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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).



Photo of (R) MAJ Ivan Worrell, Information Officer of the 1st Brigade, with the Company Commander of Company C of one of the 327th battalions. I was interested in visiting with him in the field because I had served as Company Commander of C Company of the 327th Battle Group, at Fort Campbell, in 1956 - 1957. Can anyone help with a name for the Captain?

I reread some of the magazine after the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks. Some of the 327th veterans were directly effected and some past warnings were brought to light. I am sure this abrupt turn in our lives will change many of the ways we approach segments of many of our activities. I have great pride in my service in the 1st Brigade and I wish the 1st Brigade (1st, 2nd, and 3rd battalions of the 327), 101st Airborne Division great success as they, and the division and our total armed forces prepare to engage the forces of world terror.

The cover, again, is the art of PFC Raymond Brown. It is not signed by him, but is in the collection of Jim Apodaca that contains much of his original art. I wish I could find Raymond Brown to thank him for his work that has so well illustrated many of the facets of life in the 1st Brigade in Viet Nam.

The tentative reunion date of October 17 - 20, 2002, has been set by Reunion Chairman Ken Arnold. The reunion will be in Fort Worth, Texas. No hotel has been chosen. I will keep you informed. I believe detailed material concerning registration and hotel reservations will be mailed to all 2,100 individuals on my mailing list when plans are firm.

Photos and other material about the 1st Brigade veterans at the 101st Airborne Division Reunion in San Antonio have not been sent by our readers. I have a photo from the 327 dinner, sent by Denis Parsons who served in WWII, to use in the January 02 issue.

Please note your subscription expiration date on the "John Doe" mailing label on the inside of the back cover. That date represents the last magazine of your current subscription.

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DMOR CEREMONY

By: Ivan Worrell

On September 11, 2001 a 327th Regimental Distinguished Member of the Regiment ceremony was scheduled in the 1st Brigade area at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

I made reservations at the motel selected by CSM (R) Joe Bossi and drove to the vicinity of Fort Campbell on that Tuesday morning. On arrival, driving south on Highway 41A, I encountered a traffic jam a little north of Gate 6. I reversed directions and drove north to the motel to find Joe Bossi, Jim Joiner, Doug Field and Arline, Lou McDonald and Lista and their son ready for lunch and trying to make plans to get home without using air transportation. The Ceremony had been canceled. Fort Campbell was locked down. Eight of nine gates were closed and those entering through Gate 4 were subject to ID card checks and vehicle search. I was able to meet my new great grandson, Jackson Quarles, that evening and visit with other members of the family.

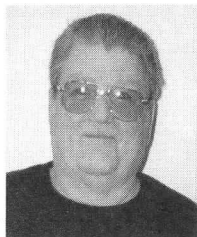
On Wednesday morning at 9:00, cars trying to get into Fort Campbell through Gate 4 were lined up past the motel (more than four miles) in a single file. Some of the honorees remained at the motel. I took some mug shots of those who were there and, along with some of the other former members of the 327, stayed to hear the press briefing given by 101st Airborne Division Commanding General, Major General Richard A. Cody. General Cody read a prepared statement and took questions from reporters. He did not mention the canceled 327th DMOR ceremony. Following is the material relative to the ceremony:



LTC (RET)
LOUIS "LOU"
McDONALD



Mr. (SP4)
KEN IHLE



Mr. (ISGT)
JOHNNIE C.
LINDSEY



Major General Richard A. Cody



Subject: Re: DMOR's Quarters and Ceremony
Subject: Fw: 327th DMOR's & Honorary Members Selected 28 June 2001, Hqs. 327th Infantry Regiment Fort Campbell, KY.
----- Original Message -----

GEN WILLIAM F. KERNAN
MG (RET) JOSEPH H. "BUD" HARPER (Deceased)
COL MICHAEL L. OATES
COL (RET) RAY C. ALLEN
COL (RET) JOE WASCO (2/327 CO 1/66-1/67)
LTC (RET) CHARLES T. FURGESON (2/327 A 5/66-5/67)
LTC (RET) LOUIS "LOU" McDONALD (2/327 B 5/66-10/66)
SSG (RET) HILLIARD CARTER (2/327 1966)
Mr. (ISGT) JOHNNIE C. LINDSEY (1/327 HHC 8/66-8/67)
Mr. (SGT) FRANK LOHR
Mr. (SGT) DALE "HANNIBAL" HANSEN (2/327 D 8/68-8/69)
Mr. (SGT) JAMES R. SIMCHERA
Mr. (SP5) HENRY J. "HANK" ORTEGA (1/327 C 67-68)
Mr. (SP4) KEN IHLE (1/327 C 3/65-7/66)
Mr. (SP4) DAVID J. MARKHAM (1/327 C 10/66-10/67)
Mr. (SP4) DOUGLAS N. FIELD (2/327 B 4/66-12/67)
Mr. (PFC) WILLIS ROHR
Honorary Members of the Regiment,
Mr. Stephen Ambrose,
Mr. Tom Hanks,

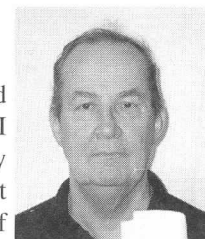
Thanks! Induction Ceremony will take place 11 September Fort Campbell, KY. Please direct any questions to me, CSM (Ret) Joe Bossi (jbossi@commandnet.net).
(BOLD UNDERLINED = 1ST BRIGADE (S) VETERANS)

+ CSM(R) JOSEPH M. BOSSI,
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Subject: DMOR

General Rosenblum, Honorary Colonel and Members of the Regiment: Just an update. I am very proud. 11 September, the newly selected DMOR Members of our Regiment were to be inducted at 1500 hours. All of them (to the man) and also their family members on the 11th of September requested that their induction be put off until next year, when or if the Regiment would be able to conduct the induction ceremony.

To top it off, at the hotel on the 12th of September, Major General Cody, the 101st Airborne Division Commander held a Press Conference at the hotel where our members were staying. Due to the lack of Active Military Personnel (because of mission requirements), while bomb dogs searched the hotel and outside, DMOR's from our regiment and their family members secured the outside of the hotel until replaced by military personnel. General Cody invited them to sit in on the 101st Airborne Division's official statement on this act of WAR and cowardice.

Again, I am so proud to be able to say that I was again standing shoulder to shoulder with our family. Above the Rest, No Slack and Battle Force. Bastogne(7A) J.M. Bossi, Honorary Regimental SGM 327th Infantry Regiment



CSM(R)
JOSEPH M.
BOSSI



9 11 2001



REMEMBER SEPTEMBER!

September 11, 2001 - Another day of infamy...

When terrorists attack, murder and obliterate,
Tis time for civilized people and nations to retaliate..!
To mercilessly hunt them down, 'till all are found,
To eradicate them all, 'till only their reviled dust abounds..!

Peter S. Griffin 9-14-01

Peter Griffin (Company A, 2/502 VN 1965 – 66) sent a reminder of this poem, written before his book of poems was published in 1999. [See pages 19 and 20 if you do not have his book.] The second poem, REMEMBER SEPTEMBER was written on 9/14/01.

"WAKE UP, AMERICA!"

A poem by Peter S. Griffin
(From Thoughts, Memories and Tears)

Symbolic attacks should warn us, you know,
Reality sets in, where fear begins....
America's enemies will strike anywhere,
They will do anything to instill that fear....

To put you on edge, to walk on the ledge,
To see yourself fall, innocence mauled....
Shock effect will take it's toll,
Destroying us is their goal....

"WAKE UP, AMERICA!", before its too late,
Don't let terrorists seal our fate....
Our indecisions and lack of resolve,
Feeds their ambitions, they have no prohibitions....

To kill many birds, with one stone,
To turn our congregations into war zones....
The destruction of our institutions,
Strengthen their resolutions....

To instill terror, whatever the cost,
Their desired effect, no matter our loss....
The more damage done, the more they have won,

To kill our children, is to destroy our future....

In their minds, terror has no errors,
A desired effect, they can select....
The holiest place is no disgrace,
The safest place, the greater the waste....

Multiple targets, in one location,
Penetration will rattle our nation....
No place safe, no matter our race,
To destroy us all, is their call....

Psychological damage is their tool,
Cunning demons, they are not fools....
To weaken us within, to our chagrin,
Their victory begins, when morale caves in....

They know our weakness,
They know our plight....
Class distinction, racial strife, discrimination,
All will lead to our elimination...!

Let us learn from our mistakes,
Obsession with pleasure, is a disgrace....
"One nation under God", is the call,
If we live by this, we will not fall....

Teach our children, right from wrong,
Preserve tranquillity, support our military....
Following God is where we belong,
With Him on our side, we can't go wrong....

Support our leaders, pray to God,
This is not a faraway war, its on our sod....
Join together, so we are great,
"WAKE UP, AMERICA!", before its too late!

September 11, 2001 - Another day of infamy



BOOK REVIEW

By Ivan Worrell

THE STONE PONIES

The Black Sabre Chronicles



"I [am] a direct descendant of those Buffalo Soldiers and the Tuskegee Airmen and all the black men and women who have served the nation in uniform. I will never forget my debt to them."
—General Colin L. Powell, former chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

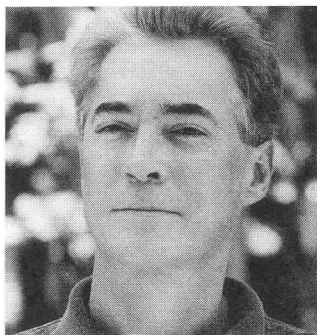
TOM WILLARD

THE STONE PONIES

by Tom Willard, published by Forge Fiction, \$6.99 (paperback, the hardcover edition is out of print), ISBN 0-812-56478-2.

I found my copy of **THE STONE PONIES** by getting one of the chain bookstores to order it for me. It was well worth the postage and the wait.

Tom Willard has written 19 books before this fictionalized story about his, and others experiences in the 1st Brigade (S) in Viet Nam. The book must be taken from life because Operations Sergeant Grady Jones, 1st Sergeant Leo Smith, Tiger Force Platoon Leader 1LT James Gardner (MOH), Brigade S-3 – Battalion Executive Officer – Battalion Commander - David Hackworth, and many others who will be familiar to those who served in



TOM WILLARD is a much-decorated veteran of the Vietnam War. His previous Forge novels in the *Black Sabre* series are *Buffalo Soldiers*, *The Sable Doughboys*, and *Wings of Honor*.

the brigade in 1965 and 1966 are part of the story.

The prospective of the story is from the point of view of a black airborne soldier who has a military heritage beginning with the Buffalo Soldiers of the 10th Cavalry. The main character tells an interesting, exciting and very believable and thrilling story based on the first few months the brigade is in country. (His book, **BUFFALO SOLDIERS** is on the Professional Recommended Reading List of the Chief of Staff of the Army. It appears in Sublist 2 and can be accessed at <http://www.army.mil/cmhppg/reference/CSAlist.htm>).

This 1st Brigade Viet Nam veteran is an accomplished writer and brings the engagements fought by the Tiger Force soldiers to life with vivid descriptions of the Southeast Asian jungle and the interaction of soldiers, leaders, support elements and the enemy in life and death struggles in a hostile environment.

After I wrote this review, Tom mailed an autographed copy of **THE STONE PONIES** in hard cover. The illustrations used are from that book.

I hope you will enjoy **THE STONE PONIES** as much as I did.

See e-mail from Tom Willard on Pages 8 & 9



Praise for Tom Willard's BUFFALO SOLDIERS

"A crackling good story that rivets the attention, swells one's pride, and opens a historical window into the daily lives of these black heroes and heroines."
—Larry R. Jordan, Major General, U.S. Army

"A veteran paperback author debuts in hardcover with this more-than-promising first in a series on the African-American experience in the U.S. military...An ever-involving, painstakingly researched narrative..."
—Kirkus Reviews

THE SABLE DOUGHBOYS

"A fine addition to the author's generation-spanning saga, which, without undue fanfare, offers object lessons in such virtues as fidelity, honor, and tradition, as well as a full measure of pulse-pounding action."
—Kirkus Reviews

"Willard, a Vietnam veteran, has a remarkable skill for rendering of trench warfare, and his depiction of black military family life is true and natural. Altogether, this is an exciting historical novel about black soldiers who conspicuously honored their nation abroad while the Ku Klux Klan and kindred spirits conspicuously shamed it at home."
—Publishers Weekly

"The narrative is grounded in authentic historic detail and moves with entertaining flow. For all readers of popular fiction with historical and sociological underpinnings."
—Booklist

WINGS OF HONOR

"Willard artfully blends the details of an absorbing individual story with a vivid panorama of gut-wrenching combat scenes. Another admirable, action-packed addition to a compelling multigenerational series that catalogs the incredibly heroic, and often overlooked, contributions of black soldiers to the history of the American military."
—Booklist

"Well written, with strong characterization, loads of historical information, and a high level of entertainment value."
—Charleston Post and Courier

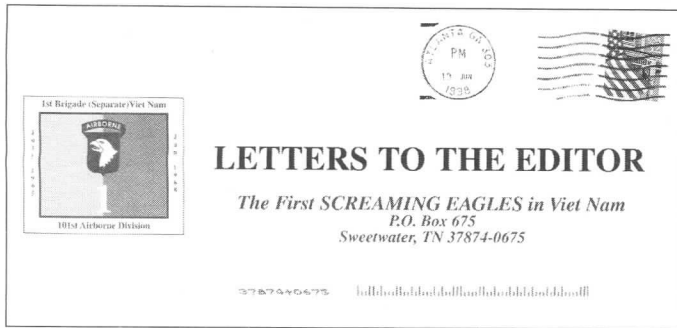
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Looking for other Currahees that you served with in the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Battalions of the 506th Airborne Infantry (Airmobile or Air Assault) of the 101st Airborne Division or most recently 1st Battalion stationed in Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division? Then visit the 506th Airborne Infantry Regiment Association website at <http://Currahee.HiSpeed.com>. Check out the email room which lists hundreds of email addresses. You might find someone you've been looking for. Also, if you were with Co. B, 2nd 506th in 70/71 we have a current roster of unit members available. A reunion is scheduled for November 16-18, 2001 in Panama City, Florida. If this applies to you please contact us. Thanks.

EDWIN TUBBS, SHREVEPORT, LA
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I was with A. Co. 2/502 101st Airborne from Dec 67 to Dec 68. I am looking for men from this unit. I have located some but am always looking for more. Strike Force

GENE FYE, AUGUSTA, GA
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Any one out there remember the battle of An Nin Sept. 18, 1965. All the stories I've heard seem to be different than mine. I was in C 2nd 502. Let me hear from you.

