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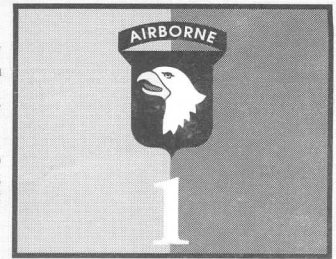
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Another goal of the editor is to lead an initiative to place a monument, to honor members of the brigade, at the Wings of LIBERTY Military Museum at Fort Campbell, Kentucky (the museum will be in Tennessee).



*1st Brigade Information Officer, Ivan Worrell, in a helicopter somewhere over Viet Nam.*

## EDITOR'S NOTES

The 7th Bi-Annual Reunion is still prominent in this magazine. LTG (R) Stanley R. "Swede" Larsen, who died shortly after the reunion, leads on page one, is in the obituaries and on the back cover. He was a true friend of the 1st Brigade (S).

I have been surprised that so very few, who attended the reunion, have sent photos or stories about reunion activities. All photos used have been those taken by the editor. After dinner speeches by General Jack Keane and General Matheson will be in the April edition along with any reunion material I receive from those who attended the reunion.

The cover is the art of PFC

Raymond Gregory Brown who served in the 1st Brigade (S) and is responsible for most of the artwork in THE VIETNAM ODYSSEY.

The magazine now has 566 subscribers, 30 less than for the October issue. If you know of 1st Brigade (S) veterans who are not subscribing to the magazine please send their name and address so they may receive information about the publication



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# 1/101 Reunion 2000

## AFTER DINNER SPEECH

After dinner Jerry Scott made these remarks:

Those of you who were at Fort Benning yesterday saw two grand performances. One by Matt and one by Rosie. The Airborne Department Battalion Commander came up to me and said, "My guest speaker did not show up, do you have somebody who will cover it?" I said "No problem." Didn't he (General Matheson) do a great job? (Applause) For the Memorial Service, I had Command Sergeant Major Robert Young laid on to do the remarks. Unfortunately, he had a heart episode. And by the way he is under doctor's care. He is across the street. He did not have the strength to come over. I spent some time with him last night and I believe he is going to be fine.

General Matheson introduced LTG Stanley W. "Swede" Larsen: Rosie said all those things, I don't know what I can say to add to it. I am supposed to be introducing our guest speaker. I called him and said Swede will you come and be our guest at the reunion? General Larsen was our leader and our mentor and the worst thing that ever happened to him was when he lost us to the Marines. During World War II, he was the youngest Regimental Commander in the Army. Later on he was at Fort Bragg, he finally got airborne. During the Korean War, Frank Dietrich was one of his Lieutenants. I knew him, after I came back from Korea, in the 18th Abnormal Corps. After I left 10th Special Forces, I was assigned to Des Ops, same man. If any of you blame me for anything, it's his fault. I was the ADC at Fort Campbell when I got this letter -- Do you want the 1st Brigade? Don't volunteer but let me know. I was on my way in two weeks. Here is General Larsen, I am sure he will say something interesting for all of you. (Long applause)



LTG (R) Stanley R. "Swede" Larsen (Commanding General IFFV) from Birmingham, Alabama spoke to the 1st Brigade (Separate) veterans about his satisfaction with the ability of the brigade to perform well when he gave them a mission.

I always start with a story to make everyone laugh. I am going to start with a story that has nothing to do with any war. It is the story of a person who has a name that is interesting. I was over in Korea on a one year hardship tour. I was the operations officer for the Eighth Army for that year. I met the new Dental Surgeon and I introduced myself as Swede Larsen. He said my name is Doctor Sexhour. I said I would bet you have had a lot of funny things said to you about that name. He said, I sure have. The funniest one was when I was suppose to report to the Dental Surgeon's Office in the Pentagon. A friend of mine was passing through Washington and believed I was already there. He telephoned the Dental Surgeon's office and said do you have Sexhour there? The man who answered said, sex hour, we don't even have a coffee break.

You have reunions like this because any war you have been in you always have fun talking about it. During the war nothing is funny. Forty years, fifty years later a reunion always ends up with a good sense of humor and people having a good time. And that is what we are having now.

I was the first field commander sent to Viet Nam when the Viet Nam War started, that was in 1965, the first of August. There was nothing going on except the Marines were already there. I never met a Marine that I didn't like. They were all I had until the 1st Cavalry Division and other units came over there. This young marine had a battalion and I gave him a job. I told him to clean up this area where you have a lot of people who were pro North Viet Nam. This Marine took his battalion over and cleaned the hell out of it. I gave him a medal and sent him back to the Marines. He wrote a book after he retired, I am sure he was a senior Marine, and he mentioned my name. That's the first Marine that's ever written my name.

This outfit was one of the finest outfits that ever had a commanding responsibility in Viet Nam, the 1st Brigade of the 101st. First of all the 1st Cavalry came over there and they were supposed to be a great outfit. They were a good outfit. A classmate of mine from West Point was the commander of the division. He asked that, while they were getting settled, they had 456 helicopters, you can imagine what a big outfit it was, he asked for a unit to protect them while they were getting settled in. This settled them, and I used to go visit them once or twice a week, and I would say that 101st Brigade baby sitting for you and I could see him cringe. That is exactly what they did. They protected the 1st Cavalry for about two months until they were quite settled.

This outfit was an outfit that was separate. The first commander was a tremendous, quiet leader who carried out anything that had to be accomplished. Your current commander, Matheson, took over and he continues to be an outstanding leader. All I had to do was ask him, tell him what was happening and tell him what he needed to do. That was all I had to say. That outfit was an outstanding unit in Viet Nam and everybody knew it. (Applause)

It was so good that General Westmoreland pulled them out and sent them on an LST, that's one of those floating dry docks I guess, and sent them up to the Marine Corps and they helped



## INTERVIEW WITH A HERO'S MOTHER

By Ivan Worrell

This interview with Mrs. LaVerne Malinen, mother of Specialist Fourth Class Dale E. Wayrynen, at the Columbus Hilton Hotel during the 7th Bi-Annual reunion of the 1st Brigade (Separate) 101st Airborne Division. Spc 4 Wayrynen served in Company B 2/502 and earned the Medal of Honor, posthumously, for actions near Duc Pho on May 18, 1967 [see Volume 1, Number 2, THE DIPLOMAT AND WARRIOR, October 1998].

Mrs. Malinen lives in McGregor, Minnesota with her husband Edward and Dale's younger brother John, who attended the reunion.

Dale Wayrynen was one of three soldiers, in the 1st Brigade (S), 101st Airborne Division during the 26 months of its existence, to be awarded the Medal of Honor.



**Worrell:** I think it is wonderful that you are attending this reunion. I am sure you are going to have a lot of bitter-sweet moments when you talk to people who knew your son and who were part of his unit. Can you tell me what your motivation is for coming to a reunion, like this, to have those terrible memories recalled?

**Mrs. Malinen:** (Donald) Singleton is supposed to come. He is the only one I have met, of the bunch that was with Dale, that night. He had told John, John talked to him on the phone, that there should be some of the other fellows here. I want to meet some more of the men who were with him that night.

**Worrell:** Looking at the photo of the Medal of Honor Ceremony, with President Nixon, at the White House, what were your thoughts, then, of the sacrifice your son had made when the posthumous award of the *Medal of Honor* was made.

**Mrs. Malinen:** When we were there it was very hard for me. It was sad and yet nice too. You see, we had not gotten a copy of the citation until that evening when we got to Washington, D. C., the night before the medal was given to us the next morning. We knew that he had thrown himself on this hand grenade to save some fellows and that was all. We got these details the night before. When you were up there with



the Marines stay alive. I hated to lose their capabilities. What you see here, you visitors, the ones you see here, the ones who wear the 101st patch were the ones who served in individual units, the strongest, most capable fighting units in Viet Nam, and that is why we are here tonight. (Applause)

They are no different than a lot of other units, though. The lies get bigger every year. I have enjoyed talking to dozens of you, here. The humor you have is always tied in with something serious that you experienced in Viet Nam. Each one had his own story that is probably true and every time he told the story there was something humorous there. And that is why old veterans forty years after they have had a fight, they ended up laughing about something. When it happened there was not a thing funny about it. Forty years later it all seems to contain some humor. So I want to tell you that you are here tonight to help celebrate a reunion of one of the finest organizations the size of a separate brigade that we have ever had in the history of the United States Army. And I love every one of those guys and I hope you do to, those who are visiting with them. Thank God for them and God Bless every one of you here. (Applause).

*Editor's note: General Larsen died on November 1, 2000 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. See Obituaries on page 18.*

General Matheson continued: At the end of the Fort Campbell reunion, we did not have any one from Columbus attending, and we wondered where we would have the next reunion. I did not have any volunteers so I said I will take a turn and we will have it at Fort Benning. I called Jerry up and said, Jerry you are going to have to pay your dues, and he has been paying them.

### AFTER DINNER SPEECHES

Continued in the next (April 2001) issue  
Remarks by General Jack Keane





President Nixon while one of the aides read the citation and if that wasn't hard? But we got through it. When I was in Washington it was almost like you were on some kind of shock tour and everything went fast. They took us to many places. It is awesome, every time you think about it. He got the highest honor that the country can give you. My boy!

**Worrell:** I am sure the media in your town covered this very well. What was the reaction of his high school friends? The people who Dale grew up with.

**Mrs. Malinen:** We did not talk about it that much, but now, after these last couple of years - they have been doing all kinds of things up there. Naturally it was in the paper when we went to Washington, D.C., and when he died. The last two years they have really been doing things. They named a high school gym where he played basketball the Dale Wayrynen Veterans Memorial Gymnasium and they named the highway that runs through Aitkin County the Dale Wayrynen Veterans Memorial Highway. There was a dedication ceremony for that highway naming. The new American Legion post is named after Dale. They just started one in the last couple of years.

**Worrell:** At the time the medal was presented to you, at the White House, was there any anti war feelings in your home town?

**Mrs. Malinen:** Not too much. You know we are from a very small community. So there really was not much. Naturally there were people who were against the war but they did not say much to me about it.

**Worrell:** Your son, Dale, brought great honor to the 1st Brigade because he was an exceptional and brave soldier.

**Mrs. Malinen:** You know, when he was growing up, I did not know what a good son I had. I did not realize, now that I look back, all through high school he was always gung ho for everything he was doing. He wanted to be in the Green Berets. He started talking during the senior year in high school that he was going to Viet Nam. I did not know where it was at that time. I was busy with five younger kids. So he was determined to go and he was going to be a Green Beret. Well after he enlisted they said you have to be 21. They did not tell him that before. He was 18 so he did not get in the Green Berets. So he decided the next best thing was airborne. So he went airborne.

**Editor's Note:** *THE DALE E. WAYRYNEN RECREATION CENTER WAS DEDICATED, AT FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY ON OCTOBER 30, 1974 AND THE DALE WAYRYNEN MEMORIAL WAS DEDICATED, ON JULY 4, 1976, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE LARSON-DENEEN VFW POST 2747 AND AUXILIARY IN MCGREGOR, MINNESOTA. DALE'S FATHER WAS EUGENE E. WAYRYNEN, A STAFF SERGEANT AND WAIST GUNNER ON A FLYING FORTRESS WHO ENDED WORLD WAR II AS A GERMAN POW.*



## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Chaplain Richard Heim opened with prayer:

"Our Heavenly Father we thank you for bringing us together on this post. It means so much to all of us. As we gather we are sure that our fallen comrades are with us in spirit so that all that we may say or do is in their memory and to

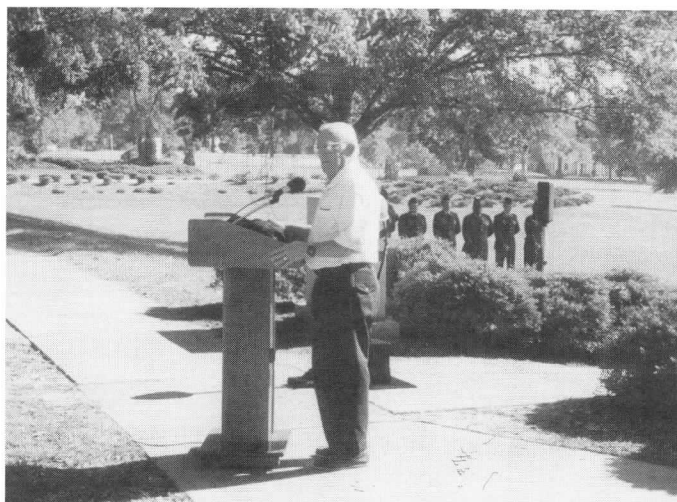


your honor and glory. And we give honor to You as we honor and glorify our absent comrades. In your name O Lord God we pray. Amen."

*Chaplain (LTC) (R) Richard L. Heim (HQ 2/327 5/66 - 5/67), from Colorado Springs, Colorado opens the Memorial Service with prayer.*

LTG (R) Donald Rosenblum gave the memorial message.

