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



*Captain Ivan Worrell Commanding Officer of Company C (Cold Steel Cobra), 1st Airborne Battle Group, 327th Infantry, salutes as 101st Airborne Division Commanding General Major General Thomas L. Sherburne, Jr., troops the line. General Sherburne was so determined to see the uniform presentation of the 101st patch on the troops that he required the division to pass in review approaching the reviewing stand from the right so the left shoulder Screaming Eagle patches could be seen from the reviewing stand. We used the command "eyes left" as we approached the reviewing stand. This division review was in the spring of 1957 and the parade field was just inside Gate 4 in the area behind the Commanding General's Quarters.*

The 57th Annual Reunion of the 101st Airborne Division Association, in Nashville June 13 - 15, and the, Week of the Eagles Parade and the 1st Brigade, 327th Infantry Regiment, Distinguished Member Of the Regiment Ceremony at Fort Campbell June 14th, were great.

Perhaps it is because I am getting to know the 1st Brigade (S) veterans better that made it appear that the brigade had more representation at this reunion than I can remember seeing before.

Sergeant Major Robert Young was unable to attend. His record of participating in 101st gatherings has been constant and I hope his health will allow him to be with us for the brigade reunion in Fort Worth in October (the reunion announcement is on page 36).

I have no way to identify the artist who produced the cover art.

Most of the material sent was used. I do have a good story from Tom Taylor about speaking to a class in one of the Washington, D. C. schools and the reaction of the youngsters that will be in the next issue. Look for considerable DMOR, reunion and Week of the Eagles news in the October magazine.





*Brigadier General S. H. Matheson Commanding General  
1st Brigade (Separate) 101st Airborne Division  
Viet Nam January 1967 – January 1968*

STORY BY PAUL SCHATTENBURG

## GENERAL MATHESON WAS AN ORIGINAL IN THE "BAND OF BROTHERS"

In 1988, historian and author Stephen Ambrose attended a military reunion in New Orleans. What Ambrose intended to do was record the wartime experiences of various attendees for an oral history project related to the invasion of Normandy. But what he found was a lot more than he expected.

While speaking with veterans of E (Easy) Company, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne, Ambrose noticed something special about these men. Not only had they been involved in some of the most pivotal battles in the final year of World War II, but as a group they had developed and retained a special bond – one that had remained strong for more than four decades.

He began to compile interviews from Easy Company veterans and circulated the transcripts among other company members, requesting their corrections and input. Ambrose also met with several Easy Company veterans, including their for-



*First Lieutenant (in jump suit) S. H. Matheson at Camp Mackall, North Carolina in March or April of 1943.*

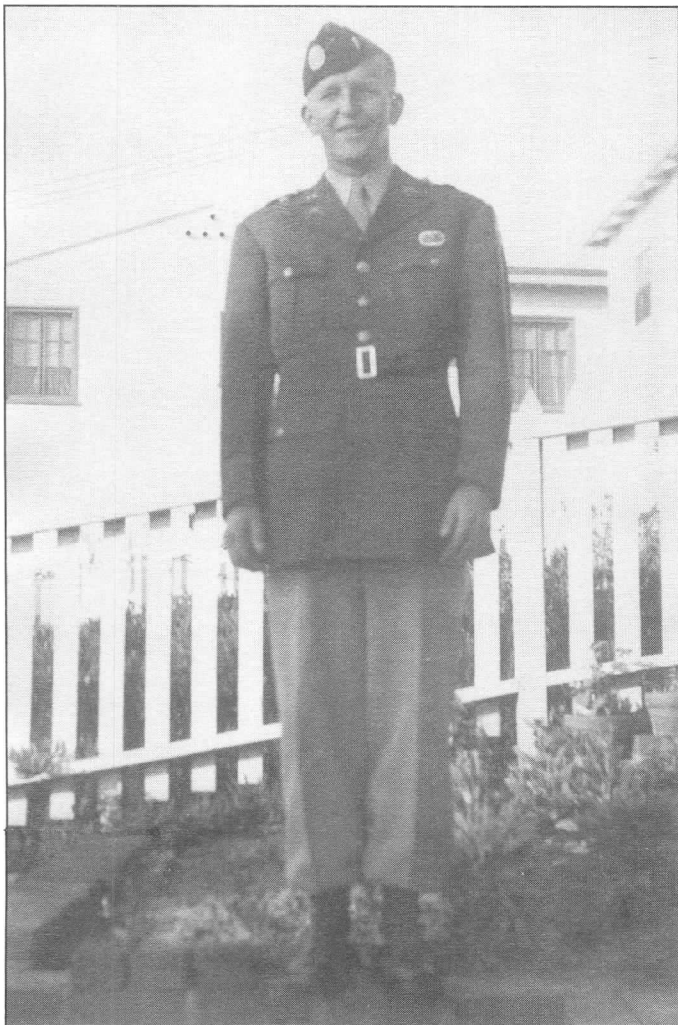
mer commanding officer, Richard Winters; Walter Gordon, a former Easy Company corporal; Forrest Guth; and Carwood Lipton. It was during a conversation with these former members of Easy Company that Ambrose resolved to memorialize their wartime contributions and the extraordinary fellowship they shared - in print.

The result was his best selling book, "Band of Brothers," which later became the basis for a 10-part HBO miniseries of the same name that aired last fall, produced by Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg.

Retired Army Gen. S. H. Matheson, a USAA member for more than 55 years, was one of those asked to provide Ambrose with his recollections about the activities of Easy Company and the 101st Airborne. Matheson, who lives in Carmel, Calif, once served as a lieutenant in Easy Company.

In "Band of Brothers," Ambrose writes that Matheson was among the most respected officers of Easy Company and that "Matheson, who was soon moved up to battalion staff as adjutant and who eventually became a Regular Army major general, was the most military attended of the young officers."

"Dick Winters and I are the only surviving officers from the original Easy Company," says Matheson, who estimates that fewer than 20 of the original members of the company who went through basic training together at camp Toccoa, Ga., are alive today.



*1st Lieutenant S.H. Matheson, 22 year old paratrooper home on leave from Company E ("BAND OF BROTHERS") 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment.*



Photo sent to S. H. Matheson by Colonel Robert Sink who commanded the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment from activation until the end of World War II. The inscription on the photo reads: "To: Mat - The old reunion jump people of plane 1 - in Holland and Normandy - made in France 21 Sept 45-. Best wishes Rt Sink, Col."

Matheson and Winters were also among the group of the company veterans invited to attend the premiere of the "Band of Brothers" miniseries, which took place last year on the grounds of the Utah Beach Memorial in Normandy, France, on June 6, the anniversary of D-Day. "They showed us the second episode of the series that dealt with the Normandy invasion," he says.

Although June 6, 1944, was the day Easy Company saw its first real action of the war, their story really begins two years earlier in the summer of 1942. That was when a group of 140 young men and seven officers from diverse backgrounds were brought together for basic training at Camp Toccoa. These were the first volunteers for the newly formed 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment. For many of them, this would be the first step in a long and perilous journey that would take them through some of the most intense and bloody battles of World War II.

In many ways, the men of Easy Company were the same as many of those members of "the greatest generation" who fought in World War II. But in other ways, they were unique. "They were special in their values," writes Ambrose in "Band of Brothers." They were idealists, eager to merge themselves

into a group fighting for a cause, actively seeking an outfit with which they could identify, join, be part of, relate to as a family. They knew they were going into great danger. They knew they would be doing more than their part."

"People nowadays talk about war and why you should or shouldn't go to war," says Matheson. "But for us it was simple. We went to war because our country was at war and because it was our duty."

Basic training, especially the physical conditioning, was particularly grueling for this group of would-be paratroopers, and most of the original 140 volunteer enlisted members of Easy Company could not handle it. "It took 500 officer volunteers to produce the 148 who made it through Toccoa," writes Arribrose, "and 5,300 enlisted volunteers to get 1,800 graduates."

After basic training, Easy Company was sent to Aldbourne, England, for additional training to prepare them for the invasion of Europe. Three months later, they were brought full speed into the war during Operation Overlord, the Allied invasion of Normandy.



*(L to R) Major Oliver Horton, Executive Officer of 2nd Battalion, 506th who was Killed In Action in Holland as Commanding Officer 3rd Battalion of the 506th; Lieutenant Colonel Bob Strayer, Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion of the 506th; Captain Clarence Hester who was later the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion of the 506th and Lieutenant S. H. Matheson who was then a staff officer in the 1st Battalion of the 506th. The photo was taken at Camp Mackall in 1943 in the 2nd Battalion, 506th Command Post area. Matheson and Hester were originally assigned to Company E.*

For their part in the Normandy invasion, the men of Easy Company – average age 21 – jumped from C-47s into the predawn darkness as their planes took heavy flak and were forced to fly faster and lower than the paratroopers were trained for. Many were killed during the jump, and hundreds found themselves far from their intended target areas, deep within enemy territory. "I was in plane number one with Colonel Sink," remembers Matheson. Col. Robert F. Sink, who would retire as a lieutenant general, was the regimental commander of the newly-formed 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment and established the paratrooper training site in Toccoa. During World War II, Sink turned down two offers for promotion to brigadier general so he could remain with the 506th.

"Within the first six hours on the ground, we had met up with men from all six parachute regiments and both divisions," says Matheson. "That's how mixed up things were. We were instructed to fight with whatever outfit we were near until we could get things sorted out. Everybody was confused, the Germans as well as us, only we were more used to it because we had trained for this kind of thing in England."

Under these conditions, men from Easy Company and other units fought together through heavy machine-gun fire, destroying a battery of 105mm German artillery cannon trained on Utah Beach. Although they did not realize the significance of their actions at the time, disabling these cannon turned out to be crucial in allowing Allied troops to advance farther inland and set up their positions. The audacious and well-coordinated manner of attack upon these artillery positions would become Easy Company's trademark through other major battles. It was so effective that it is studied to this day as part of West Point's combat training.

"Easy had jumped into Normandy on June 6 with 139 officers and men. Easy was pulled out of the line on June 29 with 74 officers and men present for duty. The 506th had taken the heaviest casualties of any regiment in the campaign, a total of 983, or about 50 percent," Ambrose writes in "Band of Brothers."

The next theater of battle for Easy Company was Holland. During Operation Market-Garden, the men of Easy Company fought off attacks by German Panzer units, artillery, foot soldiers and snipers, making their way down "Hell's Highway."

In their next major encounter – the Battle of the Bulge – Easy Company clashed with German forces under their worst fighting conditions to that point. Sleeping in foxholes with nighttime temperatures falling below zero, low on supplies and rations, and worn down from frontline combat, the men fought their way through Bastogne, Foy and Noville in Belgium.

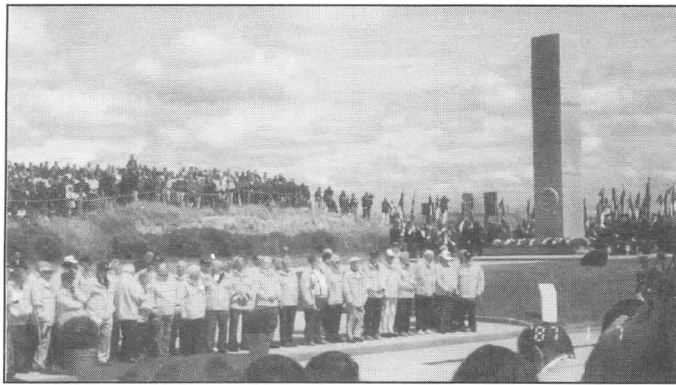
"We went through an awful time in Bastogne," remembers Matheson, who was in their regimental command headquarters at the front line, "It was in the dead of winter and we had to fight in the snow and cold without winter clothing or footwear. The Germans were attacking from all sides."

It was at this point that the commander of German forces delivered his demand of surrender to Gen. McAuliffe, the American commander. McAuliffe's now-famous response, "To the German Commander. Nuts." The American Commander, mirrored the sentiments of Easy Company and the other defenders of Bastogne. Because of their gallant defense, the press back in the States dubbed these men the "Battling Bastards of Bastogne."

Soon, the 101st was joined by the United States 3rd Army, and together these forces wore down German resistance in the Ardennes. In "Band of Brothers," Ambrose describes Easy Company's next action in taking the village of Foy as, "a simple, brutal operation. Charge across an open, snow-covered field of some 200 meters in length down into the village where



*Taken in Germany in March 1945, Major S. H. Matheson, S-3 of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division.*



Veterans of the "BAND OF BROTHERS," Company E, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, were honored, in France, at a Utah Beach Ceremony on the 6th of June, 2000.

every window could be a machine-gun post, where every German had brick-and-mortar protection. "Easy and other companies took Foy against heavy resistance but, instead of being relieved, were quickly put back into action at Noville.

According to Ambrose, the reason the men of Easy Company survived the Battle of the Bulge was "because they had become a band of brothers," and that their commanders, "nearly all Toccoa men," had provided the men with the necessary leadership at a time when it was desperately needed. "In each major campaign – Normandy, Holland and Bastogne – after accounting for replacements, we had about 50 percent killed and wounded in the parachute regiments," says Matheson.

The men of Easy Company would also see further action in the Rhine Campaign, come to the aid of survivors of a Dachau work camp, and be among the first of the Allied forces to enter the Bavarian town of Berchtesgaden and capture Hitler's Eagle's Nest retreat.

Matheson was among those who saw firsthand the horror inflicted upon the prisoners of one of the Dachau work camps that had just been liberated. "When we got to the Dachau work camp we saw hundreds of dead people who had been stacked up like cords of wood. And the people who were still alive were in terrible shape – starving and emaciated. We got hold



CHU LAI, Vietnam—PASS THE AMMO. Paratroopers of the 101st Airborne's 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf, transport 4.2-inch mortar rounds to a gun position, during Operation Wheeler near here. (USA Photo by 101-IO)

(Courtesy of S.H. Matheson)

From General Matheson's photo album.

of the local burgomaster [mayor] and proceeded to round up everyone we could find to help bury the bodies."

The degree to which the wartime contributions of Easy Company and other units of the 101st Airborne were recognized and appreciated was probably best exemplified in March 1945. It was then that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme allied commander, presented the 101st division with the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation for its part in the defense of Bastogne. "We had already received the Distinguished Unit Citation for the regiment from Eisenhower for the Normandy invasion," says Matheson, "but this was the first time in history that an entire division had received this citation."