+ MIKE BALDINGER, KEYSER, WV
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Hey Guys... During our most recent reunion in Georgia, someone was passing around a jar of spiked cherries. They were great! Who was that? Need the recipe. Thanks

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1st Brigade Vietnam - Sep 66-Aug 67



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HHC/2/502-Mortar Plt.-1966-67

TOM LEONARD, PHILADELPHIA, PA
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Served with Co B, Support Battalion at Phan Rang, later Co C 801st Maint Bn at Bien Hoa in 67-68. Saw a video called Stay Alert/Stay Alive of Rpl Det Phan Rang. Too bad they did not show more of the base camp. Other than that a good video. Any others from B Support out there?

DANE L. MCNABB, LIBBY, MT
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Served with 2/502 Recon and 90's between 12/67 and 3/70

+ FRANK DOYLE, ANNAPOLIS, MD
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Looking for anyone who was involved with an operation to occupy a deserted Spec. Forces camp. We didn't land at the camp, that was too easy, so we humped to the top of this hill. Very close to the top we found ourselves in the middle of a minefield. There were casualties and one MIA who we found sometime later. I was with Co.A 326 Engr assigned to that grunt unit. We cleared quite a few mines that day. Does anyone remember finding that fallen hero, his unit, or his name?

+ JIM WILSON, LODI, CA
spider6b@lodinet.net

Served with B/2/327 from Sept. 66 till Aug. 7, 67 was at Quang Ngai. Was in First Platoon, First Squad, Spider 6 Bravo, and Squad Leader 3 Squad 3rd Platoon. Looking for Jesse Ramey, Paul Walker, Paul Ludtke, John Sherman, and George Young. If anyone knows anything about these men or how to contact them, please E- mail me. No slack—Jim Wilson

Editor's Note: None of the men that Jim is looking for are in my database. Can anyone help?

JOHN O'BUCKLEY JR., TAMPA, FL
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HHC 2/502 S-4 Section '66-'67. Glad to have been a part of it all. STRIKE FORCE

+ PAUL GRIMES, VERONA, NJ (formerly Warwick, RI)
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Around the 4th of July I took a chance and searched the "white pages" for a Jerry Bitting (2/502 S-4 Ordinance). I found one in Des Moines, Iowa and I called him. Then he and I got back in touch with John O'Buckley (S-4 Motor Pool). Over the last 2 weeks we've been exchanging stories, asking about other guys and we're still looking for guys from the 2/502 S-4 or any guys who were there. One story Jerry told was that another buddy, Dale Lambert, was shot down in a chopper. I had always thought Dale got home safe but he's on THE WALL. All the best and let's see MORE 502ers come out "of the closet!" Airborne

+ JAMES E. SAMUEL, LANEXA, VIRGINIA
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Served 2/320th HHB attached to B 2/502nd 10-66 - 10-67. Looking for a M-60 gunner nick named "Tennessee." We were struck by lightning twice late September 67? Wanted to see if he made it home. Any information let me know. P.S. "Don Singleton" I found Cpt. Reeves spoke with him for over an hour.

+ JEFFERY L. SOFF, TALLAHASSEE, FL
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Served with Co B 2/502 and HHC 1st Bde 69-70. Referred by John Pagel II.

+ JERRY (SMILEY) BITTING, DES MOINES, IOWA
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HHC 2/502 2-66 to 11-68. Hope you are all doing good. God be with you.

WILLIAM L. CARPENTER, 1041 CR. # 14, RAYLAND OHIO 43943
E-Mail: Unknown

Tiger Force 1/327 1966 to 1967. Would like to contact any former Tiger members. Looking for Jon F. Murphy or Rich E. Edwards. Above the Rest

Editor's Note: No Jon Murphy or Rich Edwards in database. Can anyone help?

CARL COULTHARD, HAMLET, NC
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(Reply to Jim Gould message)

Jim, I last saw Maj Walter Wesley in Bad Toelz, GE in 1970-71. He was the SF Detachment Europe Adjutant. I think he

stayed in SF and I recommend you look in the SF Sites. The initials in Phu Bai were CIDG, Civilian Irregular Defense Force. The problem with you O'Deuce guys is you haven't learned that work is a four letter word. We have two guys devoted to our web site, one for each Bn. A few years back a 1st Shirt and a few others got together and started a little reunion and it has blossomed into a huge event. No fees, membership or officers, no formations or meetings. No one is in charge except the hosts. It is on private property. You can camp there or stay at a luxury hotel. This year the Bn Cdr showed up and I spoke to at least two Company Cdrs and a bunch of 1st shirts. They all let their hair down. If you can spare it give some money to the host, if not, no one says a word because your presence and brotherhood is what it is about. I hope you guys can work a similar deal out. "Above The Rest" Carl

+ JIM GOULD, HOBE SOUND, FL
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Looking for Walter Braden Wesley HHC 2/502 CO.1966 SS# 05307160. I had posted him as Walter S not B.

Editor's Note: Wesley is in my database with the following address: W. Braden Wesley, 2/502 HQ 65-66, 11444 Regency Ct., Parker, CO 80138. Hope this helps.

+ PAUL GRIMES, VERONA, NJ (Drafted from Warwick, R.I.)
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Can anyone tell me the name of the SF camp our TAC CP was located on when we did the Spring 67 OP in Duc Pho? We were there for several months into the summer of '67 and I was situated with the 2/502's S-4 on the village side of the runway, opposite the SP camp on that hill. NOW maybe all those SF camps look alike BUT that one looks like something I have seen on TV Network documentaries and it MUST have some history. It supported the IRDG (think that was the program's name) of VN irregular soldiers working with those SF guys. Had some interesting dinners up there, always "negotiating" for cold beer OR some other luxury they had that we didn't! Also looking for guys from the other BN's who also had their S-4 on that runway at the base of the "unknown" SF camp. To all my 1st BDE buddies, HAPPY July 4th guys!

Editor's Note: I believe it was CIDG (Civilian Irregular Defense Group).

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2d Platoon Sgt, C, 1/327:1965-1966

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Served with C 2/327 66/67. Looking for Rapier, Zigler, Greer, and Stafford

Editor's Note: None of the above mentioned names are in my database.

+ MIKE BALDINGER, KEYSER, WV
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Hey everyone...Had a big scare last week. Heart Attack. They zapped me 9 times to keep me alive. The Dr. said getting to the hosp. as quickly as I did made the life and death difference. If you feel weird things in your chest, get help QUICKLY! C/2/502 '65-'66.

MICHAEL CLANCY, WATERLOO, IOWA
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3rd Plat, B 1/327, Jan-Aug 67

SPEC./4 RODNEY C. EADES, WASHINGTON, D.C.
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I would like to contact by e-mail any men who served in Co. A, 1st Batt 327, during the 1st Brgde's initial 1st year in Vietnam!!

E-MAIL MESSAGES

+ JAMES P. BRINKER, 10 LUTHER LANE, DUDLEY, MA 01571
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Ivan: I served in the 1st brigade from Dec69-Nov 70 in recondos Co.E 2/502. I am in the process of collecting names of recondos 2/502 from 1965-1972. If you have any names they would be appreciated. I understand that during the first few years the recondos were part of HHC rather than Co. E. A few guys from your "era" occasionally ask me about happenings in 1970. Mostly bad news. I will also help you in any way that I can. By 1970 little feeling of belonging to the 1st Brigade was left. Guys identified with BN or Div. Too Bad. My platoon leader from March-May 70 LT. James T. Hill led the 1st Brigade into Iraq. He is now a 3 star commander of Ft. Lewis. Small world. Hope that I haven't confused you in any way.

+ JOHN YEAGER, JR., WEIRTON, WV
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Proposed Memorial for Harvey Claude Reynolds

Francis J. McCloskey and I found each other on the net about



eight months ago. He was a machine gunner in the company I was in. We have been talking over old times and I sent him copies of the memorials I did for the other men I contacted you about. We worked together on this one. You may need to polish up the language a little, but it is about a real soldier. Do whatever you need to do to put it in shape.

Frank's portion comes first:

I was a machine-gunner with the 1st platoon of Company "C," 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry in the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division when SSG Reynolds joined our platoon. He was the first Squad Leader and later became our Platoon Sgt.

I recall that he didn't like anything about the rear area or the state-side army which is probably why they never promoted him. He was good in the field, hardcore and the most fearless man I've ever met. It's a shame that no one, other than his men, recognized his leadership abilities. He was a "soldier's soldier" and spoke his mind when it came to welfare of his troops.

On 18 May 67 our platoon went to the aid of an element of B Company who were ambushed on a water run. We were on hill 424 in Duc Pho province and they were in heavy contact taking casualties. Our platoon walked into a bunker complex and we immediately came under heavy fire. I was shot in the back of the head during the initial contact and someone took my machinegun, thinking I was dead.

SSG Reynolds showed up at my side cursing the "Chinks" and calling for an M-79 man and his grenade launcher. The individual who shot me was still firing on us and SSG Reynolds was determined to get him.

What amazed and inspired me was that SSG Reynolds showed no fear. He wasn't hugging the ground like everyone else. He just knelt there beside me like he was bullet proof. When the M-79 man didn't show up, SSG Reynolds walked back through all that firing, grabbed the M-79 and came back to me still cursing the "Chinks."

During his stay with me on hill 424, SSG Reynolds continued to engage that bunker even though he took one round through the bicep. He continually exposed himself to fire so much that his canteen and load bearing equipment were riddled with bullet holes.

During the medevac, I heard SSG Reynolds arguing with the Lt. that he just had a flesh wound and did not want to leave the field. They took him out of there kicking and screaming.

Later at the aid station, I heard him looking for a ride back out to hill 424. He was bitching about being stuck in the rear with a bunch of 'REMF'S when he should be out there fighting the "Chinks."

I'm pretty sure he got his ride because he never appeared at the evac hospital like he was supposed to.

SSG Reynolds paid me a visit just before I left the aid station. He came to show me his arm and all the holes the "Chink's" shot through his fatigue shirt.

I'll never forget SSG. Harvey C. Reynolds, he's one of the rare ones you would follow to hell and back.

Frank J. McCloskey

This part by John Yeager, Jr.

Harvey C. Reynolds was a good old boy from Florida who was our Platoon Sergeant in 1967. He was a Regular. He had made one or both of the combat jumps with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team in Korea. He had also been to demolitions school.

Once, a man stepped on a "bouncing betty" mine, which fires when you step off of it. He felt the plunger go down and froze. He told the rest of us that he was on a mine, and our Engineer came to the spot and dug around his boot, placed a big rock down on it as the troop took his foot out, and they moved away. The Engineer blew it in place with C-4. While the replacement of the foot with a rock was going on, SSG Reynolds stood three feet away. He didn't have to endanger himself, but it made the two men who were involved that much more steady.

He didn't have a whole lot of education. He called the enemy bad names that were already out of date; it was like he was calling Germans "Huns." He would not have liked the idea of political correctness. He was just a good old Regular like Kipling was talking about when he wrote "The backbone of the Army is the non-commissioned man."

He was always doing things like replacing the firing caps in fragmentation grenades with the ones from smoke grenades, so they would blow instantly, and setting them out with tripwires to make booby traps. I kept away from him when he was putting them out or getting them in. When I got wounded he was up on a little rise in the ground and he yelled at me "Come up here, I can see them." I said something rude to him because that meant they could see him, too. The other writer of this memorial says they shot off his bootlaces there, but he didn't get hurt. He went back to Vietnam to do another tour and was killed. A big salute for you, Sarge. I think he'd love it that we remembered him this long and wrote this up for him.

John Yeager, Jr.

Editor's Note: SSGT Harvey Claude REYNOLDS, from Louisville, Kentucky was killed in action on 22 OCT 1969 while serving with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Viet Nam. See Mine Pix Story Page: 28

+ DEWEY E. SMITH, LIMA, OH
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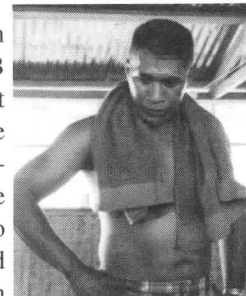
Ivan: Here are a couple of pictures that might jog the memory of some of the men that were in B 1/327 the last of 1966 and the first of 1967.



The first picture is of Captain Glenn Mallory. He was the CO of B Company and a much respected officer by the men. It is my understanding that he retired from the service with three stars and is now living in Texas.



The second picture is of SSG David Kalu. He was the Platoon Sergeant of Weapons Platoon, B Company. He was a Ranger and taught many of us how to survive out in the jungle. I have heard that he pulled multiple tours in Vietnam and later became First Sergeant. So far I have had no luck locating him and haven't heard from anyone that has run across him after Vietnam.



Dewey Smith, B 1/327 66/67

+ GEORGE KUERNER, MAGNOLIA, DE
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Subject: History 327th

Hello Ivan, I know you're doing some historical work on the 1st Brigade in the 65-66 time frame. I was in the Air Rescue Service during the war and served in Vietnam and Thailand. Our 39 ARRS had a detachment at Tuy Hoa before it had a runway. I am told that they operated out of there from late 64 till whenever. I'm curious if you have any information about Air Force helicopter assets doing med. caps for the 327th. This was before my time but I'm told it was routine if your dustoffs were busy somewhere else for our H-43's to pick up casualties and transport. I'm trying to get hold of the logs for the detachment covering Jan 66. Well, keep up the good work I'm eager to read what you've compiled. Again thanks for your time, George

Editor's Note: I hope some of the 1st Brigade veteran readers will remember and contact you. I believe the 1st Brigade was first in Tuy Hoa in 1966. George became a new subscriber in July.

+ WILLIAM BERGMAN, APO, AE 09714
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Hello Ivan, I thought you might like a photo of my 2nd Platoon, Troop A, 2/17th Cav. As it will be too small to see on a reprint: we are posing in front of our rear area building in Phan Rang, on our only stop there in my period 67-68.

In addition to our unit crest, on that building in background we have the words explaining that the Troop got the 101st first kill since the end of WWII, when we stood down at Berchtesgaden, Germany.

By the way, "Band of Brothers" carries our infantry brothers up to that point.

Acting as a provisional rifle company, in all ways that it counts, our 11Bravos deserved and received the CIB.



That's me, the LT, on the platoon's right edge. Never have I served with a finer bunch of men, in their personal courage, in their esprit de corps, in the grandeur of their humanity when faced with the weak, the sick, the frightened, in their generosity toward the people whom they came to protect. I have never been completely successful in articulating the greatness of the American soldier to those who were more ready to listen to other sources. You bet these men knew what we now call "stress," but I know that they sleep well in the knowledge that they did their duty with no compromise to situation. I have known no greater privilege than to have been for a time their leader. But just to have been one of them is a great honor for any man.

All the way!