"Jerry Scott asked me to replace Command Sergeant Bob Young who fell ill last night. I don't think I can replace him, but I will try. I was thinking, after Jerry asked me to talk ... Why do we all come back? What brings us back? What it is guys, I believe, is because we are a part of a very small, elite fraternity. We have fought together. We have seen things that the majority of the population of this great nation has never seen. We have been in infantry ground combat. And we are



*LTG (R) Donald E. Rosenblum (CO 2/327 and Bde HQ 6/66 - 6/67 was the speaker for the Memorial Service. He replaced CSM (R) Robert A. Young (Bde CSM 6/66 - 6/67) from Santa Rosa, California, who was temporarily indisposed.*

proud of what we have accomplished. We have pride in ourselves, pride in our unit and pride in our profession. And each one of us, whether we served three years or 33 years in our

great army, were professional soldiers. We understood what needed to be done and we did those things that we were asked to do. The great young privates and PFCs who I can still see humping that rucksack with six to eight canteens of water, a double basic load of ammo, in the 98 degree heat and never a bitch. Those great, great hard bitten Non Commissioned Officers who led those soldiers and trained the young Lieutenant Platoon Leaders and Company Commanders and the great commanders we had in this brigade -- Timothy, Pearson, Matheson, Chet McCoid, Oscar Davis and the list goes on. As Chaplain Heim said, our fallen comrades... I do believe are looking down and they are smiling. As we tell our stories, have a lot of laughs with some tears as we remember those who did not return with us. This, probably, the 1st Brigade (Separate) of the 101st Airborne is probably the finest combat unit the United States Army Vietnam ever saw. Because of you all, individually and collectively, who I always believed may

not have fought for the flag or mom's apple pie but fought because you believed in the guy on your left and the guy on your right and with the enemy all about us did what we were called upon to do. A great organization. Of all my service in the U. S. Army, probably, the one I am most proud of saying .... I was a member of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne. God bless you all. God bless our great country, and thank you for being here and God help us all that we make the next ten or twelve of these reunions. Thank you."

A Firing Squad fired three volleys.

A bugler played Taps.

Chaplain Dick Heim pronounced the benediction.

"May the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us and bless us and may we never forget our comrades. Amen."



## AIRBORNE CLASS GRADUATION SPEECH

By MG S. H. Matheson, USA, Ret

"AIRBORNE. I will not keep you here too long because I know you do not want to hear a lot of bugling.

I am proud to stand before you and see you joining the ranks of the finest soldiers, sailors and marines and a few civilians. I understand you have one among your body, that you are joining. What you have learned here will last you throughout your military careers and thereafter. All you have to do is look to your right and look to your left. It never ceases. You can always be proud of what you have learned and what you have gone through.

I qualified at Camp Tooms, Georgia in "42." We had to learn to pack our own parachute -- very carefully. We had the same type of apparatus you have here; except we made it ourselves but the results were the same. We qualified a few officers until the sergeant flying the airplane cracked it up. The remainder went on down to Benning and went to jump school here. Some of you, I understand, will be going to the 82nd, unfortunately the 101st doesn't have many airborne troops anymore. I can remember when I came down here in 1947; the old Triple Nickel fur-

nished the Honor Guard, at Lawson Field, for the chief of staff of some South American country. General Mike O'Daniel was the School Commandant then. He had been in World War II with the 3rd Infantry Division. He had a son killed while serving in the 82nd. He was going through the ranks and looked at one of the sergeants there who had a 101st patch on his right shoulder. Iron Mike came up and looked at that patch and said 'Sergeant what is that 101 eagle looking backwards for?' The sergeant did not bat an eye and said 'Looking for the 3rd Division, general.' And that is as it has always been.

The "Always First Brigade" came from the 101st that was first into Normandy, jumped into Holland -- all three airborne divisions -- the 101st, 82nd and the British 1st Airborne Division. You really saw a sight then. On Sunday, about noon, in three columns, three Airborne Divisions in 2,500 C 47s going to Holland. A sight never to be repeated again. I do not know how many airborne operations we are going to have. Regardless of that, I wish you Godspeed and good luck."

The new paratroopers in graduating company showed their approval with a resounding AIRBORNE.



MG (R) S. H. Matheson, who commanded the 1st Brigade for one year in Viet Nam was the principal speaker at the Airborne School graduation ceremony held at the Airborne Walk at Fort Benning. Note the colors are at half staff in remembrance of those killed on the USS Cole.

# YOU CAN GO HOME!

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Sir: I'm the newspaper man you met at the Ft. Benning reunion. Here is a column I wrote following the Ft. Campbell gathering last summer. Feel free to use it. It's already appeared in my paper.

- The guy who said you can't go home was never in the Army. Well at least he was never in my outfit.
- The invitation came in a large manila envelope with a "Screaming Eagle" patch prominently displayed in the upper left-hand corner. I knew before opening it that it had something to do with the 101st Airborne Division.
- The surprise was that I hadn't really had anything to do with the old unit since leaving it at Phan Rang in the Republic of Vietnam in late June of 1966. That was when I rotated back to the states after my tour with the 2nd Battalion of the 327th Airborne Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st.
- When the envelope arrived, it was a lot like one of those sudden flashes you get when you see some one, some thing, hear a noise or catch a smell that instantly transports you to someplace you haven't been in years.
- Suddenly I was standing on the sand at Cam Ranh Bay, off-loading with the 1st Brigade and looking forward to what was to be the most intense adventure of my half century on this Earth.
- The correspondence was from the 101st Airborne Division Association, which was holding its 55th reunion and they'd found me thanks to one of the most enduring characters of my life, my former platoon sergeant, George W. Day.
- Sgt. Day was, after my late father, perhaps the greatest influence of my life. Oh it had nothing to do with his physical stature, as he stood just about 5-feet, 9-inches. And it certainly wasn't his warmth and sensitivity.
- It took me the better part of a year after I returned from Vietnam and my service in the Recon Platoon to answer to a first name other than 'Goddammit'.
- I got so used to hearing my family name attached to that word, it was almost uncomfortable getting reacquainted to the John Richard bestowed on me at birth.
- It was more a persona I remember most about Day, an Airborne Ranger, as he was always quick to remind everyone he came in contact with. He was the most out-spoken, erasable, unbearable and unbelievable individual it has ever been my great fortune and misfortune to come across in this life. In short, he was a lot like the very guy I've become since those days in the 101st.
- I am also certain that I owe my very existence in no small part to his skill as first a soldier and then as a teacher of both the military, specifically, and life in general. And considering the fact that the first time we actually found ourselves being shot at, I came within inches of killing the man, that was pretty magnanimous of him.
- Now the experts will tell you that a Browning Automatic Rifle makes a distinct thudding sound when fired. But don't you believe them, when the damn thing is being fired in your direction, it sounds a lot more like a Howitzer on full automatic.
- We found ourselves lying belly down in a half-dried rice patty on the business end of a BAR situated in a clump of trees about halfway up a good size hill. I was humpin' (carrying) the M-60 (machine gun) and I was walking a few steps behind Sgt. Day.
- When the Victor Charlie (Viet Cong) gunner opened up it was all we could do to get as close to the earth as possible. I imagine most everybody else was doing much the same thing as I, trying to figure out just how to dig a hole with our elbows and knees.
- Anyway, Day yells "Goddammit Stiles, get some fire on the side of that hill. Try and keep that (expletive deleted) head down!"
- Well, being a dutiful machine gunner I extended the barrel of the M-60 as high as I could from a prone position and started putting out rounds. I'd fired not more than a couple of bursts of six when I heard that distinct bulldog voice attached to the four sergeant's stripes in front of me cut loose with a string of expletives that would peel paint off a wall.
- It seems, according to his side of the story, I was firing about a foot over Sgt. Day's blonde head.
- That's another thing about military reunions, the stories get bigger, or in this case smaller actually, by the year. In another couple of gatherings we'll probably have ourselves believing we won that war.
- I hadn't talked to Day in more than 33 years until I came across him on the Internet in the summer of 1999.
- Anyway, it was through his efforts that the 101st Association finally ran me down and issued the invitation back to Ft. Campbell, Ky. (our old post) and the reunion last month.



After the First Brigade (S) reunion dinner in Columbus, Georgia, left to right: 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.

- Sgt. Day and his wife Shirley met me at the Nashville Airport on a Tuesday morning last month.
- Did you ever not see someone you once knew for years and then, almost like magic it seemed just like it was only



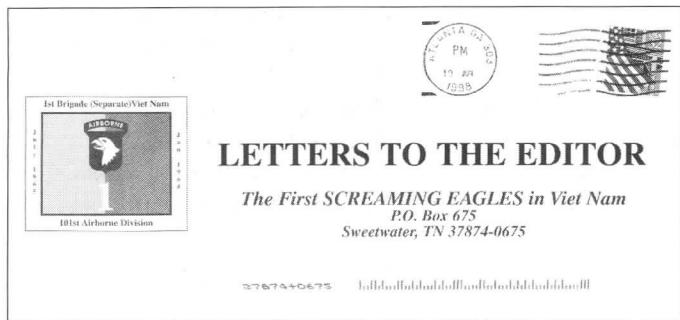
yesterday? Our meeting at the Nashville airport was a lot like that.

- In fact, the guy patted me down just to make sure I wasn't armed when I got off the plane. "Just makin' sure, buddy. You know how nervous I get when I'm around you and loaded weapons."
- We'd last seen each other in December of 1966 at his off-post residence outside of Ft. Bragg, N.C., just before he'd shipped out for reassignment to Alaska and I was starting my final months with the 82nd Airborne Division.
- But you couldn't have told that from our first few moments together on the ride from Nashville to Clarksville, Tenn., and Ft. Campbell.
- I think it was Shirley Day who noticed it first.
- "You know, nobody could ever tell you two haven't seen each other in more than 30 years," she pointed out early on in the 45-minute ride north toward the Kentucky-Tennessee border.
- Sgt. Day would tell the story of that fateful first firefight outside of Nha Trang any number of times over the next three days. And each time the muzzle of that M-60 got a little closer.
- Good thing I had to finally leave, or the S.O.B. would have wangled a Purple Heart out of that story.
- Oh yes, and one other very important observation, never mix -- free booze and 1,000 ex-paratroopers in any area smaller than the states of Kentucky and Tennessee combined.

- I don't remember a lot of the three days I spent at Ft. Campbell, other than Sgt. Day and his whopping tales, but I do remember enough to know that what they used to say about paratroopers 30 years ago is still at least half true.
- The old warning about the 101st used to be, "Hide the liquor and the women."
- Well, from what I saw the women are safe, we aren't near as quick as we used to be. But alcohol still has the same adverse affect on military bearing and discipline.
- That is why I am also sure that the military police detachment at Ft. Campbell and the local constabulary of Clarksville, Tenn., and Hopkinsville, Ky., are quite glad that this particular reunion is over.
- But I'm not so sure. The object of the exercise started out as a chance to visit with old friends and tell war stories. However, it wound up as an opportunity to get in touch with my personality's roots.
- On the ride back to the airport Sgt. Day's wife probably put it best once again.
- "You know, you two are exact copies of each other," she said to her husband and I as we headed south along I-24 toward Nashville.
- So, like I said, the guy who claims you can never go home wasn't in my outfit. Now it's just a question of figuring out, once you decide you can go home, if you really should.
- And from the size of my hangover, I have my doubts.



*The Supply and Transportation Platoon, Headquarters Company 2/327 at Tuy Hoa in June 1966. Top row [L to R] PFC John (Pete) McKenzie, S-4 Clerk; SFC Bill Keller, S-4 Sergeant; SSG Bill Jaap, Bn Ammo Sergeant and SGT Charles White, Bn Truck Master. Photo from the Samuel J. Watson, III collection with identification help from Bill Keller.*



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I was originally assigned to HHC 1/327 in the four duce mortar platoon in September of 1966 in Tuy Hoa. After being hit by a sniper in early 1967 on return from a mission outside of our forward base camp, I was transferred to Brigade PIO where I worked on the original "Diplomat and Warrior." (Howdy Ivan).

I went out with Tiger Force, Hawks and the Recondos. I still have a few of the photos that I took while I was a photographer. I still have a few copies of the D&W with my photos and articles in them. The reason that I only have a few at this time is that my second ex-wife burnt many hundreds of them.

I recently found quite a few rolls of Ectachrome that have not been developed yet along with some AGFA medium format B&W. I have not been able to find anyone that will process any of these rolls for me. If anyone is in the industry, please let me know and I will submit these to the new "Screaming Eagle."

I am looking for Alva G. Tate with whom I worked with while I was in PIO. I would also like to hear from anyone else from HHC 1/327 Mortar Plt. that might be able to help me fill in a few blanks during my tour. I am on disability for PTSD (severe and chronic at 30%) and I am still trying to work out many issues that continually bother me. Needless to say, I don't play well with others if I get off my numerous medications.