Once the war ended, most of the members of Easy Company returned to civilian life, many of them taking advantage of the G.I. Bill and obtaining college degrees. According to Ambrose, the post-war personal success of these men was "partly because of their own determination, ambition, and hard work, partly thanks to what they had taken from their Army experience that was positive ... they had learned self-confidence, self-discipline, and obedience ... A few of them became rich, a few became powerful, almost all of them built their houses, did their jobs and raised their families and lived good



CHU LAI, Vietnam (101-IO)--POINT MAN. Spec. 4 Gerald A. Soileau, Ville Platte, La., checks the trail for booby traps during Operation Benton. The 101st Airborne paratrooper doubles as a point man and ammunition bearer for a machine gunner. (USA Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Mangiarelli)

(Courtesy S.H. Matheson)



Major General S. H. Matheson, in command photo taken in December 1974 when he was Commanding General Army Readiness Region IV at Fort Gillem, Georgia. He retired in August, 1975.

lives, taking full advantage of the freedom they had helped to preserve. "

Some remained in the military. "I was 25 when the war ended," says Matheson, "and had already begun to move up the ranks in the regimental command as a major, so I stayed in the Army. I served in Korea in '50 and '51 as a division commander of the 2nd Infantry Division and commanded the 1st Brigade (Separate) of the 101st Airborne in Vietnam. I guess I have spent most of my career, off and on, in airborne units."

Even though Matheson retired from the Army 26 years ago, he still keeps in touch with other veterans of Easy Company, the 506th Regiment, and the 1st Brigade (Separate) of the 101st Airborne Division. "I still enjoy those reunions very much," he says. "We're all pretty close."

Matheson now spends his free time fishing for steelhead trout and salmon in Oregon. As he puts it, "I'm doing nothing in an outstanding manner." But who would expect anything less than outstanding from anyone in this band of brothers?

*Editor's Note: In April John P. Figueroa sent an obituary of C. Carwood Lipton that ran in the New York Times on December 16, 2001. He was 81 at the time of his death and was among the central figures in "Band of Brothers." He died on December 16th in Pinehurst, North Carolina.*



## HILL 86

By Doug Field

On September 17, 1966 Company B, 2nd Battalion 327 Infantry's command post, located on Hill 86 near the village of Tuy An in Phu Yen Province, was attacked and overrun by an overwhelming superior enemy force employing numerous grenades, satchel charges, and automatic weapons, supported by mortars and machine guns.

The attack, which took place in a driving rain storm, was launched at 0030 hours and with such force, the command post defenses quickly collapsed. The enemy force was estimated at over 100 men consisting of NVA regulars, supported by local main force VC. Bravo company's commanding officer, executive officer, an artillery officer and seven other troops were killed. An additional 15 officers and men were wounded, including the company



(SP4) Doug Field and General Pearson at an awards ceremony in Kontum, December 27, 1966.

First Sergeant and the First Platoon Leader, who were both seriously wounded. Every member of the command post element was either killed or wounded in the devastating attack.

During September 1966 Bravo company, along with Alpha and Charlie companies, were participating in Operation Seward in Phu Yen Province. The mission was to protect the rice harvest in the Tuy Hoa and Tuy An areas, and conduct search and destroy operations to locate NVA and VC forces. A number of NVA units, including the 18B and 95th regiments, as well as main force VC battalions, were known to be in the area. The NVA's 5th division headquarters, which had operational control over the 18B and 95th regiments, was also thought to be in the province.

The 2nd Battalion 327th had engaged the same NVA regiments three months earlier during operation Nathan Hale in Trung Luong valley, about 10 kilometers from Hill 86. The NVA lost 437 KIAs in this engagement and the 2nd Battalion 327th earned a Presidential Unit Citation for their efforts. Many members of Bravo company killed or wounded on Hill 86 fought at the battle of Trung Luong and were wounded in action there also.

Bravo company's commanding officer, Captain Joseph B. Mack, thirty-one years old from Marietta, GA, had commanded Company B since May and was known to be an aggressive leader. He was in command of Bravo Company when it was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for the battle of Trung Luong in June, and also earlier in the same month at Dak To in operation Hawthorne, which earned Company B another Presidential Unit Citation, making the company one of the most decorated units in Vietnam.



Since finding and fixing enemy targets was one of the most challenging and frustrating elements of combat U.S. troops encountered in Vietnam, Captain Mack had maintained his command post on Hill 86 for almost two weeks in an effort to draw out the NVA/VC forces. To locate the enemy, Bravo company's platoons, broken down in small units, conducted search and destroy patrols and night ambushes over a wide area. Unfortunately on September 17th his plan back fired and the enemy took advantage of the limited security at the CP to inflict a devastating blow to the very heart of the company leadership. Captain Mack died courageously in defense of his country on Hill 86. He was promoted to the rank of major posthumously.

On the evening of September 16th the activities at the CP were much like the previous night's. In what had become a routine, hot chow was brought in by helicopter, a squad from one of the platoons was relieved from normal night ambush duty to provide security and preparations were made for another night on Hill 86. Intelligence sources had not indicated any unusual enemy activity in the vicinity and the officers and men of Bravo company settled in for what had become a fairly uneventful and monotonous routine for them.

There were, however, some ominous signs that Bravo company was not in for an ordinary night. Two Vietnamese interpreters, who had been with the company for some time providing translation for the Americans in their dealings with the local populace and enemy prisoners, disappeared without warning just before sunset. The interpreters had been considered loyal to the American soldiers, but as the events of that night unfolded it was obvious they had been providing valuable intelligence to the enemy.

The other indication this would not be a typical night at the Bravo company CP was the lack of peasants in the village at the base of Hill 86. Normally the village was bustling with people as many of the rice harvesters, who farmed the fields surrounding Hill 86, lived in the village. When a small detail of men went to the village in the late afternoon to fill canteens for the CP element they noticed there were very few people around. A number of these villagers had been allowed to go to the CP on Hill 86 during the preceding two weeks, providing them the ability to gather intelligence for the enemy.

As sunset approached the command element and the men securing the CP began their preparations for the night. The top of the hill, which was triangular in shape, had two sides with fairly steep access and a gently sloping side that provided easy access from below. The gentle sloped side faced south and led to the village below. The side on the top of the triangle faced north, and the other two sides faced east and west. Since the most vulnerable access to the CP was the finger on the south side, the M60 machine gun crew was positioned there. The west side of the hill top presented another way up from the base as the slope was steep, but could be climbed. Two defensive positions were set up on this side. The east and north sides of the hill had very steep slopes and therefore were not considered to be vulnerable from attack from below.

The hill top was mostly rock and hard packed soil. Even though the CP had been on the hill for two weeks the defensive positions were not improved much due to the difficulty in dig-

ging in the soil. Inside the perimeter the situation was the same and holes were barely a few feet deep, hardly providing any protection from the intense mortar barrage, grenade and satchel charge attack that would rain down upon the CP later that night.

As the sun set and the day turned to night it began to rain. Not just a normal rain, but a torrential down pour. The guard rotation was established at the three defensive positions and the command group settled in for what they thought would be a routine, although very wet night.

At 0030 hours, in the driving rain, the first mortar rounds began to land on the CP. Two 50 caliber machine guns also trained on the hill top began firing from enemy positions to the north and east of Hill 86. The mortar rounds landed right on target as the enemy had their weapons zeroed in with deadly accuracy. As many of the defensive positions provided little or no cover the mortar rounds took their immediate toll, killing and wounding many of the defenders. The 50's also found their marks.

The first wave of the enemy's ground assault began while the mortar rounds were still landing. Enemy sappers throwing satchel charges and grenades attacked and overran the M60 position and sprinted inside the perimeter to the heart of the CP. The explosive devices achieved their deadly objective and many casualties resulted. Many of the Bravo company command group and defenders were hit multiple times by mortar rounds, grenades and satchel charges.

A second assault was then launched by the enemy. In this assault approximately 100 enemy soldiers led by a NVA officer, blowing a bugle, charged up the hill. With the M60 machine and its crew having been wiped out, the enemy soldiers met no resistance and ran directly into the center of the perimeter.

The remaining men in the two positions on the west side of the hill, not killed in the initial mortar and grenade attack, attempted to provide fire support. With the visibility close to zero due to the driving rain and the confusion created by the attacking force now inside the perimeter, the few men in the defensive positions were not able to mount any type of counter attack.

PFC Douglas Field, twenty years old now living in Peachtree City, GA, wounded in the initial mortar attack and later by grenade fragments, recalls he stood up and began firing his weapon at shadowy figures in khaki uniforms and black pajamas inside the perimeter, killing or wounding several. He also recalls seeing his squad leader, Staff Sergeant James McGill, stand up and attempt to fire a LAW (Light Anti-Tank Weapon) at a group of enemy soldiers. PFC Field remembers thinking the LAW is a tricky weapon to set up and fire under normal circumstances and how difficult the task would be in these conditions. Sergeant McGill seemed to be suspended in time as he prepared to fire the LAW. Just as he fired it, Sergeant McGill was hit and crumbled to the ground. PFC Field recovered from his wounds and returned to B Co, volunteered for a second tour in 1967 and completed his service in 1968.

There were individual battles and acts of courage going on all over the hill top. First Sergeant Thomas Pulliam, forty one years old now living in Sanford, North Carolina, and a World War II and Korean War veteran was grievously wounded in the battle, losing an eye and suffering a serious leg wound. Despite

his injuries Sergeant Pulliam became engaged in hand to hand combat with one of the enemy soldiers. In the fight he lost his jungle fatigue jacket, in the pocket of which was his gold Gruen watch. The watch was found after daybreak by a member of Bravo Company's third platoon, Sp4 Four Anthony Burgee. Sergeant Pulliam was medivacted for his injuries and assumed he would never see it again. Thirty three years later Sergeant Pulliam and Sp4 Burgee were reunited at an awards ceremony at Ft Campbell, KY to honor the men of the 2nd 327 with the Presidential Unit Citation for the Battle of Trung Luong. At that time Sp4 Burgee gladly returned the watch to its rightful owner. First Sergeant Pulliam retired after a long distinguished career in the Army as a Command Sergeant Major.

1Lt. Louis McDonald, Platoon Leader of Bravo company's first platoon now living in California, also displayed great personal courage during the assault. He was wounded several times including being hit by an explosion from a satchel charge, which he was able to turn away from at the last possible second before it would have exploded directly in front of him. He still sustained serious injury from the blast, but he would have been killed if he had not taken the evasive action. Despite being seriously wounded, Lt. McDonald was able to kill or wound several of the enemy soldiers. After the attack was over he rallied the few remaining Bravo company soldiers that were able to stand and fight and formed a tight perimeter, consisting of himself, PFC Field and PFC Donald Lombardi, the company commander's RTO. He also cared for the many wounded men. 1Lt. McDonald retired as a Lt. Colonel after a distinguished career in the army.

During the time the enemy soldiers were on the hill they took many of Bravo company's weapons and the men's personal effects, some of which were found the next day in the village at the base of the hill. As the VC were searching for Bravo company defenders still alive, they kicked and prodded several men who lay on the ground wounded. PFC Field and PFC Lombardi, both wounded, were able to remain still and were not shot. Lt. O'Brien, who had just joined the company as the new forward observer was not so lucky. He was shot and killed when he called out after being kicked by an enemy soldier.

1Lt. George Pearson, the company's executive officer, was due to rotate to a staff position and 1Lt. McDonald was to become the new XO. Lt. Pearson was killed in the attack and Lt. McDonald severely wounded.

While the battle on top of Hill 86 raged on, the 2/327th battalion command post, located near the village of Tuy An, was monitoring the situation. Concern had already developed as the RTO in the battalion CP was unable to raise Bravo company at 0030 hours for the normal situation report. Alpha and Charlie companies had reported a negative situation report, but there was no response from Bravo. At 0125 hours the battalion CP monitored a transmission from Bravo's CP that clearly indicated a serious situation was unfolding. Loud explosions, machine gun fire and screaming Vietnamese voices were all that could be heard, apparently from an open keyed handset from one of Bravo's radios.

Unable to raise anyone on the radio on Hill 86 the battalion executive officer, Major John Gilboux, considered his options. Major Gilboux was acting on behalf of 2/327 battalion com-

mander Lt Col Joseph Wasco, who was on R & R. One option was to call an air strike on the hill as it was becoming apparent the Bravo CP had been overrun and, unable to contact any one on the hill, from all appearances there were no Bravo company personnel still alive. Due to the weather, an air strike or gun ships were not feasible. Finally Major Gilboux contacted Bravo's third platoon leader and ordered him to advance to the hill ASAP. All of Bravo company's platoons were spread out over a 2500 meter area in night ambush positions, but third platoon was closest at 800 meters.

Lt. Robert Meager, 3rd Platoon Leader and his men advanced to the hill as quickly as possible. As his men approached the hill they observed a large enemy force in the village at the base of the hill. In the ensuing fire fight Lt. Meager's men killed 15 enemy soldiers. At 0245 Lt. Meager arrived on the hill. He made contact with Lt. McDonald to assess the situation and set up security around the perimeter. He also requested a flareship and artillery around the village where the VC were seen fleeing.

Lt. McDonald, despite being severely wounded, and Lt. Meager organized the efforts to care for the WIAs. There were 15 men wounded in the attack, some like 1st Sergeant Pulliam, suffering grievous injuries.

Due to the continuing heavy rain the medevac choppers were not able to reach the hill until 0615. The first chopper, with the most severely wounded men, lifted off the hill at 0630, drawing fire as it took off. There were VC soldiers spotted in a number of locations near Hill 86 by the 327 recon platoon, indicating the enemy was still in the area in significant numbers.

As day break arrived, the reality of the carnage that occurred during the night became readily apparent. While the enemy had inflicted severe casualties on Bravo company's CP, they did not escape without losing many of their own men. Blood trails leading off the hill were everywhere, indicating the VC had dragged off their killed and wounded. There was so much blood it appeared as if 55 gallon drums of the red liquid had been strewn all over the hill top. Many of the bodies of the dead Americans were missing arms and legs. One corpse in the machine gun position was missing both arms and legs, and was headless. The mortar rounds, grenades and satchel charges that rained down upon the defenders of Hill 86 were so numerous there were at least 50 unexploded devices covering the hill top. White paper plates, left over from the previous night's hot chow, were used to mark their locations.

By 0900 all of the KIAs and WIAs were off the hill. Small groups of enemy soldiers were spotted by the 2/327 recon platoon though out the day, indicating the large enemy force that had overrun the Hill were moving out of the area to prevent retaliation by the 2/327. The 2/327 would gain revenge for the events of September 17 in future battles, but for the time being the VC had scored a major victory.

One of the lessons learned from the Hill 86 incident was no company CPs were ever allowed to remain in one fixed location for more than 48 hours. While ten men lost their lives and 15 others were wounded on Hill 86, many future lives were saved as a result of the changes in operating procedures made as a result of this event.

