18, 1967.



Helga and COL (R) Gerald E. Morse (HQ 1/327 67 - 68) from Sun Lakes, Arizona. Gerry hosted a previous reunion and brings the banner used behind the podium to each reunion.



The Social Hour and Barbecue Dinner on the roof of a new parking garage near the reunion hotel was well attended and was a great place to renew old acquaintances. (L to R) John W. Gilboux (XO 2/327 and Bde HQ 66 - 67) from San Antonio, Texas; Ralph Puckett (CO 2/502 7/67 - 3/68) from Columbus, Georgia and Howard "Dan" Danford (Bde HQ and 2/502 5/67 - 5/68) from Fairfax Station, Virginia, had an opportunity to recall past service together.



(L to R) Dr. Charles Lea (Company D 326th Med 2/67 - 8/67) from Lexington, Missouri and Richard H. Morton (Brigade HQ) from Coronado, California, after the barbecue dinner.

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ADMIRAL IRVIN WRITES

The following letter was received by Brig Gen Willard Pearson from Rear Admiral D. G. Irvine U.S. Navy.

Dear General Pearson,

"Thank you for your fine letter with the enclosed photos. It was certainly my pleasure to have had the opportunity for direct liaison with you and the Screaming Eagles.

Enclosed is a copy of a news release which I received from the 'states.' It is my understanding that this article, or ones of a similar nature, have appeared in many newspapers throughout the country. I found it extremely gratifying to be able to do a little something extra for the outstanding and impressive group of fighting men which make up the 101st.

Again, my sincere thanks for the souvenir which continues to remind me of a most enjoyable and rewarding visit. My best wishes to you for continued success."

Sincerely,

/s/D. G. Irvine

/t/D. G. IRVINE

Rear Admiral, US Navy

NOW HE'S READY

"I don't care if you fought in World War II, Korea or the Dominican Republic, you've never seen anything like this. And before you leave here in five days, you'll have a good idea of what to expect from Charlie."

These words greet every 101st Airborne replacement at the Screaming Eagles' Phan Rang Replacement Training School and alert him for his rendezvous with destiny.

Deep in the heart of the famous 1st Brigade of the Army's 101st Airborne Division's base camp is an encampment circled with bunkers, booby traps, punji stakes and mined civilian bikes. It is one of the most unique training camps in the United States Armed Forces system, because here a man meets the true reality of the war against the VC, before he is thrown into battle.

It matters little to Cadre of this "Stay Alert Stay Alive" unit that the incoming trooper is a private just in from jump school or a West Pointer just in from Ranger School. Everyone has a lot to learn here and everyone will be taught the same way, the hard way.

From the dawn of the first full day in camp each and every replacement feels he has met the challenge of his life. The heat of the country forces him to drink more and more water, the drive of the combat tested cadre makes him walk faster and longer, and the reality of where he is makes him strain to hear every word and see every demonstration.

Before he leaves for his unit and the line the new Vietnam Combat man will direct artillery fire from a hill held by ARVN troops. He will fire the weapons he'll be armed with and some of the enemies. He will see and learn to detect the major VC booby traps and how and why they use punji stakes and he will patrol an area

six miles from base camp and return that night for an all night ambush. He will join the other replacements on a live fire range so real the Cadre carry loaded rifles in case of attack.

He sweats, he cusses, he gets scratched and cut. He learns how hot the glaring Asian sun can get and he learns fast that a short cut could cost him a leg or his life. The greatest fear is the sound of battle, he is told and the day he runs the live fire course with machine guns, grenades and M-79 rounds going off all around him he realizes how true this is.

But as his face turns from sunburn to bronze tan and his water consumption drops from seven canteens a day to two, he becomes keen in his ability; he senses a secure know-how and his already professional pride has blossomed into a proud fierce fighting man.

As he stands in the final replacement company formation he is just a little taller, a little older and a lot smarter. The sergeant who made him hurt all over stands in front of him and says, "I've taught you what I know from experience, now go get Charlie and don't forget, Stay Alert and Stay Alive." The trooper extends his hand and says, "Thanks Sarge."

When the man deploys to his unit and prepares for his baptism of fire there are people who know he is the best fighting man in Vietnam, prepared for his rendezvous with destiny. The cadre at repl company, himself and most of all Victor Charlie, the enemy.

STAY ALERT AND STAY ALIVE

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Brig Gen W. Pearson - CG
Capt Paul W. Apfel - IO
Lt Edward Schillo - OIC
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A TRICK OF CHARLIES

Human bait was used to spring a successful trap on the Viet Cong north of Tuy Hoa, as the 1st Brigade of the Army's 101st Airborne Division continues to seek out the running enemy.

While Company C of the 2nd Battalion (Airborne) 327th Infantry was on patrol they spotted a squad of the enemy moving toward them. The Airborne troopers deployed into an ambush type formation and engaged "Charlie," killing four. Then in a move that completely caught the Viet Cong by surprise, the Screaming Eagles pulled back and waited for "Charlie" to collect his dead. When he did, the Americans struck again leaving two more enemy dead. One trooper on the patrol said, "We learned that trick from Charlie himself, that's really turning the tables."

5/27 HAS NEW S-3

Major Sante Di Ruzza, Fall River, Mass., has been assigned as the new S-3 for the 5th Howitzer Battalion, 27th Artillery. Major Di Ruzza, who has been in Vietnam since September 1965, had previously been assigned as Battery B Commander, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery attached to the 1st Cavalry Division.

He is married and the father of one son, Barry.

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.

Lt Col Henry E. EmersonHHC / 2 / 502 Inf
Maj Donald B. SchroederHHC / 2 / 502 Inf
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2/Lt Daniel J. HillB / 2 / 327 Inf
SSgt David W. MacDonaldA / 2 / 327 Inf
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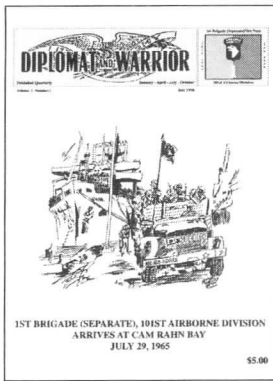
The first project of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division's memorization program, the George Burkheart Library, located at the brigade's base camp at Phan Rang, was dedicated on 5 April 1966.

The library was named in honor of Lt George W. Burkheart, who was the first man from the Screaming Eagle Division to be killed in action against enemy forces. He was subsequently awarded the Silver Star for his heroic action on 3 September 1965.

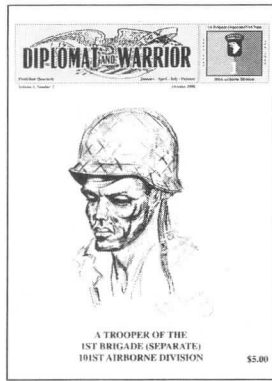
The facilities of the library include a tape recording room, 931 hard bound volumes, 500 paperback books, 130 magazine subscriptions, 14 American newspaper subscriptions, and a study area for reading or writing.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies were presided over by Brigadier General Willard Pearson and 1/Lt Edward F. Fernandez, officer in charge of the library.

