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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).



One of the enterprising brigade photographers caught The Information Officer, Major Ivan Worrell, off guard as he was leaving the Brigade Information Office tent.

For a number of very good reasons this issue is getting in the mail later than I had anticipated. I had hoped to get it in the mail before the reunion - No way! The January 2003 magazine will have a great deal of coverage from the Fort Worth Reunion and some material that I was not able to get into this issue. Ken Arnold is doing a great job of putting an interesting program together for us.

As you can see on the following pages, I have been blessed by many contributions of material, stories and photos that I believe will be interesting to anyone who is a veteran of the 1st Brigade in Viet Nam. I have a new large scanner, now, that will scan a full page of the unit newspaper on one pass.

I cannot find any reference of who to attribute the cover art to so I will thank the Department of the Army for using it on a publication.

I do wish to urge any veteran of the 1st Brigade (S) who has a story and/or photos he would like to share with the other brigade veterans to mail the material to me and I will scan it and return it as soon as I can.



2002
DISTINGUISHED MEMBER
OF THE REGIMENT
INDUCTION CEREMONY



327th INFANTRY REGIMENT

14 JUNE 2002

The Distinguished Member Of the Regiment, 327th Infantry, function at the 1st Brigade Headquarters was a well planned, well organized and a sincere tribute to the veterans of the 327.

The program included a welcome ceremony at Brigade Headquarters, an open house and displays in the Brigade area, lunch in the Brigade Dining Area and an Awards Ceremony.

The complete list of those inducted into the ranks of 327 Infantry Distinguished Members Of the Regiment is shown above. The list of 1st Brigade (S) veterans (who are in my database follows):

**327th INFANTRY REGIMENT
DISTINGUISHED MEMBER
OF THE REGIMENT
FORT CAMPBELL, KY 42223**

**THE 327th INFANTRY REGIMENT
HONORS THE FOLLOWING
DISTINGUISHED
MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT:**

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LTC (R) Charles T. Furgeson
Mr. Douglas Field
Mr. Eli Haggins
Mr. Dale Hansen
Mr. Ken Ihle
Mayor Richard Liebe
1SG (R) Johnnie Lindsay
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Mr. Jim Simchera
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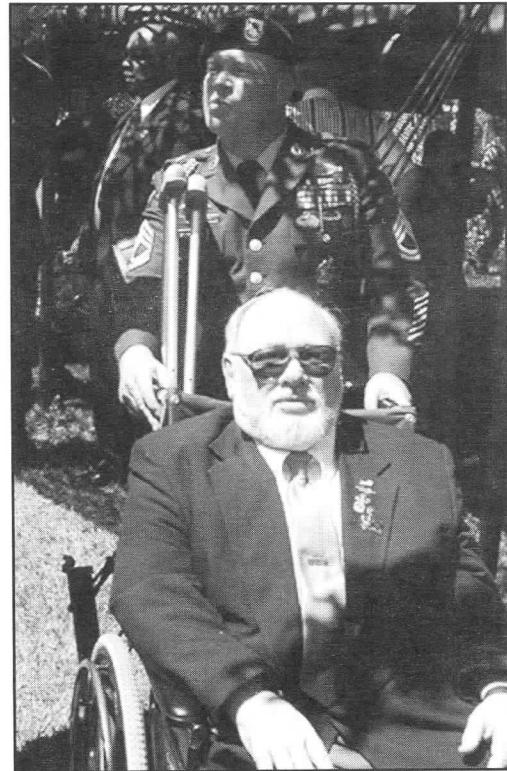
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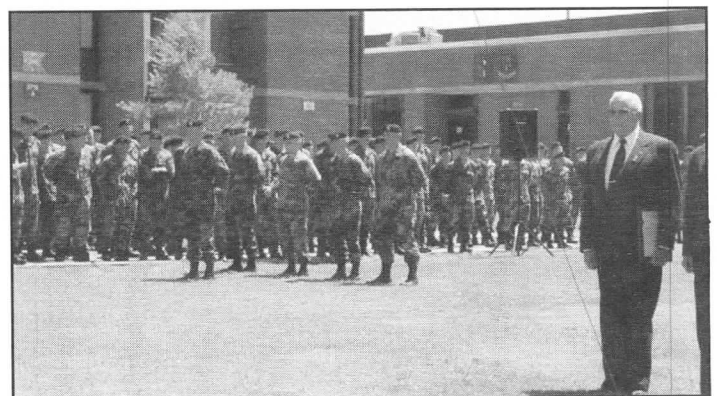
LTC (R) Louis McDonald [2/327 B 5/66 – 10/66] and Lista in the 1st Brigade Dining Facility prior to the DMOR ceremonies, at Fort Campbell, on June 14, 2002.



After the DMOR ceremony Fredrick J. Tregaskes [2/327 B 66- 67] had an opportunity to chat with his many friends. Behind Fred is SFC Jonathan Tregaskes who is now assigned, as an instructor, to the Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia.



Eli Haggins [2/327 A 1/63 – 4/66] looks at the display of photographs of all Distinguished Members Of the Regiment in the 1st Brigade Headquarters at Fort Campbell.



LTC (R) Charles T. (Tom) Furgeson [2/327 A & HHC 5/66 – 5/67] stands tall, in the DMOR formation, after being presented with his certificate.

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101ST ABN DIV ASSN 57TH ANNUAL REUNION

The 57th Annual Reunion of the 101st Airborne Division Association was held at the Sheraton Music City Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee from June 13 – 15, 2002.

On Friday, June 14th most of those attending the reunion went to Fort Campbell, Kentucky to attend, or participate in a Division Review and to attend or be a spectator in Distinguished Member Of the Regiment (DMOR) ceremonies. The review was spectacular as usual. The DMOR ceremony in the First Brigade was well planned and executed and some great 327th veterans were honored.

The following 1st Brigade (S) veterans were listed on the attendance list furnished by the reunion planner:

The following names, of 1st Brigade (S) veterans were on the roster of those who attended the 101st Airborne Division Association 57th Annual Reunion

James D. Agins
326 MED B 7/66-2/67 - 4/03

Joe R. Alexander & Rikki
3/506 A 10/67-10/68 - 10/02

Larry D. Anglin & Ionie
2/502 B 6/65-7/66 - 4/03

Roy "Zeke" Blevins
1/327 C 67-68

SGT Anthony E. Bouchard & Anita
1/327 INF HQ&HQ 64-67 - 1/04

Antonio "Tony" Cardon & Patricia Riddel
1/327 C 67-68

Rowland Cordero
1/327 C 12/66-10/67 - 7/02

SGT(R) David E. Crisler & Janet
1/327 B 6/65-12/65 - 4/03

George W. Day & Shirley
2/327 HQ 7/65-6/66 - 4/03

1SG(R) Eugene Dean
326 ENGR A 66-67

Matt English
2/327 Recon 1/64-6/66 - 4/01

Douglas N. Field & Arline
2/327 B 4/66-12/67 - 4/03

Leon Fletcher
1/327 HHC 12/66-12/67 - 10/03

Michael E. Frieze
2/17 CAV A 65-66

Elmer Galloway & Theresa
502nd

Bernie Grossman
1/327 TF 9/64-9/66 - 4/03



Jim Hersom
1/327

Alvis Hicks & Lori
372th

Richard A. Hise & Karen
1/327 Inf HHC 1/67-8/68 - 4/03

William F. Hustad
3/506 D 4/67-10/68

Sammie D. "Sam" Ipock & Donna
2/327 HQ 63-66 - 4/03

MAJ(R) Walter W. Jackson
1/327 C 7/67-6/68 - 4/03

William M. Madden
2/320 CO 65-66

SFC(R) Malcolm G. McHoul & Debbie
326 MED D 7/65-5/66 - 4/03

Pat McManus & Bobbie
326 ENGR A 11/66-11/67 - 10/02

Ernest G. Moreland
1/327 T.F. 11/66-11/67 - 4/02

Mike O'Connell
1/327 C 67-68

Lee C. Pugh
2/502 HQ 67-68

Ernest Mark Salinas & Zelma
1/327 C 67

John R. Stiles & Linda
2/327 Recon

Johnny Velasquez & Lillian
2/502 B 66-68

William E. Walker
1/327 A

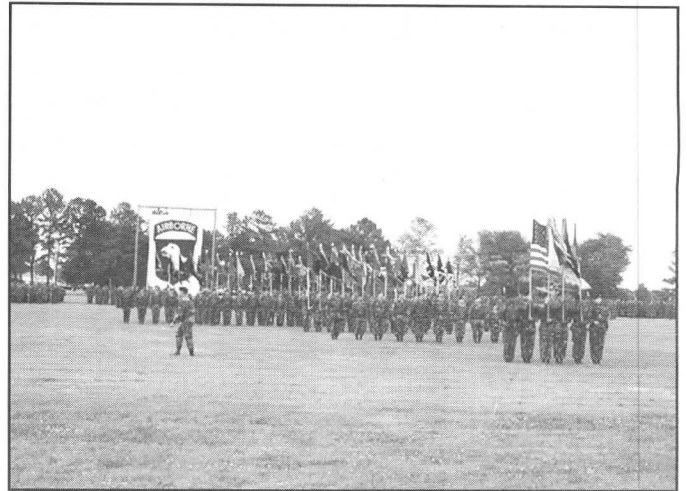
CW4(R) T. Richard Wallace & Angela
426th S&S B 64-71

Michael F. Wilson
2/327 A&C 6/67-3/68 - 10/02

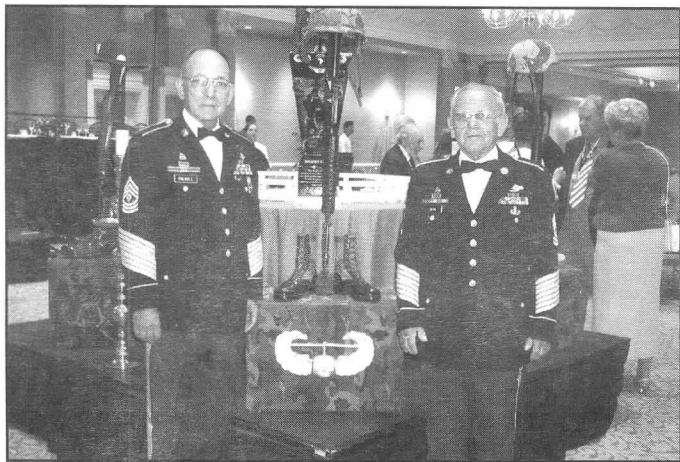
MAJ(R) Ivan Worrell
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A formation of 101st Veterans representing all the conflicts the 101st Airborne Division was the lead unit in the 101st Airborne Division Review at Fort Campbell, Kentucky on June 14, 2002.

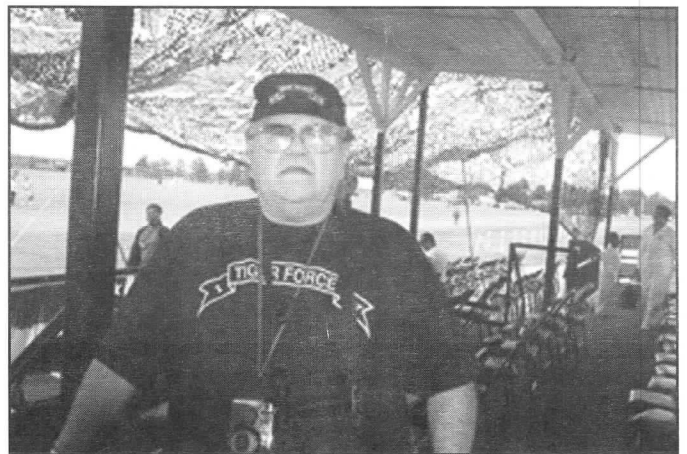


One of the most impressive spectacles at a parade is when all unit colors are presented at the center of the parade field.

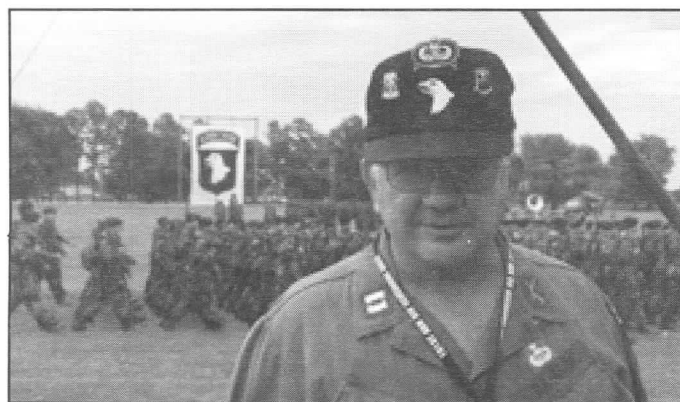


The Memorial Dinner, this year, was extremely meaningful because of the efforts of two 1st Brigade (S) veterans. Billy C. Colwell, Sr. [326 ENGR A 4/66 – 4/67] (L) and 1st SGT (R) Eugene Dean [326 ENGR A 66 – 67] (R) used the model of the proposed 101st Monument as a center piece. The monument will initially be erected in front of the present Division Headquarters building at Fort Campbell.

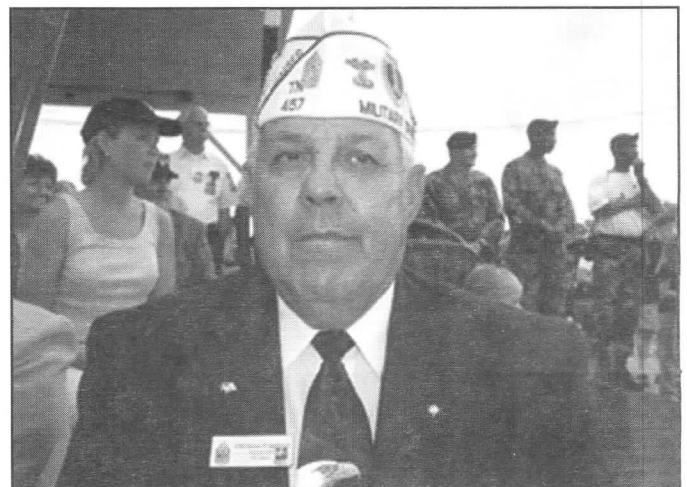
Billy and Dino have devoted countless hours to the design, building the model and helping raise funds to construct the monument. For more information about the monument contact the 101st Airborne Division Association (address on page 36).