**The following 101st Airborne soldiers Killed In Action on Hill 86, September 17, 1966:**

**Major Joseph B. Mack, 31,**  
Marietta, GA (promoted posthumously) B Co Commanding Officer

**1Lt George Pearson, 25,**  
Towanda, PA B Co Executive Officer

**1Lt Alan J. O'Brien, 24,**  
Revere, MA 2/320 Artillery Forward Observer Team

**SSgt Leonard Burrow, 33,**  
Ferguson, MO 326th Engineers

**Sgt Michael C. Nations, 20,**  
Dalton, GA Squad Leader, 1st Platoon, B Co

**Sp4 William F. Bunting, 19,**  
Duncanville, TX Machine Gun Crew, B Co

**Sp4 James A. Lockwood, 20,**  
Sandpoint, ID 2/320 Artillery Forward Observer Team

**PFC Dennis Bunting, 19,**  
Neptune Beach, FL Machine Gun Crew, B Co

**PFC Atlas J. Smay, 19,**  
Baltimore, MD 1st Platoon, B Co

**PFC Frank F. Douglas, 19,**  
Columbia, PA 1st Platoon, B Co

**The following 101st Airborne soldiers were wounded in action:**

1Lt Louis M. McDonald,  
1st Platoon Leader, B Co

1Lt Acevedo,  
2/320 Artillery Forward Observer

MSgt. Thomas W. Pulliam,  
1st First Sergeant, B Co

SFC James M. Hargrove,  
1st Platoon Sergeant, B Co  
(Died of wounds September 29, 1966)

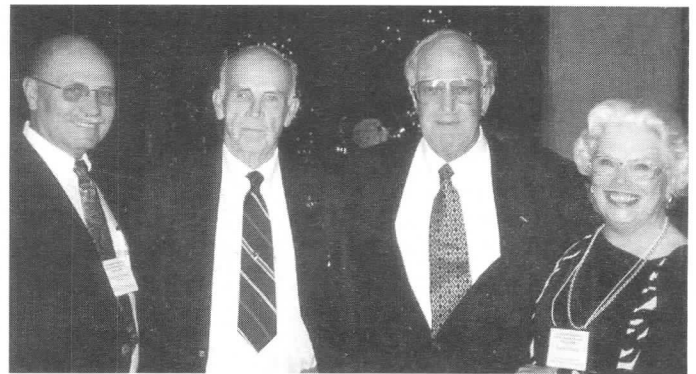
Sgt. James McGill,  
1st Platoon Squad leader, B Co

PFC Douglas N. Field,  
1st Platoon, B Co

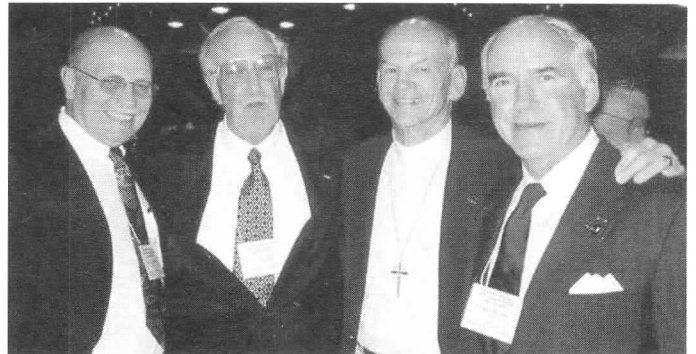
PFC Donald Lombardi,  
CO's RTO

PFC John D Cudmore,  
1st Platoon Leader's RTO

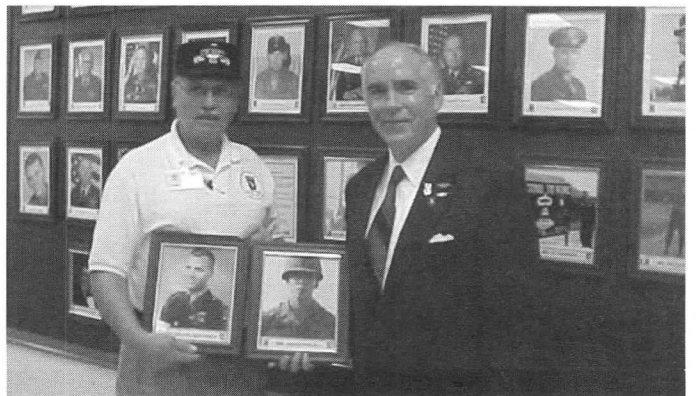
*Seven unidentified men were also wounded in the attack.*



*LTC Lou McDonald (R), CSM Tom Pulliam (R), and LTC John Gilboux (R) and his wife Bernice at the October, 2000 1st Brigade Reunion in Columbus, GA. (Doug Field photo)*



*LTC Lou McDonald (R), LTC John Gilboux (R), Chaplain, LTC Richard Heim (R), 2/327 Chaplain and Doug Field. Chaplain Heim (see Chaplain Heim Obituary page 10) was not involved in the Hill 86 incident, but was very close to PFC Frank Douglas, who was killed on Hill 86 in the same defensive position I was in on the perimeter of the company CP. Chaplain Heim was helping bring PFC Douglas into the Lutheran Church and wrote an article about him, which was published in *The First Screaming Eagles in Vietnam*. (Doug Field photo)*



*LTC(R) LOUIS M. MCDONALD, ROCKLIN, CA*

*Sending you this photo of Doug Field and myself. Doug and I were in the same platoon (1st Platoon B Co 2d 327th) during both Presidential Unit Citations for Dak To and Trung Luong; and survivors of Hill 86 when B Company CP was over run.*

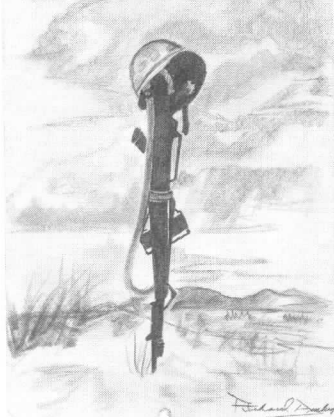
*As a footnote on PFC Douglas, due to his last name and my first name being the same, when I returned to the company after being hospitalized for my wounds some members of my platoon, thinking I was KIA on Hill 86, were amazed to see me.*



From: "RMeager" rmeager@academicplanet.com  
Robert C. Meager - 2/327 B 6/66-1/67  
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Susan Heim called me today to inform me about the death of her husband LTC (Ret) Chaplain Dick Heim. Dick passed away last night in a Colorado nursing home. He was very well liked and respected by all. I had the opportunity to serve with him in the 2/327 Abn Inf. (1966) in VN. He will be missed. Bob Meager

## OBITUARIES



I knew Dick in Viet Nam and had the honor of serving with him again when he was the Division Chaplain of the 70th Training Division in Detroit, Michigan. Knowing Dick he is most likely telling everyone to be ready in five minutes, as he was going to conduct the service and you better be there or he was going to kick your you know what. He will be missed as he has never left those of us who knew him and were placed under his wing. Second to None and No-Slack, SSG JMBossi, HHC 2nd Bn Abn 327th Inf Viet-Nam, 1966-1967

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From: "Richard C. Schonberger"  
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Richard C. Schonberger - 2/327 HHC 7/66-7/67  
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Received word today from Susan that Dick unexpectedly passed away yesterday, 7 June at the Colorado State Veteran's Nursing Home. She can be reached at 719-481-0517, her address is: 220 Sedona Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80921. Funeral arrangements are pending. Local chapter of 101 Assn notified. Regretfully, Dick Schonberger

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From: KENEPACE@aol.com  
SFC(R) Ken Pace - 2/327 HHC 3/67-3/68  
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Chaplain Dick Heim was buried at Ft. Logan, Colorado yesterday, 6/13/02. I could not make that service, however, a memorial service was held today at The First Presbyterian Church here in Colorado Springs, and I was able to attend. I spoke to Susan and informed her that I would send an e-mail to you. The service was very moving. At the closing, Taps were played, then reveille to announce Dick's awakening in heaven. My guess is that he will report in and say, "Chaplain Dick Heim reporting for duty God, where do you need my services? No Slack, Sir!"

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From: "R C Schonberger" <richard@gspectrum.com>  
FYI, we (members of the No Slack battalion) ordered a paver for Dick to go at the base of the new 101st monument to be erected at Ft. Campbell. I have asked to get a drawing of the inscription which I will send to Susan when available. Regards, Dick

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From: "CSM(R)\ Joseph M. Bossi"  
<jbossi@commandnet.net>  
CSM(R) Joseph M. Bossi 2/327 HHC 6/66-7/67  
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Chaplain, LTC (R) Dick Heim, DMOR of the 327th Inf. Regiment and War Time Chaplain of the 2nd Bn. 327th Inf VN. Dick, besides being a man of the cloth was also a Warrior.

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From: "Lou and Lista" <califia@garlic.net>

Lou McDonald - B Co 2/327th—1966  
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In 1966-1967, the 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry was Dick's flock. He ministered to each and every one of us regardless of our personal religious or non-religious beliefs. He was there when we were bleeding, when we were humping the hills and sweltering in the heat, and he was especially there when we were crying.

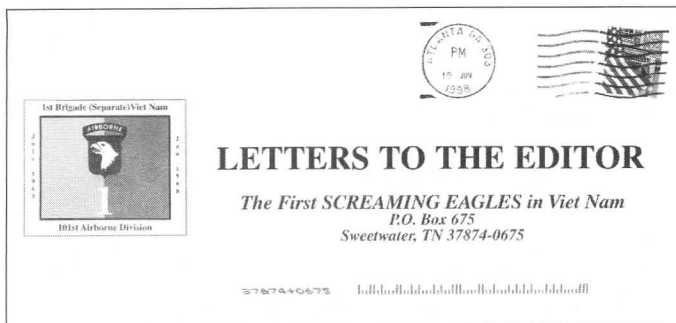
Unknown to us, his caring came with a tremendous cost. He sacrificed his health and personal well being for the troopers. 258 dead and wounded during the Battle of Trung Luong took its toll. All of us were touched by Dick's compassion for the soldiers and our families.

I first met Chaplain (CPT) Dick Heim, the No Slack Battalion Chaplain, at Tuy Hoa in mid 1966. Somehow you always expect the chaplains to be jovial, happy and genuinely concerned about the troops; but in Dick's case he also had that blissful innocence and a hearty and boisterous laugh that could absolutely rattle the rafters.

During the 1st Brigade reunion at Ft Benning in 2000, I told Dick the following war story: The battalion was at Tuy Hoa south after what seemed like months in the field. I was appointed as courtesy officer and given a jeep to patrol the streets of Tuy Hoa. My mission from LTC Wasco, the Wild Gypsy, was to pick up inebriated soldiers, get them back to their units and keep them out of the whorehouses. Yes I know, mission impossible. But the funny part is—battalion gave me Chaplain Heim's jeep for this duty. If you'll remember, his jeep had a big white cross stenciled on the grill. That day, the chaplain's jeep made it to every whorehouse in the city—numerous times. The troops must have thought—now here is a real stud! I told Dick, "I don't know if you had a good time in Vietnam or not but your jeep sure did." At that point Dick cut loose with a burst of laughter that must have registered 5.0 on the Richter scale in Georgia and Alabama.

Unexpectedly, we lost Dick on June 7th, 2002. But I'm here to tell you Dick lives. He lives in my heart and the hearts of every member of the No Slack Battalion that he touched during his tour. He will always be a part of our lives.

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**MESSAGES FROM THE  
101stabndiv1stbrigade.com WEB SITE GUEST BOOK**

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I WAS WITH CO.B 2/502 101st. 4-67 -4-68

JOHN PERRY, HARRISVILLE, WV  
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Was with B Battery 1/30th Arty (towed 155's) designated "Legs of the Eagle" after Dak To June 1966. We were very proud to be adopted even though we were just redlegs. Greetings especially to B Battery 2/320th ("Balls of the Eagle"), and the crazy recon team that buzzed up and down Highway One spring of 67 in their jeeps. 327th? Glad to find the site.

+ MIKE BALDINGER, KEYSER, WV  
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To all my friends who were with me at Dak To just about 36 yrs ago (6/9/66)...Welcome home C/2/502

+ JOHN M. VAUGHN III, BOCA RATON, FL  
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Looking for George Anderson who commanded 2nd Platoon, Co. A, 2nd Battalion/502nd Regt. the night of Oct 7, 1967. Would like to discuss his RTO Sparky Ellis who was KIA that night.

*Editor's Note: No George Anderson in database. Can anyone help?*

ROBERT MUMBLow, NORTH CAROLINA  
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Was a FO with Tiger Force and A Co 1/327 Inf from May 1967-1968. Was attached to 3/506 Inf when they came in country in Phan Thiet until going home. Returned in 1970-1971 with HHB 2/321



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One last question. Did any of you guys go thru Benning jump school with Navy's "UDT Team 12" in Apr-May '66? I did and just remembered a story of their esprit de corps, at the expense of the Jump Instructors!



PAUL GRIMES, VERONA, NJ  
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I met a "Brown Water" Navy Viet vet over the weekend who is permanently attached to oxygen due permanent lung damage from Agent Orange. His buddy with the same diagnosis died this past week! He claims the government has finally acknowledged ITS responsibility for these illnesses. NOW I AM NOT ILL and I do NOT remember them spraying Agent Orange down on us. Does anyone have information about our 1st Brigade/ 101st and whether, during those early years of 65-67, any of our units were exposed to AO. I have wondered about this for some time and this seems like the best place to pose such a question. To my Soldier brothers, who I had the distinct privilege to serve with, AIRBORNE all the way - (don't ever lose that spirit)! ! I'd love to make ONE MORE JUMP and still hold out hope to do so with my son(s) before they throw me into "the hole"!!! Wishing all of you "ALL THE BEST" !!!



+ JOHN EAGLE (DOC) SMITH, FERNANDINA BEACH, FL  
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Homepage Title: The Combat Medics Homepage  
<http://combatmedics.net>



I just returned from the 15th Annual Florida Vietnam Veterans Reunion in Melbourne, FL where I spent the weekend with some former HHC Recondos who I had not seen for over 36 years. I cannot begin to express what this reunion has meant to me. I can only say that I have finally gotten some answers and some peace from my Vietnam experience, thanks to Jim Gould, George Jakubowski and Bobby Corey from HHC Recon 1965-1966. It was my first reunion but it will certainly not be my last.... Also, if you were with the 502nd on Feb. 2, 1966 in that rice paddy in Tuy Hoa and were one of the troopers (B Company I believe) that came up to get us out I am looking for the trooper who came out and carried my butt out of that rice paddy. If you remember the incident...were the trooper or know who he was PLEASE contact me. If you were on that patrol with Sgt Rothers that day please contact me also... HOOAH.....



+ MIKE AINSWORTH, BENICIA, CALIFORNIA  
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ABU - It's been a lot of years now and we are getting older by the minute. I plan on going to the next reunion. But, if it's like the last one forget about ever going to any veteran function again. We, as Vietnam Veterans have been stuck with

every label and it still goes on... The officers and nco's even the scum marines were paid tribute to by some old man at the last reunion in Georgia. What about the rest of the men that saved and kept men alive. What about the Combat Medic that patched some of those officers and ncos up. I guess that general had a huge skip in his brain. Anyone who has kind words for the Marines was not at Duc Pho much less on the line.