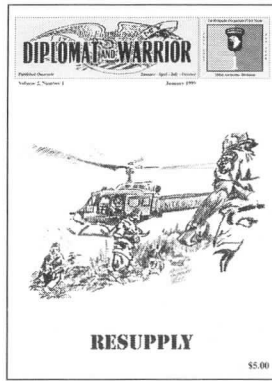
Brig Gen Pearson noted that "the opening of the library is a major step in the progress of our installation and in the benefit and entertainment of the troops."



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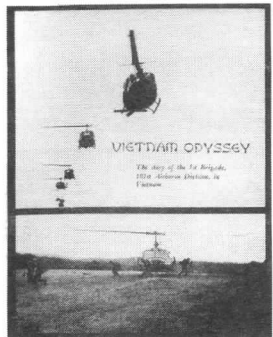
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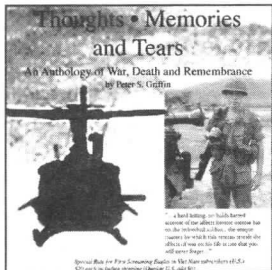
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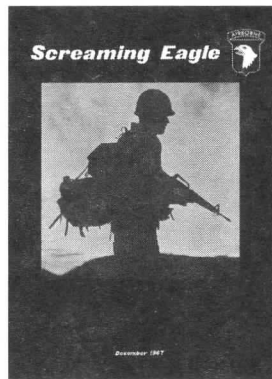
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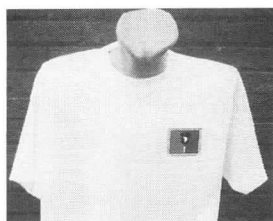
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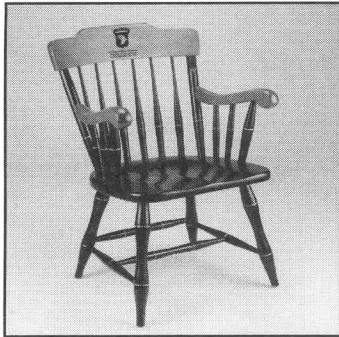
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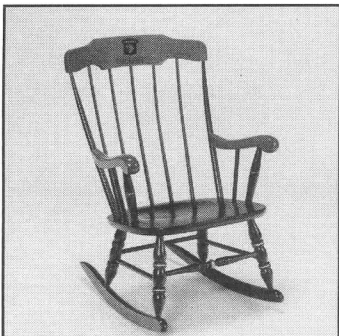
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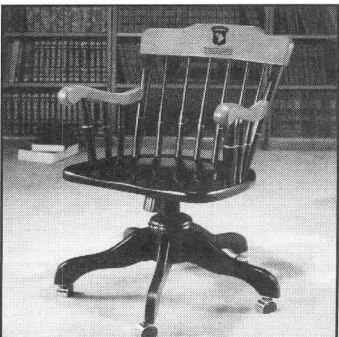
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LRRP MAKES CONTACT

Killing Viet Cong is not always the mission of the American paratrooper in Vietnam. The Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol of the Army's 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division has the job of landing by helicopter, deep in Viet Cong territory to observe and extract information about the enemy without engaging with him. The latter is not always possible.

The night air rising from the dense jungle below was hot and moist, as the five man LRRP team descended toward an isolated clearing deep in the mountains of the Tuy Hoa area. At the same moment the fifth man placed his feet on the damp grass of the landing zone, all hell broke loose from the hillsides bordering the clearing.

Viet Cong elements of overwhelming size were firing directly upon the five man team. SSgt David Skau, Old Saybrook, Conn., immediately gave the signal to the team to disband and attempt to infiltrate toward another clearing some 125 meters away.

At the same time two forces of Viet Cong left the hillside coming toward the paratroopers. The fire lessened but still the team could not maneuver.

Upon seizing the situation the helicopter pilots directed the escorting gun ships to attack the surrounding highland. This gave the team on the ground a chance to separate into the jungle.

Sgt James Tadlock, Dallas, Tex., dashed through the undergrowth. As he raced for the alternate clearing he almost trampled three Viet Cong that circled the teams position when the helicopter landed. The sergeant's M-16 burst into a blaze of bullets as he leaped over the three, now dead, VC bodies.

The team leader, Sgt Skau, raced along a winding path when two VC started firing less than 15 meters from him. The VC came forward slowly. The veteran trooper rose to one knee and fired. His weapon jammed. The enemy was upon him when a sheet of fire came from the trail to his rear, as his slower moving radio operator had come along just in time.

In about twenty minutes the five were reformed at the alternate clearing. There was no place else to go. This was it.

As the team radioed for the helicopter to land the Viet Cong attacked. The battle lasted for nearly an hour as the five troopers formed a circle perimeter, hugged the ground and fired.

The helicopter gunships brought fire directly upon the LZ but after a few minutes they could concentrate on the outer limits of the clearing.

After three attempts, the team was extracted and headed back to safe territory.

The five man team performed well, but their mission was not accomplished, they made contact.

SAY UNCLE

"Say Uncle!" No, not part of the bitter battle of the 101st Airborne Division, just part of a conversation between Pfc Charles G. Springle, Angier, N.C., a member of Headquarters Battery, 5th Howitzer Battalion, 27th Artillery Survey Section and his uncle Captain James D. Springle, a member of the 184th Ordnance Battalion, Qui Nhon. The 5th Howitzer Battalion, 27th Artillery is attached to the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

WEAPONS FOR VIETNAMESE

"This not only means more weapons for the Vietnamese Armed Forces in Tuy Hoa, but that many less for the Viet Cong."

With these words, Brig Gen Willard Pearson, Clairton, Pa., Commanding General of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, while speaking at a small ceremony in Tuy Hoa, presented 31 weapons to Lt Col Ba, province chief of Phu Yen province.

A total of 60 weapons have thus far been given to the province troops, who had worked so successfully with the Screaming Eagles in operations in the Tuy Hoa sector.

Lt Col Ba praised the gallantry of the 101st and the Brigade's practice of giving U.S. made weapons to the Vietnamese armed forces to add to their fighting capabilities.

CURFEW HOURS

The following message from Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge and General W. C. Westmoreland is quoted for compliance.

"The government of the Republic of Vietnam has imposed a curfew from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. which is effective immediately. All Americans not on duty are expected to observe this curfew and to remain off the streets. Personnel who are required to be out on official business during curfew hours must stop if requested to do so by Vietnamese police or military authorities of U.S. Military Police and produce proper identification. Until further notice American personnel should curtail all unnecessary activities and if possible remain off the street during non-curfew hours."

COMBAT STEAMER

The Combat Infantry Steamer was awarded to Companies A, B, and C of the 1st Battalion (Abn) 327th Infantry, 2nd Battalion (Abn) 327th Infantry and the 2nd Battalion (Abn) 502nd Infantry of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, as was noted in last's week issue. To attain this coveted award each unit must have had 65 per cent of its TOE strength awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

The effective date was listed as September 1965 in Brigade General Order Number 99 and was awarded by orders of the Commanding General under the provisions of paragraph 206b AR 672-5-1. (Editor)

NEW PUBLIC LAW

"The President has signed Public Law 89-368 which authorized Armed Forces personnel serving in a combat zone to send gifts tax and duty free to the extent such gifts in any shipment do not exceed fifty (50) dollars in aggregate retail value in the country of shipment if such articles were purchased in or through authorized agencies of the Armed Forces of the United States. Pending issuance of treasurys and departmental regulations on this matter request you inform all personnel entitled to this privilege to clearly inscribe on the outer wrapping of all such gifts the following: "P.L. 89-368 value less than fifty (50) dollars." Detailed regulations will be issued in the near future. For your information these regulations will probably exclude repeat exclude, exemptions applicable to alcoholic beverages and tobacco products."

