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

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



MAJ Ivan Worrell, Information Officer, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division outside Information Section tent at Brigade Forward Headquarters Tuy Hoa.

## EDITOR'S NOTES

This issue contains the last of the speeches I recorded at the reunion, in Columbus, Georgia, last August. These speeches were recorded using a small hand held tape recorder. The sound was from loudspeakers so it was not as clear as it would have been had I used a microphone on the speaker's stand. I will try to work out a better arrangement at the next reunion so the transcription can be more precise.

The art of PFC Raymond Brown is on the cover. I studied the photo he used as inspiration for this line drawing and am amazed at the drama he added to the recorded picture of the real thing, the arrival of the 1st Brigade (S) in Viet Nam 36 years ago.

Although the exact reunion date and place has not been set, it will be another year (more or less) before the brigade gets together in Texas. This publication will inform you of the exact time and location for the 2002 reunion as soon as that information is available.

The October 2001 issue will use as many photos and stories of 1st Brigade (S) 101st Airborne Division Association Reunion (August 9 – 10 and 11) attendees as possible. I am not sure that I will be able to attend so send photos and stories about THE ALWAYS FIRST BRIGADE Viet Nam veterans attending the reunion. Please be sure to identify all individuals in each photo.

I have had many notes about not receiving a first notice for renewal. In each magazine, on the inside back cover, a renewal form is printed. It shows a replica of the mailing label showing a date. If your magazine has that date on your mailing label, on the outside back cover, that magazine is your last issue. A detailed explanation is printed to the right of the facsimile mailing label.

The magazine now has 508 subscribers.



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# 1/101 Reunion 2000

## General Matheson Speech

I remember when I came in the Army, a 2nd Lieutenant out of UCLA, right out of school. We had a fellow named Barney Adkinson who later ended up as Dean of Admissions. He was down here at Fort Benning and broke his knee on the tower and they threw him out of the Army for physical reasons. He came back and gave us all, me and some other guys, the glories of going into the parachutists. It was then the Parachute Infantry Battalions. I was ordered to Camp Joseph P. Robinson in Arkansas on VRTC. It took me 10 days to find out how you could write a letter volunteering for Parachute Infantry Battalions. Nobody could disapprove it. It went forward and about two weeks later I got my orders to report to Camp Tooms, Georgia, to the 502nd Parachute Infantry. They had just started activating parachute regiments. I went down to get a TR. They



said "We don't know where in the hell that place is." "We will give you a ticket to Atlanta and maybe somebody there can tell you where the place is." So I got to Atlanta and was down in a bar and some guy said "Oh that is up in Toccoa, north of Deloniga." So I got a ticket up there. I got into the train station and there was a buck sergeant with a parachute patch on his hat and they had a short-coupled two-ton truck with four wheels in the back. We got in it and went up Highway 13 past the

National Casket Factory. Camp Tooms, Commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel named Robert F. Sink, was where we started out. We got recruits straight from the reception centers. We were the first outfit that was activated with just volunteers. We went through 43 or 44 hundred volunteers to get 17 hundred. We went through 400 and some officers to get 140. Officers got to fall out once.

I got elected; I was a platoon leader, to lay out the route of march to Atlanta, Georgia, from Toccoa. The Battalion Commander got me and told me "you stake every mile." They gave me an old C&R, this was in November. We started out and the rains came and the Georgia mud. They were cursing me every foot of the way. The 81mm platoon leader was behind me and every few miles he would throw me a base plate or a tube. We did 40 miles a day and slept on the ground. We got into Atlanta and stayed at Fort McPherson. We had never seen anything like this hot water and a tub and a bottle of booze. After we finished with those, we thought we would go down and see what was going on. Here were all the young troopers. They were doing pushups, they were jitterbugging, and they were tearing the town apart. Hartsfeld was there. He dubbed us Atlanta's Own. When we got down here to the Jump School, I qualified up there and never went to Jump School. Sink decided that, after you took parachute packing, we could make five jumps in



one day to qualify. In those days the way you landed was feet together and hips apart. The great thing was to make standing landings. He met us on the DZ after the final jump and issued a bottle of booze and a 24 hour pass in Atlanta. Our troops at the Jump School broke all records, 99% qualified. It was decided that if anyone refused to jump we would drum them out. I got the duty of drumming them out. We had a formation, had a drummer assigned to beat the drum. The 1st Sergeant would come out and rip the parachute patch off of them, the boots were already gone, marched them out with a guard, the drums were beating. Their old buddies were there, tears were rolling down and they were the only two guys who could ever drum out of the parachute unit. The Inspector General came and said, "Quit this."

When we got to England, I was looking at the Airborne Walk and thinking of Ryder, Red King and it reminded me of a situation Sink got me into. Red King was platoon sergeant of first battalion. We were out there in the dark one morning when some recruit, some replacement chimed in "Pick up those packs trooper," and King knocks him out cold. He preferred charges of being attacked by an NCO. Sink got me and said "Matt I want you to try Red King and you had better not do anything to him that I would not do." Well, I got King in and he pled guilty, I found him guilty, I chewed the private out and sentenced King to a verbal reprimand by the Regimental Commander. Sink published an order that said the "sentence was approved except for that portion pertaining to a verbal reprimand." We did not get anymore people messing with the NCOs.

AT THIS POINT THE TAPE RAN OUT. YOUR EDITOR WAS ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH. THE RECORDING PICKS UP IN VIET NAM.

When they sent us that 4th battalion, the 3rd battalion of the 506, they did not have an artillery battery. So I got with the artillery and told them that I saw a film after the war in which there was one guy always standing around doing nothing, in each battery. He was the old horse holder. So they cut him off. So I said that in World War II there were only four guns in an artillery battery. We have six. We will pull a gun from each outfit, we will take two out of float, you give me some people and we will form a new battery. And that is how we formed D Battery (320th) to go along with 3/506. Another thing I want to say is how we liked for General Larsen and the others who were always sending us these experiments. Where is Bugs and Gas? They sent us that damn People Sniffer. (The people sniffer comments were covered, on my tape, with so much laughter that I could not transcribe them.)

You can be damn proud of everything you did. I was in the 506th in the beginning of WWII. We probably had more casualties than we could be proud of. I looked at statistics after I left the brigade. The most we lost in any engagement were 10. But that ding - ding - ding - ding and in one year this brigade lost more than we did on the Normandy beaches. That is amazing. This was a professional outfit. We can be proud of its service.

General Matheson ended his remarks by thanking Jerry for leading the reunion effort and telling a story about him that pertained to the 10th Special Forces Group when we served in Germany with him as commander.



## STATIC LINE AWARDS FESTIVAL

By Ivan Worrell

The STATIC LINE AWARDS FESTIVAL, April 4 – 7, 2001, was a great gathering of airborne veterans and leaders of airborne units throughout the U. S. Army.

Don Lassen selected a great hotel (The Airport Marriot), hosted a memorial luncheon, a trip to Fort Benning and the Awards Dinner. The Hospitality Room was open and occupied most of the time major events were not in session.

The trip to Fort Benning was enhanced by moderate weather. The Jump School demonstration was interesting and recalled memories of airborne training. The ceremony at the Airborne Walk, featuring a speech by LTG (R) Richard J. Seitz was very impressive. Fifth jump and wing pinning for the graduating airborne class highlighted the differences in training and equipment that has developed over the 50 years since I was a student at the Airborne School.

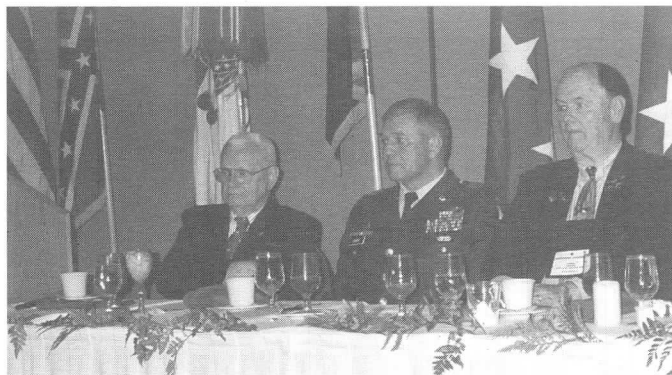
The Memorial Luncheon was well attended and provided a solemn and suitable setting for those attending to remember comrades who have passed on.

The Awards Dinner featured speeches by Ross Perot and GEN (R) Wayne Downing, former Commander of USSOC. Both highlighted the assistance given to active duty and former paratroopers in need.

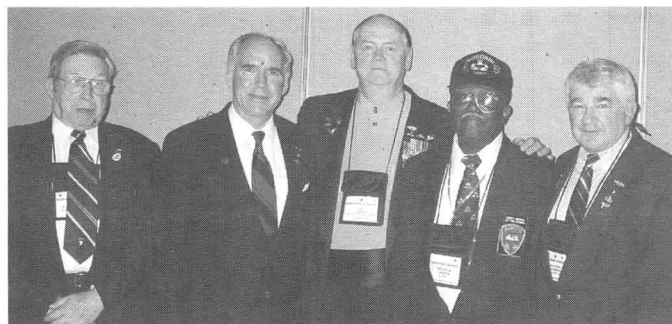


(L to R) Richard C. Schonberger [2/327 HHC 7/66 – 7/67] Past President of the 101st Airborne Division Association was acclaimed as the 101st Man of the Year, Joseph "Joe" Montoya [2/320 FA HQ 65 – 66] was recognized as the 320 Artillery Battalion Man of the Year.

Major General Richard A. Cody, Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell, attended the Awards Festival. He gave an outstanding briefing on the status of the division. He was assisted by Captain Matt Worrell from G-3 Plans.



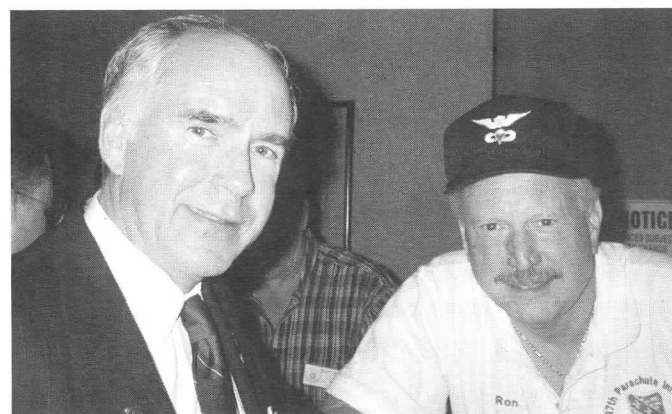
(L to R) Don Lassen, Static Line editor and publisher and host for the Awards Festival, Major General Richard A. Cody, Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division, LTC (R) James C. Joiner [2/327 B&C 1/67 – 1/68] at the Awards Dinner.



(L to R) Ivan Worrell [Info Off 5/66 – 5/67], Douglas N. Field [2/327 B 4/66 – 12/67], LTC (R) James C. Joiner [2/327 1/67 – 1/68], Sidney R. Brown [2/502 C 64 – 67] and Richard C. Schonberger [2/327 HHC 7/66 – 7/67] after the Awards Dinner.