+ TIM SWAIN, PEORIA, IL
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Ivan: Thank you for the return packet of scrapbook, 101st yearbook, photos and articles. Have put the yearbook back on the library shelf and the other items back in the attic!! Also appreciated the subscription list. You put out a fine publication and the 500+ subscribers attests to that. We appreciate all you have done and are doing to keep the Legendary First Screaming Eagles in Vietnam before the public and accurately portrayed in the many histories already written and those yet to be written in the future. What fascinating stories and experiences there are out there of all those fine Americans who fought for this Great Country in Vietnam.

Airborne!!

EDWARD A. BLANCO, eblanko@nyc.it.com (3/506 67 - 69) sent information about his RECOLLECTIONS OF A RIFLEMAN web site. You can visit the web site at <http://vietnamdiary.com>. It contains many photos and diary excerpts. Check



the 1st Brigade (S) web site for a link.

This photo on his home page has the following caption "I carried a small camera in a large trouser pocket. During a lull in a firefight, I tossed it to the machine-gunner who snapped this photo when I turned to look forward. In the background you can see other grunts from the second platoon. I like the photo because it has a grungy, WWII look."



+ TOM WILLARD, BISMARCK, ND
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Subject: Items: Agins and Leo B. Smith,

In March, 1966, I was to be medically retired from Walter Reed. All I had was low quarters and 'Flying Saucer Hat.' Jim Agins, who I went to Airborne and Combat Medic School was still at Campbell with 326 Med. Bn. I called him. He took up a collection and got me Corcorans, Patches, Ribbons, and I went home looking like an Airborne soldier... not a leg!

Letter to Leo B. Smith, read to him the night before he died, and at his funeral:

FROM: Tom Willard

TO: Buddies of Command Sergeant Major Leo B. Smith - A Hero of the Nation: Chuck Knowlan, Bryan Hall Jackson, Charlie Musselwhite, John "Dynamite" Hughes, Ted Crozier, Russel McDonald, Harvey Appleman, and Phillip Chassion (KIA) [I'll keep his copy, autographed, on my desk.]



1st Sgt Leo B. Smith
1st Sgt, Hq Co

RE: Letter written to Leo B. Smith, and read to him in the hospital in Chattanooga, by Chuck Knowlan, the night before his passing, and at his funeral, from one of his "young troopers."

Dear Sergeant Major Smith,

I spoke today with Bryan Jackson and Chuck Knowlan, who informed me you were in the hospital. Knowing you, I expect you're trying to kick down the door and hit the prop blast and get back to your lovely home in the country. I wish I was there to help you open the door; you wouldn't need my help finding the prop blast.

I spoke with my mother the other day and she asked about you, reminding me of your wonderful letter in 1965, after I was wounded and, as mothers do, reminding of my manners to send

you her regards the next time we spoke.

I'm busy with the 3rd book of THE BLACK SABRE CHRONICLES, and on Friday last signed the film rights to a production company that will make a television mini-series of the three books, including the one I'm on.

As I write each book, especially after you and I got back together a few years ago, I'm reminded of all that I have to be grateful for in being an American. Maybe things didn't work out the way I wanted, but in an imperfect world sometimes one victory is more than most will know.

I've known many and have been blessed.

I think my greatest blessing has been in knowing people such as yourself: strong, courageous, unselfish, and dedicated to the important aspects of life that creates a higher standard of quality.

Most never reach that level you've reached. Few will try.

But by having been part of the vanguard, you set an example, which is more than most can ever say. You didn't follow example. You established your own and followed it religiously, trying to install some semblance of that character into those who followed, especially the young.

I believe you won more than you lost.

I think of you when I turn on the computer and begin spinning my yarns, knowing that the real people I write about are not fictitious. They are flesh and blood, prone to mistake but never avoiding their responsibility.

I thank you for allowing me to borrow some of that dignity and character from you, though you may not have been looking when I came to your well with my bucket and drew on your personage.

My former Law professor, Marcia O'Kelly, whom you met briefly by mail and telephone, was very touched to learn how your friends, children, and former soldiers thought of you.

She reminded me of a passage I had read from the poet Kahlil Gibran's The Prophet, where the Prophet spoke of "Children and Parents," saying, "You are the bows from which your children... as living arrows ... are sent forth. The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far. Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness. For even as He loves the arrow that flies, so He loves also the bow that is stable."

In closing, I would say, that You are the bow. Your children and your friends are your arrows, and their flight has been true to the mark.

I trust that you'll soon be feeling chipper again, and into the prop blast.

I wish you God's speed, eternal thanks, and the greatest of love and respect until we see each other again.



Your friend, and former "young soldier" of 1/327....



Tommie Willard



ABOVE THE REST!.....SIR!!!!!!!!!!!!



+ PAT NOONAN, SIMI VALLEY, CA

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SUBJECT: COL "WILD GYPSY" WASCO



Evidently there has been some misinterpretation, pertaining to the July article about Captain Tom Furgeson, as to who I was referring to when I was referring to when I stated "an.....Senior Officer.....not get the better of him". I was not referring in any way to the officers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, especially not Col. Joe Wasco, of whom I have the highest respect and admiration for, as did the rest of the men of his battalion. I was referring to an individual outside of the division, since our battalion has been placed under his units' operational control. This individual did not know the personalities, capabilities nor the fighting ability of the officers and men of the 1st Brigade. Hence some derogatory comments were directed towards my captain, which I overheard and were definitely unwarranted. Please print my correction, of which I am solely responsible for. Thank You Pat Noonan



+ SID FULLER, WESTMINSTER, CA

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I just received an e-mail from the wife or daughter of an Australian Captain killed 13 Aug 67. His nick name was "Kangaroo." I happened to be next to him when he died. HHC CO was wounded at the same time but he was moved to the aid station. The Australian refused to leave, although wounded. I came up with my M-60 to increase our firepower. This woman did not identify herself but it might be his daughter. I gave her your e-mail address. You may have known him or know someone who did. Her name is Vanessa Baudistel. Great magazine, Ivan. The picture of the Caribou shot down by our artillery brought back memories I was inside that plane five minutes after it hit the ground. I will tell you about it in another e-mail. Sid.



+ SID FULLER, WESTMINSTER, CA

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The name of the Aussie that was killed 13 Aug 67 was Karl Baudistel. His daughter, Vanessa Baudistel, was about a year old at the time of his death. I would like to pay for a subscription to the 1st Brigade magazine for her. I will put \$30.00 in the mail, is that enough to defer over seas mailing? If not let me know. I thought our magazine would give her an unbiased account of our experiences. I asked her to e-mail you her mailing address. She may be nervous about asking questions about a father she never knew. I think it would be great to get input from Australians attached to the 1st Brigade. Talk to you later Sid.



+ VANESSA BAUDISTEL, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA
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My name is Vanessa Baudistel and I received your address from Sid. He said you publish a magazine on Vietnam about the time my father, Karl Baudistel, would have been there. He was KIA in August 1967. He was with the AATTV (Australian Army Training Team Vietnam). Through chance I am managing to find people who knew him and they are helping me understand a bit more about my father. I was about 10 months old when he died. If you could send me any information I would really appreciate it. My address is Vanessa Baudistel, PO Box 1225, Roma 4455, Queensland, Australia. If there is any cost, please let me know and I'll send you a money order. Many thanks, Vanessa

Editor's note: I hope that those of you who served with the Australians attached to the 1st Brigade will help Vanessa learn something about her father. Overseas postage now equals the cost of the subscription to the magazine, \$20.00.

From: Ivan Worrell
To: Mrs. Joe Ladanyi

Dear Mrs. Ladanyi, I received news of the death of Joe from Peter Griffin. Please accept my condolences. I would like to print an obituary in the October issue of THE FIRST SCREAMING EAGLES IN VIET NAM. If you could furnish me that information I would be very grateful. I am sure his many friends will want to know of his passing. Best Regards, Ivan Worrell

From: MRS. JOE LADANYI, OAKWOOD, GA
ladang@bellsouth.net

Ivan; I am sending a copy of the obituary that was in the paper. Thank you for putting it in the magazine, the 101st meant a lot to him. He had the 101st pin on his lapel. It is with him now. Thank you. (See page 29)

+BG(R) JOHN D. HOWARD, APO AE 09007
jdhoward@intercom.net

Ivan--I continue to be impressed with the quality publication you put out. I look forward to its arrival. I need to make an address change. My wife is in the Army and now I am a dependent, although the PC name now is family member. I am prepared to follow her to Heidelberg, Germany in two weeks. New address is: John D Howard, c/o LTC M.B. Myers, 266 Finance Command Unit 29001, APO AE 09007. I told a friend that I'm probably the only 1st Brigade (Sep) alumni who is also a current military dependent!!! Keep up the great work. Warm regards, John

FROM THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

+ COL(R) THOMAS H. TAYLOR, 2/502 B 6/65-7/66, 2500 Massachusetts Ave., NW #1, Washington, DC 20008-2821 sent the following: Hey Ivan, Have you been wondering why the Army is going into black berets? Well it's not from the Ranger tradition as we've been told. Here's the answer, straight from an official letter signed by both the Chief of Staff and Acting Secretary of the Army, dated 12 April 2001, titled Army Birthday 2001:

"The color black represents the heritage of both our heavy and our light formations. It is the black of night that hid Washington as he crossed the Delaware, and the black of grease that kept our tanks on track in Operation Desert Storm."

How's that for symbolism? What were these two gentlemen smoking when they came up with it?

Editor's Note: It would appear they need some competent Public Relation advisors.

+ JOSEPH M. LAFATCH, 1/327 B 6/67-10/67, 747 Hampton Ridge Dr., Akron, OH 44313-8138 wrote: Dear Ivan, Two soldiers named Green in the JULY 01 issue rang a bell with me. During Spring/Summer '68 after Nam I was with HHC 2/504 Inf Recon Plt 82nd Abn, Ft. Bragg. A buddy was Isaac Green who told me basically the same story. Isaac often spoke well of COL Hackworth. At that time Isaac Green was from Charlotte, NC and his brother was KIA. Must be the same guys. Hope the hometown helps in "Hooking Up."

P.S. I can't believe we lost "Bear" (LTC (R) Edgar Francis Burch, III, CO B 1-327 and S3, 2-237). What a kick in the ass! "Above the Rest" old friend we sure miss you.

+ DONALD G. MATTHEWS, 2/502 B 2/67-5/67, 3812 Puddledock Rd., Lot 114, Prince George County, VA 23875 sent the following: I am enclosing my dues (subscription), sorry they are late. Here are a couple of orders (SEE PAGES 22 & 27) I found. Some of the names are misspelled including my own. That's no big deal. Everyone will know if it is them.

I want to thank the men both living and dead of the 3d platoon, B Company, 2d Bn 502d INF for the life I have been able to have because of their great performance on the 18th day of May 1967. When I read this Bronze Star Award, I feel it belongs to the whole 3d platoon. *I have served with some of the best, but they are second to the "Strike Force."*

Would like to hear from some of the troopers of the 3rd platoon. Fells, was my machine gunner, Andres Shannon, Georges, LT David Belding. I don't have a computer yet.

Keep up the good work.



+ DAN B. HART, 501 SIG B 7/66-8/68, 7499 Arbor Ridge Dr., Newburgh, IN 47630-8305 sent the following which was translated by Ben Lam (2/502 HQ 65-71).

TRANSLATION

*To our fellow citizens:
Even though your area has been liberated from the hands of the Communists, the small groups of enemy are still infiltrated to your village for sabotage.*

The ARVN and the Allies troops are always eager to destroy them. We ask for your cooperation to the Military and Government by denouncing any local Communist's activities in your village or near by.

If the Communists mortar or open fire at the ARVN or Allies' aircraft from the village, we must counter attack to destroy them.

The ARVN and its Allies never want to damage your village. Therefore, you must report any VC's activities in your area to the Government. This is the way to protect your life and property.

He also sent the 1966 Thanksgiving message from General William C. Westmoreland.



CÙNG ĐỒNG BÀO
Mặc dù khu vực của đồng bào đã được giải tỏa khỏi áp lực của VC, tuy vậy VC vẫn còn cho mìn và các toán quân nhỏ len lỏi để phá rối. Quân đội VNCH và Đồng Minh muốn tận diệt bọn chúng. Yêu cầu đồng bào hợp tác với Quân đội và Chính quyền, báo cáo những tin tức liên quan đến hoạt động của VC ở trong huy ở gần thân ấp của đồng bào.
Nếu VC pháo kích hay bắn vào phi cơ của Quân đội VNCH và Đồng Minh, hoặc lòng Quân đội phải pháo kích hay ném kích trả lại để tiện diệt chúng.
Quân đội VNCH và Đồng Minh không bao giờ muốn gây thiệt hại cho đồng bào.
Báo cáo những hoạt động của VC là bảo vệ được sinh mạng và tài sản của đồng bào. P. 5.

Thanksgiving Day
VIETNAM
1966

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

This Thanksgiving Day we find ourselves in a foreign land assisting in the defense of the rights of free men. On this day we should offer our grateful thanks for the abundant life which we and our loved ones have been provided. May we each pray for continued blessings and guidance upon our endeavors to assist the Vietnamese people in their struggle to attain an everlasting peace within a free society.

W.C. Westmoreland
W. C. WESTMORELAND
General, United States Army
Commanding



+ SFC(R) JOHN BURKE, JR., 2/327 C 12/65-12/66, 11305 N. 51st St. Apt. G2, Tampa, FL 33617-2733, 813-914-0781; sent this photo and letter when becoming a new subscriber.

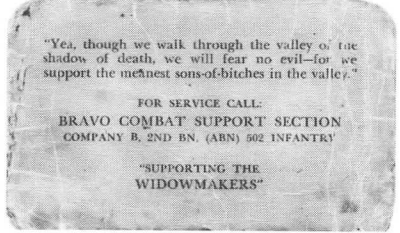
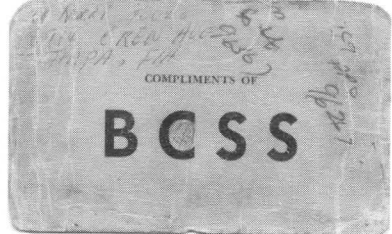
Hi guys, I served with 1st Plt, C 2/327 Abn as a squad leader in 66. The picture of me was taken NW of Tuy Hoa. We were on an operation, I believe in October. I was point going up to a village. I told the men to stay on the big rocks and if we got under fire — return fire in their direction and don't get off the trail. They knew C Company was coming and would probably

pull out the back door. The only thing I shot was a barking dog. We left before dark and B Company found an underground hospital in the area. We went to Dak To in November with the Scout Dogs. It rained all the time. Third Platoon kicked out a few in the stream bed. We ran out of Cs, the Platoon kept crying they were hungry. I said we got food — they said what — I said dog food. I also remember building a fire and Capt Moody asking what I was doing. I said look at these feet. Me and Goder were point men for the Platoon for three days. They relieved us. I told him watch them kick one out — sure enough they did. They hit everything but the dink. I always told them aim over the front sight and three round shot group.