DIPLOMATS AND WARRIORS ALL

ABOVE THE REST

The 1st Battalion (Abn) 327th Infantry conducted an awards ceremony at their battalion headquarters on 10 April 1966.

SECOND TO NONE

During the period 31 March through 6 April 1966, the 2nd Battalion (Abn) 327th Infantry Hawk teams, with an attached platoon from Co A, 2/327 Infantry conducted night infiltration into enemy occupied territory and conducted reconnaissance and surveillance operations for two days which led to offensive actions by the remainder of the battalion.

In the subsequent battalion operation, the "We Aim To Kill" troopers conducted search and destroy operations, which resulted in 9 VC dead (body count), 4 VC killed (est), 1 VC wounded, 45 VC suspects captured, 1 Thompson submachine gun captured and the capture of a small enemy ammunition cache. Friendly casualties were light.

STRIKE FORCE

On 7 April 1966, Lieutenant Colonel Henry E. Emerson, battalion commander of the 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry presented gifts to an orphanage in the city of Tuy Hoa. The children and Nuns in this orphanage are the ones who were extracted from Hoi Tin by "B" Company earlier in the year. The gifts consisted of over 30,000 piasters, assorted clothing sent from the United States, school supplies and shoes.

ON THE WAY; WAIT

Another "first" was recorded by the 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery, when on 1 April, Battery A moved its howitzers and 1/4 ton vehicles into a firing position near Dong Tre using CV-2 (Caribou) aircraft. This move was conducted in order to support operations by the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry in the Dong Tre Le Hai area. Subsequent resupply to include 50 tons of ammunition have also been accomplished utilizing CV-2's. This firing position proved lucrative when on the night of 5 April, Battery A fired in response to a CIDG request and achieved 30 VC KIA confirmed by body count.

UNITED WE STAND

1st Sgt Floyd C. Garwood of Malden, Wash., was recently appointed 1st Sergeant of Service Battery, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery. Entering the Army in January 1951, 1st Sergeant Garwood served with the 40th Infantry Division in Korea until after the Armistice. As a "Redleg" he has served in several armored and anti-aircraft units. Reporting from an assignment in Verona, Italy, 1st Sergeant Garwood brings a long career of outstanding records in operations, intelligence, and personnel administration to the 27th.

ALWAYS THERE

Captain Billy R. Cook, Movements Control Officer for the Brigade forward area, was promoted recently to his present grade. Captain

Cook and his enlisted assistant have kept the flow of personnel and supplies between Phan Rang and Tuy Hoa moving in a very efficient manner.

17TH MULE

Shortly after arriving in the Tuy Hoa area, A Troop was given the tremendously large task of screening the northern flank of the 1st Brigade. The mission was gradually increased to include search and destroy operations and saturation patrols. To facilitate the accomplishments of this mission a provisional infantry platoon was added to the Troop. The new platoon was filled with volunteers from the other battalions in the brigade who were CIB qualified.

ALWAYS FIRST

Brigade Headquarters is busily preparing for the upcoming IG inspection to be conducted in the rear area on 12 April 1966.

WHEN IT TOO TOUGH FOR THE REST CALL THE BEST

The 326th Engineers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division have been working laboriously laying concrete slabs for future billets in the rear area. They now have a new project; rebuild the Commanding General's house, which burned to the ground on 5 April 1966.

NEW CHAIRMAN ELECTED

Nguyen Huu Kee, 28, was elected as the new chairman of the Friendship Council by a vote of 11 to 5 during the committee's monthly meeting held at the province chief's home on 5 April 1966.

The Friendship Council, dedicated to law enforcement, price control, and friendly community relations between American forces and the Vietnamese Army and civilian populace, is composed of representatives from the Army, Air Force, RMK, USOM, the province chief, Chief of Police and several prominent Vietnamese citizens from the Phan Rang area.

When notified of his election through an interpreter, Mr. Ke had this to say, "I am reluctant to accept the position because of my young age and inexperience; however, because of the kind words said about me by the members of this council, I cannot refuse the chairmanship. I will strive to better the relationship between Americans and Vietnamese, both civilian and military."

Lt Col Phelps R. Womble, commanding officer of the 1st Brigade's Support Battalion and outgoing chairman of the council, nominated Mr. Ke for the position and expressed confidence in Mr. Ke's capabilities as chief mediator for the council.

LADIES GALORE

When it rains it pours; that's what the troopers of the 1st Brigade of the Army's 101st Airborne Division are saying this week and by no stretch of the imagination were they complaining.

The Screaming Eagles were referring to the arrival of three gorgeous females at their Phan Rang base camp. Two of the smiling ladies are on assignment with the Red Cross Office at the base camp. The third, recording star Miss Vicki Carr, arrived with Danny Kaye on a USO tour.

Although the troopers got quick glimpses of the girls as they toured the



TUY HOA, VIETNAM (101ST - IO) – Brigadier General Willard Pearson is shown one of the captured weapons used to orient newly arrived replacements in the Screaming Eagles Replacement Training School in their base camp at Phan Rang. Platoon Sergeant Thomas Oliver explains that the weapon is a Chinese Communist copy of a Russian automatic assault rifle AK-47, seized by the Screaming Eagles near Tuy Hoa and will be used to explain to new personnel the weapons that they may expect to be used against them. Photo by Pfc Jerome

camp, it wasn't till showtime that they really gave the ladies a true airborne welcome. The Red Cross ladies made their grand entrance to a thunderous standing ovation at the Brigade helipad where Danny Kaye and Miss Carr were to perform.

Mr. Kaye, a world renown entertainer, was greeted by Sgt Joe Graham playing his rendition of "Danny Boy" on a saxophone. Before the show was over, Danny did numerous quick witted little ditties about soldiers dating back to WW I and ended up with a sing-along in which each and every trooper lifted his "golden tones" to the Asian heavens. Vicki Carr brought back many memories with more than ten old standards and a set of modern tunes.

The evening was highlighted when an over zealous trooper in the audience called out to Vicki to "come on down and join the troopers." Danny Kaye rushed to the mike and told the trooper "one more outcry like that and they'll send you home."

The warning was greeted with a thundering ovation and the show continued on that theme.

1,000TH FOR THE 101ST

Through the wings of the eagle came the swift death of the 1,000th Charlie.

Not long after high noon on April 4th the unbeatable combination of Army Airborne Infantry and Artillery teamed up to record the 1,000th Viet Cong killed by the 1st Brigade of the Army's 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam.

As the Tiger Force of the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry called for artillery support, a high flying forward observer for the Screaming Eagle unit relayed the message to Battery A of the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 320th Artillery. Once again the warning of the "Nomads of Vietnam" rung true. "There is no escape, no safe place to hide, the Eagle strikes swiftly and silently bringing certain death."

Packages Brighten Christmas in Field

By SSG Al Wilson
PHAN RANG — Christmas came many times for paratroopers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division during Operation Klamath Falls southwest of here as the Screaming Eagles gave priority to distribution of mail and packages to front line troops.

