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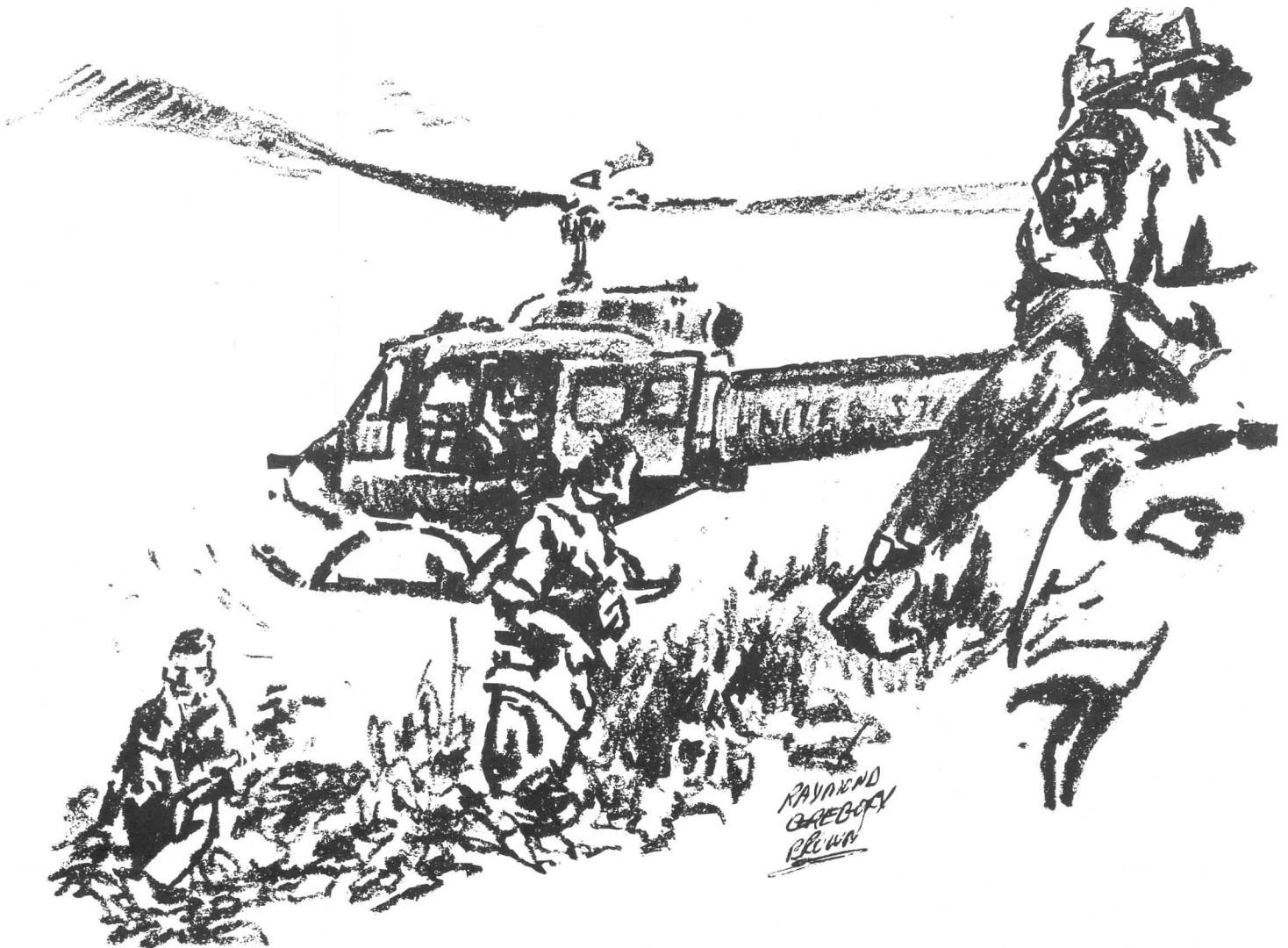
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Another goal of the editor is to lead an initiative to place a monument, to honor members of the brigade, at the Wings of LIBERTY Military Museum at Fort Campbell, Kentucky (the museum will be located on the Tennessee side of Fort Campbell).



(L to R) Brigadier General Willard Pearson, Commanding General of the 1st Brigade (Separate), 101st Airborne Division and Ivan Worrell, Brigade Information Officer. On the occasion of General Willard Pearson departing the 1st Brigade (S), the Brigade Information Section produced a photo album with a number of photographs depicting highlights of his year as Commanding General. This eventually was a benefit to me because the Information Section produced an album for me just before my departure. Many of the photos from that album have been used in *The First SCREAMING EAGLES in Viet Nam*.

EDITOR'S NOTES

I believe we, as fellow veterans of the 1st Brigade (S), were honored that General Jack Keane took time from his demand-

ing duties as Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army to attend the reunion in Columbus. His speech indicated that he believes he had the opportunity to serve in the very best unit in Viet Nam. His speech, at the reunion dinner begins on the facing page. The speech that followed, by MG (R) S. H. Matheson will be published in the July magazine.



The cover art, again, is by PFC Raymond Brown who drew most of the line art for THE VIETNAM ODYSSEY.

The magazine now has 590 subscribers. My database also has names and addresses of 1288 prospective subscribers who served in the 1st Brigade (S).

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1/101 Reunion 2000

AFTER DINNER SPEECH

Major General S. H. Matheson, USA, Ret, introduced
General John "Jack" Keane,
Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army

I now get to introduce another member of the Brigade. One who has gone further than any of us, the current Vice Chief of Staff, Jack Keane. Jack reported into the Brigade as a 1st Lieutenant. He came in and he saw the Gila Monster (Oscar Davis), before he saw me. The Gila Monster gave him these instructions: He said Lieutenant there is one thing, in this outfit, you don't do and I want you to understand ... you don't step on it, you understand me? Years later at the 50th Anniversary at Fort Campbell he is ADC (Assistant Division Commander) and John Miller was the CG, Westy was there and he wanted to talk to the generals. I was sitting next to him and he turned to me and said, General there is one thing I would like to point out, Colonel Davis taught me well. Well it's carried on, the O-Duce as a Lieutenant, the ADC of the 101, CG of the 101, CG of the 18th Abnormal Corps and now Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army. And you all, in the O Duce, are the ones who got this started. (Applause)

General Keane

I am not here because I could not do something else. I came here because I wanted to be here. I arranged something else so that I could be here. I came to this a couple of years ago when I was Commanding General of XVIII Airborne Corps. It is the first time, I have been able to get back, that I have been able to do something like this.

I cut my teeth, in the Airborne, as a Lieutenant in the United States Army in the 82nd Airborne Division. I was a 2nd Lieutenant during my year in the 82nd. I had to fight my Battalion Commander to get out of that outfit and get to where war fighting was. I love the 82nd dearly but I never went back, I cut my teeth in the 101st where I was a Platoon Leader, Company Commander, Chief of Staff, ADC and Commanding General. (Applause)

Two things: Rank happens you don't seek it. I don't know why it happens. It is still a mystery to me and always will be. I started out in housing projects in Manhattan, New York, first generation college student; nobody in my family ever made a career of the military. When I became a paratrooper that made the difference in my life. There are two things I am really proud of, one is being Infantry and the other is being a paratrooper. A



General John "Jack" Keane

paratrooper is not about jumping out of airplanes. It is about hanging out with some of the best people there are in the world. (Applause) Things that I got exposed to at a very early age as a young officer have stood me in great stead in the United States Army. Trust me I am still imposing those standards for the Army today. I had not worked in the Pentagon in twenty years. All my assignments have been in the operations area, then I get to the Pentagon. What is the Pentagon? The Corporate Headquarters of the United States Army. It is the second most famous building in the world, and it is the headquarters of the greatest army in the world. We have people running around in the Pentagon, that make all the rules, all the policies for the Army and then decide to follow only a few of them themselves, like look right, dress right and be in proper condition to do physical training. We have changed all that. We have brought a little character and spirit at formations. When I got to the Pentagon I asked them when do you do your physical training? They said, Sir, we do that on our own. I said, You don't understand. When do we get together in formation and do this physical training? They said, Sir, We don't do that. And I said, find a place to do it in Washington, D. C. So we go out to Fort Meyer and we put them all in formation, the whole Headquarters of the United States Army and we do paratroop physical training. (Applause)

Another thing is; being around Non Commissioned Officers in airborne units is absolutely special. They teach you what to do and what not to do and the spirit and standards that they pass on to the young officers. We let those guys run our organizations, they impose their own standards, they enforce those standards. They have the discipline and they set the role model themselves and they physically would lead their organizations in combat. The thing that I did as a platoon leader and company comman-

der, I held them back, sometimes, because they were so aggressive, so incredibly aggressive. I have been on jump status nine times in different units throughout my career. Always going back somehow, someway just to be associated with, just to be a part of that experience. It has invigorated me and kept me going. I am no longer on jump status; I can no longer do that. Physically I am ready to go. I am ready to go. The last two three star slots that I had, I was on jump status. One of them I created myself because I was on UN assignment. I could not create this slot for myself up at the office of Vice Chief of Staff; I just had to be sure I was the one in charge. I said, it is not right, because I will not be able to do it (airborne training) at the level and frequency it deserves to be done and maintain the proper standards and I will never, ever become a liability to some sergeant who is charged with maintaining order and discipline in an airplane. I finally just had to say I can't do it anymore. Not that I don't want to do it. It is just not right to try to do it.

I would like the Non Commissioned Officers here to, please stand, so we can give you a hand for who you are and what you stand for. (Applause) I didn't seek this rank in the Army. I need to tell you Non Commissioned Officers have saved me from myself on so many occasions that I would not be here today if it weren't for these guys who just stood their ground. They have kept me humble and kept me straight. Most of my days are made by Sergeants who do their jobs. This Army is in real good shape. I know you feel that the Army has gone through changes that are different than what you knew. I understand that. It will always be that way. It will never be perfect again, the way you were doing it. The soldiers and sergeants we have in this Army want to be here, they care about it. They will go through a wall if you ask them to. They will put their life on the line if you ask them to. They will do what you have always done and that is risk everything you care about in life. Everything you care about in life, for what? For one another and the sake of the nation. I have been commanding soldiers most of my

life in the United States Army. Every single year I have seen that expression of dedication. We lose more kids today in peace time training, because it is so realistic and so tough, than we do in combat. Two years after Desert Storm we had lost more soldiers in training than we did in the war itself. The instruments of war are just as dangerous in peace as they are in war. The Army in the past ten years has made extraordinary strides. We've got two big problems. We don't have enough money and we don't have enough people. We reached our zenith about 15 years ago. Then we had Desert Storm. Some of you were in the Army at the time. Most of you saw that war on TV. Then we have had 14 years of declining budgets. That has taken a toll on readiness and training has come down. That stopped about two years ago when the President gave us a lot of money. All that did was stop the decline. We need a lot more money to get back to where we were. Those are the facts. The second problem is that we do not have enough people to do all the things we have to do. We have held on to the number of divisions. We have 10 divisions and 50 something-separate brigades. We do not have enough people to populate all of them. We need more people. Those are the two biggest problems facing us. Let me give you some statistics so that you understand. The economy of this nation has been growing for the past 15 years, except for an 18-month down turn, and the last five years have been extraordinary. If you look at the defense budget as a percentage of the gross national product it is less than three cents on the dollar, 2.8%. To find a comparable percentage to that you have to go back to; what year, 1980s, 1970s, 1960s when we were fighting in Viet Nam? 1950s when we were fighting in Korea? You have to go back to 1940; you have to go back to 1940 to find a comparable number that the War Department was receiving, a comparable percentage of gross national product. That is our big problem and we need you to help us with that problem. One thing you can help with is to get some discussion taking place between our presidential candidates about defense itself. We are delighted that some of that is taking place.