Attendance by 1st Brigade (S) veterans, at this gathering was not great. CSM (R) Robert A. Young [HHC CSM 6/66 – 6/67] could not attend, his first absence since 1988.

If you have not attended an Airborne Awards Festival it is worth your consideration. Static line address information is on page 32.



Getting these two together for a photo was a small problem because Douglas N. Field (L) [2/327 B 4/66-12/67] was visiting with old and new friends in the hospitality room and Ronald S. Martin [2/327 Att 4/66 – 8/66] was busy with his duties as bartender. Doug and Ron were featured in a story on page 27 of the April 2001 issue.

+ JOHN H. LEWIS, 1/327 A 1/64-8/66 - 4/02, 425 W. Regent St., # 11, Inglewood, CA 90301  
sent these movement orders (Letter Order Number 5-116, 27 May 1965) for Company A, 1/327.

FNI Co A 1st BN (Abn) 327th Inf to be deployed in accordance with LO 5-116 this HQ, 27 May 65

Hilbert Donald C	0-0072097	CPT IN			
Howard John D	0F-0101500	2LT IN			
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Nelson Joseph Jr	RA53355696	SP4 E4	Nelson George T Jr	RA17649146	PFC E3
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Porter Emmitt	RA55660454	SGT E5	Port John E	RA16807776	PVT E2
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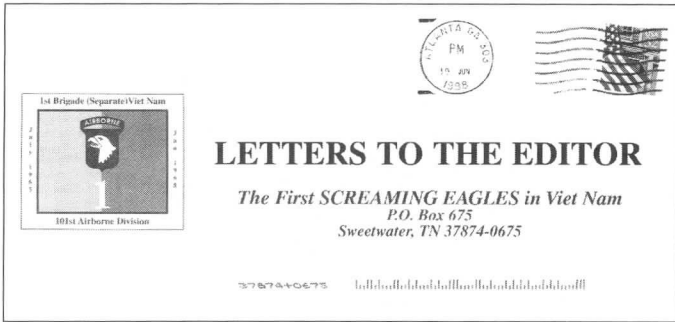
## 502nd UNIT DINNER

at the 101st Airborne Division Association Reunion

The 502nd Infantry Regiment Unit Dinner will be held during the 101st Airborne Division Association's 56th Annual Reunion in San Antonio, Texas on Thursday, August 09, 2001. This will be held at the Four Points Sheraton (Riverwalk) Hotel. Since there will be two items on the dinner plate (Beef and Chicken), you won't have to make a selection. The price of the dinner is \$30.00 (All Inclusive). I encourage all of you 502nd Infantry Regiment personnel if you can, to please attend this Reunion. There are those who we haven't seen in a long time. Remember, friendship and camaraderie is what we stand for in the 101st Airborne Division as well as the 502nd. If you are planning to attend, please mail your checks to:

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Happy Memorial Day to everyone. Heard from Rick Tipton, was at Dak To with us C/2/502 6/9/66. He is looking for Rick Rickerson. If anyone knows his whereabouts, contact Tipton at 803-438-2878. Also, I located Sgt. James Young who was with us in C Co. I have his info if anyone is interested. Take care....Mike

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Served in 501 Sig Plt. FEB 67-FEB 68

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Does anyone remember Kangaroo, Aussie liaison Cpt? He was KIA in the fall of 1967. His daughter, Vanessa Baudistel, was one year old when her father died. If you have any memories, pictures, etc. she would love to hear. His name was Karl. Address: PO Box 1225; Roma 4455; Queensland, Australia. Also: is anyone in touch with any of the chaplains who served 67-68? Connett, Smith, Murphy, Thompson, Torer. I have pictures they might like to have. Chappy

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Served with 1st Brigade when it was formed in 1964 through

1965. Looking for SSgt Terry W. Lawson or SSgt Thomas K. Tsubota. I located 1st Sgt Thomas K. Davis out in California. He was medically retired from helicopter being shot down in 1968. He is doing well. Welcome home brothers. Airborne all the way.

*Editor's Note: Can anyone help? No Lawson nor Tsubota in database.*

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Phone Cell 270-300-3934; Business/fax 502-942-9526; Home 270-352-4324. Looking for Frank C. Norris III, Sammy Mendoza, Tony Martinez, any members B 2/327 66-67, specifically 3rd herd!

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A Co 1/327 Inf. I was a medic with the 3rd from 9/66 to 4/66 and with the 4th until "Mothers Day Hill" 05/14/67. I have been in contact with a few men from the 3rd Plt. (Sanders, Timmons, Kasavage, and Frizbie, Capt. White (Ret. MG), Col. Jerry Morris (Ret) . I have also met over the internet Mrs. Sallie Birmingham. Her husband PSGT Edward Birmingham was killed 10/02/67 and for whom Fire Support Base Birmingham was named. There was a LZ named for him too. His time with the 101st was from 9/66 to 10/67. As many did, he left a family when he went to war. A wife and three children. They would like to know of his service, E-Mail me if you knew PSGT Birmingham. If you can help I will put you in touch with her. Abu, Airborne

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I am searching for SSG Art Campbell, the PIO and PIO Lab Sgt. (Phan Rang). Art served in the 327th (1967/68). If anyone knows the whereabouts of him or his family, please contact me. We were good friends in Vietnam and I would like to locate him. If you knew him or where he was from, please contact me at: currahee@lclink.com

*Editor's Note: Art Campbell not in database.*

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I was with 3rd Plt C Co 2nd 502 from 1964-1966. I've been through the guest book, and saw names of people that were there with me but I cannot remember them. It must be the age.



I hope it all comes back to me some day. They were times that no one should forget. Airborne All The Way

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JIM UPHOUSE, MI  
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This is to inform all you 1st Brigade Troopers about the death of Lt. Col Ed Burch, better known as "The Bear." He was CO of B Co. 1/327 in 67/68. Bear died in a private plane crash in Youngs Bay, outside Juneau, Alaska. The plane went down on Dec 27, 2000. The plane has not been found. Bear did three tours in Vietnam and he often said his best year was with B Company. A memorial service will be in Arlington Cemetery, 25 June, 2001 at 1100 Hrs. If you have any questions, send a E-mail at the above address. "Above The Rest"

*Editor's Note: See obituary page 21*

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+ GENE FYE, MAUK, GEORGIA  
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This is a very interesting web site

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+ RICK GRABINAOWSKI, RENO, NV  
rick@grabianowski.com

Co B, 2/502 "Widow Makers" 1967/68

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+ JOHN YEAGER, JR., WEIRTON, WV  
jyeager@weir.net

The last issue of the magazine mentioned the killing of a tiger. SSG Burrwood Yost killed one and its skin was displayed at the ceremony when he and LTC Dietrich were awarded Distinguished Service Crosses. General Westmoreland was there, as appears in the photos. In about 1973 he autographed one of the enclosed photos for me. He was a little miffed when I pointed out that Mike Wallace was also in the picture, I suppose because of the suit the General had filed against CBS and Sixty Minutes. Anyway, enclosed are photos of SSG Yost, the tiger skin, LTC Dietrich, and other notables, and while we're at it, a photo of the late Top Soldier of C/2/502, Walter J. Sabalauski with Generals Westmoreland and Pearson. If the originals would reproduce better than the e-mail version, I'll send them.

*Editor's Note: PHOTOS not attached.*

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DON SQUIRES, TX  
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Co D 2/502 Vietnam 12/67 to 12/68



DAN GROSSMAN, FLORIDA  
DanGrossmanFl@aol.com

I served with C Company 1/327 from Jun 66 to Jun 67. Looking for others during this time. In later years, I flew for the 48th Assault Helicopter Company, who used to fly us around during the 66-67 era.

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+ JOHN BOEDDEKER, WASHINGTON, DC  
John.Boeddeker@uspto.gov

Found site in VVA newspaper. Served in B 1/327 Sept 66-Sept 67. Would like to find SSG Richard Dixon(born on Ground Hog Day) SSG Sledge and Sgt Price.

*Editor's Note: No Dixon nor Sledge in database. Only a John E.(no unit info) and Walter E.(3/506) Price listed in database.*

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+ FRANK DRUMMOND, TN  
aa2327@att.net

C/2/327 May 1967 until Dec 1968. I was also known as Bulldog.

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DONALD DENNIS, MEXICO  
cridon@prodigy.net.mx

Hi troopers. Found this web page by accident, glad I did. I arrived in Nam on 3 December 65. Assignment was Co A (Abu) 1/327th Inf Abn. Left Nam on 12 Dec 68. Other assignments were HHC 1/327 (LLRP), Co D 1/502d. Do not remember many names but remember faces. Spent much time lying low. If any one remembers me please contact me or if you just want to say hello please do. Airborne All The Way. P.S. Great site!

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JOE LANGSTON, ADDRESS NOT LISTED  
josef72000@yahoo.com

I went over with the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, C Co 2d 327th Abn Inf., 3d Plt. in 65'. Greetings to you all.

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JOHN WEKERLE, SHERMAN, CT  
satan666jw@aol.com

1st Plt, A/2/327, 66-67, would love to hear from any of my old cronies.

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ROMAN D. SCHMACHT, PAGE, AZ  
patschm@ourranch.com

Served in country 1966/1967/1968, D Battery, 2/320 Artillery, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne



VERNON SKAU, ADDRESS NOT LISTED  
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I am looking for anyone that fought with my brother Dave Skau. He served with the 101 1st Brigade in 1966 and also with Co N 75th Inf 173d Abn Bde. I am look for any stories that I may be able to pass on to my children.

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RAMON ROBERT WILSON, MEMPHIS, TN, 1688 WELLS STATION RD 682-8165  
Wagoush@aol.com

HHC & Charlie Co. 2/502 1965 & 1966 Recon in HHC and Squad Leader in Charlie Co. Then one of the 81 men to the rescue for Capt Carpenter & Napalm. After that I went home.

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EDWIN TUBBS, SHREVEPORT, LA  
Etubbs502@aol.com

I was with A Co. 2/502 from Dec 67 to Dec 68. Just looking for old boonie rats I may know. Looking to put a reunion together for the summer of 2002.

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+ MIKE BALDINGER, WV  
Supergrover@mindspring.com

Hey guys from C/2/502 1965-66... I was contacted by Sgt. Tom (Mike) Delamater, who was with us in VN. I have his e-mail address if anyone wants to contact him.

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DANIEL MOODY, MONTANA  
dm\_oody@hotmail.com

Was point, sniper, and later, team leader, then squad leader, in B/2/502 June 1967-Jan 1969. Don't remember names so well, but do remember faces. (MY BROTHERS) I don't know what happened to a friend named STEVE HIRT 67-68 (I have something of his. I would like to see it get back to him.)

*Editor's Note: Any help out there? Hirt not in database.*

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### E-MAIL MESSAGES

Subject: 'Nam Tigers  
+ GRADY JONES, BYRON, GA  
gjonesabn@netzero.net

Hi Fella, This isn't exactly 1st Brigade poop but when I was in



Pleiku in '63 as an Infantry Advisor, in ARVN G3, II Corps, we received daily coded SITREPs from the outlying Advisors.



