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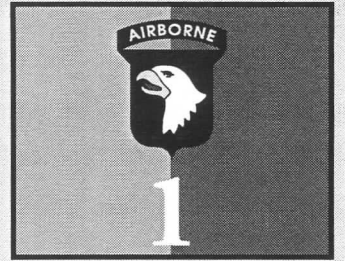
A HISTORICAL REVIEW OF  
THE 1ST BRIGADE (Separate) 101st AIRBORNE DIVISION  
in Viet Nam from July 1965 through January 1968



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# **The ALWAYS FIRST Brigade**



*I and 1st Lt. Richard S. Ambrose (1st Plt. B Co. 327th ABN Inf.)  
share a smoke in a village hog pen - the monsoon rains  
and dysentery hit at the same time...*

*cp. 6  
Bill  
DeVAD  
with the  
101st ABN*

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

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



Ivan Worrell poses between the two reunion banners at the Saturday Air Show at which those attending the 1st Brigade Reunion were special guests.

Reunion Chairman Ken and Mary Arnold with the help of other 1st Brigade aviators hosted a great reunion in Fort Worth. The hotel was great, the food was good and the hospitality room, although small, was usually filled with 1st Brigade veterans eager to talk about experiences in Viet Nam. Only two people sent reunion photos and they are in this magazine. If you have photos send them, with identification, I will scan them and return them to you. I plan to use more than four pages in the April magazine to report on the reunion.

The cover of this issue is a reproduction of one of six original sketches of 1st Brigade subjects that I have in their original form. Sometime between my return from Viet Nam and retirement I was at a meeting where Bill Dolan was also in attendance. I complimented him on his work with the brigade in Viet Nam and soon after he mailed me six of his original works that are now framed and displayed in my retrospection collection at home. Look for the other five on the cover of subsequent issues.

I have received a few letters, over the past several months, that contain openly hostile and derogatory statements directed to individuals who the writers believed erred in judgement or deed. This publication will not be the vehicle for "open letters" or other forms of unfriendly editorial bantering. I do welcome your opinions stated in a civil, questioning and thoughtful manner and will publish them. If you disagree please respectfully differ with your brother veterans who served in this great brigade.

I am excited about the planned trip to Viet Nam. I know Dick Schonberger will plan and lead a tour that will include all destinations available to veterans of the 1st Brigade. Try to make plans to be part of this first for 1st Brigade veterans.





**8th BIENNIAL REUNION  
1st BRIGADE (SEPARATE)  
101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION  
12 – 15 OCTOBER 2002  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS  
*2002 Reunion Attendees***

Edmond P. Abood  
1/327 CO 67

Clinton Adkins  
2/502 A 7/67-7/68 - 4/03

Jimmy Allen & Emmie  
HHC 67-68

Rex Andrea  
2/327 A 66-67

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

CPT(R) Charles J. "Jim" Apodaca & Joyce  
2/502 B 5/66-4/67 - 4/03

Kenneth V. Arnold III & Mary  
BDE HQ AVN 10/66-10/67 - 7/03

Geoffrey T. Barker  
HHC 8/66-4/68 - 1/03

Joe K. Berry & Donna  
2/327 A&HHC 12/67-8/69 - 7/03

CW4(R) George T. Berryhill  
2/327 HHC 10/67-10/68 - 4/03

Gary Bills & Georgine  
2/327 A 10/66-10/67 - 1/03

Griffin R. Bloodhart & Penny  
1/327 HHC 7/67-7/68 - 4/03

Lawrence Boecklen  
2/327 B 67-68

CSM(R) Joseph M. Bossi  
2/327 HHC 6/66-7/67 - 4/03

Cain A. Bridgman  
2/502 HHC 9/65-5/66 - 4/03

Carlos L. Burgos  
502 A 64-2/66 - 4/03

SFC(R) Santana Carnero  
1/327 HHQ TF 11/65-6/66 - 10/03

William L. Carpenter  
1/327 TF 12/66-12/67

Salvador Catalano, Sr.  
A 187 67

Ken Claypoole  
2/327 B 10/66-6/67 - 4/03

BG(R) John W. "Rip" Collins, III  
HHC 67-68

COL(R) Joseph E. "Jerry" Collins & Caroline  
BDE HQ XO 66-67

R. J. (Bob) Corey  
2/502 HHC 10/65-11/66 - 7/03

Bob Crosby & Margaret  
2/327 C 3/67-2/68 - 4/03

Howard H. "Dan" Danford  
2/502 HQ 5/67-5/68 - 4/03

John C. Davis & Vera  
2/327 C 6/67-4/68 - 1/03

Richard (Gordon) Davis & Marilyn  
2/502 B 9/66-9/67 - 4/03

LTC(R) John J. Dorsey & Carol  
2/327 A 6/66-5/67 - 4/03

1SG(R) Edward J. Dube & Claire  
2/327 A 7/67-7/68 - 4/03

Rich Edwards  
1st BDE 67

1SG(R) Richard D. Eliassen  
2/502 C 7/67-7/68 - 4/03

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

Lowell M. Fleenor & Reba  
2/327 A 6/66-4/67 - 4/03

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

LTC (R) Charles T.(Tom) Furgeson  
2/327 A & HHC 5/66-5/67 - 4/03

Joseph A. Garcia  
2/17 CAV A 7/65-8/66 - 4/03

Barry F. Gayer  
1/327 HHC S-3 5/66-6/67 - 7/03

Nick Gerasimof  
2/327 B 66-68

SGT(R) Roy D. Gierke  
2/327 Inf A 4/67-2/68 - 4/03

LTC (R) John W. Gilboux & Bernice  
2/327 HQ 66-67

CSM(R) Hal S. Gladson  
1/327 B 5/66-5/67 - 4/03

Garold L. "Gary" Greer & Linda  
2/502 HQ 5/66-5/67

Miguel Guerra & Eloise Garza  
2/17 CAV A 65-68

MG(R) Ben L. Harrison & Carolyn  
10th Combat AVN 7/66-7/67-4/03

Dave (Joe) Henslee & Starla  
2/327 A 1/67-12/67 - 1/03

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

William Hottenstein  
1/327 A 4/66-4/67 - 7/02

Maurice Howlt  
1/327 TF 66-67

Roger M. John & Elise  
1/327 C 7/67-12/68 - 4/03

Robert P. Johnston & Kathryn  
SPT BN 65-66

John G. Kazmin  
1/327 HHC 66-67

COL(R) Manfred Kelman & Janice  
1/327 XO 67-68

Pete D. Kennedy  
2/327 HHC 5/67-4/68 - 4/03

Charles Kettles & Ann  
HQ 1st Bde 67

Albert P. Klerlein, III  
1/327 B 12/65-11/66 - 4/03

Harriet Langston  
Family (M. Zeagler 2/327 B)

Charles Lea & Kay  
326 MED D 2/67-8/67 - 4/03

Robert R. Lettmann  
2/327 A 4/66-3/67 - 10/03

John H. Lewis  
1/327 A 1/64-8/66 - 4/03

Johnnie C. Lindsey  
1/327 HHC 8/66-8/67 - 4/03

Daniel "Faye" Little  
1/327 C 10/65-10/66 - 7/02

Allen W. Lloyd  
2/327 HHC Recon 4/67-11/67-4/03

Stanley Lonell & Frieda  
HHC 67-68

Richard A. Luttrell & Carole  
2/327 A 4/67-3/68 - 4/03

William M. "Bill" Madden & Helen  
2/320 CO 65-66

COL(R) Richard R. Maglin  
2/17 CAV A 6/66-6/67 - 4/03

Roderick J. Marshall  
2/327 HHQ 5/66-5/67 - 1/03

1SG(R) Reynold Martinez  
1/327 A 5/64-3/66 - 4/04

MG(R) S. H. Matheson & Patricia  
HHC CG 1/67-1/68 - 4/06

Harold Mattson  
1/327 A 5/65-3/67 - 4/04

Russell A. Maxson & Heidi  
AVN 66-67

Joe E. McGill  
2/327 A 3/66-3/67 - 10/02

LTC(R) Carlos J. Melendez & Carole  
AVN 66-67

Carl E. Midkiff  
AVN HHC 12/66-12/67 - 4/03

Nick Mihalic & Diane  
2/327 HHC 4/67-8/67 - 4/03

Ray Millard  
2/327 B & HHC 67-68

LTG(R) John E. Miller  
2/327 B 67-68

Jim Mitchell  
2/327 B dates?

COL(R) Gerald E. Morse  
1/327 HQ 67-68

David Murray  
223 BN 183 RAC 6/67-6/68 - 4/03

Elijio Navarro  
2/502 A 2/66-2/67 - 10/03

Pat Noonan & Rosalie  
2/327 A 10/65-10/66 - 4/03

Ron Paulsgrove  
2/327 B 66-67

Eugene Perry & Shelly  
2/327 HQ 67-68

Roger A. Phillips, Sr.  
1/327 T.F. 4/66-4/67 - 4/04

John Pippin  
2/502 A 1/66-2/67 - 7/03

Richard I. "Rip" Porter & Marlys  
2/327 HHQ 4/67-4/68 - 4/03

Jesse Ramsey  
2/327 A dates?

COL(R) Larry A. Redmond & Mary  
2/327 A 5/67-2/68 - 4/03

John Reed  
2/502 HQ 65-66

Orson Robetson & Linda  
2/327 A 67-68

Wilford E. Roe & Diana  
2/502 B 64-65

LTC(R) William (Bill) Rovon  
2/327 HQ&A 6/66-5/67 - 4/03

Rick Salazar & Teresa  
2/327 A 10/65-10/66 - 4/03

Anthony Saucedo & Brenda  
2/327 B 7/66-7/67 - 4/03

Gary J. Sauer  
HHC AVN 66-67

Jim Scales  
2/327 68-69

Richard C. "Dick" Schonberger  
2/327 HHC 7/66-7/67 - 4/03

COL(R) Jerry C. Scott & Jody  
2/502 B 7/66-7/67 - 4/05

Christopher E. Smith  
2/502 HHC 7/67-6/68 - 4/03

LTC(R) David B. Smith & Betty Ann  
2/320 FA A 11/65-5/66 - 1/03

Samuel B. Snyder  
2/502 B 66-67

Jean-Louis Soucy & Yun-Cha  
1/327 T.F. 67

Billy E. Spangler & Melba  
INFO OFF 67-68

Manuel E. Staffilero & Gerri  
2/327 A 66-67 - 4/03

Ray Strength & Shirley  
2/327 Hawk 7/65-7/66

COL(R) Elliott P. "Bud" Sydnor, Jr. & Jean  
1/327 HHC 8/67-8/68

Esequiel Tanguma & Norma  
1/327 B 1/68-1/69 - 10/00

Kenneth B. Taylor  
2/327 C 6/66-6/67 - 4/03

Frederick J. Terhune  
1/327 A & HHC 5/66-6/67 - 7/03

Carlos Torres & Alicia  
1/327 A 7/65-2/66 - 4/03

Miguel A. Torres & Eresvita  
326 MED D 6/65-6/68 - 1/03

SGM(R) Harold G. Trout & Brigitte  
1/327 HHC TF 3/67-3/68 - 4/03

Jim Uphouse  
1/327 B 6/67-6/68 - 4/03

COL(R) M.K. (Malcom) Wallace & Maureen  
1/327 HQ 67-68

James A. (Jim) Wilson & Judith  
2/327 B 66-67 - 4/03

Charles Woolf  
502 C dates?

MAJ(R) Ivan Worrell  
INFO OFF 5/66-5/67

Terry L. Wren & Bonnie  
2/327 A 4/67-2/68 - 4/03

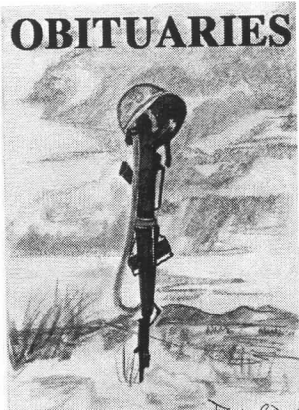


**1.** (L to R) LTC (R) John J. Dorsey [2/327 A 6/66 – 5/67], LTC (R) Charles T. (Tom) Furgeson [2/327 A & HHC 5/66 – 5/67] and LTC (R) Richard C. (Dick) Schonberger [2/327 HHC 7/66 – 7/67] answer questions for a young man whose father once served in the 101st Airborne Division at the International Air Show at the Alliance, Texas Airport. **2.** Melba and Billy Spangler [INFO OFF 67 – 68] at the Reunion Dinner. Billy was Information Officer of the 1st Brigade (S) beginning in May of 1967. **3.** Reunion Chairman Kenneth V. Arnold III [HHC AVN 10/66 – 10/67] begins the program for the Reunion Dinner on Monday October 14, 2002. **4.** (L to R) Barry Gayer [1/327 HHC S-3 5/66 – 6/67] and COL (R) Richard R. Maglin [2/17 CAV A 6/66 – 6/67] compare Viet Nam experiences over dinner. Barry has contributed a number of photos for future use in the magazine and Dick will be shown in a future issue as Commanding Officer of A Troop 2/17th Cav. **5.** MG (R) S. H. Matheson [HHC CG 1/67 – 1/68] speaks to the assembly of veterans, their wives, families and friends gathered at the 8th Biennial Reunion in Fort Worth, Texas. **6.** The Color Guard of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) traveled from Fort Campbell to Fort Worth to be an important part of reunion. Here the Color Guard prepares to post the colors at the Sunday evening reunion dinner. **7.** Veterans of the 1st Brigade (S) 101st Airborne Division arriving in the lobby of the Radisson Hotel in downtown Fort Worth on October 12, 2002.