Thank you for letting me share a few moments with you tonight. And pay testimony to who you are and what you stand for. This is a remarkable organization. I have spoken about it to so many people; so many times you will hear me referring to the amount of pride I have in being associated with all of you. I've got my battalion commander here tonight, Colonel Harry Danforth, I've got my S-3 here, General Shalikashvili. I have my first battalion commander who was with us in Viet Nam, Ralph Puckett, these men, I am telling you, when I was a Lieutenant when I looked at them they were godlike and they are still like that to me today. I will always tell them so, and that is just the way it is. The duty they provided and the role models they were; I cut my teeth on this outfit and I would not be here if it were not for all of you. God bless you and thank you! (Applause)



George William Day, 2/327 HQ 7/58-7/66, 32 Bradley Ct., Wilmington, OH 45177-7851, sent these reunion photos.



Members of 2nd, 327 at the dinner on Saturday night. Hawk platoon members in front row.

 **1/101 Reunion 2000**



Matt English (2/327 Recon 1/64-6/66) from Brooklyn, NY, and Bill Shinault (2/327 HHC) from Fayetteville, NC, at the barbecue on Friday night.



At the Saturday dinner in Columbus - seated: COL(R) and Mrs. Mel Garten (2/327 10/65-6/66) from Tampa, Florida. Standing left to right: John Stiles (2/327 Recon) from Dubuque, IA; Matt English (2/327 Recon 1/64-6/66) from Brooklyn, NY; George Day (2/327 HQ 7/58-7/66) from Wilmington, OH and Sammy Ipock (2/327 HQ 63-66) from Zebulon, NC.



1/101 Reunion 2000

Lenny A. Vitha, 2/502 Recon HQ 7/66-7/67, 13 B 12th Place NW Street, Owatonna, MN 55060, sent the following:

REUNION 2000-from my point of view

In the spring and fall of 2000 I journeyed back to Ft. Campbell, KY for Week Of The Eagles and then to Ft. Benning for the 1st Brigade reunion. It had been 35 years since I was a young 18 year old paratrooper arriving at Ft. Campbell, KY, Oct of 1965, fresh out of jump school at Ft. Benning, a wide eyed cherry very, very green and still wet behind the ears.

On the greyhound bus ride from Minnesota to Campbell I was now 53 years old and felt a surreal sense of this trip back thru the mists of time. I wondered if my old girl friend would still be at the Hop Town roller rink. I even ran an ad in the Hopkinsville newspaper looking for her, a long shot that faded back into time as my week sped by at the Econo-Lodge in HopTown along with the hectic pace of activities at Ft. Campbell. I finally met some Recondos from the 0 Duece but could not find any immediate squad members I rubbed elbows with in the jungles of the central highlands.

I kept wanting to see the old Campbell with all the coal smoke rising from the various WW II barracks and the hustle of prep training for Vietnam. I stared very hard but the image seemed to mock me as if shimmering from a time long since past. It faded into the Ft. Campbell of today, the new Screaming Eagles, the new post with all its modern facilities and the new age Air Assault troops of the present. I was very proud of them during the Division Review, and what ever happened to Command Sargent Major Jackie Siggers who was my platoon sergeant at C-1-501st during 1965. On the bus ride back to Minnesota something was still missing, I hadn't connected with any members of my Recondo squad from the 1st Brigade 2nd 502nd of 1966 Vietnam.

The Ft. Benning reunion wasn't as emotional as the trip to Week Of The Eagles but I did alot of video taping during the Benning tour and filmed my walk back up the steps of the 34 ft Mock Tower. A feat I haven't done since Oct 1965 when I could spring up those steps two at a time with my training harness on.

Now with my cane in one hand I had trouble taking one step at a time. I walked up those steps into the past but descended back down into the present. Indeed I did over indulge at the hospitality rooms in the Columbus Hilton and paid dearly for it, I struggled all day at the Ft. Benning tour with a monumental hang over. I'm looking forward to Week of the Eagles I believe in 2002 at Ft. Campbell and to the 1st Brigade reunion in San Antonio Texas. As I was winging my way back to Minnesota from Georgia I still had that nagging feeling that something still has not been fulfilled. Like that old Bob Seger song "I'm still running against the wind."

L. Vitha
Recondos 66/67

Editor's Note: The JULY 2001 issue will carry Lenny Vitha's story about "The Wild Pig Incident."



RICHARD A. HISE, 1/327 HHC 1/67-8/68, P.O. Box 75, Machias, NY 14101-0075, (716) 353-4501 wrote: Enclosed is a photo from the 2000 Reunion. Bill Carpenter and myself were off "Ghostin" somewhere as usual.

The other photo is of "Tigers" that were at the reunion.

In the JULY 2000 1st SCREAMING EAGLES on page 5 KIAs: Gerspach, Peter J. III was from Buffalo, New York. He was the only person I ever served with that lived anywhere near where I did. We had four (4) days of "Ole Home Week" and Peter was KIA.

Also enclosed is a set of orders for the CIB. Please note 1st SCREAMING EAGLES page 25 of the JAN 2001 issue that Cassidy, James M. was included on the Nov 67 CIB (see page 20) orders HHC 1/327.

Had a fair time at the reunion. See you in Ft. Worth '02.

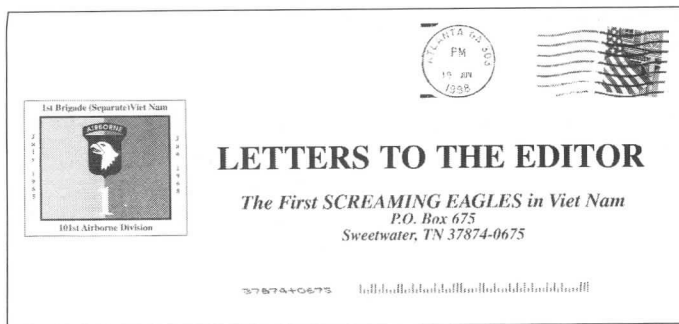


Left to Right: Trout, Hoult, Moreland, Kornetkowski and Rodgers. Tiger Force '67 (photo: Brigette Trout)



Left to Right: Bill Carpenter (LTC, Ret.), Gary Kornetkowski, Dallas Rodgers, Richard A. Hise, Ernie Moreland, Harold Trout (SGM, Ret.) Wally Burrell, Steve Hoult. (photo: Brigette Trout)





MESSAGES FROM THE

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Nice to see a web site dedicated to the 1st Brigade-PFC Leo Reloza, 1st Bde, 2nd Bn/ 327th Inf Rgt, 101st Abn Div. (AASLT)

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Served with B 2/327th 12-65,1-66 machine gun Section, as E-6. I just found out this summer that 1LT Smith was KIA when his C.P. was over run by VC.

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HHC 2/502 Recondos

Hey Mike, LT Otto was KIA on May 11, 1966. Remember we were up at Nhon Co. We operated out of the old Bn Gia Map Special Forces air strip that was abandoned in the summer of 1965. This was up near the Cambodian border. We were after the NVA 141st Regiment that was in the area. We, the Recondo Platoon landed in a Montagnard melon patch (pissed him off) we set out and David Scott was KIA on the trail by a sniper, this was May 6, 1966. A lot of this is written in the book "Battles in the Monsoon" by S.L.A. Marshall.

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Hey everyone...I got an e-mail from the daughter of Lt.

Wm.Otto, 2/502. He was killed in May or June 1966. If anyone is interested in corresponding with his daughter Sharon, let me know. Mike

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I was attached to the 1st brigade 101st in Nam 65/66. My outfit was the 5/27th Artillery. The 101st, best outfit I was ever around. Sincerely, Ron

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Welcome home to all 101st vets. Trying to find old buddies from C/2/320 Arty. Albert, gun #3 (New Orleans), Jeffy, gun #3, Lowin, RTO 2/502(Crazy Ed), Big Jake. gun #5 (Pennsylvania).

+ MIKE BALDINGER, KEYSER, WV
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Hey guys...Anyone remember Sgt. Sidney Brown? He was 1st Plt. Sgt. C/2/502 1965-66. I was plt. medic. I spoke with him via phone recently. He's doing well. If anyone wants his phone #...I have it.Hey Russell....Behave yourself or I'll have to make a trip to Pittsburgh and give you a shot!

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Hey guys, does anyone know how to access the Vietnam Memorial (In D.C.) web site. For instance I remember days of certain of our KIA's and used to look up their date to get the names. Tried doing this for 12/31/66 as 2/502nd lost some guys due to VC violation of our 24 hr. New Year's cease fire. Anyway, can't find the site I used to access and appreciate anyone's update on what happened to The Wall site. All the best, especially to our loyal " 'O deuce Jim".

*Editor's Note: Paul, you can reach it at:
<http://www.sogngo.com/vietwar/>*

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Would like to hear from anybody from ABU co. 3rd Platoon

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While I've always enjoyed the trips down memory lane that the magazine has brought, this issue with the articles on Gibraltar (An Ninh) really hit home. Let's not forget Ed Fox, the C/2/320 FO who gave his life in the first wave. If any of my battery-mates from C/2/320 or Company mates from B/2/502 are out there, I'd like to trade war stories, from the Eltinge through Dak To.

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WAS IN HQ.HQ. BTRY. DIV ARTY. 101ST AIRBORNE VIET NAM DEC. 67 THRU OCT 68. WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANY 101SRES.

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One of the original CURRAHEE'S. Crossed the pond on the Weigel. Served with C co. 4th pltn. 3/506th airborne inf. 4/67-10/68. Nice web site you got here, keep up the good work. welcome home

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Make plans for the Melbourne Florida's 14th Annual Vietnam Vets reunion April 27-29, 2001
<http://members.aol.com/FLVietVets/reunion.html>

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Above the rest, I served with ABU 1/327 from 9/9/65 to 7/2/66. Would like to hear some of my ABU brothers. If not on e-mail my phone # 361-857-5424. By-the-way Ivan, super web site.

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With Co. A 326th Combat Engr. Apr 66 to Jan 67., Hq co. 2/502 Jan to Apr. 67. Trying to locate Clarence Sharron, San Jose, Ca., he was with the 326th. Great site, hope to hear from any of you troopers out there. Airborne Strike Force.

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With A Trp 2/17th Cav 1/101 from Dec 66 to Dec 67. I have been trying to help a Mrs. Thompson whose son Kirk (scout with 3rd platoon) was killed in Tuy Hoa shortly before I arrived. Mrs. Thompson is looking for other members of A Trp who knew her son and might have info or photos covering the Cav's operations. Any help would be appreciated.

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Trying to locate CSM (RET) Willie Harris, former section leader (then S/SGT) Weapons Platoon, Co. A, 2/502nd Infantry, 1st Brigade (Separate), 101st Airborne Division. Battle of Dak To, June, 1966. Trying to resurrect Air Medal with "V" device earned rescuing a patrol from Abu, 1/327 on June 8, 1966. We evacuated 3 wounded troopers by Chinook, received heavy fire going down on cable with parachute harness attached. Only Sgt. Harris, myself and two others were able to get in before the chopper had to leave because of heavy enemy resistance. Sarge, (or anyone who knows his whereabouts) if you are out there, please contact me, info follows: E-mail: strike@vnet.net, phone: (336) 427-5567, or address snail mail: 800 Mineral Springs Road, Madison, N.C. 27025. Exhausted all other remedies. (I was a short timer, PFC, at the time) Thanks for helping, Your bro, Grif.