Sure would like to hear from some of the guys from C Company.

+ DONALD SINGLETON, 2/502 HHC & B 7/66-2/68, 217 Cartertown Rd. - NAM Dr., Richmond Hill, GA 31324-3053 sent five addresses of 1st Brigade veterans and this card with the message: "This is the card we would leave on VC bodies."



+ DAVID H. ROGERS (G-2 1968), 1108 Shetland Court, Raleigh, NC 27609 sent, along with his renewal, a clip from a local paper (page 4, SPRING HOPE ENTERPRISE – June 28, 2001). The editorial was by D. G. Martin and is titled "The 250-ft towers still stand." Martin was at Fort Benning for the Airborne School graduation of his son. He begins his editorial with: "The 250-foot towers still stand high over Fort Benning, GA. Today, some people might mistake these structures for cell phone towers like those that have popped up along every highway in the country. But to Army paratrooper soldiers the towers are solid reminders of 60 years of airborne training." (my Italics)

He went on to explain the high dropout rate, the training schedule and admired the military precision of the graduation ceremony and the squared away look of his son.

Later, after writing, "He has done it – and set himself apart." He continued, "In these days of high-performance helicopters and versatile landing aircraft, some military experts question the necessity of maintaining a core of parachute troops."

"Maybe they have a point. Maybe, like the 250-foot towers, airborne troops are no longer essential to the Army's modern mission.

Maybe.

But, as for me, as long as our country needs troops that have demonstrated their willingness and ability to go the last mile, even to jump out of moving aircraft in the dark, each soldier with a hundred pounds of equipment attached and dangling beneath, I hope there will be a cadre of troops wearing the airborne wings.

And, I hope that the 250-foot towers at Fort Benning will still stand as symbols of their readiness and training."

+ JAMES D. AGINS (326 MED B 7/66-2/67), 33 Sunset Blvd., Trenton, NJ 08690-3940, (609) 586-3724 sent the following letter:

Enclosed is a photograph of Tommy Willard that was taken in the spring of 1965 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, while we were attending the basic corpsman school.



Willard and I graduated from Jump School at Fort Benning, Georgia on Nov. 27, 1964. We then traveled by bus to Fort Campbell, Kentucky to become a Screaming Eagle. While processing in with the 101st we were asked if we wanted to become medics (we both had an infantry MOS). Several in the group volunteered and we were off to 326 Medical Battalion. In early 1965, a large group of us were transported by train to Ft. Sam Houston, returning in the spring of 1965 just in time for the 1st Brigade to prepare for Viet Nam.

Willard went with the 1st Brigade and was assigned to the 1/327 Infantry and became a medic for the Tiger Forces. Word filtered back to the 326 Med Bn in the fall of 1965 that Willard had been hit and would be sent home. In the fall of 1965, I last saw Willard in the barracks of 326 Med Bn after he had been released from the hospital. He was very much alive but not in the same condition he was just six months earlier when shipping out to Viet Nam. We parted ways and lost contact.

Tommy Willard, Company Area - Barracks, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, February 20, 1965

In the spring of 1966, I received orders for Viet Nam and shipped out with Tony Bouchard, another medic from 326 and our Ft. Sam Houston days were over. We traveled to Nam together but parted ways as I went with 326 Med Bn and he went with 1/327 Infantry as a medic with the Tiger Force. I saw Bouchard two or three times in Viet Nam when he came through the aid station to get treated. The last time was in November after he was treated and shipped back home. We had contact for a couple of years then lost each other.

In 1997 Bouchard located me in New Jersey. We now keep in contact and have since had several visits. He talked me into attending a 101st reunion at Ft. Campbell in 1998. We attended and the experience was unbelievable. It was my first contact with anyone in the 101st since 1967. My wife Diane and I have attended several reunions and have been to Ft. Campbell many times since then.

Just prior to the 2000 reunion/Week of the Eagles at Ft. Campbell, I opened a footlocker in my basement containing military items from my three years of active duty. In reading several newspapers I have from Ft. Campbell dated 1965-66, I came across an article (see right) about Tommy Willard in Viet Nam regarding his actions while a medic there. I made copies to show Bouchard at the reunion.

While at Ft. Campbell, we attended a ceremony at 327 Infantry. I heard Bouchard call my name saying someone wanted to see me. I walked over and the person turned around and it was Tommy Willard, a sight for sore eyes,

101 Medic Vindicates Confidence

QUI NHON---"Medic! Medic!" An all-too-familiar cry heard on the battlefield shows the trust and confidence that the Army soldier has in his medical aid always being there when needed.

In a recent combat action involving elements of the 1st Brigade, Army Specialist Four Tommie Willard, Minot, N.D., a medical aidman assigned to the Brigade's 1st Battalion 327th Infantry showed his mettle and true adherence to the traditional trust placed upon him by his men.

While accompanying a combat patrol which had become heavily engaged by intense Viet Cong sniper fire, Specialist Willard noted that one young trooper had been hit and had fallen. Disregarding the intense fire he rushed to his comrade's aid and was himself wounded. Despite a painful shoulder wound he succeeded in moving his wounded charge out of the line of hostile fire.

When he awoke from anesthesia in the 85th Medical Evacuation Hospital, his first words were for his wounded buddy.

Only when assured that his buddy was safe, and in fact in the same ward, would the duty oriented medical aidman relax.



James Agins - Class 18A ... 46th Company, Graduated November 27, 1964



Tom Willard - From Airborne Classbook, Class 18A ... 46th Company, Graduated November 27, 1964



since we had no contact since 1965. After some tears and hugs and re-introductions, we just talked. I showed him the newspaper article I was carrying regarding him and he was blown away. It was almost as if I knew he was going to be at the reunion or at least I hoped he would be there. Willard now has the original newspaper article. Needless to say Willard, Bouchard and I have continued communicating since that meeting. Most recently, in June 2001 I was invited and attended the 327 Infantry reunion in Manassas, VA.

AIRBORNE!

+ DEBBIE S. EARLS, 9008 E. Ironbark Street, Tucson, AZ 85747, (520) 290-1515 (work), (520) 663-0833 (home) sent the following articles.

Subject: 1Lt. Larry Don Earls
KIA 01-02-67, Kontum, Vietnam



Officers School 1965

On May 24, 2001, I spotted a photograph in which the likeness and similarities make it probable that my father 1Lt. Larry Don Earls is pictured in it with other soldiers. Lt. Earls was stationed out of Ft. Campbell, Kentucky when he commenced tour to Vietnam on November 21, 1966, after over ten years of service in the U.S. Army from enlisted to officer. The family only



Debbie Earls believes the soldier on the right is her father. The photo was taken from a web site and was captioned there as being from the Big Red 1 (1st Infantry Division) near Phouc Vinh.

Editor's Note: If you can identify the chow line photo as being in the 2/502 area, Christmas of 1966, please contact Debbie Earls.



received one photo of his tour dated December 13, 1966. This latest photo is dated December 25, 1966, making the second and final photo now known after almost 35 years! Lt. Earls was a devoted Screaming Eagle and was also recognized for valor in Vietnam posthumously awarded the Silver Star and rests at the Stones River National Battlefield, his hometown in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.



in 1Lt Larry D. Earls
Dec. 25, 1966

1Lt. Earls lived, loved and breathed the military and Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. I am certain he would have been a member of your organization. On behalf of my father and all the soldiers kia, soldiers who serve(d), the unaccounted for MIA-POWs, thank you for your publication and reliving the legacy of Lt. Earls, and those for which so gallantly gave their lives!

Airborne! Past, Present and Future!

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POSTHUMOUSLY
HEADQUARTERS
I FIELD FORCE VIETNAM
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101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION
SCREAMING EAGLES
VALOR

EARLS, LARRY D. FIRST LIEUTENANT
INFANTRY United States Army
502d Infantry, Company C

Date Action: 2 January 67
101st Airborne Division
2d Battalion

Reason: **GALLANTRY IN ACTION:** Lieutenant Earls had placed his platoon into a defensive perimeter. Approximately three hours later, a numerically superior determined enemy element viciously attacked the defensive perimeter with such ferocity that six of Lieutenant Earls men were instantly killed. Realizing the possibilities of being overrun by the enemy, Lieutenant Earls, with complete disregard of his own personal safety, charged forward to the area where the action was heaviest and began to reorganize his platoon. Being constantly exposed to murderous enemy automatic weapons fire and a heavy barrage of enemy hand grenades, Lieutenant Earls moved from position to position giving his men encouragement and pointing out enemy targets. On several occasions while rallying his men, hand grenades landed near him and his men and again Lieutenant Earls braved the murderous enemy fire and personally picked up the enemy grenades and threw them back at the enemy. Having reorganized his platoon, Lieutenant Earls gave the order to assault the fanatical enemy element. His inspired men assaulted the superior enemy force with such determination that the enemy ranks were broken and they were forced to make a hasty withdrawal. Had it not been



LT. LARRY D. EARLS

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**Silver Star
For Heroism
Presented**

for Lieutenant Earls' tremendous display of courage and professionalism in the face of a numerically superior enemy force many more casualties would have resulted. Lieutenant Earls' outstanding display of gallantry in action and his avid devotion to duty are within the highest military traditions and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of USARV.

(Lt. Larry Don Earls rests at the Stones River National Battlefield Forever and Ever Amen.)

+ ROBERT RALEIGH (2/327 HHC LRRP 7/66-7/67), 12301 Brighton Ave., Cleveland, OH 44111, 216-671-7847 sent the following: These are some copies of pictures from Vietnam. I was a member of Hawk Platoon 2/327th ABN INF 101st from 1966 to 1967. I can't remember the dates. I thought we had an astounding record in combat at this time. I tried to remember as many of the names of members of Hawk Platoon as possible. You do not have to return these copies. Raleigh was point man, radioman RTO and Team Leader Hawk II (6 man teams Recon)

Editor's note: Photos received were copied in their frames and will be used later if they can be improved

+ COL (R) JOE WASCO (2/327 CO 1/66 - 1/67), 1791 Clearview Road, Union Bridge, MD 21791-9703, sent a note along with material about some remarkable men of the 2/327.

Dear Ivan, enclosed - stories about four men of 2/327, Company "A" - also the account of SGT (Hilliard) Carter's sacrifice for his fellow man - We are still working on getting him his DSC - As you know things kind of fell through the crack at times. I thought you may be able to use some of the material. /s/ Wild Gypsy, Joe Wasco.

Editor's note: Included with the above note were letters and a proposed citation for the DSC for Hilliard Carter, a story written for the Viet Center Voice on the occasion of his retirement. He also sent a copy of a Philadelphia News and Inquirer story about The Battle of Trung Luong that features the four soldiers mentioned in the note along with a few others. They include: Rich Montgomery, Bruce Masters, Tom Furgeson, Gary Housley, Walter Eddy, Joe Mack, Tony


Burgee and others. I have written for permission, in June 2001, to republish this story and have no answer.

+ KURT D. GEHRING, 3705191, 2/320 Arty Bty A 67-68, 2605 State St., Salem, OR 97310-0505 sent the following message when becoming a new subscriber. Was attached to 1/327 Inf A Co., RTO call name Alpha Z X-ray, started out as RTO then when FO was hurt took over his job for rest of tour. Looking forward to hearing from anyone that might remember me.

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Dear Ivan:

1/101 Reunion 2000 is now officially over!! Our bank account is now zeroed out.

The committee from the 1998 reunion at Ft Campbell sent me a check for \$5,000.00 as seed money for our reunion in 2000. They suggested that I try to forward \$7,500 to the 2002 reunion.

As of this moment:

- all of our expenses from reunion 2000 have been paid,
- a check for \$2,355.00 was sent to the Airborne and Special Forces Museum in Fayetteville, NC as the balance due on a small monument for our Vietnam brigade,
- all refunds (full or partial) due our members have been paid,
- and two checks in the amounts of \$7,500.00 and \$480.87 have been sent to Ken Arnold as seed money for reunion 2002 in Fort Worth.


There was a lot of bitching from some quarters about our registration fee. I'm not a veteran of the reunion circuit, but I doubt that very many have everything except two breakfasts and one lunch paid for, to include snacks, soft drinks, beer, wine, and mixed drinks in the hospitality suites (as much as you wanted).

It appeared that everyone who was able to attend had a fun time. What they didn't see was a lot of hard work behind the scenes by the committee members. They were the ones who made it happen.

Let's push for a good turnout at Ken's event in Fort Worth next year.

Airborne, all the way!!

Warm regards


 Jerry C. Scott

VIET NAM TOUR

Richard C. Schonberger (2/327 HHC 7/66 - 7/67) is leading yet another tour to Viet Nam in April and May of 2002. Departure from the U. S. is April 30, 2002 and departure from Viet Nam is May 14, 2002.

The tour will begin in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) and visit the Mekong Delta, Hue, the A Shau Valley, the DMZ, China Beach and Hanoi. An optional four-day extension to Dien Bien Phu is also offered.

Dick Schonberger has lead a number of tours to Viet Nam in the past and is well acquainted with the country and the history of U. S. forces in the areas visited in the south.

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Sixth Sweep in I Corps

Brigade Begins Operation Wheeler

CHU LAI—The 1st Brigade launched Operation Wheeler — its 23rd since arriving in Vietnam — when paratroopers air-assaulted into the mountainous jungles west of here on September 13.

It marked the sixth offensive in I Corps for the Screaming Eagles since joining Task Force Oregon May 11.

Seventy-six enemy were killed in the first week of fighting with C Co. of the 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., accounting for 27 without suffering a casualty.

The battalion launched its

phase of the operation into multiple landing zones west of Tam Ky. Initial contact saw the "Above the Rest" troopers destroy a dozen 2.75mm rockets and a booby-trapped artillery round.

The next day, A Co. destroyed seven 82mm mortar rounds abandoned by the enemy.

C Co. accelerated its offensive, accounting for 27 enemy kills in the first four days. The company also captured the first enemy automatic weapons of the operation while pursuing an

enemy force. Six enemy were killed in the contact, four of them NVA.

Members of the Recon. Plat. and B Co. added three kills for a battalion count of 30 after seven days of fighting.

Paratroopers also completed a series of three operations recently, accounting for 420 enemy kills and 186 weapons captured.

The Screaming Eagles completed Operation Malheur II with 470 enemy kills and rushed into Operations Hood River, Benton and Cook in rapid succession.

Operation Hood River, a search and destroy sweep northwest of Duc Pho, began on August 2 and ended on August 12. During that period, paratroopers killed 63 enemy and captured 42 weapons, 23 tons of rice and three tons of salt.

One NVA and four Viet Cong were taken prisoner during the operation.