**1.** Anthony Saucedo [2/327 B 7/66 – 7/67] and Douglas N. Field [2/327 B 4/66 – 12/67] pose for a photo outside the Hospitality Room. **2.** William M. “Bill” Madden [2/320 Arty CO 65 – 66] and Helen wait for dinner. Bill was not easily recognizable since he has added a beard. **3.** Ionie and Larry Anglin [2/502 B 6/65 – 7/66] pose for a picture before dinner. **4.** MG (R) Ben L. Harrison [10th Combat AVN 7/66 – 7/67], MG (R) S. H. Matheson [HHC CG 1/67 – 1/68], B. G. Burkett Author of the book *STOLEN VALOR* and Reunion Dinner Speaker and COL (R) Jerry Scott [2/502 B 7/66 – 7/67] before the Reunion Dinner. **5.** BG(R) John W. “Rip” Collins III [HHC 67 – 68] and CPT (R) Charles J. “Jim” Apodaca [2/502 B 5/66 – 4/67] pause from some reminiscing to pose for a photo. **6.** Reunion Chairman Kenneth V. Arnold III [HHC AVN 10/66 – 10/67] and his wife Mary beside the helicopter he flies for the NBC, Channel 5, television station in Dallas. The helicopter was one of those exhibited at the International Air Show at the Alliance, Texas Airport.

+ CW3(R) William J. Keller, 2/327 HQ(S-4) 6/65-7/66, 8032 East Hayne St., Tucson, AZ 85710-4213; (520) 886-8004; BKe2076635@aol.com; sent the following email.



To one and all I am saddened to have to pass on the death of Sgt Roy Shinall former Trooper of B Co 2nd Bn (Abn) 327th Infantry 1964 thru 1966. Roy passed away at Midnight on Saturday 2 Nov 2002. He had been fighting the long battle with a long list of illnesses. All caused by service to this GREAT COUNTRY.

Cards may be sent to: The Shinall Family, 4269 Breezy Trail Way, Cosby, TN, 37722

Call Pete McKenzie, 423-487-3878 for info on services.

Respectfully, Bill Keller

## ATTENTION 327th VETERANS REGIMENTAL DINNER

*Thursday, 14 August, 2003*



Join fellow members of the Regiment for an evening of camaraderie and good times during the 58th annual reunion in Reno, NV. These evenings always reflect the fellowship, traditions and heritage shared by those who proudly wore the crest of the 327th and 401st.

The dinner will be held on Thursday, 14 August 2003 at the Reno Hilton, the reunion hotel. Cocktails will be served from 6-7 PM (cash bar), with dinner at 7 PM. A choice of rib eye steak or grilled chicken breast will be served. You are encouraged to bring an appropriate (?) prize for the after-dinner raffle.

The price of the Regimental dinner is \$30 per person. Please send your payment with your reservation, including your choice of entrée, to Walter Jackson, 743 Wickham, Fen Way, Boise, ID 83709-0169. Please contact him at 208-322-5546 or e-mail him at [jacksonw@idvs.state.id.us](mailto:jacksonw@idvs.state.id.us) if you have any special requests. The final date for accepting reservations is 15 June 2003, unfortunately, no reservations can be accepted at the reunion.

We hope to have participation by active 1st Brigade members. Please indicate if you would be willing to sponsor participation of an active duty member of the regiment by underwriting the cost of his/her dinner. You will be subsequently contacted for sponsorship.

Please save this announcement, or better yet, send in your reservation while the subject is fresh in mind. Please plan on joining with fellow members of the Regiment for a night of good food, good company and good times.

Larry Redmond/Walt Jackson 327/401 Governors

To all members of this Forum who are Vietnam Veterans: The Vietnam Cross of Gallantry

From: Barry Anderson, [moderating.staff@verizon.net](mailto:moderating.staff@verizon.net)

### Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm

Awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States and its Allies: for valorous achievement in combat during the Vietnam conflict, March 1, 1961 through March 28, 1973.

Every American and every nation Allied with the United States who served in Vietnam was awarded the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

The Cross of Gallantry is recognized by the United States government and all federal agencies.

Because the Cross of Gallantry does not appear on every U.S. Vietnam veteran's DD-214 Vietnam veterans may receive government acknowledgement of this medal by requesting a DD-215 from the National Records and Personnel Center in St. Louis, Mo using standard form (SF) SF-180. To obtain an SF-180 please travel to URL: <http://members.aol.com/forvets/htomr.htm>

For more information about the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, travel to URL: <http://www.amervets.com/replacement/vcog.htm#isr>

Best, Brooke Rowe,  
Associate Librarian, The American War Library  
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Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm

**ARMYMEN BELONGING TO U.S. EXPEDITIONARY CORPS IN SOUTH VIETNAM**

The Johnson Government has been dispatching more and more U.S. combat troops to South Vietnam hoping to turn the situation favourable to them. But the result is that: The more U.S. troops dispatched to South Vietnam, the greater their defeats will be.

The strategist attacking plan in the dry season in order to regain the initiative on the battlefield with the campaign « 5 Arrows » in the first months of 1966 completely failed.

Within 5 months (November 1965 - March 1966) the South Vietnamese people and Army:

- August 18 - 25-1966. Again at West of National road № 9. Over 500 U.S. Marines killed or wounded. 10 cannons - one 106mm and two 81mm mortars destroyed.

Over South Vietnam within 6 months (March - August 1966).

112,000 enemy troops put out of action. (Including: 42,000 U.S. and Satellites), U.S. officers and Soldiers!

Early in 1966 U.S. Expeditionary corps composed of 200,000 troops Johnson - Mc Namara couldn't « improve the situation ».

At this juncture with 300,000 U.S. troops they still do nothing.

In the coming time with 400,000 troops they certainly will suffer a shameful defeat in their aggressive attempt.

Armymen! Your blood have been shed too much But what Johnson - Mc Namara have brought to you and American people? Only shame - mourning and suffering.

- Wiped out 114,000 enemy troops (including 43,000 U.S. and Satellites) 30 battalions - 141 companies (including 14 battalions and 22 companies of U.S. and Satellites).

- Shot down or damaged 1,440 air craft of all types.

- Destroyed 1,310 military cars (including 330 M.113 - M.118 - M.14 amphibious ones) and 27 warships.

- On the central front of S.V.N. U.S. troops were attacked everywhere and received heavy losses. Here are the proofs about these losses in the recent time.

- June 18 - 26-1966.

1,402 U.S. troops of the 101 Division of paratroopers and the First Air Mobile Cavalry Division were killed or wounded by the L.A. at Tuy an (Phu yen province)

- July 14-1966.

The Gosoi post (Quang-ngai province) 8 kilometres South of Chulai was attacked.

Allmen from 2 companies and the battalion Headquarters were wiped out. One artillery base was destroyed.

- July 20-1966.

One U.S. company of artillery stationed at Quang ngai airbase was attacked. 96 U.S. troops killed or wounded. 4 cannons and one helicopter destroyed.

- July 30-1966.

The Nuocman airbase (near Danang) was attacked (this is the third time). 150 U.S. troops killed or wounded.

70 Helicopters - one rocket dump destroyed.

- July 24 - August 8-1966.

Over 700 U.S. troops of the First Air Mobile Cavalry Division and the 25th Infantry Division were completely inhibited at Duoco - Chupong areas (South West of Pleiku).

- Late July 1966.

At North of National road № 9 near the 17th Parallel more than 700 U.S. Marines

were put out of action, 30 planes of various types were shot down.

- August 6 - 8-1966.

The L.A. smashed the operation « Alliance V » of U.S. - puppet troops (West Que son - Tien phuoc Quang nam province).

1,492 enemy troops (including 764 U.S. Marines) put out of action.

23 Helicopters and one jet shot down. 13 tanks and M.113 amphibious cars destroyed.

- August 17-1966.

The Headquarters of armoured car regiment of the third Marine division stationed at 6 kilometres West of Danang was attacked.

500 U.S. troops killed or wounded.

110 military cars (one half are M.113 - M.118 - M.14 amphibious ones) destroyed.

One petrol dump (4,000,000 litres), one dump of arms and war material burnt.

There for we appeal to you to:  
 - Refuse to go to the front.  
 - Demand to come home immediately when your terms are over.  
 - Demand the repatriation of U.S. and Satellites' troops in South Vietnam.  
 That is your very way of living and honor.

THE SOUTH VIETNAM LIBERATION ARMY

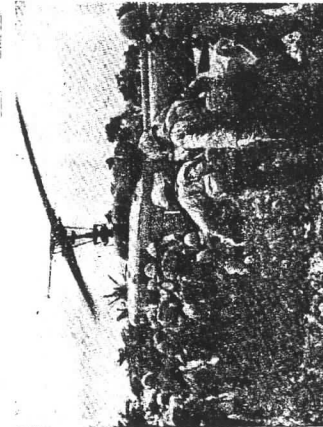


Photo in the right: Bitter defeat of the 110 Division of paratroopers in North-West of An Khê.

**OUR RESOUNDING VICTORIES**

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**MY OPINIONS ON THE VIETNAM WAR**

Why is there a war in Vietnam? More important what are Americans involved in it for.

There is war in Vietnam because of the aggressive policy of the U.S. Government - The United-States attempts to turn South Vietnam into U.S. military base, The U.S. Government has joined hands with the Saigon lackeys in using armed forces to suppress the just struggle of the South-Vietnamese people for freedom and independence, the South Vietnamese people want complete freedom and independence without foreign interference just as our forfathers did in 1776.

It is plain to see that the past regicims and military juntas, all of them U.S.

waste of life and destruction of property without reason.

Do your part to end this waste and stop insanity by writing your friends, families and representatives to assist in ending this war. It is obvious we have no right or business here and should do everything possible to end this war and return all U.S. and foreign troops to their homes.

**W. F. EISENBRAUN**

Captain Infantry - U.S. Advisor to 1st Battalion 51st Inf-Regiment Bagia Outpost



Photo: Students in California demonstrated against U.S. war in Vietnam.

aggression against the U.S. Yet we have brought combat units to Vietnam and are actively perpetrating war against a people who want only to live in peace.

The opponents of our aggression are the Vietnamese people from laborers to educators, including the military and the officers Corps they rally, struggle and march side by side under the policy of freedom and leadership of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation.

The rightness of their cause is recognised world wide including the U.S. by many renowned leaders, educators and freedom and justice-loving thinking people.

It is obvious that the people are not going to stand for the aggressive warfare and policy the U.S. is pursuing but will continue to resist until at last they gain complete freedom.

At the present time there is a very large movement in U.S. ranging from letters to our representatives in Government to marches and individual burning themselves in protest against this useless

Captain W. F. EISENBRAUN

**MY OPINIONS ON THE VIETNAM WAR**

THE SOUTH VIETNAM LIBERATION ARMY

Enemy Propaganda Leaflets Courtesy of William J. Northquest





**Iron Duke Command Helicopter in Viet Nam sent by E-Mail from Ken Arnold**

**Iron Duke Chopper**

Aviation Section veterans recreated the logo used on General Matheson's command helicopter at the reunion in Fort Worth. (L to R) Ken Arnold [HHC AVN 10/66 – 10/67], Russell Maxson [HHC AVN 66 – 67], S. H. Matheson [CG 1st Bde 1/67 – 1/68], Carlos Melendez [HHC AVN 66 – 67], Gary Sauer [HHC AVN 66 –67] and Carl E. Midkiff [HHC AVN 66 –67] pose in front of a Huey with the "Iron Duke" logo used on the Brigade Commander's command helicopter when General Matheson was Brigade Commander.