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ALWAYS FIRST ALL THE WAY 65/66

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Posting a change to e-mail address. Best wishes to all. You can view a previous entry on this web page for my 1st Bde Bio'

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I was with 1st Bde July '67-July '68. First 6 mos I served 2/327 as Chaplain, and last 6 mos, 3/506. I wore my head shaved. Served with Chaplains Murphy, Torer, Smith, Connett, and Thompson. Has anyone kept up with my assistant Sp4 Michael Smith? Also does anyone remember the name of the Lt or Cpt FAC who was KIA in Sept/Oct of '67? I have a lot of pictures and a lot of memories. I still get a lump in my throat if I hear a Huey in the night. All The Way, Chaplain Burnham

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Today marks the one year anniversary of the passing of a true Airborne warrior. Col. Chester B. McCoid. 34 yrs. he served this nation including jumping at Normandy, and severely wounded with the 507th 82nd and again in Luxemburg, again wounded. In Korea he was in the 23rd Inf. In the 50's and early 60's he was Executive Officer with 2nd Airborne BG 503RD Infantry Combat Team "The Rock." Later he was instrumental in forming the 173rd Airborne Division. In Vietnam he was Deputy Brigade Commander of the 101st under Gen. Pearson from June 66-April 67. He then went on to have nine major assignments before leaving Vietnam on 29 March 73. Some of his assignments were as Senior advisor to the ROK Marines in 67, Deputy Brigade Commander of 2nd/1st Air Cav. in 70. Senior Advisor MACV 67-68. Deputy Directorate Phoenix Program under W. Colby 71-72. Senior Military Advisor 3rd ARVN 72 (responsible for turning that division around and into a fighting division finally) and Senior Military Advisor Region II, Four Party Joint Military Commission, (responsible for negotiating the release of POW's). He was the last combat soldier to leave Da Nang on 29 March 1973. He never received his star, because he did not have his college degree and he turned down the Distinguished Service Cross because he said was concerned that it is being handed out gratuitously. He did however receive his third CIB (of which he was most proud), one of only 294 in history to receive three. Over the last year I have received many letters from those who served with him over the years. My conclusion. This Nation is a better place because of him

Editor's Note: 173rd was a Separate Airborne Brigade.

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I served in Sgt Moates platoon, A Co. 2/327 at Ft. Campbell in 1964 & 65. My nickname then was Cowboy. I was too short to go to Vietnam. My ETS was July 29, 1965, the day the Eltinge docked. Those who did go have my respect and gratitude. Welcome home! I'd like to reconnect with some of the best friends I ever had. Airborne!

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My husband joined the 101st at Phan Rang 1966. He was a recon sgt. He was further sent to A Btry 5th 27 Field Artillery for FO's and Recon Sgts were in high demand. After 343 days serving support from one Unit to another without R&R my husband was shot in the right hip and left wrist. He is now 100% disabled. They pinned the CIB on him while he was in the Hospital at Tuy Hoa. I requested a copy of his missing orders and was told he didn't qualify for the C.I.B. but I went threw all the regulations and he does qualify because he took up the infantry mode when Artillery could not be used. He received the Bronze Star w/V device. Please I need help. He is out of his mind most days going through flash backs, etc. He has to go to group therapy once a week forever. Help.

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Merry Christmas all! Thirty-four years ago I had not gone to C/2/502 yet and was a clerk in the S-4 shop of the 1st Bde. We were at Kontum City, Kontum Province. They made us HQ types pull guard in the bunkers. It was scary to think that there was nothing between us and "them" (the VC and the NVA). All the rifle battalions were in for the Christmas truce. At midnight there was a terrific Whooshhh! Whhoosh! sound from all over the perimeter. It scared me to death. It was pop flares, being fired from all the guard posts at the battalions. They only fired red and green ones, and that was their Christmas celebration. Next day Gen'l. Pearson put out the word that it shouldn't happen again because the flares were a critically short item in the theatre.

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The soldier's name on the 48 Hrs. show was Rich Luttrell. Happy Holidays gang!!

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I missed CBS's 48 Hours special last night Dec. 19 about a 101st trooper who had killed a VC and carried a picture he took from the scene of the dead enemy and his daughter. Some 35 years later thru a complicated series of events he held this picture, finally decided to try to find this Vietnamese "girl", did so and then went back to visit her and admit to killing her father. Really sorry I missed it but my brother says the guy's name was similar to "Rich Letterfield", and it appeared it may have occurred in 65-67, or in the Always First era. The trooper featured in this piece is currently working for the VA in Illinois. Just wondered if anyone saw this piece and knows when and

where this took place and which unit he was assigned to at the time? Wishing all you guys a Peaceful, Joy-Filled Christmas or Holiday season At home with Family and Friends.

+ DENNIS E. BOOMS, SARANAC, MI
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I was in Vietnam with HHC 2/502 Inf. July 1965-June 1966. I would like to hear from anyone from that time period. After my return from Vietnam, I was stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky. with 101st Admin Co.

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I am another proud veteran of the Always First Brigade. Joined the 101st at Ft. Campbell in May 66 and worked for Div. G2 till transferred to VN in Oct.. Spent Nov. on special all-airborne TDY guarding the garbage dump outside 90th Replacement at Long Binh. Finally got to HHC 2/502nd assigned to S-4 just before Christmas '66. Jan-July 67 assigned to 2/502nd TAC CP as RTO for emergency medivacs and resupply for the BN elements in the field. Look for Bitting, Crazy Ed, O'Buckley, Jones, and any others whose names I have forgotten. ALL THE BEST for a peaceful and joy-filled Christmas or Holiday to all you guys who spent at least one over in Nam away from the family.

+ PAT NOONAN, SIMI VALLEY, CA
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MESSAGE ON: 12/8/2000

Bob Krepps died yesterday from wounds received in the battle at Troung Loung, he was with A Co 2/327 101st Abn. 1966. He will be missed, Rest in peace.

+ RALPH MOBILIO, FLINT, MI
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Hello to all my brothers who answered the call and served our country with pride. I will always be proud to tell anyone I was (and still am) with the 101st Abn. 1st Brigade. I just received my 1st copy Oct 2000 of the First Screaming Eagle magazine. It's great to be plugged into a site that's for my era. I'm one of those "boat people" that enjoyed the 30 day luxury cruise aboard the "Leroy Eltinge." Landed in Cam Rhan Bay and Base camp in Phan Rhang. In country July 65 - June 66. 2/502 HQ. Co. I was medevacted and upon return to Nam was separated from my outfit. Hopped every convoy going in their last known vicinity. Would really like to hear from any of the guys from that time. Airborne! All The Way!

E-MAIL MESSAGES

+ FRANK DOYLE
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Ivan, Just a note to thank you for your time and effort in this great site. I just found this site in the Maryland Combat Veteran paper. I have some great pictures of a tiger that was shot during a patrol. Has anyone mentioned this? Would you be interested in them? I also have one picture of a huge snake skin that someone had killed. My subscription is in the mail along with a request for a logo golf shirt. Again many thanks. Frank Doyle, Annapolis, Md., Co. A 326th Combat Engrs

Editor's Note: Frank, I would certainly be interested in the photos of the tiger and snake skin. Send the photos along with any written material you have or wish to produce and I will scan them and return to you. Glad to have you as a new subscriber (as of 1/16/01). See page 10

+ FRANK DOYLE
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Ivan, just sent today pics of tiger and snake skin. I included a letter but I forgot to mention that I would supply pics to troopers involved with the incident. They can reach me via E-mail or they can call me at home 410-757-4229. I would be more than happy to provide copies to them. They can show their grandkids what granpop did during the war. Let me know if you haven't received them. Frank.

KEN PACE SFC (Ret)
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Dear Ivan: I was with the 101st Abn 1st Bde Separate in Viet Nam. I served with 2/327 No (Slack) March 67-March 68. I retired 1 Dec 1989. I would love to receive information regarding the next reunion and any other information regarding 1st Bde Separate. Thanks, Ken Pace SFC (Ret), 4312 Meadow View Ct., Colorado Springs, CO 80918, Phone 719-599-3128

Editor's Note: Subscription info was sent

BILL FERRIS
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My name is Bill Ferris, 31 Eastman's Road, Orland, ME 04472, and I along with others have just completed and sent to Washington D.C., a recommendation for the CMOH for SSG Ira H. Perkins, KIA 7 June 1966 at Dak To. He was a member of 1st Brigade, 327th Inf, (Sep) 101st Abn Div, 2nd Plt. We have asked for an up grade of the Silver Star he won that day to the CMOH. We have two eyewitness letters from two of his

Plt members that were very moving. One is Nick Fondo of Florida and Bob Papesh of Ohio. Also a Ted Stanley of Virginia wrote a letter of recommendation. I saw your E-mail addresses on the web. Did you know SSG Perkins? I would like to hear from you and anyone else who knew Ira. I can be reached by telephone at (207) 469-6597.

Editor's Note: Bill, I did not know SSG Ira Perkins. I would like to have the material you are using for a possible story for THE FIRST SCREAMING EAGLES IN VIET NAM.

+ TIM SWAIN
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Dear Ivan: Received the latest issue Saturday; been reading it. Boy, do you put out a professional publication. Congratulations on covering all the bases. Very impressive. Be sure to sometime do a feature on Gunfighter Hank Emerson. Interesting guy. If you check my Swain Country web site [google.com - hit Swain Country] you will note that I am adding 101st Airborne info all the time. My question: do you have a good timeline for the 101st in Vietnam to cover it's combat record? My recollection of the 101st is like [June '44 to say, April '45 in WWII] compared to July 65 to say early '71 or '72 in Vietnam].

Ivan, you don't mind my copying of some of your good material to my web page do you? Wider dissemination for future-101st Airborne recruits and admirers and enhancement of the hard-earned legend; same as we should work to have a standard-sharp window decal [given out free; and encouraged to be used by every vet of the 101st] similar to the Marines and NRA which are so wide-spread.

Best regards, Tim Swain

Editor's Note: Tim, Thanks for the kind words. You have been very helpful by supplying material and sending many gift subscriptions. I plan to have a decal. Cannot afford the cost now.

Subject: Howard Tuckner info from last issue.
+ MICHAEL WILLEY
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Ivan, I was the photographer who was assigned to cover Howard Tuckner while he was in Duc Pho with our unit. I did the photos and some of the journalism, and I think that it was either Singley or Strobel that did some more interviews with him. The enclosed Photo and By-line was the one that was used in the June 5th, 1967 edition of the Dip & Warrior. Hope that this helps jog your memory.

Mike Willey
"Doc"
Chaplain for Michigan Chapter #3 of Rolling Thunder ©

Editor's Note: Michael, thanks for the photo. I will use it in the April edition. Hope there are a lot more where that came from. Best Regards, Ivan



TELEVISED LANDING. Howard Tuckner of NBC-TV and his news team film the landing of the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry near here recently. All the major television networks were on hand to record the arrival and early fighting of the Screaming Eagles in Operation Malheur. (67-309-4) US Army Photo by PFC Michael A. Willey, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div IO, APO 96347. Tel Strike 109

+ (GREG) MARGARET GERHART
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As a fairly recent subscriber to The ALWAYS FIRST Brigade newsletter, I would like to ask if you have printed an article about A Co. 1/327 during 1966-67. If you have, I would like to request a copy of that newsletter. I enjoy the newsletter very much. By the way, when and where is the reunion this year. You do a great job, Greg M. Gerhart, P. O. Box 287, Delta Junction, Alaska 99737

Editor's Note: Check for A, 1/327 stories on the web site by clicking on it in the message below. No reunion in 2001. Reunion in Texas in 2002. No details yet.

Please click below to visit the 1st Brigade (Separate) Web Site at: <http://www.101stabndiv1stbrigade.com>

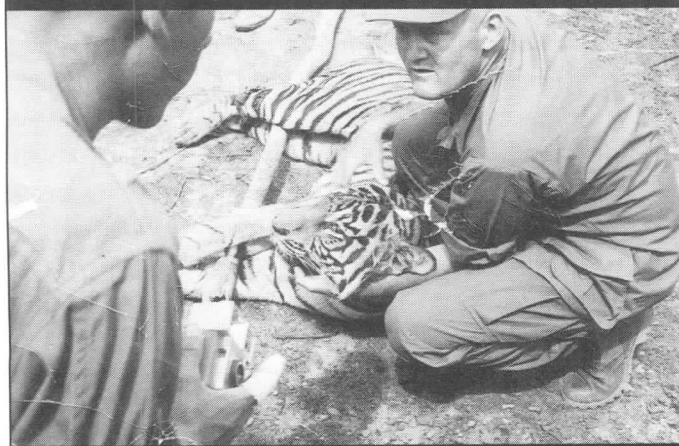
FROM THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

+ FRANK DOYLE, 326 ENGR A 3/66-3/67, 545 Bay Green Drive, Arnold, MD 21012 wrote: Was pleased that you responded to my E-mail concerning the tiger and snake skin. I've enclosed reprints for your use, it's not necessary that you return them to me.