Such a Christmas begins when a radio operator yells: "Pop smoke!" Eyes strain and search the sky for the dot that means mail and supplies are enroute. A message from the helicopter identifies the smoke. Security around the landing zone (LZ) tightens as the paratroopers await the descending aircraft and its cargo.

Dust, twigs and leaves churn as the chopper settles to the ground. A cheer rings the air when the men see the sacks of mail, hot food containers, bags of clean clothes and cold drinks.

A home-like warmth settles over the jungle as the parcels and envelopes are opened. Some men talk excitedly as they re-

move the paper from packages of various sizes. Others read aloud letters and cards. Humorous lines are emphasized and repeated after a "hey, listen to this one!"

In C Co. of the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., Pfc. Tony Luckie, Miami, Ariz., receives a package from his little sister which contains a pair of socks, a can opener, dried fruit and an assortment of candies and nuts.

"I got a coffee pot, a pound of coffee and three pounds of candy," shouts Pfc. Jeff Akbacauskas, Sunnyvale, Calif.

Sitting at one side of the jubilant group is Pfc. Robert A. Gallegos, Denver. He holds a birthday card and letter from his wife. "I live day to day to hear from home," he says.

He's typical. Many packages from next-of-kin of buddies lost in battle arrive too.

"There's a great feeling of pride when we receive letters from those families," said Platoon Sgt. Lewis B. Larry, Chicago.



River Lookout

Pfc. Eric W. Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla., maintains surveillance overlooking a river southwest of here during Operation Klamath Falls. Johnson is a member of B Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf.
 (Photo by Staff Sgt. Al Wilson)



Jungle Foliage

Three paratroopers (left to right) Pfc. Vincent Cheatham, Meherrin, Va., Pfc. Paul S. King, Grants Pass, Ore., and Pfc. Lonnie James Jr., Blakely, Ga., move down a jungle path during a recent operation.
 (Photo by Staff Sgt. Art Campbell)



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Three States Enact Bonuses For Vietnam War Veterans

SAIGON — Three states, Connecticut, Louisiana and Illinois have voted bonuses in connection with the Vietnam war. The awards, covering active duty personnel, discharged veterans and surviving next-of-kin, range up to \$1000.

In 1965, Illinois authorized payment of \$100 to residents with active duty tours on or after January 1, 1961 and who earned the Vietnamese Service Medal. A serviceman must also prove that he resided in Illinois during the year preceding his entrance on active duty.

Next-of-kin (spouse, children, parents, brothers and sisters in that order) may collect \$1,000 if the deceased dies of Vietnam service-connected causes even if the serviceman had received the \$100 bonus prior to his death.

Claim forms are available from the Illinois Veterans Commission, 221 W. Jefferson St., Springfield, Ill. 62705. The deadline is July 1, 1970.

Louisiana passed a bill granting a \$250 bonus to state residents who served in the Vietnam combat area between July 1, 1958 and the end of the Vietnam campaign. However no payments will be made until the hostilities terminate.

The Louisiana bill contains a survivors' benefit payment of \$1,000 to unmarried widows, children under 18 and parents of servicemen (in order of eligibility) who are Vietnam casualties provided the deceased was a qualified resident of the state prior to his entry into the armed forces.

Claim forms may be acquired from the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, Vietnam Bonus Division, Old State Capitol, Baton Rouge, La., 70801.

Military service anywhere in the world since January 1, 1964 will earn Connecticut residents a \$10 bonus for each month of active duty, with a \$300 ceiling. To collect while on active duty, the serviceman must have at least 30 months of credited service while honorably discharged veterans may collect whatever bonus is due them since the established base date with a 90-

day minimum. The minimum residence requirement for eligibility is one year before entry into service.

Next-of-kin may receive the survivors' bonus if the deceased died as a direct result of the performance of military duty. Grandchildren and parents must have been living in the state one year prior to apply for the benefit. In the event the serviceman was unmarried, his

parents receive the bonus.

Survivors of honorably discharged veterans will be paid in accordance with the span of countable service. The maximum benefit to surviving next-of-kin is \$300.

Claim forms are available from the Office of the Treasurer, Vietnam Bonus Division, 15 Lewis St., Hartford, Conn. 06115. The deadline for filing is three years after the end of the war.



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 Spac. 4 Ben Croxton)

'Tiger' Recalls 'Charlie'

PHAN RANG — Twenty-year-old paratrooper Spec. 4 Richard W. Ammons, High Point, N.C., held his bandaged arm up and pointed to his burned fingers: "The son-of-a-gun who shot me was four feet away."

Ammons leaned back on the 2nd Surgical Hospital bed at Chu Lai, lit a cigarette and recalled the afternoon he scored an enemy kill in Operation Wheeler.

"It was a clear, warm afternoon and eight of us had been moving along without finding any sign of 'Charlie,'" he said. "I was walking point for the patrol and stopped when I came to a Y. I looked around and didn't see anything when this VC leaped up from behind a bush and fired."

The enemy bullet crashed through the handguard of Ammons' M-16 rifle, entered his left wrist, cut across the top of the bone and went out above the elbow.

"It didn't knock my weapon out of my hand," said Ammons. "I jerked my rifle up and fired a full magazine into 'Charlie.'"

Ammon's slack man, Spec. 4 Dallas Rogers, Lansing, Mich., lunged forward, grabbed Ammons and dragged him back. Pfc. Harold Fischer, San Antonio, Tiger medic, helped Rogers get Ammons behind a dike and began bandaging the wound.

"Fischer kept talking to me," said Ammons, changing positions on the hospital bed. "I don't know what he said. He just kept talking, telling me I was going to have it made in the hospital, maybe even go back to the states. He just kept talking as he gave me a shot of morphine. Fischer is the greatest."

Ammons, who recently extended for another six months with the Tigers, looked at his arm and the powder burns on his fingers: "You know, depending on how long it takes this hand to heal up, I might extend for another six."

Ammons received his third Purple Heart for the wound. "Of course, I could go home and quit," he said. "I've done better than my dad in World War II. He was wounded only twice."

Troopers Get Cards

PHAN RANG — The brigade Christmas cards were distributed to paratroopers prior to the December 13 mailing deadline recommended by postal officials.

The distinctive card was designed by Spec. 4 James Loehr of the Information Office. Staff Sgt. Mike Mangiameli, a combat photographer, took the photograph of the paratrooper silhouetted against the evening sky. Both men have completed their tours in Vietnam. Loehr is a photographer at Ft. Bragg, N.C., and Mangiameli has been assigned to Germany.

A total of 40,000 cards were distributed to members of the brigade by the S-1 section. Lt. Michael J. Maunsell, Waterbury, Conn., served as project officer.



Firing on Fleeing 'Charlies'

Paratroopers of the 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., engage NVA soldiers fleeing across a valley during a recent operation.

(Photo by Sgt. Bob Chambers)

Unexpected Danger

Some Booby Traps Require Two Checks

PHAN RANG — Two Minneapolis paratroopers in the 101st Airborne learned suspected booby-trapped objects require a double investigation.

During Operation Wheeler north of here, C Co. of the 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. approached a suspected Viet Cong village. They decided to give the area a careful search.

"In one of the huts I saw a rucksack tucked up in the

rafters," said Pfc. Arthur Kottke.