Got one day that read: x KIA, x WIA, x MIA, and 1 EIA. I went to the Crypto shack to get it verified 'cause I had to consolidate them and forward on to Gen Westmoreland's HQ MAAG and MACV. It came back as "Eaten In Action" by a tiger, up around Dak To. Had to keep your sense of humor over there. I forwarded it (EIA) on to MAAG and MACV, and sure enough, they came back to have it verified, and I did. GRADY



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+ ROBERT CREBBS, LAPALMA, CA  
cal100@peoplepc.com



Hi Ivan, Read your note in the AmVet Magazine. I'm not sure what the "Separate" means in the 1st Brigade (Separate), however I was attached to the 326 Med, (I think we were Company D) 1st Brigade, 101st Abn. in Tuy Hoa, Vietnam from about September 1966 through March 1967. I was with a Medical Regulating Team (MRT) and we supported the 1st and 2nd of the 327 and the 2nd of the 502 and the "Dust Off" crews assigned there. We also supported the Brigade HQ unit which was just north of Tuy Hoa and their LRRP and "Stand-by" teams. Feel free to contact me.



Bob Crebbs, Master Sergeant, USAR, Retired, Member of the Special Forces Association and 82nd Airborne Division Association.



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+ JOHN BOEDDEKER  
John.Boeddeker@USPTO.GOV



I have touched based with several old comrades including Capt.(retired LTG) Glenn Mallory--that was an extremely honorable moment for me as he indicated he remembered me since I carried a radio for several months in his company. A truly outstanding Commander and person. The Commander I did carry the radio for, Cpt. Ginder also remembered me. We discussed past actions and how we were doing since then and hopes for the future. Both conversations stirred thoughts about shared time and events--mostly challenging and positive.



I want to send you a donation for the fine work you are doing. Please send instructions or where to find them. Thanks John Boeddeker, 703-305-8103



*Editor's Note: John, I am glad you were able to contact your fellow soldiers from the First Brigade! You can reach me at the address shown on/in the magazine: Ivan Worrell, P. O. Box 675, Sweetwater, TN 37874. All help in the form of stories, photos and donations are appreciated. Thanks for your financial support.*



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+ RICK GRABIANOWSKI, RENO, NV  
rick@grabianowski.com

Ivan, I just attended a Presidential Unit Citation ceremony for SOG veterans at Fort Bragg. Although I was honored to take part in this ceremony as a SOG veteran, I am also proud to have served with the 1st Bde, prior to the 101st becoming airborne. While at Bragg, I picked up a copy of Static Line and read your article. Please send me info on becoming a member. I was assigned to Company B, 2/502 "Widow Makers" from Summer 1967 to February 1968. I believe our base camp was out of Chu Lai, however, during TET we were moved to MACV headquarters.

S.Z. "Rick" Grabianowski, 1SG (Retired), email: rick@grabianowski.com

*Editor's Note: New subscriber as of May 1, 2001.*

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+ PAUL GRIMES, BLOOMBERG, NEW YORK  
PGRIMES@bloomberg.net

Thanks, Ivan. Everything is correct and I will check my "house archives" as wife or someone probably stored it without telling me! All the best, and Airborne!

As an aside, are you getting a lot of email regarding the charges and flak Bob Kerry is facing? The press just won't let up with their assertions about U.S. participation in that war, 30-plus years later! I hope to see all veterans (from all wars) rally around Bob in a show of support that those who were never in a combat situation can't possibly make judgements about alleged incidents such as these. We all know we treated the Vietnamese with respect and patience whenever possible! Now is a good time for someone to let the major news agencies aware of effort of Always First Brigade with the orphanage in 65-66<?> (actually before I arrived but I was impressed with this non-combat, humanitarian effort)!

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+ ALAN L. GLOVER, FAYETTEVILLE, NC  
gloveralan@email.msn.com

I am pleased to announce that I am in receipt of my issues of "The First Screaming Eagles in Vietnam." I was also one of the "fortunate" recipients of a midsummer ocean cruise sponsored by our U.S. Army on the U.S.N.S. Leroy Eltinge. My name is; Alan L. Glover, 6112 Conaway Dr., Fayetteville, NC 28314 E-mail gloveralan@msn.com Fax 910 860-0280. Unit in the First Brigade A/326 Engr. Bn

Since I have received my copies of "Vietnam Odyssey, Diplomat and Warrior, and The First Screaming Eagles in Vietnam;" I believe that I have read them at least 5 times each. My "job" in the brigade was to "walk along" with "B 2nd 502" from OPERATIONS CHECKERBOARD, VAN BUREN, NHON CO, PLEIKU, and DAK TO, where after being



assigned to pull security on a fire base in what was thought to have been a "break" turned into what I considered to be one the worse nights of the war, it was after another couple weeks of fighting that I was allowed to return to the "land of the big px."

Please keep me in the loop as far as magazine subscription, reunion info, etc. ALL THE WAY

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+ STEPHEN D. EICHERLY, GARDEN GROVE, CA  
eicherly@speakeasy.net

I have for several years, attempted to locate members of my unit from Vietnam. We were usually set up near your area in the 1st Bde. Apparently the other members have never been joiners and have not been looking for each other. I have only found 5 other members.

My unit was attached to 1st Bde (1965-66). My unit was Det 3, 3rd RRU Det but also known as the 406th RRU Det. We were an ASA unit but since ASA was not in Vietnam, we had the cover designator of Radio Research Unit.

I'm wondering if you have any rosters etc. which might have any information regarding our CO or XO? CO was Cpt Reed or Reid; XO was 1LT Leach?

Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. I know I am the only member to have joined the 101st Abn Div Assn (I have been a member since the late 60s).

I really kick myself for not being interested in locating these guys when I was a CID Agent working on war crimes investigations in St. Louis. I was at the Records Center almost daily and was there for the fire but never got copies of any of the unit rosters, etc. Have you ever obtained any copies of unit rosters, daily reports (can't even remember the correct name for them) from St Louis?

Sincerely, Stephen D. Eicherly; eicherly@speakeasy.net

*Editor's Note: Your unit is listed as attached. The March 1967 officers roster that I have does not list the officers in attached units. I have no Reed or Reid nor Leach in my database. I will print your request for information in the July 2001 issue of the magazine. Thanks for your interest and support.*

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+ LEWIS E. PERCY, AUBURN, NY  
FIVEGULF327@aol.com

I WAS ON THE ADVANCE PARTY FOR 1ST BRIGADE 101ST IN JULY 65. I SERVED AS RTO FOR CAPT. ALLEN DEGRAW, CAPT. FRED JOHNSON, CAPT. JOHN DOWNEY, AND A FEW DAYS FOR CAPT. WAYNE DILL. THESE WERE THE COMMANDING OFFICERS OF C 1/327TH ABN INFANTRY KNOWN AS COLD STEEL

COBRA COMPANY. I UNDERSTAND YOU ARE LOOKING TO COMPILE 1ST BRIGADE HISTORY. IF I MAY BE OF SERVICE TO YOU IN ANY WAY PLEASE CONTACT ME AT FIVEGULF327@AOL.COM

WHAT SPECIFICALLY ARE YOU IN SEARCH OF? HOW MIGHT I HELP?

"ABOVE THE REST," LEWIS E. PERCY, 28 CHASE ST., AUBURN, N.Y. 13021-1102; 1-315-252-2339 OR 252-5198

*Editor's Note: Thanks for your message! I am looking for photos, documents and personal accounts of actions in the 1st Brigade (S). If you will send me anything of these I will scan them and return them to you in a very short time. I would appreciate your participation in developing the history of the 1st Brigade (S) in Viet Nam.*

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+CLAUDE A. FRISBIE  
cfrisbie@westwhiteland.org

Memorial Day 2001

Ivan, You will probably get a bunch of these, but seeing the Statue on Sunday was really special. Trust you'll see why.



In "Kneeling", the one on the left is Clyde Bright (one of your recent subscribers), whom I hadn't seen since ending my 2nd tour in Feb of 68.

CLAUDE A. FRISBIE "FRIZ"

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### FROM THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

+ FREDERIC BALDWIN BORUFF, 2/17 CAV A 5/60-7/66, 3110 Northeast Drive, Wichita Falls, TX 76306-4006 sent the following letter along with his subscription renewal and donation: I would like to make a change on my time with the 2/17th. I was assigned to 'B' Trp, 2nd/17th (ABN) (RECCON) 101st



ABN DIV in May of 1960 to the 5th Platoon, which was also the Division Honor Guard. So my date of service should read 5/60-7/66. Thank you for the update. 2/17th was a bastard group under G-II until RVN and the putting together of the 1st Brigade (S) someone through us into the mix to do everybody's LRRP work. Like while everyone's climatizing at the Cam Ranh Bay, working on unloading the EL Tinge, we were escorting 2 1/2's to Nha Trang. But the over nights at Bravo 52 made some very good connections for later assignments as a candy-striper. At your service, Frederic Baldwin van Boruff

P.S. If any help is needed for the 2002 Reunion call. I will send the pictures later.

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+ JOHN P. WAYRYNEN, Family (Dale MOH), 33198 St. Hwy 65, McGregor, MN 55760 sent the following: It was a great honor for my family and me to get to be with all of the 1st Brigaders (S) down in Columbus.

After 33 years it was really something to meet some of the men who were with my brother, Dale, on the night that he died. My hat's off to Gordon Davis, Sam Snyder, Winston Georges, Nathaniel Fells and Don Singleton. I've included a picture of these brave men.



L to R: Gordon Davis, Sam Snyder, Winston Georges, Nathaniel Fells and Don Singleton at 7th Biennial Reunion, October 2000, in Columbus, Georgia. These men were with Dale Wayrynen (KIA/MOH) on May 18, 1967. Their unit was Company B, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Inf. Reg., 1st BDE (S), 101st Airborne Division.

Columbus put on a great reunion. I only wish the second oldest of us boys, Dave, could have been there. He was also in the 101st as a door gunner (like our father) for the Green Berets.

Also I want to thank you for including us in your great magazine so often. The brotherhood of all the men of the Brigade is really great to see.

Thanks to Jerry Scott for really making it a special reunion for us.

Our thoughts go out to the Larsen and Grady Jones families. I also lost a brother in an auto wreck in '73. It's tough.

Once again...Thanks. Airborne! John Wayrynen

+ CSM(R) ROBERT A. YOUNG, HHC CSM 6/66-6/67, 420 Deerfield Circle, Santa Rosa, CA 95409-6102 sent the following letter. Dear Ivan, a note from the Old Sergeant Major (15 May 1959) and that's old. Ha! I just received the July 2001 issue of THE ALWAYS FIRST BRIGADE magazine. It's a good read!!

Certainly hope more "Old 1st Brigade Troopers" will "hook-up" because your magazine is the ONLY LINK with the illustrious wartime history of the 1st ABN BDE (S) 101st ABN DIV from 1965 to 1968!

As the 101st ABN DIV SGT MAJOR both myself and MGEN B.E. Powell (CG 101st), met with the departing 1st Brigade troopers as they departed Campbell Army Airfield for Vietnam (and that horrible boat trip)! too.