I left Nam in October of 1967 from Duc Pho after Lt. Barnett forgot that I was still out in the field a month after I was supposed to be gone (that's OK Art, I have a good laugh about it now, as that is one of the things that I have worked through and you are now safe).

*Editor's Note: Mike, great to hear from you. Thanks, very much, for your initial and continued support of the magazine. I would like to use any material you have in future issues.*

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Member of the 1st Bde 101st Airborne from June 1966 to July 1967. Point, Sniper and Squad Leader C/2-327 3rd platoon 3rd squad.

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I was with CoA/2/327 Oct 65/66

AL BATEMAN, HAMLET, NC. (NOW)  
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Happy Thanksgiving Guys!! Still looking for some of my 'ol pards from the 2/502, 66-67. Does anyone remember the road/rail clearing operation when about half of the 2/502 went down with dysentery after drinking water from the Eng water point? How 'bout Thanksgiving '66, watching Vic Morrow in Combat (the TV show), on sheets tied up to make a screen? If ya remember, we got hit in the middle of that wonderful meal. Reckon some Thanksgivings are better than others. Even after doing 23 1/2 years in Sam's Army, whenever someone asks "who were you with"...I answer, 1st Bde, 101st Airborne! Proud to have been part of you guys, Let me hear from ya. Drive On! Al

+ JIM GOULD, FLORIDA  
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Happy Thanksgiving First Brigade. Jim Gould, HHC 2/502 Recondos

TIM ALLMAN, JUDSONIA, ARKANSAS  
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Another year is almost gone, and we are getting a little older. Our children are grown and making a life of their own. Now we are supposed to set back and relax and let the world go by. Happy Thanksgiving to all you Strike-Force Recon 2/502 All the Way

ALLEN (BO) BATEMAN, FLORENCE, SC, NOW IN HAMLET, NC

I was with HHC (Mortor Plt) 2/502 '66-67. Found your site through Carl Coulthard, who was with the 1/327. I met Carl this past Veterans Day at wreath laying ceremony at a local VFW. It was great to talk to someone from the old 1st Bde! I would love to contact any of my old pards, Mike Gero, Mickey Loony, Rance Stowell (327) and all the rest of the great guys from the Always First Bde. Take two salt tablets & drive on!! AIRBORNE!

+ ROBERT H. (BOB) VAUGHN, SAN ANTONIO, TX  
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Glad to find the site. Howdy and Airborne! to all. C/2/327, Jan 65 to Oct 65, HHD 1st Bde Oct 65 to Apr 66, A/2/502 Apr 66 to Jul 66 ILT at the time. Love to hear from any of you via Email. Best of Luck

Bob Vaughn, LTC, INF, Ret

+ LOWELL M. FLEENOR, BRISTOL, VA  
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Ivan, Just wanted to say hello and thank you for a wonderful magazine -- The Always First Brigade. I served with A 2/327 from 6/66-5/67. Happy Holidays. No Slack

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+ JIM GOULD, FLORIDA  
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Happy Veterans Day to all Screaming Eagles and Veterans of the United States of America.

Jim Gould, HHC 2/502 Recondos, 66-67

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+ JAMES E. TARR, CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH 44221  
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This is my first time on your web. I found the address in The ALWAYS FIRST Brigade mag. I was with the 2/502 in Nam in 66-67. Glad to be here! Keep up the good work. Jed.

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BOB TIDWELL, FAIRFIELD, CA  
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Very nice site. I served with "C" Btry, 2/320 F/A in Nam from July 1965 - June 1966. Can't remember many of the names of the guys that I served with, but sure would like to hear from any of them that might get this message.

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MICHAEL BRIAN CAGLE, HUNTINGTON, W. VA  
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My first fire fight was on ambush one night in the central highlands as a scout dog handler assigned to Recondo's 2/502. There was a machine gunner there that I became friends with, his call-sign (nickname) was Sockoo. Any one know what happened to him? If he made it and if he did, how do I get in touch with him?

Dog Handler

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MICHAEL B. CAGLE, BORN HUNTINGTON, W. VA, LIVE BOSTON, GA  
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Went to Vietnam in July 1966 right after jump school, was assigned 501st Signal Plt. After one month I 1049 to 42nd Infantry Scout Dog Platoon, I was first scout dog handler in Vietnam that was trained on the job. My first dog's name was Champ until he came down with heart worms then I picked up

my second dog and her name was Heidi. There was a public information specialist that came to one of the units and took probably 20 rolls of film of Heidi, and I was hoping that maybe the 1st Brigade might have them, or some one might read this and remember her and send me some of them. My pictures were stolen. Please keep me advised of all the programs that the brigade takes part in. Thank you, Michael Cagle

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+ MIKE BALDINGER, WEST VA  
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Hey everyone...Enjoyed seeing you at the Columbus Reunion. Hey Big Frank Knickerbocker...can't find the book. Sorry. Sure were a lot of 327 guys at the reunion. Us 2/502 guys were in short supply. Take care everyone!

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+ RICHARD DAVIS, MADISON, WV  
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Ivan, thank you for all you did to help bring off the 1st Bde's reunion at Benning. I had the honor of meeting men for the first time in 33 years from my plt. The time we spent together at the functions is priceless. Meeting other 101st men the same. God bless and keep those who have returned as he is keeping those who didn't. The memories gained will last my lifetime. My only wish is for more former 1st Bde troops to attend. Again, thank you and the others. STRIKE FORCE B/2/502

*Editor's Note: I had very little to do with the reunion. Jerry Scott and Jerry White made it happen. Best reunion I ever attended.*

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101st AirBorne Division 1st BATT. 1st BDE. 1st/327th Infantry "C" C0.

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STEVE PATTERSON, LOS ANGELES, CA  
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Served with ABU (ASSASSINS) 1/327, 1st BDE from Jan.'68 thru Jan.'69. Met my wife Linda when she visited our unit during Christmas '68. Her brother Sgt. Joe Artavia got the City of San Mateo, California to Adopt Co. A, 1/327 for morale support before he was KIA March '68, Joe was in my platoon. San Mateo has a unique story & relationship with the 101st. In Jan.'72, ABU marched down its main street to a City who honor her adopted sons. In the City's main library is a room called THE SCREAMING EAGLES MEMORIAL ROOM, with letters, pictures & memorabilia. It was dedicated August 9, 1975.



ROBERT CAYO, PORT ORCHARD, WASHINGTON  
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HQ CO 1 BN 327 101ST AIRBORNE. 3-62 THRU 3-65.  
LOOKING FOR BUDDIES FROM THAT TIME FRAME.

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+ KEN POTTS, SEATTLE, WA  
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Served with C (Cobra) Co. 1/327th (Weapons Platoon) Dec. 1966 to Dec. 1967. I have a picture (scanned/see below) of our platoon taken in early 1967 during a stand down in Phan Rang. I will send it to any who request. Above The Rest. Ken Potts-USA Ret.

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM:  
+ KEN POTTS, SEATTLE, WA  
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Ivan, thanks for the wonderful magazine. I am attaching a photo of the C Company 1/327 Weapons Platoon taken during the stand-down in Phan Rang sometime early in 1967. If I recall, it was right after we left Kontum. I have some other things to contribute when I get them together. I am the 5th guy from the left in the 2nd row. Thanks. Ken



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LEON FLETCHER, IRVING, TEXAS  
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I was head of FDC Mortar Platoon, Hdqts. & Hdqts Co. 1/327 Infantry, RVN Dec. '66-'67. I would be interested in hearing from any of the guys who served with me there. I have been searching for some time for a good friend of mine from RVN tour. If anyone knows the whereabouts of (Doc) Chester Colson who was originally from Detroit, Michigan, please contact me on the internet at my email address. I salute all of our fallen Heroes and Brothers in Arms. One of which is Ken Green from the Tiger Force who died 33 years ago today (Sept. 29, 1967) and was awarded the Silver Star posthumously for his bravery. Rest in Peace Dear Friend.

+ ART VANDERGRIFT, HARTVILLE, MO  
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I served from May 67 to Jan 69 with the Charlie Company 2/502 1st Brigade 101st Airborne. I carried a M60 most of the time, my last 6 months I was an RTO for Captain James M. Hayes who was my platoon leader before. Good luck with your website. God Bless. Airborne All the Way!

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+ RONALD E. MATUSKA, CRESTLINE, CA  
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Just to let you know I received your e-mail on the Vietnam tour. I'll be going over with my wife in November anyway. She's Vietnamese, so we will be meeting the family, etc. I served with the 2nd, 320th Arty, B Battery from June 1966 to July 1967. RA14836677, Sp4.

Ron

P.S. I'm still looking for my buddy (Ronald Barrett) who volunteered for the Forward Observers when we got in country. I checked the Vet Memorial in Washington, DC, and found out he was not on the wall, so that means that he may still be somewhere in New Orleans area (that's where he's from). We both volunteered for the 1st Brigade while we were stationed at Rhine Kaserne with the 81st Airborne in Weisbaden, Germany. Many a time we were back to back in the Orchidee Bar, getting into a fight with the Devil's In Baggy Pants. Someone would throw a smoke grenade, and it would be on! He usually had to have his stomach pumped because he drank too much beer. We all called him "Bear" because he was a pretty big guy. Loved to eat, drink and party. Anyway, we tried to get Mueller to go over with us, but he was into weight lifting and body building, so I guess he didn't want to damage the goods. I know we were on Operations Hawthorne in Dak To, Hastings, John Paul Jones, etc. We were in Kontum, Tuy Hoa, Tuy Anh etc.

*Editor's Note: Ron, I do not have a Ronald Barrett in my database.*

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+ JIM PETERSON, SANTA ROSA, CA 95404  
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I found this site in the 101st mag. Best of luck. Jim Peterson Airborne all the way.

## E-MAIL MESSAGES

+ LOU & LISTA MCDONALD  
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Ivan: Of all things, when I went to work two days ago the man I was working with served in HHC 2d/327th in 66-67. He arrived in country just after Tom Pulliam and I were evacuated. He was in the commo platoon and sometimes served as the RTO in C Co.

I'm sending you the \$15 for his subscription in the mail today.

His name: Dan Mathies, 17452 Lake Vera Rd., Nevada City, CA 95959; HHC 2/327 Oct 66 to Oct 67; Phone: 530.470.0816

See you at the reunion,

Lou

**Editor's Note: Received Lou's \$15 for 3 issues of The First SCREAMING EAGLES in Viet Nam for Dan Mathies.**

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+ MIKE AINSWORTH  
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Dear Ivan, Tried to see you at the reunion but just couldn't find you. I did see Bud Kasavage who was in my platoon and got to meet his great family. Also, I got to see my old Company Commander Jerry White and Col. Morris. MG (Ret) White, I knew him as Capt. White, was one person I wanted to talk to. I believe he would know what went on, the Platoon I was with was ambushed leaving (including me) 34 WIA and 7 KIA. I've been searching for the answer with very little success. That is one reason I spent the money to go to Georgia from California. Ft. Benning was great and I got to shop in the military clothing store (I was retired from the Army as a direct result of my wounds) bought a lot of Airborne items there. We had great weather didn't we. Take care, Mike Ainsworth

*Editor's Note: Mike, sorry I did not have an opportunity to talk to you at the reunion.*

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JamesLGE@aol.com wrote:

I just today (Oct. 13, 2000) was notified by Arthur Smith (B 1/327 Oct./65-Dec/'66) of the death of CSM(R) Joe Dayoc on Oct. 9, 2000. The military funeral was on Oct. 12. When we went out to Nam in '65 Dayoc was 1st Sgt. of A 1/327 and later, '68-'69, 1st Sgt of D 1/327. He is well remembered by many 327 troopers and for those who would like to send condolences to his family the address is: 7708 Cedar Hollow Ct. Fern Creek, KY 40291. Joe had been in poor health for several years suffering from heart disease as well as black lung disease, which was the result of his younger, pre-Army days as a coal miner in the Scranton, PA area.

*Editor's Note: See Obituary Section.*

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+ PETER GRIFFIN  
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Hi Ivan, attaching a letter from my old company commander, Gerard Landry, I thought you might like to publish in next issue. Col. Landry has given his ok to do so. I served under his command at Ft. Campbell, RVN until he was wounded at An Ninh. I was in his company from Sept. 64- July 66.

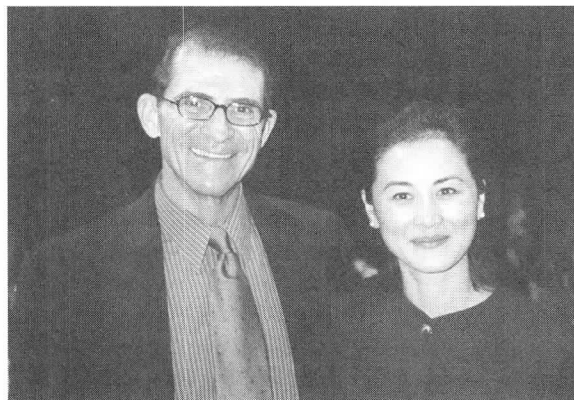
I posted it on my website at [www.angelfire.com/nc2/vietnamvet/widowmakers.html](http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/vietnamvet/widowmakers.html) I "borrowed" your picture of him and his wife from your last issue; by the way, another great job on another fantastic issue! Thanks for the ad about TMT book, and for publishing Ben's poem; much appreciated! Who took the Landry picture? I'll give credit on my site if you desire. Sorry I could not make the reunion, missed a great time, I'm sure. Respectfully, Grif.