Aware of booby-traps, Kottke warned other paratroopers to stay away while he and Pfc. Maurice Northrup investigated the pack.

"We tied a rope to the rucksack, walked back a safe distance and yanked it down," Northrup said.

Nothing happened. Cautiously the two men ap-

proached the rucksack, carefully probed it and then opened it.

"We found two NVA uniforms, a poncho, underwear, a mess kit, a cigarette lighter and a USMC jacket," said Kottke. "A fountain pen in a uniform pocket had 'Hanoi' inscribed on the barrel."

The two paratroopers carried the rucksack to platoon leader, Lt. John Borgerding, Seattle.

"Did you check it for booby-traps?" asked the lieutenant.

"I sure did, sir," said Kottke

reaching into the rucksack to pull out the uniform.

Kottke yelled, yanked his hand out of the pack and dropped it. Northrup asked what was wrong.

"There's something in there," Kottke said.

Northrup emptied the pack and shook out a scorpion.

Viet Cong Ambushed

PHAN RANG (1/327-10)—Two Viet Cong collided on a trail southwest of here and triggered a night ambush by paratroopers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division during Operation Klamath Falls.

Pfc. David C. Thompson, Baltimore, felt the cold sweat roll down his face as a VC pointman walked down the trail toward him and others from B Co. of the 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf.

"My heart was in my throat when 'Charlie' stopped not three feet in front of my position and motioned others to follow," said Thompson as he recalled the incident. "I waited, hoping the enemy pointman would lead the rest of his force into the kill zone of our ambush."

As Thompson watched the motioning enemy, another VC collided with the pointman. Their bodies and equipment thudded in the night and alerted other members of the paratrooper force. Thompson opened fire, killing one of the insurgents. The others fled under the cover of darkness. Paratroopers recovered a pistol, compass and documents from the body.

"We never did learn how many more were coming down the trail," said Thompson. "The one thing I'll never forget—that sound when those two 'Charlies' bumped together."



Bosco and Friend

Bosco, a German shepherd dog with the 42nd Inf. Plat. (Scout Dog), leads his handler, Pfc. Stanley G. Roach, Des Moines, Iowa, over a training hurdle at the forward base camp. Roach and Bosco had a day off from walking point for a Screaming Eagle platoon. (Photo by Spec. 4 Ben Croxton)



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)

10,000 Strong

Division Lands at Bien Hoa

BIEN HOA—The 2nd and 3rd Brigades of the 101st Airborne Division arrived here recently, joining the 1st Brigade which has been fighting in Vietnam since July, 1965. The arrival of the two brigades of Screaming Eagles came as part of the most recent troop buildup in Vietnam.

Maj. Gen. O.M. Barsanti commands the division. He was greeted by General William C. Westmoreland. The Screaming Eagles were transported to Vietnam by Air Force C-141 aircraft—one of the largest airlifts in history. More than 10,000 troops and 14,000 tons of basic combat equipment accompanied the troops.

Surface transportation scheduled by the Military Sea Trans-

portation Service brought in some 20,000 tons of supplies and equipment aboard five ships.

The 101st Airborne Division was activated at Camp Claiborne, La., on Aug. 16, 1942. During World War II, the division participated in the Normandy invasion. Nearly 7,000 officers and men parachuted into occupied France to clear the way for the 4th Infantry Division's successful Utah Beach invasion.

Later the Screaming Eagles parachuted into Holland in the war's largest airborne operation. Their mission was to secure and hold the southern third of a corridor from Eindhoven to Arn-

heim.

Then the troopers held the town of Bastogne, stopping the German thrust toward Brussels. Surrounded by troops from eight German divisions, the Screaming Eagles held out. After a week of heavy fighting, supplies were low. Then drops from C-47 aircraft were made and the paratroopers counter-attacked, driving the enemy off. Later the division helped drive the enemy back into Germany.

After World War II, the division was deactivated. Later it was used as a training unit and in 1956 it was re-activated as a self-sustaining fighting airborne unit.

Troop Maintains Teletype System

PHAN RANG — Two paratroopers stood poised over the teletype machine. Their efforts to repair it had been in vain.

VC Killed By LRRP

PHAN RANG—A 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne paratrooper of the Long Range Reconnaissance Platoon (LRRP) sniffed out and killed a Viet Cong southeast of here recently during Operation Rose.

A LRRP team had found blood trails while searching an area. The trail led paratroopers into a group of huts surrounded by rock shelves and indented with tunnels and caves. Clothes covered with dried blood lay scattered around the area.

Sgt. William D. Scanlan, Daytona Beach, Fla., and three other troopers provided security while two team members searched the area. As they moved into position, Scanlan detected the familiar odor of fish and sauce that filled the air.

"I turned to one of the guys and told him to be alert," he said. "The smell meant that someone was in the area."

Scanlan turned again to trail-watching and saw a Viet Cong fleeing.

"I could see the medical supplies he was trying to save," Scanlan said. "He didn't realize I saw him and ran."

Scanlan squeezed off two rounds. The enemy fell dead.

Elements of the 3rd Bn. (Abn), 506th Inf., later searched the entire area. Discovered was a hospital complex designed for 15 patients.

"Go get Rod," one trooper said. "He's the only one who can fix it."

"Rod" is Spec. 4 Donald V. Roderick, Boston, the only teletype expert assigned to the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

Roderick was trained at the Ft. Gordon, Ga., Signal School where he was graduated in the top 10 per cent of his class. He has been in the Army for nearly four years, serving one year in the Panama Canal Zone and now entering the ninth month of his Vietnam tour.

The paratrooper's primary responsibility is maintenance of teletype sets which serve the brigade's sensitive communications system. His unique job renders him on call 24 hours a day.

"The company has to know where I am at all times," said Roderick who is assigned to the Signal Co. (Provisional).

The delicate nature of the machines and the weather in Vietnam often cause the teletype systems to misprint.

"Sometimes I make five or six repairs a day," Roderick explained. "Often only minor adjustments are needed, but some problems can take hours to correct. In one instance I worked 16 consecutive hours to repair a machine."

Roderick often has been called while taking a shower and many times has been awakened for an emergency repair.

"I never know when one of those machines is going to malfunction and create a problem," he said.

Long hours accepted, Roderick enjoys his work—a combination of electronics and mechanics.

He also lauds the teletype operators who pull normal maintenance on their machines.

"My job is easier that way," he says.

Bus Coup Jolts Two

PHAN RANG (3/506-IO) — A small task force of paratroopers from the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne and Vietnamese National Police knocked out a Viet Cong tax collection point on Highway 1 south of here recently.

Included in the task force were members of A Troop, 2nd Sqdn. (Abn), 17th Cav., the 101st Military Police Plat., the 181st Military Intelligence Detachment and the Currahee Shock Force, reconnaissance element of the 3rd Bn. (Abn), 506th Inf.

The paratroopers borrowed a bus from local residents and proceeded down the highway toward the village of Ap Vinh Hao.

About 2,000 yards short of the suspected collection point, two Viet Cong stepped onto the road. The paratroopers leaped off the bus with weapons blazing. One VC was killed and his weapon captured. The other fled into the dense underbrush beside the road.



Swamp Eagle

Pfc. John S. Beamon, Virginia Beach, Va., searches a swamp southwest of Phan Rang during Operation Klamath Falls. Beamon is a member of B Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Al Wilson)

DADDY LOVE, A Poem Inspired By Ben Lam, Written By Peter Griffin

Permit me, to tell the story,
The life of a humble man....
A soldier who sought no glory,
A paratrooper, named Ben Cai Lam....