Of course the 1st Brigade (tasked for Vietnam) caused the "stripping" of the 2nd and 3rd Brigades to fill them up! This was the only proper decision! The real crunch came in the Division supporting units, i.e. (Support Command, the Medics, Engineers, Signal, etc., etc). Had only one or two in a critical MOS – the 1st Brigade got the priority – as it should have been!

Little did I realize, D.A. decided I should join the 1st Brigade in Vietnam (as the BDE SGM) upon arrival, I really wondered if the Division did all that was possible to prepare this Great Brigade to uphold the "Screaming Eagles" "Rendezvous with Destiny;" and history will show they did!

In addition the 101st was tasked with providing CADRE for the NEW, 11th Air Assault Div, at Ft. Benning, GA, (later the 1st CAV Division) so, the 101st became a real "Replacement Division" until it too, came to Vietnam, in Dec 1967. Of course, Major Ivan Worrell was the 1st Brigade Information Officer during my tour with the BDE HQS.

Ivan, I was sorry not to have been physically able to participate in the 1st Brigade Reunion activities in Columbus/Ft. Benning, GA! Heart Arrhythmia, kept me in the hospital for one day! Turned out to be an uneventful reunion and rather expensive.

I was pleased to have met and "chatted" with LTG Stanley R. Larsen at Saturday morning breakfast! Little did I realize it would be the last! "General Swede" was a special friend of the First Brigade and a great boss! Sorry he's gone!

Ivan, I've enclosed a check for \$20.00 for a 1 year hook-up.

P.S. I didn't attend "Static Line" this year first time since 1988. I'm doing pretty well, for an "Old Trooper."

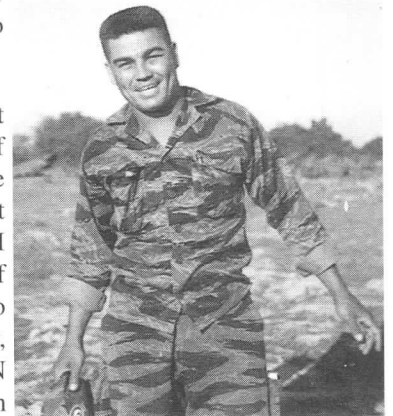
*Editor's Note: Robert, all the 101st troopers missed you at "Static Line." I look forward to seeing you at a future reunion.*

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+ SFC(R) SANTANA CARNERO, 1/327 HQ&HQ 11/65-6/67, 303 S. Teresa, Monahans, TX 79756-7111 sent the following: Here are some photos of some members of the Tiger Force and a platoon picture taken on March 1967.

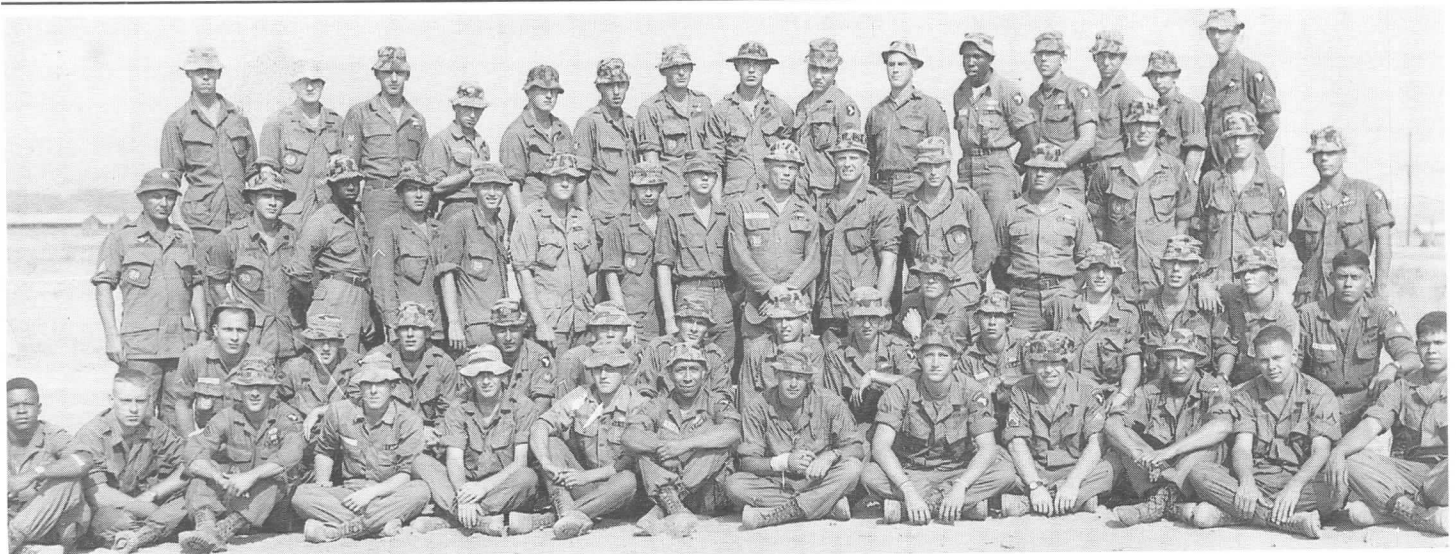
I remember some of the members but I will not try because I only remember my team members and the few which made the whole tour. I was one of the volunteers which had the honor to be accepted into Tiger Force right before Dak To in June 1966.

I hope to be able to get reacquainted with some of the members especially the 2nd generation of Tigers. It was a long time ago, but I always talked proudly of the Tiger Force. I also served with C Company, 75th Rngr BN, 2nd BN 2/503 Inf Recon 173 Abn Bde.



SANTANA CARNERO

Boy, what a difference 35 years make – and lots of memories and I guess a lot forgotten too. Hope to be able to make the next reunion.



1/327 TIGER FORCE March 1967

+ COL(R) THOMAS H. TAYLOR, 2/502 B 6/65-7/66, 2500 Massachusetts Ave., NW #1, Washington, DC 20008-2821 sent the following letter:

Hi Ivan, Enclosed is my renewal. It comes with pleasure at seeing an e-mail from my old FO, Joe Mastriani.

Hi, Joe! It's been a long 35 years! First let me apologize for misspelling your name in my book WHERE THE ORANGE BLOOMS, now out of print but available at web sites like Amazon or Barnes & Noble. It includes the war stories you seek, from An Ninh thru Dak To.

Though a red leg, you certainly are a full fledged member of B-2/502. It was the accurate and abundant rounds of C-2/320 that kept Charley's heads down(blowing off many) while B Co. maneuvered in for the kill. And kill we did, as I'm sure you remember. Your battalion, along with air strikes directed by Ragged Scooper, changed the morning reports of many VC/NVA units. I never resented the term applied to B Co., that we were a 'target acquisition' unit. Foremost, it was for us to find then to fix the bad guys. Who finished them off was of slight importance to me.

Not that B Co. didn't have plenty of finishers. Last month I was invited to FTCKY for the 10th Anniversary of the Gulf War. My escort officer was the present CO of B-2/502, Joe Ross, former captain of an Army football team, a hard charger with the balls of a burglar. We estimated that there have been about sixty COs between my command and his. Ross took me to the orderly room where there were pictures of three MOH winners from B Co., one from WW II, two from VN. That's more than any other company in the US Army or USMC. By the time you read this, the Strike Force will have deployed to Kosovo. Let the Serbs and Albanians beware.

Joe, I hope we'll get in touch. I'm not on the net, so why not come down to DC for Memorial or Veterans Day where our chapter of the 101st Association always has great events.

Ivan, Jack Keane's quoted remarks referred to the presence of GEN Shalikashvilli at the 2000 Reunion. Was this the former Chairman of JCS? If so, that came as a surprise to me and maybe many readers who weren't there. So I assume the reference was to Shali's brother(Othman?), a distinguished green beret, who probably served in 1st Bde after my time.

**Editor's Note: COL(R) Othar J. Shalikashvilli [Bde HQ, 2/502, 3/506] and Janet attended the reunion. I probably misunderstood General Keane when I transcribed the speech.**

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+ MSG(R) JOE W. MULLIGAN, 1/327 B & HQ 6/66-6/67, 206 Hunters Ridge Drive, Clinton, MS 39056 sent the following: I read several of "The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam," which were given to me by my good friend Luis Vargas. I could not put them aside until I had read each and every word. Served with BN Hqs and "The Brave Rifles" Co. B, 1/327 6/66 to 6/67.

I'm looking for information on the time frame for the Presidential Unit Citation (Trung Luong) listed on David J. Markham's website under the "Lineage/Honors" page for the 1/327 Bn.

I may have some articles in my memorabilia collection that would interest you. Can you receive attachments to your email such as photos? Let me know so I can email them.

Please find a check in the amount of \$128.90 to cover the items I ordered and a one year's subscription to "The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam." In addition please find a check in the amount of \$50.00 which is a donation to the "Abn & Spec Opns Museum Fdn" toward the placing of a unit memorial honoring the 1st Bde (S), 101st Abn Div at Fayetteville, NC.

Good job, "Keep up the Fire, Above the Rest, De Oppesso Liber and All the Way."

Joe Mulligan MSG E-8 (Retired)

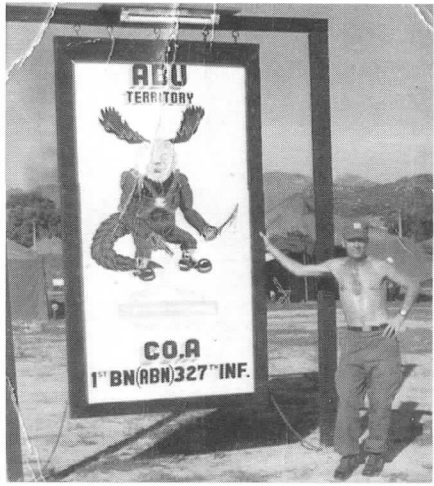
**Editor's Note: Joe, you will find a number of stories about the Trung Loung Operation in the back issues of the magazines you ordered. I will print your letter in the next issue and you will probably hear from some of the subscribers. You mentioned a web site so it appears you have e-mail. Would you send e-mail to me so I will have your address? Thanks for your interest and participation. Joe's donation to the Airborne & Special Operation Museum Foundation was forwarded to GEN(R) James Lindsey, Foundation President.**

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+ ALBERT P. KLERLEIN, III, 1/327 B 12/65-11/66, 75 Meadows Rd., Chesapeake City, MD 21915 wrote: After many years of searching I just recently located a fellow airborne soldier. I would like to send him a subscription to the FIRST SCREAMING EAGLES. Enclosed is my personal check for a one year subscription. Please send new subscription to: Daniel J. Silva (2/327 C 12/65-WIA), 129 La Cresentada St., Vallejo, CA 94590.

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+ JOHN H. LEWIS, 1/327 A 1/64-8/66, 425 W. Regent St., # 11, Inglewood, CA 90301 wrote: Keep the photos for the 1st BDE 101st ABN VN archives. Took these in Spring of '66. Forgot who subject is but know he was a NCO in ABU Company, Weapons Platoon. Would love to hear from any ex-ABU troopers. Also a copy of ABU orders to go to Nam. See pages 3 & 4.