*Editor's Note: All 1st BDE photos, used in the January 2001 issue, of the Columbus/Ft Benning reunion were taken by me.*

Below is a open letter from my former Company Commander, (then) Captain Gerard Landry, honoring his men of Company A, 2/502nd Infantry and all Widowmakers. Captain Landry served gallantly with the STRIKE FORCE from July 1964 – July 1966. He was wounded flying into the hot LZ at the battle of An Ninh. Thank you, Sir, for leading the way and for setting the courageous example for all of us to follow! It was a great honor and privilege to serve under your command. My best to you and Young-Lan always, Most Respectfully Yours, Grif.

Grif,

There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of my time in "A" Company, or that I don't recall with great pride and enduring affection the selfless and gallant men, like you, who constituted - men who, in effect, really were - that superb organization. Superb, because it was made so by you and by all the others - troopers, NCOs and officers - who served unflinchingly, and whose professionalism, relentless determination, selfless devotion, unquestioning brotherhood and boundless courage were the every-day stuff and reality of our existence.



*Gerard and Young-Lan Landry*

Whenever I visit the Wall, I always make it a point to seek out the names of those who gave the rest of us - and their country - literally all they had to give: Vaczi, Youngbear, Skapinsky, Settlemire, Wallace, and so many others.... I grieve for them still - I always will - but underlying the pain and sorrow of their loss, I always feel another emotion as well, as I walk away from the Wall, something that is with me every day, as I go through all the routines of my life. That 'something' is pride...a sense of infinite, ineffable pride that lifts and buoys me, the pride that I was privileged to know, and to serve, with such men I wish I could thank them all...but I can begin by thanking

you, personally and professionally, for standing tall, for your steadfastness, for the sacrifice of part of your youth (and perhaps part of your innocence as well...), for risking all...and for simply being there!

I have already blocked out my calendar for the dates of the 1st Brigade reunion at Ft. Benning in October; my wife (Young-Lan) has told me she'd like to come as well, so she can finally get to meet some of the men I'm always telling her about in my ever-more-embellished 'war stories.' Will you be attending as well? I'd be delighted to have the opportunity to see you again (and perhaps meet your wife?).

Warmest regards,  
Gerry Landry

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Subject: Unit APO Numbers for Support and Mail  
+ From: CSM(R) JOSEPH M. BOSSI  
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To: Smith, Jefforey A LTC  
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Sir, Request unit APO's so that former members of No-Slack and other Regimental members can send letters and packages to their war time platoons and companies that they served in or with in Viet Nam or when they were with the 1st 327th Above the Rest. Please advise as soon as possible. I, am looking forward to my visit during the Thanksgiving holidays. Keep the High Ground and God Bless.

Unit APO's: If you want to send anything to the 327th Task Force. The 320th Arty, B Battery is with the Force. A Co 326th Eng, 101st MP Det, 66 MI Bn Det. Mail to attachments should be sent to HHC 2nd Bn 327th Inf 1SG HHC Kosovo. Please send me address updates so all Task Force units are covered.

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From: SMITH, JEFFOREY A LTC  
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To: CSM(R) JOSEPH M. BOSSI  
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Mailing Address is best sent to the unit they were affiliated with:

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Commander, B Company  
TF 2-327th Infantry  
Camp Bondsteel  
APO AE 09340

Commander, C Company  
TF 2-327th Infantry  
Camp Bondsteel  
APO AE 09340

Commander, D Company  
TF 2-327th Infantry  
Camp Bondsteel  
APO AE 09340

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Subject: AAR, Kosovo Trip  
+ CSM(R) JOSEPH M. BOSSI  
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Date Line 22 Nov. 2000. Departed Fort Campbell, KY by government vehicle with the 327th Inf Regimental Commander and the 1st Bde Cmdr COL Schoenbeck, CSM Spears Bde CSM and MAJ Moores the Brigade Intell Officer. Also included in the group were LTC Worrell Cmdr 2nd Bn 320th Arty and the Bn CSM McLourin. The purpose of the trip was to visit soldiers in Kosovo from 22 through 28 November 2000.

Unlike my trips to Viet Nam the flight had holiday travelers going to Germany to visit families. The food on the aircraft was good and the bottle of wine was better. Upon our arrival in Frankfurt, two rental vehicles were used for our movement to Ramstein Air Base. Because of my many years in Germany I became one of the drivers and LTC Worrell drove the other vehicle. It should be noted that LTC Worrell as an Army dependent grew up in Germany and like me could also speak German. Our flight from Ramstein by C-130 to Skopje, Macedonia was the same as I remembered – cramped, to cold or to warm and to long.

On arrival to Camp Able Sentry we were inprocessed and issued ID Cards as members of KFOR. The 2nd Bn XO linked up with us. We recovered our gear, put on our body armor, load bearing gear and helmets. Weapons and ammo were issued and we departed by Humvee's to Vitina, Kosovo. Vehicles must travel in pairs of two. We were greeted by LTC Smith the Bn Cmdr of No-Slack and we were given the Mission and Security briefing on what the unit mission was, location of units and then we had supper with members of the Task Force. The food, other than the Meals Ready to Eat on this visit, was outstanding. Some of the best I ever had in my 33 years of active duty. The soldiers we talked to were all mission focused and were well aware of what they were doing.

The situation in Kosovo remains unsettled and potentially dangerous. Despite the deployment of Kosovo Force (KFOR) throughout the province, the road conditions can be extremely hazardous, worst than German roads. They are narrow, crowded and used by a variety of vehicles from KFOR including armored carriers. It should be noted the primary US Ground Force in the US Zone is the 1st Armored Division in this case the 37th Armor Bn (Abrams Tanks) and the 36th Armored Infantry (Bradleys), to horse drawn carts. Incidents of violence continue and land mines remain in some areas.



After visiting, along with the Command Group, all of the Bn locations, I broke away and attached myself to B Co since this was my last unit assignment in the 2nd 327th before I went to the SGM School in El Paso, TX, 1977 at Ft. Bliss, Texas. I want to point out that nothing was ever hidden from us. I had the same freedom of movement and lived under the same standards that our fellow brothers and sisters did. One change we didn't have in Viet Nam, the female soldiers attached to the task force are meeting the same standards as their male counterparts. As I have sent out pictures of the operation on 25 Nov. this was the largest and most successful cordon and search operations in Multinational Brigade East History. That night the soldiers said that my hair didn't meet the current Bravo Company standards (CSM West) and proceeded to give me a hair cut. I will admit that my helmet fits better.

It should also be pointed out that all of the Serb churches are guarded by No-Slack soldiers and without their presence the churches would be blown up, also those Serbs wanting to go to church must be escorted because of fear of being killed.

All of the members of the task force were working together. Including the troops from MI Det, the MP's and 2nd 320th Artillery, B, Battery Balls of the Eagle. From the FDC's attached to the rifle companies to the Sappers from A Co 326th Eng all were working off of the same sheet. There was never any doubt in my mind that this task force was more than ready to accomplish its mission.

In closing, thinking back to Viet Nam, in most cases the members of our regiment like us are performing a very difficult mission. Like us and those even before us (Bastogne) the standard has and is the same today and tomorrow. An Albanian or Serb father and mother will still have a child and the child will still have his or her parents all because of their presence. I departed Kosovo with a great sense of pride and I will never forget and will forever hold those few short days in November the same in my heart as I did in Viet Nam November 1966 -- two time lines, same unit and same standard. Remember they are as proud of us as we are of them. This report is also being sent to the Task Force in Kosovo No-Slack

Remember Christmas is almost on us. Troops request were for sundry items (i.e.) soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, writing paper, pens, envelopes, VHS movies and books. Last but not least, booze and women (wishful thinking) and letters from the good ole USA. No-Slack, Above The Rest, Battle Force and Always First, Bastogne (7A) Out. JM Bossi CSM(R) Honorary SGM 327th Infantry Regiment.

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+ CSM(R) JOSEPH M. BOSSI  
jbossi@commandnet.net  
To: SMITH, JEFFOREY A. LTC

Sir, to the professional No-Slack soldiers and members of Task Force 327th Inf, my visit was and is the Hi-Light of my life. The pride I feel and carry with me cannot be measured. Please pass my feelings and thanks to the great men and women who through, their service are the very things that have made our country great. Again, Sir, from the bottom of my heart I am

proud to say that I am a member of the Greatest Infantry Regiment in the US Army. No-Slack, JM Bossi, Member and Veteran of the 2nd Bn.327th Inf.Regt.

SMITH, JEFFOREY A LTC  
To: CSM(R) Joseph M. Bossi

Joe, believe me, it was our pleasure to host you. The soldiers learned from your wisdom and experiences and enjoyed seeing you. It is soldiers like you that make us new guys honored and privileged to carry on the tradition. Kosovo isn't WWII, Vietnam, or the Gulf War, but the soldiers in TF 2-327th Inf are performing like soldiers of the past: with high standards and discipline. They are proud of their Regiment and proud to serve when the Nation calls. We owe much of our successes to the great support we get from the Veterans of the Regiment. Without them, we would not be here today. Take care and we look forward to seeing you and other Veterans at our Welcome Home Ceremony in Feb.

Take Care, JS

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GAY HOLDEN (sister of A. Harbord 2/327 Recon)  
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Hello Ivan, remember me? It was great to meet you and so many other kind people on my trip Stateside last month. I recall talking to you about trying to find a book which I believed was on the subject of the Hawks...well, Dick Morton has very kindly sent me a most interesting book called Fortune Favors the Bold which is about a British LURRP with the 101st. It will be of great help to me in trying to understand a bit more about Recon life and will aid me in writing my book. I wonder if this is the book you were thinking about? If there is a book about the Hawks, then I would be most eager to get hold of it (I have recently ordered another Vietnam book through Amazon.com which is brilliant for finding books old and new, out of print etc.)

Hope this email finds you well, and thank you for your help, courtesy and companionship during what was a very important trip for me.

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**FROM THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE**

+ ELTON M. HEATH, 2/327 B 67-69, 7187 Aspen Road, Princeton, MN 55371-6058 wrote: Rand Goranson is my son-in-law. He does not talk about his time in VN. I think he has Post Traumatic Stress. He was awarded a Silver Star. I would like to know how he earned this award. If anyone that served with him could contact me, I could find out his service record. He served with Company B 2/327th 101st Inf.

I am ordering your publication. Please address the correspondence to me and send the publication to me and I will forward it to Rand.

*Editor's Note: Can anyone help?*

+ SFC (R) J. C. STEWART, 41st ARTY E Attached 3/66-4/66, 10601 Sigma Street, El Paso, Texas 79924 wrote: Thanks for your prompt response. I'm surprised you remembered the Quad 50's from so long ago and such a short time with the 101st. Wish we could have stayed with you all.

Things were pretty quite while we were with you. I guess that's a mixed blessing. My squad soloed back to Quin Nhon to pick up the pay officer either the end of March or April. Then all four gun trucks and several of the 17th (Cav) gun jeeps escorted a convoy to Ban Me Thuot. We caught sniper rounds twice, wasted one! I remember the Cav's bringing in a tiger once and a deer (BBQ time). Another time we escorted someone to a Montagnard village once, something about an elephant that had taken a bullet from someone probably the VC. Heard it died. They lived in the long houses up on stilts. Men in G strings with crossbows and blow guns - women with a sarong type ground length skirt from the waist down with nothing else!! Wow!

I'm not even sure where all four of our squads were located on your perimeter. 1st Squad was way back on the south area with a 105 outfit; 2nd Squad (us) on 17th Cav part; 3rd (I think) somewhere along the airstrip and 4th (not sure) probably somewhere along the airstrip.

Have a lot of pictures of terrain around the base camp and my squad (minus myself).

We had just got in country and picked up our ammo, guntrucks and supplies from advance party just off the south end of Phu Cat Airbase (never got there). You (101st) were our first assignment. Thinking back - we sure were 'green.' Hadn't heard the term FNG yet!

All this was with Btry E (MC, CAL .50) 41st ARTY, under IFFV. We formed up in the summer of 66, trained at and POM'd out of Fort Bliss as a unit. As the DUSTERS, we were "automatic weapons crewmen," 13F40 was my MOS.