From the communists of China,
His family and he, did flee....
To Saigon, "The Paris of the Orient",
In French Indochina, they'd be free....

They could worship, their God of choice,
In this land, they'd have some voice....
Here, they could own some property,
Here, they'd raise their family....

But the French, did rule this land,
They were fighting, Viet Minh, guerilla bands....
Oppressed people, joined the fight,
Swelled to an army, of awesome might....

Ho Chi Minh, their leader and general,
Facing him, the French did tremble....
In many battles, the French lost face,
Dien Bien Phu, their final disgrace....

A great house, Father Lam, had bought,
Their home and happiness, was not lost....
Three stories, a tiled roof, a heavy teak door,
They kept it all, despite that war....

One day, the communists came,
To take the freedoms, they had gained....
Like locusts, they swarmed the land,
Here, the family of Lam, would take a stand....

Nguyen Lena, the love of Ben's life,
Beautiful Lena, someday, to be his wife....
With tears of sadness, they had to part,
America's longest war, was about to start....

Ben joined the Army of South Viet Nam,
To the U.S. 101st Airborne, he'd lend a hand....
As interpreter, he taught us much,
With his guidance, nothing, left to luck....

Ben's first year, with the one o' one,
He gained the friendship, of everyone....
A gallant warrior and gentleman,
He won the respect of Lt. Col. Emerson....

"Gunfighter" Emerson, our commanding officer,
Would give our enemy, absolutely, no quarter....
To the soldiers of his "Strike Force",
His affection is still in order....

Ben fought the first year, by our side,
For us, and his country, willing to die....
After Dak To, many returned to the states,
Ben stayed with the 101, sharing their fate....

Ben, a "Screaming Eagle", for six years,
In all battles, he showed no fear....
The Ashau Valley, Hamburger Hill, Cambodia, Tet of 68,
A combat soldier, absolutely, first rate....

When the 101st, left for home,
Battling cross Nam, Ben still roamed....
After Vietnamization, Ben still fought,
He would not accept, the war was lost....

An officer in the ARVN, he became,
The rank of Captain, he did obtain....
Commanding a company, he fought gallantly,
His only desire, complete victory...!

The Viet Cong swarmed South Viet Nam,
The Government of Saigon, fled in alarm....
Utter chaos, filled every street,
Province after province, fell in defeat....

Viet Cong flags, flew everywhere,
Ben left alone, in utter despair....
Disappear he must, into thin air,
A panicked population, quivered in fear....

No place to go, caught in their web,
Facing his captors, the spiders he dread....
Being a leader, to prison he went,
Chained, his back, twisted and bent....

Hungry, thirsty, mistreated every day,
Hard labor, his strength, melted away....
Five years, he spent in captivity,
Then his parents, bribed his way free....

Into the underground, he disappeared,
Recapture was, his constant fear....
Escape to America, became his dream,
Silent anguish, his muffled scream....

To escape, he became a sailor,
Seventeen attempts, ended in failure....
Weather, betrayal, communist scams,
All conspired to foil his plans....

Finally, he captained a boat,
One hundred refugees, would it stay afloat...?
Evading enemies, then the pirates,
To Malaysia, cautious and quiet....

They spotted land, let out a cheer,
Ben had steered them, free and clear....
Detained in a refugee camp,
Close quarters, dank and cramped....

To the U.S., Ben wrote all he knew,
"Gunfighter", alone, stood fast and true....
Sponsoring Ben, away he flew,
To the land, of red, white and blue...!

"Gunfighter's" support, gave him a home,
 Off to college, he secured a loan....
 Ben studied hard, earned his degreee,
 The General landed him a good job, Ben moved to D.C.

Ben worked hard, saved his money,
 Longed for his wife, Lena, his honey....
 Finally, she boarded, that freedom plane,
 The love of his life, he had regained...!

Now Ben and Lena, have a daughter of four,
 Taylor Jacqueline Lam, they so adore....
 Memorial Day, Ben brought me to his door,
 My wife and I, excited to our very core...!

We watched in awe, his love, that flows,
 Ben possesses, an inner glow....
 God and "Gunfighter", stayed by his side,
 What an honor, to see him thrive....

Ben lets me call his daughter, "Jackie",
 In honor of my brother, killed in action....
 Now I have that inner glow, what a reaction,
 I've restored a friendship, everlasting...!

I've watched him shop, "The Land of Plenty",
 He still has to watch, all his pennies....
 Every purchase, you see his joy,
 How little "Jackie", loves her toys....

If his little one is in distress,
 Ben is at his very best....
 "Don't cry, DADDY LOVE, DADDY LOVE",
 She is his blessing, from Heaven above...!

I've had the honor, held her in my arms,
 I have fell, under her charms....
 What a lovely, little creature,
 She has her parents, lovely features....

To see them free, enjoying life,
 Not dwelling on, their trouble or strife....
 Makes me feel, so happy inside,
 Some efforts in Viet Nam, have survived...!

To all, he owes, only one man,
 Through he, they live in, "The Promised Land"....
 Lt. Gen. Henry E. Emerson is the one,
 Through him, their life, has just begun....

Now they enjoy, their beautiful home,
 No longer, do they, have to roam....
 They have their freedoms, share their love,
 Finally obtaining, that allusive, peaceful dove....

The sweetest words, to greet my ears,
 They'll stay with me, throughout my years....
 "DADDY LOVE, DADDY LOVE", oh so right,
 Ben finally home, tis the end of his fight...!!!!