I wish I had more info about this but after 34 years memories tend to fade, hell I can't remember what I had for dinner last night. What I do know is that this tiger was shot during a patrol. It was reported by sitrep when Gen. Pearson heard about the

encounter he wanted the cat transported to the base camp so the cooks could skin it for him. If they (the cooks) actually did the skinning I don't know. I know even less about the snake skin other than the black fellow shown is Sgt. White (I believe). I understand Sgt White of Co. A 326th Combat Engrs was KIA shortly after the picture was taken. The other Sgt I was told is the holder of the DSC, but I don't recall his name. I apologize that my memory is so poor about these events. Hopefully other troopers involved with this can clear things up. If there is anything else that I can think of I'll send it along. Thanks again for your effort in producing a fine site. I have E mail's from guys I haven't heard from in years.

Sincerely, Frank Doyle, fdoyle44@aol.com



+ LTC(R) WILLIAM (BILL) ROVAN, 2/327 HQ&A 6/66-5/67, 1271 Hickory Cove Ln., #2, Orange Park, FL 32065-6964; sent the following letter: On the back cover of your OCT 2000 issue you ran a photo of a Huey hovering over a "stake studded" LZ while a trooper leaped to the ground below – a true "airborne" assault. You asked if the location and unit could be identified. Dates and places escape me, for some unknown reason, but I remember that LZ quite well. Company A, 2/327 made the initial assault onto a landing zone that looked rather good from altitude. As we made the final approach and waited for touchdown the chopper hovered at about 8 to 10 feet from the ground; looking out it became rather obvious the branchless trees clearly shown in the photo made it impossible to land. Hueys in trail began to stack up as the birds maneuvered a bit in an unsuccessful attempt to find an open area. "Stacking up" over an unknown LZ is not a healthy situation and the crew chief quickly yelled, "You have to jump!" Jumping 8 to 10 feet with a full rucksack into tall grass and bushes studded with tree stumps was quite an experience. Fortunately, to the best of my recollection, nobody in the company was injured, although I feared reports of broken legs or worse. I recall a few seconds of "apprehension" when my RTO followed me out of the Huey and his radio handset hung up, stretching the radio cable to its full length; I had visions of him being "extracted" from the LZ that way. However, the crew chief quickly untangled the hand set and neither the RTO nor the radio was the worse for the harrowing "bunji jump." The company quickly assembled and moved off the LZ to begin another operation.



FREE FALL . . .

This photo was probably taken in July 1967.

Send additional information if you recognize the individual and the operation.

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I don't believe there was a photographer with us during that assault, so I suspect another unit, perhaps part of the Bn HQ, came into the same LZ. I do recall that "clearing" was about the only suitable landing zone in the area. As for the date and time of the operation, I believe it had to be around March or early April of '67, which would have made it part of Operation Summerall conducted in the Hon Ba Mountains in Khanh Hoa province. I was the company CO at the time and turned A Company over to 1Lt Peter Pepper just prior to the seaborne journey to I Corps to join Task Force Oregon in early May. A more concise answer to your question as to who, where and when...A 2/327, probably March 67 and probably in the Hon Ba Mountains of Khanh Hoa province!

+ RAYMOND W. GERNER, 2/327 HHC 5/65-6/66, 1423 Oxford St., Slaton, TX 79364-2811 sent the following letter: Just a note to help you I.D. three (3) more people in your JANUARY 2001 issue of "Chow in the Field," the picture you published of HQ 2/327 from the Samuel Watson III collection.



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

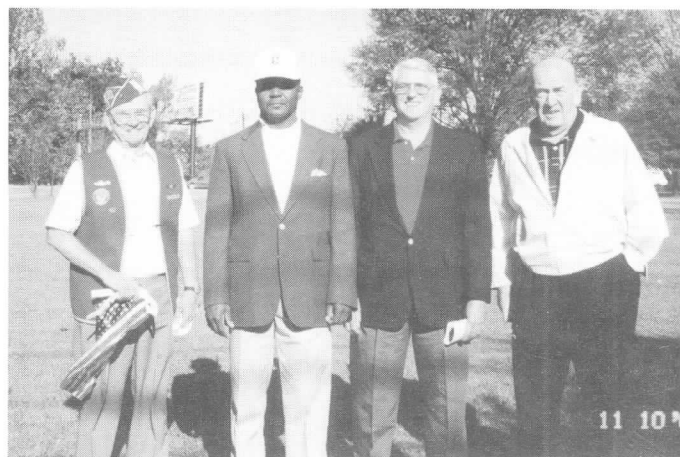
I nearly fell over when I saw it! Down in front 1st row left to right, 2nd man last name is Koch, 3rd man is myself! Sp4 Raymond Gerner, BN Armor. The man holding the guidon is my replacement PFC Stanley Knofler. Sorry, I can't remember Koch's first name.

That picture was made just before I returned stateside for leave and duty at Ft. Bragg, NC. I heard several months later that Stanley got shot up real bad, not long after that picture was made. I don't know if he is still alive or not. Drive on ABN.

+JOSEPH M. LAFATCH, 1/327 B 6/67-10/67, 747 Hampton Ridge Dr., Akron, OH 44313-8138, when renewing his subscription for another year sent the following message: An "Above the Rest" to Greene, Bowie, Melton, Uphouse, Cox, COL Morse, "The Bear," "Charlie Brown" and "Road Runner." Great job, Ivan!

+ JERRY R. STINSON, SPT BN HHC 7/67-7/68, 207 B Ladiga St. S.W., Jacksonville, AL 36265 sent the following letter: Enclosed you will find a check for \$36.20 to cover my subscription to the DIPLOMAT and WARRIOR as well as my order for cap and tag. I served in the 1st Brigade from 8 July 67 to 7 July 68. I was assigned to 101st Rigger Det. Then to the 1st BDE Jungle Proficiency School at Phan Rang as C.O. driver and draftsman. After TET I was assigned to Hue as forward liaison for 1st BDE to Camp Eagle. I returned to the states to be assigned as a rigger for the 6th Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg. I am looking forward to seeing the "Diplomat."

+ CLARENCE KINLOCH, 2/502 A 8/66-8/67, sent this photo (top of next column) taken after the first Veterans Day parade in more than 20 years held in Georgetown, South Carolina.



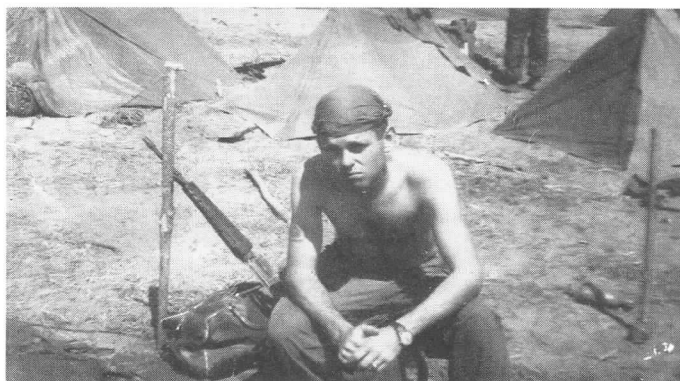
Left to right: Fred Best, Clarence Kinloch (101st), Skinner Jayroe (Grand Marshal) and Carl Johnson (World War II POW).

Thanks went to Navy Cdr. Tommy Thompson, Paige Sawyer, Peggy Wayne and lots of others.

+ MICHAEL J. DAVIS, 1/327 HHC 9/66-9/67, 17401 S.E. 39th St., Unit 207, Vancouver, WA 98683-9427 sent the two photos below along with 34 slides that I hope to be able to use some time.



1/327 Tigers SGT Rose far right



Michael Davis HHC Co.

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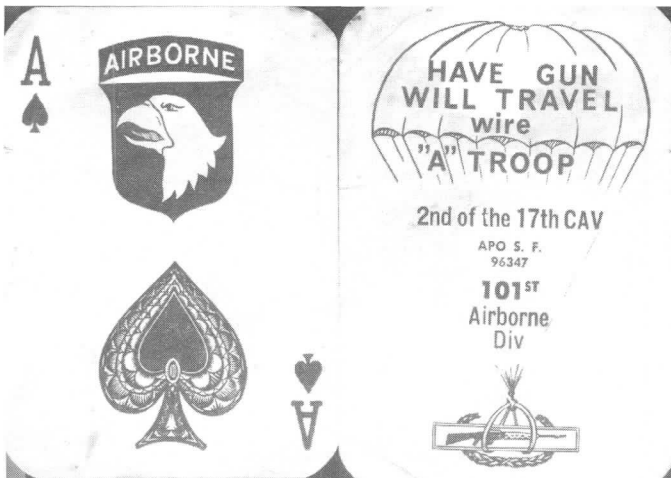


Subject: A 2/17th Cav Photo
 Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 10:55:24 -0800
 From: "Mike Pritchard" <mjpritt@adelphia.net>

Ivan,
 Here are a few photos of the scout section taken during the stand down in Phang Rang. I can even remember the names: Back row SGT Cash, Rat Bait (Duran), Mike Strothers, Mike Pritchard, Russ Needham Front row Mac, John Meitus, Chandler and Kron. The other Photo shows the front and back of the Cav death card. Hope this format works. Thank you for all your hard work in pulling together the 1st Brigade History Mike Pritchard
 A Trp 2/17 Cav 1/101



Ivan,
 Here are two photos taken near Duc Pho I believe around May of 1967. The first shows a banner tied between the jeep radio antenna. The trooper on the 60 is Sgt. Holt, the driver was called "The Bear", the person taking the photo without a shirt Capt. Harding. The second photo shows me with my M79 and a shotgun round on my helmet. Those rounds were like gold and for some reason very difficult to resupply. Hope these photos are useful.
 Mike Pritchard

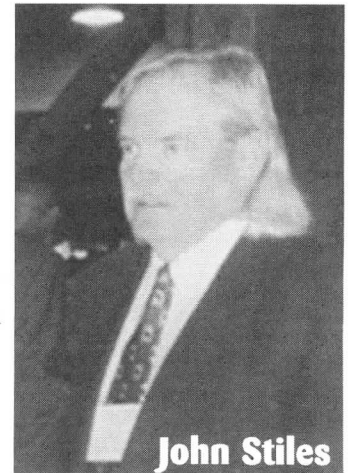


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Thought you might like to consider this column, which I've already published in my newspaper for a future edition. John R. Stiles

- What is it about mothers that compels them to humiliate their young?
- I'm sure there are few of us without a mom in possession of that odd picture or two in the family album they just have to pull out when someone, almost always one of our close friends and most usually a member of the opposite sex we're trying desperately to impress, stops by the house.
- Don't get me wrong. My mother is a wonderful woman. But she has this penchant for putting some of my life's most embarrassing moments right out in the middle of the street.
- And if she hasn't got a story to fit the occasion, she can always make one up.
- I'm quite certain that she probably has a bare-bottomed, infant photo or two of me stashed away I haven't seen yet, but even that would pale beside a story she just can't resist retelling to any and all who'll listen.
- According to her, I called home in stark terror from the United States Army's Jump School at Ft. Benning, Ga., the night before my first parachute jump.
- She insists that Mrs. Stiles' oldest boy was on the verge of tears contemplating his first exit from an aircraft at 1,250 feet, which was to occur bright and early the next morning.
- Now, this is an incident only she seems to have recollection of. But that fact hasn't prevented her from recounting my alleged shame, every chance she gets.
- To make matters even worse, as if that were possible, the first time I heard this sad scene set was when she decided to blurt it out to my then teenaged daughters at a family gathering.
- So, as if my mother's recounting of my supposed lack of courage wasn't bad enough, it had to come in front of my own kids, who in turn have the moment permanently etched in their memories as well.
- Nothing, like making sure the humiliation survives another generation or two.
- Anyway, I was back at Ft. Benning recently for a gathering of Vietnam vets. I and a few hundred other middle-aged men six sizes too big for their old uniforms and probably twice that in their recollections of the legends, were the guests of the U.S. Army and Columbus, Ga.
- Why is it that when you see someplace you haven't been in 30-plus years it's never a fraction as big as you remember it?
- As a 17-year-old, snot-nosed kid the expanse of red Georgia clay that comprised parachute school seemed to go on for miles. But in reality, it was little more than a couple of square acres of wooden platforms, plane mock-ups, suspension harnesses and those damn towers.
- And the size wasn't all that's changed about Jump School. The atmosphere, which I distinctly recall being hell at double-time, never ending push-ups and that gender-altering experience known as 'suspended agony' (harness-like devices used to practice chute guidance), has come down quite a few notches.
- Now, instead of being chewed on by 'Black Hats' (Jump School instructors) it's all 'Satisfactory' this and 'Unsatisfactory' that.