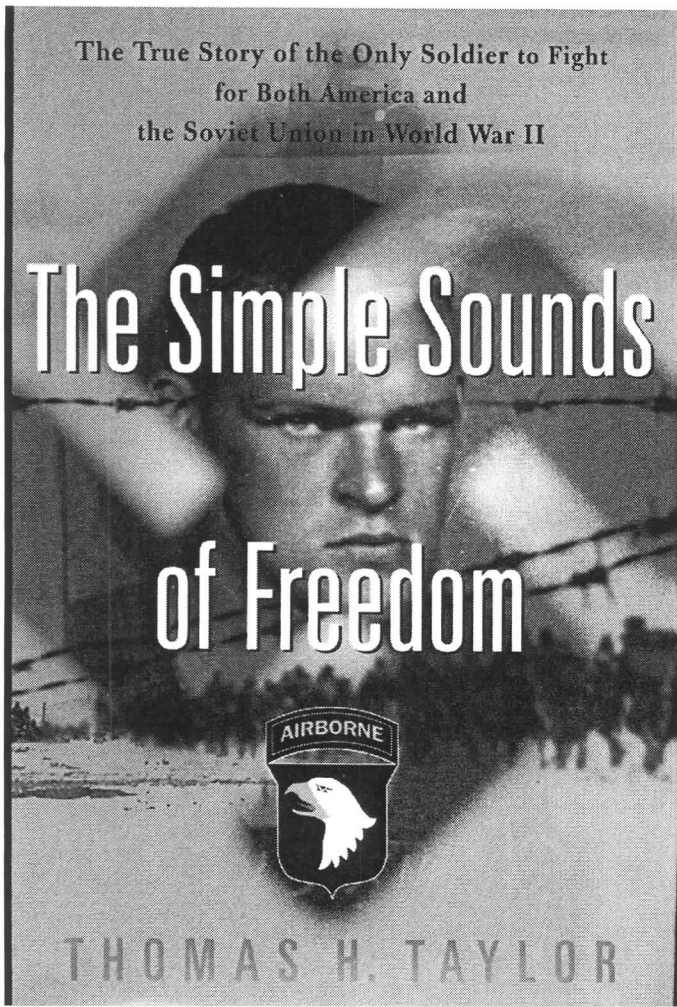


Phan Rang, March 1967. Pilots serving with the 1st Brigade (S) Aviation Section pose in front of a Huey at Phan Rang in March of 1967. They are (front row L to R) Ken Arnold, Jerry Brown and Butch Denson. (Back row L to R) Steve Nickaloff, Gary J. Sauer [HHC AVN 66 – 67], Carl Midkiff, Sam McGee and Russell A. Maxson [HHC AVN 66 – 67].

**Carl E. Midkiff [HHC AVN 12/66-12/67]  
sent two photos of 1st Brigade (S)  
aviators at Kontum and Phan Rang.**



Kontum, January 1967, (L to R) Carl Midkiff, Butch Denson and Kenneth V. Arnold III [HHC AVN 10/66-10/67]. It appears that Ken Arnold is assisting the photographer by putting a shadow on the reflective area of Butch Denson's head.



## THE SIMPLE SOUNDS OF FREEDOM

By *Thomas H. Taylor*

Random House New York

Review by Ivan Worrell

The story of Joe Beyrle, written by Tom Taylor, could have been a work of fiction except the author would have been hard put to imagine a plot that could have contained the adventure, struggle, misadventure, horror, deprivation and cruelty that Joe was a party to on his behind the lines parachute drops into France and the night drop into Normandy to begin a journey that ended in Moscow. Joe was a compulsive jumper and expert parachutist, behind-the-lines paymaster for the French Resistance, paratrooper in the invasion of France, Prisoner of War, escapee, soldier with a Russian Army tank unit, Gestapo prisoner, and Russian prisoner. His story, as told by Tom Taylor, is so vivid that interruptions in the reading are not drawn out because the compelling curiosity about Joe's next exploit draws one back to the book.

Joe Beyrle joined the Army in WWII to find adventure and succeeded. He has also been successful in business and is a past President of the 101st Airborne Division Association and continues to serve on the board representing the 506th Regiment.

## Advance praise for The Simple Sounds of Freedom

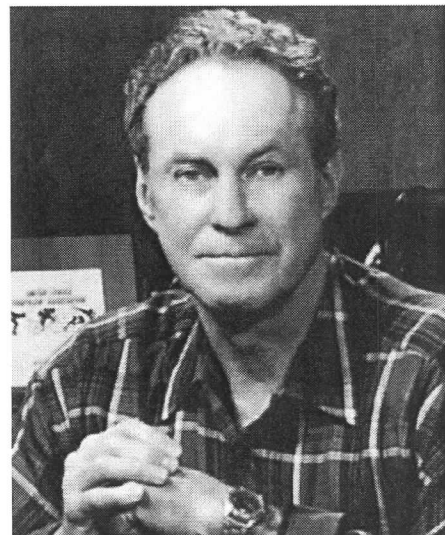


"Every once in a while, a true story comes along that reads like fiction. *The Simple Sounds of Freedom* is a remarkable true story about a remarkable American soldier. It grabs you on page one and never lets go. That Joe Beyrle survived the horror of the German stalags and the Gestapo to escape and continue fighting against Hitler with the Russian army is a testament to the training and professionalism of the Screaming Eagles of the 101st Airborne Division—and to the courage and fierce determination of the kind of men who served in that storied unit.

"*The Simple Sounds of Freedom* is one of the most gripping tales of war you will ever read, and it will be read for generations to come as a tribute to the inextinguishable love of country and love of freedom of one resilient American, Joe Beyrle."

—SENATOR CARL LEVIN,

Chairman of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee



*Thomas H. Taylor*

COL(R) Thomas H. Taylor [2/502 B 7/65-6/66] is the author of six other books, three fiction and three nonfiction. Where the Orange Blooms is the story of Ben Lam [2/502 HQ 65-71] who probably served longer in the 1st Brigade (S) than any other soldier. Tom is the son of General Maxwell Taylor, WWII Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division.



George E. Brown, Sr., 2/17 CAV A 6/66-1/68 - 4/03, 101 N. Eagle Rd., Havertown, PA 19083-3435; (610) 789-6609; gande143@bel-latlantic.net sent the following photo of A Trp 2/17th CAV. The date was after Nov.' 67 before Jan. '68



*2nd Plat. A TRP RECON 2nd 17th Cavalry taken in late 1967*

**1<sup>st</sup> BDE 101 ABN DIV**

*(L to R) 1st Row - SSGT. Stewart, Murphy, Duran, Bogue, Pritchard*

*2nd Row - SSGT. Cox (P.S.), SSGT. Tyler, Myers, Nesbitt, Tinsly, Smith, SGT. Edge, Van Der*

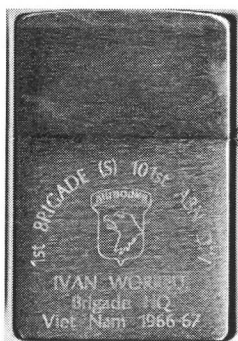
*3rd Row - SSGT. Rodgers, Kornick, Mitchell, Bartyzel, SGT. Brown, Romero, SSGT. Setzer*

*4th Row - SGT. Segur, ??, SGT. Guire,?, Bliven*

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# HONOR ROLL — IN MEMORIAM

To the Screaming Eagles of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, who have given their lives in Vietnam to preserve the freedom and dignity of man.

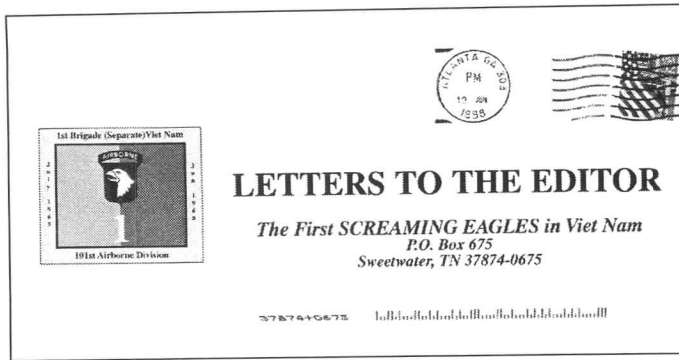
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PFC Marvin C. Killian, A 1/327th Inf	PFC Mack A. Knight, A 2/502d Inf

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This Honor Roll from the AG Casualty List dated 20 September, 1966.

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With B 2/502 in Vietnam would like to make contact with  
any of them.

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This is a great place to go. A great web site! I've looked at  
it before. It's like going home. I was with the 2/502 RECON-  
DOS Dec67-Dec68. That was quite a year for the First  
Brigade. I would like to hear from anyone from any year, unit  
of the 101st Viet Nam. Jim Gould, I've seen your name a few  
times on sites. I don't have your Email address, I would like to  
hear from you and catch up on things. Thomas (Beetle) Bailey  
I know you've been wandering around, like to hear from you.  
Thanks for the NET, now I feel I'm finally home. Will check  
in again later. 1ST BDG 02 WIDOWMAKERS...

*Editor's Note: Gould's email address has been sent.*

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I signed in once but entered wrong information. Yep, I rode  
the ol' tub over in 65. I was the Motor Sgt of C Co, Spt Bn. I  
remember all the many times we moved around VN ... by boat  
& air. I was there from Jul 65 to Jul 66. Returned to states and  
again assigned to 101st at Campbell...first to C Co 326 Engr  
and then transferred to the 101st MP Co...While there, in July  
68 I received my appointment to Warrant Officer W-1  
Ordnance Branch. Where upon I was transferred to HHQ Btry.  
101st DIVARTY as the maintenance officer and volunteered to  
return to VN with the Division in Oct 68. I came back to the  
states. I/325, 82nd Abn Ft Bragg NC, until 1970 and was reas-  
signed to Korea for 13 mo. mo....returning to the I/17 C and  
82nd Abn and remained there until retired on 1 March 1975. I



also was assigned to the HHG Co 1/503, 11th Abn Div at  
Campbell after returning from Korea, and Gyroed to Germany  
with them in December 1955. Would love to hear from any of  
my old friends! Keep the Faith Fellows! CW-3 Retired

JOE SULOCK, PHILA, PA  
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Was in Sig. Plt. HHC. Made the trip on the Eltinge. What  
a ride! Served time on Okinawa with the 173rd before its  
deployment. Like to here from anyone who made the boat trip.

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B Co, 2/502 July 1965 - July 1966. Retired 3/83 at Ft  
Bragg. Managed a finance co for 14 yrs - Retired. Now a  
Cumberland County Sheriff Officer, Fayetteville NC. Hardly a  
day goes by that I do not think of my tour in Vietnam, and the  
friends I made, and, the ones I left behind. "STRIKE FORCE"

ALFRED CHIEF, YUKON, CANADA  
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Served with C Co. 2nd/502. Anyone remember an Angel Cruz,  
1st Plt. Anyone remember me? Email me ok. Strikeforce Brothers

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This is a celebration message !!! I just connected with Sal  
LoSauro, a medic in Div. Hdqtrs. at Ft. Campbell, summer of  
'66 before I went over to VN. On a jump in July or August '66  
he caught a Mae West and suffered the worst landing I ever  
witnessed. He suffered a severely broken spine. Back in those  
days they were leery to do back surgery BUT there was NO  
alternative in Sal's situation. He was training for the fort box-  
ing title in his weight class and this strength/conditioning must  
have saved his life. I just learned he spent two years in hospi-  
tals learning to walk again. I did a web site "search" and by  
chance found his son who is a "Jr." Sal just called me and we  
discovered we've been living in NJ just 5 miles apart for over  
17 years. ANYWAY, this culminates a search I have been mak-  
ing for 10 years and BOOM, I hit paydirt! When you find a pal  
from 36 years ago it's a cause for celebration and where better  
to celebrate than on this web site with you great guys. AIR-  
BORNE !!! (Sal still has a desire to jump again-Believe it?)

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Just got off the phone, (after nearly 2 hours & worth every dime!), with Lenny Vitha, Recondos, July 66 to March of 67. He extended and went to Pathfinders in March of 67. We talked of Cpt Odum, SSG Boyer, Moke, Doc Bagley and others. Does anyone have a current address for Terry Stanosheck? I have emailed him several times and to no avail. Also if anyone is looking for info on Type II Diabetes and Agent Orange, I have the "latest and greatest." Not fun, but VA is treating it as a "presumptive" claim. Anyone with info on Doc Bagley, and others from Sept 66 to Sept 67, please drop me a line! I just found a platoon photo taken March of 67 in Phan Rang. It scanned very well and you can make out the faces NO PROBLEM! It shows Murphy, Sako, Keyes, Lt Tovar, Roney, Hillyer, Wash (Washington), Shivers, and more! It was the largest group photo I think we ever had. Most of the guys were getting ready to rotate home so some were old timers and some were new guys. I also have addresses for Curtis Cothran "Tennessee's" family. If you need it, let me know I will pass it along. His little brother Bob, was 12 when Curtis was killed. Bob went on to spend about 28 years on active duty, retired as CSM. Curtis' mom is still alive in Florida. They really welcome any and all info about their son/brother. Thank you for this site, Ivan. It is a proper and fitting site for the best unit in Vietnam!