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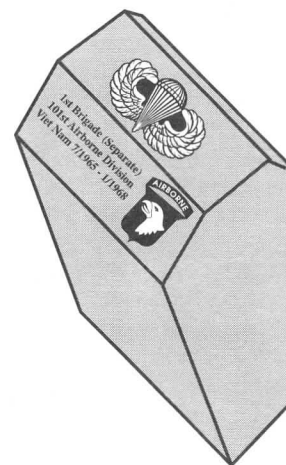
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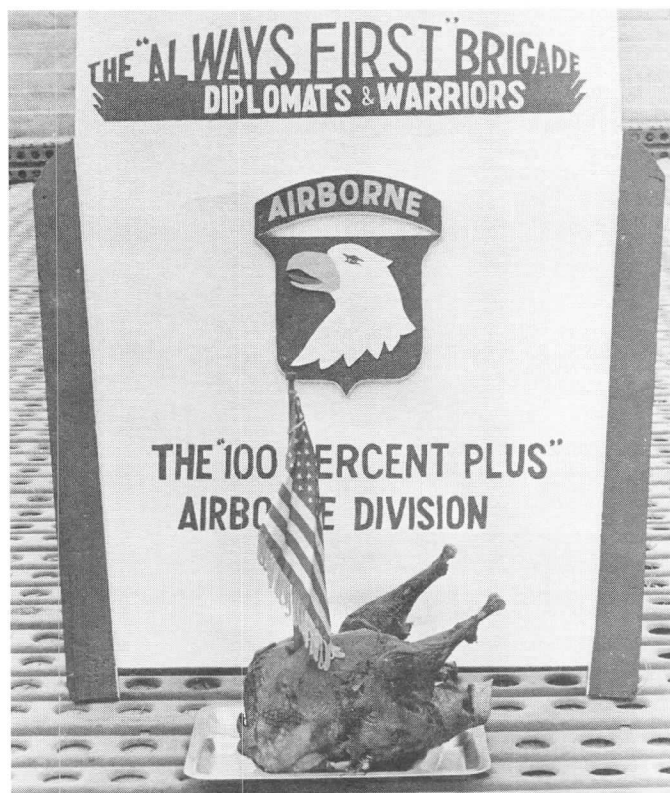
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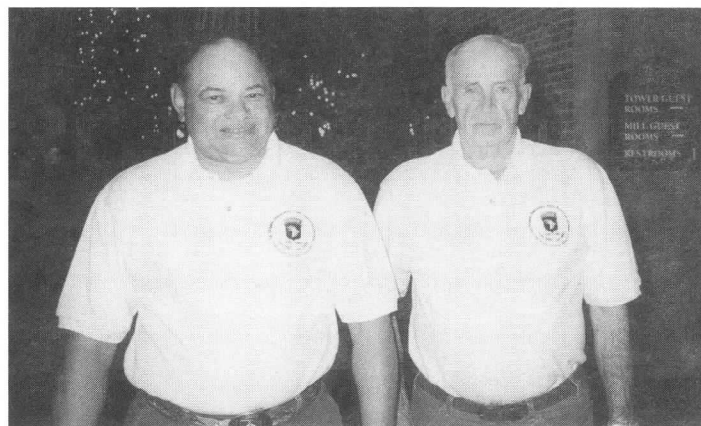
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(L to R) Morris D. Melton Jr., (C 2/327 7/65 - 8/66) from Henryville, Indiana and David J. Land, of Hines, Alaska (Company C 2/327 65 - 66) had an opportunity to visit years after spending a year, in combat, together.



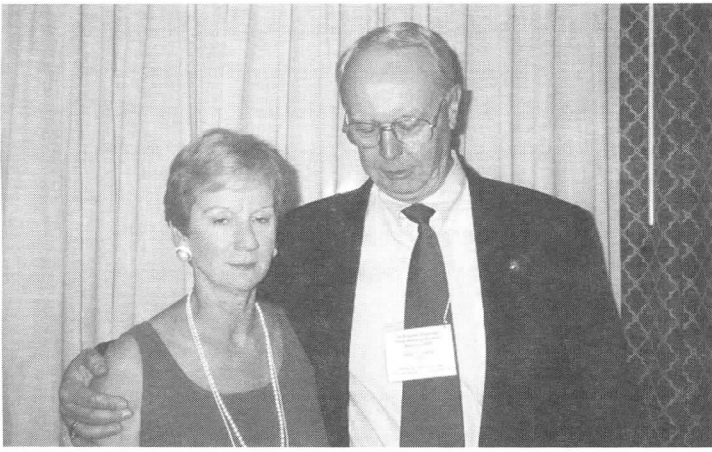
(L to R) Henry T. Locklear (Company C 2/327 3/64 - 7/66) from Lumberton, North Carolina and CSM (R) Thomas W. Pulliam (Company B 2/327 66) from Sanford, North Carolina in the lobby of the Columbus Hilton.



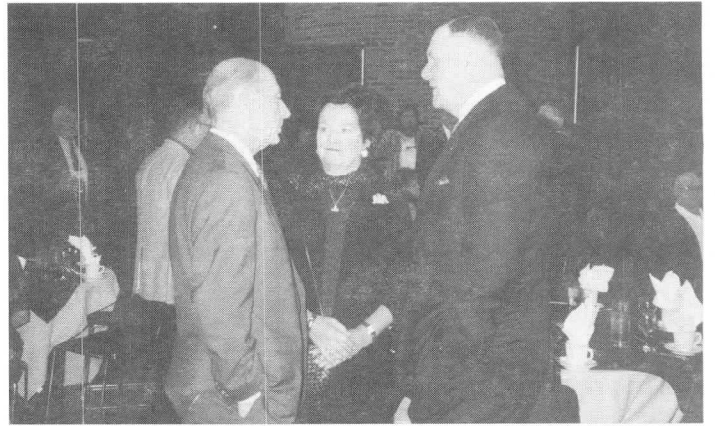
(L to R) MG (R) S. H. Matheson (Brigade Commanding General 1/67 - 1/68) from Carmel, California and Stanley R. "Swede" Larsen (Commanding General IFFV) from Birmingham, Alabama enjoy the social hour before the Saturday evening Dinner.



(L to R) CPT (R) Charles J. "Jim" Apodaca (Company B 2/502 5/66 - 4/67) from Woodland, California and LTC (R) Louis M. "Lou" McDonald from Rocklin, California helped the editor close one of the hospitality rooms on Saturday night.



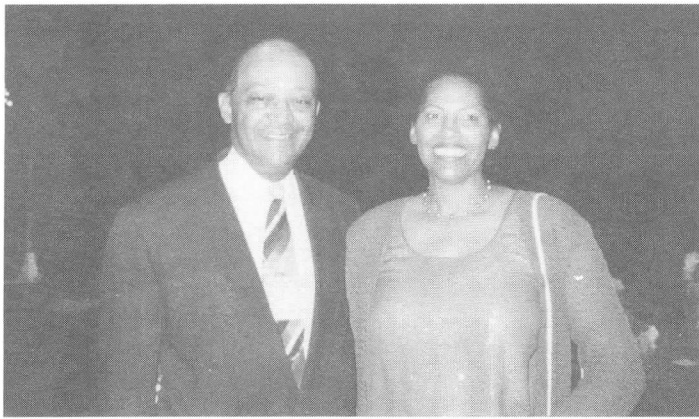
Margaret and Bob Crosby (Company C 2/327 3/67 - 2/68) from Indianapolis, Indiana at the reunion dinner.



(L to R) Reunion Co-Chairman MG (R) Jerry A. White (Company A 1/327 7/66 - 7/67) from Columbus, Georgia; Mrs. John (Terry) Keane and GEN John "Jack" Keane, Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army, Washington, D. C.



MG (R) Jerry A. White (Company A 1/327 7/66 - 7/67) from Columbus, Georgia, has a long standing relationship with LTG (R) Stanley R. "Swede" Larsen (CG IFFV) from Birmingham, Alabama, dating back to Viet Nam when Jerry was a Company Commander and General Larsen was I Field Force Vietnam Commanding General and came to the Company Headquarters, in the field to award Jerry a Silver Star. (L to R) are Battalion Commander COL (R) Joseph E. "Jerry" Collins (CO 1/327) from Lewiston, Idaho, Brigade Commanding General, MG (R) S. H. Matheson (Bde CG 1/67 - 1/68) from, Carmel, California, General Larsen, CPT White and LT Tom Gauger (Company A 1/327 5/66 5/67). Tom Gauger wrote on the folder, in which he mailed the photograph to Jerry White "To the Best Commander, and one who respects his junior officers and allows them to grow."



BG (R) Julius F. Johnson (Company A 1/327 6/67 - 6/68) from Washington, D. C., and his wife Dianne at the rooftop dinner and social hour (s).