- We were told that today's Army has had to use a little more friendly persuasion and reason than we were used to.
- That's funny, I would have said that today's Army, most especially it's Jump School, and the one that I attended were not only on different levels but different planets.
- Why, they were downright polite by comparison.
- In my day, as I remember it, our three weeks at Benning were quite a bit different. As they used to explain it; the first week they separated the men from the boys. The second week they separated the men from the fools and the last week the fools jumped.
- Firstly, I remember 'Black Hats' spitting something I will, for the sake of the uninitiated in the reading audience, refer to as rather blunt motivational instruction about a centimeter from my nose 40 to 50 times every single day.
- Perhaps that's why the place looked so different to me upon my recent return. I can't remember a time when I didn't have an instructor directly in my face while the sun was up. It was the first clear view I ever had of the surroundings.
- Oh yeah, and I also recall that every 'Black Hat' in the place was related to every other one at the level of first cousin.
- Now, the reason I know this is because every time I fouled up, and I fouled up every 30 seconds, a different instructor was in my field of vision, a close-shaved whisker away telling me how his 'grandmother' could do a better < fill in the blank > than me and "she's 86 years old with two broken legs."
- Of course the odds of all of these tyrants having a separate 86-year-old, crippled grandmother are practically non-existent, right?
- At any rate, I took a good look around this time at Benning, and I have to tell you it just didn't look scary enough to send a 17-year-old boy crying for his mother, even if it was the first time he'd been more than 10 feet off the ground in his life.
- Then, they gave us the Jump School demonstration, which must have been some sort of mistake, as all the guys in the group at least had already served their time in this hell-hole cut out of the Georgia pines.
- Everything was fine until the guy directed our attention to the 250-foot tower, which is a lot like those rides at major amusement parks, only higher and without any cables running to the ground for added safety. The device is used to give a trainee the exact feel of a parachute jump without wasting the flight fuel.
- So I look up, and up, and up, and up at this thing, which is just as big, if not bigger than I remember it.
- At that point, I leaned over to my wife and said; "I wonder if I can find that old phone booth around here somewhere?"
- Funny how your memory works, ain't it?



THEY STILL BECKON TO ME....

As darkness fell, we entered an eerie hell,
The dead and dying were all over the place....
Grotesque looks frozen on every face,
Alive or dead, from here, there was no escape....

Fighting our way into this hell,
Dead bodies were already beginning to swell....
The smell of sulfur and cordite filled the air,
This bamboo jungle reaked an ominous fear....

Amidst the moans and cries for help,
You imagined the banshees shriek and yelp....
A light mist settled in, shrouding the ground with a ghostly air,
In your mind, there was no doubt, you were in a forbidden,
demonic lair....

Enemy soldiers were heard creeping about,
A glimpse of khaki prompted fire and shouts....
Charlie was elusive and nearly invisible as he sniped at us,
As soldiers fell, he reveled in his lust....

We formed a perimeter in two man teams,
Piercing eyes strained to see what they could glean....
Fifteen minutes only, one watch could serve,
Vision purple must be preserved....

As the night slowly settled in,
Goose pimples and hair stood on skin....
Quiet, listen, did you hear that ?,
Like snakes, the enemy crawled toward you, on bellies
flat....

Just behind, where I lay prone,
A row of dead soldiers had slowly grown....
Six corpses, in camouflaged tiger fatigues, lay on their
backs,
They had died in their fierce, initial attack....

My partner, then I, would lay in wait,
Carefully watching to kill all snakes....
First his turn, then again, it would be mine,
Every fifteen minutes, we noticed, the corpses had moved
each time...!

Rigor-mortis was creating a morbid display,
Arms and legs would slowly sway....
In the hot, muggy climate decomposition was very fast,
Creating images, forever to last....

All night long, the dead seemed to beckon me,
Their arms slowly signaling, come here, come here..., join me in eternity...
Sporadic fire lasted all night long,
The wounded moaning their sorrowful song....

Chainsaws worked to clear a landing zone,
Combat engineers dodging bullets amidst the groans....
The jungle too thick for a chopper to land,
Baskets were lowered, filled with wounded, by bloody hands....

The choppers' flood light illuminated these ghostly figures,
As enemy snipers, tightened fingers, around their triggers....
Muzzle flashes were answered by hails of fire,
Angry soldiers stifling a situation most dire....

Throughout the long and surreal night,
The extraction of the wounded and dead took flight....
By dawn the worst had passed,
But the scenes of that night would forever last....

Now, many years have come and gone,
But the images of that night still lingers on....
In the middle of the night, I jolt awake from PTSD,
For dead soldiers, you see, THEY STILL BECKON TO ME...!

Peter S. Griffin
Co. A, 2/502nd Infantry
101st Airborne Division
Viet Nam, 1965-66

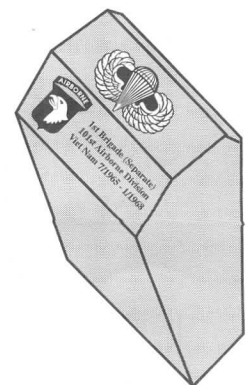
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Following the Reunion Dinner, Chairman Jerry Scott announced that refunds would be in order for those attending because expenses had not been as great as expected. He asked those attending if they would agree to donate \$2,355.00 to the AIRBORNE AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS MUSEUM FOUNDATION to complete the \$3,000.00 donation required to place the Unit Memorial for the 1st Brigade (Separate) on the museum grounds. Those attending answered in the affirmative.

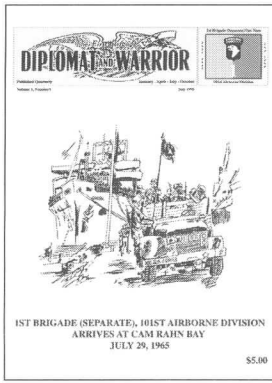
There was one glitch in the design of the 1st Brigade (S) monument. The illustration used in the magazine shows the Screaming Eagle patch on the right side of the monument looking into the inscription. The patch will now be on the left side looking off of the monument. This change is the result of a committee decision to standardize ALL unit monuments with the unit insignia being engraved on the left side of each of them.



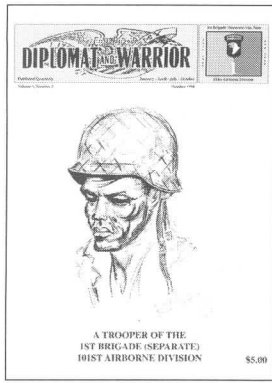
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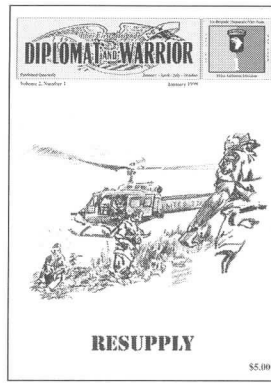
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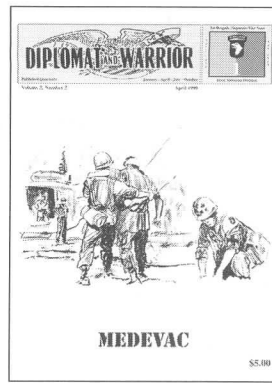
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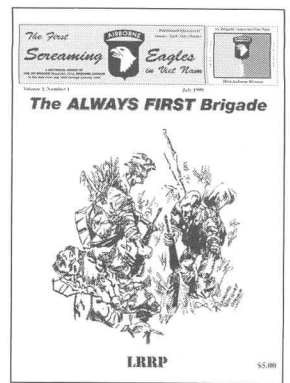
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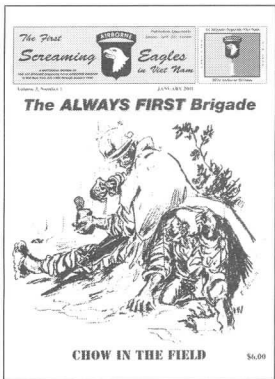
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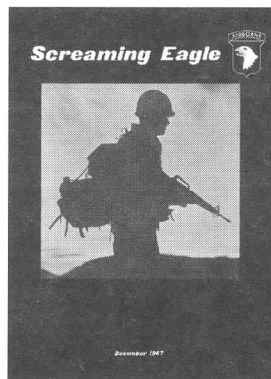
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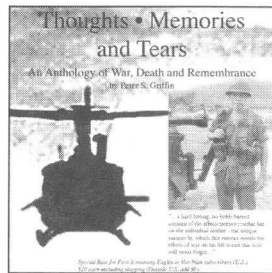
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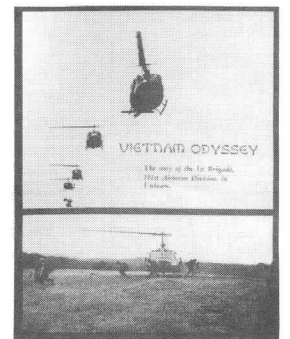
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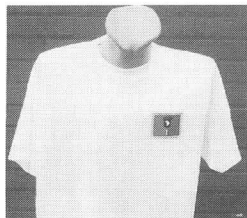
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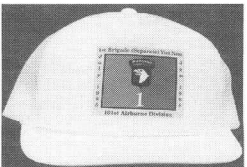
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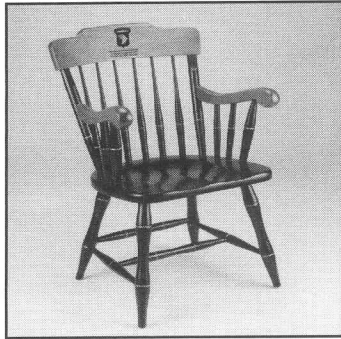
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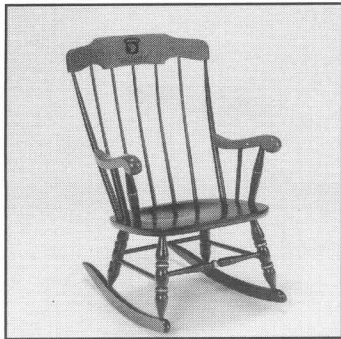
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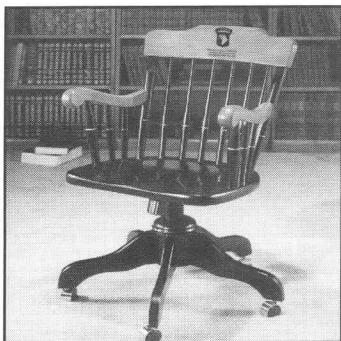
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WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sergeant Burwood Yost Jr., a member of Company "C," 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry, was chosen as the Enlisted Warrior of the Week for his recent actions against the enemy near Tuy Hoa.

Gallantry Awards Given To Strike Force Troopers

TUY HOA — Some 20 "Strike Force" troopers of the 502d Infantry, were decorated recently for gallantry by the brigade commanding general, Brig. Gen. Pearson.

The decorations included: 10 Bronze Stars with "V" Device, 8 Army Commendation Medals with "V" Device, and 5 Purple Hearts. The medals were awarded the "Screaming Eagles" for their valorous actions while on combat operations in the Dak To and Tuy Hoa areas.

Editor's Column

A Red Cross field office is located at Tuy Hoa in the Support Battalion area. It is behind Support's Med-Holding Detachment at South Field. Mr. Dick Smith is the area director and his phone number is Sustain-Red Cross.

The 101st Red Cross Director advises that everyone get hold of the Red Cross Emergency Information Postcards he has available and send several (so that more than one person at home knows your address here) to family or friends stateside.