*Editor's Note: The following addresses were in my database. Neither are current subscribers, so the information may not be correct. Terry Stanosheck, 2/502 RECON 67-68, 13308 Glenn St., Omaha, NE 68138; (402) 734-3330 work, (402) 896-3375 home, no email address and Norm Bagley, 2/327 B 5/66-6/67 MEDIC, 2515 Broadway, Bellingham, WA 98225.*

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To Mike, Paul and all guys of C Co 2/502 in the early years. Walter Saboloski came back after one year stateside and served 4 years as CSM of the 2/502. His voice yelling "Hey Trooper" to some guy straying from being a perfect soldier sent chills up even the most battle hardened grunt. He would catch us at the heliports when we came in and march us to a barber shop that he brought in just for the occasion. A character in the book "The 13th Valley" by Del Vecchio is based upon him. The scene where he chases the reporter out of the mess hall that was looking for another Mai Lai is described. It happened. I saw it. He was a sloppy soldier's worst enemy and a good soldier's best friend. He would do anything to help keep morale up, even putting a basketball court and a boxing ring in. Some of it was at his own expense. He finally went home in the early Fall of 1970 and retired about a year later. The Air Assault school at Ft Campbell is named after him.



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Thank you Paul Grimes for the picture of Sgt Saboloski which appeared in the recent association magazine. I remember when he first came to C Co. I thought 'wonder if this old guy can hump these hills.' Sure could. He was quite a soldier. Mike.Medic, C Co. 2/502 65-66



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Any one have an address on R. "Doc" Deluca or Mike Eaton or Dillon from 65-66, 2/502, HHC and B



*Editor's Note: None of these are in my database. Can anyone help?*



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I was a friend of David Lee Wilkerson KIA Mar 24, 1968. I have pictures of him in High School and other information. He was awarded the Silver Star for saving his squad during an ambush. Do you have a Wall of Honor? He was with A Co. 1st Bn. 327 Inf. 101st Airborne.



*Editor's Note: I do not know of a Wall of Honor. Distinguished members of the 327 and 502 have photos displayed in each Regimental (or Brigade) Headquarters.*



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Would like to hear from anybody who was on hand when 1st Bde loaded up to come home from RVN - a 155mm howitzer (split-tail pig) was brought home to Ft Campbell - the only one from Vietnam - may have been one of ours. Anybody know the story? It's currently on display at Ft Campbell. I was with B 1/30th, then C 6/16th which was reflagged to something else later. Thanks.



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DARYL FOSTER, MILWAUKIE OREGON  
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I was with the 326 ENGR assigned to C Co. 1/327. I have always felt more at home with you guys. My tour was 7-67 to 4-68 at that time I was medivac out. The last place was A-Shau,



Operation Delaware I believe. I was the one who gave you C-4 for your coffee and took apart chicoms so that you could send them home for souvenirs. I was hurt on April 19th. Take care brothers....Daryl

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## E-MAIL MESSAGES

Subject: Top Lamb  
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The best First Sergeant I ever knew has finally joined the email network and would enjoy hearing from any Attack/Strike Troopers as well as any other Airborne comrades. Kenneth Lamb <krlamb@charter.net>

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Subject: James Bush KIA 04/Mar/66  
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In regards to James E. Bush, KIA March 4, 1966. Jim was from Lebanon, Tennessee. I served with Jim in Headquarters & Headquarters Company 3rd Brigade until we both got orders to B Company 1/327 in May of 65. I responded to the lady that wanted to make contact with someone who knew him.

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Greetings from 5/27th Comrade (66-67)  
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Greetings: Bill, Joe, Worrell. I served in 5/27th FA while attached to 1/101st Bde during 1966-67 Phan Rang, Tuy Hoa, Qui Nhon, Nha Trang, Cheo Reo and vicinity in Central Highlands. I have fond memories of guys I served with. Recently, I joined the 27th FA Association. We have reunions hosted by active duty 27th FA units at Ft Bragg and Ft Sill on alternate years. Our recent association reunion at Ft. Bragg was attended by several former members of 5/27. The battalion hosted our visit and put on a great show for us. I saw Bill Hambright's letter in Volume 4 Number 4, "The Always First Brigade" publication.

Respectfully, John Munnelly

I tried to email: billhambright@yahoo.com unsuccessfully (AOL says it can't accept an address more than 16 characters long.) Please pass this email to W. B. Hambright Jr. Many thanks.



Subject: "Doc" Ainsworth  
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Ivan, attached is a copy of a photo I got from Michael Ainsworth, Medic for 3rd Plt. ABU 1/327. It was taken after our jump in Kontum, as we were gathering to hit the bushes for our next operation.



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Good Morning Ivan, trust you had a Happy Thanksgiving. On the 18th I sent you a photo of "Doc" Ainsworth after the Kontum jump. Here are a few more photos I obtained from Doc Ainsworth, that may be of interest. First two photos were taken by Rick Sanders (one of your subscribers) and third photo was taken by Art Timmons (another of your subscribers). All of these men served with 3rd Plt. A 1/327



Photo of Mike Goshen. This photo was taken in 1967 near Duc Pho. Goshen served nearly four years with A 1/327 in Viet Nam. He had been awarded the Silver Star, three Purple Hearts and 22 other citations. After leaving the service, he was a part time deputy sheriff in Calif. He was killed one morning, on his way to work, when he was struck head on by a drunk driver.



Doc Ainsworth- Phan Thiet Feb 1967



French photographer Catherine Leroy- taken near Dak To in 1967. She traveled with us for nearly two weeks. During those two weeks we had little contact or anything worth photographing. If memory serves me (friz) correct, this photo was taken the morning we choppered her out. Late that afternoon, 3rd Plt found the biggest cache of weapons found by the brigade to date (article written up in the brigade newspaper).



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Thought you might get a kick out of this - C 6/16th, reflagged from B 1/30th April 67 - designated as "Legs of the Eagle." With you from Dak To '66 to ? This is a pix of my Battery Commander after the reflag. We were almost all "legs" but were authorized to wear the Eagle on our right shoulders when we came home. We were very proud of our association w/1st Bde. (Still are)



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Ivan, I have come across some photos (not many) taken in VN while I was there. I have one platoon photo taken in Phan Rang, March of 67. Then I have some of myself, Calvin "Preacher" Rollins, and Benavides in Kontum, outside a bar,



(read whorehouse), then one of myself in Duc Pho. Marilyn Cooper, Curtis "Tennessee" Cothran's sister, has some photos and she will forward them to me in the next day or two. I need to get a subscription to your magazine going! I also need to get copies of all the back issues. This according to Lenny Vitha. Lenny and I spent about 70 to 90 minutes on the phone today and he gave me hell for not having a subscription to your magazine! So, mea copa, mea copa, I will do this thing. I am old and I forget to do shit from day to day. I understand you have done a great job with this publication. I thank you for that. Someone needed to chronicle what we "old timers" did. We were a bad bunch of kids. We kicked ass and paid some heavy dues along the way. I heard that Hank Emerson complimented you on your work. THAT means a lot to me and I am sure a bunch of others who knew him. Gunfighter was one kick ass commander and one we could follow to the gates of hell looking to kick the devils ass with little more than a basic load and some attitude. I sent an email to James Brinker about the "All Recondo Reunion." I told James that I am willing to assist in any way I can. If I can do anything for you and your publication, let me know. I was with the Recondo Platoon from late October, early November, 66 to 30 August 67. The only "ghost time" I had was 3 weeks with vivax malaria, June of 67. I got screwed out of my Bancok R&R cause of that stinking bug! I was there the day Turner got killed. I was there when Charlton and two others got screwed up in the Ia Drang. Have some other good stuff from Bam Me Thuit, Phan Theit, Duc Pho. Like when one Recondo pulled an armed robbery in a whore house in Phan Thiet, (you may not want to print that one!). There were 4 or 5 of us sitting there when he did it, we all left at that point, we felt it was the smart thing to do. There were only 3 whores in that whole town. You had to stand in line. Cause there was us and the 1st Cav guys and some leg Arty unit, so things got crowded! I opted out of that line! Ivan, thank you. We needed this. Our time in country and in history was special. The whole Brigade was a tough bunch of kids. We did our job well, we were very good at what we did. We had some great (and some not so great), leaders. Fortunately, most of them were Great; even legendary!

All my best to you and yours,  
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*Editor's Note: Send the photos anytime and I will use as many as possible.*

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Ivan, I got to thinking about July 11th, 67. I need to say that I missed that day. I was still in transit from 6th Convalescent Center in Cam Ran Bay. I guess I got malaria in the later part of June and was out for 3 to 4 weeks to include



the 11th of July. I related the casualties based on what I was told by those who survived and were in the rear when I returned. I think that was like 12 July. It took us a few days to get enough bodies to have a platoon again. According to Clearance Long, the "Leader" at the time, it was on the Song Be River. Miles Thomas was on the radio that night back at Battalion HQ. I will ask him to rattle his brain to see if he can remember who walked out of that one. I do remember that Moey was one of them. He had been an MP with the 82nd in Don Rep. There was a kid named Green who survived and was never quite the same again. He was a good kid and a good soldier. But I can remember seeing him after the fact and the life was gone from his eyes, he was 18. The last 3 guys sat around an ant hill and counted up like 25 or 30 rounds of M-16 ammo, (that is all they had left). They waited for the final charge which never came. The next thing they knew they heard the words "Strike Force." One of the line companies had come to their rescue. Boyer had shrapnel in his skull. Keyes told me that they used a pair of pliers to pull out the metal from his skull. That was Boyer's SEVENTH, (7th), Oak Leaf Cluster on his Purple Heart in just under 17 months in country. Keyes had grooves in his ass from the enemy incoming small arms fire. I can rattle my brain to try to remember some more if you would like. I don't want to give you bogus info! I do remember all the guys that survived were different after that night. Preacher was a changed man. And Preacher was "unflappable." Old Sgt Mills survived with a hole in the left side of his chest big enough they stuffed one of those green towels in it to stop the bleeding. I am sure that didn't do much for his disposition, he was an asshole of the first order! He was a former Spoon! He had been a cook for most of his military career. How he got into Recondos I'll never know.

Well sorry to take so much of your time. But I had to clear the air. I have had "survivors' guilt" for the past 35 years, because I was not with them when this took place. I had been there through thick and thin and I missed this. God I felt like an asshole, like I let them down. I had always taken care of my guys and was so careful when I walked point to not walk them into shit. Thanks for listening to an old fart. br

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The National Capital Area Chapter, organized by Chapter President, Pat O'Reilley, hosted a great weekend for Screaming Eagle veterans who were coming to Washington for the traditional activities in Arlington and at the Vietnam Memorial. A hospitality suite was available at the Doubletree Hotel throughout the weekend with traditional wreath laying ceremonies at the 101st Airborne Division Memorial on Sunday. Joe Beyrle, 506 PIR in WWII, was the keynote speaker at the ceremony. His unique experiences in World War II as an escaped POW fighting with the Russians, are the subject of a new book by Tom Taylor, a Vietnam veteran with the 101st.

Following the ceremonies, a luncheon was held in Shirlington which featured a presentation by Michelle Baugh of Sons and Daughters in Touch (SDIT). SDIT is made up of the children of service members killed in SE Asia during the Vietnam conflict. They are planning a tour to Vietnam for next March.

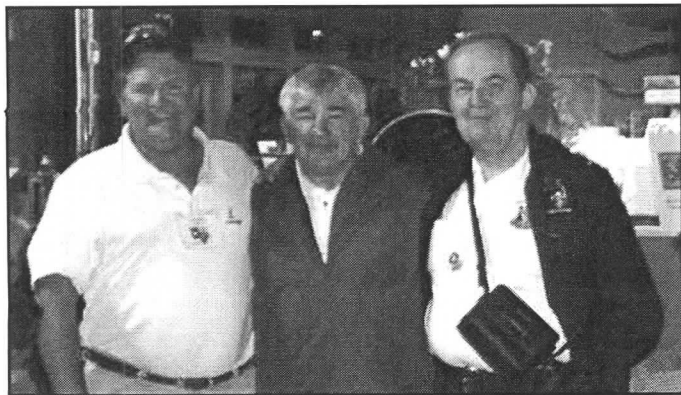
A unique feature of the Association activities on Sunday was the induction of Glenn Hoppert, a Vietnam veteran of Co A, 2/502 Inf (Abn), as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment (DMOR), 502nd Infantry Regiment. Ray Hirschner, an original member of the 502d Parachute Infantry Regiment, who jumped into Normandy on D-Day, presented the DMOR insignia to Glenn. Glenn Hoppert, a retired police official now living in Connecticut, was the local chapter president for several years, during which time he co-chaired the highly successful 50th Airborne Reunion in Washington in 1990.



Glenn Hoppert, 2d 502 VN and Ray Hirschner, original 502 PIR member from WWII. (Schonberger photo)

The weekend activities were well attended by Screaming Eagle veterans who also had the opportunity to attend the annual "DMZ to Delta" Dance hosted by the VVA as well as participate in the national ceremonies. The local chapter welcomes the opportunity to host those veterans and hopes that more veterans will see their way clear to participate in future Veterans Day events in Washington.