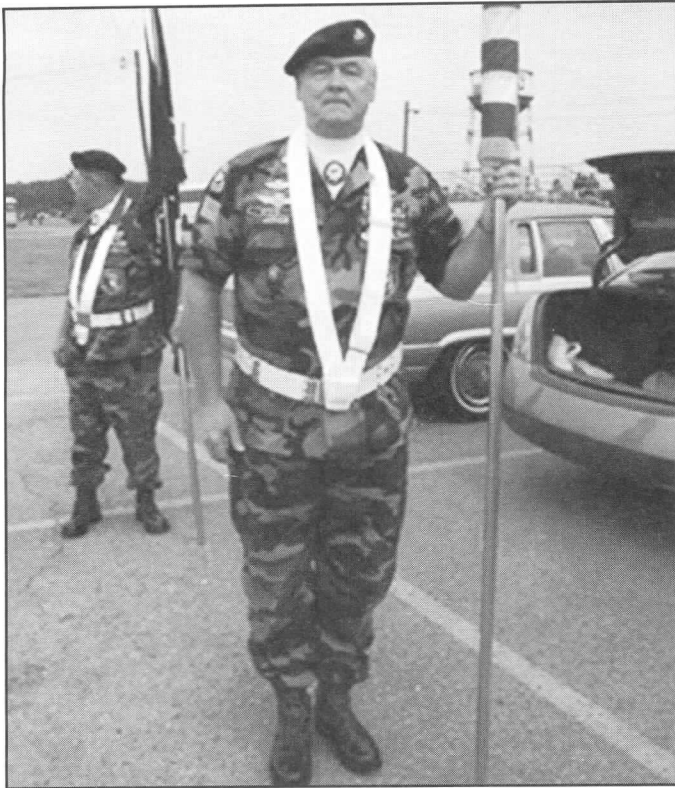
After the parade I talked with SGT Anthony Bouchard [1/327 HQ 64 – 67] who was on the Vietnamese Prisoner liberation raid with Lieutenant Dennis Foley and Sergeant Clive Rose. He let me borrow photos from the raid that will be used in January 2003 issue.



Richard C. Schonberger [2/327 HHC 7/66 – 7/67] during the Week of the Eagles parade on June 14th, 2002. Dick is a past president of the 101st Airborne Division Association and a Distinguished Member of the 327th Infantry Regiment.



Check the photo of the veterans marching and the man in the lead is Harvey P. Appleman [2/327 HQ 2/67 – 2/68]. Harvey was the chairman of the 1998 1st Brigade (S) reunion held in Clarksville, Tennessee and Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Harvey was sitting behind your editor, in the stands after the veterans passed in review. Harvey is a DMOR of the 327th Infantry.



LTC (R) James C. Joiner [2/327 B & C 1/67 – 1/68] is squared away to carry the National Colors as part of the Color Guard that led the veterans formation that was the lead unit in the June 14th Division Review. Jim is a DMOR of the 327th Infantry.

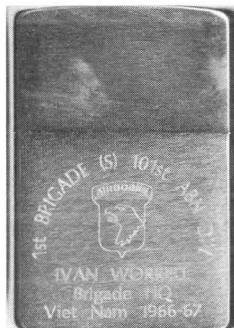


The Screaming Eagle Banner first used by the division in Europe during WWII was proudly displayed at the Week of the Eagles Parade at Fort Campbell on June 14, 2002.

NEW ITEM

PERSONALIZED ZIPPO LIGHTER

This Zippo is engraved with the 101st Patch with the 1st Brigade (S) 101st ABN DIV information arched above the patch. Three (3) lines of engraving show your name, your unit and Viet Nam with the years you served in the brigade. Each line of engraving is limited to 16 characters per line, including spaces. The finish of the lighter is brushed steel.



Cost \$20.00 + \$3.85 Postage (\$23.85)



The 1st Brigade Commander, Command Sergeant Major and the Honorary Sergeant Major of the Brigade present the Distinguished Member Of the Regiment awards.



Douglas N. Field [2/327 B 4/66 – 12/67] and his wife Arline have lunch in the 1st Brigade Dining Facility prior to the Distinguished Member of the Regiment presentation ceremony.

NEW ITEM

INSIDE - OUTSIDE DECAL



This four (4) inch diameter round decal is manufactured so that it may be used both inside and outside. The patch is full color. Price is \$2.50 each postpaid. See order form on page 28.

Brigadier General LeRoy Eltinge

By: Grace Elting Castle

Brigadier General LeRoy Eltinge, a 1896 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, had a long and prestigious military career.

The 64th Annual Report of the Association of Graduates of the US Military Academy (June 12, 1933) provides this information.

"Without mentioning to his family his wish to enter the Military Academy, he took the examination, passed, and entered with the class of '95. A hazing scrape transferred him to the class of '96, and his first assignment was to Troop E, Fourth Cavalry, then stationed at Vancouver Barracks, Washington. In 1898, six troops of his regiment were sent to the Philippines. He was Quartermaster of the Peru, on which General E.S. Otis traveled to assume command of the Eighth Army Corps. The six troops of the Fourth were divided into two squadrons of three troops each, and participated in the fighting around Manila and in the North with Lawton's column until Aguinaldo was captured.

From command of E Troop, promotion took him to further Philippine service with the Sixth Cavalry and to duty with General Franklin Bell's reconcentration forces in Batangas Province. Lieutenant Eltinge accepted a detail in the Quartermaster's dept. in Manila, but promotion coming at that time and the knowledge that his regiment, the newly formed Fifteenth Cavalry, was in a fighting sector among Moros, caused him to apply for duty with his regiment. His first station was the island of Siassi where the mounts for a war-strength troop consisted of two Philippine ponies."

In the ensuing years, LeRoy Eltinge had an impressive Army career which took him from France as a Deputy Chief of Staff of the American expeditionary forces under General Pershing, to acting Chief of Staff in the Philippine Islands, to commander of the First Cavalry in Texas, then as umpire of the Army and Navy maneuvers in Hawaii, and to Fort McPherson, GA where he commanded the Eighth Infantry Brigade. Later, he commanded the First Cavalry Brigade at Fort Clark, TX. His final assignment was in Omaha, Nebraska where, as commander of the Fourteenth Infantry Brigade, he died from pneumonia on May 13, 1931.

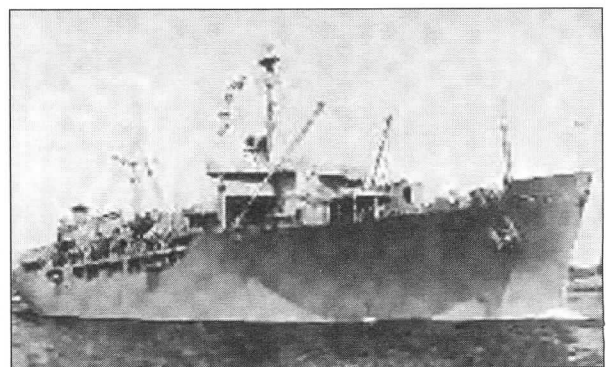


The 64th Annual Report:

"LeRoy Eltinge had an unusually keen and analytical mind and in his several tours of duty at Leavenworth was known as an outstanding expert in Military Art. He was the pioneer in introducing the psychological factor into the course of lectures and wrote a book, "Psychology of War," which was widely used throughout the duration of the war."

Among his many honors were the Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding service in World War I, and the posthumous commissioning of a ship named for him. The General LeRoy Eltinge, launched September 20, 1944 by Kaiser Shipbuilding Co., Inc. in Richmond, CA, was commissioned by the Navy on February 21, 1945.

The ship served throughout the ensuing years, carrying U.S. troops and foreign refugees to and from such places as Guam, Marseilles, Shanghai, Japan, Korea and Germany. In 1952 she made several runs for the United Nations, including transporting Dutch troops from Rotterdam to Korea. She was active during the Hungarian Revolution, the Lebanon Crisis of 1958, and assisted in the rescue of 26 survivors of the SS Halcyon Mediterranean off the coast of Spain. Following her July 1960 support of the UN peace mission in the Belgian Congo, the ship was placed on reserve status. Then in May 1965, she was returned to service to embark 2,497 troops for Southeast Asia. She continued to transport men and supplies from west coast ports to the Far East until, returning to San Francisco from Vietnam in January of 1967, she was placed in ready reserve status.



U.S.N.S. ELTINGE

For one soldier's memories of his trip on the ship during the Vietnam Era, please visit Griffin's Lair website by Peter S. Griffin. Be sure to read his poem "THAT RUSTING CRATE." Also on this page are photos of The General LeRoy Eltinge and a history of the ship.



CLEAN CLOTHES—Refugees found wandering the jungles of Komtum Province by troopers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division receive a new wardrobe at the refugee reception center in Dak To.



ANXIETY — Helicopter crew chief, Sp5 Ronald Romines, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry and Sgt. Maj. John Bittorie, assist refugees evacuated from Viet Cong infested jungles of Komtum Province north of Dak To. More than 130 homeless Montagnards were given a new outlook on life by members of that unit.

Montagnard 'Nomads' Have New Homes, Security By 101st Abn.

Dak To (USA) — On a small monsoon swept ridge in the highlands of Vietnam 130 Montagnard men, women and children ended a year of wandering and hiding from the Viet Cong who destroyed their homes.

As a mortar section of the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division secured a barren ridge top miles to the north of their Dak To camp the sickly Montagnards left the dangers of the heavy

jungle and entered a new realm of safety.

A year ago the hamlet of Dak Sut was overrun by the terrorist Viet Cong. The people left their modest homes and farms to seek refuge in the thick jungle. When the American helicopters brought the troopers of the "Always First Brigade" into the Komtum Province the people began their walk to freedom.

At first 72 people arrived at the mortar outpost but as the helicopters evacuated the

refugees others approached the paratrooper perimeter. They were taken to a makeshift reception center in Dak To where clothing, food and blankets were distributed to the impoverished refugees. Medical aid was administered and arrangements were made to house the people.

Story By
Sgt. Bob Barry, USA
Photos By
Sp4 Robert Lloyd
Sp4 Oddvar Breiland



WANDERING — A paratrooper with the mortar platoon directs the homeless refugees that came into the troopers position north of Dak To. The unit, from one of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division's three infantry battalions,

evacuated 130 Montagnards who had been wandering the jungles of Komtum Province for more than a year.

This page from the MACV newspaper sent by Bill Northquest.

Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle, Sun., Feb. 27, 1966

When The Waiting's Over And Done

By J.G. McDonnell

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. – K.I.A., in Public Information, means Killed In Action.

In any troubled time, in any troubled era, those three small words mean I Loved My Country, and I went where I had to go. However indirect, it is the casualty's last love letter to his wife, his last words to his family and friends.

Three small words...

They're small, all right – so small that in the military world, where diminutives are of the essence, no one, yet has devised a pronounceable diminutive for it. And with good reason.

Scramble the alphabet as you may, try – just try – to come up with a simple-silly that can describe grief.

Granted, this is not a pretty subject; and funeral parlor manners to the contrary, you do not – repeat: do not – know exactly how people feel at a time like this. Because loss is deeply personal. It is as personal as your signature on a check; as personal as the way you brush your teeth: fifty up, fifty down, fifty across, with mounting pressure.

I asked the widow of a Viet Nam casualty: "Exactly how did you feel when the K.I.A. came?"

The healing ??????? or I wouldn't have asked. But she's a brave gal, as all of them are – or learn to be.

"Well... it was like being hit, smack in the face, with a handful of slush. I remember backing up. Thank God for that wall. It cradled me. Minutes later, I groped for a towel. The slush and the tears were one and the same. Then, all of a sudden I was spreading peanut butter and jelly – so. Then I was cutting the bread – so. And then I began to worry about the melder ??? - our children are fussy about the texture of their chocolate drink.

"Let me put it this way: something goes. And it's gone forever. You're never quite the same, ever again. You're never quite the same about the phone ringing at midnight. And you don't choke, and cover it with a cough, when a knock comes at the door. In?????????????"

But sometimes there is a postscript to that last mess – to that last word, and it comes later in the form of a posthumous award. It's a hollow crown on a cold headstone, true, but it sets the subject apart and gives his special status in the military establishment and in the hearts of family and friends.

There are, however, mixed emotions about this sort of thing – mixed emotions, and sometimes regrets. For instance, the wife of a casualty of the Korean War once told me: "I accepted the Purple Heart for him, but never again. It's too



STAFF SERGEANT RONALD E. TAYLOR – Mrs. Evelyn D. Taylor of Fort Campbell accepts the Purple Heart and Vietnamese awards (Medal of Military Merit and Gallantry Medal with palm) for her late husband. Major General Beverley E. Powell makes the presentation.



SERGEANT ANTHONY D. SHEFFIELD – Mrs. Linda Sheffield of Indian Mound accepts the Purple Heart medal for her late husband. Major General Beverley E. Powell makes the presentation.



CAPTAIN ROBERT E. RAWLS – Mrs. Joan Rawls of Clarksville accepts the Bronze Star medal for her late husband. Accepting the Purple Heart medal for her late son is Mrs. Vernon Rawls of Washington, D.C. Brigadier General Ward S. Ryan is making the presentations.



FIRST SERGEANT THOMAS E. THAYER, JR. – Mrs. Mary J. Thayer of Clarksville accepts the Silver Star medal for her late husband. Major General Beverley E. Powell makes the presentation.

much like a second funeral. Even an old wound can bleed, you know."

No. I did not know. But my imagination is fair to center.

When, months later, her husband's Bronze Star came through, she asked that it be mailed to her.

"I gave it to our son on his sixteenth birthday. I had never opened the case. Nor had I read the citation. Then Viet Nam ??? exploded. Now I'm beginning to realize what a magnificent legacy a posthumous award can be."

"And what an example it points!"

Editor's Note: This paper was sent by Larry Anglin, 2/502 B 6/65-7/66. The paper is old and cracked and taped together so that some words cannot be read. ??? indicates these places.