You many not want your next of kin notified if you get wounded; and this is your right... But, if you do get hurt and then write home from the hospital saying only that you were wounded or are sick and will be okay, that may cause those at home worry you never intended. If you have a "non-notification" statement in your files, if and when you do write telling those at home about your illness or wound, tell the whole story so they will know all the facts, and give them your return address at the hospital. This will preclude any hardship on your family through lack of information.

The Red Cross cannot lend you money for R&R.

Troppers may have legal documents of any kind translated and certified, free of charge, by the MACV-AG Translation Division. The service is an important one, since documents such as those for adoption or marriage, for example, must be certified "true translations" to be recognized as valid by the U.S. Embassy. Also, it saves the Serviceman considerable money, because civilian costs for a similar service run quite high. The Translation Division is in Room 322 of the Tax Building in Saigon. Telephone: Tiger 522. Written inquiries may be directed to Chief, Translation Division, MACV-AG, APO 96243.

The Red Cross Rec Center at Phan Rang has many "found" articles. However, they only keep these items for one week.

DOD has recommended enactment of permanent legislation authorizing payment of "special evacuation allowances" for military dependents. The regulation would be world-wide in scope.

The new bill has been passed by the House and is before the Senate.

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LETTERS
From The 101st Assn:

The membership of the 1st Bde has risen to 3,000 now so as Editor and Administrator, I have my hands full. You will note it is Sunday but I do all I can to give the men the service they have paid for.

We were formed at the end of combat in WWII in Berchtesgaden, Germany. Our purposes are to (1) honor our comrades lost in battle; (2) to keep alive the honor and glory of the 101st Airborne Division; (3) provide for communication between the men and to keep the friendships made, alive; and (4) provide for annual Reunion.

Over the years we have managed to keep some 2000 WWII members together and we hope to do this for the men of Vietnam. Many other veterans have told me that they only wished their outfit had done the same as now they would like to find their former comrades and have no way of doing this.

If the men of Vietnam, who have joined the Assn, keep this office informed of their address, this contact will be maintained.

We do many other things. The Screaming Eagle magazine is one example. We have published a history and no doubt will add a chapter to Rendezvous with Destiny on Vietnam.

We participate in overseas memorial activities such as at Margraten, Holland. We have a memorial plaque program going—have one for Carentan, ones planned for Holland, Bastonge, and Vietnam.

We help each other. We helped the Pratt Museum at Campbell. We have maintained contact with civilians in overseas areas to keep some friendship for Americans alive. So you see we are busy.

We presently have a stateside insurance plan for members. But when you ask about advantages — well we don't give much—only pride in our comrades and in our Division.

We have a great heart among our members which cannot be measured. Our Reunions are proof of this and here recently, at Miami, the young and old mingled to carry on the proud and honorable traditions of the 101st Airborne Division.

We have two trips back to Europe and who knows, in the future, there may be one to Vietnam.

Incidentally, I am sure you will realize that the \$3 membership fee for VN members serves only to pay for the magazine and the first class postage to get it there. So we are a non-profit organization seeking only to serve. We have no political or commerical goals. Just comrades.

101st Fraternally,
Walt Miller



The Infantryman



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

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

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

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

CG Decorates Kontum Allies



Gen. Pearson, Special Forces and Vietnamese commanders are received by CIDG (Civilian Irregular Defense Group) troops at Dak Pek Special Forces Camp in northern Kontum Province. The 1st Brigade attended a

special ceremony to present the CIDG, with a campaign banner and to thank them for their participation in Operation HAWTHORNE. (Photo by PFC Luis Callender)

TUY HOA — Brigadier General Willard Pearson, commanding general of the 1st Brigade made a trip to the wilds of northern Kontum Province to personally thank Civilian Irregular Defense Groups (CIDG), and US and Vietnamese Special Forces units for their participation in Operation HAWTHORNE.

The commander of the "Always First" Brigade flew through heavy rains and high winds first to Pleiku where he greeted Lieutenant Colonel Eleazar Parmly, a "C" team commander of the Vietnamese Special Forces. From Pleiku, the party accompanied Gen. Pearson on his visit to four CIDG outposts

deep in the northern Kontum jungle.

Touching down first at the Special Forces Camp at Mang Buk, the "Screaming Eagle" general was greeted by Captain David Werner, S.F. "A" team commander and his CIDG counterparts, as American Special Forces men and honor guards stood in ranks.

"I've come here today," Gen. Pearson said, "on behalf of the 1st Brigade, to express my heart-felt thanks for your help on Operation Hawthorne."

"You all helped by guarding our flanks on road marches, as security forces

for our camps, as maneuver elements. Any task we asked you to perform, you performed—and well."

"The 1st Brigade, since our arrival in Vietnam, has worked together with the CIDG units in eight provinces. The performance in the Kontum area, has been by far, superior to any other."

"In Operation Hawthorne, the 101st and the CIDG together killed, wounded, or captured over 1,000 Viet Cong. Your performance in combat on that operation was superb."

"We are proud to have been comrades-in-arms with you, and will again be proud to fight along side you against

our common enemy.

"I take great pride in presenting to you this banner as a bond in our common fight."

A white, gold-trimmed banner with the 101st eagle in its center was then presented to the camp commanders by the general.

At Polei Kleng Special Forces camp in the Kontum river valley, Gen. Pearson was welcomed by several companies of CIDG "Striker Force," and U.S. and Vietnamese camp commanders. He presented his thanks for their "valorous support" of the 101st during Hawthorne.

At Dak To Special Forces Camp, Gen. Pearson and his party were treated to lunch by Captain Robert Weinfurter, S.F. "A" team commander and Lt. Le Quanh Nghia, the CIDG camp commander.

At Dak Pek Special Forces Camp, the 1st Brigade commanding general was welcomed by the CIDG troopers with the sounding of bugles. Once more he gave his thanks for their help in the Kontum area as he presented the last banner of the day, and departed for Tuy Hoa to the sound of the CIDG buglers.

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Three 1st Brigade paratroopers compare hands-full of mail and money that pass through the "Always First" Brigade's forward APO. They flow at the rate of two million dollars a year and more than 300 tons of mail. A special section of the APO changes MPC to piasters while another issues Postal Money orders. The Post Office has moved 13 times with the brigade adding a new twist to the "A-GO-GO" theme. (L to R) Sp4 Roger Hubbard, PFC Andy Micham and Sp4 David Robinson. (Photo by Sp4 Richard Houghton)

Hawk Cave Check Corners Three VC

(By PFC Daniel Hines)

TUY HOA— The chopper lifted away from the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry, command post and banked northward with its six passengers. Hawk Team II, a Recon platoon, was off on another routine mission, looking for the enemy. They went up the Tuy Hoa coastline to check reports of enemy concentration.

Sergeant Donald Winslow was on point, leading the Hawks up a rocky embankment. Just as his head cleared the crest of a small ridge bullets whizzed past his ear. A Viet Cong, hiding among several large rocks, had spotted the paratroopers and was trying for a kill.

Winslow answered back with a burst from his M-16. The sniper disappeared behind the large boulders and ducked into a complex of natural

tunnels. With his .45 caliber pistol cocked and ready, the Hawk leader entered the tunnel. He soon came upon a dead

VC with a Mauser rifle laying at his side. Further search of the cave produced another Mauser, load bearing equipment, and a sewing machine. After giving the caves a thorough search Hawk team moved further up the coast.

They had gone several hundred meters and climbed another cliff when they came face to face with three more VC. The Hawks yelled to them to surrender but the three quickly dashed into a nearby cave. The team opened fire on the mouth of the cave.

One of the cornered Cong darted from the cave and raced madly for the sea, only fifty meters away. The Hawks sent a hail of bullets at him. He was wounded but he made it to the ocean, dove in and swam to the cover of several rocks.

Seeing their buddy had made good his escape, the other two VC decided to try a dash for the sea... They never made it... Hawk II cut them down halfway.

In their search of the cave the Hawks found hand grenades and several North Vietnamese army uniforms.



SSgt. Joseph Bossi examines Viet Cong medical supplies captured by Company "B," 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry, on a sweep and clear mission during Operation JOHN PAUL JONES. The unit also found sacks of peas, corn, salt, and 2000 pounds of rice in a village which was used as a Viet Cong supply point and medical-aid station. (Photo by P. Daniel Hines)

Woman Talks...

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

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

network of tunnels and other Viet Cong escape routes in the village.

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

Village Sick Call



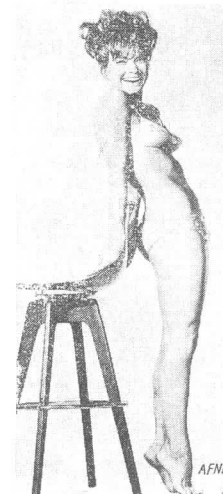
Sp5 Frank Sesma bandages the wound of a Vietnamese worker at the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry's dispensary during a daily sick call held for nearby villagers. All 101st units provide medical treatment as part of a continuous civic action program in the Tuy Hoa area. (Photo by PFC Daniel Hines)

Voted Ballot Deadlines

WASH. (AFNB)—American servicemen have been advised to pay particular attention to deadlines on which their absentee ballots must be in the hands of local election officials. The following is a state by state listing with the information noted: Alabama (1); Alaska (2); Arizona (3); Arkansas (4); California (5); Colorado (6); Connecticut (7); Delaware (18); Florida (5); Georgia (9); Hawaii (9); Idaho (28); Illinois (8); Indiana (7); Iowa (10); Kansas (11); Kentucky (28); Louisiana (10); Maine (6); Maryland (28); Massachusetts (28); Michigan (28); Minnesota (8); Mississippi (10); Missouri (12); Montana (18); Nebraska (13); Nevada (8); New Hampshire (10); New Jersey (8); New Mexico (14); New York (15); North Carolina (16); North Dakota (17); Ohio (18); Oklahoma (19); Oregon (8); Pennsylvania (20); Rhode Island (21); South Carolina (8); South Dakota (8); Tennessee (22); Texas (23); Utah (8); Vermont (8); Virginia (24); Washington (25); West Virginia (8); Wisconsin (8); Wyoming (25); Guam (10); Virgin Islands (8).

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- (19) Must be received by 5pm Friday before the Election (4 November.)
- (20) Must be received by 10am second Friday after Election (18 November.)
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MARS Built At 101st Phan Rang Base Camp

PHAN RANG— "Hello...honey? This is Walter. Over." "Who?...Honey!?!...Listen Mr. Walter Over, I'm not your honey!" "What?... no, no... it's me, Walter, your husband! Over." "Walter!! Oh, honey! What are you over? Where are you? Where are you calling from? Oh, dear!" "I'm not over anything..." "You mean your sick...I didn't know..." "Honey, I'm not sick. I'm calling from a MARS sta..." "Mars??? I thought you were in..."

A typical conversation? Well, not exactly. But 1st Brigade troopers can now call home from the Phan Rang base camp via a new Military Affiliate Radio Station—MARS—located here.

The "MARS" concept is a very old idea that is used by other units in Vietnam but its implementation is relatively new with the 101st. The station began operation in the middle of August, and transmitted 21 calls by the month's end.

Before any "Screaming Eagle" may make a call, he must first submit a form called a "phone patch" and his name is then placed on a waiting list.

Once the station has contacted the desired party in the States, the caller in Vietnam can speak from his unit phone or any phone near him. There are no specific hours for calls to be made because of frequency and weather problems which sometimes hamper transmissions. However, once contact is made, the soldier only has five minutes for un-interrupted conversation with "that loved one back home."

In addition to phone calls, Master Sergeant Bobby Vonkers, chief of the MARS station, has added another feature that will enable 101st

troopers contact with a party in the States.

Called a MARS-Gram, it is not too different from a regular telegram. Each sender is limited to 26 words. But two to three days are required for transmission and the same time for reply.

The new communication facility is operated free of charge and on a first come, first served basis. The waiting list is long.

"We have the brigade inspector general on the list," says Sergeant Dennis Seelye, one of the station operators, "and he's number 23 — on the list."

"Some guys are speechless once the call goes through," said PFC Raymond Lemolin, another of the station operators, "they just stand there and grin. The women usually end up crying".

The MARS operators are up every night until 2:30 a.m. trying to breach some 11,000 miles of airway in order to bring together a 101st trooper and his party... if only for five minutes.