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Served with A Co 2/502 From 6/67-6/68 in Viet Nam and served with 101st Military Police From 6/68 to 9/69 in Viet Nam.

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+ JIM GOULD, FL  
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Can anyone help this guy?

From: "Joe Taggart" <jtaggart@landvest.com>  
To: <jghawk3@hotmail.com>  
Subject: 2/502  
Date: Fri, 19 Apr 2002 12:33:53 -0400

Jim - Sorry for the intrusion, but I'm looking for people who knew my father in law back in 66-67. His name is Duane Barber. He began as an Lt in A Co 2/502, but moved over to Recon 2/502 as company commander once he made Captain. I think he may have been the battalion supply officer in between assignments. His first tour was 5/66 - 12/67. Thanks, Joe

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GARY L. BARTON, DEFIANCE, OHIO  
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Served with B Btry 2/320th Arty. from Sept 65 to Oct 66 in Vietnam.

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+ JOHN TAYLOR, LUTZ, FL  
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For those of you who spent time in Vietnam, read Nelson Demille's "Up Country." This is one of the best books I have read about Vietnam. Airborne and Air Assault

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+ JOHN E. PAGEL 2ND, GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA  
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Served in 3rd. PLT, B Co. 1/327th. INF from 5/65 till end of Jan 66. Joined 101st in 7/63-assigned Mortar Battery 1/506th ABG. Feb 64 re-assigned HHC 3rd. Brigade until offered all expense paid cruise to South East Asia with 1st



Brigade. Served with the best men that ever wore a uniform in any ARMY or any war. "WELCOME HOME BROTHERS"

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NAT SCURRY AKA SCRUB, KANSAS CITY, MO  
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In Ft. Campbell, Ky from 1963-July 1965. Went to Nam via boat. Was in HHC, 502nd, 1st Brigade. Feel free to share info about yourself or anyone you know who may have served time with me. Peace and God bless all the old squared-away Troopers.

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+ RODERICK C. WOLFE, SR., HERNDON, VA  
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Co/C 1st plt. 1/327th. 7/65 7/66

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+ JOHN YEAGER, JR., WEIRTON, WV  
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I always look forward to receiving your magazine and am never disappointed. Today I got a new issue and saw Scuffer Gordon's poem. Frank L. Dietrich also published some poems in the Diplomat and Warrior. He sent me copies of them about ten years ago but I can't find them. Perhaps his wife would share them with us again. Col. McCoid looked like a shy schoolboy in the picture you printed (He's getting his third CIB from General P.) That's not the way I remember Stingy Fangs. Good luck to the magazine and all those who read it.

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I joined the 1st brigade back in July 1967 assigned to Co. C 2/327/1st Brigade/101st ABN. 11 Bravo field grunt (see 101st Web page)

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+ JIM GOULD, FL  
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Just received some sad news. George Jakubowskis' (HHC 2/502 Recondo 65-66) daughter Lisa was killed in a traffic accident on March 16 in Tenn. She will be at the Dickerson Funeral Home, 130 N. Second Street, Conneaut Lake, PA. 16316. (814)382-2895. Her funeral will be on Thursday March 21.



Jim Gould, HHC 2/502 Recondos 66-67

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TERRY STANOSHECK, OMAHA, NE  
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The way I looked at it, if I was going to Vietnam I wanted to be with the best soldiers in Uncle Sams Army. I had no idea they would turn out to be the best friends and the best

people I would ever meet. Terry (2/502 RECONDOS MAR. 67/68)

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+ GARY BILLS, LIBERTY, UTAH  
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Just stopped by to say hi to all the guys from my old unit A/2/327th 2nd plt. 10-66 to 10-67. Also, do any of you computer junkies out there know how I could get hold of any of the newsreels of the qualification jump we made in Kontum Dec. '66 I was on the second plane with the news cameras and would love to get hold of a copy from ABC, CBS, NBC, Etc. No Slack! Gary Bills

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GREG GODDARD, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
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HI GUYS, I WAS WITH THE ORIGINAL "BOAT PEOPLE" OF THE 1st BRIGADE 101st AIRBORNE DIV. {before they became-dope on a rope} I SERVED WITH THE 2/320 ARTY FROM NOV,1964 UNTIL WE COMPLETED THE ORIGINAL 1st "TOUR" FROM JULY 1965 THROUGH JUNE 1966. AFTER I WENT BACK TO CAMPBELL I WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 1/321 ARTY UNTIL MY DISCHARGE ON JUNE 21,1967. I SO REMEMBER SINGING WITH SARGENT BAKER, ELGIN CARNES [my home boy from ST. LOUIS] AND ROBERT LOYD EMERSON WHO WAS KILLED ON JUNE 7, 1966 JUST BEFORE WE CAME HOME. I TRULY MISS MY FRIEND AND HOOTCH-BUDDY AND THINK OF YOU OFTEN AND HAVE ALWAYS KEPT YOUR NAME AND MEMORY ALIVE AND WILL DO SO AS LONG AS THERE'S BREATH IN ME TO DO SO. GOD BLESS ALL YOU 1st BRIGADERS. IF ANY OF YOU REMEMBER ME FROM "C" BATTERY 2/320 ARTY 4TH GUN SECTION ALONG WITH SGT.REED AND ROY RAINGE PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COMMUNICATE. MY PHONE # IS 801-968-4574. OVER AND OUT.

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## E-MAIL MESSAGES

Subject: Kontum jump Dec. 28 1966  
+ GARY BILLS, LIBERTY, UT  
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Ivan, I have recently been in touch with Capt. Bob Meager (Ret) of B/2/327th Vietnam. We were discussing the jump in Kontum, Vietnam, which we both made, and the fact that there had been six television cameras on my plane and that there must be films of that jump somewhere. Maybe in the archives at ABC, NBC, CBS, 101st Abn, etc. and I was wondering if you could help me locate them. I'm new to the Internet and my search capabilities suck. So a point in the right direction would be appreciated. Bob may have been in touch with you about this also. He also told me that you have access to still photos of that jump. I would kill (A figure of speech) to get my hands on some of those. I would gladly cover whatever expenses, if you could help me out there also. Please let me

know if you can help me in either of these matters. Thanks much.

*Editor's Note: There is considerable material about the Kontum jump in past issues of the magazine.*

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Subject: Medical and Research Center  
+ TOM JOYCE, FRIEDENS, PA  
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Dear Mr. Worrell, How do I start? My name is Thomas R. Joyce and served with the 101st Abn in 1/327th Abu 3rd platoon from 65-66. It has been 34 years since I left Vietnam and that I have been fighting the Agent Orange issue for many years for our brothers. In Jan of 2000, I asked my congressman if we should go to Vietnam to see first hand the results of AO on the Vietnamese and how it relates to our veterans at home. He decided that I had a good idea and he sent me to find out. In Oct. 2000, I left here to go back, I went to Hanoi as this is where the Government of Vietnam is and also I had to meet with the Foreign Press. I met a young girl there and she asked if I could fix her face. That broke my heart. I, with the help of many, returned in June of 2001 and brought her here to my home. At the bottom of this e-mail, please check out the web site for her. I have taken her home in Nov. of 2001.

Each time that I went to Hanoi(3) I have met with many of their Government officials about my idea of a Medical and Research Center to be built as we all agreed that it would help ratify the situation of AO for both countries. I again have started a campaign to raise funds for this and I have other countries involved.

David Cook told me that he would try to put a story out for the April issue of Static Line and also a Greg from the Union Times in Massachusetts.

I realize the impact on many Veterans when one decides to help our former foes. But they have to realize that it is also for us and our families at home.

It takes more than one man to do the job, just like Vietnam, we were a team, the best America had. I need to have that team spirit again to help all veterans here at home. I know many won't care but the 101st is always first and I believe that we can do it again. Let us shine once more in battle, as we fight the AO issue.

Maybe you can help me? Please see the attached letter. website: <http://www.shol.com/angelinneed>

Above the Rest, Tom Joyce

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+ PETER & BRENDA GRIFFIN, MADISON, NC  
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Hi Ivan, another great issue! I particularly liked the story by Ward Just. The only thing I found wrong with it was that the company that relieved the Tigers was Abu, 1/327 with attached Weapons Platoon, Company A, 2/502nd. My platoon... were hit in the early AM hrs of the June 7th at the Toumorong artillery site. We then went by Chinook to the aid of Abu Company, who suffered several wounded. From there we went

to extract the Tigers under Abu's opcon. A small unit led by Lt. Pete Mitchell, came in from another direction. I'm not sure if he was in Co. C, 1/327 or not. He later took over as CO of Abu Company. Hope this info is of some service. Respectfully, Grif.

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+ JOHN PAGEL 2nd, GLENDORA, CA  
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Ivan, great write up on Chaplain Bowers, long overdue. Of all the officers I served with and under in my time with the 1st Brigade and three years with the 101st AIRBORNE Division he was the BEST. Whenever we were on patrol, there he was. He always had the ability to improve whatever situation we were in. He didn't have to be there with us day in and day out, but he always was. That day in February 1966 when he pulled the wounded men to safety he earned the M.O.H. but instead he received the Silver Star. When that award was pinned on his uniform, he quickly removed it and put it in his pocket. He felt embarrassed for being given an award for valor, when he felt all he did was what was right. I would like to see some of our higher ranking members with connections get the paper work pushed through to upgrade that Silver Star to the MEDAL of HONOR he deserved then and he deserves now.

John E. Pagel 2nd, B Co. 1/327th. INF

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+ KEN PACE SFC(Ret), COLORADO SPRINGS, CO  
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Today while walking through a Sears store here in Colorado Springs, CO, I happened to have my hat on that I bought at Luke Airforce Base in Phoenix, AZ. The hat has a Screaming Eagle on the front and it states 101st Airborne Viet Nam Veteran. There was a sales lady who stopped me and asked to shake my hand and could she give me a hug. Clare Nilson is her name. She told me about her brother that served in Viet Nam with the 101st and was killed in an ambush on 8 August 1966. He had only been there 21 days before being killed. The troopers name is PFC James H. Fife, Jr. DOB Aug 24 1948. Clare and I talked about 15 minutes, during those 15 minutes she begin to cry as she shared how proud she was of her brother and told how proud he was to be a Screaming Eagle. I too, fought back tears as we talked and as I departed we hugged again and she said "I love you Guys." I promised her I would see if you could find out any information about her brother and would pass it on to her, but did not promise that you would be able to do so. He was killed in Play My(Not sure of the spelling). Regarding Chaplin Heim; My wife is the Director of Human Resources at The Community Health Center in Colorado Springs and works with his wife. I met him at a Christmas party year before last and we spoke about being in the 2/327 together. You do a Great Job with the magazine, thanks for all of your hard work.

*Editor's Note: See Chaplain Heim Memorial in Obituaries on Page 10*



Subject: Copies of orders  
+ BILL KELLER, TUCSON, AZ  
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Can you help? Stanley D. Clark, was awarded the Purple Heart 7 Sept 66 on Order Number 697, Headquarters 1st Brigade 101st Airborne Division, APO San Francisco, 96347. Unit was C Co 2nd Bn 327th Inf (Abn), rank & serial number: SP5, RA 12 647 800.

Stanley has a bad copy that is single-sided and very faded. If you can help, I would appreciate it. If you can give him a lead as to how to obtain a better copy, please send him an e-mail, at stnyclr@aol.com

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

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+ BOB HARKINS, ROUND ROCK, TX  
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Ivan: This is Bob Harkins, B and HHC 1/ 327 Abn. Inf. from June 66 to June 67. I read with great interest your article in The Screaming Eagles for April 2002. On page 15, 16, and 17 you reprinted an article from the Diplomat and Warrior. This article told of the release of Viet Prisoners. I am not certain that I had seen the article before this issue of The Screaming Eagles. I had seen LTC Al Garland's chapter in his book, Infantry In Vietnam, entitled "Raid on Little Dachau." I was the 3rd platoon leader in B 1/327. Jim McCoey was the first platoon leader and LTG (Ret) then Captain Glenn Mallory was the Company Commander. We were doing the "famous" checkerboard operation near Hill 51 outside of Tuy Hoa. This operation had us setting ambushes at dusk and then moving once or twice at night. Great fun as I recall. As we bounced around, I ended up one night for my last ambush south west of Hill 51. General Mallory asked me to be certain to check a trail that he had seen from the air for trafficability. At first light, after "stand to," I went out to examine the trail. I was walking on the trail and had stopped to take a leak when I saw something moving out of the corner of my eye. (Unfortunately, I did not have my weapon in my hand. Talk about feeling defenseless!!) I got a few platoon members on the trail. We had two Vietnamese in black pajamas. We brought them into the perimeter and as best we could understand they told us they had been tied and beaten. We notified General Mallory and he notified Battalion. The S-2 flew in and after talking to them for a while the S-2 took the two prisoners out by air. Three or four days later Mallory called me and said to me "43 this is 11, you recovered the fumble and you are not going to score the touch-down???? I could not figure for the life of me what he was talking about. We were told to move to coordinates XXXXXXXX. There we would link up with Jim McCoey's platoon and eventually Tom Agerton's Tiger Force. Long night but we finally hit the camp. I had the front door and Jim went to the back door. It was not a pretty site inside the camp. We got the people down the hill as best we could. When we got to the low lands we lifted the freed prisoners to much needed medical help. I remember sitting there on the LZ as the Battalion Commander flew in and passed out cigars to all the Tiger Force, while the two rifle platoons watched. Then a cou-



ple of days later we got a chance to go back into the area which was about 30 kilometers out side artillery range and do it all over again. From the first group of freed prisoners we got intelligence of a second POW camp a little deeper. The rumor was, that there had been an American Airman or pilot in that camp, but we did not find an American. We made it back out with little trouble.

I write this to try to set the record straight for the soldiers of the two rifle platoons who have been misidentified for many years. When I discussed with Al Garland, he was going from written reports.

It was great to see Bob Meager's picture (page 18) in the addition. Great soldier. Keep up the great work.

Bob

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+ DOUG FIELD, PEACHTREE CITY, GA  
Doug.Field@delta.com

I just mailed my renewal for The First Screaming Eagles In Viet Nam and also sent a little extra to help cover your operating costs. I have been a subscriber since you began publication in 1998 and continue to thoroughly enjoy every issue. You have done an outstanding job in capturing the history of our great unit and the men who served so honorably. While a great deal of the brigade's history has been related, there is still much more to come. I look forward to your continuing efforts to tell the story of the Always First Brigade. I have attached an article I wrote concerning an incident in September 1966 when Bravo Company 2/327 command post was overrun on Hill 86 north of Tuy Hoa. If you feel it would be of interest please feel free to publish it in the magazine. There were 10 KIAs including Bravo company's CO, XO and an Artillery FO. There were an additional 15 WIAs, including myself. Those of us who survived were extremely fortunate.