+ MICHAEL A. WILLEY, Brigade PIO 9/66-10/67, 32176 Chester, Garden City, MI 48135-1742 wrote when renewing his subscription: Probably due to my recent change in address, I did not receive the first renewal request. Sorry for any inconvenience. If you could please send me some applications, as I am meeting more and more 101st troopers through my dealings with disadvantaged veterans. Somehow I would like to get these people a subscription which will probably be paid for by my new not-for-profit (501c3) corp. [A VET HELPING VETS]. It is just unfathomable how much Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is taking ill effect on our troops. What a shame. To add insult to injury, the VA has cut back on PTSD and PCT teams in the VA hospitals. This just rips my heart out. This is why I go out and talk to as many veterans as I can to try to give them some direction in getting help. Enough from my soapbox.

Michael "Doc" Willey, Chaplain for Michigan Chapter #3 of Rolling Thunder© and founder of A VET HELPING VETS

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+ MARK S. PHELAN, 2/327 C 12/67-11/68, P.O. Box 51, Meridian, ID 83680-0051 on becoming a new subscriber wrote: I need to locate my battalion surgeon for a Purple Heart claim (spring and summer months). (208) 884-5172

**Editor's Note: Can anyone help?**

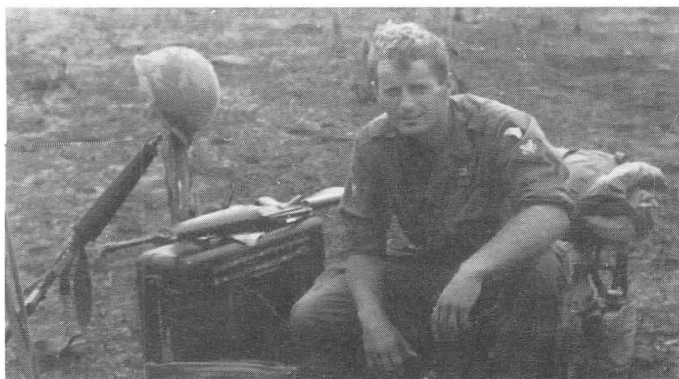
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+ MG(R) S. H. MATHESON, HHC CG 1/67-1/68, 26080 Mesa Drive, Carmel, CA 93923, sent the following note with his subscription renewal: Pat and I are off 1 June courtesy of HBO for festivities in Paris and Normandy for premier of HBO series on "Band of Brothers" – Ambrose's book on Co. E, 506 in WWII. Spielberg and Hanks are producing it.

**Editor's Note: General Matheson, I saw some TV reports, and recognized you in the group of "Band of Brothers" in France. I hope you and Pat had a great trip.**

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+ 1SGT(R) CAM F. DODSON, JR., 2/327 HHC 5/66-5/67, 7880 E. Plunders Cr. Rd., Dickson, TN 37055-3822, sent the following two photos along with this subscription renewal.

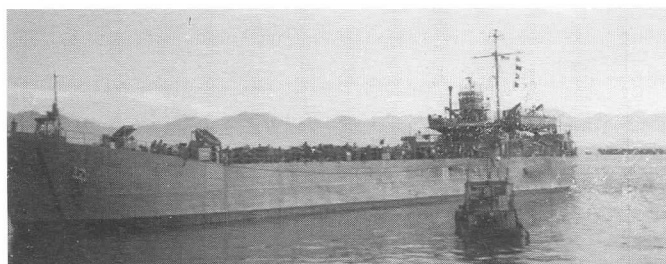


SP/4 Dodson 1SGT(R) Now, area unknown



Me (Dodson) with coke bottle, Peter Tiroch in jeep Tuy Hoa.

+ CLAUDE A. FRISBIE, 1/327 A 7/66-2/68, 175 Springton Rd., Glenmoore, PA 19343-1106 sent the following: Enclosed please find a check for my subscription renewal and for order for hat and shirts. In the April issue, I saw the photo of the 1/327s landing in Duc Pho for Operation Malheur. Thought you might like to see a few pictures of members of 3 Plt. of A 1/327 as we waited on the beach, and on board. We sat on that hot beach in Nha Trang most of the day until we turned it into a nude bathing beach, much to the chagrin of the local authorities, but who was going to argue with us?



More Frisbie photos next issue



Passing time - GI way on board. Facing without shirt - Sgt La Salle.



+ PAT NOONAN, 2/327 A 10/65-10/66, 3477 Township Ave., Simi Valley, CA 93063 sent the following FAX:

Dear Ivan, a couple of years ago when Tom Furgerson introduced Rick Salazar and me to you, I told you I would send you a story. I never forgot that and feel bad I have taken so long, fact is no one likes to talk about themselves, so lets talk about Tom Furgerson, use all or part or none but I hope you enjoy it anyway. Pat Noonan A Co 2/327 R.T.O. 1966

Before Captain Furgerson we had a company commander that no one really cared for or trusted, he was new and his tactics were old, a lethal combination. The night before being deployed into Troung Loung we checked and rechecked weapons and equipment, we also were given a briefing, this was also something new, the Captain had already gained the respect of the company with his attitude and confident manner, we were told the heat would be intense and were going up against "hardcore North Vietnamese regulars" those of us who were "the old dogs" were not impressed by this fact. We cared more about water, ammo, resupplys and fire support, i.e., arty and air, as long as we had that it didn't mean zip. I do not remember the chopper assault, it must not have been anything out of the ordinary as I would have remembered it. What I do remember was the intense heat, we had taken some heat casualties hence we were low on water already, having to pour our canteens empty on some new soldiers suffering from heat prostration. The Captain's objectives were clear, his men needed water and the village was to be swept, the order of march was Lt Eddys platoon and then HHC, the Captain and his R.T.O.'s ect, the Captain always near the front so he had a clear picture of any given situation. We entered a village, stopped for water and nosed around. The village was not ordinary, there was a school there. It was obvious that some people other than farmers and peasants were in the area. On the blackboards in a makeshift school room were diagrams of strategies and mathematical equations, books and written information on chemistry, calculus and other disciplines of higher learning, this was obviously something other than a peasant village. I for one did not feel right about this place. The Captain had us monitor other parts of our units trying to figure out the extent of who or what we were up against. Some action was being brought upon another rifle company, it was light but consistent, usually it was the old hit and run, but this was different. The Captain was concerned as the rest of us, we discussed this and gave him sit rap reports. The Captain would take in info from everyone then make his decisions. You could see his mind working, total concentration, the grunts were encouraged to speak out to him. Our rifle company had complete communication from the bottom up and the top down, another improvement from our previous commander. C company was still being hit. The Captain had us monitor the radios and give him any info. He stated, "why are these guys still hitting us, there has to be more going on than we know." We moved out to the infamous village of Troung Loung when all hell broke loose, the fire was intense, never before had I seen trees and bushes mowed down like a giant saw had ripped them in two, everyone was on the ground and returning fire, the Captain was calm but intense, calling and talking to elements of his rifle company, we formed a makeshift perimeter, if you think you're going to be safe being the Co Commander's R.T.O., think again. Capt Furgerson was all over the place, then for some reason, unbeknownst to me he charges the enemy positions. I had been in country eight months and this was the most intense, withering enemy fire I had seen in all that time. The rounds were landing all around him, a guardian angel was at his



side, the problem was -- we weren't, Hazeltine and I, his R.T.O.'s were to be at this mad man's side at all times. Roger said to me, "do you know what this means," my reply, "yea but I just got out of the hospital, I'm not getting, shot again. I will go but I'm crawling out there," hence we went out into no mans land, crawling as fast as we could. We hid behind what we thought was a dead American soldier, as his head was covered in blood. The rounds are zinging all around us, the dead soldier says, "get the fuck away from me you're drawing fire." I check his wound, it wasn't as bad as it had looked, just a pin prick from a grenade fragment. I tell him to crawl to a log and then down in a gully and work his way back, as he did not require our assistance. Just then we hear "Audie Murphy." NOONAN ... HAZELTINE!!!! "get your asses back here!" That took no encouragement, we crawled to the gully and made our way back. Later when things had died down, the Captain told me, "If I ever do anything like that again shoot me." This is one of the reasons why you love this guy, he can make you laugh even while your life is on the line. After holding our own and the Captain getting around to every single man in our company giving them encouragement, and making sure no one was left behind we pulled back to the safety of a high ridge that weapons platoon was at and could be defended better. That night no one slept, never did a negative word come from the Captain, planning and coordinating with the remainder of his company were primary to him. We knew we were going back in the next day and the next, if he could do it so could I and so on, these men would never let each other down and it started with the Captain. He was honest, you could ask him anything. Any person in our company had his ear, they might not get the answer they wanted but they would get an honest answer. That's very important to people, even if they have a half hour left to live. Again we hit the village, same routine, except we realized we were outnumbered and outgunned, airstrikes and arty were brought to play. What was left of officers and N.C.O.'s could be counted on one hand. The Captain never waived, giving instructions and encouragement to P.F.C.'s who were never allowed to drive a jeep were now running rifle squads and even platoons. The Captain had me call in airstrikes which scared the living shit out of me the first couple of times. What if I was wrong!!! What if!!! Your going to be dead anyway, so call it in. I'm checking the guys and off he goes looking into each soldiers' eyes, demanding the very, very best from them, and getting it. During those three days OUR Captain had set the standard, and was reciprocated, by riflemen, chopper pilots who had been shot down several times kept coming back, average men becoming something more, something that can not be explained but each one of us realize this. Men who were wounded, med/evaced and safe, returned to help their Company. When the bloodletting was over, the silence deafing, the thirst for water quenched, we had become something more than expected, we were survivors and Capt Furgerson was the reason. Throughout this battle Captain Furgerson never waived, even in the face of an ass hole senior officer he remained cool, not letting the pompous son of a bitch get the better of him, others would not have the control or self discipline required for such a personal test -- outgunned, outmanned -- the Captain used every resource available to him. He is a true hero.



+ K. C. EISENBERGER, 2/320 FA A&B 4/67-1/68, 1816 S. Armstrong, Bartlesville, OK 74003; sent the following note: Here are some photos of an accident of August 3, 1967. I was in B Btry 2nd BN 320th Prcht Arty, our 105's M101A2 guns had just stood down for a fire mission when a shell from a 155mm btry gun hit this aircraft. Myself and some others were peppered by aluminum bits of metal. As noted it's in a book called "Requiem." I have not seen this book though.

P.S. 155 Btry, designation unknown to me was along side our 101st Btry.

Eisenberger received photo and info from James L. Collier. Photos can be found at <http://www.c-7acaribou.com/album/photos/photo02.htm>

## “Friendly” Fire



*A U.S. twin-engine transport Caribou crashes after being hit by American artillery near Duc Pho on August 3, 1967. U. S. artillery accidentally shot down the ammunition-laden plane, which crossed a firing zone while trying to land at the U.S. Special Forces camp. All three crewman died in the crash.*

This haunting photograph, which graced every Caribou briefing room, was a grim reminder that the Viet Cong and the NVA were not the only problem for pilots in Vietnam. This incident occurred in August of 1967 when the Caribou (tail number 62-4161) flew into the line of fire of a 155mm howitzer. This was early in the transition of the Caribou from the Army to the Air Force and highlighted the need for far better coordination amongst the services.