Operation Benton began August 13 as the Screaming Eagles moved from Duc Pho to Chu Lai by Air Force C-130 aircraft. During the 16-day search and destroy sweep, 303 enemy,

many of them NVA, were killed. The paratroopers also captured 131 weapons, 31 tons of rice and four tons of tea.

Moving back to Duc Pho, the Screaming Eagles initiated Cook on September 1, a holding operation to discourage the enemy from launching an attack in Quang Nghia province during the Vietnamese elections.

Defensive patrolling during the eight-day operation resulted in 54 enemy killed and 13 weapons captured. Thirty-one tons of rice also were uncovered by the paratroopers.

Artillery Answers Rockets

By Sp4 Dan Stroebel

CHU LAI — A full morning of fire missions had ended for the 101st Airborne's A Btry. of the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 320th Arty. The redlegs had finished their noon meal and the blazing, unrelenting sun beat down on their hilltop parapets.

Then they heard it — the sizzle of a 75mm recoilless rifle round as it passed overhead and exploded on a nearby knoll. Then another and another.

"Gunships were firing in the area and I thought they were stray rockets," said Staff Sgt. Robert A. Mackenzie, Quincy, Mass. "But Vasquez knew right away we were under enemy fire."

Cpl. Luis A. Vasquez, Selma, Calif., recognized, by sound, the magnitude of the enemy rounds.

"The flat trajectory also identified the rounds as recoilless rifle fire," said Vasquez. "I yelled to alert everybody."

Sgt. Mackenzie and Vasquez, both of the 6th Section, were the first to reach their gun's parapet. Mackenzie leaped atop the sandbag wall to locate the enemy weapon. Vasquez, the gunner, cranked the 105 howitzer tube to direct-fire level, parallel to the ground. Mackenzie spotted the enemy position and his crew went into action.

The duel quickly developed. The six-man artillery crew traded round for round with the lone enemy weapons.

"The enemy couldn't get an accurate range on us," said Capt. Craig H. Mandeville, Chickasha, Okla., battery commander. "The rounds kept falling short or going over our position."

The 6th Section continued to place direct fire on the enemy position about 800 meters away. Then the enemy added small arms fire. As the din of firing grew, only the howitzer could be heard. Suddenly the crew realized the incoming recoilless rifle rounds had ceased, the enemy weapon silenced. Then the redlegs, M-16's in hand, moved from their gun pits to suppress the enemy small arms fire.

'Eagle' Pauses

Publication of the Screaming Eagle was interrupted temporarily because of administrative problems. Earlier editions were dated August 16, 23 and 30 and September 6 and 13. Today's edition is Vol. 1, No. 6.

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Veterans Honor Graduates

New paratroopers of the 1st Brigade receive their parachutist wings as veteran Screaming Eagles fill the skies in a congratulatory jump. (Photo by Spec. 5 Robert Lloyd)

5 Blasts Over Cobra DZ

101st Airborne School Makes Paratroopers of 43 'Legs'

PHAN RANG — Forty-three new paratroopers received their wings on Cobra Drop Zone here recently, as veteran paratroopers of the 1st Bde, 101st Airborne Div. filled the skies in a congratulatory jump.

The Screaming Eagle brigade completed its second jump school in Vietnam with students jumping from a jet-assisted Air Force C-123. It marked the first time 101st paratroopers have jumped from the modified aircraft in Vietnam.

An earlier jump school, conducted in April, qualified 25 students after five jumps from an Air Force C-130.

Veterans Conduct School
Lt. Charles R. Hicks, Ottawa, Kan., brigade parachute officer, served as school commandant

for the five days of ground training and three days of jumping. CWO Richard J. Spleen, Ridgeway, Pa., was in charge of training and SFC Jimmy Keller, NCOIC, gave much of the instruction. Both are members of the brigade's Aerial Equipment and Supply Plat. and have more than 800 jumps between them.

Lt. Col. Quinton P. Sunday, Eufaula, Okla., commander of the Spt. Bn., presented the wings to the new paratroopers.

First Jumps
Col. Sunday and Maj. Charles Allen, San Antonio, brigade provost marshal, made the first jumps from the aircraft during a demonstration drop for students on the first day of training.

Col. Sunday also jumped "wind dummy" for the students of their first of five qualifying jumps.

The students made a total of 215 jumps during the training while veteran paratroopers made another 315 on other sorties.

Training Complete

The AE&S Plat. added a "swing landing trainer" for the school. The trainer helped students become proficient in parachute landing falls.

Other areas covered during the school were physical training, mock door exits, control of the parachute during descent, deployment of the reserve, emergency procedures, parachute landing falls and jump master duties.

Troops Capture Prisoner

QUANG NGAI — Stealth and strength saved paratrooper lives and netted the 101st Airborne an NVA prisoner during Operation Cook west of here.

"The platoon leader positioned us out from the perimeter as an observation post," said Pfc. Dale S. Kirby, Lake Worth, Fla. "We were located in tall grass overlooking a rocky trail. About an hour after we set up I heard a noise from the trail below."

"He didn't see us," said Pfc. Joseph Zinkin, East St. Louis, Ill. "He had a grenade in one hand and was concentrating on our troopers digging foxholes on our flank."

Machine gunner, Spec. 4 Larry Rice, Hendersonville, Tenn., thought first of cutting the enemy down. "Then we decided to take him prisoner," he said.

The three paratroopers from C Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf., armed with two M-16 rifles and a pistol, split into different directions, following and flanking the unsuspecting NVA.

The plan was to stretch a length of parachute suspension line across the trail ahead of the enemy and trip him. Kirby was to crawl behind the NVA, covering him with an M-16 in case the plan aborted and the Americans were discovered.

For some reason, the enemy soldier stopped short of Rice and Zinkin, and started to pull the pin on a grenade.

"When I saw what he was doing, I yelled as loud as I could," said Zinkin. "Charlie" was so startled he just started for a moment and that's when Kirby and Rice pounced on him."

CO's in 2/327

DUC PHO, Vietnam (2/327-10) — Three new commanders received their unit colors in recent ceremonies here.

Lt. Col. Robert G. Yerks, Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, N.Y., assumed command of 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. Yerks, formerly brigade executive officer, succeeded Lt. Col. Edmond P. Abood, Brooklyn, who has been reassigned to the staff and faculty of C&GS, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

Capt. John Lawton, Bethesda, Md., was named commanding officer of A Co., succeeding Capt. Peter P.C.V. Pepper, Santa Barbara, Calif.

The new company commander of C Co. is Capt. Antonio Mavroudis, New York City, who succeeded Capt. James C. Joiner, Tampa, Fla.



Sighting an NVA . . .

Screaming Eagle Briefings

Leroy Adopted

DUC PHO — A bob-tailed banana bird walked into the Security Plat. of the 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. during Operation Cook and was adopted as the platoon mascot.

"We call him (her?) Leroy," explained Sgt. Andy M. Pease, Portland, Ore. "No one knows where he came from. He just arrived without tail feathers."

Leroy is a peculiar bird. He chases away other birds that land near the platoon perimeter. "Maybe it's because he can't fly," chuckled Pease.

"When he comes to chow, Leroy is always hungry," says Spec. 4 John Murphy, San Diego. "He's crazy about apricot jam and bread."

"But," interrupted Spec. 4 Harold Gainey, Fort Meyers, Fla. "We have learned to check our bedding before we sack out. Leroy sometimes leaves a calling card."

Laugh Ceases

An NVA soldier laughed in front of a paratrooper's perimeter during Operation Benton near here and got a claymore in response.

Pfc. William Ladd, Knoxville, Tenn., was guarding the perimeter of B Co., 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. when he heard the noise.

"Someone was laughing in front of my position," he said. His buddy, Pfc. Joseph Withers, Dallas, heard the laughter too. "I threw a grenade toward the sound," said Withers. "Then a trip flare went off and we could see a figure moving. That's when we detonated our claymore."

The next morning, a patrol found two trip flare wires cut. Nearby was the body of a dead NVA and his automatic weapon.

Language Expert

DUC PHO — Broken English is common among paratroopers of the 101st Airborne where nationalities range from Spanish to German. But "pidgin" Vietnamese recently cost a Viet Cong his life.

A team of the Long Range Reconnaissance Platoon (LRRP) was on a night patrol near here when the team leader, Staff Sgt. Frank C. Lincoln, Port Jefferson, N.Y., spotted a VC walking parallel to the patrol. The enemy soldier seemed unaware of his proximity to the paratroopers.

Lincoln motioned to the point man, Spec. 4 David L. Sinclair, Seacliff, Long Island, N.Y., who yelled to the VC in Vietnamese.

"I rattled off the few words I knew," said Sinclair. "Very little of it made any sense, but it got 'Charlie's' attention. He even answered back in a friendly tone."

Sinclair yelled again, but the VC realized he was an American. The enemy soldier tried to flee, but ran right into Lincoln who ended the flight with a burst from his M-16 rifle.

VC Lose Draw

DUC PHO — Three Viet Cong fell to a pair of faster-shooting paratroopers of the 101st Airborne recently in a gunfight during Operation Cook.

As the 3rd Plat. of C Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. was combing a hill near the Song Ve valley, a lone VC was sighted. Two paratroopers—Spec. 4 John W. Hamm, Cahokia, Ill., and Spec. 4 Eric L. Ottey, Brooklyn, hastened down the trail in pursuit.

"We ran smack into three VC on the way down," said pointman Hamm. He and Ottey didn't hesitate, immediately firing at the enemy.

One VC struggled to get his weapon off his back, another's weapon misfired and the third was unarmed. Quickly the gunfight was over.

"They must not have expected us," said Ottey. "They looked surprised."

"We just beat them to the draw," added Hamm.

Decorations

TAM KY—South Vietnam's Vice President, Nguyen Cao Ky, presided at ceremonies here decorating 120 paratroopers of the 101st Airborne for their participation in Operation Hood River, a joint Allied Forces operation conducted in early August.

GALLANTRY CROSS WITH PALM—BG S.H. Matheson; Col. John W. Collins; Lt. Col. Robert G. Yerks; Lt. Col. Ralph Puckett Jr., 2/502; Lt. Col. Gerald E. Morse, 1/327; Maj. James L. Chapman III, 2/320; Sgt. Maj. George E. Kerner, 2/327; Staff Sgt. Tyrone Watson, 1/327; Spec. 4 Allen Kent, 2/502.

GALLANTRY CROSS WITH GOLD STAR—Spec. 4 Stanley Webb, 1/327; First Sgt. Edward J. Dube, 2/327; First Sgt. Mack Taylor, 2/327; Maj. John L. Patten, 2/320; Lt. Edward R. Throckmorton, 2/502; Lt. Thomas Kinane, 1/327.

Lt. James M. Hawkins, 1/327; Maj. Malcolm Wallace, 1/327; Lt. Jerry Eckenrod, 1/327; Spec. 4 Charles Heyn, 1/327; Capt. Peter Pepper, 2/327; Maj. Arthur B. Osborne, 2/327.

First Sgt. Nelson P. Henry, 2/327; First Sgt. Stanley Grodzick, 2/327; Pfc. Jerry A. Cain, 2/320; Spec. 4 Walter B. Keyes, 2/502; Capt. Steven L. Arnold, 2/502; Staff Sgt. S. Maki, 2/502; Lt. David M. Belding, 2/502; Staff Sgt. Larry A. Fletcher, 2/502.

GALLANTRY CROSS WITH SILVER STAR—Sgt. Maj. Paul B. Huff; Maj. Benjamin R. Schlapak, A/326; M. Sgt. Lloyd L. Smith, HHC; Maj. James P. Leighton III, HHC; Maj. Richard A. Kupau, HHC; Maj. Robert M. Elton, HHC.

Maj. Wayne J. Prokup, HHC; Lt. Lawrence J. Wissell, 1/327; Capt. James W. McElroy, 1/327; Spec. 4 Bobby E. Spears, 2/502; Lt. Robert N. Riviello, 1/327; Capt. Anthony J. Curcio, 1/327; Sgt. Maj. Michael F. Lyn, 1/327.

Lt. Walter A. Hill, 1/327; Capt. James C. Joiner, 2/327; Capt. Richard I. Porter, 2/327; Lt. John T. McKnight, 2/327; Capt. Anthony M. Mavroudis, 2/327; Capt. Ramon E. Millard Jr., 2/327; Capt. Robert F. Helms, 2/320; Maj. Max L. Waldrop, Spt. Bn.

Spec. 4 Ronald Wright, 2/502; Spec. 4 Albert A. Dobbs, 2/320; Pfc. Norman D. Jack, 2/320; Maj. Edward J. Parenti, USAF; Maj. Harvey Blanton, USAF; Spec. 4 Donald C. Pryor Jr., 2/502; Lt. David H. Campbell, 2/502; Staff Sgt. James H. Temple Jr., 2/502; Sgt. Clifford N. Dinkins, 2/502.

GALLANTRY CROSS WITH BRONZE STAR—Lt. William Horwath, 1/327; Lt. Stephen Naughton, 1/327; M. Sgt. Chester L. Giddens, 1/327; Capt. Edgar Burch, 1/327; Sfc. Thomas Krebs, 1/327; Capt. Julius F. Johnson, 1/327; Lt. Robert F. Bush, 1/327; Capt. Robert M. John, 1/327.

Capt. Peter Mitchell, 1/327; Capt. Carl James, 1/327; Sgt. Larry R. Barnes, 1/327; Lt. Lawrence Jackson, 1/327; Capt. Harold F. McGaha, 1/327; Staff Sgt. Joseph E. Onieli, 2/327; Sfc. John S. Bell, 2/327.

M. Sgt. Harvey P. Appleman, 2/327; Spec. 4 Harry D. Rooks, 2/327; Sgt. Willie A. Brown, 2/327; Spec. 4 Robert W. Alvarado, 2/327; Spec. 4 Franklin C. Norris, 2/327; Sgt. Douglas Johnson, 2/327.

Sfc. Phillip J. Harvey, 2/327; Spec. 4 Eric L. Ottey, 2/327; Spec. 4 Leo V. Bosner, 2/327; Sgt. Willie Farmer Jr., 2/327; Spec. 4 Michael Massey, 2/327; Sgt. Walter L. Bacak, HHC; Sgt. Lawrence C. Christian, HHC.

Lt. Col. Quinton P. Sunday, Spt. Bn.; Maj. John A. Chambers, Spt. Bn.; Maj. Bobby J. Maynard, Spt. Bn.; Lt. Kendall K. Coen, Spt. Bn.; Sgt. Maj. John T. Hayden, Spt. Bn.; Lt. William A. Wise, A/326.

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Lt. Andrew S. Carlegis Jr., 2/320; Sfc. Richard A. Collins, 2/320; Sgt. Bernard F. Gordon, 2/320; Sgt. Dennis H. Grant, 2/320; Spec. 4 Byver H. Grant, 2/320; Sgt. Patrick A. Knaub, 2/320; Pfc. James E. Samuel, 2/320.