Sure enjoyed our stay with the 101st. After we gave our initial firepower demo, and moved over to the 17th Cav area, their troop CO came down, saw we were in old stateside fatigues and told us to go to their Supply Sergeant the next day were we were given four new sets of jungle fatigues (green ones) and two pair of jungle boots. He told us to eat at their mess and everything. I could not believe the great treatment. There was a real nice position too. They dozed out a hole for us (truck) plus, just outside the wire and about 50 meters to the left (South) was the best place to clean up you ever saw. Solid rock, big pool in the mountain stream that ran in front of our position. Doesn't get any better than that! Never had it that good the whole rest of our tour. We'd let two at a time go clean up while the rest of the squad covered them with the .50's. The Cav even gave us two beers a day occasionally when they had it plus sundry packs. Incredible. I think the LRRPS, who came down to check us out said either they were from the Cav or lived there. I forget which.

Word was, your brigade commander wanted to send us all to

an abbreviated one week jump course (maybe at Phan Rang?) and get us assigned permanently. Didn't fly with IFFV though.

**Editor's Note:** *He continues with questions about the brigade after he left and the other assignments his unit had for the remainder of the year he was in Viet Nam.*

+ JIM ACKENHAUSEN (Ack), 2/327 C 11/66-6/67, 50 Pilot Hill, St. Peters, MO 63376-2738 wrote: I enjoy the magazine very much. Keep up the good work. I also made the jump at Kontum. It was my 6th.

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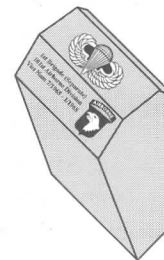
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# ARTILLERY SUPPORT "LEGS OF THE EAGLES" B/1/30 AND B/2/320th

DON SHACKLETTE, HrdChrgr43@aol.com, sent the following account:

"In late May of 1966, we were in position next to a stand of trees at Cheo Reo. On June 1, 1966 we were flown to Dak To to assist in the evacuation of Tou Morong. Operation Hawthorne I & II with the 1st Brigade involved the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry, two ARVN Infantry Battalions and several CIDG (Civilian Irregular Defense Group) units. The artillery support was from B/1/30 and B/2/320th FA. We called ourselves "B & B" because we had operated with them before and had shared several other positions together. The Infantry and CIDG units were to go out into the area and perform a sweep in hopes of finding the NVA 24th and 88th Regiments."

"We were put into a position in an abandoned and burned out Montagnard village, the next day they flew in the Infantry. We stayed that night and part of the next day and did not fire a round, so we were moved back to Dak To. Meanwhile, 2/327 Infantry was on the ground near Tou Morong with no artillery within range. They airlifted B/2/320 into a place they called LZ Lima Zulu to give them support. We were ordered to road march to Lima Zulu, but could not ford a stream where the bridge had been destroyed. We ended up setting up a firing position about 500 meters to the left and in back of Lima Zulu. After 2 days we were ordered back to Dak To, this was on the 6th of June."

"At about 0200 on the 7th, they woke me and told me that B/2/320 was being hit on Lima Zulu. We knew they were out of range of our guns and those of the ARVN Artillery as well. We all had buddies in B/2/320 so we started working out how to best help them. 1LT Mike Horstman, 1LT Bill McMakin, 1SG Johnson, SFC Logan and I quickly discussed the situation and determined, that at a minimum, we should get the base platoon ready to move. I directed that the trucks be brought into position and have all but essential firing gear and ammo loaded in preparation for a quick move. The guns were still on the ground, but we were ready to hook up at a moments notice."

"We shortly received word to move several miles to an airstrip near the Brigade Headquarters and provide fire support to LZ Lima Zulu. We quickly hooked up the two guns and took off with the lights on. 1LT Horstman was in charge of the guns and they roared down the road at top speed with no security what so ever. When they arrived they had the two guns set up and firing within minutes. Within a short time I arrived with the remainder of the Battery and we quickly got all three guns in action. We put a box of steel around that 105mm Battery



*KHANH DUONG, Viet Nam – "LEGS OF THE EAGLES." Captain Raymond J. Zugal, Spokane, Wash. (second right), commanding officer of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery congratulates Corporal Elmer E. Hoover, Green City, Mo., for selecting the unit's motto – "Legs of the Eagles." Non-airborne qualified, the battery has been "supporting" the Screaming Eagles" for more than a year. The 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division appreciates the firepower of the Battery's 155 millimeter guns.*

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*(1st Sergeant James Garner (right) is identified from a news story. If you can identify the guidon bearers and sign holders contact the editor.)*

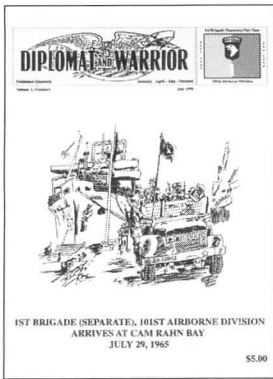
and fired at the maximum rate for more than four straight hours. CPT Don Whalen, the Battery Commander of B/2/320, told me later that our fires had also been directed onto a ridge immediately to the front of his position and that we had helped greatly to break up the attack. The NVA had taken his Number 6 Gun and he had his hands full."

"Then they gave us the order to expend all ammunition. Cooks, mechanics, radio operators and officers began dragging round after round into the firing positions to be gobbled-up and spit out by our 155mm pigs. When daylight came, the enemy was found literally blown off the hills surrounding the 105 Battery, but the 105 Battery had survived. Most of the men in my Battery merely dropped down in the mud where they had been standing and fell asleep. Empty fuse cans and powder canisters lay in huge piles everywhere and stood in mute testimony to what had been a very intense encounter. The smell of cordite was as thick as coal soot and choked you if you breathed too deeply."

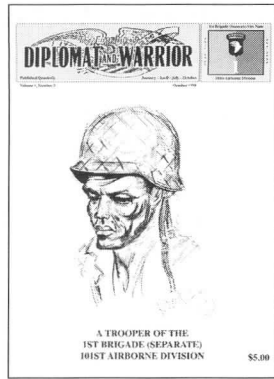
"A few hours later "B" Battery shook their bone weary cannoneers awake. They "March Ordered" their guns and moved into a firing position at LZ Lima Zulu along side their friends from B/2/320. The additional fire power of B/1/30 was very comforting and the NVA never challenged the Redlegs at Lima Zulu again. The battery operated from there for the rest of the campaign. After all was said and done, including a B-52 strike, they claimed to have wiped out an NVA Regiment."







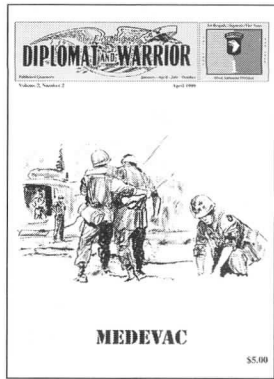
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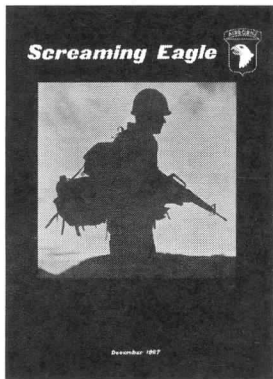
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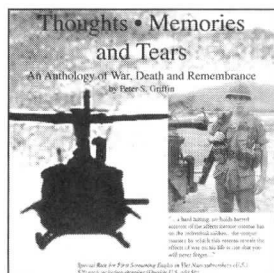
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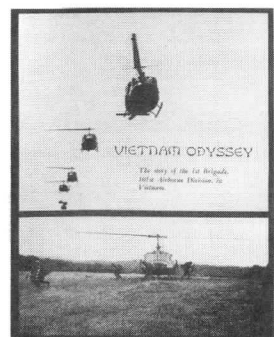
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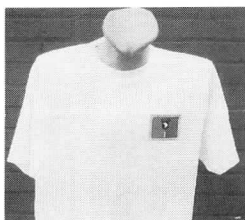
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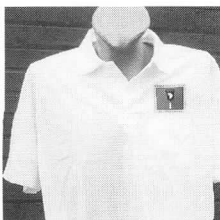
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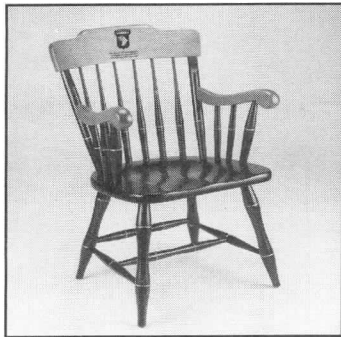
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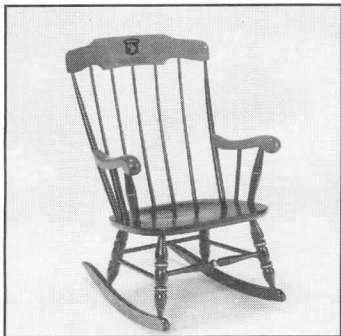
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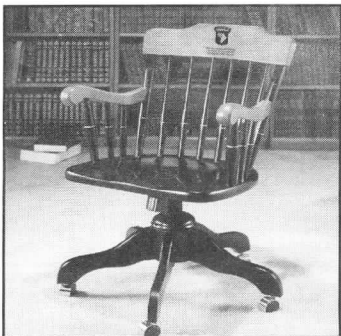
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# Scout Dogs Join 101st

By 1st Lt. Arthur D. Barnett

**PHAN RANG**—"There's something in the bushes to the left," said Sergeant Edward M. Kozub, as his scout dog alerted him. Sure enough, there was something there. This time it was only a practice run, but in the near future that dog and others from the 42nd Infantry Scout Dog Platoon, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division would be pointing out enemy positions as they lead paratroopers on combat patrols.

After an intensive 12 week training course at Fort Benning, Georgia, the Scout Dog Platoon was shipped to Vietnam and received an additional 3 weeks of training at Tan Son Nhut Air Force Base before being assigned to the "Screaming Eagles." Arriving at the base camp in Phan Rang, the handlers underwent the rugged training of the 1st Brigade's Proficiency—"P"—School. Upon completion of their training, the platoon will move to the forward area and be assigned to combat units.

The 42nd scout dogs are all German Shepherds and have been trained in basic obedience, and short and long range scouting. SSgt. Alvin Whitehead NCOIC of the platoon said that the dogs would also be used to detect mines, booby-traps and for the clearing of Viet Cong villages. "Their effectiveness at night will be invaluable," he said "for the dogs' senses are much keener than man's. They will be able to see and hear things that might otherwise go unnoticed.

"A scout dog must be aggressive, but not too aggressive," states Whitehead. "Each dog is trained to work with



Soon they'll be hot on the trail of the enemy. PFC Dennis R. Barrette and his dog from the 42nd Infantry Scout Dog Platoon, practice patrolling before they join a unit of the 1st Brigade on combat operations, (Photo by Sp4 Alva Tate)

his handler, but he is made familiar with everyone in the unit he is working with so that they can control him in case his handler is injured. The main point is to develop the unit's confidence in the dog. Once this has been achieved, you have an unbeatable team."

The early warning capability which the scout dogs will give to combat units will make the men with the "Black Rifles" even more formidable than they are now and as Sgt. Kozub states, "Even if the dogs save only one man's life, they are worth bringing over."

## Adoption Of Viet Children Possible

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The adoption deed must be executed in the presence of notarial authorities and the Civil Registrar. A lawyer should represent the adopting parents in these proceedings. A list of lawyers in Vietnam is available at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy. Adoption by proxy is possible in Vietnam.

Each state of the United States has its own laws concerning adoption, however, a legal adoption in Vietnam would ordinarily be considered valid in the United States.

An adopted Vietnamese child is required to have an immigrant visa in order to enter the United States. The application for this visa by the adopting parents should be initiated long in advance of the proposed departure for the United States, even before the child is selected if possible, and at least four months prior to the departure from Vietnam of the prospective adoptive parents.

The adopted child will need two copies of his birth certificate and adoption deed with translations, and affidavit of support by his adoptive parents, and any other documents which the U.S. consular officer may require to establish eligibility for a visa.

The child will also be required to have a medical

examination. An unmarried adoptive parent may not apply for a non quota immigrant visa.

The Hoi Phuoc Thien Orphanage at 79 Lam Son, Saigon, the Catholic Relief Services and the Menonite Central Committee, both at 91 Pasteur, Saigon, can provide information on orphans available for adoption in Vietnam.

Contact your legal assistance officer for complete details.