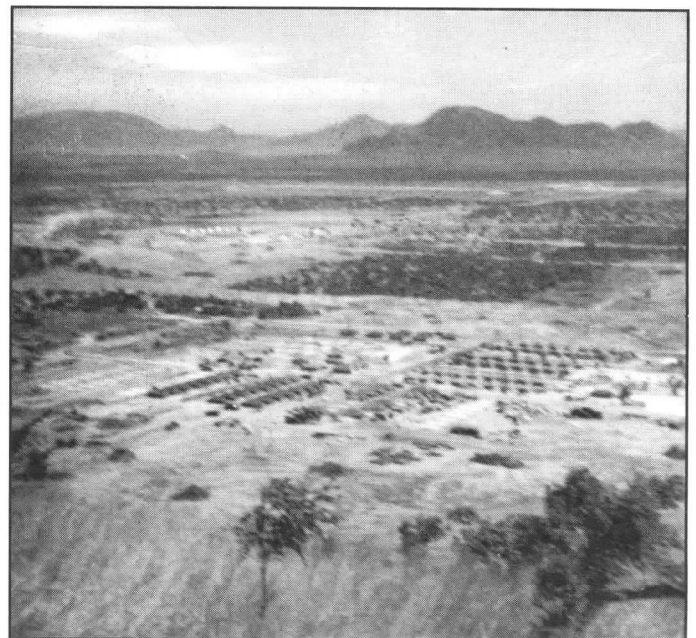


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Strike Force

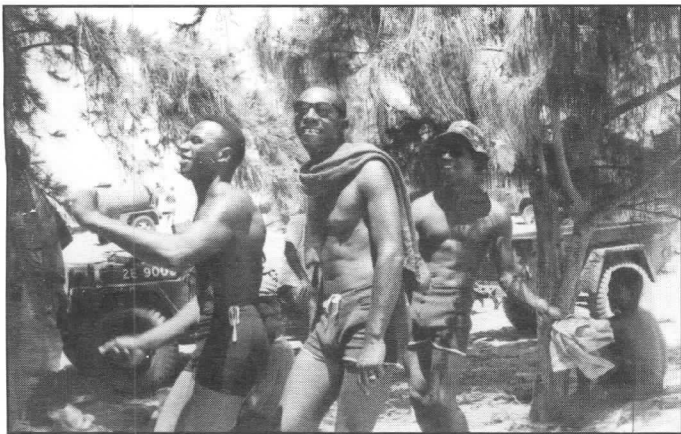


THEY'VE GOT US SUR-
ROUNDED. THE POOR
BASTARDS"

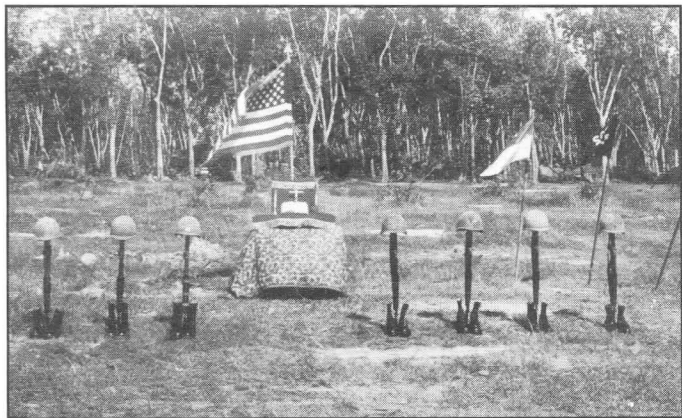
Sign over the door of the Mess Hall of B Company 2/502.
(Photo by George Bassett)



Larry Anglin sent this photo of the 1st Brigade (S) base Camp at Phan Rang.



This photo sent by Larry Anglin was taken at Tuy Hoa and features SSG Willie "Sweet Willie" Lee Mess Sergeant Headquarters Company 1/327 (he died in August of 1995), SSG Ranger Crawford Communication Sergeant Headquarters Company 1/327 (he died in Germany in 1972), SSG Larry Anglin Weapons Squad Leader B Company 2/502 and Sergeant Lopez Fire Team Leader in B Company 2/502 Sgt Lopez was shot in the jaw shortly after this picture was taken . The round went down into his chest area. Larry Anglin says that is the last time he saw him.



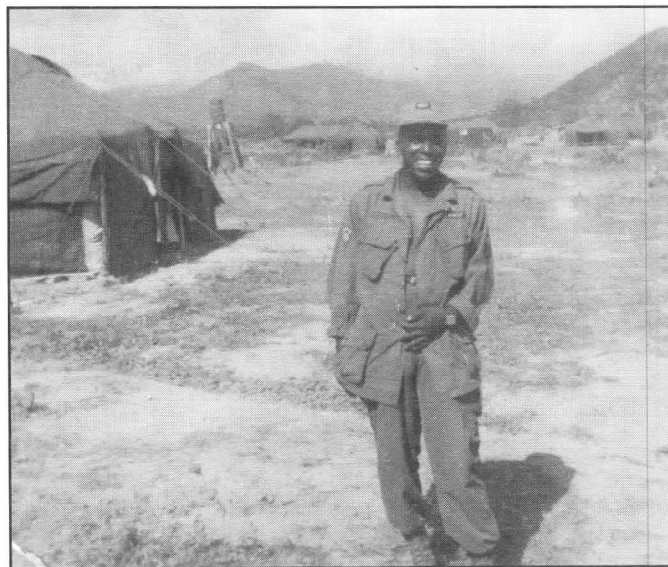
Memorial Service for 2/502 men Killed in Action. (Photo by George Bassett)



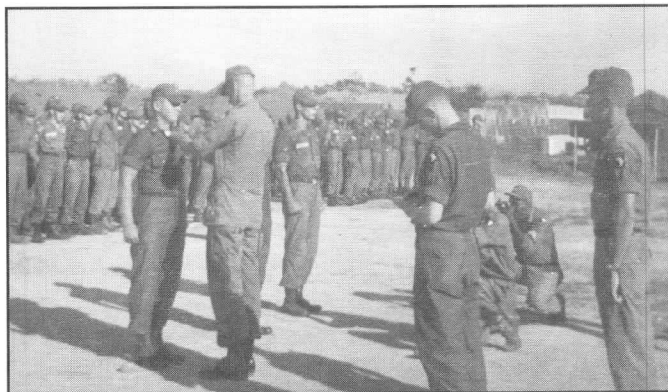
SSG Larry D. "Razor Charlie" Anglin with his squad members at Phan Rang 1965.



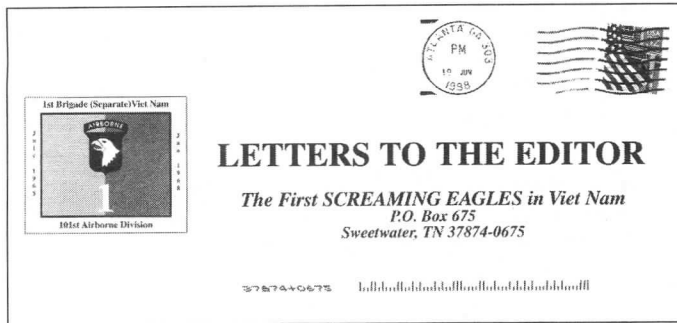
SSG Coats and his Squad members.



Doc LaGrone Company Medic for B Company 2/502. The scenery looks like Phan Rang.



Lieutenant Howard Reeves, B 2/502, is awarded a Bronze Star at a Battalion formation. The caption does not name the presenter; however it appears to be 2/502 Battalion Commander LTC Henry E. "Gunfighter" Emerson.



**MESSAGES FROM THE
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Served with C/2/502 Apr-Nov 66, served with the 82nd prior
to VN. Retired in 82 after 23 yrs. Would like to make contact
with anyone who might remember me.

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Great to see that someone has done something for those of us
who served first, will always be part of the 1st Bde....we were
the best.

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Strike Force Comrads: For about 2 years I have been collect-
ing names and addresses of men that served in the Recon
Platoon (HHC and later Co E) 2/502 from July 65-Jan 72. This
is the initial phase of a planned reunion of all guys from all
years that served in RVN. I have also collected a list of all
strike force men for these years. The project is too big. I need
a volunteer from each company to take care of the names from
their respective company. There is also some talk about start-
ing a Strike Force site. Help might be needed there also. Those
of you who have helped in the past. Thanks! Note my new E-
mail address. Your Servant. Jim Brinker Recon 2/502 69-70



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Served with "D" 2nd/502nd 68/69. Would love to hear from
anyone that served at that time.



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Supported C/2/502 as demo man (Tex), looking for Harms and
others that served under Capt. Anderson.



Subject: JOHN H. HARDING (PIPKIN CEMETERY, BENTON AR)
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John Harding was a trooper of A 2/327th Infantry 101st
Airborne 1st Brigade. He was my friend and "homie." He was
killed in a terrible battle on October 8, 1967. He was a combat
tracker (11B2P) and a friend and great skytrooper. This is for
you my friend. I will never forget and my childrens' children
will never forget. I promise. Rest easy brother, you are home.



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I had the wrong email address listed the correct address is
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B Co 2/502...7-66 to 6-67..HHC 9-67 to 2-68 in mess hall.
Do any remember me???



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I am trying to locate the 2/502, S-4 Sgt. who replaced Sgt.
Huerta with the 1st Bde sometime in Apr. or May 67! Believe
he was an E-6 then and possibly Sgt. Smith (?). Also, anyone
know any way to contact the infamous Goldy (Golden accord-
ing to Brien Richards). This guy walked point in Black PJ's,
carrying an AK 47. Wondering if anyone is in touch with him
OR has more than just a moniker. THANK YOU, and ALL
THE BEST to the best guys anyone could have had the privi-
lege to serve with!



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Anyone know Steve Hirt, or how to get in contact with him?
Was in 1st 2nd 502nd in 1967-1968.

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Ivan, I regret that I have to report that 1/327 A Co (12/66 to 5/14/67) Senior Aid Man, John H. Smyth died of (throat cancer) June 25, 2002. In Viet Nam he showed much courage and demanded "Above the Rest" behavior from his company medics. He quickly learned the ways of the bush because he listened and learned from those that had gone before him. He was a Irish citizen, and fought for his adopted country without question. I wrote letters and talked to him on the telephone but couldn't quite make a face to face meeting. John, had his battles with the military too. There was question about if he should be awarded the Purple Heart for wounds, on 14 May 1967 in a enemy contact called "Mothers Day Hill." John, served as an Alameda, CA Police Officer and retired after his health started to fail. I never will forget him. He was wounded trying to help me while I was giving First Aid to another in that ambush. I got a chance to meet his huge family at his memorial service and as for me, it felt good to be around that many loyal Americans. I miss him. He is truly "Above the Rest." "ABU" John

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Served A Co. 2/327 Oct 65 to Oct 66 Capt Fugerson's R.T.O looking for Hazeltine, Watson, see you all at the reunion at Ft Worth in Oct...Pat

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Looking to hear from either Earl Brantly or Steve Myers. They served with Co. A 2/502 in 1967. Would like to know what they can remember of the last firefight of their friend Aldwin A. "Sparky" Ellis Jr. He was KIA on Oct 7, 1967. I have some of his medals and things and would like to find out more about his last fight. If either of these gentleman have photos of Sparky in Vietnam, I would be most grateful to get copies of them. Sincerely, John M. Vaughn III



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Served in Co. A 2/502, 1st. plt.weapons squad. Went over on the Cruise Ship Eltinge. Survived the tour and returned in June 66. Looking for Richard Gary Paisley he was shot through both legs in Tuy Hoa???

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I was a member of the C Company, 1/327 from Sept 1966 to Oct 1966. When we moved to Kontum, I was reassigned to the Recondo Platoon, HHC, 2/502nd. I stayed with them until I DEROS'd in Sept 67. I walked point for 3rd Squad, 2nd Section. I am looking for any old Recondos from that era. Tough to find. I have been to all the LRRP/Ranger sites and they were all with Division. I am looking for Shepherd, Doc Bagley, John Briggs AKA "Pudd", Doc Llorens, Benavides, Calvin "Preacher" Rollins, Gary Hillyer, Moke, Roney, SSG Boyer (the Ice man with the eyes!), and so many others. Can someone help. Please advise. Thanx in advance. br

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"Numba One" site! I spent my last couple weeks in the Nam at Camp Eagle with the 2/11 Arty. WANTED: Audiotapes/CDs of Vietnam radio traffic, fire missions, firefights, incoming, cockpit tapes, AFVN, etc. Also Vietnam home movies on VHS. I have beaucoup same-same to trade and can email my list. Thanks!

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I'm sending membership as I write, I went over on Leroy Eltinge (KP volunteer) with 2/320th Arty. Later (1966-67) as FO for B Co 1/327th, then DEROS/ETS July 67. Looking for Sgt Peoples or Sgt Charlie Walker. Thanks

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Hello, Fellow troopers anyone looking for Gary Akins Tiger Force 65-66. I have found him. He now lives in Columbia, S.C. retired from the Military. Putting his Ranger knowledge to use at the S.C. Boot Camp for the young ones who have taken

the life of crime. Contact me and I will give him the message, will try and see if he wants me to give out his home number.

Editor's Note: I would like to have Gary's address. He is in my database with a bad address.

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HHC 2/502 Recondos 66-67

Ivan, sorry I'm late. Wife has breast cancer. This has a way of turning your life upside down. We were told the operation removed all the cancer and she is now getting radiation treatments. I just found your renewal notice, I sent it out today. Jim Gould

Editor's Note: Jim, our prayers are with Catherine.

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Just wondering if anyone of you was diagnosed with Amoebic Dysentery from the "bad water" we consumed from outside the SF camp in Feb-Mar. '67? For those who don't remember, our operation was shut down because SO MANY guys came down with Malaria-like symptoms. Anyway, I ended up medivaced because of my bout with it and am having recurring symptoms and intestinal problems that the drs. can't diagnose. I am just wondering if anyone else has had similar experiences (tough to get old, huh)! All the best Guys!

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I'm helping a friend of mine who lost her father, SFC John James Dawes, in a chopper that went down in RVN on 5 May 1966. His body was never recovered and she would like to contact anyone that knew him in Nam. Contact can be made through me initially. Thanks.

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I am looking for anyone who might have known by brother, John William Meadows. He was from Albuquerque, New Mexico. He went over on the ship in 1965 with 2/502. I believe that he was with A or B Company. After returning to the world, a picture of him sitting on a paddy dike was featured in the SATURDAY EVENING POST. I, myself, am a 2 tour Vet, as well as another brother, Terry, who also served with the 101. John was KIA on his 2nd tour while with the 173rd. If anyone might remember him, please send an e-mail to me.

E-MAIL MESSAGES

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Dear Mr. Worrell, Thank you for adding my e-mail about my trip and Medical Center in The Always First Brigade. It was very nice of you to do this. I hope that I can get some feedback. Also, do you have someone that was attached to the 326th Medical Battalion? It would be from 65-66. I want to know how they kept records of personnel taken to the field hospital and how their injuries were reported. In this issue, I have a question about Tuy Hoa as we, the 1st/327th was assigned to help out our sister Co, C/502nd in Tuy Hoa. We ran into the 95th or 24th NVA and were surrounded and gun ships were firing at our position. Do have any recall of this? What about My Phu. Sgt. Galen Mitchell and I left with 11 in our squad that day and we received many wounded about 50 and Sgt. Mitchell and I were the only ones left in our squad. Mitch wrote a letter in my behalf on that incident. Hope all is well with you and keep up the good work. Your are a cut above the Rest. ATR&NS, Tom Joyce

Editor's Note: Can anyone answer Tom's question?

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Joe, I believe I have uncovered some facts as to why none of us can find 5th/27Arty in 101 archives. Through Ivan's wonderful publication (to which I have subscribed) I have located several redlegs who overlapped my 1966 tour or thereafter. One a Bty Cmdr trailing me 6 months who I had to have met but don't remember in the same Bty. The Bn was a reserve unit activated from Ft. Lewis, WA in late '65, traveled via ship to Cam Rahn and attached to 101 at Tuy Hoa where I joined Jan '66 as replacement from XVIII Abn Corp at Bragg. About the time I left end of '66 (first few weeks of '67 through CamRahn). I am told the Bn was de-attached from 101 back to MACV and newly arriving 4th Inf Div. Also am told this is roughly when 1st Bde moved to Kontum. My last six months in country was in support of and in SF camps so I lost direct contact with 101 but I was always proud to wear 101 combat patch.