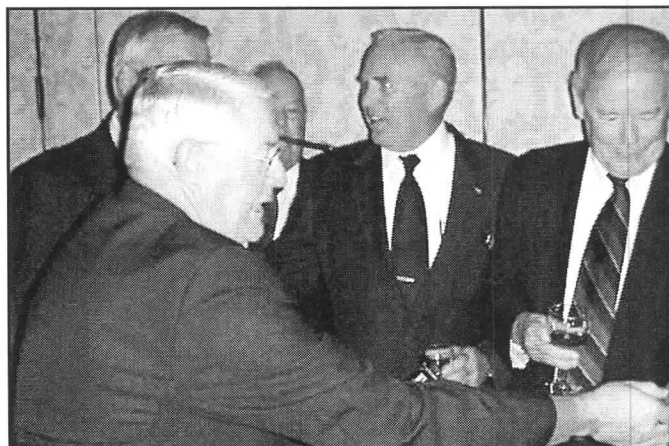
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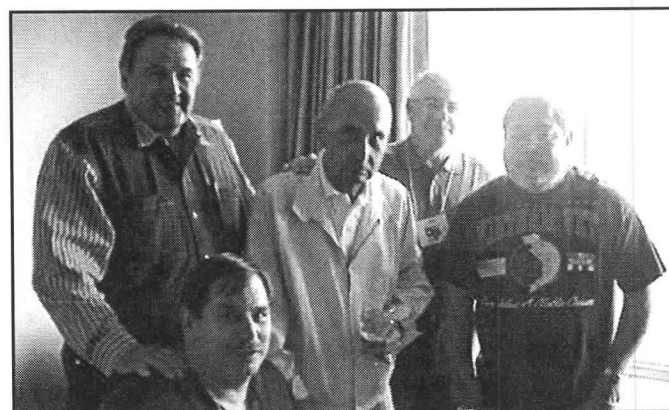
Dale, Dick and Joe at the 1st Bde Reunion.



A Company 2/327th Inf members drinking the wine poured and provided by B Company at the 1st Bde Reunion in Fort Worth, TX.



B Co (Roadrunners) 2nd Bn 327th Infantry, paying off the bet to A Company on which Company had the most members at the 1st Bde Reunion in Fort Worth, Texas, Oct 12-16.



Col Edmond P. Abood, 1/327 CO 67, and veterans of B Company 2nd Bn.

Hi

Just a short note to let you know (+)Jungle Jim Joiner is back in the hospital again. They had to take his pace-maker out. Jim had the pace-maker put in November 12, 2002. He has a very bad infection and the doctors are not sure why. We don't know how long he will be in Tampa General Hospital - Florida. Please keep Jim in your prayers. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at mjoiner883@aol.com.

Thanks, Michele Joiner

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# Two LRRP's Kill 9, Capture Documents

By SP4 Fred D. Pearson

**KHANH DUONG** — It only took two "Screaming Eagles" to bring death and destruction to an NVA camp. Sergeant Jim L. Cody, Cocoa, Fla., and Specialist Five Virgal D. Palk, Waverly, Tenn., killed nine North Vietnamese recently, 20 miles west of the 1st Brigade's base camp here during Operation Summerall.

A Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP), consisting of six men broke down into three two-man teams to give a complete search of the area and to be sure to send information back.

Sergeant Cody and Specialist Palk located a week-old, platoon-size enemy camp which was completely deserted. Only the intense heat and insects lived where the NVA once had been.

A small, slithering trail was found by the team, and they followed it. An NVA soldier slowly walking along the trail caught their eye and they gave chase. While following him they found themselves in a thick, knotted underbrush. They lost sight of him, but they didn't give up. They kept traveling in the same direction and suddenly enemy voices broke the silence.

They followed the sound for about 175 yards with only the voices and their deep breathing breaking the silence. The foliage suddenly broke into a clearing of 30 huts with reinforced bunkers and—the enemy.

Four rounds exploded in the dirt at their feet, they lunged for cover and opened fire with loud and rapid bursts. The enemy scattered from the deadly M-16 rifle's automatic fire. Sergeant Cody says he still can hear the ringing in his ears.

Nine NVA lay dead and further reconnaissance of the village uncovered packs of documents. Call signs and area code names with rubber stamps indicating "Urgent," "Secret" and "National Liberation Front" were found.

The team then headed south, fighting its way through the jungle to regroup with the other patrol members. Arriving at the camp site, they found a middle-aged woman being held for questioning. She had escaped from the village and confirmed reports that 40 NVA had set up camp there.

An air strike was called in. More documents, food, medicine and buried ammunition were found by a LRRP search the next day.

Sergeant Cody and Specialist Palk, clad in their familiar camouflaged uniforms, had done their job well.

## 1/327 NCO Rescues 'Papa-San'

**KHANH DUONG**— The little Vietnamese girls who sell bracelets and candy just outside the village in Phan Rang have selected their "number one" hero of the year.

He's Staff Sergeant Henry O. Brooks, Maysville, N.C., a squad leader with Company A, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry.

He's a hero because he saved "Papa-san."

While returning from the village one day, Sergeant Brooks and a friend stopped on a little bridge, watching the Vietnamese do their laundry and draw water from a stream.

One old man, with a pole and two water buckets across his shoulders, also was drawing water. Dipping them one at a time, he suddenly slipped as the weight pulled him into the stream.

The two observers chuckled momentarily until they realized the old man was in trouble. Sergeant Brooks quickly jumped into the water while nearby Vietnamese girls shouted, "Help Papa-san! Help Papa-san!"

Sergeant Brooks pulled the Vietnamese elder to safety — buckets and all. The old man had refused to release his load even though it was pulling him under.

Now whenever he goes to town, Sergeant Brooks draws a crowd of little Vietnamese girls who call him "number one." He saved "Papa-san."



**BRINGING IN A VC** — PFC Kenneth L. Claypoole, Clarksville, Tenn., of the 1st Brigade marches one of nine captured Viet Cong to the rear during Operation Summerall. The enemy troops were hiding from the "Screaming Eagles" with "the new black rifles."  
(US Army Photo by PFC M.A. Willey)

## Outdated Weapons Effectively Used For Close Support

By PFC Daniel Stroebel

**KHANH DUONG**— Two weapons which saw service in World War II and the Korean War have been put into use in the Republic of Viet Nam with the 1st Brigade.

The M-55 (four .50 caliber machine guns turret-mounted on a 2 1/2 ton truck), and M-42 (two 40 millimeter cannons, tank mounted), are being employed as close infantry support, perimeter defense and convoy escort.

Paratroopers of the 1st Brigade were witness to the awesome firepower of these weapons at a recent demonstration here at the forward

base camp. The guns were fired at the base of a nearby hill where they devastated small brush and trees with volleys of .50 caliber and 40 millimeter shells.

The M-55 (Quad 50's) have already received their indoctrination under fire west of Khanh Duong while escorting a convoy. Traveling down Highway 9B the convoy was sniped by a small force of VC. The Quad 50's were brought into the action and returned fire at a pace which drove the assailants into the brush.

Both guns were used extensively in World War II as

anti-aircraft weapons. On many occasions it was the M-55 or M-42 that was responsible for bringing down a German "Messerschmidt" or a Japanese "Zero." The Korean War pressed the M-55 into use as a "human wave suppressive where it saved many American lives by halting mass attacks by the enemy. The M-42 remained an anti-aircraft weapon.

The weapons were reinstated in 1963 and in 1965 classes were initiated at Ft. Bliss, Tex., to instruct artillery troops in the use of the guns. Officers and NCO's were assigned to the newly-formed batteries and March 12, E Battery, 41st Artillery landed in Phu Cat. Moving from Phu Cat after two weeks of preparation, the battery went to Tuy Hoa and then Nha Trang after which the battery (minus) joined the 1st Brigade at Khanh Duong in a general support role.

The battery, at present, consists of eight M-42 and four M-55 guns commanded by Captain Homer O. Scott, El Paso, Tex. Captain Scott served with the 101st Airborne Division from 1961 to 1964 at Ft. Campbell, Ky.



**"GOING UP!"** — Six "Screaming Eagles" race for a UH1D Huey helicopter during Operation Farrogat south of Phan Rang. The paratroopers were airtight to another sector in the operation area.  
(US Army Photo by SP4 Johnny Jackson)

# 1/327 Disturbs NVA Rip Van Winkle

**KHANH DUONG** — The sleep wasn't quite 20 years, but it proved just as disastrous to a North Vietnamese Army (NVA) adviser. He was awakened by paratroopers of the 1st Brigade and found his world had passed him by.

A "Screaming Eagle" reconnaissance patrol discovered the wornout enemy soldier taking a catnap at the base of a tree. The only thing missing was the long white beard.

Sergeant Henry R. Hudson, the Company C, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, Infantry, patrol leader from Hamilton, Ga., noticed the slumbering economic-political adviser on the other side of a tree after his point and compass men had passed the silent figure on the other side. He quickly grabbed the startled enemy, immediately searching him for a weapon. Still slumber-ridden, the black pajama-clad NVA said he had none. When asked what he ate, he, like the character in the story, said he didn't eat.

"Rip" was airlifted back to the base camp where intelligence was going to bring him up on the times and listen to his story with infinite patience and understanding.



**CHARLIE ON TARGET** — Private Mackeen Williams of St. Louis, Mo., checks out a target on the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry training range with Captain William J. Northquest, Milwaukee, Wis. The "Screaming Eagles" of the 1st Brigade are participating in Operation Summerall, 197 miles northeast of Saigon. (US Army Photo by SP4 Johnnie Jackson)

## 'Artist' Paints Viet Cong Portraits, But Troopers Shoot His Work Down

**KHANH DUONG** — A platoon leader in the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry has devised a means of keeping Cobra Company's shooting eyes sharp—a four-lane range with a VC painted on each target.

Second Lieutenant Walter Hill, San Diego, supervised the construction of the first range in the forward area to utilize pop-up targets. The

range provides the men of Cobra Company practice in quick shooting reaction, so vital for operations in Viet Nam.

Paratroopers start up the four 50-meter lanes looking from side to side for the three hidden targets. With a jerk on a wire by the range officer, the first ginning Charlies pop up. Three M-16 rifles speak as one and three targets

go down. Then the stalk begins for the second and third targets in each lane.

Private First Class Jerry J. Andrews, a supply clerk from Lansing, Mich., drew the enemy faces on the targets. PFC Andrews formerly worked in the drawing and design department for an automobile manufacturer. But seldom has he taken more pleasure in his work.

## WARRIORS OF THE WEEK



Sergeant Robert R. Hastey, Pebble Beach, Calif., has been chosen as the brigade's "Enlisted Warrior of the Week." He was chosen for his valorous actions against the Viet Cong, while a member of the Hawk Platoon, 2d Battalion (Airborne) 327th Infantry.



First Lieutenant Lawrence P. Boeklen, Lake Park, Fla., a platoon leader in Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, was chosen as the "Officer Warrior of the Week" for his recent actions during Operation Summerall near Khanh Duong.

## 'Thunderball's No Slack' Bn Keeps On Rolling Along

**KHANH DUONG** (2/327 10) — The "No Slack" 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, changed the words to an old song recently. Now Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. Rosenblum's paratroopers sing "Old Man 'Highway' Just Keeps On Rolling Along."

The pock-marked Highway I saw the impossible done. With clocklike regularity the wheels churned through Tuy Phong, Song Mao, Phan Rang, Cam Ranh Bay, Ninh Hoa, Vung Ro Bay to their destination, Tuy Hoa. As the countless villagers lined the roads to see the convoy roll through, "Thunderball's" battalion rumbled 500 effortless miles up and down the treacherous highway.

It was a different story a few short months ago. Few if any bridges spanned the countless rivers and streams flowing to the nearby ocean. The road bristled with mines, ambushes and sniper fire. But when the sky troopers reached Tuy Hoa, and again when they conveyed to Khanh Duong deep in Montagnard country, their weapons were still on safe.

Led by Major Marvin

Rosenstein from the air and Captain James C. Joiner from the trucks below the 2/327th performed the mission without a shot fired. The infantrymen of the 101st Airborne had indeed given Highway I "No Slack!"

### DIPLOMAT and WARRIOR

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**CAPTURED EQUIPMENT** — Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. Rosenblum (right), commander of the 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, looks over some of the communist equipment captured by the "No Slack" battalion during Operation Summerall. (US Army Photo)

Our Replacements

# 'P' School Trains'em For Combat

by 2LT Barry Hana

**PHAN RANG**— When eight or ten "Screaming Eagles" face Charlie on his own stomping grounds, they're ready.

The airborne soldiers are prepared the minute they hit the front lines. They've already passed their first major combat test—the famed "Proficiency School" at the brigade's base camp at Phan Rang.

The first of its kind in Viet Nam, the five-day school molds eager paratroopers into alert soldiers ready for any situation. Combat only adds luster.

Physical conditioning, adjustment to the hot climate and the spirit of the 101st are inherent in the course. Early morning exercises with long "airborne" runs handle all three areas in fine fashion.

The first day at Phan Rang, every trooper is processed and quickly introduced to the most qualified faculty in the world. Each instructor won his combat Ph.D. the hard way—with at least seven months of jungle fighting.