Lt. Harold V. Toop Jr., 2/502; Spec. 4 Gary Ristine, 2/502; Spec. 4 Gary E. Hillyer, 2/502; Spec. 4 Ronald A. Gardner, 2/502; Lt. Leonard G. Anderson, 2/502; Lt. Jack A. Rogers Jr., 2/502; First Sgt. Frank R. Creed, 2/502.



. . . And Doing Your Job

Sgt. Joseph Craven, Miami, Fla. (left), fires on NVA troops while Spec. 4 Steve Meyers, Baldwin Park, Calif., reloads his M-16 rifle. The two paratroopers of the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf. were patrolling during Operation Benton.

(Photo by Spec. 4 James Lohr)

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Gives 'No Slack'

Squad Outwaits Viet Cong Force

By SP4 Scott Christofferson
 DUC PHO—A squad from C Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. crept through a darkened rice paddy. The sun had set, shrouding the Song Ve valley in darkness. A dozen paratroopers moved toward their ambush position before the moon came out.

As they neared a tree line the paratroopers heard VC talking and moving about. Staff

Sgt. Shelby L. Wilson, Yuma, Ariz., turned his squad around and cautiously skirted the enemy. As they approached another tree line more voices were heard. The moon was rising now and each wasted minute increased the likelihood of discovery. Wilson had no choice but to get his men down. He placed his squad in a well-concealed ditch near a trail, no more than 20 yards from the enemy located in the tree line.

Pfc. David L. Glowczewskie, Sparr, Fla., squad radio operator, received word that VC were nearby. Glowczewskie already knew that. Like the rest of the squad, he had heard movement and noise around him.

The squad was in a dangerous position. Absolute silence was necessary. A cough, rattling of equipment or a sudden movement in the undergrowth would alert the VC.

Sgt. Wilson, whispering almost inaudibly into the radio, called for 176th Aviation Co. gunships.

Gradually the faint hum of helicopters reached the paratroopers' ears. The hum grew louder as the choppers came closer. Soon they circled overhead. A spark fell from one of them and, as it turned into a flare, the area was lit up like day.

For a half hour the choppers circled overhead, dropping flares to light up their targets. Angry streams of red tracers swept down from the choppers, raking back and forth over the area adjacent to the paratroopers. Rockets came crashing down. Grenades splattered their targets. The gunners above knew exactly where the paratrooper squad was. They carefully avoided hitting its position. Finally the last flare died out and the choppers left.

The next morning Glowczewskie, recalled the contact as numerous blood trails were found: "To think I used to cuss those pilots for blowing sand in my eyes."

Reward Offered For Pot

CHU LAI — Three cases of beer have been posted for the return of a steel pot with a lieutenant colonel's insignia on it—but many takers aren't expected.

Lt. Col. Gerald Morse, Bangor, Maine, commander of the 1st Bn. (Abn), 327 Inf. was directing gunship fire and marking targets with tracer rounds when enemy automatic weapons fire chewed off the tail rotor of his command and control helicopter.

The helicopter spiraled from 500 feet and the pilot gunned the engine to break the impact.

"My steel helmet fell out as the ship came to a halt on its side," said Morse. "Then we heard enemy shouts as the NVA closed in."

A 'Mayday' call went out to choppers in the area.

The command and control helicopter of another battalion came to the rescue under fire, lifting the downed party with NVA only 30 meters away.

"I'm serious about the reward," said Morse after the incident.

"If 'Charlie' comes walking in some day with that pot I'll give him the beer."



Heavy Cargo Delivery

A chinook helicopter of the 178th Assault Support Helicopter Co. delivers a 105mm howitzer to the site of C Btry, 2nd Bn. (Abn), 320th Arty. (Photo by Spec. 4 Dan Stroebel)

Box Cars of Chu Lai Support Brigade Operations in I Corps

CHU LAI — More than 140,000 passengers — about the population of Madison, Wis. — have been carried by the 178th Assault Support Helicopter Co. here since its arrival in Vietnam 18-months ago.

The 178th — known as the "Box Cars of Chu Lai" — is a Chinook helicopter unit, commanded by Lt. Col. Joseph F. Rutkowski, Sidney, N.Y., an 11-year veteran flyer of fixed and rotary-wing aircraft.

"Experience is the backbone of our operation," he said. "Our pilots have up to 5,000 hours flying time. Some are now serving their second tours in Vietnam and key NCO's have eight to 10 years of service with Army aviation. Depth is our greatest strength."

Experience was demanded of

the unit when it began supporting the 101st Airborne in combat operations with Task Force Oregon.

"Working with the 101st has been an exciting experience for me," said 178th operations officer Maj. Willard Dillonaire, Enterprise, Ala.

Breaks Records

Supporting the Screaming Eagles, the 178th has broken its previous records for tonnage, passengers, sorties and hours in the air.

During Operation Malheur II in June, the "Box Cars of Chu Lai" transported the evacuated population of the Song Ve valley as the 101st completed the largest refugee relocation program in the history of Quang Ngai province. More than 18,000 passengers, most of them civilians, were carried by the Chinook crews.

The total tonnage moved by the 178th since arriving in Vietnam would fill a freight train 972 cars long.

In addition to its impressive record of support to ground troops, the Chinook company has recovered more than 300 downed aircraft of various types. "These recoveries alone have saved the government millions of dollars," said Rutkowski.

Passes Out Cards

One of the pilots, CWO Joseph W. Milles, Biloxi, Miss., passes out business cards to passengers aboard his chopper, announcing: "You Call, We Haul."

The men of the 178th keep that pledge. They carry water, rations, howitzers, ammunition, livestock, refugees and riflemen. "If you can get it through the door or in a sling, we'll carry it," added Milles.

Their commander echoes this professional pride and credits pilot judgement for the unit's efficiency. "They can and do make the right decisions without having to consult others," Rutkowski said. "They know their job."

Rutkowski praises maintenance as another key factor in the unit's success. "The 400th Trans. Det. provides us with superior support," he said. "They perform our 100-hour in-

spection and give us direct support in maintenance." Maintenance line chief, SFC Charles M. Prichard, Texas, W. Va., also was cited. "Without his support, our aircraft couldn't fly," Rutkowski said.

Rescue Wounded

Box car pilots fly missions filled with suspense and humor. Capt. David G. Lloyd, Memphis, related an event during Operation Malheur II:

"One of the paratrooper units had been in contact most of the day. The wounded couldn't get out on a 'Dust-Off' because the LZ was too small. Also, the weather was bad — low clouds engulfed the jungle."

"My ship got the mission to winch out the wounded. After locating the ground unit, we hovered at 115 feet for more than an hour winching out eight paratroopers. Two gunships orbited our Chinook, placing suppressive fire on the enemy below. Troopers on the ground were doing the same."

"As we were lifting out the ninth wounded man, the winch jammed," Lloyd added. "We couldn't raise him or let him down. Cuyler (Capt. Robert E. Cuyler, Eugene, Ore.) and I decided to leave the area in search of a safer place where we could put the wounded man down and get him aboard the aircraft."

"About three miles away we found a sand bar in the Song Ve river and landed. Our waist gunners and accompanying gunships sprayed both sides of the river."

"The paratrooper medic with us leaped out and carried the wounded man in. Then we sweated out the enemy ground fire as we lifted out."

Scratch One Pig

There have been lighter moments, too, for box car pilots. Like the time CWO Thomas H. Payne, Glencoe, Ill., was carrying a load of refugees, pigs, ducks and chickens from the Song Ve.

"A pig got loose in the aircraft and ran up the incline and out the back of the chopper," he recalled. "We were about 300 feet in the air. The crew chief had to hold a woman to keep her from going out after it."



A Hard-Core Group

Members of the Weapons Plat. of C Co., 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. take a break during Operation Benton. Top row, left to right: Sgt. Herbert W. Hammond, Spring Lake, N.C.; Pfc. Peter A. Hall, Groton, Conn.; Spec. 4 Raymond L. Land, Tucson, Ariz.; Pfc. Bernie J. McCabe, Brookfield, Ill.; Sgt. Jesse W. Taylor, Fort Meyers, Fla. Kneeling, left to right: Lt. Thomas J. Kinane, Springfield, N.Y.; Plat. Sgt. Edward A. Birmingham, Rutland, Vt. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Art Campbell)

VC Trips Ambush Too Soon

DUC PHO — An over-anxious enemy soldier foiled a recent Viet Cong ambush by firing too quickly on a 101st Airborne platoon during Operation Cook near here.

The early warning alerted the paratroopers of the 1st Plat., B Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. and resulted in three VC killed. No paratroopers were injured in the encounter.

As the platoon waded through rice paddies, a VC weapons squad lay hidden in a treeline. When the column approached, a single shot rang out scattering the Screaming Eagles.

Taking cover, Lt. Howard L. Helfman, the platoon leader from Yonkers, N.Y., and Sgt. Sharon L. McCracken, Paris, Ky., of the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 320th Arty. called in supporting fire.

The pointman for the column, Spec. 4 John F. Amity, Ft. Worth, Tex., was receiving heavy fire from enemy machine guns and grenade launchers. One grenade round landed between the paratrooper's legs as he sprawled in the rice paddy.

"I put my head down and said: 'Oh Lord, don't let it go off.' 'I was lucky,' said Amity. 'It was a dud.'"

Despite the enemy fire, Amity continued to fire his M-79 grenade launcher.

"If it hadn't been for Amity's early fire power we would have been in trouble," said Helfman. "Then the artillery shelled the enemy positions."

Behind Amity lay Pfc. Charles Emerson, Atlanta, Ga.

"I set my rucksack in front of me for cover and 'Charlie' shot up all my chow," Emerson recalled.

Spec. 4 James D. Parrish, Indianapolis, saw three VC fall.



Smoking Out 'Charlie'

Pfc. Richard A. Gosnell, Stockton, Calif., prepares to throw a grenade into a VC tunnel during Operation Benton. Pfc. Clarence H. Ward, Baltimore, waits for any enemy to come out. Both are members of the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Mangiameli)

Wounded Paratrooper Displays Courage in Operation Benton

CHU LAI — A critically wounded 101st Airborne paratrooper lay hidden for 12 hours, refusing to ask for help because his buddies were fighting off an NVA attack during Operation Benton near here.

An estimated 60 enemy launched a mortar, automatic weapon and grenade attack against the Hawks—a reconnaissance element of 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf.

The wounded soldier had one leg blown off below the knee. His arms were bloody from numerous shrapnel wounds. A

fragment tore out an eye and ripped open the side of his head. Yet, he never lost consciousness.

"He was hit in the first minutes of the attack," said Pfc. William Rutherford, Hillsboro, Ore. "The medic couldn't get to him because of the enemy fire. We bandaged him best we could. Only the medic had the morphine."

Pfc. George Fallon crawled to the wounded paratrooper and put a tourniquet on the shredded leg. "I asked him if he wanted more bandages on his head. All he said was: Don't worry about my eye, buddy. I'll get a new one in the states."

Fallon could tell by the man's voice he was in pain. "He didn't want anybody worrying about him," said Fallon.

Throughout the battle, other paratroopers crawled to check on their wounded friend.

"I tried to stay near him despite his protests," said Staff Sgt. Pete Kennedy, Clarksville, Tenn. "He kept telling me to fight 'Charlie' and not worry about him."

Spec. 4 Leonard Pinaud, Long Island, N.Y., told how the wounded paratrooper once turned over and threw grenades at the NVA when they tried to storm the Hawk position. "He laid there all night," said Pinaud. "Sometimes he'd even fire a few rounds to let us

Troopers High On Extension

CHU LAI—There is a special kind of esprit in A Troop, 2nd Sgdn. (Abn), 17th Cav., as evidenced by their high number of voluntary extensions of Vietnam service.

Recently troop commander, Capt. James R. Harding, Chicago, was commended by the brigade commander for the troop's high extension record during the period May through August, when 36 of 99 eligible personnel extended.

Personnel desiring to extend their Vietnam service tours should contact their unit personnel officer.

Weapon Reacts In Pinch

DUC PHO — Machines don't have personalities—or do they? Take the case of a new M-60 machine gun in A Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf.:

It was brand new, fresh from the states. Spec. 4 James S. Messick, Lewes, Del., received it, checked it over, and took it out to test fire.

Bang! One round. Messick held the trigger down. Nothing happened. He released the trigger and pulled it again. Bang! One round.

"I was disgusted," said Messick. "I've fired lots of M-60's, but this dang gun would only fire one round at a time. I tried to swap it off."

Messick's squad leader, Sgt. Lee Nischik, Sheboygan, Wis., an older, more experienced trooper, had second thoughts about giving up the new gun, so he decided to keep it out of combat—and wait for a replacement.

The next day when the 101st Airborne began a new combat operation, Nischik reluctantly brought the gun along, hoping he wouldn't need it, but—just in case—he would have it.

Anyway, when the assault began, A Co. tangled with a VC force holed up in a village and more firepower was needed to rout them. The squad leader called for the new gun and handed it to Messick.

"I was sure it wouldn't work," Messick recalled. He gave it a pat and said, "Baby, if you ever knew what you were for, you'd better know it now."

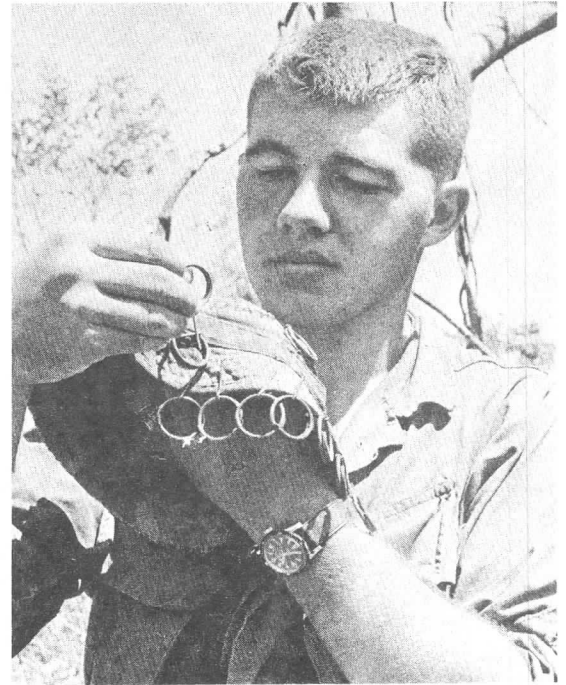
With that, he pulled the trigger.

She fired—and kept firing. Matter of fact, she didn't stop until Messick released the trigger and counted seven dead VC scattered on the battlefield.