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Ivan, It was an honor to meet you at the DMOR ceremonies this past June. I have always enjoyed your Magazine since the

first issue, back when it was called the Diplomat and Warrior. Attached are a couple of pictures taken at the DMOR ceremony, I have more if you are interested.



Myself and Lt Col Hodges?



Eli Haggins, myself, Russ McDonald, Dale Hansen and Jim Simchera

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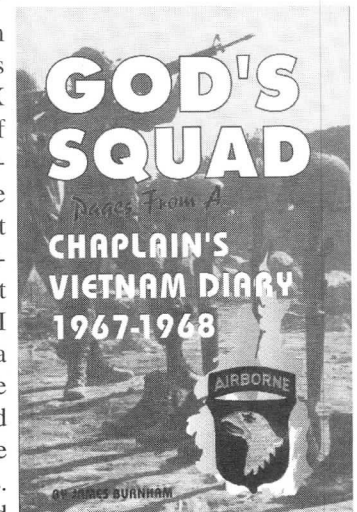
Dear Ivan, The Father (MAJ) Barragy piece in the July 2002 magazine brought to mind an interesting aspect to the crash. On May 3, 1966 I had returned to Phan Rang from meeting my wife in Tokyo on R&R. I flew on to Nhon Co early on May 4, and met my Battalion Commander (of the 2/320th FA), Lieut. Col. William F. Braun. He told me we would board a CH-47 late that afternoon and fly out to the firing position of A Battery, 2/320th, where my Executive Officer, 1LT Jack Shepard, was acting as commander in my absence. He would remain overnight in A Battery, and return by being picked by Brigade Commander Brig. Gen. Pearson's helicopter the next

morning. As we were walking to the helipad, we passed the mess hall of Headquarters Battery, 2/320th. Lieut. Col. Braun smelled meat roasting in the field kitchen there, and asked me what was being served that evening in Headquarters Battery. I answered "fresh roast beef with mashed potatoes and gravy." He asked what we were eating in A Battery. "C-Rations." He thought for a moment and then stated we would stay in Headquarters Battery for dinner and overnight, and he would arrange for us to fly out to my battery the next day on Brig. Gen. Pearson's helicopter. Lieut. Col. Braun and I were eating in the mess hall when the word came that the CH-47 we had intended to board had crashed, killing everyone on it, including Chaplain Barragy. I owe my life to Bill Braun's appetite for fresh meat on May 4, 1966.

Hope to see you in October in Fort Worth.
 "Willing and Able"
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Ivan, I've read most of the books, and seen most of the movies, and decided I didn't care to read/see any more. Then, the other day I got this book "God's Squad, Pages from a Chaplain's Vietnam Diary, 1967-1968," by Chap James Burnham (formerly from Georgia). It's about 1/2" thick and 5 1/2" X 8 1/2", with a cover picture of a field military memorial service with bayonets in the ground, etc., and the 101st patch on fire, in color. I started reading it and couldn't put it down until finished. I remembered a lot, laughed a lot, and cried some. He served with the 2/327 and 3/506. You have to get the book from him at: James L. Burnham, 1205 Rosewood Ct, Williamston, SC 29697. Cost is \$12.00 which includes shipping. Please get a copy and read it, and maybe put it in your magazine. Also, three other books - Six Silent Men (Books 1, 2, and 3) are about the LRRPs from the 1st Bde to the Division, and home. Published by Ivy Books, with ISBN #s 0-8041-1566-4, 0-8041-1564-8, and 0-8041-1567-2, and are sold at Wal-Mart for about \$7.00. Paper backs, and a good addition to your Airborne library, and maybe a mention in your magazine.



Editor's Note: Grady, I did order the book and have read it. I recommend it for anyone who served in the 1st Brigade (S).

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My name is Kurt E. Stade I served in Viet-Nam in 1966-1968, presently I am a member with the 82nd AB located in Utica N.Y. I would prefer to belong to the organization I went into battle with. While serving in Viet-Nam I was stationed for a time in Long-Bien, Quan-tri, Phan-Rang, Tuy-Hoa. While enroute to Viet-Nam a lot of my unit's records were lost, this is one of the reasons for the many locations while there. Fortunately I have just recently received a copy of my DD-214 for the proper information on it from a friend in the Federal Government. I received my ABN trng at FT. Bragg, N.C. in 1965-1966, with immediate orders for Viet-Nam.

----- Original Message -----

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Saw your mail in Ivan's July pub. Been trying to remember your unit name for several years. I was LT. with A/5/27 a 105 counterpart to 1/30th. in 1966. Only recently got interested in reconstructing that mess. Early retirement 3 yrs ago leaves time on my hands. A/5/27 was at Phan Thiet, Phan Rang and later back to Tuy Hoa. Moved to Phan Rang when airbase was opened about Feb '66 and to support 101 Repl Det. and later the ROK Tiger Div when they arrived. We chopped up A when the first SF camp at Ashau (think I butchered the spelling) was overrun in early '66 and put one two tube Sec at SF HQ in NhaTrang where I remained thru Dec '66. I remember the entire year a 155 unit working with B/C Btys near TuyHoa but as they say "for the life of me" I couldn't recall the unit. While with SF I plotted defensive preps for several II Corp camps and well remember the presence of your unit. My memory tells me there was only one 155 Bty; 2 max. Is that right? My real question revolves around your comment about being "reflagged." Since my inquiries in the recent years I couldn't understand why 101 archives show no reference to 5/27. Learned recently from Charlie Bty CO who trailed me 6 mos that 5/27 was detached about Jan '67 after I rotated. Did your comments infer the troops and assets of 1/30 physically remained with 101 under a different unit name????? I suffer from CRS (Can't Remember Stuff syndrome). Regards; any comments welcomed.<Kingsport, Tn.>

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Bill, B Bat 1/30th was with 101 until Apr 10, 1967. 1st Field Force wanted B Bat to return to Division control to support 1st Cav. 101 wanted B Bat to stay with them. Tug-of-war ensued. Resolved when B Bat was re-flagged as C Bat 6/16th Arty. C Bat had been overrun at LZ Bird Dec 27 66 and was destroyed as a fighting unit. They had come to RVN as a free-standing battery, no battalion, no nothing. They were adopted by 1/30th Arty and re-flagged as B Battery, stayed with 1/30th, became part of 1st Cav, etc. See 1/30th site at www.hardchargers.com. Great site, lots of history. Article about C 6/16th in newsletter(Bastard Battery). Password is 2002reunion. Happy reading. JP

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I am searching by request of an elderly friend, Marie Bush of Lebanon, Tn. Her son, James Bush, was killed in Vietnam March 4, 1966. I graduated from high school with James and he was the first in our county to die in Vietnam. For many years, I wanted to tell his mother that I thought of him often and was mindful of the sacrifice he had made. I hesitated because I was afraid I would add to her pain. Two years ago after taking my 6th graders to the traveling Vietnam Wall in Nashville, I asked my students to write to her and I included my own letter. Marie and I have been friends since then. She, of course, is still grieving and in her last years burns with the desire to hear details of James' experiences. He was with the 101st Airborne, 1st Brigade, 327th Infantry, Co. B. She believes he was in Phan Rang in Jan 1966 and Tuy Hoa was listed on another paper. Could you possibly find someone who could tell her something/anything about her son? Time is very important...I pray that you can help her find some peace, if that is possible. Sincerely, Pam Eatherly

Editor's Note: SP4 James E. Bush, KIA 3/4/66, he is listed on my casualty list as being from PA, killed by small arms fire.



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Dear Major Worrell, I am writing to thank you and your magazine for putting me in contact with so many thoughtful people. I'd particularly like to thank, Chaplain James Burnham, Sid Fuller and Dr. Richard L. Porter MD for their thoughts and generosity in sharing their stories of time in Vietnam with my father, Captain Karl Baudistel (AATTV Australia) who was KIA in 1967. Many others, too numerous to name, also wrote with support and stories and I would like to sincerely thank them also. Since Chaplain Burnham first wrote his letter, I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of American Vietnam Vets. I have received your magazine courtesy of Sid

Fuller and I received a video showing footage of my father and details about his character and how he was killed from Dr. Porter. Photos were also sent from one of your readers via an Australian Vet. I am forever grateful. I would appreciate very much if you could pass on my appreciation to your readers.

Sincerely, Vanessa Baudistel

P.S. We have an annual parade (in every city and country town) for all war veterans in Australia called ANZAC Day. In April this year, I proudly marched on behalf of my father for the first time.

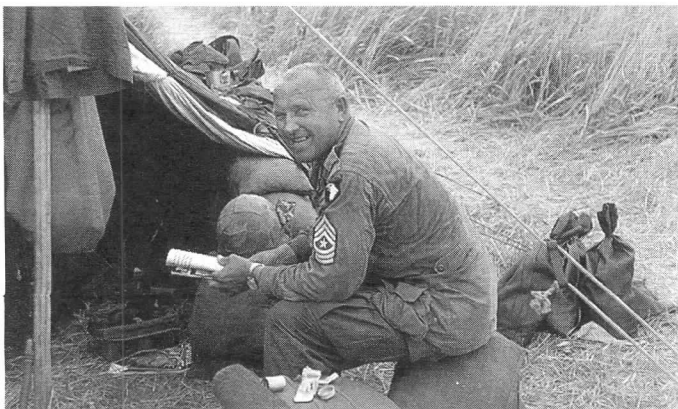
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Mr. Worrell, I would like to thank you for this site. I have found at least one other trooper I served with in Vietnam. I have been looking for 30 years and I finally found someone. I was a member of the Recondo Platoon, 3rd squad, 2nd Section. I walked point for them for 9 1/2 months. I was in country from Sept 66 to Sept 67. I was with C Company, 1/327 until Oct. Then I was with Recondos from October 1966 to September 1967. I missed just 3 weeks in June, I had malaria. Never got my R&R. Did "in country" R&R at Cam Rhan Bay, 6th Convalescence Center. Thanks again.

Sincerely, Brien Richards, Recondo Platoon, HHC, 2/502nd, 1st BDE, (Separate), 101st ABN DIV

Editor's Note: We had a bad address on Brien from a prospect mailing since the JULY 1998 issue. Since seeing the web site now his address is correct (P.O Box 6801, Kingman, AZ 86402).

Subject: Still Beautiful as Ever- Sgt. Major Saboloski
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Ivan, in recent emailing between other 1st Bde vets there seems to be a consensus that one of the most well-loved leaders of our time in VN was Sgt. Major Walter Saboloski! I realized I had developed this picture (probably from our days in Duc Pho) of him and decided I'd share it with you. You may want someday to profile him and his career-I'd certainly love to learn more



about him -OR you may just want to post this picture. I am aware of his involvement with Capt. Carpenter (controversial event during our service) BUT no one will ever conflict on how courageous Sabo was then and, I believe, during his entire US Army career. Anyway, here he is, "as pretty a soldier as ever!" All the best, Ivan, and looking forward to our next magazine issue. YOU DO ONE HELL OF A JOB in keeping us together AND documenting our activities those many (35+) years ago. I hope you plan to keep up your dedicated service to the Always First Brigade! Sincerely, Paul Grimes



Honor Ceremony Somewhere between. Jan-July '67

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Ivan, here's the other picture I recently came across. Don't recall that location OR what operation it follows. All the best, Sincerely, Paul

RE: Tennessee's family located
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All those who were looking for information on Curtis Cothran, "Tennessee," I have email sites for his brother and one sister. They are looking forward to all who would "talk" to them about their brother. They are some super people and I can see why Curtis was such a special kid. For those of you who do not know, he was killed Sept 67. If you have any info, please share with the family. The brother, Bob, is 26 year veteran, retired SGM. His mom is still alive, bless her heart! I encourage all who know anything, pass it along. They have been looking for those who served with or knew Curtis for years.

Sincerely, Brien Richards

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Ivan, I arrived Vietnam Nov. 1965, I left Vietnam April 1967 after being wounded five times. Went back with the 82nd in 68 only 3 mo. You can send forms to the address. Had surgery,

wife thought I would die, probably misplaced forms. I am the guy that walked point at Doc To when we had to make a pay jump because no one was jump qualified. Were you there? The LT that told me to give him 10 for loosing my pot, what kind of strap did the Army give us. Looking forward to seeing you -- been there done that. Oh I am 238 percent disabled. I was also the sniper with the 3006 with the 3 to nine Bushnell scope that has 98 kills. Have a good day.

Editor's Note: I do not know the unit Ralph served in.

Re: Operation SEAGULL Jan., '66 Ninh Thuan Province
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"Above the Rest!" Ivan, I am writing an article about Operation SEAGULL which had the 1/327 making a night beach assault from Vn Navy "motor sailors." It was during the 1st week of Jan., '66 while the rest of the 1/101 deployed to Tuy Hoa. Do you have any recollections of that episode? I need some documentation, maps, photos, etc. and am sending out about 50 letters and emails to 1/327 vets on my roster who were there at the time. Did the "Screaming Eagle," the in-country newspaper, publish anything about that to your knowledge? I know Tiger Force and C 1/327 did "hit the beach" at O'dark thirty and why no one drowned I'll never know. I was lugging a PRC-25 along w/ the rest of my gear and jumped into water that was up to my neck when the waves receded and over my head when they came in. I did enjoy, the wrong word, the article on Hill 86, Sept. 17, '66. I have talked to several men who were on the hill that night and am glad I wasn't there! Also, I have been working on the 1st Bde Roll of Honor (on our website) and have used your lists of 1st deaths to check and expand what we have. There are now 1100 1st Bde troopers listed but I don't have many for the time after the rest of the 101st landed to '72. How can I get the names of those who died after that time? Best wishes, Dave

Editor's Note: Dave, I was not in country until May of 1966. The Brigade newspaper was then a mimeographed paper. I know of no information in my files relative to Operation Seagull. I will put your message in the October issue and perhaps attract some answers for you. If you have found omissions or corrections to the KIA lists I ran in the magazine I would be interested in any material you may have developed. I would also be interested in publishing anything you write about the 1st Brigade (S). Thanks for the kind words.

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After reading the August 2002 VFW magazine, I glanced at the reunion section in back and discovered your E-mail address. This note is an inquiry regarding the reunion, when, where and any point of contact. I served in the 1st Bde, A Co. 326



Engineer Bn. and Bde HQs Long Range Reconnaissance Platoon from January 1964 thru September 1966, as a Sergeant. I then returned to Division and C. Co. 326 Engineers. Entered Engineer OCS in January 1967 returned to VN 2 more times and retired.

FROM THE U.S.POSTAL SERVICE

+ OSSIE BURTON, 2/327 B 12/65-5/66, P. O. Box 205, Palatka, FL 32178 wrote: I really enjoy the magazine. I wish I had something to add to it, but when I got shot, they sent me back and I left everything over there. Like most Vets, I spent too many years trying to wipe the memories out and now all I can remember is small snapshots here and there, but nothing cohesive enough to make a story. Keep up the good work.