There are no faculty teas or social graces taught at "P-School." On the contrary, the more valuable skills are emphasized—How to defeat Charlie—How to stay alive.

Formal training begins the second day in the brigade with each class of newcomers cutting teeth on booby traps, claymore mines and punji sticks—all hidden weapons.

The third day the men fire

individual weapons. The M-16 rifle (The Viet Cong call it "Black Death"), the M-60 machine gun and the M-79 grenade launcher receive the attention of the new troops. Swift breakdown and accurate fire are stressed by instructors.

"You've got five seconds to reassemble that bolt, trooper."

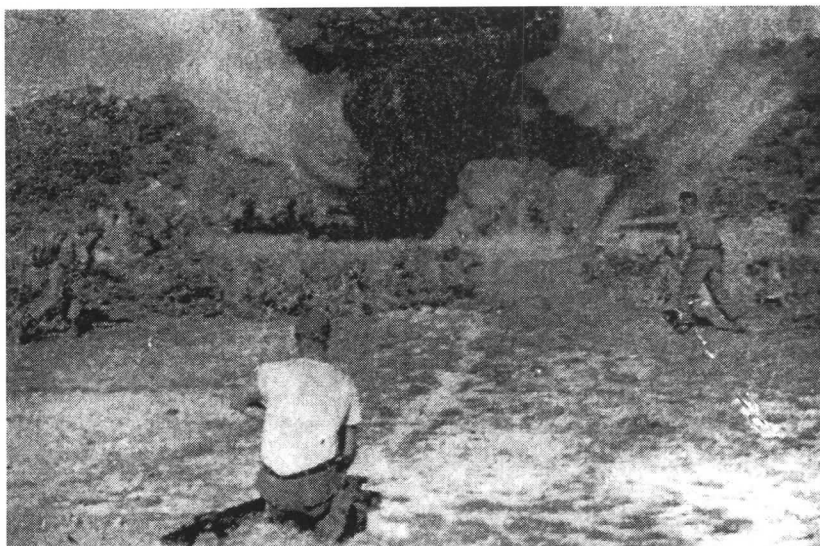
"That barrel shouldn't jump, soldier. Squeeze the trigger, don't jerk it."

Before the day is over, the airborne troops are experts with the weapons. They also know how to dismantle and fire these commonly used by the Viet Cong, including the Russian designed, Chinese-manufactured AK-47 automatic rifle.

The fourth day's activity is patrolling, the backbone of the brigade's "small unit" method of operation. Ten-man patrols are sent to reconnoiter an area near the base camp, carrying live ammunition and constantly looking for Charlie. No place in Vietnam is 100 per cent safe from VC infiltration.

A night ambush occupies the fourth evening of training. Each paratrooper is tense in his hidden position simulating a wait for Charlie. But finally a parachute flare lights the darkness and a murderous volley of interlocking fire shows each man a Viet Cong couldn't survive.

The ambush previews the fifth day's "final exam," a 485-yard reaction course.



### DEMOLITION TRAINING

Under the watchful eye of an expert gives advanced students in the Combat Leaders' Course a thorough knowledge of explosives. (US Army Photo)

Running the rugged combat course with live ammunition and exploding grenades gives the paratroopers some idea of a firefight. With hardened, combat-tested sergeants following each man through, any mistakes are corrected quickly. Special "attention" from their sergeant prevents repetition of mistakes.

"Move in a low crouch," booms a sergeant.

"Hit the dirt and crawl for cover," booms another.

The paratroopers respond,

learning a new lesson every second.

The reaction course is followed by practice in calling in and adjusting artillery fire, a valuable skill for operations in the dense jungles of Viet Nam. Then a tour of the brigade's "serpentarium," acquaints the paratroopers with vipers they may encounter.

After graduation, the confident and trained paratroopers are assigned to units within the brigade. Even those assigned to rear echelon jobs must pass through "P-School" before being accepted.

Officers and even second-tour veterans also must complete the initial training.

Staff Sergeant Bruce O. Gilmore, Alexandria, Va., who attended the Airborne and Ranger schools and in his first tour served as an adviser to a Vietnamese unit, went through the training. No special consideration was given the 12-year Army veteran. To the 101st, he was a "newcomer" until completing "P-School."

"I'm glad I went through it," said Sgt. Gilmore. "You never get too much training for combat over here."

"P-School" was initiated under the brigades' Replacement Company in March 1966. General W.C. Westmoreland, commander of U.S. forces in Viet Nam, "ack-

nnowledged the fine work of the school by directing other units in country to establish similar programs. Most units in Viet Nam now have adopted such training, following the lead of the 1st Brigade.

Not content to rest with the basic "P-School" course, the Replacement Company also initiated two advanced courses—the Sniper School and the Combat Leaders' Course. Only paratroopers with the 1st Brigade for at least three months are eligible.

The eight-day Sniper School instructs experienced paratroopers in the effective use of high-power, bolt-action rifles, tactical deployment and evasion techniques.

The Combat Leaders' Course is designed for future noncommissioned officers (NCO's). The six-day training involves small unit tactics, crew-served weapons, land navigation, patrol techniques, demolition and adjustment of artillery, mortars and air strikes.

The heart of the three "P-School" courses lies not in their curricula alone, but also in the professional instruction of the experienced faculty. Elite paratroopers listen carefully to instructors who have faced combat in Viet Nam. The battle-tested professors show the newcomers how to defeat Charlie and go home to tell about it.



"MOVE OUT!" — A combat instructor follows each man through the rugged reaction course pointing out mistakes and giving the new "Screaming Eagles" the benefit of battle-tested techniques. (US Army Photo)

JAMES GARNER

# 'Maverick' Visits Bde, Tours 'No Slack' CP

**KHANH DUONG** — Prominent television and movie star James Garner visited the 1st Brigade here recently while on a two week tour of Viet Nam. He is one of the many celebrities being brought to visit troops in the field as part of a USO project.

Garner's arrival signaled a flourish of activity at the air strip and brigade headquarters as the paratroopers shot pictures and shook hands with the actor.

The handsome film star was given a brief tour of the headquarters area before he ventured into the nearby hills to speak with the "Screaming Eagles" currently conducting Operation Summerall. Boarding a helicopter, he flew to the tactical command post of the "No Slack" 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, where he traveled the entire perimeter

speaking to each man.

The 38-year old actor is a veteran of the Korean War where he served as a rifleman with the 24th Infantry Division. When asked about his experience in a combat zone, Garner replied, "I've been through it all."

One of the most flexible actors in show business, he played not only lovers and fighters ("The Americanization of Emily," "Cash McCall," "The Great Escape," "Mister Buddwing,") but also a role as a race car driver ("Grand Prix") in which he did his own driving.

He also formed half of the "Maverick" brothers in the popular television series. Commenting on his acting, Garner stated, "Just a hard day's work at the office."

Love scenes with Julie Andrews, Natalie Wood, Suzanne Pleshette? Some work!



"HOWDY, PARDNER!" — "Maverick" (movie actor James Garner) shakes hands with one of the many paratroopers he saw at the tactical command post of the 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry during his visit to the 1st Brigade. Greeting him here are members of the "No Slack" Battalion's Headquarters Company.

(US Army Photo by 1LT Arthur D. Barnett)

## DELUXE FOR CHARLIE

# My Compliments To The Chef; He Has Left Me Breathless

By Sp4 William P. Singley

**KHANH DUONG** — Devastating desserts are being served in Viet Nam. The chefs are the paratroopers of the 1st Brigade.

Their kitchen is the jungle. Gourmets would shudder at the conditions. The walls are savage green in daylight. With nightfall they become grotesque images. The floor is dirt. It quickly mires in the rain. Above the sun provides a constant temperature — hot.

Each paratrooper helps prepare the desserts in the jungle kitchen. The menu is selected at battalion level, the rifle companies concoct the toxic delights.

The treats come in three forms — Claymore Parfait, Shrapnel Suzette, and Ambush Jubilee. Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry does the cooking.

The recipes are simple:

**CLAYMORE PARFAIT**— 3/4 pound of C-4 plastic explosive, one steel plate, an electric fuse to light when serving. Delicious up to 100 meters.

**SHRAPNEL SUZETTE** — one dozen M-79 grenade launchers, a bag of hand

grenades, one radio on the artillery's frequency. Sprinkle lightly with mortar fire. Guaranteed to "tantalize" the most reluctant diner.

**AMBUSH JUBILEE**— A jungle trail, 10 hidden positions, one cross-fire of M-60 machine guns mixed with interlocking M-16 rifle and unsuspecting Viet Cong. Surprise essential for perfection.

The chefs are professionals. Their hours are long, the work arduous.

Sergeant First Class Roy E. Shelnut, a veteran from Fayetteville, N.C., pauses along a trail to check his position on a worn map. This is his third tour in Viet Nam. The first two were with the Special Forces.

Leaning against a tree as his squad destroys a VC fishtrap in the rushing stream below, young Sergeant Donald Dreiling, Portland, Ore., knows the way to find Charlie is to find water.

Lean Staff Sergeant James Bailey, Rock Hill, S.C., is concerned about his sick son back in the States, but he does his job well. He leads his men on an early morning

patrol while the mist hangs across the jungle valleys. Like many in the 101st, he volunteered to serve in Viet Nam because he feels this is where a soldier should be.

Fire team leader, Sergeant Manuel Gomez, Harwich, Mass., harshly corrects his men's mistakes — mistakes that can cost a life. At proper times he jokes with his men. They respect him.

After a punji stake punctured his leg, Private First Class James Triplett, Roanoke, Va., walks all day, talking of joining the battalion's reconnaissance platoon because he wants even more action than he's getting.

The diminutive frame of Private First Class Donald Conely, Warren, Minn., is 103 pounds of airborne fortitude. The others tease him about being the only man in Viet Nam whose pack is wider than he is. Every day he trudges with that pack, nearly half his own weight, dreaming of the good old "cold" days in Minnesota.

War for them is a vocation, not a passion. Ordinary men rising to extraordinary efforts in serving the enemy their bitter desserts.



**PLAN OF ATTACK** — First Lieutenant Martin W. Tovar, El Paso, Tex., briefs his squad leaders of the Recon 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry. The "Screaming Eagles" of the 1st Brigade participated in Operation Farragut, 20 miles south of Phan Rang.

(US Army Photo by PFC Darryl Arizo)

# GLENN HOPPERT 502nd DMOR

## DMOR Ceremony

On Sunday, 10 November 02, at the 101st Airborne Division Memorial was the scene of an unusual event normally conducted by the active division at Ft. Campbell, Ky. Glenn Hoppert, a retired police official now living in Connecticut, was inducted as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment (DMOR), 502nd Infantry Regiment. Glenn, a Vietnam veteran of Co A, 502nd Inf (Abn) served in 1966-67. He was nominated for the award by Mike McFadden, his company commander in Vietnam, for his outstanding work as point man for the company on numerous operations in the Central Highlands. For his service in Vietnam, Glenn was awarded both the Silver Star and Bronze Star for Valor.

DMOR candidates are nominated and then selected by a committee of past and present leaders of the regiment. The award recognizes the "the special place in regimental continuity, tradition and esprit de corps" for those selected. DMORs are usually recognized at annual ceremonies conducted by the regiment where they receive a unique DMOR insignia and certificate authorized by the Secretary of the Army.



*Glenn Hoppert in Viet Nam.*



*(L to R) Charlie Gant, 2d 502 VN, Glenn Hoppert (both Co A 2d BN/502d Inf VN), Ray Hirschner and Joe Beyrle at the 101st Airborne Division Memorial in Arlington on Veterans Day 2002. (Schonberer photo)*

The DMOR ceremony, conducted in conjunction with the annual Veterans Day activities at the 101st Airborne Division Memorial was well attended by Screaming Eagle veterans, family and friends of Glenn, who served multiple tours as the local chapter president of the 101st Airborne Division Association and co-chaired the 50th Airborne Anniversary reunion in Washington.