This photo is from book of photographs by combat photographer called “Requiem”. The photo credit is as follows: HIROMICHI MINE, Ha Phan (sic), Vietnam, 1967

The picture was a one in a million and the photographer (Hiromichi Mine) was later killed. The AF got the right to use the photo and it was posted in all the briefing rooms.



Information on the incident: Date: 3 August 1967; Aircraft: C-7B 62-4161; Unit: 459 TAS, 483 TAW; Base: Phu Cat; Crew: Capt Alan Eugene Hendrickson (KIA), Capt John Dudley Wiley (KIA), and TSgt Zane Aubry Carter (KIA). Description: Three airmen died in a tragic friendly fire incident on 3 August. A C-67 Caribou was approaching the Duc Pho Special Forces camp, about 20 miles south of Quang Ngai, when it was hit by a shell from a US Army 155mm howitzer. The aircraft had flown into the line of fire and the shell blew off its entire rear fuselage and tail section. There is a well-publicized photograph of the aircraft taken during its fatal dive into the ground on the outskirts of the camp. Following this accident the Army and Air Force tightened up their coordination procedures for air operations near artillery fire zones.

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

### THE WILD PIG INCIDENT

I remember this pig incident pretty good, we were at the top of a mountain range following a ridge that had a fairly decent trail winding along the ridge top. It was a clear blue day and the wind was howling over the peaks and across the ridges, we were hardly working up a sweat as our recondo squad moved upward. I was looking out over the other mountain ranges through breaks in the thinned out scrubbery, and as far as the eye could see it was just beautiful.

We were, slowly moving upward along the trail when our M-60 machine-gunner fired off a burst up ahead of me, everybody jumped off the trail onto the slope of the ridge, taking cover behind the scrubbery and waited, nothing happened. Then the word was passed down that our 60 gunner, it might have been Moke or Keyes, was up behind the point, when for some reason or another a family of bush pigs with little ones ran out in front of him. They startled him, so bad he pulled the trigger on the 60 and shot up the trail around his feet. He had been walking with the M-60 pointed towards the ground and was probably lucky he didn't shoot himself in the foot.

The bush pigs ran off into the brush on the other side of the trail squealing and making a racket, after we settled down and got back on the trail we laughed about the incident. We razzed the 60 gunner about having roast hog for supper, but he didn't think it was so funny.

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1st Brigade troopers stand a review at Cam Ranh Bay, July 29, 1965.

## Montagnard Village Given Medical Aid

By Lt. John Hensley

**NHON CO.** — The Rhade tribesmen of the Montagnard village of Dac Tich II near Nhon Co are grateful to the «Screaming Eagles» of the 1st Brigade.

With the support of the brigade's Civic Action Team, a medical assistance program was initiated by Captain Ronald L. Gooding, M.D. to render medical aid to the natives in the area.

«The main support we can give is to treat the various skin diseases and sores which are prevalent among these people,» stated Captain Gooding. «We leave as much soap as possible with them, as most of their problems are caused from a lack of sanitation. We instruct them on the use of the soap and general sanitation which we feel will help a lot.» He continued, «we also think some of them have a strain of skin tuber-



culosis, but there is little we can do for them as prolonged treatment is required and the facilities for such treatment are not available in Vietnam.»

Tab treatment of the three to four hundred villagers was administered by Sp6 Gary E. Laude and Eloy S. Friego who donated their off duty time to accomplish the task.

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

Although somewhat apprehensive at first, the Montagnard chief, Dieu Xieng, was highly complementary in his appreciation to the paratrooper medics, especially after being the only villager to be injected twice.

## New DCO

After twenty-two months in Vietnam, Colonel Theodore Mataxis is preparing to go home. Col. Mataxis, the Deputy Commanding Officer of the 1st Brigade, commented, «I was very happy to have served with the 101st while here.»

His next assignment is in the Pentagon as Operation Directorate of the Pacific Division.

Taking Colonel Mataxis' place is another veteran paratrooper, Colonel Chester McCoid of Middletown, Connecticut.

«I've never served with the 101st before,» said Colonel McCoid, «but I have had many close associations with them, such as the Normandy jump when my stick missed the 82d Drop Zone by eight miles and I landed in the 101st area.»

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# Nomads Of Vietnam

By Lt. John Hensley and Sp/4 Gil B. Valle

From the coastal plains of Tuy Hoa, Phan Rang, and Phan Thiet — to the highland-jungles of An Khe, Nhon Co, and Dak To, the "Screaming Eagles" of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division have trekked o'er Vietnam during the past year, carving themselves a place in history.

A year ago on July 29th, at Cam Ranh Bay, commanded by Col. James S. Timothy, the paratroopers debarked the USNS Gen Leroy Eltinge after 20 days at sea. They began operations almost immediately and had their first major action in the An Khe area at An Ninh.

Company "A" of the 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry, part of Company "B" and a few other people — all toll 206 men, were heliborne onto the machine-gun range of a Viet Cong battalion training area. The 206 men killed more than 226 of the enemy in 24 hours.

The troopers opened Route 19 — and kept it open — and posted signs reading: "Route 19 opened courtesy of the 1st Brigade. Welcome 1st Cav." At the Cav's base camp area signs read: "Area secured by the "Screaming Eagles."

It was October before the paratroopers found a home and set up base camp at Phan Rang. But it was short lived, for they moved out on an operation in the Ben Cat-Lai Khe area with the 173d Airborne, the Aussies, and the ARVNs. The troopers returned to Phan Rang on Christmas Eve and spent the holidays "at home."

On January 16th, the brigade left Phan Rang for Tuy Hoa and have not yet returned to the base camp.

Their missions at Tuy Hoa were guarding the area's rice crop and the harvesters — and in the process, harvesting a crop of the enemy.

Both turned out rather well. Thirty-five thousand tons of rice were harvested and turned into the government. 25,000 tons more than the previous year or any preceding year in many years. In three months of operations in the Tuy Hoa area, the troopers met with the 95th North Vietnamese army Regiment and a sorted Viet Cong force and left 1070 enemy dead, and denied them a prime food supply source.

During Operation VAN BUREN, the brigade command changed. On January 29th, Brig. Gen. Willard Pearson, the Assistant Division Commander, assumed command from Col. Timothy. Under Gen. Pearson, the remaining two operations in the Tuy Hoa area were conducted, HARRISON and FILLMORE.

The 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry was left at Tuy Hoa to continue FILLMORE, while the remainder of the brigade moved to the II Corps — III Corps boundary at Phan Thiet and conducted Operation AUSTIN II.

The brigade left Phan Thiet and moved to Nhon Co near the Cambodian border. There they conducted Operation AUSTIN VI.

Using his own "Recondo Checkerboard" tactics, Lt. Col. Henry "Gunfighter" Emerson, commander of the 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry warred with the 141st NVA Regiment on the Ho Chi Minh Trail and completely routed them. The 101st troopers killed 101 enemy.

The next operation attended by the 1st Brigade, was the opening of the 40 monsoon offensive by the 101st troopers... Operation HAWTHORNE.

Shortly after the 1st Battalion of the 327th Infantry, under the command of Maj. David Hackworth, relieved the beleaguered outpost of Tou Morong, heavy fighting broke out and lasted seven straight days.

On the morning of June 7th, a NVA battalion attacked engineer, artillery and infantry positions but the enemy was forced to withdraw leaving 86 dead behind. Five hundred more would die in the coming days.

In pursuit of them the following day were all three companies and the Tiger Force of the 1st, 327th Infantry. They engaged in separate, but heavy battles with North Vietnamese units. Immediately, the 2d, 502d Infantry began a sweep toward the battle area and they met heavy enemy resistance.

It was during this now famous battle that Company Commander Captain William Carpenter Jr. called for air strikes on his own position and received the only thing in the air at the moment, napalm. His action, however, broke the back of the enemy charge which was overrunning his company, and saved his unit from being massacred by the numerically superior enemy force.

The 1959 West Point football champion, Carpenter, now aid-de-camp to General William Westmoreland, was recommended for the Medal of Honor for his actions at Tou Morong by Col. Emerson.

The fighting no sooner quieted when the 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry, under the command of Lt. Col. Joseph Wasco, contacted a North Vietnamese battalion at Tuy Hoa, 150 miles SE of Tou Morong. In four days of bitter fighting, nearly 423 enemy dead were found on the battlefield.

The war-record compiled by the brigade includes 2500 plus enemy killed, 204 enemy captured, and 951 tons of rice taken; weapons have been seized in remarkable numbers — one weapon for every four enemy killed.

But war statistics do not portray the extent of the brigade's efforts. A vast civic action project is also a part of the Diplomat's and Warrior's work. It is essential that they win as much on the fields of kindness, beneficence and service as on the field of battle.

The 1st Brigade has moved 15 times in the past year; has only 19 days without some element having been in combat; a truly remarkable feat of endurance... but then the troopers of the "Always First" Brigade are "Screaming Eagles" in the finest traditions of their predecessors.

These men of the 1st Brigade, where the average age is 19, have carried themselves with greatness into their Rendezvous with Destiny as the Nomads of Vietnam.

## LETTERS

TO: Commanding General

1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division

1. It is a privilege to forward the attached letter from Lieutenant General Cao Van Vien, Chief of Joint General Staff, RVNAF, congratulating the officers and men of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division who participated in Operation HAWTHORNE for their outstanding and heroic achievements.

2. To General Vien's comments, I wish to add my own expression of appreciation for another outstanding performance by your brigade. The heroism, determination, dedication to duty, and the high degree of professionalism shown by your units are in the highest traditions of the United States Army. Congratulations for a job well done.

W.C. WESTMORELAND  
General, United States Army  
Commanding

Lieutenant General CAO VAN VIEN  
Chief of JGS/RVNAF

to  
General W.C. Westmoreland  
Commandier of US Military  
Assistance Command, Vietnam  
SUBJECT: Commendation for Operation HAWTHORNE  
General,

On behalf of the Vietnamese Armed Forces I would like to congratulate the United States forces who participated in Operation HAWTHORNE particularly the 1/327 and 2/502 Airborne Battalions, the 1/5 Cavalry Squadron and the 2/320 Artillery for their outstanding and heroic accomplishments.

The outstanding leadership and courage demonstrated by these forces led to the defeat of a superior enemy force and made possible one of the significant victories of the war. Their devastating attack against prepared positions and subsequent tireless pursuit of the enemy over extremely difficult terrain in the highest traditions of your country's military history.

We of the Vietnamese Armed Forces share your sadness at the losses suffered during this operation. However, we know that the determination and aggressive spirit displayed by your forces will ultimately defeat the communist invaders and drive them from the Republic of Vietnam.