+ LEONARD A. VITHA, 2/502 Recon HQ 7/66-7/67, 13 B 12th Place NW Street, Owatonna, MN 55060 sent the following: I thought you might be interested in this. I had a 1st Brigade (Sep) display for the seventh annual All Airborne Days hosted by the Mid-West All Airborne Alliance. The get together was held on August 17, 2002 at Minneapolis, MN.



Myself and John Wayrynen, brother of Dale who received the MOH posthumously 502 1st Brigade 1967, had the only displays there and it was all 101st Airborne 1st Brigade. It peaked the interest of other airborne unit attendees.

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Operation GERONIMO I Keeps Enemy Moving

By Sgt. Bob Barry

PHU YEN—“They are a scared and desperate outfit, but most of them won't give up till it's the last resort,” said Major Al Thieme best explaining the situation in the dense jungle highlands northwest of Tuy Hoa.

Major Thieme is the executive officer of the 502d Infantry, one of three battalions deployed to crush the 12th Battalion, 95th North Vietnamese army regiment.

The operation dubbed “GERONIMO I,” began Nov. 1 with a two battalion air assault. The principle employed by the “Always First” Brigade was one of clandestine observation.

Once into the heavy jungle, the infantry broke up into platoon and squad size units and began around-the-clock watches.

Just before dawn of the 7th, an estimated company of NVA attacked the Battery “A,” 320th Artillery position. The waiting was over.

In the unsuccessful attempt to overrun the battery the enemy unit lost eight men, and many wounded were carried off as attested to by blood trails.

It took another complete day for the infantry to engage a sizable enemy force.

Lead elements of the 502d Infantry's elite Recon force

found light enemy resistance as they took a jungle base camp. They moved on to link up with one of their battalion's three companies only

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GERONIMO I Summary

TUY HOA, 10 Nov — Paratroopers from the 1st Brigade continued Operation GERONIMO I engaging elements of the 95th North Vietnamese army (NVA) regiment, the same regiment they soundly defeated eight months ago in the Tuy Hoa area.

In the mountains west of Tuy Hoa violent fighting broke out between the well armed, and entrenched NVA

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Sabalauski Keeps Honor With Enemy

PHU YEN — In every battle there are deeds of bravery, heroism, and valor. After the fight is over comes the time for congratulations and tales of daring.

On a dense jungle hilltop this week moments of compassion and understanding were found for a defeated enemy.

Paratroopers of the 1st Brigade are engaged in a running battle with elements of the 95th North Vietnamese army regiment.

“They're soldiers, and like us they have their beliefs and causes. We have defeated them and now it is the time for honor on the battlefield,” said 1st Sergeant Walter Sabalauski, recent winner of a DSC. He spoke in the midst of 12 captured enemy soldiers and set the mood for the aftermath of war.

The 56 year old veteran of World War II and Korea knows well the feelings of a soldier and his words were heeded and respected by the younger troopers.

After carrying one wounded NVA officer from a helicopter, the battle-tested sergeant gave up half his ration to the enemy. It was the first meal in four days for the soldier.

Compassionate understanding and respect were evident as medics moved among the

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Second Lt. Thomas J. Fields Jr. and Staff Sergeant Tran Trong Quang, of the Interrogation Section, 181st Military Intelligence Detachment, question a recently captured Viet Cong prisoner in the field. The VC was captured by the 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry while on Operation GERONIMO I northwest of Tuy Hoa. (Photo by Sp4 Alva Tate.)

320th Arty Repels Enemy Platoon Attack

By PFC Luis Callender

PHU YEN — Paratroopers of the 1st Brigade fought doggedly in a fierce 45 minute battle to repel an estimated platoon of North Vietnamese regulars this week.

The attack by khaki-clad NVA came without warning at 5:30 on the morning of November 7th. It was against ‘A’ Battery of the 320th Artillery, in positions the artillery had moved to the evening before in support of 101st infantry units on Operation GERONIMO I, 30 miles northwest of Tuy Hoa.

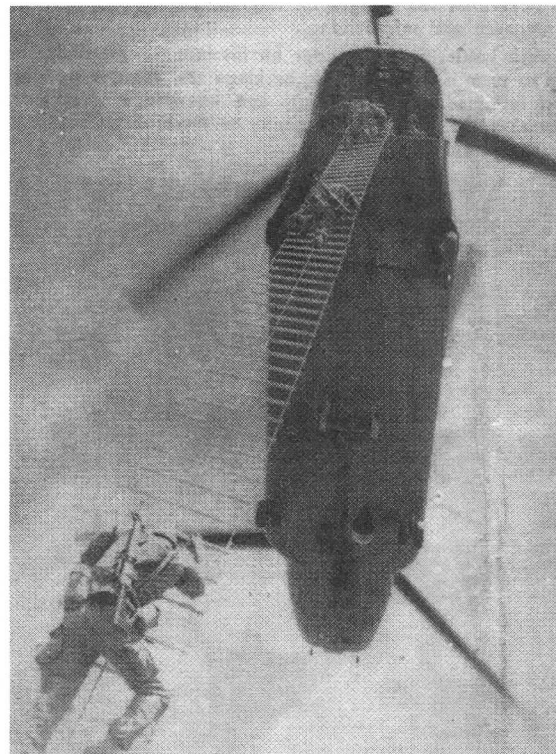
With a barrage of grenades on the battery's Fire Direction Control Center and mortar fire into the gunpits, the enemy charged across a small clearing brandishing AK-47 and supported by machine guns and 75mm recoilless rifles set up in the woodland.

In the first few minutes of battle, light American casualties were sustained but the “Screaming Eagle” force quickly consolidated to throw back the attacking NVA. The enemy regulars came on and were able to get within five yards of the defense perimeter before being stopped by a wall of small arms fire from an infantry platoon with the artillery battery and from the artillerymen.

The artillerymen swung their guns around and fired directly into the attacking NVA to break their advance.

At sunrise, the enemy

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Paratroopers of the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry descend to the jungle floor to cut a landing zone. The “Screaming Eagles” were delivered to their destination in the thick wooded mountains west of Tuy Hoa by CH-47 Chinook from the 10th Aviation Battalion. (Photo by Sp4 Oddvar Breiland)

MACV Athletes Coach VN For Asian Games

SAIGON (MACV-CI) —

Twenty-five athletes from the ranks of Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) Service elements are coaching Vietnamese aspirants to the Fifth Asian Games scheduled to be held in Bangkok 9-20 December.

Coaches include 14 Army, 7 Marine Corps, 3 Navy and 1 Air Force. Two U.S. government civilians are assisting in the program.

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LETTERS

From The C.G.:

Thursday, 24 November 1966, is the 346th anniversary of the Pilgrims humble celebration for the bounteous land they had found in the new world.

Since that time our country has spread across a continent rich beyond the imagination on those early settlers. Our population has grown to nearly 200 million people. As a nation we enjoy a better standard of living than any other land. We are blessed with the freedoms and opportunities to mold our own lives. Our interest and influence have spread far beyond the physical borders of our country; we have accepted our role as a world leader. Yet, some citizens ask, "What do we have to be thankful for?"

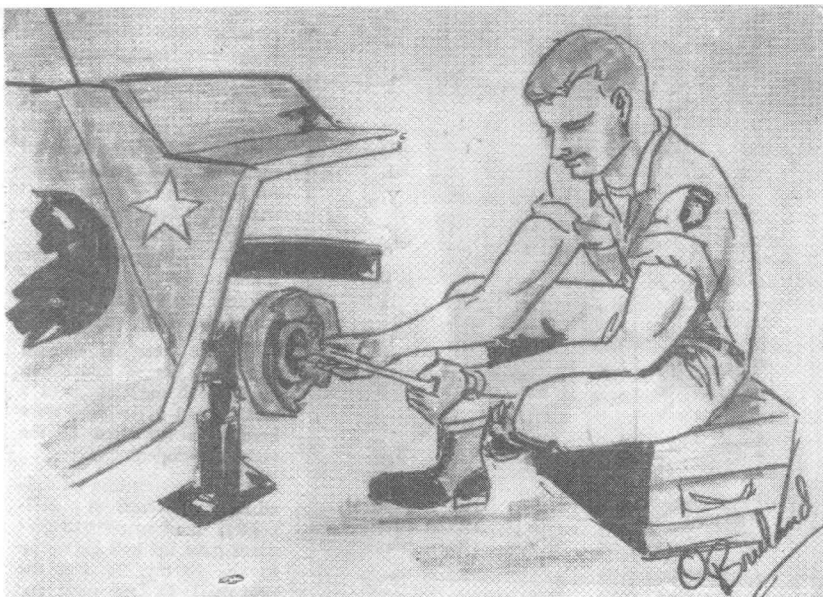
With all the luxuries and soft living which in other societies have brought decay and disaster, we find men like yourself, backed by all the might of our nation and strength in god, willing to stand up for the oppressed, to reach out the helping hand when no one else has the courage, and to bring the blessings we enjoy to the Vietnamese people.

Willard Pearson
Brig. Gen. USA
Commanding

The Mechanic

His battlefield is the motor pool. Bolts and nuts are his ammunition. He uses a screwdriver or a wrench for a weapon. His enemies are clogged oil filters, broken axles and flat tires. His allies are preventive maintenance and safe driving.

Grime and grit are remnants of each battle, and a smudge on his face is his badge of courage. With determined dedication to smooth transportation, he keeps the engines running and the wheels rolling. He receives few medals but with skill and knowledge he corrects every situation. Breakdown after breakdown, he's never in panic, he takes them anytime, anyway, anyplace: that's the 1st Brigade Mechanic.



HAPPY TURKEY DAY
From the D & W



PFC Albert D. Harley learns to use the Winchester 70 sniper rifle under the instruction of Sergeant Ronald Weems. The sniper school is now a part of the training program at the Replacement Company in Phan Rang. (Photo by Lt. John Hensley)

Business Trends

Eagle Washers Catch On Big

TUY HOA — The latest American innovation in Tuy Hoa, South Vietnam is the washing machine.

The machine looks like a large wooden butter churn, with its big tub and hand-pumped agitators. Still, its new users call it a real im-

provement over the traditional Vietnamese method of beating clothes clean over a flat rock.

The Civil Affairs section of the 101st Airborne Division introduced the machines in this coastal town north of Cam Ranh Bay. The washing machines are providing orphanages, hospitals and other public institutions with the first sanitary laundry facilities they have ever had.

The 101st's Civil Affairs director, Major Stephen C. Doherty, says the plans for the washing machines came from the *Remote Area Development Handbook* developed in the U.S. by members of the Agency for International Development. The pilot model of the machine was made by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and tested in the Home Economics Laboratory at Beltsville, Maryland. The results showed the hand-pumped tub compared favorably with commercial electric washers.

Doherty contracted with a local carpenter to construct the machines.

The project was turned over to Lieutenant Robert Wood a member of Team 15, 41st Civil Affairs Company, attached to the 101st.

"Our first machine cost about \$80" says Wood, "but we've got the price down to about \$50 now, since we put in an order for ten of them. I guess the carpenter's learning mass production."

When one of the odd looking machines is brought out to a hospital or an orphanage, skeptical Vietnamese washerwomen are soon won over

though they dislike American insistence that hot water be used. Their bosses also contend that wood fuel used to boil the water is expensive due to Viet Cong harassment in the woody areas outside town. Maj. Doherty says he's planning to introduce "solar heaters" which will let the sun pay the heating bills.

Sister Pauline, who looks after most of the children at Lac Thien Catholic orphanage near the 1st Brigade headquarters says her machine is put to use about twice a week to launder clothing for the 20 sisters there and about 50 of the orphanage's 200 children who build muscles using it.

"It doesn't take much effort

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Enlisted Warrior Of The Week



Specialist 4 Robert W. Anderson, a member of Company «B», 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry, was chosen the «Enlisted Warrior of the Week» for his recent actions against the enemy near Tuy Hoa.

Scout Dog 'Sarge' Killed On Patrol

By PFC Luis Callender

TUY HOA — "I was looking forward to taking him home when we got through here," Corrigan said looking down at the limp body of

ing companion of many months had been swiftly cut down by bullets from a Viet Cong automatic weapon the night before.

Sarge and Corrigan first

of their lives while training in the swamps of Georgia.

"He was an awfully frisky animal," the trooper recalled, "and he was intelligent. You only had to show him some-



Paratroopers of Company "B," 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry carry the body of "Sarge" to a landing zone. (Photo by Sp4 Alva Tate)

the dead dog.

PFC Gerald F. Corrigan Jr. reached down and covered the lifeless body of the animal he knew as "Sarge" with his poncho. An unfail-

met six months ago when both were chosen to attend the Scout Dog School and for later deployment to Vietnam. They had met and overcome some of the greatest challenges

thing once and with a little practice he'd soon have it perfect."

Corrigan said that the huge black and brown German (Cont'd on p-5, Col. 3)

The Devil Is A Dog

By PFC Luis Callender

Tuy Hoa — Some paratroopers of the 1st Brigade, are convinced that there is no better point than a dog named Satan.

Satan is a black 72-pound combination German Shepherd-Labrador dog assigned to the 42d Infantry Platoon. (Scout Dog) working with Company "B," 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry. On his first combat operation, he has proven that a dog is still man's best friend.

The first and third platoons of Company "B" were on a night patrol, southwest of Tuy Hoa, in the opening phase of Operation GERONIMO I. Satan and his handler, Sergeant Edward Kozub were on the point.

As the leading element crossed a river and moved on the dark jungle trail, Satan stopped, sniffing the air. Because of the sounds of the paratroopers wading the river to their rear with the wind blowing away from them, Sergeant Kozub thought the (Cont'd on p-5, Col. 3)



Scout Dog, Satan, and his handler, Sergeant Edward Kozub. (Photo by Sp4 Alva Tate)

The RTO

by Gunslinger

When you're movin' in the column

And you hear the snipers crack

You know you're a damn good target

With the radio on your back

With the whip above you wavin'

Like a flag upon the mast

You can hear the bullets whistle

You can hear the Mausers blast

You would rather nail Charlie

But you got the radio

And you gotta send the message

So you grit your teeth and go

That's all in the line of duty

You're the unknown RTO.

When you're layin' out in ambush

And you hear a call come in

And you fumble in the darkness

And the squelch comes singin' on

All can hear the sound for miles

Charlie's spooked and gone for sure

And you wish the radio in hell

And gone for evermore

You can hear the muffled curses

"The RTO caused Charlie's flight"

"He just blew it all away"

But you keep mouth shut tight

Cause they took their turn at sleepin'

While you stayed up most the night.

When you're humpin' through the jungle

And you hear the fight begin

The point man's sighted Charlie

Anh his rifle sings its tune

The RPD's are blazin'

And grenades and to the din

You're lettin' higher know the score

When Charlie slithers in

And whips his AK on you

And cuts loose a burst or two

And you zap him with rifle

And the panic starts to grow

Did the bastards do some damage

To the damn old radio?