Two of the survivors were LTC Louis McDonald (Ret) and CSM Thomas Pulliam (Ret), both of whom have been awarded DMOR (Distinguished Member of the Regiment) status with the regiment. I have some pictures of them from recent reunions that I will send you in the event you would like to publish them with the article. Best regards and No Slack

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JOHN PERRY, HARRISVILLE, WV  
jperry@ruralnet.org

I was with B Battery 1/30th Arty first half 67 (re-flagged to C 6/16th Arty Apr-May 67). We were 155m towed and designated "Legs of the Eagle", brothers to B 2/320th "Balls of the Eagle". We had a very close relationship with 1st Brigade. The CG (Iron Duke - don't remember his name) got into a tug-of-



war with 1st Field Force when they wanted us to return to our battalion and join 1st Cav. Wouldn't let 101st keep B 1/30th so they re-flagged us and kept us as C 6/16th. We were authorized to wear the Eagle while with the unit and as a combat patch when we DEROSSED. While with 1st Brigade awarded one of our Presidential Unit Awards (Battle of Dak To June 66). One thing (among many) I would like to know - what was the medical unit with 1st Brigade when outside Tuy Hoa -I was treated in the tent hospital there but nothing about it in my medical records. If you know anyone to help me with this it would be great. Good to hear from you - 1/30th having a reunion at Ft Sill next week - haven't seen those guys for 35 years. Looking forward to news about 1st Brigade.

John Perry (Slugger One Bravo), 521 E. Main St., Harrisville, WV 26362; (304) 643-4104

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+ DAVE SNYDER, WAYNESBORO, VA  
patbull@intelos.net

I received my reunion shirts and cap today and they are just great. I didn't expect them to be this nice. I just wanted to thank everyone involved who had a hand in the design of these fine items.

David Snyder Co. A (Abu) 1/ 327 1961 - 1966

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### FROM THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

+ LEONARD A. VITHA, 2/502 Recon HQ 7/66-7/67, 13 B 12th Place NW Street, Owatonna, MN 55060 sent this note along with his renewal. Contacted Clarence Long at the Pentagon and he confirmed that Ron Odums was the Recondo PLT LDR late 66 into 67 while I served as his RTO.

Also the Recondo KIA I referred to in an earlier Brigade magazine as James Smith, I believe now to be Vennie Smith as I have done more researching to get better facts. In the January 2002 issue back cover photo of the Recondos, the Recondo in center and to back of photo sure looks like Donald Moke. Also trooper off his right shoulder with glasses and bush hat is also very familiar but I can't put a finger on him. That might be LT Ron Odums with back to camera looking at Brig Gen Pearson.

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+ DAVID J. MARKHAM, 1/327 C 10/66-10/67, 3410 Adelaide Drive, Erie, PA 16510-2102, along with his subscription renewal wrote: I'd like to take this time to thank you for your work with "The First Screaming Eagles." It is a great magazine and one I enjoy a great deal.

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+ JOHN M. TAYLOR, JR., 1/501 SIG B 6/65-7/66, 23745 Oakside Blvd., Lutz, FL 33549-6904, when renewing his magazine subscription wrote: Again, thanks for all the effort in publishing "The First Screaming Eagles." Every picture, article and message reminds me of the fine men who served with the Brigade.

I have added a few bits of narrative to my photos at <http://www.johnmtaylor.com>, and will continue to grind away before I completely lose all my memories.

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+ JOSEPH M. LAFATCH, 1/327 B 6/67-10/67, 747 Hampton Ridge Dr., Akron, OH 44313-8138, wrote:

Hello to all my brothers in arms from B-1-327. I found the name of another in the April '02 issue: new subscriber Britt Craig! He was in my squad and got hit the same day as I and several others. Poor Britt lost an eye. I'm dropping him a line as soon as I finish this. I've had an eye out for his name and Julio Pacheco, Ken Richards and John Starr for 35 years. No luck on the others but I'm sure excited to find Britt. I got the big bad biopsy news recently a gastro-intestinal stromal tumor on my liver. Just starting chemo and on to the other stuff, if it doesn't work. They found it early and say I have a shot so I'm gonna move out in an aggressive airborne manner and give them the best shot I've got. To Colonel Morse; Don't worry sir I ain't even ready to think about "asking for permission" yet. I just need two (2) salt tablets on occasion.

OLD JOKE: Four (4) guys, veterans all, see a sign – Veterans Bar and decide to check it out. The bartender, a retired MSGT, draws four (4) and says that'll be 40 cents please. The guys say that's great, but how can you afford to sell 10 cent drinks? The old MSGT says, I always wanted to own a bar and two years ago I won 100 million on the lottery, so I got this place and all vets drink for a dime. The guys then notice another group down the bar none of whom are drinking. What's with them they ask and the bartender says, Oh, those guys are retired officers. They are waiting for Happy Hour.

*Editor's Note: Pacheco, Richards and Starr are not in my database. Any help out there?*

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+ CHARLES A. MCDONALD, 1/327 C 3/66-11/66, 5 Bayard Rd., Amberson Towers #518, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-1905, wrote: I want you to know that I appreciate the prompt reply and your giving me permission to use the POW pictures. I will be glad to give credit to the magazine and editor. I already have one picture of Le Van Than, which I bought from the newspaper. It is different than the one you have.

I wish that when I was writing my story about the POW raid, that I had known this information was available, that you revealed in your recent article. Too late now, as the manuscript is finished and being read.

I was on that POW raid. The story "Raid on Little Dachau" in Infantry in Vietnam (The Battery Press), as told by LTC Walter E. Meinzen, was inaccurate. No fault of his, there was a war on and we moved constantly. Many of the after action reports during the war were badly done. Not that my story of it was any better, its just that it takes time, and the active participation of everyone involved, to reveal the whole, complete and accurate story.

Sorry about going right down to the wire on the renewal of the magazine subscription. I have no intention of ever letting that happen, as I enjoy it very much. God Bless you, Ivan.



+ CSM(R) ROBERT A. YOUNG, HHC CSM 6/66-6/67, 420 Deerfield Circle, Santa Rosa, CA 95409-6102, wrote: Just received your APRIL 02 issue of "The First Screaming Eagle" – it's a good read! Just keep up your good work!!

When I reached the last page, I see I'm 04/02 – so enclosed is a check for \$20.00 to bump that date up one (1) year to 04/03. As for my status you'll remember I was "very flaky" at the last 1st BDE Reunion in Columbus, GA. It's HELL to spend your reunion time in the hospital instead of spinning war stories with those great 1st BDE troopers in the Hospitality Room! I'm sure they managed well without me – but I certainly missed the great airborne camaraderie!

In summary, I'm still not up to "Airborne Speed" but at least I'm still "Above Ground"!! In closing, my best "Airborne Wishes" to all those 1st Brigade Troopers – what a magnificent ABN BDE – I was honored to be associated with them!!

Ivan, you do a "super service" for the 1st BDE (S). "Charge on"!!

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+ RAYFORD W. LATHAM, 2/327 C 10/64-5/66, 1627 Delwood Circle, Scottsboro, AL 35769-4040 along with his one year subscription renewal wrote: Thanks, Ivan for all the hard work you do. If you are ever around Scottsboro, Alabama, give me a call. I'm just right down the road from Sweetwater. I think you have my phone number (256) 259-2842.

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+ DAVID MURRAY, 223 BN 183 RAC 6/67-6/68, 1081 Bohannon Road, Ellensburg, WA 98926-8662 along with his subscription renewal wrote: I served as the O-1 Bird Dog Pilot from Task Force Oregon to the brigade 6/67-2/68.

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+ LTC(R) BLISS W. "ZEKE" WILDER, 2/502 HHC 9/64-11/66, 4611 Husky Dr., Bellingham, WA 98226 wrote in response of 1SG Theobald's inquiry (APRIL 2002, page 8) concerning the whereabouts of W. K. G. Smith, former C.O. 2/502 1st Bde (Sep).

He lives about one hour's drive from me. We talk every now and then via telephone. His address: BG W.K.G. Smith (Ret) US Army, 8610 Zircon Dr., S.W., Lakewood, WA 98498; telephone: 253-582-2625. P.S. I was S3 and XO

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+ RICHARD DAVIS, 2/502 B 9/66-9/67, P.O. Box 87, Foster, WV 25081-0087 wrote: Very sorry about being overdue. Asleep at the wheel, I guess.

Your organization and the book you print are the best. I read every page and the memories come back when I read about the O'Duece and my time.

Was just a teenager in a foreign place and could've cared less about where's, what's, when's at the time. Now I do and sir, thank you for your efforts on keeping our legacy alive.

+ ROSS E. HALL, 326 ENGR A 6/66-6/67, 1525 Danny Bell Road, Asheboro, NC 27205-2026 wrote that he had been out of work for four (4) months and had open heart surgery on 2/14/02.

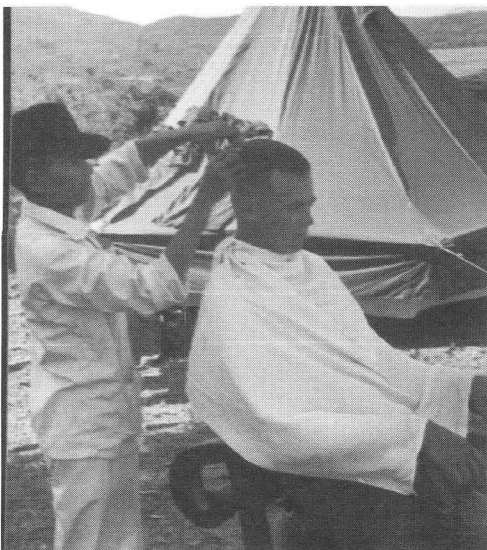
+ CLARENCE KINLOCH, 2/502 A 6/66-6/67, 1711 Postfoot Circle, Georgetown, SC 29440-6769 wrote the following: Ivan, thanks for a wonderful magazine. I came home from work one evening and on the answering machine was Capt McFadden of A-Co. 2/502. After returning his call, he told me that he would be in Washington, D.C. for a memorial service for L.T.C. Direct Bn. Command 2/502. I met him there and we made plans to meet in Surgoinsville, Tennessee. With Sgt. Moffett, my squad leader, in Vietnam, it was one of the few times that I talked about my experience in Vietnam. It was great being a part of the First Brigade and A-Co. 2/502 6/66-6/67. It was nice seeing, 1SGT Lamb in Volume 4 #1.



From left to right: Capt (COL Ret.) Mick McFadden, Sgt Moffett, Clarence Kinloch, RTO and Point Man.

This all happened because of the wonderful magazine.

+ JOE MASTRIANI, 2/320 FA C 1/65-6/66, 56 Smoke Hill Ridge, Marshfield, MA 02050-2576 sent the photo below:



1LT Joe Sarakaitis, CO Battery C/2/320 gets initial in-country haircut August 1965



+ CSM(R) JOSEPH M. BOSSI, 2/327 HHC 6/66-7/67, 2231 Pendleton Drive, Clarksville, TN 37042-5618 sent the following: I know you are always looking for orders that deal with the BDE. Also here is a letter from the 4th Infantry Division to General Pearson on the training the 2nd 327th did in Tuy Hoa. He sent General Orders Number 1374 awarding ARCOM on 11 July 1967.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 96347

AVED-A

8 November 1966

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

THRU: Commanding Officer  
2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry  
APO 96347

TO: Staff Sergeant Joseph M. Bossi  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company  
2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry  
APO 96347

1. I have noted with pleasure the complimentary remarks of Brigadier General Byars contained in the attached letter.
2. Your efforts have not only increased the esteem with which this Brigade is held by the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, but will also save equipment and lives in Viet Nam. I commend you for an outstanding job.
3. A copy of this letter will be placed in your Official Military Personnel File.

1 Incl  
as

*Willard Pearson*  
WILLARD PEARSON  
Brigadier General, USA  
Commanding

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS 1ST BRIGADE, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO San Francisco 96265

AVDDA-CG

25 October 1966

Dear General Pearson:

The 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division is now moving into an operational area for the first time. We are looking forward to the coming months, and we feel that an important part of our preparation was the In-Country Orientation Course developed and conducted by personnel of your command. All units of this command were unanimous in expressing satisfaction with the training received.

For eight consecutive days the team from the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division stayed with this unit to conduct instruction in weapons, enemy tactics, security measures and communications. The calibre of instruction and sincerity of purpose demonstrated by your men was noteworthy. In particular, I wish to mention Major Thomas F. Minor, Lt James B. Craig, Lt Frank K. Tokieda, SFC David H. Stockton, SFC Milton C. Juneau, SFC Vincent P. Zawiliv and SSG Joseph M. Bossi.

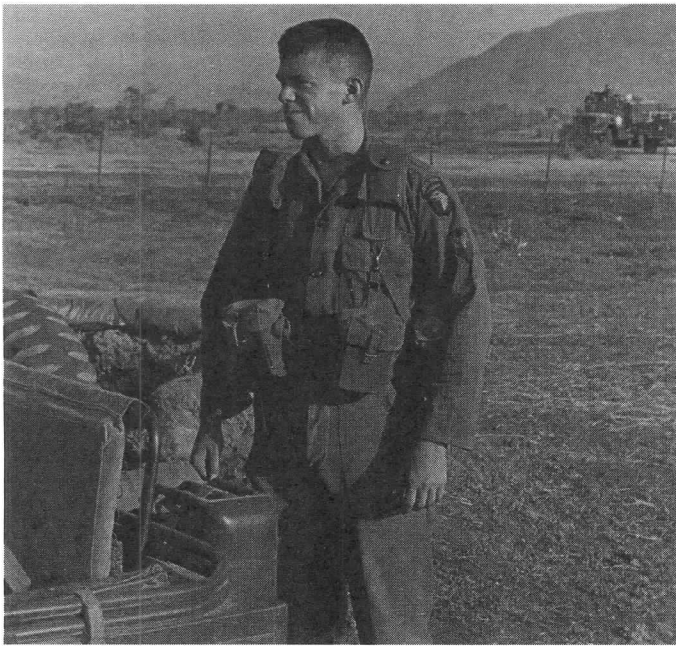
I wish to express the appreciation of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division to you and members of your command who so ably assisted us.

*David O. Byars, Jr.*  
DAVID O. BYARS, JR.  
Brigadier General, United States Army  
Commanding

Brigadier General Willard Pearson  
Commanding General  
1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division  
APO San Francisco 96347

+ CURRENT SUBSCRIBERS

+ JOHN YEAGER, JR., 2/502 C 66-67, 3312 West Street, Weirton, WV 26062 sent the following:



SP4 John Yeager, 2/502 C 66-67, at the airstrip at Duc Pho.



Photo of C-130 that crash-landed at Dao Loc, skipped off the runway, and bellied in at Tan San Nhut (about Feb 1967). Reynel Martinez describes it perfectly in his book. He might be in the picture, the guy at the left is me.