The 1st Brigade veterans had lunch at the OCS Dining Facility. (L to R) Robert Patrick Noonan (Company A 2/327 10/65 - 10/66) from Simi Valley, California and CSM (R) George M. Sekerak (Company B 1/327 6/67 - 7/68) from Fayetteville, North Carolina, seem to be enjoying the food.



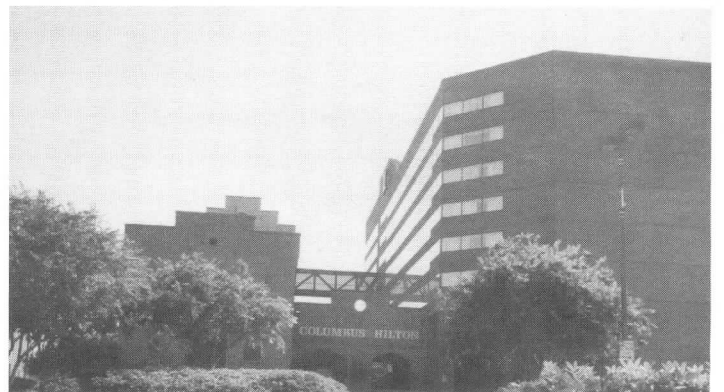
(L to R) George W. Day (RECONDO 2/327 7/58 - 7/66) from Wilmington, Ohio; John R. Stiles (Recon 2/327) from Dubuque, Iowa; Matthew English (Recon 2/327 1/64 - 6/66) from Brooklyn, New York and S. D. "Sam" Ipock (Recon 2/327 63 - 66) from Zebulon, North Carolina found time to catch up on some combat stories.



After a barbecue dinner (L to R) Elise and Roger M. John (Company C 1/327 7/67 - 12/68) from Gold River, California and COL (R) Manfred Kelman (XO 1/327 67 - 68) from Gardiner, Maine pose for a photo.



Major General John M. LeMoine, Commandant of THE INFANTRY SCHOOL gave a briefing and answered questions about today's INFANTRY.



The Columbus Hilton Hotel, Reunion Headquarters.

KILLED IN ACTION AND NON-BATTLE DEATHS BY DATE

DOD	Grade	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Generation	Home State	DOB	Casualty Category	SSN	Status	Cause of Death	Compliment Cause	Province	Component	DMOS
6/9/67	SP4	Martin	James	C	Jr	GA	/ /45	BD	55863458	KOR	Unk	Grenade	Khanh Hoa	USAR	11B2P
6/10/67	PVT	Parks	William	A		LA	/ /42	NBD	55707386	KOR			Phu Bon	RA	71B2P
6/10/67	SP4	Wilhelmi	Henry	J	Jr	ND	/ /47	BD	13994440	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B2P
6/11/67	PFC	Connors	Fergus	F	Jr	CZ	/ /46	BD	11797653	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B1P
6/11/67	PFC	Frambes	John	M		MT	/ /47	BD	12768349	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B1P
6/11/67	PFC	Milovich	Robin	P		AR	/ /48	BD	18907780	KOR	Unk	Other Wpns	Khanh Hoa	RA	11C1P
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OBITUARY



From The Ted Geesey Collection

Editor's Note: I have had many inquiries about SGM Leo Smith. He was a great soldier and friend. This obituary is taken from the March-April 1998 "The Screaming Eagle" magazine.

Leo B. Smith (HQ 1/327 VN) of Harrison, Tennessee, passed away on August 7, 1997, at the age of 67. He played a lead role in founding and developing the Medal of Honor Museum of Military History. Sgt. Maj. Smith had been executive director of the museum from 1987 to 1996.

"His vision and work brought it (the museum) from a few artifacts toward the path of international recognition," said Pete Chaney, executive director of Veterans for Good Government.

Sgt. Maj. Smith entered the U.S. Navy at age 14. At age 16, the Navy discharged him. He later enlisted in the Army, where he served 25 years, including Korea and three tours of duty in Vietnam. His stint included serving as an airborne trooper.

He also served in the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

In 1986, he and John H. Hill put together a plan to establish the museum. He had lifetime memberships in the 11th, 82nd and 101st Airborne Division Associations, and the 187th Regimental Combat Team.

Sgt. Maj. Smith was a life member of the VFW Post 4848 and the Alvin C. York Chapter.

He was preceded in death by his wife Billie June Smith and a son, James Smith.

Survivors include three sons, Charles Smith, Robert Smith and Arthur Smith; two daughters, Kathy Spaniel and Laura Terry; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Editor's Note: This material was given to the editor at the 7th Bi-Annual Reunion. The editor failed to note who gave it to him.

WHY PARATROOPERS?

TAKEN FROM A PAPER WRITTEN ON BOARD THE USS ELTINGE SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC WHILE THE 1ST BDE OF THE 101ST ABN DIV WAS ON THE WAY TO VIETNAM IN JULY, 1965.

BUT, WHY PARATROOPERS? Paratroopers are a special breed! Many people wonder why we are wilder than other soldiers, a wildness that has been demonstrated many times, often with violence. Men join the paratroops because they can not resist the awful thrill of risking their lives in a parachute jump. Each one of us has supreme faith in our ability to take care of ourselves, whatever the odds. For this reason, we are a quarrelsome lot as we can never believe that anyone can possibly defeat us. This may be the key as to "Why Paratroopers?". Just as in WWII, when paratroopers took such a beating but never said die. Then defeated the best infantry in the world, The German Army.

Eleanor Roosevelt once stated of paratroopers--"Those nuts are over-paid, underworked, oversexed, drunken shoeshine boys." But other people, who had a closer look at paratroopers, had things like this to say, "American parachutists--devils in baggy pants--are less than 100 meters from my outpost line. I can't sleep at night; they pop up from nowhere and we never know when or how they strike next. Seems like the blackhearted devils are everywhere..." This was found in the diary of a German officer who opposed the 504th ABN INF on the Anzio Beachhead in WWII.

The Viet Cong Army that we are going to face is the best irregular army. Witnessed by their successful fighting since late 1946 and the defeat of the French Army in 1954. But now they are going to face us--the best regular army in the world--and we have never known defeat. The eyes of the world are upon us as we once again prepare to show the world the unconquerable spirit of the American Paratrooper!!

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RICHARD SCHONBERGER, richard@idsonline.com Subject: Viet Nam Trip

Hi Ivan, hope this finds you well, was surprised you weren't at the Campbell reunion. If you have space, could you run this in the next issue of magazine.

Viet Nam Tour, 2001

Based on continuing interest, a tour of Viet Nam is being planned for mid-May 2001. The two-week tour will trace the history of the Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam including the 1st Brigade and the Division areas of operations. The tour will include a visit to the Ashau Valley and conclude in Hanoi. This will be the fourth trip back for the Screaming Eagles. Information on the tour can be obtained by contacting Dick Schonberger, (703) 425-9412, or by email at: richard@spectrum.com.

Thanks for your help. Hope to see you at Ft Benning in the Fall.
Regards, Dick Schonberger

Editor's Note: Dick, Sorry to miss you at the 101st Reunion. The reunion conflicted with a trip our children planned for Alice and me, and them, to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary.

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7TH BI-ANNUAL

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This mimeographed issue of the brigade newspaper was sent by Robert C. Hudson (2/327 C & HHC 8/64 - 7/66), from Gainesville, Florida. The form and sequence has been altered, but the content, as pertains to the brigade, is as complete, as is possible.

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