When you make an air assault

You're in chopper number one

If old Charlie's on the LZ

Your comrades you must warn

If a buddy there is wounded

For a dust off you must call

And direct the fire of gunships

So old Charlie they can maul

You're the key man when there's trouble

You're forgotten when there's none

You must care for much equipment

Both the radio and your gun

But you have this satisfaction

You know it's a job well done.

The radio's a trouble

For an RTO to pack

It tangles in the jungle

And it nearly breaks your back

It's sensitive to weather

Dust and moisture ridden air

It's like a flighty female

Wantin' tender loving care

But in spite of all your trouble

You're the one guy in the know

Cause you gather all the traffic

Passin' on the radio

You're the guy who keeps it going

You're the unknown RTO.

Attacking Enemy Present Pistol To Alpha 320th CO

TUY HOA—Captain Joseph Jenkins may be the only man in Vietnam who can claim having his war trophy come complete with monogram.

Captain Jenkins is the Commander of "A" Battery, 320th Artillery which was fiercely engaged in throwing back an attack by North Vietnamese army regulars in the early morning on November 7th.

As he dashed for the perimeter directing his artillerymen's defensive fire, a khaki-clad NVA lieutenant charged to within 10 yards of the perimeter and singled out the battery commander for a kill with his pistol.

The enemy lieutenant raised the gun and fired twice at Jenkins. The "Screaming Eagle" officer hit the ground and fired his M-16 on automatic. The bullets went home, the NVA's arms flew wildly above his head and the pistol sailed through the air in an arc and landed on the ground next to Jenkins.

The veteran 101st trooper picked up the weapon, stuck it in his belt, and joined his artillerymen to repel the rest of the enemy force.

When the action was over, Capt. Jenkins looked at his captured weapon. It was a black-handled, 7.62mm Soviet automatic pistol. It had a star carved on the handle and had been well oiled. But there was something else.

Right on the trigger guard, in small letters, Captain Joseph Jenkins noticed there were the initials "J.J."

"I guess the pistol was just looking for a home," said the captain speaking from his bullet-riddled tent. "It doesn't have to look any further."



Vietnamese interpreters of the 1st Brigade listen to Gen. Pearson explain the importance they have in the brigade. (Photo by Sp4 Oddvar Breiland)



Specialist 4 Anthony Bouchard, of the Tiger Force treats a young Vietnamese girl for a punji stake wound. (Photo by Sp4 Oddvar Breiland)

320th Repels Enemy Attack

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broke contact. Eight dead North Vietnamese were accounted for and numerous trails of blood led away from the battle area. Five automatic weapons, one machine gun and a pistol were taken, as were medical supplies and load-bearing equipment.



Sergeant Willie Ellis of Battery "A," 320th Artillery explains a gunnery point to a Civilian Irregular Defense Group gun crew at Cung Son Special Forces Camp, near Tuy Hoa. The 1st Brigade trooper is a member of the artillery unit's Mobile Training Team which helps Vietnamese artillerymen become more proficient. (Photo by Sgt. Bernard Gordon)

Lady Luck's Latest Lover Loses Lunch

By PFC Luis Callender

PHU YEN — Gamblers spend much of their time courting Lady Luck only to end up broken hearted suitors. However, the elusive lady of fortune has been known to visit others involved in a much more serious business—such as PFC William Ozdowski.

The first platoon of Company "A," 502d Infantry, was on a search and destroy mission north of Tuy Hoa when they ran into opposition. They made a charge and Ozdowski he suddenly spun sideways and almost lost his balance. He immediately righted himself and drove forward with the rest of his platoon to overwhelm the enemy.

Once the firefight ended, he dropped his rucksack, and began to search the im-

mediate area for wounded Viet Cong and enemy equipment.

Minutes later, the Strike Force trooper returned to where he had left his rucksack. It was in shreds, as though someone had slashed it with a knife. Puzzled, Ozdowski looked inside.

"It was a mess," he recalled. "I couldn't imagine what had caused all this. Then it hit me. Charlie had shot up my pack."

Nothing in the trooper's pack had escaped the Viet Cong bullets. His supply of "C" rations was so riddled that the contents of each can had drained out. A Claymore mine that was also in the rucksack had been hit four times, and with such intensity that the explosive compound and steel pellets had seeped out to mix with his chow.

When Ozdowski got around to counting, there were 12 bullet holes in his pack—one only two inches from where it had rested on his back.

"I remember when I was running and got twisted around," the six month veteran of Vietnam said, "I thought it might have been bullets, but I kept going. I mean at a time like that you just don't stop and look."

The paratrooper said there was only one drawback to his

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VC Party Ends Fatally 502d Crashes Scene

By PFC Luis Callender

PHU YEN — Whenever the Viet Cong stop for a moment of relaxation, they can expect company — especially from 1st Brigade paratroopers.

As the point man of the first platoon of Company "A," 502d Infantry turned a bend on a newly found

trail, he heard voices and loud laughter. He halted the rest of the column and went forward to reconnoiter.

Scout Dog Shot

(Cont'd from p-3, Col. 3)

Shepherd was very friendly and loved people. Once their training was completed, both were assigned to the 42d Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) and after an additional three week course at Tan Son Nhut Air Force Base in Saigon, they joined the 1st Brigade. Both spent a rugged week training at the 1st Brigade's Proficiency School before moving to the forward area.

When Company "B" of the 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry moved out on a night helicopter assault to kick off Operation GERONIMO I, Corrigan and Sarge were assigned to the first platoon. For both it was their first combat operation.

"Once we got out there in the field, he was ready to go to work," stated the dog handler. "He knew what he was doing. He was a bit excited. We both were, but he was working fine."

When a night patrol by the first platoon culminated in fierce firefight, Sarge took several hits from a Viet Cong automatic weapon. He died minutes later, as his young handler worked frantically to stop the bleeding.

"Maybe.. if I could have just held him down longer..." Corrigan said regretfully. "When the firing broke out he tried to get to the front... where the Viet Cong were. He was that kind of animal... he loved action. Everything happened so fast. One minute I was trying to hold him down and next he was bleeding to death. Maybe those bullets were meant for me..." his voice trailed off.

Sarge was taken to Saigon to be buried in an animal cemetery and Corrigan was off to the 1st Brigade's base camp at Phan Rang to begin training another dog.

Lost Lunch

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near miss with sudden death. "I don't mind the other stuff in the sack," he says, "but there was a can of apple sauce I was looking forward to eating. Don't get me wrong. I'm glad it was the pack instead of me. I'm thankful to be alive. But the applesauce was the newest thing in the rations."

There were eight VC. All dressed in black pajamas and just sitting back laughing, joking, and having a good time, as a pot of rice simmered on a low flame.

The Strike Force troopers, never ones to miss a party, decided to drop in and join the fun.

Platoon Sergeant George Royster, acting as platoon leader, deployed his men to encircle the enemy. The eight guerrillas, apparently a Viet Cong outpost, seemed to be enjoying themselves to the limit and were oblivious to the "Screaming Eagles" about to crash their party.

Once the ring had been completed, instead of "surprise," the troopers yelled "surrender." The Viet Cong were indignant and said so with bursts of M-1 rifle and submachine gun fire. Made to feel unwelcome, the troopers replied with devastating fire from machine guns, M-16s and grenade launchers.

Minutes later, the eight Viet Cong lay dead.

Sergeant Royster and his men picked up some presents: two M-1 rifles, one Thompson Sub-Machine Gun, 10 grenades, and a bag of medical supplies.

The party was over.



Troopers of the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry, drive a herd of cattle into Tuy Hoa. The cattle were rounded-up in Viet Cong territory by the 1st Brigade and turned over to the district chief of Phu Yen Province for distribution to refugees. (Photo by Capt. Ludwig Hoffman)

Satan Has A Hairy Tail

(Cont'd from p-3, Col. 1)

dog was confused. He prodded Satan to move forward.

When the entire patrol element was out of the river and on the trail, they walked about 200 yards and Satan again stopped. His ears pricked up, and an almost inaudible growl rose from the depths of his throat as he made jerky forward motions, ready to pounce on whatever it was he sensed.

There was no speculation on the part of the dog handler this time. Sgt. Kozub passed the word to Lieutenant Robert Meager, the platoon leader, that there was definitely something moving toward them on the trail. Meager passed the word back to "keep moving and blast the first thing in sight." Again

Satan was prodded forward and the rest of the column followed.

The dog moved another 50 yards and stopped dead in his tracks. There five yards a way was the point man of a Viet Cong platoon, black pajama clad and brandishing an AK-47.

Sgt. Kozub, his M-16 on full automatic, blasted the V.C. killing him instantly. In seconds the silent jungle erupted with the crashing sound of a head-on collision. The rest of the paratroopers quickly fanned out on line and charged the enemy column, M-16 rifles blazing.

The Viet Cong were caught by surprise and started to return the fire with AK-47s and other automatic weapons but the paratrooper surge and firepower routed them. In a complete state of chaos, screaming Viet Cong dropped their equipment and scattered in any direction that offered safety. A total of 15 different blood-trails were counted leading away from the contact area.

At the scene, two VC were killed and one automatic weapon captured. Bundles of clothing, some of them North Vietnamese khaki uniforms, pots, pans and other cooking utensils, medical supplies and documents were recovered. Twenty-seven individual sacks of rice and corn were also left behind by the hastily departing enemy.

"If it had not been for that dog," Lt. Meager said after the fight, "I don't know what would have happened. He really did a hell of a job letting us know in advance that something was coming toward us."

Lt. Meager reported he was putting both Satan and his handler, Sergeant Kozub,

in for an award for valor.

For Satan, it was his first combat mission and he came through with flying colors. The big, black German Shepherd just relaxed quietly as praise was heaped upon him. He was probably hoping for dinner.

The Viet Cong will certainly meet Satan again... and will find out that the devil comes in many forms.

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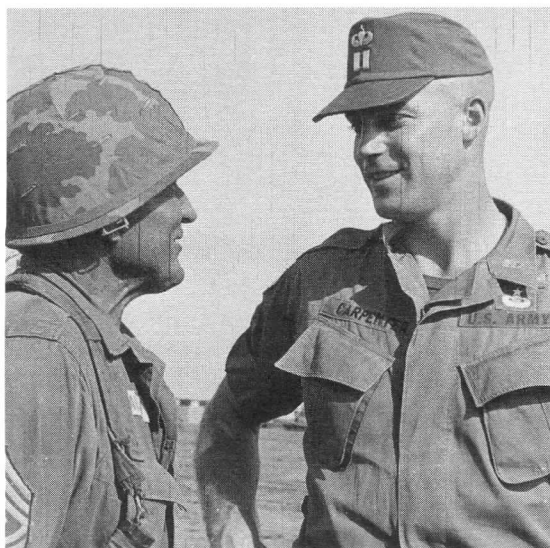
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With contracts now signed with American Motors, Chrysler and Ford Motors, the Exchange expects similar arrangements to be firmed soon with General Motors.

Each PX patron ordering a car through this major service will be able to specify exact details of his automobile... colors, trim, etc.



1st Sgt. Walter Sabalowski talks with Capt. Bill Carpenter, his old CO in "C," 502d, after Gen. Westmoreland had decorated with the DSC.

Geronimo I Summary

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Regulars and troopers of the brigade.

After heliborne assaults, the 101st troopers moved through the area destroying nine enemy base camps before meeting determined resistance from a mortar equipped enemy, dug in on a small hill and protected by entrenched '50 caliber machine guns.

As night fell last Wednesday, one of the brigade's infantry battalions was engaged with the enemy; the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division (under operational control of the 101st) was also making contact.

The paratroopers have captured 64 small arms and 13 crew-served weapons, 100 blasting caps, 1 case of TNT, 43 grenades, 2 flare guns, over 3900 rounds of small

arms ammunition, 52 ruck sacks, 1 amplifier and junction box, 10,000 piasters and miscellaneous medical supplies and uniforms.

Utilizing dogs from the 42d Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) for the first time on a combat operation, the «Screaming Eagles» are conducting the search and destroy mission to clear the Tuy Hoa area of enemy concentrations. They are meeting scattered resistance as they move through the jungle covered mountains and valleys.

GERONIMO I Keeps Enemy On The Go

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to run straight into an entrenched NVA unit of suspected company size.



"Our house is like the United Nations. Everyone is always fighting each other."

As Company "B" of the 502d moved into attack positions in support of the Reconos, the enemy opened up with a heavy machinegun. The battle was intense and at close quarters. Some of the paratroopers saw the flash from the muzzle of the machinegun. The fight raged thru the night and part of the next morning.

Then in a move to block the enemy's escape from what was turning into a vice with Company "C" closing in, Company "A" was helilifted to a hill north of the battle.

Air strikes and artillery pounded away at the nearly surrounded enemy.

The infantry troopers of the brigade's "Strike Force" did just what their nickname implies. With a combination of fast, hard hitting attacks, the enemy was routed from its well fortified positions, setting in motion the expected NVA break-up-in-small-groups-and-disappear maneuver. But did not work.

With her two sister battalions, the 1st and 2d of the 327th Infantry, joined by the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry of the 4th Infantry Division, small units of the 502d saturated the jungle with patrols. They constantly radioed each other to keep within physical-aid range and also to coordinate driving the now confused enemy into waiting ambushes.

Entire enemy squads were caught running to non-existent escapes and as the operation moved into its 18th day, 91 men of the hard pressed NVA battalion had been killed, and 63 were captured.

Most significant is the captured weapons statistic: 64—13 crew-served weapons. Of these, 8 are machine guns, 3 are mortars, and 3 rocket launchers. This gave the 'Screaming Eagle' almost a 1 to 2 weapons captured to enemy counted ratio.

Eagle Washers Going Like Hot Cakes

(Cont'd from p-2, Col. 5)

to use," insists one of the washerwomen at the Provincial Hospital in Tuy Hoa, "but we could use another machine." The province's public health chief has requested machines for the six dispensaries that support the province hospital. At the hospital the wash women launder clothing for 80 patients daily in the wooden tub.

Lt. Frank Corrado another member of Team 15, and Captain James Collins, the team chief, are currently helping refugees in a nearby camp to construct a new well which they hope will be the start of a commercial laundry co-op that will bring income to the refugees there. Three "Eagle Washing Machines" have

been set aside for the camp.

While local commercial laundries in Tuy Hoa have been reluctant to adopt the machines, U.S. personnel including the 5/27th Artillery, the Special Forces at Cun Son and USAID people have expressed interest in getting some of the wooden washday wonders.

Soldier's Honor

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

wounded North Vietnamese and victors and defeated smoked American cigarettes.

Sgt. Sabalauki and his troopers acted out one of the small dramas of war, which only battle-tested soldiers could really understand.

Coffee, Tea Or Me?