USING HIS HEAD — A 101st Trooper carefully balances his gear on his head while waiting to board a USAF C-130 from Phan Rang to Tuy Hoa. (Photo USAF)

Blue Star Company With Joker Platoon

(By MSgt Merrill Harrison)

TUY HOA — They call it the "Joker Platoon" just to be different — these men who fly the gunships of the 48th Assault Helicopter Company based here — for in the early days of the fighting in Vietnam, gunship platoons were named after reptiles.

Regardless of the name however, the Viet Cong are not particularly fond of the men or the 31 helicopters of the company commanded by Maj. Harry M. Roper Jr., son of retired Army Major General Harry M. Roper.

Maj. Roper's company sits in the same kind of desert area in Vietnam in which his father fought Nazis in North Africa in 1942. He flies over the same kind of jungle his father fought through in the Pacific. And the Viet Cong he exterminates kissing are cousins of the Chinese against whom his father led troops in Korea. But there the similarity ends. Gen. Roper fought on the ground; Maj. Roper's element is the air.

Since last March 20, when he arrived in Vietnam, he has flown about 1400 sorties: troop carrying, assault, supply, reconnaissance—any type mission needed by the troops

supported by his company. These troops have most frequently been men of the 101st Airborne Division's 1st Brigade, the Army of Vietnam and other free world forces' soldiers who have needed a lift, a gun or a pair of eyes.

During this time his chopper has only been hit once—punctured by nine bullets from the submachine gun a of a Viet Cong who has since gone to his reward.

"I think I got the guy. We could see him in the field after two gunships opened up on him with all their stuff. That's how we try to break them of the nasty habit of shooting at helicopters."

The "stuff" of course, is what the chopper men call their ordnance: the armament of the UH-1 helicopters that are proving themselves one of the most versatile weapons of

the war. The gunships are loaded with machineguns, automatic firing grenade launchers, and rockets, as well as the individual weapons of the four-man crews (pilot, co-pilot, and two machine gunners.) The individual weapons often range from automatic rifles to pistols.

Although there are about 300 men in the nick-named "Blue Star" Company, only about 120 regularly fly and shoot. The explanation is a simple one. The other 180 are hard at work keeping the fliers flying and the shooters shooting. Some are in maintenance, others are in armament, supply—choppers use a lot of gas—and others run the mess. There is also a small medical detachment headed by a flight surgeon, whose word is law when it comes to saying when a flyer stops flying and rests on the deck.

Like most Army fliers, Maj. Roper did not start out flying. After graduation from West Point in 1952 as an engineer, he started the round of schools, troop duty and staff work, with an interlude to pick up a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering at the California Institute of Technology.

He has also graduated from the engineer school at Ft. Belvoir, Army Command and General Staff College, and the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va.

In January 1959, the major completed his flight training at the Army Aviation School, and has since had a tour at the Pentagon with the Office Of The Director Of Army Aviation.

Asked what value he places on all the schooling he has had since 1948, he shot back, "It all prepared me for this."

Instructions, Deadlines Given For Overseas Mailing At Christmas

WASH. (AFNB)—Deadlines and instructions for insuring delivery of Christmas gifts to armed forces personnel overseas have been set by the Post Office and Defense Departments.

Mailing of overseas parcels by regular postage should be between Oct. 21 and Nov. 10. Air mail parcels should be mailed no later than Dec. 10.

Parcels addressed to servicemen in Vietnam that weigh no more than five pounds and measure no more than 60 inches in length and girth combined, may be mailed at the ordinary postage rate, officials said. These parcels will be transported by air on a space-available basis from San Francisco.

Officials explained that senders must address packages correctly, using the appropriate five-digit APO number as part of the address. Mail intended for unspecified addressees will not be accepted. Mail must be addressed to a named individual or to a specific military unit.

AT TUY HOA THE MONEY ROLLS IN AND SO DOES THE BANK

TUY HOA — Drive in banks are very common now stateside but here the 1st Brigade has a different twist... a bank that drives to the customer.



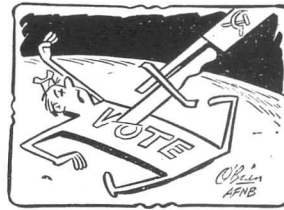
Last month the brigade opened a piaster exchange point in downtown Tuy Hoa. Instead of having the troopers exchange Military Payment Certificates for piasters at the regular finance office, the AG section its put men in the back of a 3/4 ton truck and began doing business in the center of town.

After the month of operation, the "Screaming Eagles" first effort in mobile banking has proven a "financial" success. "Sales" for the first month were \$100,867 as compared to \$30,000 for the period preceding the opening of the rolling exchange point.

Operating at a new location assisted in holding back black-marketing and provided an extra convenience for the troopers.

Sp/4 Roger Hubbard converts military payment certificates into Vietnamese piasters for PFC Roosevelt Johnson, at the 1st Brigade's new mobile bank in downtown Tuy Hoa.

(Photo by SFC Peter McCormack)



★★★

CHUCKLES

The young bride ran to her mother's home in tears. «Waldo has left me for good.» she cried.

«Now, now,» soothed her mother, «he's done that before and always came back.»

«Yes,» she sobbed, «but this time he took his bowjing ball!»

—Great Northern Coat

«Well,» sighed the weary vacationer, «have you ever spent two weeks in a station wagon with those you thought you loved best?»

—Kansas City Star.

No - Selection - Board Promotions Available

WASH. (AFNB)— Army first lieutenants may be promoted to temporary captain, AUS, without benefit of a DA selection board beginning Oct. 31, under a new promotion policy.

Promotion authority has been delegated to field commanders who presently have authority to promote second lieutenants and warrant officers, W-1.

Those on active duty in Chaplain, JAG, Vet Corps, and Med Service Corps (Ph. D. allied to medicine) branches on Oct. 31 will, if eligible, be promoted to captain.

Other first lieutenants will become eligible for promotion according to date of rank in relation to a specific time schedule. This will vary from 12 to 17 months for some.

The new policy provides for promotion of eligible first lieutenants upon completion of 30 months' Active Federal Commissioned Service. A specific time schedule is provided in the new circular which relates the AFCS to time in grade as first lieutenant.

Would You Believe...



I'm only 11 years old?

Black Rifle Saves Eagle

TUY HOA — Supply sergeant James E. Page of Company "A," 326th Engineer Battalion, looked over the counter of his supply room at PFC Haracio G. Macias and stared at the weapon the soldier was turning in — an M-16, shattered and ready for salvage.

While working with the 2d, 327th Infantry during Operation JOHN PAUL JONES, Macias' unit received hostile fire from the enemy. In a few short minutes, his weapon was hit three times by enemy bullets and knocked from his hands.

PFC Macias was a little reluctant to turn in the "black rifle," which had taken three bullets meant for him

17th Cavalry...

(Cont'd from p-1, Col. 3)
some breathing room. Capt. Maglin related that the gunship fired and maneuvered in all directions where the 17th was engaged with a large enemy force. "That gunship really saved us," said the Cav CO, as he thought back on how the ship had enabled him to evacuate his wounded.

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

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

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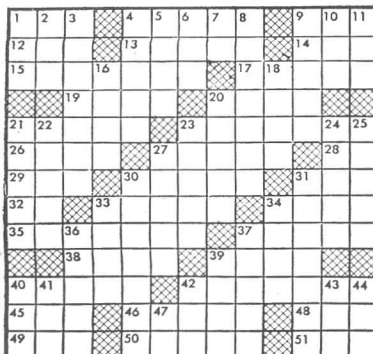


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- 1-Crony (colloq.)
- 4-Dries by rubbing
- 9-Toll
- 12-Time gone by
- 13-Perfection
- 14-Base
- 15-Falls back
- 17-Make amends
- 19-The sweetsop
- 20-Former Russian ruler
- 21-Surgical thread
- 23-Scalps
- 26-Solar disk
- 27-Jury list
- 28-College degree (abbr.)
- 29-Public vehicle (colloq.)
- 30-Separates
- 31-Container
- 32-Man's nickname
- 33-Is defeated
- 34-Shallow vessels
- 35-Rumors
- 37-Pocketbook
- 38-Poker stake
- 39-Rudely concise
- 40-Room
- 42-Free-flowing aircraft
- 45-Grain
- 46-Lift
- 48-Room in harem
- 49-Bitter vetch
- 50-Settles
- 51-Openwork fabric

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- 2-Mature



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Veterans of the Battle of Trung Luong

Ronald S. Martin, 2/327 66, 2795 Ben Hill Rd., East Point, GA 30344 sent the following: Enclosed are some photos from the reunion in Harrisburg, PA, of survivors of the Battle of Trung Luong. I have also enclosed some photos from the 101st reunion at Fort Campbell.

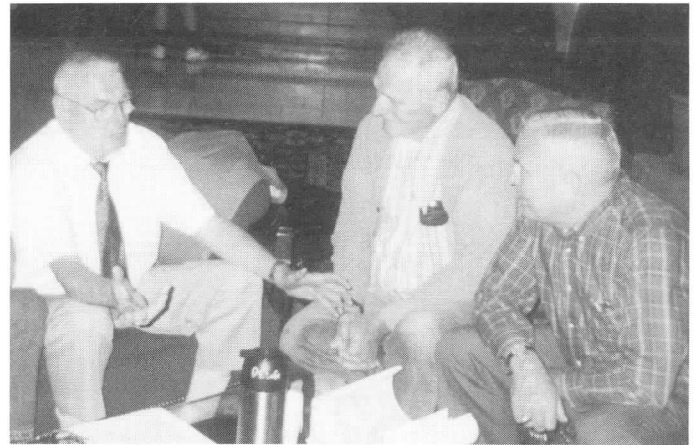
Thanks to a great TROOPER for a wonderful publication.

Thirty-four years after the three-day Battle of Trung Luong, nine veterans of the 101st Airborne Division gathered at Harrisburg, PA on June 17 and 18, to pay homage to the paratroopers who gave their lives during that three-day battle. Of the 280 paratroopers engaged in the three-day battle, 31 were killed in action and 155 were wounded.

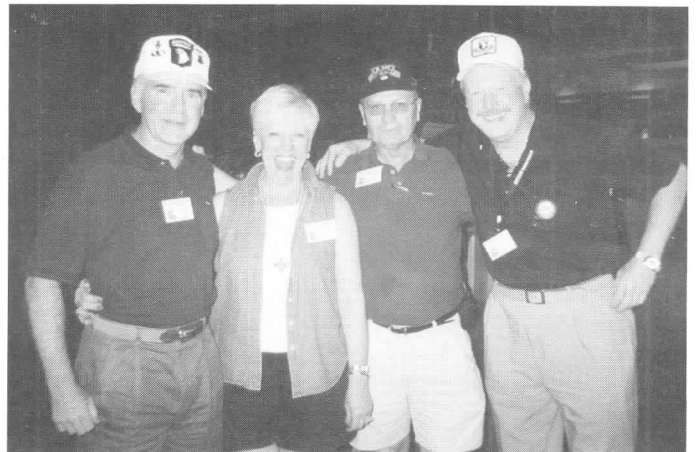


Seated are Rick Salazar, machine gunner from Aubrey, TX; Dick Hinkle, battalion operations officer from Olympia, WA; Rich Montgomery, assistant machine gunner from Oreland, PA. Standing are Ron Martin, medical evacuation pilot from East Point, GA; Tim Furgeson, son of Tom Furgeson; Tom Furgeson, A company commander from Palmyra, NY; Tony Burgee, rifle squad leader from Philadelphia, PA; Joe Carol, rifleman from Lewisberry, PA; Bruce Masters, machine gunner from Bridgeton, NJ; and Dieter Steigerwald, 50 caliber anti-tank gunner from Syracuse, NY. Not shown, but also attending was Joe Wasco, commander of the 2/327 Parachute Infantry Brigade from Union Ridge, MD.

On June 19, 1999, the 2/327th Parachute Infantry Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division was presented the Presidential Unit Citation for gallantry in action at the Battle of Trung Luong - an honor signed by President Lyndon Johnson in September of 1966, but because of a war time paper work blunder was not awarded until the 33rd anniversary of that battle.