## CITATION

As the Captain privileged to have been entrusted with the responsibility of commanding Company A, 2d Battalion, 502d Airborne Infantry, 1st Bde (Sep), 101st Airborne, for 7 months in 1966/67, I wish to provide the strongest possible recommendation that Glenn Hoppert be recognized and honored as a Distinguished Member of the 502d Airborne Infantry. While I could expand this recommendation with pages of supporting statements from his comrades, I will resort to brevity in an attempt to capture the essence of Glenn (or "Hop"), as he was known in Attack Company of The Strike Force. As background, it is necessary to understand that during the time frame of his service, the unit was engaged in small unit (squad and platoon) offensive operations which featured patrolling and ambushing tactics in the jungle terrain of the Central Highlands. Glenn spent the majority of his time on the point ... where he was half of a point/slack team that has the enviable and distinguished record of NEVER ... yes NEVER ... having allowed those who followed him to be ambushed, surprised by enemy fire, nor come in contact with undiscovered booby traps. When the developing situation indicated imminent enemy contact, it was a certainty that Hop and his partner, William Crumpton (Crump) would be up front. With Glenn at the point of most likely enemy presence, I was assured the best possible opportunity to proceed with confidence. Glenn's knowledge of the enemy, calm judgment, and thorough reporting allowed myself and his Platoon Leader to deploy forces so as to insure the battle would be initiated in such a manner as to insure our success. Once the shooting began, Glenn's valor and bravery is well documented with both a Silver Star and a Bronze Star for Valor. Glenn was the sort of young man who possessed a certain maturity and quiet confidence that made him a role model and informal leader ... one of the troopers within the ranks who holds everyone together as the potential danger increases. The other Troopers strove to meet the intelligent, tough warrior standard he exhibited. In a unit where mutual respect flowed strongly between all ranks, Glenn was a Man among Men ... and today ... men owe their lives to his sense of duty and service. I can think of no Trooper more deserving of DMOR recognition. Sincerely, Michael McFadden

The following story about the prison raid near Tuy Hoa is by Charles A. McDonald [1/327 3/66 – 11/66] and is Chapter 11 of his book titled *IN THIS VALLEY, THERE ARE TIGERS*, which is now being reviewed by a publisher. The story will run in three parts and will continue in the April and July 2003 issues.

*Here the doomed suffered  
within Death's shadow  
that dark gloomy place  
hope long forgotten  
just meat with bowed heads  
digging their own graves  
meeting death as a friend  
abandoned souls in untended mountain graves  
begging to be remembered*

Chapter 11

## The Phu Yen Prison Raid (part one)

The prison camp was shrouded in mist and darkness, beneath the tall deciduous trees of the tropical monsoon forest. The dark trunks and large spreading branches formed an



**STARVING PRISONERS OF VIET CONG  
RESCUED BY U.S. 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION**

*Twenty-three-year-old LeVan Than, rescued from a Viet Cong prison camp near Tuy Hoa in the mountain jungles of Phu Yen Province, is tended by Vietnamese nurse Le Thi Hanoi Nam. Than, a former Viet Cong who had defected from the Communist forces and joined the Government side, was recaptured by the Viet Cong and deliberately starved. He was rescued by elements of the 101st Airborne Division's 1st Brigade. Doctors expressed surprise that he was still alive.*

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almost impenetrable canopy that blocked out any light. The camp, was situated on a small, level place atop the ridge, usually in the clouds, well camouflaged inside the natural terrain of the thick mountain forest, and made only of materials found locally. It could not be seen from above.

There were three open-air cages that could easily accommodate thirty per cage. They were built up off the ground, similar to a small house, but they were not designed for comfort. The camp was constructed in order to force the prisoners to live in the open. Each large cage had a solid teak frame, with corner posts made from stripped and squared tree trunks, solidly planted in the ground. The floors and walls were made of two-inch saplings with about three-inch separations, and the roof was made of palm leaf thatch. All the construction of the wood had hand-cut locking joints. The wooden bars of the floors and walls had natural bindings made from thin green strips, cut from the bark of green saplings that had been softened by pounding. The soft pliant fiber was then cut in strips and peeled off the log. These were strapped around the poles that formed the bars, where they crossed over the larger stronger supports. As the binding strips dried, they became rigid joints. The joints were tough and pliable, and all construction was tight and strong.

Regardless of their location, the guards could see everything that went on inside the camp. Their vision was limited only by the close sides of the mountain ridge that went down in every direction from the camp, except the south side, where the spine of the ridge continued on. The prison contained some fifty prisoners. Its purpose was to indoctrinate the people with the communist's unworkable ideology at the point of a bayonet. They isolated severely weakened prisoners, already in a state of depression, to obtain information and confessions, to indoctrinate and compel them to inform on other prisoners and, in all too many cases, to kill them or let them die as an example to others.

On 22 September 1966, under the cover of darkness, former Popular Force (PF) PFC Hoang Kim Chinh, 31, and a friend escaped. They'd been prisoners for just over a year and a half. The Popular Forces were a South Vietnamese Army Territorial Force, a countrywide outpost system, manning critical points. They were known to the Americans as "Ruff-Puffs." The area the two men moved through was covered with long golden-brown grass that extended well out into the valley. Normally, the sight of the valley, surrounded by mountains, filled with the waving, two-foot green stalks, and their heavy golden heads bowed with kernels, was normally beautiful to behold. While they made their way down the densely wooded mountain ridge to the valley's unworked area, Chinh's friend quickly fell behind and became lost.

Chinh was heading straight across the valley, past scattered, distant villages, to the worked area of ripe rice paddies, when he was spotted from the air by an American helicopter. The officers in the helicopter directed the pilot in for a closer look and found a man with his hands held in surrender, a surrender leaflet fluttering in one hand. He was immediately flown to our area for interrogation. Popular Force's soldiers





servicing with our unit recognized him and verified that he had worked as a clerk in Hieu Xuong District Headquarters. During the interrogation, he related how he had gone to visit his family, and had been taken prisoner by the Viet Cong, who had been watching his house. He had been given a trial and sentenced to four years imprisonment for serving the government of South Vietnam.

The following day found us 200 miles northeast of Saigon in the upper end of the Hieu Xuong Valley the southernmost district of Phu Yen province, participating in Operation Seward. The mission was to protect the rice harvest and conduct search and destroy operations.

The valley runs inland from the coast at Tuy Hoa. The small town of Tuy Hoa is located between Nha Trang and Qui Nhon cities, and is the capital of Phu Yen province. We had relieved the 28th Infantry Regiment, the Republic of Korea's famed 9th Infantry (White Horse) Division.

#### Our worst enemies.

When it rained, the mosquitoes were active night and day descending on us in a sopranic cloud of misery. The lowland *Aedes aegypti* mosquito transmitted dengue fever, a common viral disease, for which there is no cure or vaccine. We had lost a lot of men due to one kind of debilitating sickness or another, but dengue fever was the most common.

Its nickname is "breakbone fever." In its mild form, it was accompanied by excruciating and agonizing bone pain, high fever, rashes, severe headache, eye pain, nausea, vomiting and painfully disabling muscle and joint spasms that would last several weeks. After the onset of the fever, if you weren't sure what you had, all you had to do was check for the telltale small red spots four days after you felt bad. The organism required the living cells of a host organism in order to multiply. It usually lasted around two weeks, sometimes longer. A subsequent infection could lead to dengue hemorrhagic fever or Dengue shock syndrome, which caused soldiers to bleed from the mouth, nose and gums. This could lead to a circulatory collapse, characterized by increased permeability of blood vessels, which in turn led to plasma leakage, shock, and death. The good news was that anyone infected developed immunity to the virus. The bad news was, there was four strains of it. We all suffered from it, but the only way we got to see a doctor about it was if we were lucky enough to get wounded.

We also lost men to Malaria. The parasitic disease transmitted from person to person was caused by *Mrs. Anopheles P. Falciparum*. She was our greatest threat, because she was a source for the most severe symptoms of malaria parasites prevalent in the world's four endemic areas. There was just no way for the infantrymen to avoid her bite. She waited until it got dark to attack, although if you spent any amount of time hiding in the heavy shadows during the daytime, she was there too. She followed your breath and she loved dark colors. Her malaria seeds lived in her salivary glands. They dodged a soldier's immune system to seek out his liver and burrow inside the cells there. In four weeks, these developing merozoites ruptured the cells in the liver and started flowing into the blood



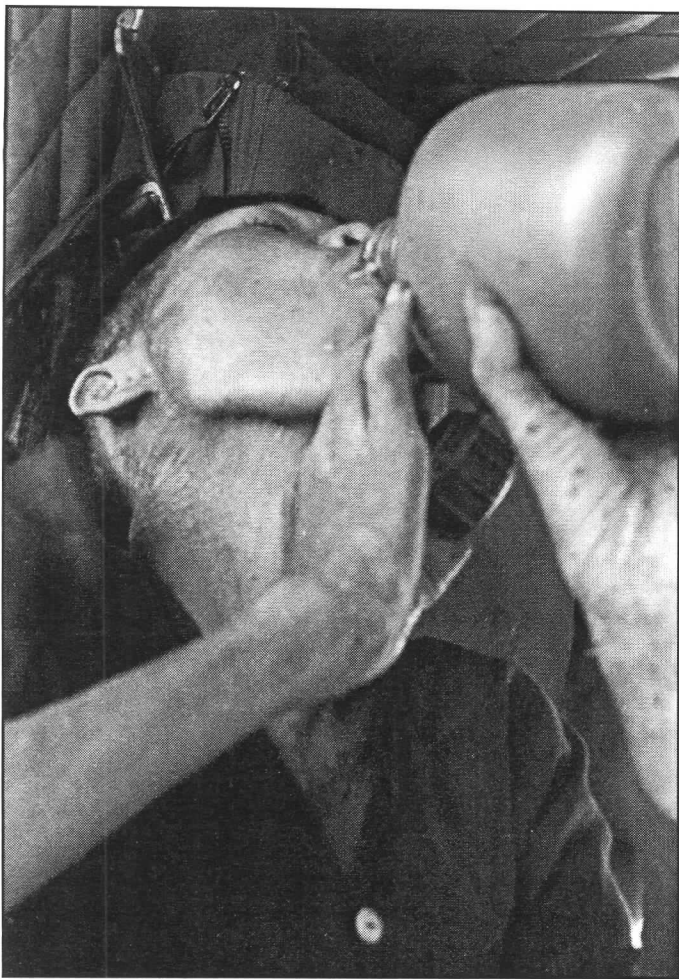
*TUY HOA, VIETNAM (101st-IO) – After long months of endless ill-treatment at the hands of the Viet Cong terrorists in a prisoner of war camp, a liberated Vietnamese receives a thorough physical check up from Captain Stephen Wilson, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Battalion Surgeon of the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry. Elements of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division had smashed the Viet Cong terror camp in a surprise assault to free twenty-three Vietnamese captives.*

*(101st-IO-143-9) US Army Photo by Sp/4 Oddvar Breiland*

stream. Within 48 hours the red blood cells burst. The victim then suffered severe fevers with hot and cold chills.

You came down with headaches, diarrhea, muscle and joint pain, and stomach pain, sweat-drenching fevers, teeth rattling chills and suffered just plain ill health. All this, while trying to keep from being shot. You could fall into a coma, have seizures, suffer from anemia, or kidney failure, or your spleen could rupture. One responsibility of a good leader was to pay attention when your men casually took a leak, without seeming to do so; blood in the urine portends kidney failure and death. Those who fell victim would suffer chronic, relapsing waves of infection. It took our immune systems about a year to get it under control. Because it primarily affected the brain, if someone was unlucky enough to get cerebral malaria (*Plasmodium falciparum*), he stood the chance of becoming retarded.

Most of the time, we had no medical care unless wounded, so the army used Chloroquine-Primaquine, which was developed after quinine. One tablet was taken weekly. Many of us drank quinine water in the clubs if we were lucky enough to get some time off. The problem was we were never in the clubs, and never had any time off in the infantry. The army issued anti-malarial drugs that helped fight the parasite, but no malaria vaccine or drug offered substantive relief, and for some, the tablets induced nightmares. You could always tell the long-term soldiers: the whites of their eyes were no longer white from taking the tablets. The bad news was that most of us were very far from medical care, and as usual, if suspicious symptoms developed, the unit could not afford to lose one man, even if the unit commander cared. Even if you were lucky enough to get to a hospital, the medical personnel might not be



*A freed prisoner enjoys a long drink of water.*

able to diagnose you successfully. The good news was, if Mrs. P. Falciparum didn't kill you, the infection would burn itself out in a year or two.

The mountain range on the south side of the valley was occupied by the 95th North Vietnamese Army Regiment. Also in the area was the 18B Regiment, as well as main force VC battalions. The NVA's 5th Division headquarters which had operational control over the 95th and 18B regiments, was also thought to be in the province. Most of the time, they mostly remained underground in caves dug deep into the rocky and thickly forested coastal mountains which dominated the lowland plains bordering the valley. The NVA occupied the high ground and we, the low ground. Much of the central coastal strip's winter monsoon came from the northeast between October and March, bringing approximately 79 inches of rain. The further west you went toward the Central Highlands, the more rain there was. However, between July and November unpredictable and violent typhoons often developed. During the transitional period of September there was always great enemy activity everywhere until the next month brought the wet chilly winter. We always worried about the weather, about bad flying conditions for air support or medical evacuation, but at present the sky was beautifully clear.

We had been briefed that two concentration camp prisoners had walked in just hours before. During interrogation, they had given their personal information and had finally been

asked where they had come from. The next question to follow naturally was: "Are there more prisoners there?" The answer had been: "Approximately 50 prisoners." He had reported that earlier there had been as many as 200 prisoners. Now, there were fewer, but there were two Americans and one Korean marine. The rest were Vietnamese. The unit commander, Colonel Meinzen, had been alerted to the information coming out of the interrogation. He was wary; the escapee may be a North Vietnamese soldier leading us into a trap. Nevertheless, he had decided to react quickly to the intelligence, knowing that time was now a critical factor for success. The walk-in prisoner, PFC Hoang Kim Chinh, had volunteered to lead the way back to the prison.