Ann Margret caught stuffing a Saigon Tea ticket away. Don't you wish... (Photo courtesy "Operation Pin-up" Hollywood Overseas Committee)



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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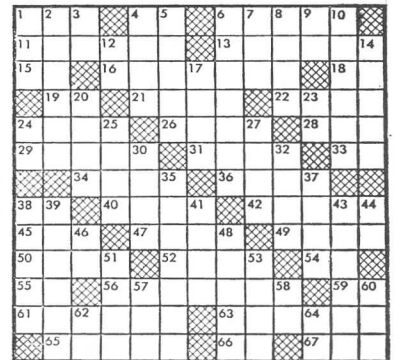
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- 28-Female deer
- 29-Droopy
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- 63-Parent
- 65-Eats
- 66-A continent (abbr.)
- 67-Greek letter

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The Battle of the River Song Am

(Dedicated to Capt. Hein, Co B, 1/327 Inf)

Fifteen miles northwest of Quinhon,
Lies this wide river called Song Am,
On one bank was Company "C,"
The 1st of the 327th Infantry.

The other side was held by Cong,
And for four days they held on strong,
So on the 5th day—Company "C"
Was relieved by Company "B."

The "B" Commander was Capt. Hein,
An Airborne Commander straightforward and
fine,
And so they left that morn at three,
To get to the area of Company "C."

The area was flooded by the monsoon rain,
All across the paddies and surrounding terrain,
So into this they all went,
To get to their buddies—hell bent!

The leeches in the water bit them too,
The Company later pulled off 92,
With rifles overhead to keep them dry,
They held them up right to the sky.

One man fell into a big hole,
And disappeared in the rapid flow,
But one of his buddies saw him go,
And yelled out loud—"Let's help poor Joe!"

The soldier was drug up from the muck,
Gasping for air and trying to suck,
What he thought would be his last,
It passed away and they kept on fast.

The trek went into higher ground,
And then the Company soon found
That the roads were dug out here and there,
To stop vehicles—everywhere!

The bridges were all blown down,
But they made it across with hardly a frown,
And came to the village by the Song Am River,
Soaked to the gills with hardly a shiver.

Trying to scuff as many as they can,
The Cong previously wounded four and killed
one man,
So when "C" went to rear for rest,
"B" planned the assault, so you can attest.

The mortars, artillery, and BAR's
Were zeroed in beneath the stars,
So at 0600 "H" Hour,
The barrage opened up in the morning shower.

Arvin, CIDG, and MACV personnel
Threw in their weight in this fiery hell,
As for the enemy-held village on the other side,
We even the score as many Cong died.

Did you ever see a Cong blockhouse go?
When a 105 scores a direct blow.
The round rips that blockhouse asunder,
As the explosion sounds like mighty thunder.

The water buffalo, cattle and dogs,
And even these great big Vietnamese hogs,
Couldn't figure this noise and din,
Running around in circles amongst our men.

We kept up the shooting for a good two hours,
From buildings, embankments, and amidst red
flowers,
The place across was wrecked to the ground,
But still the Cong opened up—round after round!

The Cong tried escaping by sampan,
Bugging out to their last man,
We caught them right in the open,
Just when they started their hop-skip loping.

The fighting ended and we crossed by boat,
For, remember, Song Am is like a wide moat,
We sent out patrols and searched all around,
Up into the mountains and very soon found.

The abandoned villagers left by the Cong,
Leaving these people there which is very wrong,
We moved them back to our rear,
The smiles on their faces showed no fear.

We washed up the children and laundered
their clothes,
We sure felt sorry for these poor souls,
We fed them and doctored them well,
They were glad to be rescued from a living
hell.

So another Cong village was set free,
By the help of each man like you and me,
The flag went up! The people were aglee!
Thanks to the rugged crunchies—
The Infantry!

SGT. BERNARD F. GORDON
101st Abn. Div.

* * *

Sgt. Gordon's new assignment is Btry A,
2/320 Arty. 1st Bde.

Editor's Note: Perhaps Richard A. (Hein) of Hunnington, NY

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Joe Ladanyi Memorial

PETER & BRENDA GRIFFIN, 800 Mineral Springs Road,
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(336) 427-5567
strike@vnet.net>

Dear Ivan, follows is a poem I think you might like to publish.
Thanks for considering, Respectfully, Grif. P.S. please read original message posted below also.

Second Death For my Father

You could not be there when I
fell into this swirling world,
screaming, echoing the cries
of anguish and terror
surrounding you among
blood-splattered, sharp
elephant grass, claymore

hills comprised of as much flesh
and bone as torn, weeping
earth, a littered nothingness
of sliding mud, stone-Buddha
jungles, snake-vines and
feces-covered bamboo
spike-traps, lost as you were

a million miles away in your
exploding hell of Vietnam.
Through your bloodied
stories of these things, I
have felt your nervous,
chilled sweat, beneath
mourning stars cringing

above blowing whistles and
screams of "Charlie in the
wire!" I've read your letters
of lung-searing, napalm
mornings, black ash and
soot thicker than plaster.
Now, more than three

decades later, you've died your
second death. No bullet with
your name could steal your
breath, though, Vietnam's
agent orange, crept up, knife
in hand, in cancered dreams.
Again, you are not here, as

I walk through this swirling world--

I will wait Father.

----- Original Message -----

From: Michael Ladanyi
To: strike@vnet.net

Dear Peter, My name is Michael Ladanyi. I am Joe Ladanyi's Jr.'s oldest son. I am hoping you can help me with something. I am a writer of poetry. I have been published several times in print journals and online magazines and have over a dozen pieces due for publication this Spring and Summer, as well as a chapbook under consideration with a large university press.

I have written a poem that I would like to see published in 101st Magazine. I know that the mag is usually reserved for Vietnam Vet's. I heard that a daughter of a Vet wrote an article for the mag, and I am wondering if you can help me through your connections with Ivan Worrell, in regards to having the poem published. I ask this for no other reason than wanting to express my understanding of what my father endured, as well as all veterans. I would like to publish this poem where those that understand it most will be able to read it. My email is: ladm664@bell-south.net. If you can help me, I would be grateful. I will send the poem to you if you request. Thank you in advance for anything you can do.

Sincerely, Michael Ladanyi

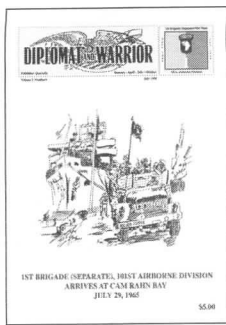
Editor's Note: Joe was the trooper who was the subject of the poem, THE GHOSTS OF HILL 553 published in the October 2001 issue. Michael is his son.

Steel My Soldiers' Hearts

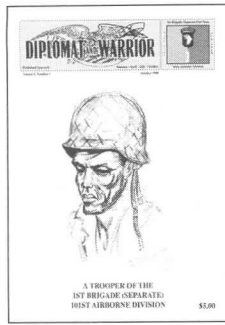
STEEL MY SOLDIERS' HEARTS is a relatively new book by COL(R) David H. Hackworth (1/327 HQ 63-66) and is on sale at most book stores. It is also listed on amazon.com and was featured in June of 2002. Tim Swain (HHC S-2 65) posted this review on amazon.com.

*An authentic leader., June 5, 2002
Reviewer: Tim Swain from Peoria, IL USA*

"Steel My Soldiers' Hearts" by Colonel David H. Hackworth presents a rare opportunity for the reader to both be entertained and educated. Hackworth, along with Omar Bradley, will be remembered as one of the greatest military leaders of the past 100 years. This is because of his consistent and honest concern for the "common soldier" or grunt. This is because he always "looks out for his troops." Hopefully, Secretary Rumsfeld reads the book and implements the visionary suggestion for lightweight state of the art body armor for each infantryman. As a leader, Hackworth is authentic. As a reader of every book written by Hackworth, I found this book one of his best. His irreverent and tongue-in-cheek-in-your-face descriptive writing keep the detailed battle-writing hard to put down. It was my honor and privilege to serve with Major Hackworth in the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, both at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and in Vietnam.



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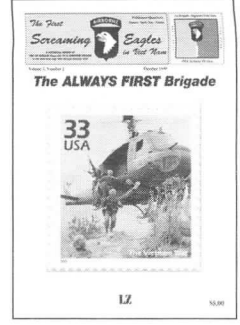
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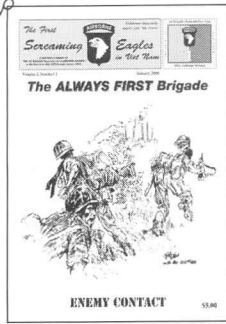
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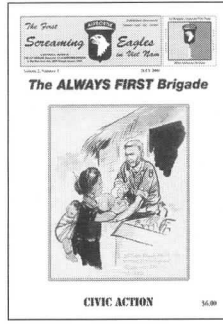
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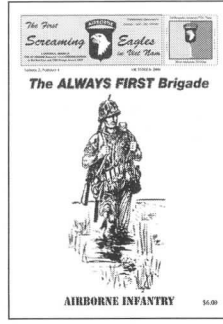
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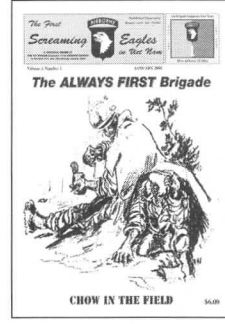
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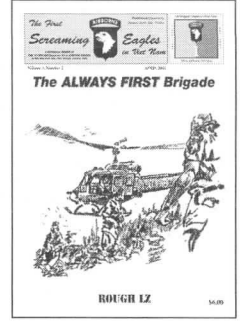
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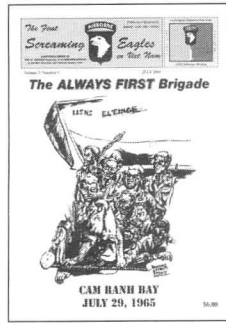
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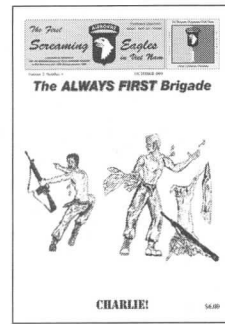
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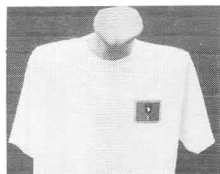
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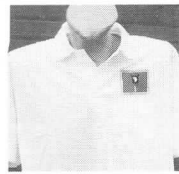
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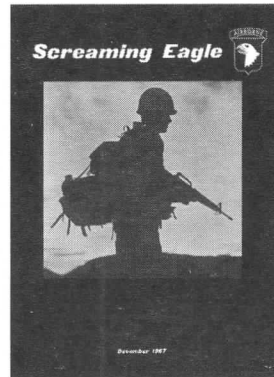
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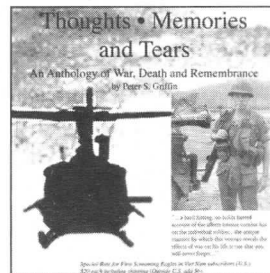
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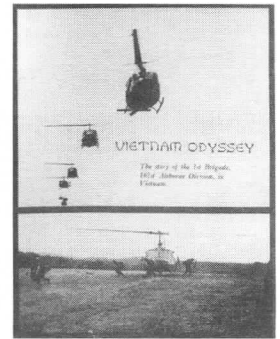
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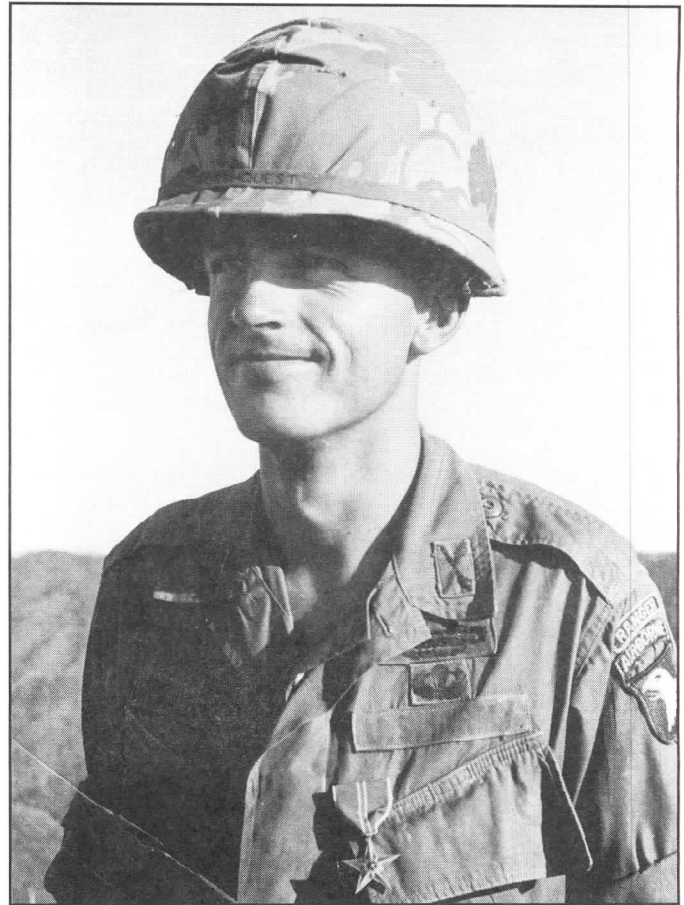
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Captain William J. Northquest [6/66 – 12/67] Company Commander of C Company 1/327. The photo indicates he has just been awarded a Bronze Star.



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[L to R] CPT Bill Northquest CO of Co C 1/327 and his Radio Telephone Operator SP4 Parker.

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Sau gần một năm trời, chúng ta lại gặp nhau trên chiến - trường này. Kể từ tháng Sáu năm ngoái sau lần tao ngộ cuối cùng ở Tuy - Hòa, các bạn đã phải lo cùng cố lại các bộ phận chủ - yếu của trung - đoàn các bạn. Tuy nhiên, nào là dịch sốt rét rùng rợn cấp tính, nào là sự khốn quân về tiếp tế và thiếu nhân lực bổ sung đã gây nên biết bao nhiêu trở ngại cho các bạn. Trong tuyệt vọng, các bạn đã tận công vào kho gạo của quân Cam - Lâm ở thôn Phố - Thiên đêm mùng 7 tháng 4 năm 1967 vừa qua và kết quả thế nào chắc các bạn đã rõ.

Nhiều người trong các bạn đã chấp nhận sự kiện là sẽ phải chết ở miền Nam như nhiều đồng - chí của các bạn trước đây nhưng chấp nhận một viễn ảnh như thế thật là không khôn ngoan chút nào. Chương - trình Chiêu - Hồi của chính - phủ Việt - Nam Cộng Hòa vẫn còn có giá - trị đối với các bạn. Các bạn không cần phải phí bỏ cuộc đời của mình một cách vô nghĩa, bỏ rơi những mộng ước chưa thành và không thể từ chối nguồn hy - vọng được gặp gỡ lại những người thân yêu của mình.

Các bạn có thể trở về, ra trình diện với các đơn - vị của Sư - Đoàn 101 Không - Vận Hoa - Kỳ hoặc nếu các bạn e ngại chúng tôi, các bạn có thể ra gặp bất cứ viên chức hay cơ - quan nào của chính - phủ Việt - Nam. Ở bất luận trường - hợp nào, các bạn cũng sẽ được đối xử tử - tế, được cung cấp lương - thực và quần áo đầy đủ, được chăm sóc thuốc men tử tế và chỉ có Chiêu - Hồi là con đường duy nhất có thể nhân tăng lên 10,000 lần hy vọng của các bạn được trở về quê hương của mình ở Miền Bắc.