Joe Wasco, commander of the 2/327th Parachute Infantry Brigade, Dick Hinkle, battalion operations officer and Tom Furgeson, commander of A Company discussing the Battle of Trung Luong. Both Wasco and Hinkle served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam.



Doug and Arline Field from Peachtree City, GA, Lou McDonald from Rocklin, CA, and Ron Martin from East Point, GA, at the 101st Airborne Division reunion at Fort Campbell, KY, June 6-11. Doug Field was among the 155 wounded at the Battle of Trung Luong.

Lou McDonald, platoon leader and Doug Field of the 1st Platoon, B Company, and Ron Martin at the 101st reunion. Both McDonald and Field were wounded (Field's second purple heart) in September of 1966 on the top of Hill 86 when they and 11 other troopers were over run by North Vietnamese Army forces during a late night tropical storm. Four of the 13 somehow survived the subsequent execution-style sweep of the hill. The other two survivors Tom Pulliam (served in WWII Korea and Vietnam) and Don Lombardi were seriously wounded as well.

Tom Pulliam (WWII, Korea and Vietnam), platoon sergeant, and Lou McDonald, platoon leader, 1st Platoon, B Company, 2/327th Parachute Infantry Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, reunited at the reunion at Fort Campbell.





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Captain George T. Kimbro, Commander
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April 28, 1966

Dear Captain Kimbro:

It gives me great pleasure to notify you officially that Company A, 326th Engineer Battalion, 101st Airborne Division won the Itschner Plaque of The Society of American Military Engineers as the most outstanding unit of the Army Corps of Engineers in 1965. A copy of the citation is enclosed.

The presentation will be made at ceremonies to be arranged by the Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army.

With congratulations and best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

W. C. Hall
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The Itschner Plaque of The Society of American Military Engineers for 1965 is awarded to Company A, 326th Engineer Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, in Vietnam, in recognition of its high state of operational readiness of the unit, its exemplary esprit-de-corps, and the professional and technical competence of its personnel. These attributes were clearly demonstrated by its many and diverse tasks both before and after deployment to Vietnam in early July. Activities included responsibility for the clearing and security of Route 19 from Qui Nhon to An Khe, the removal of numerous minefields surrounding the airfield at An Khe, construction to bypasses along major supply routes throughout the area, establishment of water points, the repair and rebuilding of bridges and culverts, and provision of combat engineer support to the 1st Brigade during such major sweeps as Operation Gibraltar and Operation Checkerboard. The company cleared or destroyed mines, booby traps, fortifications, tunnel complexes, and assorted munitions. In addition to contributing those engineer advisory skills essential to the construction to perimeter defenses at the several base camps, the company normally provided its own security and frequently engaged in combat with the enemy.

The commendable performance of the officers and men during combat operations reflects great credit upon the unit, the Corps of Engineers, and the United States Army.

After 32 years, war's scars are healing

Veterans' paths cross again under better circumstances

By KAY S. PEDROTTI
Staff Writer

Hundreds of nameless faces in pain passed through Ron Martin's medevac helicopter in Vietnam in the late 1960s. He thought he might tell himself that most of them "made it," but he'd never know for sure.

Now he knows that Doug Field made it. Martin and Field met recently in the parking lot at the Peachtree City Post Office, 32 years after Martin flew Field away from a hot battle zone near Tuy Hoa. It was an operation known as "Nathan Hale," and the two discovered by comparing

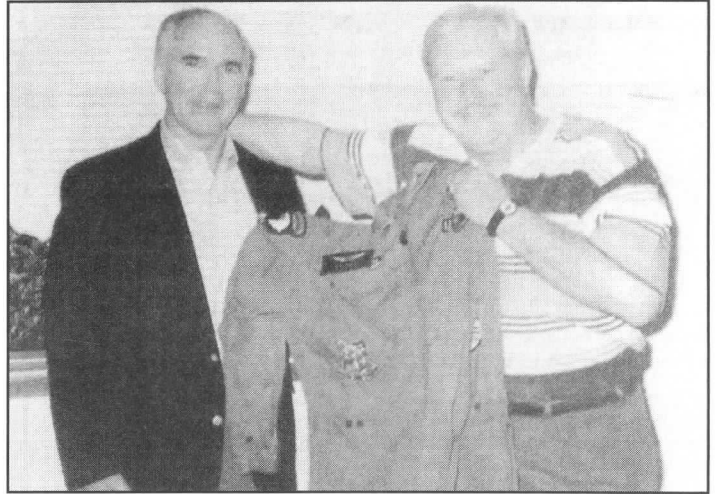
where, when and with which outfits they served that the rescue did indeed involve the two of them, at that time and place.

Both men are residents of Peachtree City, relocated from other parts of the country. Martin is from Galax, Va., and Field from Orange, N.J. Field was serving with the 2nd Battalion, 327th Parachute Infantry Regiment, a part of the Army's 101st Airborne Division.

"Man, just to see him... to know he's walking around, in good shape, a productive citizen... it took me about three days for my feet to touch the ground again."

— Ron Martin

It was Martin's "airborne eagle" car decal that prompted Field to speak to him in that parking-lot encounter. He says the 101st was one of



Doug Field (left) and Ron Martin are friends because of life-and-death experiences in the Vietnam war. They're holding Ron's flight suit, sporting airborne patches from their outfits. Photo/Kay Pedrotti.

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several outfits to which his unit, the 498th Helicopter Ambulance Company of the 44th Medical Brigade, was "attached" in Vietnam.

"Man, just to see him," Martin says of Field, "to know he's walking around, in good shape, a productive citizen... it took me about three days for my feet to touch the ground again." It's experiences like this, Martin says, that help overcome the trauma that he has suffered along with many other Vietnam veterans.

Field says too that meeting Martin has furthered a healing process for him. His wound at the time of Martin's medevac ride was one of three, he said, but the circumstances of the last one would come to haunt him for many years.

"There were 15 of us," he says, "on one of those 'search and destroy' missions, at night. At exactly 12:30, we were overrun by about 300 North Vietnamese. Twelve of us were killed, including our commanding officer, Capt. Joe Mack of Marietta. I was one of three who somehow, by the grace of God, made it out of there. But I'll never forget Sept. 17, 1966."

Martin too describes his life as "a mess" when he returned to what the men and women in combat areas in Southeast Asia referred to as "the world." Martin says he now loves to march in parades because "I never got my parade when I came back; none of us did." He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and several other veterans' groups. Both men are not afraid to say that it took a lot of time, and counseling, to bring them to the "productive citizen" places where they are now.

Martin is a senior planner for Fulton County, working mostly in Sandy Springs, and Field is the manager for agency and corporate relations for Delta Air Lines. Field and his wife, Arline, have a son, 18, and a daughter, 17. Martin is divorced but maintains frequent contact with his twin sons who are juniors in college, and his daughter who is a sophomore at McIntosh High School.

Field is a Rutgers University graduate who started off with Pan American World Airways and later became part of the Delta team. Martin went to East Tennessee State, then graduated from the University of Tennessee.

"The campus atmosphere was good for me at the time," Martin

says, "but then the protests and demonstrations against the war started up. There were a bunch of us veterans, so we started organizing demonstrations to 'have a conventional war,' win it and get out of there. History has shown we were right. There's been a lot of agonizing since then over what was and was not done in Vietnam. But now at least we can talk about it and share our experiences with other people."

Field says, "He's right. Just a few years ago I would not have been able to give this interview. But I think people are beginning to realize that what we did was a sacrifice, and counted for something in the history of our country. I know I have a tremendous admiration for what the medevac pilots did. They had to go in under fire most of the time, and if it was at night, there was no way to tell exactly what the terrain was. I think they had to be the bravest people over there."

"Nope," says Martin. "Had to be the guys on the ground getting shot at."

It's mutual respect and gratitude, they say, that will keep them friends in a beautiful city they love, miles and years from a war they can't forget.

Editor's Note: This newspaper story was sent by Ronald S. Martin [2/327 66, (498th Helicopter Medical Ambulance Company)], 2795 Ben Hill Road, East Point, Georgia 30344-1976. The newspaper was not identified. Ron also sent an outstanding Trung Luong story that was published by the Philadelphia Inquirer in April of 2000. I have asked for permission to reprint that story.

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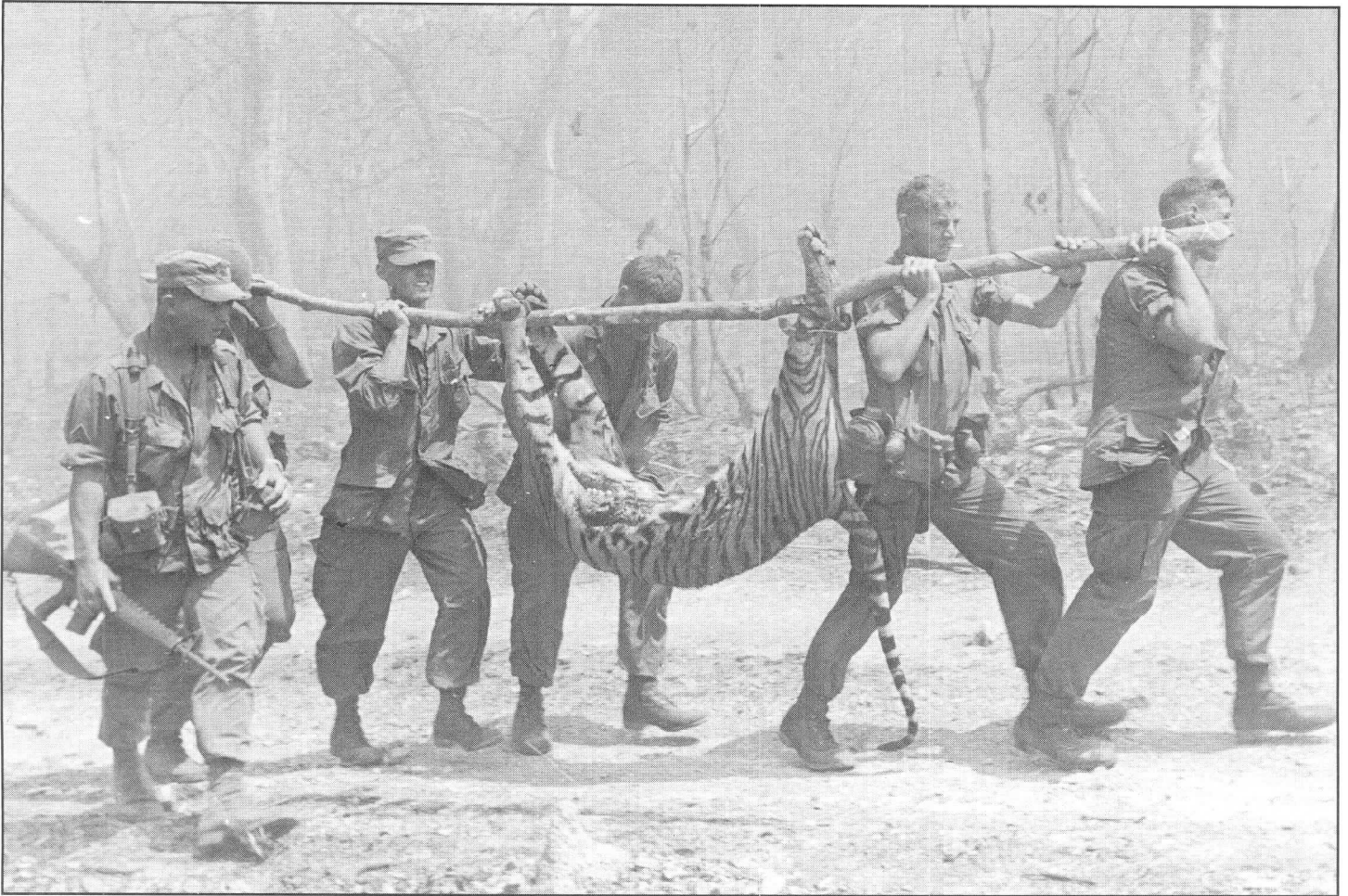
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