Sincerely yours,  
CAO VAN VIEN

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and  
STAY ALIVE

# 346 Days of War - The 1st Year



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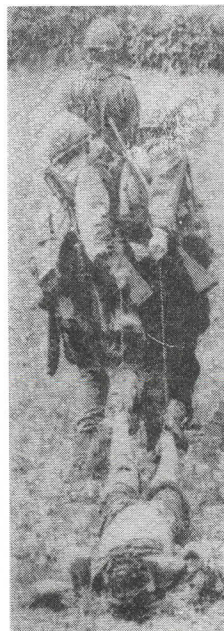


Two infantrymen move up on the enemy.

## All The Way...



### The Enemy



An RTO charges an enemy position.



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 Tis late at night  
 and all is serene,  
 No matter how hard tis tr.ed,  
 One can't stay mean.  
 The winds which are calmed  
 and eerily muted,  
 Have nothing to say  
 After all's been disputed,  
 The guns have roared  
 and shells have burst;  
 When the acrid fog lifted,  
 The agonized were nursed.  
 Lifted from Hell  
 and gently taken,  
 Where the mercy of God  
 Return'd souls which were  
 shaken.  
 Look up Troopers,  
 Take pride at what you've  
 done;  
 Stand up and be counted,  
 The 101st has won.  
 You've fought and you've  
 cried,  
 Screamed and died;  
 But the power of this grand  
 outfit,  
 accomplished what others  
 - just «tried.»  
 This mission has ended,  
 and while you're at rest—  
 You know you and your  
 Comrades  
 have been crowned as  
 «THE BEST»  
 Flex your arms Troopers,  
 Let's see you grin;  
 Take a deep breath,  
 We're here to win.  
 For those who were wounded  
 and those who have died,  
 Take up your arms.  
 The Viet Cong, now,  
 has nowhere to hide.

AZ SOKOLEK

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# Medics — Unsung Heros



**Seldom heralded, combat medics are, surely, heroic figures in this war**



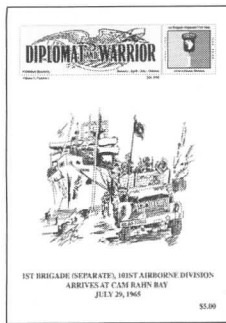
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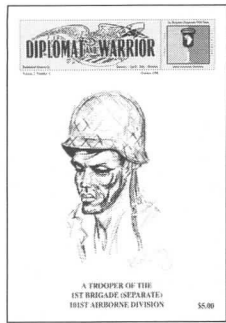
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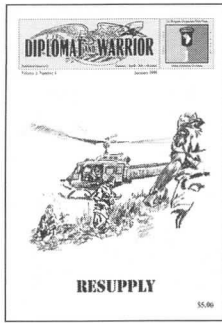
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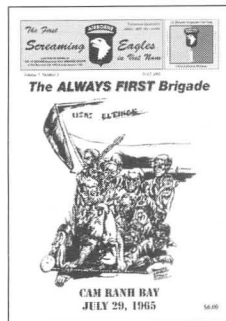
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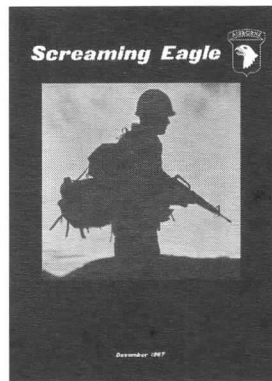
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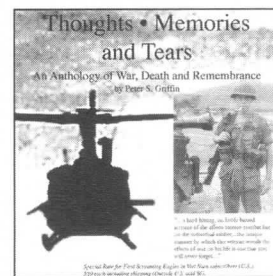
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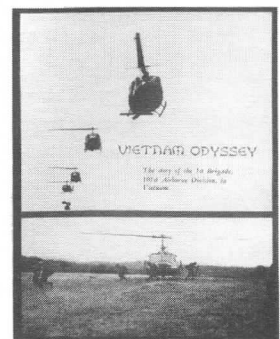
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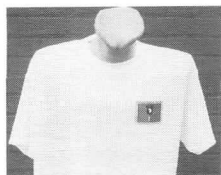
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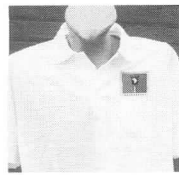
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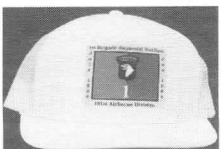
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# OBITUARIES

This past December we lost a devoted member of the 1st Brigade, Ed (Bear) Burch, former CO, B/1-327 and S3, 2-327. Bear was a flight instructor in a small plane that presumably crashed into the water off Juneau, Alaska. Although some small pieces of wreckage were found on the beach, neither the aircraft nor the bodies of Bear or the pilot have been located. Earlier this month, a presumptive finding of death was issued, officially declaring Bear and the pilot dead.



If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at 703-998-1669 (work) or 703-541-0751 (home). I can also be contacted via e-mail at [jdfletcher@erols.com](mailto:jdfletcher@erols.com). Dave Fletcher, COL (Ret), USA, B/1-327 (1967 -68) and C/-327 (1968)

## LTC (Ret) Edgar Francis "Bear" Burch, III

ED BURCH died December 27, 2000. The plane in which he was a passenger, out of Juneau, Alaska, was lost in Young Bay. He died in a country he loved and doing what he loved.

Bear had been a resident of Juneau for a year and a half. He was a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Juneau Amateur Radio Club, and the Juneau Yacht Club.

He was born in Richmond, Virginia, March 2, 1937. He graduated from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, High School in 1955 and from Colorado State University in 1960.

Bear was proud to have served his country in the United States Army. His career included graduation from the US Army Airborne, Jumpmaster, Ranger, and Special Forces schools, and serviced with Special Forces in Panama, as Assistant Professor of Military Science at the University of Colorado, with the 9th Infantry Division at Ft. Lewis, Washington, and as an advisor to the Massachusetts Army National Guard. He served three tours of duty in Vietnam, commanding Co B, 1st Battalion (Airborne) 327th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, in 1967 and 1968. His awards and decorations included the Silver Star, three awards of the Bronze Star with "V" Device for valor, the Purple Heart, and numerous service awards and commendations.

Following his retirement from the Army in 1980, Bear entered law enforcement. He served as a patrol officer for the city of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, Undersheriff and Sheriff of Routt County, Colorado, and Undersheriff of El Paso County, Colorado. He retired from law enforcement in 1996.

Bear's other activities included the Rotary Club in Steamboat



Springs, American Hopkido Association Board of Directors - 4th Degree, Association of Colorado Undersheriffs, Optimist's Club, CSU Alumni Association, National Rifle Association, Phi Delta Theta Alumni, Colorado Mountaineers, and Seattle Mountaineers (with whom he climbed Mt. McKinley), instructor and trainer in defensive tactics and weapons, pilot (private, commercial, multiengine, sea plane, rotor craft, and certified flight instructor), avid sailor (participated in ARC 2000), fishing, and learning to play the banjo.

Survivors include his wife, Belinda Burch of Juneau, a son, Andrew Burch of Denver, Colorado, stepdaughter Barbara DeBose of Kansas City, stepson Ryan Slattery, Holliman Air Force Base, New Mexico, two sisters, Helen Bennitt of Fredricksburg, Texas, and Elise Winchester of Vero Beach, Florida, one step-grandson, Douglas DeBose, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Barrett Burch, and his parents, Edgar F. Burch, Jr., and Helen Schulze Burch of Chicago.

Memorial services were held at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, on June 25, 2001, at 11:00 AM.

## Warren H. "Zeke" Zuelke, Jr.

WARREN H. "Zeke" ZUELKE, JR., died Monday, February 26, 2001 in Houston, Texas at the age of 58. Zeke was born on December 29, 1942 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to Warren H. Zuelke, Sr. and Norma Mae Owens Zuelke. He attended Baton Rouge schools, and while attending Louisiana State University was called to the army, where he served with distinction as a Sergeant in the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam from 1966-1968. Upon discharge from the army, Zeke enrolled at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) where in 1972, he received his B.S. degree in Photographic Science. Since then he has been employed in Texas and Louisiana as a commercial photographer specializing in international and domestic oil field, industrial and aerial photography. Zeke was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Harry Brent, and nephew, Ryan Scott. He is survived by his sons, Adam Randall and Graham Owen, his daughter, Kate Leonice, and wife, Renee Randall Zuelke, all of the home, his brother, Don Alan, sister-in-law, Olga Germaine Duhon, and his nephew, Layne and wife, Laura Zuelke, of Baton Rouge, and in-laws, Max and Anna Lou Randall of Oklahoma. A great many aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers and sisters by marriage, and other nieces and nephews also mourn him. Zeke's musical gift blessed many a campfire and all who had made Zeke's acquaintance, especially the friends from south Texas, the River Renegades, the Cypress Swamp Stompers and others from the Anderson Fair days, many professional peers, and the Falcon family from Baton Rouge, will miss his wit and gentle spirit. The family wishes to thank the many friends, co-workers, and Zeke's team from Texas Medical Center Hospice who supported the family and Zeke during his illness. A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 3, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 3606 Beauchamp, Houston, Texas, 77009 and a Fais-dodo was held immediately following. Zeke will finally rest in his beloved Louisiana.

# Memory of 'Truce': 2 Killed, 8 Hurt

By CHARLES MOHR  
Special to The New York Times

**TUYHOA, South Vietnam, Jan. 26** — The young American paratrooper had, on impulse, written on the green-and-tan camouflage cover of his steel helmet the words "Tui Wha, Jan. 23, 1966, 2 killed, 8 wounded."

In his phonetic spelling he had commemorated an event of the last day of the cease-fire proclaimed by the allies and the Vietcong guerrillas in honor of the Vietnamese Lunar New Year.

The troops of the First Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division, operating near this sandy seashore town in Central Vietnam, encountered the Vietcong who did not honor the cease-fire.

On Jan. 23, one of the brigade's units, the Second Battalion, 327th Infantry, had sent a small patrol to a hamlet 200 yards from the battalion's position. Since there was a ban on "offensive action," the patrol's mission was only to investigate whether guerrillas were overlooking the battalion area.

With professional suddenness, the Vietcong had jumped the small patrol, overrun part of it and captured an American radio.

## G.I. Shot in Face

When the battalion commanders, Lieut. Cott Melvin Garten, reached the victims, he found that one American had been shot in the face.

"They must have emptied a whole magazine into his face," said Colonel Garten. "What am I supposed to do—tell my men not to be angry?"

Yesterday the paratroops looked more professional and detached than angry when they moved out to sweep an area several miles southwest of Tuyhoa. But they were not soft. One company of the battalion burned down at least 22 houses of Vietnamese peasants that day. Most houses were left alone, but the troops threw white-phosphorus grenades into the others.

## A Pop Like Fireworks

The heat first expanded and then exploded the joints in the bamboo supports, causing a pop like firecrackers or muted machine-gun fire. The thatch roofs smoked, then blazed and finally collapsed, leaving a burning framework.

When Colonel Garten landed, after operating out of a command post in a helicopter, he took a radio transmitter and ordered, "Don't burn any more houses."

The matter-of-fact voice of a company commander came back with a cheerful "Yes, sir."