Các bạn hãy nhìn thấy kết quả của cái được gọi là "những nỗ - lực giải - phóng" của các bạn ở Miền Nam. Thú - trưởng của các bạn đã che dấu sự thật và nói láo với các bạn. Các bạn hãy tự suy nghĩ và tự quyết - định lấy số phận của mình.

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Bill Northquest (1/327 C 6/66-12/67), 35 Stamp Mill Lane, Dahlonoga, GA 30533 sent the leaflet below and Ben Lam (2/502 HQ 65-71), 3002 Albany Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193-1208 translated the leaflet information.

Dear Commanders and Soldiers of the 18B Regiment, North Vietnamese Army

We are meeting again on this battle field after nearly a year. After the losses you suffered from June of last year's battle, you had hoped to never again meet us here at Tuy Hoa. Your Regiment required reinforcements because of personnel losses caused by combat and malaria and a lack of supplies. You were unable to replace the personnel losses, which caused an enormous setback to all of you.

Because of this desperate situation, you had to attack the rice cache at Pho Thien village, Cam Lam District on April 7, although you clearly knew the grave consequences.

It is foolish to die in the South as many of your comrades have died. The Open-Arm Program, led by The Republic of Vietnam, is still available to all of you. Do not waste your life needlessly. Do not leave your unfulfilled dreams behind. And do not turn down the only hope you have of seeing your loved ones again.

You can return to the Government by reporting to any unit of the U.S. 101st, Air Mobile Division. If you would rather, you may report to any Vietnamese Government official or organization. You are welcome to return to the Government in any case. You will be treated well. Food, clothes and medical care will be provided. Returning to the Government is the only chance you have of getting back home to North Vietnam.

You have seen the result of the so-called "Efforts to liberate South Vietnam." Your leaders have covered up the truth; they have lied to you. It is up to you to decide your own fate.

Time is running out. Your life and future are at stake. Take this opportunity and do not let it pass you by.

U.S. Commanders and Soldiers of 1st Brigade, 101st Air Mobile Division



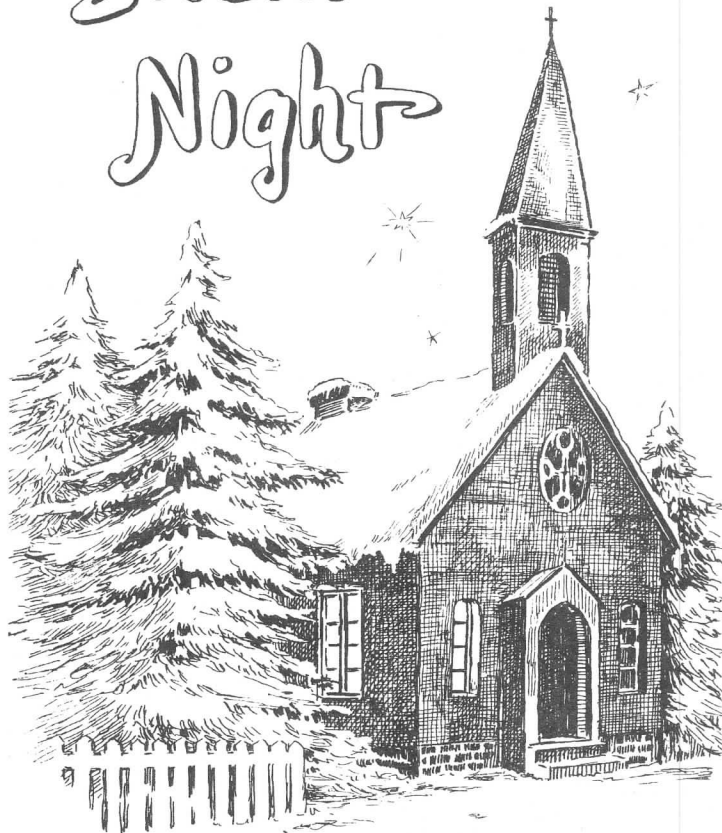
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Silent Night

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Almighty God, We praise Thee that Thou mysteriously waitest to touch with light and to fill with love the hearts of those who wait before Thee. We praise Thee that Thou hast made this day glad and this night bright with the memory of the birth of One who revealed the might and gentleness of Thy Spirit. We praise Thee that, in the fullness of time and in Thine own way, Thou didst cause One to walk the dusty roadways of this world who was, indeed, the Son of Thy Spirit and the shadowing forth in flesh of Thy tender love. Accept our gratitude, offered in joy, for this most wondrous showing forth of Thy love. Grant, on this day when we rejoice in the nativity of Jesus Christ; that, like His, our heart may be made humble; that, like His, our life may be so ordered before Thee that it shall show forth Thy praise. We bless Thee. We glorify Thee. We give Thee thanks that heaven and earth are so full of Thy glory. Amen.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL !



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Christmas has a special meaning for American soldiers in Vietnam. Amid the tragedy and ugliness of war, the Holy Season reminds us of the joy and beauty of peace. In a land whose people struggle for a better life, the Christmas message brings cheer and hope for the future.

You who serve in this distant land may be justly proud. The spirit of Christmas is expressed each day in your actions toward our gallant allies and in your sacrifices for our country's cause.

My warmest personal wishes to each of you and to your families on this Christmas Day.

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

Christmas Day Dinner

VIETNAM 1966

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| Shrimp Cocktail | | |
| with Cocktail Sauce and Crackers | | |
| Roast Tom Turkey | | Giblet Gravy |
| | Cornbread Dressing | |
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| | Buttered Garden Peas | |
| | Crisp Relish Tray | |
| Parkerhouse Rolls | | Butter |
| | Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream | |
| Mincemeat Pie | | Old Fashion Fruit Cake |
| | Fresh Chilled Fruit | |
| | Mixed Nuts | |
| | Assorted Candy | |
| Tea | Coffee | Milk |



Headquarters Company C 1/327. Those identified are: [front row] [second from left] 1st Sergeant Hodoroski, Company Commander Captain William Northquest and SP4 Dupre; middle row, [second from left] SP4 Parker; back row [on right] SP5 Mathew L. Jolivet Senior Medic Killed in Action on 5/29/67.



The Second Platoon of C Company 1/327 Bill Northquest says they are "all combat troopers". They are: [L to R front row] SP4 Hooker (Silver Star), SGT Lakey, [sixth from left] SFC Head, LT Hill, SP4 Leonard T. Bish KIA on 5/16/67, Tinsley and Fitzgerald; [middle row ninth from left] Kenneth E. Mooi and [twelfth from left] Petty. No one on the back row was identified.



The Third Platoon of C Company 1/327. Bill Northquest labeled them as a "damn fine fighting platoon."



The Weapons Platoon of C Company 1/327 of whom Bill Northquest said "They can really fire the 60 MM Mortar and the 106 Recoilless Rifle." Only SSG Niswander is identified he is on the front row seventh from the left, just behind the 327 on the guidon.

+ TIM SWAIN, PEORIA, IL
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Ivan: Here is an old email from Joe's son, Col. Stephan A. Hicks. Joe died at age 76 in June in Yuma, AZ. I just returned from the burial ceremony of Joe's remains at Arlington National Cemetery this past Monday, August 19, 2002 at 9 a.m. sharp. Wow, was it an impressive ceremony. Full military honors. Cassion. Riderless horses. Military band. Rifle salute. Probably 100 Army personnel of the 3rd Infantry (is that the honor guard unit?) involved.

Anyway, maybe you could cover this in your next issue. Steve is G3 for HQ V Corps in Heidelberg, Germany. His address is CMR 420 BOX 1566, APO, AE 09063. His email is: g3acofs@hq.c5.army.mil or hickss@dms.heidelberg.army.smil.mil .

Ivan, you are a Great Man!! Thanks for keeping the Eagle flying.

Airborne!!, Tim

----- Original Message -----

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To: Swain, Hartshorn, Scott Law

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Sent: Sunday, July 26, 1998 11:20 AM [note date of message]

Subject: RE: BIO JEH

Tim, Good to hear from you. Still not into quarters yet. Hopeful we can get settled by the end of August...but we are busy and having fun. Took Cmd of the Brigade in June and have been running since. I don't think I had told you, Joe Hicks also received the "Order of Saint Maurius," given to those who have, "... made significant and lasting contributions to the Infantry," by the National Infantry Association. Was able to present that to him while on leave in Arizona before I left. His bio is attached below. Please say hello to your wife and family.

Warm Regards, Steve Hicks

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH E. HICKS, USA (RETIRED)

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Joseph E. Hicks was born in Cobden, Illinois on 9 August 1924. LTC (Ret) J.E. Hicks' career as an Infantryman spans 30 years and three wars, including World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He served for three years in the United States Marine Corps as an Infantryman and saw combat action in the Pacific during World War II with the 1st Marine Division. Following World War II, he attended Southern Illinois University for three years before receiving a direct commission as a 2LT in the United States Army in 1949. His service in the Army as an Infantryman spans 27 years. His selfless service, integrity and strength of character are well known in the Infantry community. His contributions to the Infantry are both significant and lasting.

In 1949, he was assigned to the 34th Regiment of the 24th Infantry Division in Kyushu, Japan. In early Jul 1950, as the Korean War began, his unit was quickly ordered to deploy. The 34th Regiment was employed in delay positions directly behind Task Force Smith and fought some of the hardest and toughest fights under the most difficult conditions. F.E. Fehrenbacher, in his book "This Kind of War" says that 1LT J.E. Hicks found himself in charge of his company when his company commander suddenly decided to leave the battlefield. Accounts show that he led that company with distinction and was also part of a small

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team that attempted to rescue the Commanding General, MG Dean, who was cut-off inside the city of Taejon. LT Hicks was eventually cut-off behind enemy lines himself, and avoided capture for 69 days before he was able to make it back to friendly lines. The war correspondent, Hal Boyle, wrote the story that appeared in newspaper headlines across the nation chronicling LT Hicks' heroics. Upon his return, he was assigned to the Combat Training Directorate at Fort Knox, where he trained new recruits for the combat they would see in Korea. In 1953, he returned to Japan where he served on the staff of the Far East Command in Tokyo, and then in a highly classified intelligence operation at Camp Drake, that targeted North Korea.

He attended the Officers Advanced Course at Fort Benning in 1955 and then was assigned as a Company Commander in the 82nd Airborne Division at Bragg, NC. There he won the Glider Badge and Parachutist Badge and applied for Special Forces training. In 1957, he completed the Special Forces course, and was assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group (SFG) at Fort Bragg. In 1959, he was assigned to the 1st SFG on Okinawa. During his assignment with the 1st SFG, from 1959-1964, he served on two different tours in South East Asia, in Laos (1961-1962) and Vietnam (1963). In 1964, he was assigned as Battalion XO of the 2nd Bn 502nd Inf Reg (Airborne) of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell. In 1965, because of his experience with special operations, Department of the Army selected him to serve as the head of a Special Commission to study the role of the Special Forces in Vietnam. Given exclusive and unrestricted access to all SF bases in South East Asia, he identified shortfalls and provided recommendations for the future direction of the Special Forces in Laos and Vietnam.

Upon his return, he was assigned as the Bde S2 for the 1st Bde, 101st Abn and was deployed in July 1965 to his third tour in Vietnam. In his book, "About Face," Col (Ret.) David Hackworth says, "Hicks was a damn good man who, on top of everything else (three wars and two Special Forces tours), had survived 69 days cut off behind enemy lines during the Korean War" (p. 462). As the Bde S2, he provided critical intelligence to the Separate Brigade (reinforced) which participated in numerous successful combat actions (p. 468,469,470). He also served as an intelligence officer with the 1st Field Forces in Vietnam directly briefing the most senior officers in Vietnam.

In 1967, he attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas where he wrote a concept paper on air assault tactics that was immediately adopted as doctrine for helicopter operations in Vietnam. [This included an innovative tactic for conducting air assault insertions that drastically reduced the ability of North Vietnamese to identify LZ's, resulting in saving many infantry lives]

In all, he served five different hardship tours to South East Asia and over 15 years overseas, in the U.S. Army. His assignments included not only the 24th Infantry Division, 82nd Airborne Division, 101st Airborne Division, 1st and 5th Special Forces Groups, but also the 3rd Armored Division. Since his retirement in December 1975, he has resided in Yuma, Arizona, and has been active in giving speeches and briefings at various civic clubs and organizations in support of the Infantry and the United States Army.

He holds a Bachelors degree in Business from Saint Benedicts College and a Masters degree from Pepperdine University. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge (2nd award) and the Master Parachutist Badge, to name a few. These honors are a tribute to the outstanding and lasting contributions he has made to the Infantry and the U.S. Army.

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The ceremony was impressive, as were all those chosen as Distinguished Members Of the Regiment.

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ANNUAL REUNIONPAGES 3 - 5

The reunion, in conjunction with Week of the Eagles at Fort Campbell was well attended by 1st Brigade (S) veterans.

BG LeROY ELTINGEPAGE 6

The story of the man for whom the ship was named and some history of the primary transportation mode of the 1st Brigade to Viet Nam.

THE OBSERVERPAGE 7

Story in the MACV newspaper of the 101st evacuation of refugees from the mountains of Kontum Province after the battle of Dak To.

WIDOWSPAGES 8 -9

Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle pertaining to widows of men in the Fort Campbell area killed in Viet Nam. The paper was sent by Larry Anglin. Other photos sent by Larry follow on pages 9 and 10.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORPAGES 11 - 17

Messages and photographs from the brigade web site guest book, e-mail and the U. S. Mail. The messages contain everything from requests for help in finding friends from the unit to stories and photos that should be shared and some corrections to previous reports.

HONOR ROLLPAGE 18

The second in a series of AG casualty reports compiled at Fort Campbell and published in The Screaming Eagle the bi-monthly publication of the 101st Airborne Division Association.

DIPLOMAT AND WARRIORPAGES 19 - 24

The November 18, 1966 issue of the Brigade weekly newspaper deals with a wide range of topics from Operation Geronimo 1 to Scout Dogs.

THE BATTLE OF THE RIVER SONG AMPAGE 25

This poem dedicated to the Company Commander of B Company 1/327,Captain {Richard A.} Hein, was written by SGT Bernard Gordon.

JOE LADANYI MEMORIALPAGE 26

A memorial poem for Joe Ladanyi written by his son.

STEEL MY SOLDIERS' HEARTSPAGE 26

A Review of the latest book by David Hackworth [1/327 HQ 63 - 66] written and posted on the amazon.com web site by Tim Swain [HHC S-2 65].

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List of items for sale and order blank. Two new items are an inside/outside decal and Zippo Lighter [see page5].

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Material sent by William Northquest pertaining to Company C 1/327 when he was the Company Commander.

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