### Honor Roll

The following men have been cited in brigade general orders for their valor in action:

- 2Lt Rafael Acevedo
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- Sgt Wiley D. Jones
- PFC George A. Austin
- PFC Donald T. Lombardi

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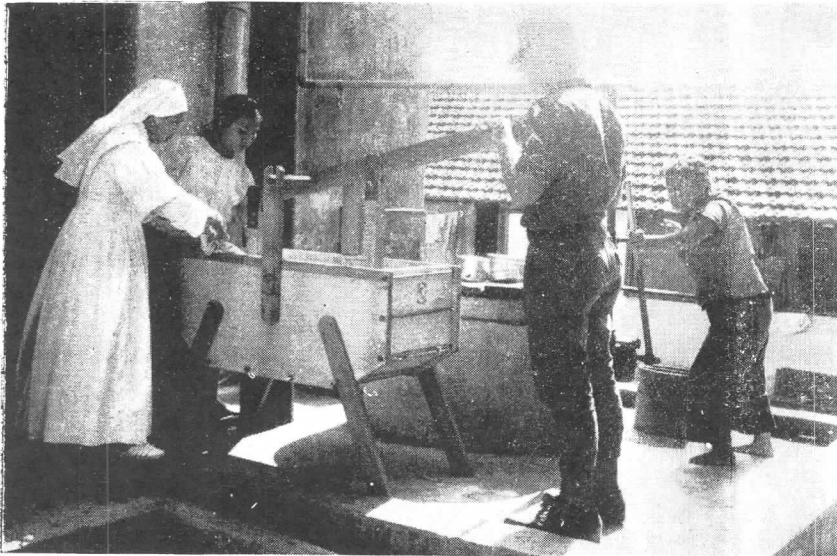


Sergeant Lawrence Hendrix a member of Company "A," 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry, was chosen as the "Enlisted Warrior of the Week" for his recent actions against the enemy near Tuy Hoa.



PFC Dennis R. Barrette whispers instructions to his dog during training here prior to the 42nd Infantry Scout Dog Platoon's being assigned to units of the 1st Brigade. (Photo by Sp4 Alva Tate)

Business and Financial News



WOODEN WASHDAY WONDER— PFC Lyle H. Otto shows Sister Mary Theresa of the Manglan Orphanage in Tuy Hoa, how to operate one of hand operated washing machines being distributed by the 1st Brigade Civic Action Team. (Photo by SFC Peter McCormack)

## The Eagle Washing Maching Company Formed

By PFC Luis Callender

TUY HOA — Some big name manufacturers of washing machines had better watch out. There is a new competitor on the market — "The Eagle Washing Machine Company."

The "Eagle Washing Machine Company" is the newest venture of the 1st Brigade in their continuing program of civic action in the Tuy Hoa area.

The new product, made completely of wood, is described as a "top loading, semi-automatic, hand operated, washing machine." It is operated by the upward and downward motion of its pump handle, which is attached to two hammer-like heads that alternately beat on the clothes inside the tub.

Earmarked primarily for institutional use, each new washer coming off the assembly line is donated to an orphanage, district hospital, or refugee camp outside Tuy Hoa to form Laundry Co-operatives. This will create a new local industry by which the refugees in each camp can partly support themselves.

The idea for the washer is basically that of Major Stephen Doherty, gotten while reading a book entitled *Remote Areas Development Manual*.

"I thought this simple type of equipment would be an improvement over the old way of beating clothes on rocks," says the 101st civil affairs officer. "The most important thing however," he adds, "is that the washing machines can be easily maintained by the people who will use them."

Once the plans had been drawn up, Lieutenant Robert Wood, also of the "Screaming Eagles" civil affairs team, was dispatched, as project

manager, in search of a manufacturer. After going to eight carpentry shops, Lt. Wood finally settled on Mrs. Nguyen Thi Vinh, who offered the lowest production cost.

With materials provided by the "Diplomats and Warriors" the first washing machine was made, and cost 8000 piasters. However, all subsequent washers will be produced for 6000 piasters,

## Like Walking On Eggs You Must Be Careful

PHU YEN — Kicking rocks in Vietnam can be a dangerous business, as 1st Lieutenant Julian Halsema, of the 1st Brigade, has found out.

The Jacksonville, Florida native had been helilifted with his unit, Company "B," 502d Infantry, onto a small plateau north of Tuy Hoa, overlooking Highway 1. This high ground along the route is a haven for Viet Cong snipers plaguing supply convoys. The "Screaming Eagle" company had been deployed to the area to protect a large convoy due later in the day.

Lt. Halsema, usually the executive officer of Company "B," but now acting company commander, was coordinating with other security elements over the radio. When he was through, the 101st paratrooper turned to issue instructions to his headquarters group. He took a step toward one of his radio

telephone operators and his foot kicked a rock and caught in a small hole. He felt something round and hard. The young lieutenant looked down into the hole, and saw a green oval shaped object.

"Clear out everybody," he shouted to the group of troopers around him. "Get back about 30 or 40 meters. I'm standing on a live grenade."

Bodies scattered and in seconds Halsema stood alone, his foot pressing down on the Viet Cong booby trap.

Slowly, he reached down and gripped the grenade, holding it firmly around the handle. The pin was gone. He looked at the deserted area around him and smiled.

"You can all come back now."

Cautiously, eyes peered out from under steel helmets and heads inched from the protection of bolters. Slowly the troopers gathered around him.

"Man... was that close or what?" he said. His men laughed.

Soon it was back to normal... but each paratrooper gingerly avoided even the smallest rock for the rest of the day.

with materials provided by the manufacturer and the 101st financing the production.

Working with crude tools, at a leisurely pace, it requires eight carpenters laboring a normal working day to produce one washing machine.

## ROKs Take On Eagle's Job



After long months of endless ill-treatment at the hands of the Viet Cong in a prisoner of war camp, a liberated Vietnamese receives a thorough physical check up from Doctor (Captain) Stephen Wilson, battalion surgeon of the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry.

(Photo by Sp4 Oddvar Breiland)

Hieu Xuong — The 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry moved out of the Hieu Xuong River Valley last week, turning over their mission of protecting the Vietnamese rice harvesters to the men of the 28th Regiment, Republic of Korea's famed White Horse Division. The Korean troops will continue the "Screaming Eagles'" mission of guarding the rice harvest from the Viet Cong tax collectors.

Adding their own figures to the ones of the Vietnamese harvesters, the "Above the Rest" battalion of Lieutenant Colonel Joseph E. Collins, reaped 39 killed, 6 captured, 22 weapons captured and 291 suspects detained. The 1st Brigade unit also freed 34 Vietnamese who had been held prisoner by the Viet Cong.

As the Korean unit moved into position, the paratroopers moved to another area to prepare for other search and destroy missions in the Tuy Hoa area.



# First Sgt Toon: Part Time Plantation Grower

**TUY HOA** — As the "Nomads of Vietnam" sweep across the land reaping Viet Cong, there is among them one nomad who sows the seeds of nature—mending the scars each battle leaves on the face of the land.

This nomad is First Sergeant Billy Toon of Battery "A," 320th Artillery. Since coming to Vietnam, he has planted what amounts to a small banana plantation and a miniature coconut grove. The 101st trooper has also transplanted a vast number of coconut and banana trees damaged as a result of combat action.

**The idea of planting and transplanting came to Toon, while the 101st was engaging North Vietnamese troops in the Battle of Tou Morong, at Dak To.**

A small banana grove was obstructing the view of the cannoners of Battery "A." The trees were ordered cut down. As the veteran "Screaming Eagle" watched his men chopping away at the banana trees, he realized something—bananas are a necessary food in the diet of the Vietnamese people. A compensation had to be made.

"If it was necessary to destroy them," explained Toon, "then it was more necessary to replant them."

Everytime the battery leaves an old position where either

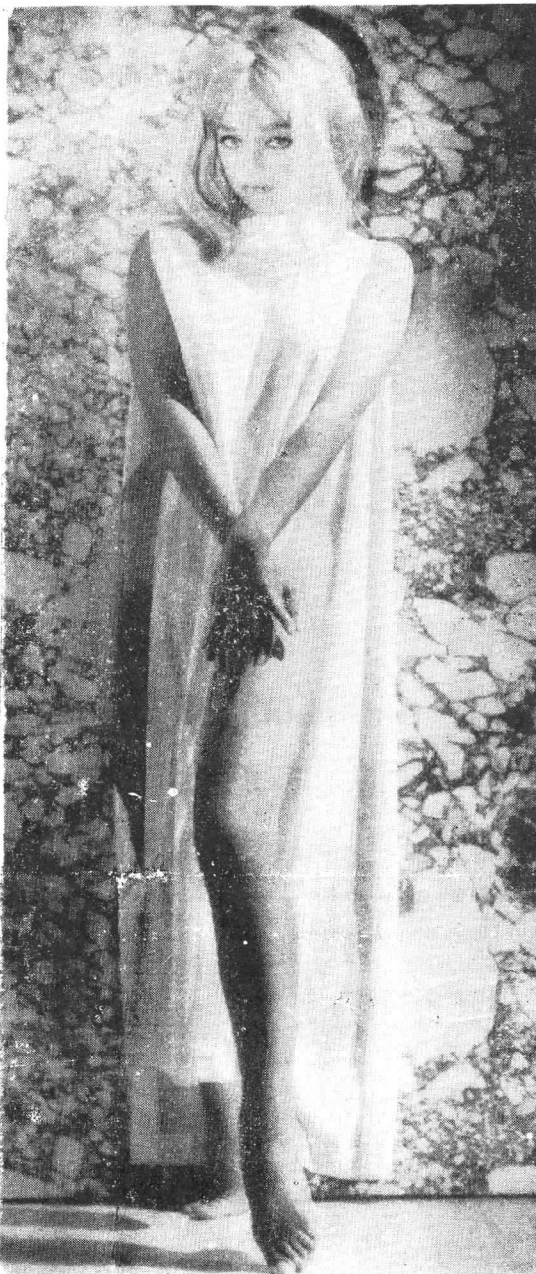
banana or coconut trees have been destroyed, they are replanted. He has also transplanted banana and coconut trees left in abandoned villages. Some of these trees, most often 15 footers, have not only provided shade from the broiling sun for the artillerymen, they also add a "scenic and picturesque change" to the battery area.

**Whenever Battery "A" moves to a new location, coconut and banana trees remain to dot the old position. A plant seldom fails to sprout once planted or transplanted under Toon's jolly green giant thumb.**

"I wish we could reap the benefits by having bananas and coconuts during our meals," says the planting First Sergeant. "Everything here grows fast, but the 101st moves faster—constantly. But we do benefit from later productivity—the people in those areas will have more to eat."

Toon also sends for and receives all sorts of seed from the States; and while at Dak To he planted a budding corn and pepper garden. Not one to let nature go to waste, he has decorated the bare, sandy spaces around the 320th Artillery location at Tuy Hoa with transplants of large cactus.

First Sgt. Toon, is, no doubt, a 20th Century "Johnny Applesseed."



# Brown's DSC

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

posed positions. Working against superior odds, he gathered his men and successfully fought through the enemy encirclement of Company "C."

An evacuation landing zone was established by a provisional company 1000 meters from Alpha and Charlie Companies' position. Forty-five litter casualties and other wounded made a 12 hour journey through sporadic harrassing fire to the LZ. While on the way, Brown was wounded by a grenade explosion but helped his comrades carry the litters to the evacuation point.

The award was first given to Sp4 Patrick J. Payne in August for Payne's actions with the 327th Infantry during the battle of My Canh last February. Payne received his award at Letterman General Hospital where he was recovering from serious wounds suffered at My Canh.

The award was also given just two weeks ago to Lt. Col. David Hackworth by the Army Chief of Staff in Pentagon ceremonies for the colonel's actions at Tou Morong while XO of the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry.



"Suppose it is a burglar? I'm getting too old to be h'roic!"

# Career Development Course Available To Senior Army NCOs

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 23-Lower part of wall
- 25-Sea eagle
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- 28-Beverage
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"First you put your left foot out like this, then you kick it to the left and you kick it to the right, then you stretch your lovin' arms way out in space, then you turn around turn around... headin' for the lights of town." (Lesson by Miss Yvette Vickers — Photo courtesy of "Operation Pin-Up," Hollywood Overseas Committee.)

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# OBITUARIES

**Joseph J. Dayoc**, a retired command sergeant major in the U.S. Army, died Monday, October 9, 2000, at Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Louisville, Kentucky. He was 71.

Mr. Dayoc, of Fern Creek, Kentucky, retired from military service in 1975 after 29 years. He served in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

He was a member of the 101st Airborne Division Association and the 187th Airborne Rakaasans.

He received the Purple Heart with first Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Unit Commendations, 13 overseas bars, the Bronze Star with "V" device and sixth Oak Leaf Cluster, the Silver Star, the Air Medal with V device and third award, the Combat Infantry Badge and numerous other medals.

Born in Valley Forge, he was a son of the late Joseph and Carmella Dayoc.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn (Klein) Dayoc; two sons, Joseph J. III and Ty Allen; six daughters, Gail Modsett, Kim Kerly, Paulette Anguay, Peggy Macias, Pam Fife and Patty Fedde; 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; four brothers, Michael, Vincent, Robert and Edward; and two sisters, Theresa Cicrello and Mary Dayoc.

He was predeceased by a son, Vincent; and a sister, Rose Tylish.

The Rev. Michael J. Dayoc officiated vigil and committal services. Burial was at Highland Memory Gardens, Mount Washington, Kentucky. Arrangements were by the Fern Creek Funeral Home, Fern Creek, Kentucky.

The following letter was received from Marilyn E. Dayoc.