LTC Dietrich and SSG Yost get DSC's. (I'm standing in background taking pictures for someone. This photo was taken by the PIO.)

6:30 PM: PETER JENNINGS, ABC-TV

### Emergency Landing

DARRYL GRIFFIN: Recently at Tan Son Nhut Air Base outside Saigon, the Def Dept filmed an emergency landing of a C130. ABC's Dick Sanders tells what happened.

SANDERS (FILM REPORT): This is another tense moment at the giant Tan Son Nhut AF Base near Saigon. A C130 Hercules Cargo plane comes in for a belly landing after a damaged landing gear failed to function.

The plane skids down the runway to a safe stop. 29 persons on board walk away uninjured, and no damage to two vehicles on board.

Emergencies like this are commonplace to the men who operate this busy base for all types of aircraft engaged in the VNese fighting. Fire and rescue vehicles on constant standby are with the plane as soon as it stops.

Foam is spread as a precaution and a few minutes later the plane is being towed out of the way so operations can continue without a break.

*Press summary of ABC News report. There's apparently a film of the plane bellying in. It was much scarier than combat, where you could at least shoot back.*



*In center of photo left to right SSG Yost, GEN Westmoreland and BG S. H. Matheson, a tiger skin is barely visible at his feet.*

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Yeah, Yeah Sound

## Four Troopers Can Musical Product

By Sergeant Bernard Gordon

**Tuy Hoa** — Take one empty potato chip can, two wooden tent poles, one steel guitar and a couple of empty number 10 cans, add four paratroopers and good old GI initiative and what do you have—music of course, field music.

When away from home, many men ease the state of loneliness with song. Four men of the 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery have done just that. They have formed a musical quartet with improvised instruments.

PFC's Jerry Wilhite, Homer Bonds, Pat Dorsey and Edward Bluford got together while the brigade was at Dak To and have been entertaining their buddies ever since.

The group started off with just a steel guitar as their only musical instrument. Later, a potato chip can was utilized as a drum, with wooden tent poles as drumsticks. Occasionally, Specialist 4 Paul Branch sits in with his bongos — empty number 10 cans.

Wilhite plays the guitar and is the lead singer. He also wrote the group's most demanded song, "Standing on the Mountain." This song is a ballad of the feeling of loneliness of a soldier in Vietnam and was written while the brigade was in Phan Thiet. He was on switchboard duty one night and the words and tune came to him as he was gazing into the distant mountain ranges.

Specialist 4 Ronnie Short is the manager of the group and arranges for them to serenade their fellow paratroopers while in the forward command post. One night the "Roving Troubadours" rendered 35 selections before packing away their instruments and melodious voices.

## Army To Resume Career Schooling For Aviators

**WASH. (AFNB)** — A decision has been made to resume career schooling for Army aviators during FY67 with selection consideration given to all eligibles who have served a Vietnam tour.

Some selectees will be temporarily deferred from immediate attendance due to priority requirements for Army aviators in Southeast Asia and other areas.

They will, however, remain on the approved list and be programmed for attendance at the earliest career course for which they may be made available, based on Army's aviation requirements at that time.

# 327 Frees 23 More Viets

By PFC Luis Callender

"I never think...Americans would come," he said haltingly, "I never think anybody would come, I never have...hope...that I be free again." Were the words of Bui Dang Khe as he was liberated from a Viet Cong prison by paratroopers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

Three escapees from the camp walked into the positions of the 327th Infantry a short while before Khe was freed, and gave themselves up, saying they had escaped from a Viet Cong work party. They had been held in a prison camp high in the mountains southwest of Tuy Hoa, and they offered to lead the Americans to it.

The "Tiger Force" and the first and third platoons of the battalion's Company "B," moved out from their forward command post on the 30th of September. For the second time in seven days, these men were going in search of a Viet Cong prison camp. Accompanying the American force was a Vietnamese interpreter, three Vietnamese Popular Force soldiers, and the three escapees from the camp.

The "Tiger Force," commanded by Lieutenant John D. Carey, was the lead element. Bringing up the rear was the first and third platoons of Company "B," with Lieutenant James D. McCoy and Lt. Gerald R. Harkins, commanding respectively.

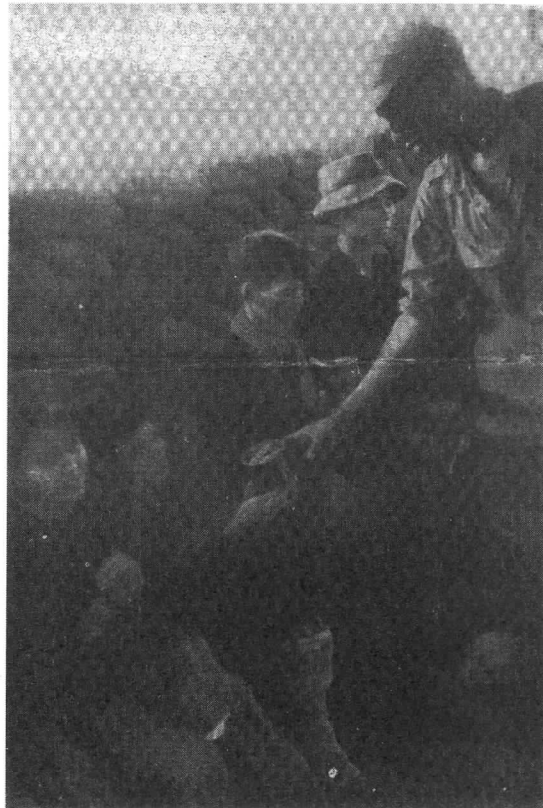
The paratroopers set a rapid pace across rivers, rice paddies, swamps, and tall elephant grass, before reaching the trail that would take them up the mountain and into the prison camp.

Once the 101st troopers had reached the mountain trail, several of the Tigers were deployed to reconnoiter the area for any sign of Viet Cong ambushes. The rest of the force waited. The Tigers returned to declare the trail clear of any enemy activity and the arduous journey up the steep mountain began.

**They had to avoid all contact with the Viet Cong because that would endanger their primary mission. Any fire-fight would give away their presence, as had happened just days before on a similar trek up the mountain. At that time, the Viet Cong had been able to get most of their prisoners away before the Americans could reach the prison camp.**

At one point, on the second trip, the leading "Tiger Force" came to a draw and started to descend. Suddenly, they came scrambling back to halt the rest of the force, motioning them to take cover. Minutes later nine armed Viet Cong came walking up the draw. They passed, never aware of the many eyes watching them.

Again the paratroopers made ready to move across  
*(Cont'd on p-5, Col. 1)*



A paratrooper from the 1st Brigade gives food to liberated prisoners of the Viet Cong at the Tactical Command Post of 327th Infantry.

## In-Country Banking Facilities Open Now

**SAIGON (MACV-CI)** — For the first time in Vietnam, military banking facilities now are available to all troops of MACV.

The Chase Manhattan Bank and the Bank of America this month opened for business here with U.S. personnel, the MACV Comptroller has announced. Both banks offer these special and unusual services: First, they pay an interest rate of 5 per cent—on checking accounts—per annum, compounded quarterly and requiring a minimum balance of \$100.

Second, no service charge is levied on the checking accounts.

No savings accounts are operated by the banks.

The U.S. Treasury Department is underwriting the cost of the checking account services to MACV troops, paying both the interest and the service charges.

Although the banks may operate here for U.S. personnel only in MPC, a depositor's check sent to the United States for a business or family use becomes a dollar  
*(Cont'd on p-4, Col. 5)*

## Historical Team Of 2 Assigned To Brigade

**TUY HOA** — History is always being made but it is not always recorded as it truly happens. One of the most combat tested American units in Vietnam now has the facility for recording the history of their part of this complex war.

A Department of the Army Historical Team has been assigned to the famed 1st Brigade. It is an element of a 26 unit program planned for Vietnam, to cover all American Forces in-country. The

team here is the first to be assigned at any brigade level.

The two man detachment here is under the leadership of Major Henry J. Machtsheim Jr., with Specialist 5 Michael W. Perry assisting.

Prior to this only a division was authorized a Historical Team which normally consisted of two men. General (retired) S.L.A. Marshall, author of **Night Drop**, and  
*(Cont'd on p-4, Col. 5)*

# DIPLOMAT and WARRIOR

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CG . . . . . Brig. Gen. Willard Pearson  
IO . . . . . Maj. Ivan G. Worrell  
EDITOR . . . . . Sp4 Gil B. Valle

## Editor's Column

The D&W wishes a farewell and smooth trip home to Richard "Huey" Houghton. Huey came to the brigade Info Office last January from the Dominican Republic conflict. He worked here as a photographer and lab-man and his departure, though much envied, is regreted.

The 20TH UNESCO ANNIVERSARY to be celebrated Nov. 4 has already been hailed by a Presidential proclamation that underscores human rights, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization was cited for having "a critical role to play in bringing educational techniques of the developed world to the newly emerging nations of man's family."

If you are going to abbreviate your address—which you should not do — at least make it seenceable. A series of numbers and slashes (i.e. A/2/327) could get fouled-up or something could get left out. Use the proper address and if you must, use correct abbreviations (i.e. HHC, 1 Bde, 101 Abn Div, APO SF 96347.) It is your mail and one of these times it could be very important.

Noncommissioned officers, E-5 and above, may further their careers in the logistics field by applying for one of the 467 authorized Noncommissioned Officers Logistics Program positions within the U. S. Continental Army Command.

Openings exist in 29 specific Military Occupational Specialties. They include field radio repairmen, nuclear power plant chiefs, ammunition storage specialists, engineer equipment repairmen, single engine tandem rotor helicopter mechanics, quartermaster supply specialists and general supply supervisors.

Interested NCOs may submit applications on a DA Form 1049 under the provisions of ARs 600-200 and 614-6.

**ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS by mid-October is the aim of Senate Majority Leader Mike Manfield (D-Mont) who has urged Senate Committee leaders to expedite disposal of pending legislation for possible end of the current session by Oct. 15.**

The Army Medical Service Corps will rate one brigadier general on the active list of the regular army under provisions of legislation passed by Congress in mid-September.

Congress also approved and sent to the White House for signature a bill authorizing male nurses to hold regular commissions in the Army, Navy and Air Force. The same measure authorizes regular commissions for Army Medical Service corps personnel.

Military personnel wishing to be separated from the service in Hawaii may do so by submitting written requests through channels to the U.S. Army, Vietnam.

USARV will approve the request providing:

- The individual has dependents residing in Hawaii, or
- He desires to establish permanent residence in the state of Hawaii, or
- He desires to enter the University of Hawaii of a similar institution.

Individuals whose requests are approved will be separated from active service at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.



"Of course I'm a 'Screaming Eagle,'" is what PFC Bobby Still seems to be saying to the bird perched on his shoulder. The 101st trooper was on his way from Saigon to Tuy Hoa when the bird, belonging to a U.S. Navyman, sought him out. (Photo by PFC Luis Callender)

## WARRIORS OF THE WEEK

Capt. Peter Laizik



Captain Peter Reginald Laizik, of Company "B," 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry was chosen as the "Officer Warrior of the Week" for his recent actions against the enemy near Tuy Hoa.

SSgt. Edward Peoples



Staff Sergeant Edward Wayne Peoples, a member of Company "B", 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry, was chosen as the "Enlisted Warrior of the Week" for his recent actions against the enemy on Operation SEWARD near Tuy Hoa.

## Next To The VC

Carelessness and Complacency  
Are Our Worst Enemies  
Stay Alert and Stay Alive

## The M. P.



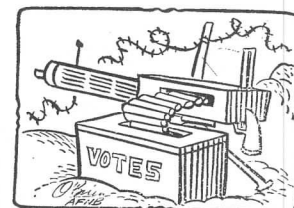
He's the Military Policeman and his duties range far and wide. Traffic control, convoy security, screening refugees, guarding prisoners of war — these are only a small part of his task.

Above all he is one of the brigade's Diplomats, as he is constantly in the eyes of the local Vietnamese in the villages and towns where his mission usually takes him.

## Voting This Election?

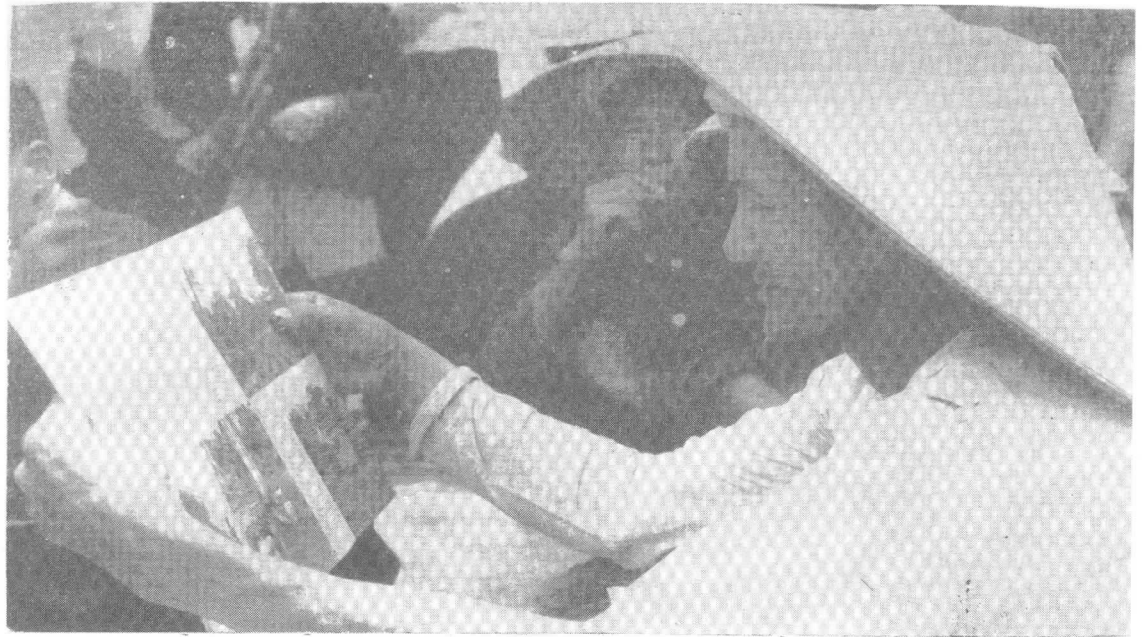
**SAIGON (D&W)** — Each year, somewhere in the U.S., there is an election. And for each election held, there are a number of men in the service who could but do not vote. For men whose job it is to be America's defense of might, it is incomprehensible why they should let their right to vote pass without exertion.

### FREEDOM'S AMMUNITION



If you are eligible to vote and do not do so, you do a disservice to yourself and to all your fellow citizens — present and future.