One mission of the battalion was to protect the rice harvest in southern Phuyen Province, which will continue until the middle of February.

But the question was who could harvest the rice in this part of the province, which had long been under effective Vietcong control. Almost all men of military age had vanished, possibly moving south with the Vietcong, ahead of the Americans.

With equanimity, women and children, young men and older men passed through the American columns, heading for the security of the town of Tuyhoa. They trotted along rice-paddy dikes, ignoring nearby artillery bursts and straining under burdens of sleeping mats, pots, pans and other household effects.

## Refugees Carry Passes

Some carried safe-conduct passes, slips of paper bearing the flags of the nations fighting on the Government side in South Vietnam. About 20 million passes were dropped during the four-day Lunar New Year holiday.

Company C, under the command of Capt. Richard Davis, spent the day poking cautiously through small hamlets, almost all containing underground bunkers or trench systems. The troops threw hand grenades into the tunnels. They did not draw hostile fire, but a nearby company suffered a number of casualties from two booby traps.

Colonel Garten, whose mother lives in Brooklyn, kept exhorting his company commanders to move slowly and cautiously—"creep along."

"It's hard to slow these airborne boys down," he said. "Their main problem is that they don't have any fear. We have taken too many casualties. We had a sergeant killed yesterday who had six children."

The colonel wears two stars atop his Combat Infantryman's Badge, meaning that he has seen infantry combat in three wars.

"I have had a good attendance record," he said when asked about the stars. He has also won the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Star medals and a number of other decorations.

His troops regarded him with proprietary affection. "Every time he stepped into a clearing that might have given a sniper an opportunity, one would step in front of him, rifle at the ready."

"We are very professional," Colonel Garten said. "From the last pfc. to the company commanders. I have at least two young officers who are going to make general officer."

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COL Melvin Garten, USA, Ret. [CO 2/327 10/65-6/66] (18 Wheatherstone, Lake Oswego, OR 97035) sent the clip from the NEW YORK TIMES, shown to your left and above, with the following note:

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Hope you can use this print of 1966 New York Times.

Note... I said that there were at least two future general officers among the juniors in our battalion. It was easy to recognize the future of Captain Dick Davis who retired with two stars and Major Bill Dyke who retired with three stars.

There were others ... suffice to say ... I have served with paratroopers in WW2, Korea and Vietnam and I have never seen anything close to 2/327!



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Together, the brothers found a purpose in the hell of Vietnam.  
How do you tell one that the other has been killed in action?

## Two Soldiers Named Green

By Lt. Col. David H. Hackworth

Night was falling on our recently secured battalion perimeter. With the night came the damp coldness common to Vietnam's central highlands.

Our battalion was still catching its breath from the day's battle. Historians would not rate this an important fight. It would get no headlines, nor would it claim any legendary heroes. The name of the battlefield would not become part of the national heritage of either side who fought there. The engagement would be considered unimportant to all but its participants, and for them the battle held no more drama or fear than that which could be found whenever the infantry line fought and died.

When it was over it was hard to tell who won. On the battlefield there is no well-lighted scoreboard that blinks on the winner's name. But our battalion had given a good account of itself and when the dust of combat settled only a bone-tired American unit was around to claim the title of "King of the Mountain."

As with most stiff infantry fights, we did not win without paying a price. Not all the dead soldiers be-

longed to the vanquished. Ours only hours before had been cussing the heat, hoping for tomorrow, bragging about yesterday and silently assuring themselves that they would get out of this fight unmarked.

Now our dead, who had sworn no bullet carried their name, were neatly arrayed at the side of a jagged clearing that had been hacked out of the jungle. Helicopters would land soon to carry our fallen comrades away and back to America. There the caskets would be committed to the soil of their homeland, accompanied by the tears of bereaved loved ones, statistics on television and dissent by dissenters.

Our sergeant major, a lean and leathery professional of a pair of decades and then some, was giving me a rundown on the exact price the battalion had paid. When he completed his report he said, in the typical jargon of the Old Army, "Does the Colonel know that one of the soldiers who was killed had a brother in Bravo Company?"

"No," I said. "Has he been told?"

"Not yet, sir, but he'll find out soon. The death list travels fast," replied the senior NCO. "I suppose the Colonel would prefer giving him the word himself?"

"Yes," I replied. "The name?"

"A soldier named Green," answered the tough old warrior softly.

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LT. COL. DAVID H. HACKWORTH, Infantry, a highly decorated combat commander, served four years with the 101st Airborne Division, the last 13 months of that time in Vietnam.

It was almost dark when I reached Company B's portion of the perimeter. I had called ahead and asked that Green be waiting for me at the company command post. He was there, nervous and anxious about our meeting, for it is not often that a soldier is summoned by his battalion commander and he had probably concluded that not much good would come of it.

To avoid the busy command post and to find some privacy, I asked Green to come with me. We walked side by side on a narrow trail which cut across the perimeter. The battlefield was quiet. There was neither sound nor light to reveal that a thousand men knelt in hastily scratched out foxholes staring into the blackness in search of the enemy.

At first we didn't talk. I was busy mentally finding the words which I had hoped would bring Green some comfort. No stirring words would come. I groped futilely for words that might break the news easily and to lessen his sorrow.

This was a new job for me, for soldiers are not normally faced with such hard tasks. I mused that perhaps the job of the warrior on the battlefield was the simplest of all tasks associated with the grim business of war. The battlefield commander normally doesn't explain to the saddened, broken-hearted mother or see the look on the father's face when told his irreplaceable and most valued hope lies broken and smashed on the side of a landing zone with a rubber raincoat for a shroud. Still, I could not come up with suitable words.

"Green, you've been with the battalion since we left the States, haven't you?"

"Yes, sir. I'm one of the original guys. The hard core, that's what the replacements call us. Not many of the old guys left." He continued. "We lose a few of the old guys in every fight. I suspect that the 'hard core' took its lumps today."

I thought, how right you are! One of the "hard core" waiting for a helicopter on the side of the landing zone is your brother. But I could not bring these words to my lips.

We passed a partially destroyed enemy bunker. "Let's duck in here and have a smoke," I said.

The bunker had been a machine gun position which covered the trail. The pungent smell of the enemy lingered to remind us of its former occupants. We lit up and sat facing each other on the bunker floor. Two red dots glowed in the dark.

We were both quiet. I began to ponder again the problem of how to tell him. There was an explosion followed by singing fragments cutting through jungle underbrush.

"Sounds like a grenade from the perimeter," said Green with the quiet confidence of the seasoned jungle fighter. Several rifle shots punctured the silence. A machine gun cut loose a long burst. Then all became quiet again.

"Somebody is jumpy or Charlie is probing for a soft spot in our perimeter," I suggested.

"If we're going to get hit, sir, I'd like to get back to my squad. All my people are new and they are probably a little shaky after today," Green said.

"You're right, Green. I asked to see you to explain. . . ." Again I drew a blank. Words would not come. "Your brother. . . . Your brother got it today," I finally blurted out.

I could feel my eyes stinging and was glad it was dark so Green would not see the tears.

I next found myself chanting hollow clichés. "It was not in vain. He was a good man and went down swinging, like a soldier. The men in Company A held him in high esteem." After I had run through these few worn phrases, we again lapsed into silence.

We sat in the dark for a long while and no words were passed. Finally I asked Green if he wanted a cigarette. "Thanks," he replied as I offered him a light.

"I'll arrange for you to escort your brother home. Tomorrow you can take one of the first helicopters back to the rear. Once you get back there you can see the chaplain and he will help you sort this out," I said.

A machine gun fired several short bursts. A mortar coughed and soon the battlefield was transformed into blue-white day which lasted until the parachute flare burned out. There were several grenade bursts then silence again.

Green took a long drag on his cigarette and said haltingly, "Colonel, my brother and I were very close. Oh, we had our petty squabbles like all brothers, but we thought pretty much alike. Like many American kids, though, we really never had much purpose in life. We were just a couple of indifferent kids who had everything served to us on a silver platter. We took everything for granted—freedom, America, the whole bit." His voice grew steady as he spoke, not like a boy of twenty but someone older and much wiser.

"Vietnam," he continued, "opened our eyes. It gave us both a sense of accomplishment that we were part of a team—one which made up a shield that protected its people. We had found a purpose."

"This is a lousy life," he said, "sweating it out in this stinking jungle. But we are winning a war and who knows if it won't keep the next war from being fought at home."

The little "fire fight" that had punctuated our talk throughout the evening broke out again in raging anger. Red tracers arched gracefully through the air. Grenades exploded and artillery rounds shuttled over us and smashed into the jungle to our front.

"I got to get back to my people, Colonel. Forget about sending me out in the morning. If this war is worth my brother's life and a lot of other good men's lives, I'm not quitting in the middle of an unfinished job."

Green ground out his cigarette on the bunker floor, got up and walked quietly away toward the sound of battle.

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This photo was in the picture album presented to me on my departure from the brigade (see inside front cover). I've forgotten the name of the soldier on the stretcher, but I've seen the photo story in *First Screaming Eagles* in the future. If you see it, please let me know. Thanks to the editor.

### PHAN RANG DIFFERENT ENEMY

Paratroopers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, carry a 400 pound tiger killed during Operation Farragut. The tiger was shot near Song Mao where Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, was engaged in a search and destroy mission.



# KILLED IN ACTION AND NON-BATTLE DEATHS BY DATE

DOD	Grade	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Generation	Home State	DOB	Casualty Category	SSN	Status	Cause of Death	Compliment Cause	Province	Component	DMOS
10/15/67	PFC	Podlesnik	Wayne	A		ND	/ /48	BD	15761096	KOR	Unk	Other Wpns	Khanh Hoa	RA	13A1P
10/15/67	SGT	Dabon	Nathaniel			GA	/ /41	BD	55746621	Died-MIA	Unk	Other Wpns	Quang Duc	RA	13B4P
10/15/67	SGT	Maple	Archie	J	Jr	MA	/ /46	BD	17661786	KOR	Unk	Other Wpns	Khanh Hoa	RA	13B4P
10/15/67	SSG	Morrow	James	F		LA	/ /37	BD	55639827	KOR	Unk	Other Wpns	Khanh Hoa	RA	13B4P
10/15/67	SSG	Simmons	Burnell			DE	/ /32	BD	14350143	KOR	Unk	Other Wpns	Khanh Hoa	RA	13B4P
10/20/67	SP4	Colantunono	Wayne	A		MT	/ /46	BD	51602986	KOR	Unk	Grenade	Khanh Hoa	USAR	71B2P
10/22/67	PFC	Ryan	Daniel	J		AR	/ /49	BD	19870011	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B1P
10/22/67	SP4	McCormick	James	M		GA	/ /43	BD	16644335	KOR	Unk	SA Fire	Khanh Hoa	RA	11C2P
10/23/67	PFC	Cain	Robert	D		LA	/ /45	BD	16933180	KOR	Unk	Other Wpns	Khanh Hoa	RA	13A1P
10/23/67	SSG	Gautney	Earl			AL	/ /35	BD	16605426	KOR	Unk	Unk	Khanh Hoa	RA	11B4P
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