**CSM (R) Joe Dayoc** of 7708 Cedar Hollow Dr., Fern Creek, KY 40291; 502-231-9492; passed away on October 9, 2000 at 12:18 p.m. at the V.A. Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

My husband enjoyed getting your magazine. The October issue arrived today (November 7, 2000). I would like for you to continue the "The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam" until the last issue was due him.

All the cards, flowers and calls I have received since his passing have been unbelievable. He was respected and admired by many. They would all say how "Top" saved their lives in Viet Nam (4 1/2 years) and gave these young men new direction in life.

We enjoyed several of these young men in our home before his passing and calls from all over the United States through the years.

**COL (R) David Hackworth** was in Louisville, Kentucky a few years ago on one of our local radio stations and called my husband and talked quite awhile before he went on the air.

I just want everyone to know that my husband was a very good and wonderful husband and a True Soldier if there ever was one. He took pride in what he did for our country. Even with 18 major operations, he said he wouldn't trade it for anything. He did suffer the last couple of years, but never complained. I only wish the new army could have had him for their 1st Sgt before he became CMS.

Well I guess I could go on and on but I'm sure you have many letters to read.

Thank you for listening. ( I miss him so much)

Sincerely, Marilyn E. Dayoc

Ladies & Gentlemen, We have lost another good man. **Ronald Howell**, Supply Sgt for Hq Co 2/327th Abn Inf 64-66, passed away suddenly last Friday (9/29/00?). Services to be held as in the original message (see below). I am sure Marsha would appreciate hearing from you folks. Post Office Box 619, 3201 Old Sligo Road, La Grange, KY, 40031-0619; 502-225-9524.

Respectfully, Bill Keller, BKe2076635@aol.com

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Hi Bill, Mike Castle called me this afternoon. Thanks so much for letting him know. I talked with Marsha this evening. We're going down for visitation on Wednesday evening and funeral on Thursday. I guess Ike and Minatra and Westerman are all going too. I can order flowers for you or I have the address of the funeral home if you want to do it. It's the Heady Funeral Home at 4109 Taylorsville Rd., Louisville, KY. I just don't believe it yet. She's having full military honors for him. Ronnie was Marsha's whole world. We've contacted several people on our roster but feel free to contact anyone you can think of. Marsha needs to hear from all of us. Please stay in touch.

Shirley

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**Lieutenant General Stanley R. Larsen**, age 84, of Birmingham, Alabama died Wednesday, November 1, 2000. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 4th at the Cathedral Church of the Advent with military graveside services following at Oak Hill Cemetery in Talladega, Alabama.

The family received friends Friday evening from 5:30 until 7 PM at Ridout's Valley Chapel in Homewood. Lt. Gen. Larsen is survived by his wife of 59 years, Nell White Larsen; two sons, David A. Larsen (Sylvia) of Birmingham and Erik B. Larsen of Orinda, California; sister, Agnes Sedgewick of Washington; four grandchildren, Hope Gabrielle Larsen, Noah Abraham Larsen, Sarah White Larsen and Nicholas James Larsen.

Lt. Gen. Larsen was a member of the Cathedral Church of the Advent and a member of the Kiwanis Club. He was a graduate of West Point and a member of the West Point Society. He was a member of the Association of Graduates of the U.S. Military Academy, was the former president of the 25th Infantry Division Association, and served in the U.S. Army during World War II where he received the Distinguished Service Cross and the Silver Star. Lt. General Larsen was present at Pearl Harbor and participated in Guadalcanal, New Georgia, and Philippine campaigns and was among the first troops to occupy Japan.

At the age of 28, in 1944, he was promoted to Colonel and became the youngest regimental combat commander in the U.S. Army. At the age of 40 he became the youngest General Officer in the U.S. Army and commanded the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia from 1957 until 1959. In 1965 he was the first Commanding General of **I Field Force Vietnam (IFFV)** and for the next two years he commanded all operations in the middle half of Vietnam.

He retired from the military to San Francisco as a Lieutenant General in 1972 and moved to Birmingham in 1987. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be sent to the Boy Scouts of America or World Vision. Services were under the direction of Ridout's Valley Chapel (879-3401) in Homewood.



# THE BATTLE OF AN NINH

In Vietnam, to save the day,  
U.S. Paratroopers, went into harm's way....  
One day in September, of sixty five,  
Two deadly enemies, about to collide....

A beautiful morn, we did greet,  
No sign of the enemy, we'd soon meet....  
Hot chow, a very special treat,  
So many troopers, be there time to eat...?

No, chow line too long, so many to feed,  
Enough to bring, any enemy, to their knees....  
A swarm of helicopters, then arrived,  
Rapid deployment, guarantees surprise....

So many soldiers, have to fly by shifts,  
On the third lift, assigned my niche....  
After landing, "a walk in the sun",  
A thorough search, we'd soon be done....

The first landing, went unopposed,  
Back they flew, for another load....  
As they reached the LZ, not far away,  
All hell broke loose, that fateful day....

We could observe the battle flare,  
As they flew into the VC snare....  
Command radios, their volume high,  
Hearing the cries, of those, about to die....

Observing choppers fall from the sky,  
"More men and ammo, or all would die"...!  
They reported, "VC lying on their backs,  
AK's roaring in full attack."...!

As crippled choppers, flew our way,  
At the chalk lines, we did pray....  
Riddled by bullets, they limped in,  
Dead door gunners, our looks chagrin....

Off we flew, not knowing our fate,  
Hoping our arrival, be not too late....  
The LZ, much *too hot to land*,  
A hail of fire, stifling our plan...!

All our choppers, now, unfit to fly,  
Must reach the airhead, before all died...!  
Our artillery, bogged down, out of range,  
From our brothers, we felt estranged....

Fighter jets were then unleached,  
High explosives and napalm, to close the breach....  
Helicopters, on loan, we attained,  
An alternate LZ, forced, we attained

At the airhead, our soldiers fought like hell,  
Attack, after attack, they repelled...!  
The battle raging, both day and night,  
Charlie losing, much of his might....

Hurt so badly, many VC ran away,  
Escape and evasion, they'd fight, another day....  
As we approached, many caught in our net,  
An avenging force, they had met....

Reaching the airhead, with much relief,  
Heroic soldiers, we did greet....  
They devastated the enemy, in their nest,  
Completely surrounded, they passed the test....

The enemy fired on our medivacs,  
Expert riflemen, silenced these attacks....  
Their battlefield, we then acquired,  
From a baptism of blood, our wounded retired....

Badly outnumbered, these troopers, held their own,  
An enemy battalion had possessed, that landing zone...!  
On that LZ, the enemy rehearsed,  
To transform each helicopter, into a hearse...!

Most of our officers, became casualties,  
Assumption of command, not a disability....  
Sergeants led them, in their plight,  
Turning defeat to victory, overnight....

For two days, we policed that battlefield,  
So much carnage and death, it was surreal....  
Fighting snipers, all that remained,  
Most that battalion, left dead or lame....

I counted the enemy dead, in awe,  
Hardly believing, just what I saw....  
Flying into the jaws of death,  
These paratroopers, proven, among the best....

To the gallant troopers of that LZ,  
We salute you and your victory....  
Never has so few, fought like so many,  
You crippled a battalion of the enemy...!

Looking back, it's plain to see,  
Bravery is your legacy....  
THE BATTLE OF AN NINH, your victory,  
Your glorious, "Rendezvous With Destiny"....!!!!

August 09, 1998

Peter S. Griffin  
Co. A, 2/502 Infantry  
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THE WAR IN VIETNAM

Associated Press

At An Ninh: With their dead in neat rows, paratroopers hold off the Viet Cong

## GI's Pour In—And the War Looks Up

Cautiously but unanimously, officials in Washington and Saigon agreed last week that things were looking up in Vietnam. The Viet Cong seemed less aggressive and less capable of engaging in large-scale battles. Along with that, interrogations of Viet Cong prisoners indicated that enemy morale was sagging badly—a deduction implicitly confirmed from half way around the world. In Budapest, a Viet Cong representative seeking medical supplies from Hungary admitted that relentless bombings and the massive U.S. troop buildup were causing “undoubted difficulties.”

If all this was a result of the U.S. troop buildup in Vietnam, then as far as Washington was concerned the situation called for more of the same medicine. Although President Johnson announced last July that some 125,000 U.S. troops would probably be needed in Vietnam by the end of this summer, the figure already stands at about 128,000 men and more are on their way. The total is now expected to reach 225,000 by the end of this year, and some officials estimate there may be 300,000 U.S. troops in Vietnam by mid-1966.

**More to Come:** The latter figure is still speculative. But what is certain is that the remaining two brigades of the Army's First Infantry Division are now en route to join the brigade of the “Big Red One” already on duty in Vietnam. Several battalions of the First Marine Division are also in Vietnam, and they may soon be joined by the rest of the division. The U.S. would then have four full divisions engaged in the war—the First and Third Marine divisions, the First Cavalry and the First Infantry—plus the 173rd Airborne Brigade and a brigade of the 101st Airborne Division.

Despite all this, U.S. officials insisted last week that the main burden of the war still rested on the South Vietnamese

troops. “We’re not taking over,” said one Pentagon official. “We’re just beefing up the South Vietnam Army, filling up the central reserve and reaching out and hunting down the Viet Cong in their hideout areas.” Perhaps the GI's would indeed be used only as line backers in the extreme southern portion of the peninsula. But such did not seem the case in South Vietnam's central highlands, the scene last week of one of the war's bitterest battles (below) and an area in which U.S. troops are the only effective force opposing the Viet Cong.

In fact, if the military situation in Vietnam was improving, that improvement was being achieved primarily by increased expenditure of U.S. lives and material. (In a single day last week, a sobering toll of seven U.S. aircraft was taken in combat—including one F-104 Starfighter that strayed over Hainan island and was lost to the Red Chinese.) The Vietnamese war has often been called a “dirty little war,” but a war that bids fair to tie up more than a quarter of a million U.S. troops can hardly be termed “little” any longer.

### Between Professionals

When the “Screaming Eagles” of the 101st Airborne Division set out on “Operation Gibraltar” in the central highlands of South Vietnam, they expected just another routine search-and-destroy mission. But minutes after giant Huey helicopters began landing a strike force from the 101st in an abandoned paddy near the village of An Ninh, the paratroopers found themselves fighting for their lives against a superior force of Viet Cong regulars. After the battle, NEWSWEEK's William J. Cook interviewed the surviving paratroopers at their base camp at An Khe. His report:

The trouble started when, in a case of

mutual surprise, the troopers landed literally in the midst of a Viet Cong battalion. The paddy was, in fact, right next to VC battalion headquarters, and, as the helicopters came in for a landing, the Viet Cong dove into prepared positions and began pouring deadly fire into the paratroopers. “I jumped into a hole with two of our troops who were firing up a storm,” recalled Pfc. Steve Van Meter, a 19-year-old combat photographer. “Next thing I knew the guy beside me had been hit right above the left eye. It almost tore his head off and killed him instantly. Before I recovered from that, the guy on my left yelled. He'd been hit in the arm.”

**‘Don't Pull Back!’** Unable to land any more men, the helicopters had no choice but to leave the 260 they had already unloaded pinned down in an area about the size of a soccer field. The most damaging Viet Cong fire came from a 50-foot knoll at one end of this area. “About 30 of our men charged the knoll, yelling and screaming,” Van Meter said. Almost at once, the officer leading the charge, Maj. Herbert J. Dexter, was hit in the leg. “As soon as he fell,” Van Meter recounted, “a couple of VC came out of their holes less than 10 feet from him. They just stood there pumping him full of holes. The major's last words before he died were: ‘Don't pull back! Don't pull back!’”

Then Second Lt. George H. Carter, 24, promptly took over the command. Said Van Meter: “They took that hill almost by hand-to-hand combat. The men just grabbed the VC and threw them off the hill. One man went to a mortar and actually ripped the sights off with his bare hands.”

What finally kept the paratroopers from being overrun, though, was the Air Force. “They started bombing around our perimeter,” Van Meter said. “At

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times they were so close that shrapnel was hitting everybody. We had two men killed because of Air Force bombs dropping so close. But we can't complain. They really saved us, I think."

**Heaviest Losses:** During the night following their landing, the troopers fired 600 flares and fought off six successive Viet Cong attacks. By morning, with U.S. relief columns on their way, the Communists began pulling back. The surviving Americans counted 226 Viet Cong bodies. But undisclosed U.S. casualties, though officially described as "moderate," were among the heaviest in any single action in which American troops have been involved in Vietnam.

The U.S. commander at An Ninh, Lt. Col. Wilfrid J.G. Smith, had some professional compliments for the enemy. "This will give you an idea of how tough they were," he said. "We surprised a VC officer coming up and shot him three times. But he sat down mortally wounded, turned his back on us and kept motioning to his men to come on." For his own men, Smith had even higher praise. "They were absolutely magnificent," he said. "They behaved like veterans." Which after "Operation Gibraltar," is exactly what they were.