# 'M E D I C I N E



A villager at Phu Hiep hamlet, south of Tuy Hoa, reads a booklet distributed by the 101st Psychological Warfare Team. Such reading material is periodically distributed by the 101st "Medicine Show" which travels to outlying villages around the Tuy Hoa area. (Photo by PFC L. Callender)

# SHO'



Two Vietnamese women discuss the clothing that they received from the 1st Brigade "Medicine Show." (Photo by Sp4 Oddvar Breiland)

**NGAN SON**— The people started coming into the old French built school very slowly at first. Then the pace quickened and before long there were over 200 waiting for the "Medicine Show" to start. The "Medicine Show" is a part of the 1st Brigade's civic action program.

The civic action team had moved into the little hamlet of Ngan Son, north of Tuy Hoa, early in the morning. The hamlet is protected by Regional Forces, Popular Forces and the brigade's 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry. While the combat troops are protecting the rice producing area from enemy attack and insuring Government control of the rice harvest, the civic action team is there to improve the welfare of the local Vietnamese people. Captain James T. Collins was kept busy coordinating activities with the district and hamlet chiefs in distributing clothing, while team medic Specialist 4 Colin Minga treated cuts, bruises, open sores and other ailments. Minga also distributed soap to the mothers and children of the hamlet.

The large turnout of the hamlet's people could be attributed to the efforts of Captain John Mele, the civil affairs officer of the 2nd Battalion. He toured the countryside with two interpreters and a loudspeaker to announce the "Medicine Show" to the people. Working with him were men from the district chief's office.

Before the day was over, the team had given medical attention to over 100 men, women and children and distributed 400 pounds of clothing. Smiles could be seen all over the schoolyard, and as the people started home with their new possessions, the troopers realized that a forward step had been taken, cementing good relations with some of the people of Vietnam.



A small Vietnamese girl receives a new set of clothing at a 1st Brigade "Medicine Show" near Tuy Hoa. (Photo by Sp4 Oddvar Breiland)

## VC And Rice

# SEWARD Nets Double Harvest

**TUY HOA** — The Autumn rice harvest is in full swing in Phu Yen province and for the second straight harvest, the paratroopers of the 1st Brigade are guarding it.

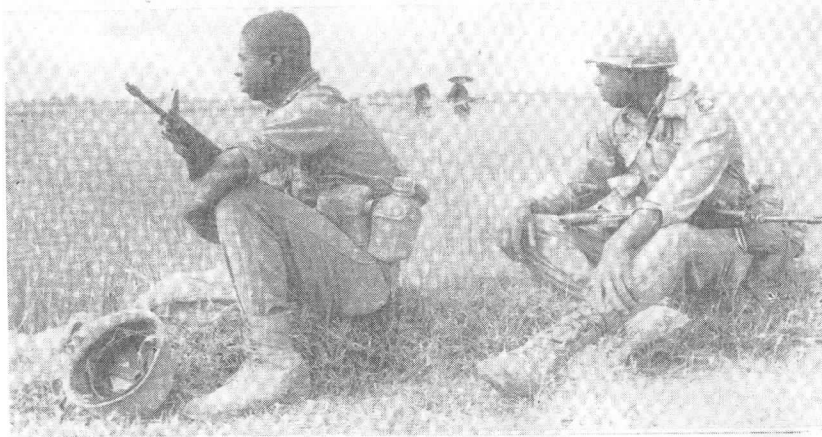
Eight months ago, the paratroopers first came to Tuy Hoa to guard the larger winter crop and in the process "harvested" 500 enemy, while the Vietnamese gathered 35,000 tons of rice.

Again the "Screaming Eagles" are making a double haul. They are protecting, through Operation SEWARD, the harvesters who have now gathered 40 per cent of the expected 25,000 ton rice yield, and have killed 199 enemy.

The "Always First" Brigade also has been providing trucks daily for the removal of the rice from outlying areas to the district headquarters and a bi-weekly air lifted rice supply to areas where it is not grown.

The 101st medics in the field have treated scores of harvesters who have injured themselves in the gathering of the rice crop, and also provided weekly medical aid calls to villages in their areas of operation.

The 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry has remained at Tuy Hoa since the paratroopers initial arrival last Ja-

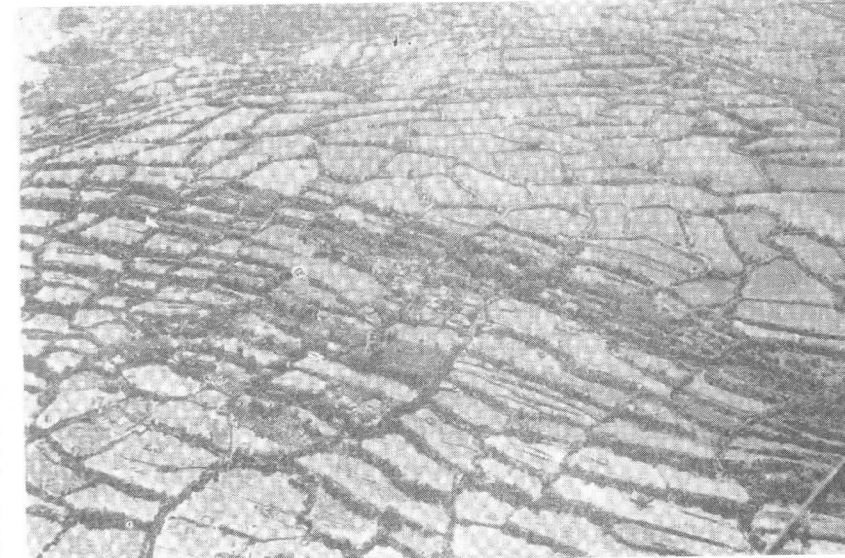


"A," 1st, 327th Infantrymen guard the rice harvesting near Tuy Hoa. (Sp4 O. Breiland)

nuary while the rest of the brigade initiated operations in four other parts of Vietnam.



Vietnamese farmers gather their rice harvest as a member of the 1st Brigade provides security from the Viet Cong. (Photo by Sp4 Dan HloHorst)



Rice paddies in the Tuy Hoa Valley form an intricate design when viewed from the air. The paddies' autumn rice harvest is being guarded by the paratroopers of the 1st Brigade. (Photo by PFC Dan Hines)

## Seward Rap-Up

**SAIGON (D&W)**— Operation SEWARD which commenced on September 5th, has of the 12th of October resulted in 253 Viet Cong killed by air, 199 killed by 101st ground forces, 64 captured and 71 individual and 1 crew-served weapons taken.

## Banks Open...

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instrument there.

The Serviceman may have all or any portion of his pay mailed to his checking account at either bank by establishing a local allotment through his finance or personnel office.

While both banks are located in Saigon, any MACV Serviceman in Vietnam can open and conduct a checking

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## History Team...

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currently writing a book on the 1st Brigade, brought to the attention of General Westmoreland the fact that the brigade sized units had a hard time recording their own history and that a team should be assigned to each brigade in Vietnam. The "Screaming Eagles" were chosen to be the first unit of brigade size to receive a historical team.

Major Nachtsheim stated: "Continued support by commanders and staff at all levels will insure the success of our mission which is to record for military historians the valiant efforts of the 'Screaming Eagles.' "

## To The Victors Belong The Spoils

**TUY HOA** — Refugees from Hieu Xuong District near Tuy Hoa shared the bounty of captured Viet Cong food and material recently taken by Company "B," 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry.

The supplies were discovered by the troopers in an abandoned Viet Cong hamlet in western Phu Yen province. After the usual search methods failed to uncover any normally found materials, the "Screaming Eagle" troopers tried digging in the hard packed floors of the partially destroyed huts and animal shelters.

They opened seven holes containing 6,700 pounds of rice, 200 pounds of corn, 170 pounds of tobacco, farming implements, and household articles.

The battalion civil affairs section was informed of the find and recruited refugees from area. They were transported to the abandoned village by helicopter and assisted in shoveling the rice from underground storage baskets into sacks which were transported to the tactical command post.

Each refugee who had helped with the evacuation of the food was given 100 pounds of rice, plus some tobacco, tools and a few household articles such as dishes and cooking utensils.

The remainder of the rice was turned over to district authorities who distributed it to other refugees.



# 'I Have No Hope...' 23 Freed

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the draw. And again the leading element motioned them back to concealment. Eight more Viet Cong appeared. The force watched and waited, then moved out.

Further up the mountain, another enemy force was spotted. The "Screaming Eagles" moved off the trail 200 meters, and silently but swiftly moved around the guerrilla unit.

## Now In Ashes

The monsoon rains steadily drenched the paratroopers but with determination they moved on, clutching vines when in danger of sliding down the muddy side of the mountain into the rocky pit below. They balanced themselves precariously on narrow, rocky ledges, placing one foot before the other and feeling for safe footing.

The ground no longer rose upward but leveled off to flat terrain. The trail widened and went around a bend, and there, in ashes, lay the former Viet Cong prison camp just as the airborne troopers had left it. Their objective was now less than two miles away.

## Escapees Lead

It was up to the three escapees to lead the force to the prison camp and one of them was selected to go forward with the point element. The little Vietnamese smiled, eager to lead the Americans to the others he had left behind.

Progress was slowed as the terrain changed abruptly and steadily rose over large boulders covered with green slippery algae. Sometimes moving only inches at a time, each man had to claw a path on hands and knees to reach the prison camp. Their arms and legs covered with bruises, and faces grimy with mud, the 101st troopers now stood within a 150 yards of the Viet Cong prison camp.

A team of Tigers moved forward to check the camp and the surrounding area. For fifteen minutes the rest of the party waited silently.

## Below, The Camp

The stage was set. "Tiger Force" and the company "B" element had come some six and a half miles up a 2133 foot mountain undetected. The report brought back was favorable — the Viet Cong were not expecting company.

Lt. Carey planned his raid, and the lead element moved out. The original plan had been to encircle the camp

thereby cutting off all avenues of escape to the Viet Cong. But it did not go that way.

The leading "Tiger Force" had moved into position. Down below them lay the camp. It consisted of three huts and was built within the confines of several natural rock formations protecting it on all sides. A small waterfall ran into the camp. One Viet Cong guard, dressed in black pajamas and fondling a carbine, was visible.

behind them a trail of blood. As they left one of the wounded VC shot a prisoner in the foot.

## 'We Have Come'

The Vietnamese interpreter with the liberating force yelled down to the prisoners: "Don't run. Stay where you are. We are Americans and we've come to liberate you. Don't be afraid." Some crying, others laughing, and the rest hugging each other, they all sent up a rousing greeting to their

## And A Russian Flag

A thorough search of the camp netted, three carbines and one Mauser rifle, Viet Cong diaries and account books, North Vietnamese paper money — ranging in denominations of five dong (piasters) to two hundred dong. The paratroopers also uncovered sacks of rice, manioc (a type of Vietnamese flour) and other Vietnamese food. They also found a North Vietnamese newspaper

Explosions shattered the silence of the jungle. The Tigers were destroying the camp with white phosphorus and fragmentation grenades. As the black plumes of smoke rose skyward from the burning huts, some of the Vietnamese turned to watch. Some smiled, some faces were grim — but each was saying good riddance to evidence of a past horror. Helped by the paratroopers, they turned to be led to safety.

## Different Trail

The trek up the mountain was anything but easy for the paratroopers. Now the trip back, with 23 half-starved people, would be nothing short of hazardous.

It was decided the trail used to come up the mountain could not be used to go back. The lives and safety of the Vietnamese would be in jeopardy should the paratroopers run into any Viet Cong. It was certain that the enemy would be setting up ambushes along the trail, so the Tigers took to the dense jungle and away from known trails.

The party started down about 5 o'clock in the evening, but with daylight fading into night, they could not go very far. They bedded down on the side of the steep mountain for the night, with the newly liberated Vietnamese in the center of the perimeter.

## We Are Free

Rain never stopped coming down during the night. But the Vietnamese didn't seem to notice the discomfort of being wet. They talked throughout the night in low whispers. The topic was always the same — being free.

With the first light of dawn, Lt. Carey prepared to move out. Two Vietnamese had to be carried by "Screaming Eagles" in improvised hammocks, consisting of ponchos and poles. When another Vietnamese seemed ready to collapse, he was quickly taken up by a paratrooper, who put him across his shoulder and brought him down.

At a predetermined landing zone the entire party was picked up and flown back to the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry's command post. There the Vietnamese were given a thorough check up by the battalion surgeon, and given all the food they could eat.



101st "Tiger Force" paratroopers Sergeant Cleve Rose, and Lieutenant John Carey (R) give food to Vietnamese civilians they freed from a Viet Cong prison camp.

Half dozen of the Vietnamese prisoners were tied shoulder to shoulder and in a circle on a platform in the center of the camp. They fearfully eyed the guard. The other prisoners were just sitting around, silent and dejected.

## A Shot Is Fired

Just as the rest of the elements were about to move into position according to plan, a shot was fired from the vicinity of the camp. A VC ran out of a hut and started firing in the direction of the lead element. The Tigers opened up.

At this time the rest of the force, which had been about 70 yards away, raced in the direction of the camp. The going was rough because of the large rocks between them and their objective and the fight was over before they could get there.

The lead element had wounded the two Viet Cong and were assaulting the camp. The two VC threw down their weapons and ran out the back of the camp, leaving

liberators.

Medics moved quickly to patch up the Vietnamese who had been shot by the departing Cong. They also gave each of the other prisoners a brief check. Some had large sores, cuts and bruises—most were in pain from the many beatings inflicted by the Viet Cong.

## The War Criminals

There were 23 prisoners in the camp, 5 of them women. They ranged in age from 15 to 60 years old; their time of imprisonment was from 15 days to 30 months. There were farmers, soldiers, tailors, a horse cart driver, a photographer, a medic, and school-teachers.

Although in much better physical condition than the first group of prisoners freed by the 101st a week prior, they nonetheless showed signs of maltreatment by the Viet Cong. Some had been interrogated several times a day, being asked the same questions over and over. The interrogation sessions, they said, usually ended with a beating.

and a homemade Russian flag.

Most of the group were used as workers. Many of the men said they mainly carried rice from one point to another. They would be brought down the mountain, go to some village, pick up sacks of rice and take it back up the mountain to the prison camp. The newly liberated prisoners said they had been held at the old prison camp but were quickly moved last week when the Viet Cong realized that they were about to be overrun by the Americans.

## From The Ceiling

Bui Dang Khu, a school-teacher before he was abducted by the Viet Cong ten months ago, speaks English. He said that he had given up all hope of ever being free again. "Every day Viet Cong tell us: 'Americans come to conquer Vietnam to make colony.' I no believe so, he said." But I not say that... or Viet Cong beat us. They hang us from ceiling by foot."

The party began moving out for the long trip back.