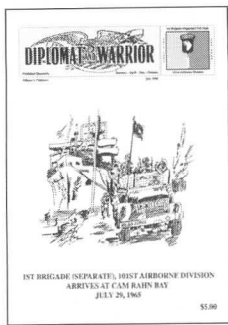
Airborne's Gunga Din

Spec. 4 Roger D. Wilfong, Cumberland, Md., is a cluster of canteens as he completes a water resupply mission with the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327 Inf. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Mangiameli)

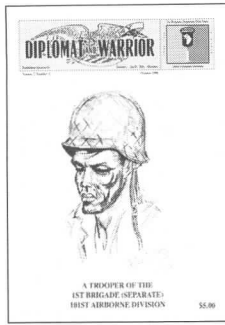


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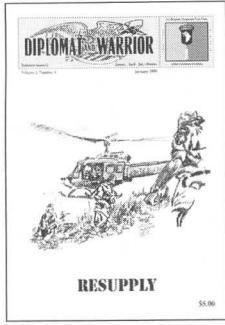
Pfc. Hoyle J. Braswell, Jonesboro, Ark., festoons his hat with pins from hand grenades thrown in operations with the Hawk Plat. of the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Mangiameli)



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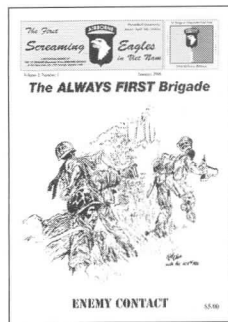
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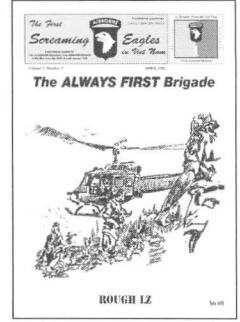
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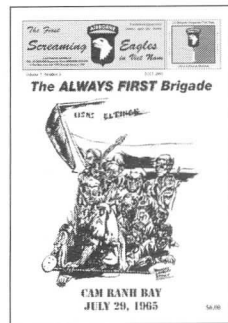
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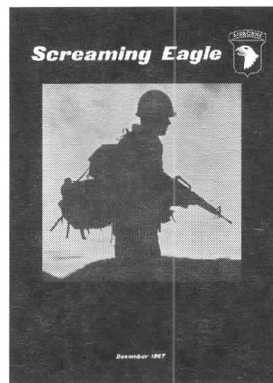
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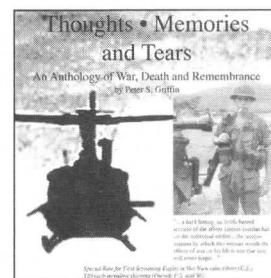
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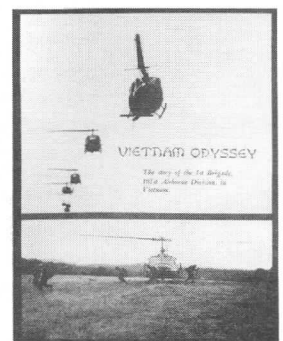
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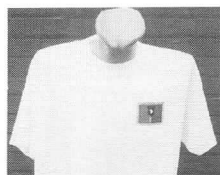
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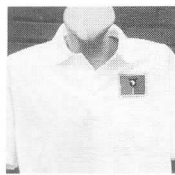
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FROM THE INTERNET

Dog Tags Found In Vietnam

On a recent "Today Show" there was a story about two men who went to Hanoi on a business trip. The men encountered a guy selling old GI dog tags from U.S. servicemen who were killed during the Viet Nam War. They were disgusted by the thought of this man profiting from the sale of these tags.

Upon returning to the U.S., they decided to go back to Viet Nam and purchase ALL the dog tags. They did so, paying 19 cents per tag! They brought home several hundred tags.

The men have set up a web site, <http://www.founddogtags.com/> listing the names of all those whose tags they purchased.

If you lost your dog tags in Viet Nam or have friends, family, or know of someone who lost a loved one in Viet Nam, check out this web site. If you recognize a name, there's an e-mail address to contact these two men and to help in their efforts to return the dog tag to its rightful survivor or owner.

Editor's note: I checked the web site and did not find my name.



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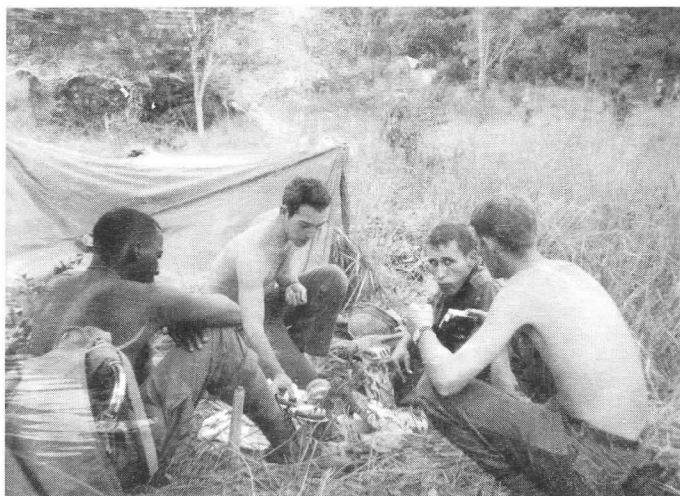
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Subject: Thanksgiving

Ivan: Got to thinking about Thanksgiving coming up in a couple of months and remembered that I had two pictures of my first Thanksgiving (1966) in Vietnam.

It was in the boonies just outside Tuy Hoa and man did we have it made. Our company, B 1/327, established a temporary semi-permanent perimeter on a hilltop that was covered in shoulder high grass and a few small trees here and there. We set up our poncho hooches, had our sleeping/fighting holes dug and even had a slit trench with a backside rest made of tree limbs tied together with strings from our ponchos. All the comforts of home and more to come.



Left to right Stephens, Yundt, Smith, Belonzie

The first hot chow we had in ages was flown out to us by Huey. We had turkey with drumsticks that seemed as big as your forearm, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and all the trimmings you could want and more. Believe it or not but we even had paper plates and plastic forks. No spoon for this boy.

It is a good thing Charlie didn't decide to mess with us after that meal because we wouldn't have been able to do anything except lay on the ground and hold our stomachs. I've had some good Thanksgiving meals in my life but that had to be one of the best.

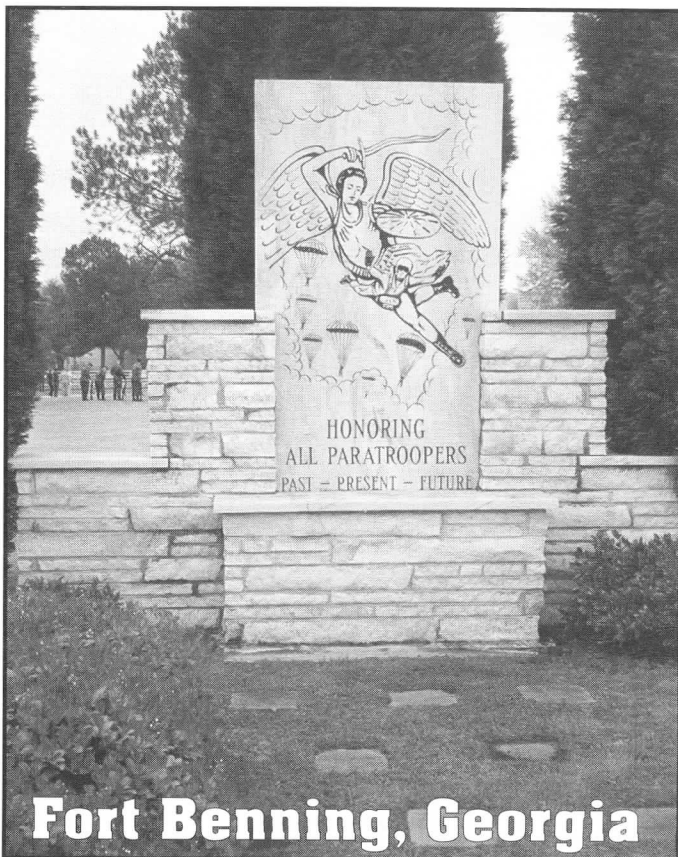
The first downside to that day was we had to send out a patrol to recover equipment from a downed aircraft. When the patrol returned to our home away from home all the guys that didn't go had a real belly laugh because the members of the patrol were covered with leeches. If you ever see our PSG, David Kalu, ask him where all his leeches congregated and how much fun he had getting them off with a lit cigarette. The second was that Bill Travers cut the inside of his right hand with a machete and had to have it sewn up by our medic, Ben Chambers.



PSG David Kalu

So, other than Bill's stitches the day was a good one. Plenty of good food, a few laughs and in the company of the best men in the United States Army.

Dewey Smith
Weapons Platoon



Fort Benning, Georgia

327 WEB SITE

If you have not checked out the 327th WEB SITE here is the address: <http://www.screamingeagles-327thvietnam.com/>

Following is an example of the material you will find when you log on.

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Born in Erie, PA. 10/10/47



I entered the service on the buddy plan with a friend, Terry Sexton, from high school in early 1966. We were only together for basic training then were split up. I went to A.I.T. at Fort Gordon, GA., then Jump School at Fort Benning, GA.

Met my wife Cathy Brochey, married her on 10/22/71 and renewed our vows of marriage 3/18/01.

We have two great sons, Jeremy James, and Jeffrey David. They both work at International Paper Company with me, and Cathy works for General Electric.

Jeremy has a son Tyler eight years old, who has been taking Karate so he can protect Poppa in his old age. Jeffrey and his wife Missy have a daughter, Elizabeth. Elizabeth was sent to keep me straight, a regular five year old 1st SGT.

I would like to say that one highlight of my life has been meeting David S. Cook, Ken & Angie Ihle, John Nowlin, Russ & Faye McDonald, Dale & Ali Hansen and the rest of the Troopers I have met in the past four years has truly been a blessing.

Like most, I met David S. Cook through the Static Line Column that he writes for all of us 327th guys, and he pointed me to, Ken & Angie who are the gracious hosts for the Cobra reunion every year. How they do it is beyond me. John Nowlin was the first person I met at the reunion, when I got out of my car wondering what I had got myself into, he came up and gave me big hug, a handshake and welcomed me home, for me that was a first after 30 some years. Then of course we met Top & Mrs. Top (Faye), I tried to steer clear of First Sgt., faintly remembering this is what we are suppose to do, but the inevitable happen, and I am honored to know these two fine people, and my only regret is I didn't know them years ago. I would probably still do some push ups if Top told me to, now that's respect!

It is also my honor to be one of the Web Masters along with Dale Hansen, Jim Simchera, and Marion (Mouse) Hammond for your Screaming Eagles Web Site. I can only hope we can make all of you proud. Of course it would help if you send stuff.

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CAPT. WILLIE WILSON who served with the 1st Bde as its Forward Air Controller is now on his way to Madrid, Spain, with 307th Tac Ftr Sqdr

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We had a nice letter of inquiry from MR. AND MRS. THOMAS J. MURPHY, 4284 49th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, Fla., inquiring for accounts of Operation Hawthorne. Their son, Mike, was killed in action as a mem-

ber of the 3d Platoon, Co C, 2/502 Abn Inf, under Capt. Carpenter. The family had received letters from Capt. Carpenter, from Pfc Larry Mylin, Co A, and Lt. Col. Emerson, for which they were deeply appreciative. Mike had joined the Association and so they received the Screaming Eagle with Warren Bosworth's story in it. Larry's letter told of Mike's death in an attempt to recover the dead and wounded near the close of the action. Mike was his friend and he felt the loss that combat men feel for their own. He closed with "Mike died in the defense of our great country. A country he, himself, chose to serve. He served it well. May God bless you and comfort you during this period of grief. And may He let Mike's soul rest in peace." AMEN!



PFC MICHAEL T. MURPHY

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MR. PAUL VAN ESS, 7925 Hazel Ave., Orangevale, Calif., sent us a letter of thanks for helping him find the parents of PFC Robert O. Davis, HHC, 2/502, KIA in Vietnam, for whom he subscribed The Screaming Eagle. Mr. and Mrs. Davis live at 1215 Chestnut St., Colorado City, Texas, and they would like to receive word from those who knew their son. Mr. Van Ess's son, John, is still in Vietnam, suffers from malaria, but carrying on. John's letters are most interesting—"like a John Wayne movie but people get hurt—that makes it sad, very sad," and "Charlie is hurting"—and "I am glad we have superior medical facilities" . . . thoughts from a new generation of Screaming Eagles of whom all Americans can be proud. We thank Mr. Van Ess for his interest and pray for the safe return of John.

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AIRBORNE DAY

Subject: President's Proclamation for National Airborne Day, Aug 16
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Sixty-one years ago, 48 brave volunteer members of the U.S. Army Parachute Test Platoon pioneered a new method of warfare. Their successful jump led to the creation of a mighty force of more than 100,000 paratroopers. Members of this force were assigned to the legendary 11th, 13th, 17th, 82d and 101st Airborne Divisions and numerous other units that fought in every theater during World War II. The soldiers of the Parachute Test Platoon also forged a unique warrior spirit, a relentless passion for victory, and a reputation that still strikes fear in potential adversaries. Beginning with the first combat jump by the men of the 2d Battalion, 503d Parachute Infantry Regiment, over North Africa in November 1942, airborne and special operations soldiers have made a total of 93 combat jumps. Since World War II, paratroopers have continually distinguished themselves in battle, earning 69 Congressional Medals of Honor and hundreds of other awards for valor. Today, as we celebrate the anniversary of the first official Army parachute jump, I join all Americans in recognizing these heroes. We salute our Nation's sky troopers, both past and present, for their great service and personal sacrifice in the defense of freedom and liberty around the world.

Best wishes to all for a memorable observance.

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19 August 1967

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.
* MATHEWS, DONALD G. RA14283537 STAFF SERGEANT E6 USA
Co B, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device
Date action: 18 May 1967
Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Sergeant Mathews distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 18 May 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. While on a search and destroy mission, Sergeant Mathews, the squad leader for the point squad, was given the mission of moving his squad across an open rice paddy to secure the tree line so the remainder of the platoon could move across. Approximately half way across, the squad was taken under a heavy volume of enemy automatic weapons fire. On the initial burst of enemy fire, Sergeant Mathews and four of his men were wounded. Sergeant Mathews received a serious wound in the arm that rendered his arm useless. Quickly applying a tourniquet to his arm, he grabbed his weapon and began placing fire into the enemy positions. He suddenly detected an enemy soldier preparing to throw a grenade into his squad's positions. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Mathews jumped to his feet completely exposing himself to the heavy enemy fire and killed the enemy soldier. Sergeant Mathews continued to expose himself to the enemy fire while directing effective machine gun and grenade fire into the enemy positions. As a result of Sergeant Mathews' actions, two enemy were killed and one automatic weapon was captured. Sergeant Mahtews' devotion to duty and personal courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service, and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

E.M. STRONG
MAJ, AGC
Adjutant General

/s/ DAVID A. KORPONAI
CPT, AGC
Assistant AG

* CORRECT SPELLING OF LAST NAME IS MATTHEWS



MINE



Photos emailed by John Yeager, Jr., 2/502 C 66-67, 3312 West Street, Weirton, WV 26062. See Yeager email page 6 & 7

From page 108 Pacific Stars and Stripes, The First Forty Years 1945-1985

This is a movie scriptwriter's dream of a story — a young soldier with only a firmly pressed foot between himself and a package of explosive death. The reporter's skillful treatment of the story casts the reader first in the role of the soldier and then as his rescuers — and always as the minute-by-minute observer of a tense drama.