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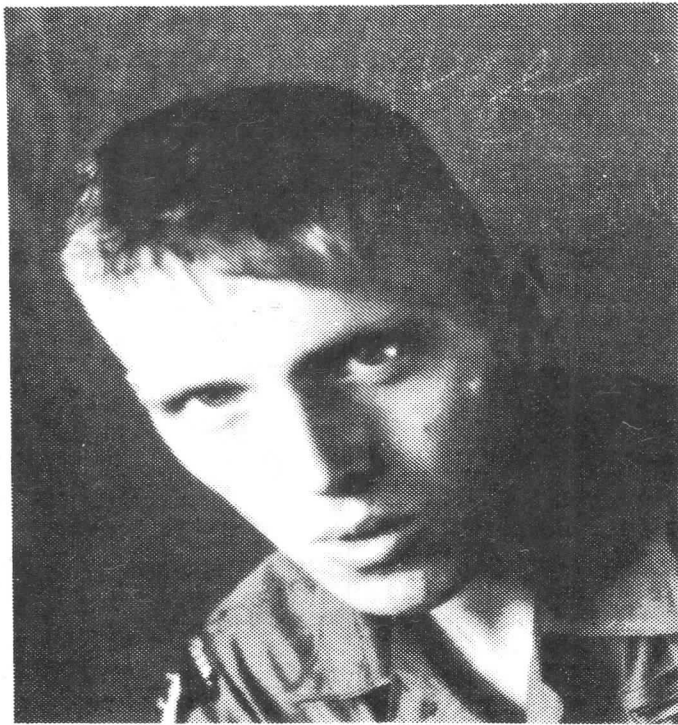
## Viet Nam Tour, 2001

**RICHARD SCHONBERGER**

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@gspectrum.com.







**Ed Reddin, "A" June 66 - June 67.**



**2/502 Recondo, Dak To, operation Hawathorne, June 1966.**



**Jim Gould, a night on the town, M. G. bar on B.C. street, Okinawa, Nov., 1966. It was 2 for 1 that night.**



**2/502 Recondos, operation John Paul Jones, 1966. Lt to Rt, unk, King, Ken**

**Murphy, unk, unk, unk, kneeling unk, Gen, Pearson, unk, unk, Jackson, Wright.**

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# 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
8/18/67	SP4	Buckridge	Marvin	D		ID	/ /48	BD	17748348	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B2P
8/18/67	SP4	Imrie	John	C		UT	/ /45	BD	16860343	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11C2P
8/18/67	SSG	Mitchell	Fred	W	Jr	DE	/ /39	BD	14645323	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B4P
8/19/67	PFC	Tucker	Jerry	J		CT	/ /46	BD	12885140	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B1P
8/19/67	SP4	Collier	Tony	W		PR	/ /46	NBD	18767131	DOI			Go Cong	RA	11B1P
8/21/67	2LT	Petramalo	Thomas			NV	/ /36	BD	5336374	DOW	Unk	Other Wpns	Tuyen Duc	RA	71542
8/21/67	PFC	Ervin	Baxter	F		NM	/ /48	BD	51877554	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	USAR	11B1P
8/21/67	SGT	Bobo	Edward	L		AZ	/ /45	BD	18729622	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11C4P
8/22/67	PFC	Messer	James	A		KY	/ /48	BD	11961008	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B1P
8/22/67	SP4	Whitfield	Cicero		Jr	NH	/ /48	NBD	14964420	DOI	Unk	Drowning	Hau Nghia	RA	63H2P
8/23/67	PFC	Kane	Coleman	J	Jr	NV	/ /48	BD	11972465	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B1P
8/23/67	PFC	Martin	David	L	Jr	AR	/ /47	BD	56420946	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	USAR	11C1P
8/23/67	SP4	Pumarejo	Colon	Wilfredo		VA	/ /41	BD	50155638	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B1P
8/23/67	SP4	Wheeler	Johnny	C		DE	/ /40	BD	53436917	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	USAR	11B20
8/25/67	PFC	Caramella	Paul	D		AR	/ /48	BD	18774808	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B10
8/25/67	PFC	Carder	Denzil	M	Jr	NM	/ /45	BD	15732815	Died-MIA	Unk	Arty/Mort	Quang Duc	RA	64A1P
8/25/67	PFC	Ferrell	Charles	R		OK	/ /47	BD	12844302	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B10
8/25/67	PFC	McDonald	Larry	J		MD	/ /49	BD	19874691	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B1P
8/25/67	PVT	Milan	George	L		MT	/ /45	BD	12733429	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	76A1P
8/25/67	SP4	Beasley	Percy		Jr	Guam	/ /47	BD	54759797	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	USAR	11B2P
8/25/67	SP4	Jackson	Allen	L		Guam	/ /46	BD	55890496	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	USAR	11C2P
8/25/67	SP4	Whaley	Carson	L	Jr	NH	/ /46	BD	14965433	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B1P
8/25/67	SP4	Willingham	Eldon	W		AR	/ /48	BD	19859276	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B20
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8/26/67	SP4	Mattheis	Dennis	D		HI	/ /46	BD	16877894	DOW	Unk	Arty/Mort	Tuyen Duc	RA	11B1P
8/31/67	PFC	Wencker	Clifford	L		CT	/ /42	NBD	53405347	DOI	Unk	Other Wpns	Hau Nghia	USAR	95B1P
9/5/67	PFC	Pacetta	Cosmo	F		NV	/ /45	BD	51607851	KOR	Unk	Other Causes	Khanh Hoa	USAR	11B1P
9/5/67	SP4	Calvitti	David			NM	/ /46	NBD	15753155	KOR	Unk	Other Wpns	Phu Bon	RA	11B2P
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9/7/67	PFC	Cherrstrom	Ronald	P		AR	/ /46	BD	19896866	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B1P
9/7/67	SSG	Archuletta	Ray	A		CA	/ /36	BD	17404497	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11C4P
9/8/67	PFC	Cothran	Curtis	E		CT	/ /47	NBD	14966696	KOR	Unk	Fire/Burns	Phu Bon	RA	11D1P
9/8/67	PFC	Elliott	William	K		GA	/ /47	NBD	16990355	KOR	Unk	Fire/Burns	Phu Bon	RA	05B2P
9/12/67	MSG	Forbes	Thomas	L		DE	/ /29	BD	1424856	KOR	Unk	Other Causes	Khanh Hoa	RA	11F5P
9/12/67	PFC	Francis	Thomas	E		MT	/ /46	BD	12770918	KOR	Unk	Other Wpns	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B10
9/12/67	PFC	McDavis	Calvin	L		PR	/ /46	BD	54367884	DOW	Unk	Other Wpns	Tuyen Duc	RA	11B2P
9/15/67	SP4	Hines	John	L		SD	/ /48	BD	13845672	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	76D2P
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9/27/67	PFC	Ingram	Jerry	G		CT	/ /48	BD	14926229	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B1P
9/27/67	PFC	Riccione	Steven	B		NV	/ /47	BD	11972810	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B1P
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I thought these might be of interest to some of the readers. Some of those listed were KIA later in the year. Most are on the Platoon picture I sent before. (See page 9).

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1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

Awarded: Army Commendation Medal  
Theater: Republic of Viet Nam  
Reason: Meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force.  
Authority: By direction of the Secretary of the Army under the provisions of AR 672-5-1.

WINDLEY, WILLIAM H. RA51238345 STAFF SERGEANT E6  
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E4 USA Co D, Spt Bn, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347  
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WILLIAMS, JIMMIE L. US55822439 SPECIALIST FOUR E4 USA  
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ALEXANDER, ROBERT A. US55869488 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 USA  
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Date action: 2 July 1966 to 6 June 1967

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BRAY, WALTER E. JR. RA17739358 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 USA  
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Date action: 7 July 1966 to 6 June 1967

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**CREW RESCUED FROM VC BACKYARD**

PHAN RANG, Viet Nam (delayed) – Engine failure of an Army UH-1B helicopter, of the 48th Aviation Company (Airmobile) which directly supports the Army's 1st Brigade 101st Airborne Division, resulted in an emergency landing in Viet Cong territory, yet demonstrated excellent inter-service cooperation.

The armed "Huey," piloted by Major Ralph W. Broman, of West Covena, Calif., was transporting four passengers from the Screaming Eagles' base camp at Phan Rang to the Dong Ba Thin airstrip 30 miles south of Nha Trang.

According to the co-pilot, Chief Warrant Officer Wayne F. Geer, Blackwell, Okla., "we were at 1800 feet over the rocky coastline when the engine suddenly quit on us. This was the first time that I had ever experienced a flame-out in a Huey, but I knew we lacked sufficient altitude for an aerial re-start."

Major Broman auto-rotated the helicopter towards the only level area for miles – a VC controlled marshland. "As soon as we hit the ground I dispatched the passengers into security positions and formed a perimeter defense," stated the Major.

The helicopter's crew chief, Specialist Four Orville L. Stover of Otis, Oregon, immediately began a systematic check of the engine and components. "I couldn't see any bullet-holes," recalled Stover, "or any obvious malfunctions of equipment, but there we were in the swamp with Charlie all around us."

After conferring with Sp4 Stover, Major Broman attempted to start the turbo-jet engine - but to no avail.

"My first action after we landed," stated Geer, "was to attempt to establish radio contact. I finally got through to a USAF transport which was about ten minutes out of Cam Ranh AB. The Air Force pilot relayed our message to the airbase."

"Within minutes after we touched down, three Skyraiders appeared above us. I don't know if they were American or Vietnamese, but they sure looked pretty as they circled overhead."

The sound of rotorblades joined the roar of the Skyraiders as the rescue helicopter arrived from Cam Ranh. Major Broman again attempted to start the downed helicopter - this time with success.

Broman remarked, "Fearing the possibility of another flame-out, I didn't want to endanger more personnel than necessary. Sp4 Stover accompanied me in the Huey."

CWO Geer and the four passengers boarded the rescue ship, an Air Force Kaman "Huskie" helicopter, for the return trip to the airbase.

Reunited at the airfield, the passengers and crew congratulated each other on their harrowing rescue. Close calls are not a novelty to Major Broman; the veteran pilot is on his second tour in Viet Nam.



## VIETNAM REPORT



### A PAUSE TO REMEMBER

Phan Rang, RVN (101st IO) 29 July marked the second anniversary of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division's arrival in South Vietnam. On this date the brigade paused to remember those who have served so well with the brigade. A simple, dignified ceremony was held at the brigade's base camp near Phan Rang. LtC Quinton P. Sunday, Support Battalion Co, led the ceremony and dedicated a bronze plaque to the troopers of the brigade. The inscription reads: "This plaque is placed in grateful recognition of those Screaming Eagles who are extending the glorious history of our division to the mountains, jungles, and paddies of South Vietnam." **SGM John T. Hayden, Support Battalion, is shown unveiling the plaque.** LtC Quinton P. Sunday, CO, Spt Bn, wrote the Association as follows: "Gentlemen: On behalf of the officers and men of the 1st Abn Bde, 101st Abn Div., I would like to extend our sincere thanks for the handsomely engraved bronze plaque. The plaque has been placed in front of the Bde Hqs here in Phan Rang. Sincerely, Quinton B. Sunday, LtC, Inf., Commanding." The plaque was provided to the 1st Bde by the Association through contributions to the Pratt Memorial Fund.

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### **THE FLYING COOKIES**

(101st - IO) - On 9 November 1965, a mammoth program dubbed "Operation Cookie Bake" was initiated by the "Wives Who Wait," an organization of dependants of troopers of the Army's 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division who reside in the Fort Campbell, Kentucky area, with the help of various social and church societies of surrounding civilian communities, that resulted in numerous smiles and satisfied palates for the Army paratroopers on Christmas Day in Vietnam.

Assisted by the Air Force's 101st Air Transport Squadron, stationed at Berry Field in Nashville, Tenn., approximately 78,000 home-baked cookies arrived at the Army's 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division base camp in Phan Rang RVN on Christmas Eve. The cookies were equally distributed to units of the 1st Brigade and to other units from Fort Campbell, Ky., who are at present serving in the Republic of Vietnam.

The first box was packed by Major General Beverley E. Powell, Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division and Fort Campbell.

The success of the operation was noted as a great tribute by Col. J. S. Timothy, of New Orleans, La., the Brigade Commander, to the drive of the women whose desire it was to bring a touch of the home-like Christmas to these patriotic troopers who are giving of themselves so that their family and friends may enjoy this festive season as it was meant to be.



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*TUY HOA, VIETNAM (101ST-IO) – Lieutenant Colonel Joseph B. Rogers, Commander of the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry (Abn), 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, gives briefing of the previous nights activities to Major General Stanley Larsen, Commanding General Field Forces Vietnam and Brigadier General Willard Pearson, Commander of the Army's 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, during Operation Harrison near Tuy Hoa. Photo by Sp/4 Richard Houghton.*

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