# AN KHE INCIDENT

Subject: Fwd: Incident at An Khe  
From: Malcolm Campbell <outlaw\_2\_3@yahoo.com>

Received your phone call. I'm sending you my original inquiry to Martin Stuart-Fox and a following e-mail which is his response to me. This e-mail has some typos, but is accurate. I had a conversation Monday with one of the participants, Dennis Arbella. He verified that the Sergeant did help extract the wounded pilot at his peril. At that time, the sound deadening material lining the interior of the Huey was really ablaze, while the ammo was seriously cooking off. Any help you 101st guys can offer will be great. Please feel free to call me at any time. I look forward to hearing From you soon. Malcolm I. Campbell; CW-4 US Army Ret.

Subject: Incident at An Khe  
From: "bud" <spudley@sierratel.com>  
To: <m.stuartfox@mailbox.uq.edu.au>  
CC: "Malcolm" <outlaw\_2\_3@yahoo.com>

Professor Fox, My name is Malcolm I. Campbell. I am a retired US Army W-4. My military call sign was Outlaw 23. We met briefly one afternoon in Viet Nam, near An Khe on the 7th of November 1965... This is the story leading up to our meeting: Another pilot and I exchanged missions and assigned Hueys for the day. My initial mission was to extract a wounded American soldier with a broken leg. Does this begin to ring a bell? On the way to the aid station at the An Khe airport, the FM radio crackled with a hurried Mayday call. "Outlaw 23 going down 3 miles NE of the field." We monitored the call and almost immediately spotted the smoke from the fire rising above the trees. We called for gunship support and headed for the spot. We spotted the wreck, and a small clearing nearby. As the aircraft commander, I made the decision to attempt a landing in that marginally suitable clearing. On the way down to the jungle floor, we were chopping off branches with the rotor blades. Not a good idea, but we felt time was really critical. Is the bell ringing yet? The four of us grabbed the only stretcher and dee dee'd up the slope to the wreck. The scene was chaotic. My helicopter was a twisted mess, and on fire. My immediate concern was to clear the wreckage because the extra ammo I always carried was starting to cook off. I noticed Arbella was frantically throwing out boxes of live ammo. Now we meet you and Mr. Mannoxx were outside the wreck, and he had a nasty gash on his butt and I made a comment to him that he could tell his grandchildren about his "war wound" and I'd verify its authenticity. Then we got to work trying to extract the hapless pilot, Hal Scott, who is alive and well in North Carolina. (We met for the first time since then at a reunion function in Washington, D.C. July of 1999.)... You know the rest of the story. One after note, the five crewmen who finally extracted the injured pilot were all awarded the Soldiers Medal (It's the highest American military award for heroism for saving a life in non-combat conditions).

I have two purposes in contacting you. Yesterday Dennis Arbella, the crewman about whose heroism you wrote, told me he found a copy of your UP article from the newspaper in Yuba City, CA. He forwarded me a copy of that article which triggered this letter.

In that 2nd Platoon of B Company of the 101st Airborne 1st Brigade who came to the crash site to provide security, there was a trooper who came over to the right door of the now fiercely burning helo, stuck his head inside, (while I was above the now freed pilot, struggling to pull him out, being unable to move him because I was so scared, I simply had no strength), called me by name, and asked if he could help. I told him to get the pilot out

NOW. He proceeded to reach across the radio console and pulled the pilot out the right door in one smooth motion. He definitely helped to save the pilot's life. In all the confusion of the moment, we didn't get his name. The other involved crewmen (including Arbella) met at an Outlaw reunion in 2000. We all agreed we'd find this trooper, if possible, and get him awarded his Soldiers Medal we all felt he earned. As I was the assigned Outlaw awards officer, with those other witnesses, you included, I feel an obligation to at least attempt, even after all these years to honor this soldier. I'm in the process of trying to track him down. Any assistance you could render would be great!!

The second reason for this letter is that Arbella told me at the reunion, you correspondents took a lot of pictures of the scene, up to the bird exploding. All of us, the rescued pilot included, would treasure some actual footage of that once in a lifetime moment. Any assistance you could offer in securing some or all of those photos would be appreciated beyond words.

You may contact me at my e-mail address <outlaw\_2\_3@yahoo.com> my home address: 24 Parkwood, Aliso Viejo, Ca 92656, USA, or my home phone: 949-586-8364.

I'm really looking forward to hearing from you.  
Sincerely, Malcolm I. Campbell

From: Malcolm Campbell <outlaw\_2\_3@yahoo.com>  
To: worrell@usit.net

Mr. Worrell, This is the reply I received from Martin Stuart- Fox. Hope this additional info will help. Malcolm

Subject: Re: An Khe incident letter with revised and corrected text  
Date: Tue, 07 May 2002  
From: "M. Stuart-Fox" <m.stuartfox@mailbox.uq.edu.au>  
To: Malcolm Campbell <outlaw\_2\_3@yahoo.com>

Dear Malcolm, Out of the blue! It was really good to get your email. I hardly need reminding of that day - it will be in my memory forever! I remember clearly that you guys could not pull the pilot free because one of his legs was trapped. Someone had a machete and was shouting you would have to cut the leg before the wreck exploded. I seem to remember someone hacking at the fuselage. By that time I had a fire extinguisher, keeping the flames down behind the pilot. Then suddenly he was free. I had assumed



*This picture was taken by Martin Stuart-Fox, a UPI correspondent. The two pilots holding the stretcher front are me on the left and my co-pilot Marlieson (?spelling) on the right. Can't ID the other two.*



*This was Hal Scott just prior to the crash.*

the guy with the machete had managed to cut away whatever was holding the pilot's leg. You guys had him on a stretcher and we raced from the wreck, which still had plenty of ammo inside. As I recall we were less than 50 meters away when the thing exploded. Only after we got the pilot out did I use my camera. UPI used one photo with my story, a copy of which I can send you. All the others were archived, and the whole lot (I am told) 'disappeared' when UPI almost folded some fifteen years ago. I don't think Robin took any photographs. I never did get the names of all those involved in that heroic rescue. Robin Mannock and I both wrote to the US Army recommending recognition for bravery. I had spent several weeks with the Air Cav by that time, and UPI sent me on other assignments (including the pacification program), so I never did track down people involved. I heard the pilot had broken his back (we on the chopper own him our lives, and I am so pleased he is still alive and well. I would like to get in touch with him, if he has an email address.)

I guess you tracked me down on the wonderful web - there are not too many Martin Stuart-Fox's around! After leaving Vietnam (20 months plus another year and a half before that in Laos) I kept working for UPI on and off until 1972, then came back to Australia, went back to



*You can see the helicopter wound upside down to the right after it exploded. The exposed pilot seat is the one Hal Scott was pinned in. You can see remains of the rotors on the right.*

University, and got a job teaching Southeast Asian history at UQ. I have been here ever since, teaching Vietnam but writing mostly about Laos (half a dozen books).

Robin Mannock stayed in journalism and ended up in Beirut, where he got very sick (cancer of the throat). He is at present in a nursing home in England, where he is visited regularly by Jack Laurence (who just published "The Cat From Hue" on his Vietnam war experiences. I have not read it yet, but apparently I

feature somewhere.) Four years ago I was in the States for a reunion with old journo friends, including Tim Page and Joe Galloway, who wrote "We Were Soldiers" with Col. Hal Moore. I just saw the film last week, which brought back memories.

Sorry I cannot be more helpful. I only wish the UPI photo archive was still intact. There were hundreds of my photographs in it that I would love to see again.

Give my best wishes to all involved in the crash and rescue. I would love to hear versions of what happened that day (as full as possible) from all involved. Do you have any more details yourself? Do you have the names of all the others? Do you have flight details? How far were we from An Khe? Let me know if you want a copy of the photo. It was widely used with the article in quite a lot of papers in the States. All the best.

Sincerely, Martin Stuart-Fox

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From: Malcolm Campbell <outlaw\_2\_3@yahoo.com>

To: Ivan Worrell <worrell@usit.net>

Hey there Ivan, Hope all is going well with you. Have some interesting goodies for your article. I am sending to you today a series of 6 pictures: one of the rescue chopper which was a sister bird to the crashed Outlaw 27; one of the hole the rotors chopped as it went down through the trees; three views of the remains after the resulting fire and explosion, (The tail boom with the # 27 visible

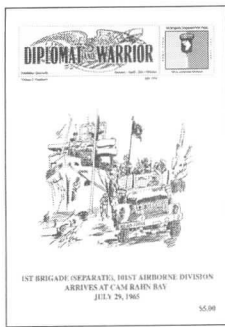


*You can see the upper transmission control head and one side of the helicopter in the aftermath of the fire and explosion.*

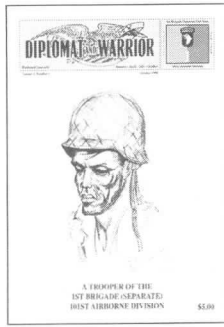
was the only salvageable part.); the only photo surviving of activity during the rescue of the pilot who is on the stretcher. (This was taken by a UPI correspondent, Martin Stuart-Fox who was one of the lucky passengers. He's now a professor at Queensland University in Brisbane, Australia, and has expressed a specific interest in learning the identity of the individuals in his photo)

The trooper we're trying to locate is not in the picture. Hope this gets to you in time for the July newsletter.. I'm putting the photos in the mail today. Call me at home this evening 949-586-8364, or e-mail me if you have any questions or comments... See ya....This is getting exciting.....M

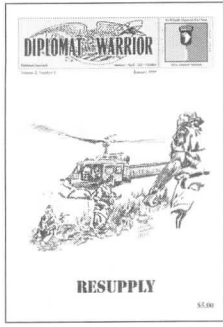




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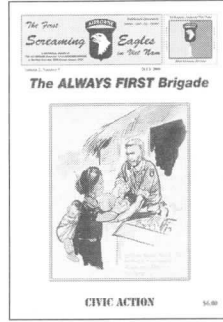
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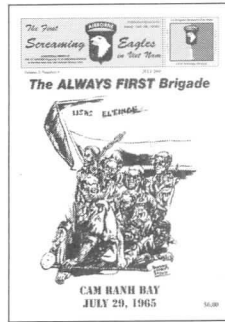
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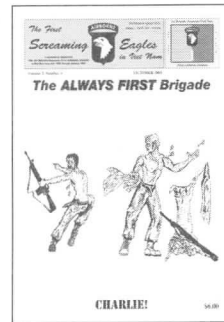
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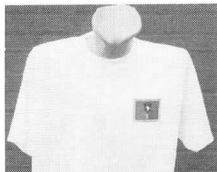
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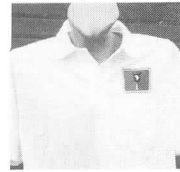
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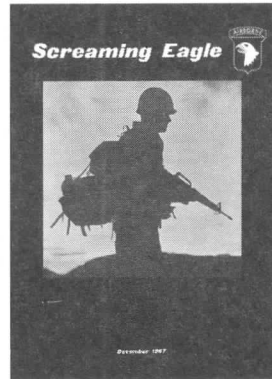
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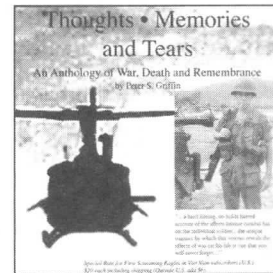
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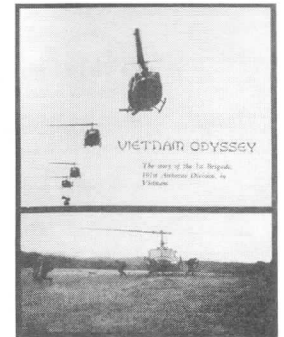
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Columbia, TN 38401

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2706 Colleen Dr.  
Canyon Lake, TX 78133-5336

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2/502 Arty Liaison & 502 Recon 67-68 - 1/03  
909 Joeard Lane  
St. Charles, MO 63301

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326 MED D 6/65-6/68 - 1/03  
23 West Maple Circle  
Brownsville, TX 78521-2657

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Melrose, IA 52569

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2/327 C 1/69-1/71 - 10/02  
139 Francois Road  
Malvern, AR 72104

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326 MED B 7/66-2/67 - 4/03  
33 Sunset Blvd.  
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412 Lincoln Avenue  
Woodland, CA 95695

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37 S. Washington Ave.  
Pulaski, VA 24301-5733

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unit & dates ? - 4/03  
28 East Academy Drive  
Whippany, NJ 07981

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3514 Wood Pile Ct  
Alexandria, VA 22310-3168

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1/502 A VN 67-68 - 4/03  
2314 Doral Ave.  
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2/327 B 7/67-7/68 - 4/03  
4 Bridge St.  
Carthage, NY 13619-1310

COL(R) Seavy A. Bain  
2/327 HHC & A 6/67-6/68 - 4/03  
3425 Plantation Rd.  
Charlotte, NC 28270-0730

Fred L. Battle  
2/327 B 7/65-6/66 - 4/03  
9310 Whitley Rd.  
Louisville, KY 40272-2256

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2/327 C 4/65-7/66 - 4/03  
4328 Love Branch Rd.  
Hampshire, TN 38461

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2/327 A 64-65 - 4/03  
47 Prescott Ave.  
White Plains, NY 10605-3105

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Yonkers, NY 10704-2304

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Carpinteria, CA 93013-1303

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3110 Northeast Drive  
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2/502 RECON 3/66-5/67 - 4/03  
604 Short Spoon Circle  
Rocky Mount, NC 27804

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1022 Trojan Run Dr.  
Soddy Daisy, TN 37379

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505 Bradford Hills Place  
Nashville, TN 37211-7931

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5621 Descartes Circle  
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2203 Caprice Drive  
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Cincinnati, OH 45231

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240 Hamilton Ave.  
Glen Rock, NJ 07452-2205

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Colorado Spngs., CO 80920-5324

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P. O. Box 262  
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306 Eakin St. SE  
Blacksburg, VA 24060-5220

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James T. Cox 1/327 B 5/67-5/68 - 4/03 511 W. 300 N. Hyrum, UT 84319-1037	Robert M. Diaz 1/327 HHC 7/64-3/68 - 4/03 32765 Downieville St. Union City, CA 94587-5466	Lowell M. Fleenor \$ 2/327 A 6/66-4/67 - 4/03 15551 Woodstone Cir. Bristol, VA 24202-4027	SGT(R) Roy D. Gierke 2/327 Inf A 4/67-2/68 - 4/03 448 California St., Lot 75 Hutchinson, MN 55350-1503
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From: CSM(RV) Joseph M. Bossi  
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Subject: Last Roll Call for One of Our 327th Inf. Regt. Brother's, Roland Orlando "Pancho" Avila Died Sunday May 5, 2002

It is my unfortunate duty to advise you that Roland Orlando "Pancho" Avila, of C Company, 1/327, 6/67 to 6/68 died this morning at 0655. He was ill with complications of Hepatitis C. Should you wish to send a card, his family is at: Avila Family, 334 Cicero, San Antonio, TX 78218; 210-657-7530. Funeral arrangements have not been made at this hour.

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