MINE! CLEAR OUT!

OCT 15, 1967

CHU LAI, Vietnam, (IO) — "Mine!" screamed the young paratrooper. "Clear out!"

Spec. 4 Theodore Carlow of Perris, Calif., had gingerly put a foot down in the soft dirt as his outfit, the first platoon of C Co., 2nd Bn., 502nd Inf., 101st Airborne Div., swept a coastal area 360 miles northeast of Saigon. He heard a snap and felt

three metal prongs sink under his foot.

"I knew right away it was a mine," said Carlow. It was an American-made "bouncing betty" of the pressure release type. Carlow kept a tight and firm foot on it — because to raise his boot meant to release the mine. It would jump waist high, explode with a shattering roar and spray bone-cutting steel pellets in all directions.

The first man to reach Carlow after he made his deadly find was Spec. 4 James Sullins of Lawndale, Calif., attached to Carlow's outfit from A Co., 326th Eng.

"I told him to stay still and everything would be all right," Sullins related. Carlow stayed calm and motionless as Sullins dug around the boot, looking for a way to disarm the mine. He was joined by S.Sgt. Harvey Reynolds of Orlando, Fla. The others had retreated a safe distance away and were lying low.

"It's either a dud or a pressure release mine," Reynolds said. "It won't explode until his foot comes off."

"I'm going to cut your boot up the middle," Sullins told Carlow. If I stick you with my knife, grin and bear it. Don't jump up."

"I understand," Carlow said. Reynolds held the boot down as Sullins began to cut, as carefully and precisely as a surgeon.



He slashed away the laces, the tongue and the back. Now only the sole was left. Reynolds next told Carlow to take his foot off the sole as he and Sullins held the sole down.

"Get those two rocks over there," he ordered. "Place them on the sole and make dammed sure you don't slip."

Carlow picked up the largest rock nearest him and laid it on the boot sole. Then he placed the second rock. Sullins told Reynolds and Carlow to take cover as he fused an explosive charge over the mine.

There was a blast like a thunder clap. It left a smoking hole four feet deep and five feet across.



LTC (Ret) Edgar Francis Burch, III



"Bear"

March 2, 1937 - December 27, 2000



Larry F. Melton (1/327 B 6/67 - 7/68), 8901 Surrey Drive, Pendleton, IN 46064-9335 larry.melton@heraldbulletin.com sent some material about the funeral of COL (RET) Edgar Francis "Bear" Burch III. The picture of Bear and the photo of the horse drawn caisson at Arlington Cemetery should be interesting to all 1st Brigade veterans. Some of the other B Company veterans who attended were, Charles Castelli III; Roger Green; David Bowie; Dave Fletcher; COL (Ret) Gerald Morse; Jim Uphouse; George Sekerak; Richard Gerhard; COL (Ret) Bob Duffner and George Klink.

BG (Ret) Julius F. Johnson (1/327 A 6/67 - 6/68) and his wife Dianne organized and coordinated the ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

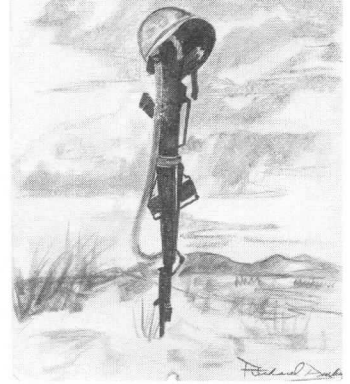
The picture of COL Burch was composed by COL (Ret) David "Dave" Fletcher (1/327 B 67 - 68). Printed below the picture was the poem BURY ME WITH SOLDIERS.

Larry Melton is looking for men who served in B Company 1/327 and is compiling a list of the Company B men who were Killed in Action. Contact him if you can help.



OBITUARIES

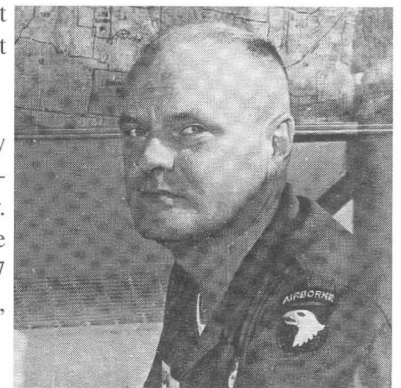
COLONEL JOSEPH B. ROGERS, USA, Ret., died in Crofton, Maryland, on December 31, 2000 and is interred in St. Stephen's Cemetery in Crownsville, Maryland.



COL Rogers served as Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry in Viet Nam in 1965 and 1966. His assignment for deployment, to Viet Nam, was 1st Brigade Executive Officer. He assumed command of the battalion at Cam Ranh Bay. While serving as commander of the 1/327 he was awarded a Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star for Valor and three Air Medals. His next assignment was a G-3 Plans Officer at 2nd Field Force in Viet Nam.

He was a 1946 graduate of the United States Military Academy and served in Germany, Korea and Japan as well as unit assignments and schools in the United States. He was assigned to the 187th RCT when the unit rotated from Japan to Fort Campbell in 1955.

Sons, Joe, Jr., and Henry are mentioned in the material available to the editor. His widow, Gabrielle "Bab" Rogers lives at 1737 Tarrytown Avenue, Crofton, MD 21114-2538.



Lt Col Joseph B. Rodgers
Executive Officer

(A photo featuring Joe Rogers was used on the back cover of the January 2001 issue of THE FIRST SCREAMING EAGLES IN VIETNAM magazine)



JOE LADANYI, JR. (2/502 A & C 7/65-6/66), died of cancer on 12 August 2001 after a battle of several months with the disease. Wife, Gloria can be reached at 5036 Florence St., Oakwood, Georgia 30566, phone (770) 503-1077, e-mail: ladang@bellsouth.net.

Peter Griffin, who served with Ladanyi in Vietnam sent the above information. Ladanyi was the subject of the poem "The Ghosts of Hill 533" which Griffin wrote. (See page 30 & 31)

Mrs. Ladanyi sent the copy below of the obituary that was in the paper.

JOE LADANYI, JR., 55, 5036 Florence Street, Oakwood, passed away Sunday, Aug. 12, at his residence following an extended illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, 1 p.m. at the Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Mike Mims and the Rev. Doug Collins officiating. The family received friends at the funeral home from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, August 14, and also from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15.

Mr. Ladanyi was born in Kentucky but had lived in Hall County for a number of years. He was self-employed and was of the Baptist faith. He served with the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War. He was with the L-Z Friendly Vietnam and while in Vietnam he was with the 101st Airborne.

Survivors include wife, Gloria Jones Ladanyi, Oakwood; sons and daughters-in-law, Michael Paul and Kendra Ladanyi,

Cleamont, and Joel and Jeannie Ladanyi, Pendergrass; daughter, Kim Renee Ladanyi, Arcade; sisters, Barbara Sue Stapleton and Roseann Ladanyi, both of Michigan; and grandchildren, Stacey Waite, Kalia Ladanyi, Christopher Waite, Tyler Ladanyi, Michael Maynor, Shelby Ladanyi, Dylan Ladanyi, Austin Ladanyi and Gracie Ladanyi.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Joseph Paul Ladanyi and Beatrice Mae Ladanyi; and son, Joseph William Ladanyi.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Vista Care Hospice, 1640 Prince Ave., Athens, GA 30606.



THE GHOSTS OF HILL 553

An Khe, South Viet Nam, fall, 1965,
U.S. soldiers fighting for their lives....
Highway 19 snakes through Meng Yeng Pass,
Here a French force breathed their last....

Here the Viet Cong must not be lured,
A strategic position, it must be secured....
Soon, the 1st Calvary Division, new to arrive,
Through this pass, their convoy must survive....

Hill 553 looms high above this pass,
Almost completely covered in elephant grass....
It's lofty crests must be occupied,
If taken by the enemy, many would die....

So our Infantry company, given the task,
Eager to accomplish, all that was asked....
A very steep climb, to reach its peak,
Here our guns, would have a long reach....

Along it's top we made our way,
Detecting anti-personnel mines to our dismay....
All along it's massive crest,
Three pronged monsters, hiding in their nests....

Through the elephant grass it was hard to see,
On hands and knees, bayonets probed the earth, warily....
Soon an explosion, screams of agony,
A torn and mangled Paratrooper, faced eternity...!

Medics scrambling to his aid,
Into a dust off he was laid....
Bleeding profusely, one leg gone,
Soon to the Almighty, he'd belong....

Another blast, another trooper fell,
Bouncing Betty's worsened this hell....
Exploding at shoulder height,
Decapitation, quickly, snuffed out life...!

One area contained a group of trees,
A Bamboo Viper brought a trooper to his knees....
Three steps was all he got,
It's venom killed, quick as a shot...!

All this activity attracted snipers,
Now the Viet Cong became our vipers....
They found perches in nearby hills,
Through high powered scopes, sought out their kills....

A fifty caliber machine gun, we put into action,
Enemy snipers, soon lost their attraction....
They'd fire once, our gun would respond,
Our patrols would go out, but like ghosts, the enemy was not found....

Snipers and mines remained a constant threat,
Unseen dangers, lurked wherever you crept....
Paths were cleared and marked with strung out paper,
A gentle wind, shifting the paper, created a clear and present danger....

Fatigue and worry were taking it's toll,
Even to defecate, you were afraid to go....
Each step could be your last,
Even mess call could turn to "Taps"...!

At dusk, one night we got the word,
An enemy assault would soon emerge....
The order given, "stay in your positions,
Sergeants don't check your men, under any conditions"....

As darkness fell the wind began to howl,
The elephant grass rustled and seemed to scowl....
As the night dragged on, nerves were frayed,
As the grass stooped and swayed....the troopers prayed....

No moon, nor stars were out that night,
Nothing to cast the slightest light....
Eerie sounds seemed to fill the air,
The winds carrying *them from ear to ear*....

The wail of the banshees could be heard,
As nervous fingers to triggers stirred....
In front of me, not twenty feet away,
The outline of a person, slowly crept my way...!

Shouting the password, I held my fire,
Three times I challenged, my situation dire....
No response was given from the figure,
As my finger tightened around the trigger....

Stopping his advance, crouching low in the grass,
Not wearing American equipment, I saw at a glance....
An enemy soldier he must be, that's why he won't answer me!
FIRE!, FIRE!, my mind told me, survival must be my priority...!

I saw his body roll down the hill,
Scared and nervous, knowing I may have killed....
Another soldier and I ran down to him,
The horror of my life, about to begin...!

An American sergeant lay at our feet,
As I stared in disbelief...!
MEDIC!, MEDIC!, we screamed in fear,
Oh God, dear God, please help us here...!

We bandaged him as help arrived,
Covered in blood I knew he'd die....
Forming a chain of men we got him up the hill,
A helicopter whisked him away as the night grew still....

Thanking God no one stepped on a mine,
Praying to God he would survive....
If only I could take his place,
Please Dear God, send your saving grace...!

Eventually the word got back to me,
The sergeant belonged to God and eternity....
I knew forever I had changed,
Not forgiving myself, I'd carry the blame....

I fought many battles after Hill 553,
Their horrors and death still remain with me....
I saw many soldiers die too young,
Never have figured, just what was won....

As I look back across the years,
I still have to wipe away the tears....
Flashbacks and nightmares fill my mind,
If only I could turn back time....

I'll never know why things are meant to be,
As a mere mortal I must accept my destiny....
But with God's help I'll seek peace and fight PTSD,
Please pray for me and THE GHOSTS OF HILL 553....

This poem is based on the true story of a good and dear
friend of mine, a dedicated soldier and a fine man,
Joe Ladanyi Jr.

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



+ RODERICK J. MARSHALL, 2/327 HQ 5/66-5/67 - 1/02,
2784 Mountain Terrace St., Memphis, TN 38127-8824 sent
the following General Order. Can anyone remember this day?
We lost our CSM this day.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS TASK FORCE OREGON (PROVISIONAL)
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GENERAL ORDERS 5 August 1967
NUMBER 184

AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MARSHALL, RODERICK J. RA 16 725 119, SPECIALIST
FIVE E5, United States Army, Company A, 2d Battalion
(Airborne), 327th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne
Division APO 96374

Awarded: Soldiers Medal
Date action: 23 April 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism not involving actual conflict with an
armed enemy. Specialist Five Marshall distinguished himself
by exceptionally valorous actions on 23 April, 1967, near Nha
Trang, Republic of Vietnam. During daylight hours a UH-1D
helicopter with a full crew of four was completing normal
resupply procedures of ammunition in support of "A"
Company, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry. Upon com-
pletion of resupply, four American soldiers boarded the heli-
copter for return to the rear via the next resupply point. The
helicopter, still with a light cargo of small arms ammunition,
M79 ammunition, and hand grenades ascended and proceeded
forward. In an instant, the aircraft lost altitude and crashed.
Immediately upon impact the resupply ship was ablaze. The
fire caused the cargo of small arms ammunition and grenades
to begin exploding. Rushing quickly to the scene with com-
plete disregard for his own safety, Specialist Marshall and four
members of his platoon courageously extracted two fellow sol-
diers from the flaming wreck. Again disregarding the great
danger, Specialist Marshall and the other men returned to the
wreck and extracted two other seriously injured passengers. At
this point, the fuel system exploded and further attempts to
remove the remaining personnel were repelled by the intense
heat of the now flame engulfed aircraft. Specialist Marshall
and his fellow rescuers then removed the injured to an area of
safety and administered life saving aid. Specialist Marshall's
display of courage and concern for his comrades were instru-
mental in saving the lives of four American soldiers. Specialist
Marshall's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest tra-
ditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon
himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions
of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926.

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A heartfelt "Thank you!" to all who have contributed photos and written material for this, past and future magazines. (E mail pictures and drawings should be sent at no less than 200 and no more than 300 resolution.) I can now scan material you send and return it to you in a relatively short time.

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 Story and photos of the 327 Distinguished Member of the Regiment ceremony that was not held at Fort Campbell on September 11, 2001.

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 A warning poem, written by Peter Griffin some years ago along with a one verse REMEMBER SEPTEMBER! poem. Eagle art was sent by Joe Bossi.

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