My platoon, the 2nd Platoon of Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, was located on the north side of the Tuy Hoa valley. I was quickly briefed on the known background information and ordered to cross the valley, to link up with the Tiger Force to the east of Hill 51 in front of the mouth of the large canyon located there and wait. The Tiger Force was the division short-range reconnaissance element. When informed that one of the former communist soldiers was going to lead us back, I got goose bumps. I had served in Vietnam long enough to know that trick. I thought: "Here we go again, another ambush." I felt that the NVA were just targeting the commander.

There was an additional cause for caution. Our briefing revealed that our movement enroute would be delayed by an old, unmarked anti-personnel French barrier minefield, well covered by years of vegetation. No record or graphic pattern of this minefield existed. As always, for infantrymen, the first indication of mines came when someone stepped on one.

With the sun resting low on the horizon, I assembled my 15-man platoon. They were weary from constantly running daytime patrols and conducting night ambushes. I informed them of what we were going to do. I looked at the melancholy faces of my hollow-cheeked young men--their pallid, stoic, gaunt faces, with vacant stares from red-rimmed hollow eyes. They stood loosely formed, with the butts of their rifles resting on their boots, so as not to pick up any more dirt than they had to. They patiently waited, watching me. They were tired and dirty, but their rifles and magazines were clean. They realized that today was just another bad news day. They remained calm and still. This under-strength, hardened platoon had stood up exceptionally well under months of intensive combat actions, and had accepted and endured their fatigue and psychological shocks. They had fought to keep alive. They were the survivors.

Long shadows were sneaking over the mountains as we got started. We crossed the wide valley, crossed the paddies toward the fallow fields that were no longer worked. I cast a glance at the sun. It was too low in the sky. We moved like the wind that rippled the brown water in the rice fields. The area closest to the mountains were now nothing more than tall, golden-brown grass. The distant mountains to the west were a glowing haze. There was a dazzling sunset of vivid colors. I could see the canyon, but the sun's last crescent had already gone down behind the mountains.



As we moved quickly across the open fields, I watched the mountains turn from gold to blue, then indigo. Wisps of orange could be seen across the sky. The shadows had grown long across the valley, and the mountains were now hidden in darkness. The golden air of the evening was gone. I wanted to live. In the fading light I headed straight for the front of the mouth of the canyon, stopping minutes before it was too dark to see. The sun had dipped beyond the horizon, leaving only a mystic gloaming in the valley. We tried and were unable to establish contact with the other unit.

Darkness had engulfed the valley while I had carefully watched our back trail. The light had drained from the sky, taking the day's heat with it. I waited until it was completely dark, sitting in the tall grass. Then I silently picked up the platoon and moved our position. Always out of caution, I would pretend to settle for the night in one place while it was still light enough to see, and then after full darkness move back to an area visually selected earlier. This type of move depended upon each man understanding what we were doing and why. I made a 90-degree turn and with only a whisper of sound, moved about 200 yards to the east. This was just in case we were followed. The NVA would only know where we had been, not where we were.

The vast sea of grass could easily swallow up a platoon, especially at night. Gradually, the hour came and the moon rose. I studied the landscape in the white air of the bright moon. Much of the illness that we suffered came from this tall grass, filled with mites that caused Rickettsia. Moving through it and lying in it, we would pick them up on our uniforms. Mites were a potential source of fever of unknown origin, labeled FOUO by the medical personnel. These parasitic microorganisms live in the bodies of mites, lice and ticks, and easily infect animals and man. They lived on chickens and rats, and in the nasal passages of dogs, on birds, in the lungs of monkeys. They could also cause scrub typhus that could lead to death. As usual, there was nothing we could do about it but keep our pants tucked securely in our boots. Someone was always getting sick.

My own particular horrors are the hopeless misery of mud, water, the wet cold, and our black rat-hole bunkers. Now, we were wet from the waist down and hungry, but it wasn't so bad; at least the ground was firm. At times like these, I would take off one boot at a time, and dry and powder my feet. I could easily see them in the dark; they were their usual off-colored white, and very wrinkled. We suffered constantly from immersion foot, but drying them always removed a lot of dead skin, which we could not afford to lose. It was a constant battle at times just to stay on your feet.

I had to focus my concentration, listen to the night sounds, to the swooping of the winged night hunters, the song of chirping insects, very faint and low, and the barking of deer, to determine if we had been followed. The best way to observe sounds at night around you is first to clear the cobwebs out of your head, to put you in the proper mental attitude. As long as your mind was wide-awake, so were your eyes and ears.

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Hãy theo những lời chỉ dẫn sau đây để trở về với hàng ngũ Quốc gia  
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 Cộng Hòa bạn cũng có thể liên lạc với binh sĩ Chính Phủ Việt Nam Cộng Hòa  
 hay Đồng Minh. Họ sẽ sẵn sàng đón tiếp bạn.  
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 3. Nếu không có truyền đơn bạn vẫn có thể trở về với chính Phủ Quốc Gia  
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Dan B. Hart, 501 SIG B 7/66-8/68 - 7/03, 7499 Arbor Ridge Dr.,  
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### Open Arms

Please follow these instructions in order  
 to return to the National cause.

You may make contact with any Government official or Vietnamese  
 outpost. You may also make contact with any soldier of the Armed  
 Forces Republic or Allied Forces. He will be glad to assist you.

For security reasons, please follow these steps carefully:

- 1) Hide your weapon before reporting to the Vietnamese or Allied  
 authorities. You may later lead a Government official back to the  
 weapon and claim your reward.
- 2) Please make contact in the daytime and with your hands up to  
 show your intent to return to the Government. Present any passes or  
 leaflets that you may have.
- 3) You may return to the Vietnamese Government at any time with  
 or without passes or leaflets. All you need to do is come in with your  
 hands up and make contact with the Armed Forces Republic of  
 Vietnam or the Allied Forces to receive help.



# RECONDO PLATOON

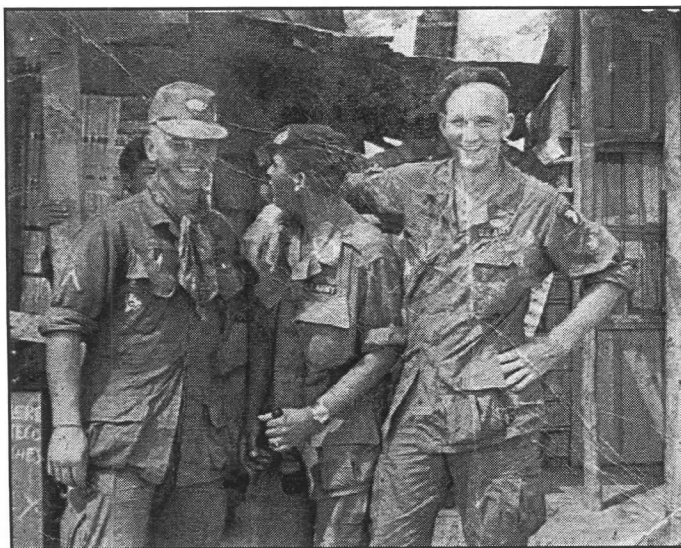


Back Row, Standing, L to R: 1st I can't remember (ICR); 2nd Sacco, Chicago, KIA; 3rd ICR; 4th Washington "Wash" Mississippi I think; 5th Shepherd, So Philly, WIA; 6th Gary Hillyer, Champaign, IL; 7th Me; 8th Barry, I think; 9th & 10th ICR; 11th Woodruff, I think; 12th Bresslove, (that was the guy who was a complete dud in the field so they made him a shit burner in the rear, while burning shit, he watched Huey helicopters come and go. While doing all of this watching and burning, he came up with like 150 major improvements to the HUEY "H" model and they took him back to the states!); 13th and 14th, ICR; Sgt Pagueese.

Next row standing: 1st, Green, I think; 2nd, 3rd & 4th ICR; 5th Sgt Green, he was 3rd squad leader for a while; 6th Shivers, Washington DC, WIA; 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th, ICR; 11th Minkin; 12th Keyes, WIA; 13th, ICR;

Next row kneeling: 1st Doc Bagley, Ada Oklahoma; 2nd ICR; 3rd ICR, 4th, 5th & 6th ICR; 7th Doc Llorens, New York City; 8th Tessler; 9th Thomas, North Philly; 10th Raymond Rivers Turner, Miami Beach Fla, KIA; 11th, 12th & 13th ICR.

First Row, kneeling: 1st Ziegler, I think; 2nd SSG Brown; 3rd SGT Tallman, KIA, 4th ICR; 5th Lt Tovar; 6th our Platoon Sgt ICR name; 7th Barnhardt, my slack man, KIA; 8th Roney; 8th & 9th ICR; 10th Murphy, Chicago, WIA and got the DSC, was real close with Sacco.



The three guys in the small photo: L to R: Calvin "Preacher" Rawlins, pointman 4th squad, Recondo Platoon, Benavides and Me. This was taken in Bam Me Thuit, should have been late March, early April 67. Original Polaroid still has VN dirt in it.

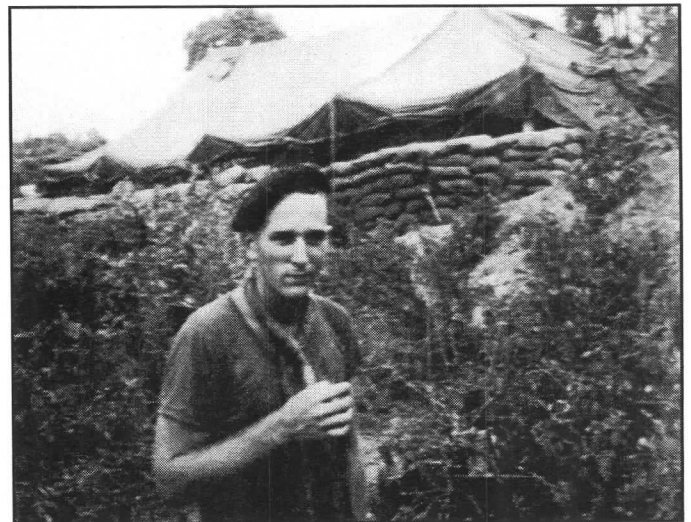


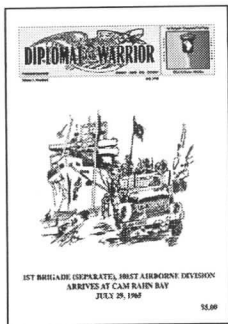
Photo of one guy: That is me, 20 years old, 135 pounds, a bad ass with body count. Hell there I have hair! Note the head rag around my neck, long before Rambo ever came along. Taken at Duc Pho, May of 67.

November 24th, 2002

Ivan: here is the list of names as I remember them. Maybe someone out there can help ID the rest. Most of these guys rotated out of country right after this photo was taken. Date would have been, March, 1967. I hope someone out there can ID some of these guys. Sorry I don't have more. Never could keep photos or cameras very long. They would rot or get damaged. Didn't have anyway of keeping them safe. What I owned was on my back.

Thanks for everything, Brien Richards

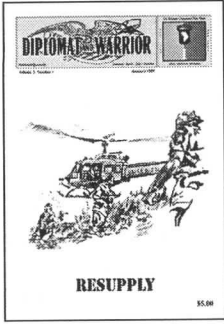




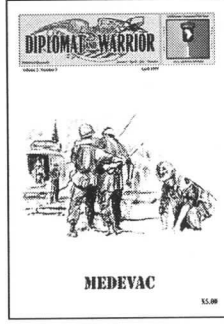
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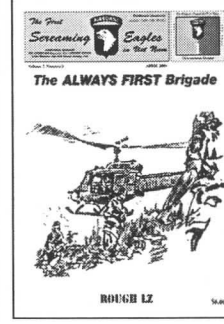
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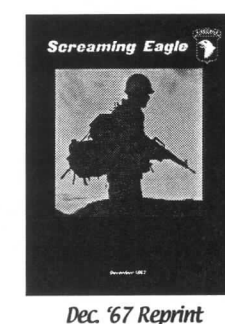
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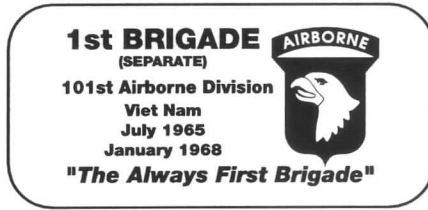
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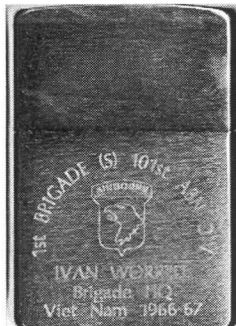


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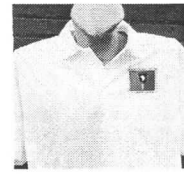


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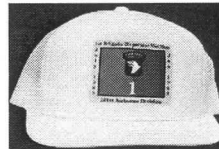
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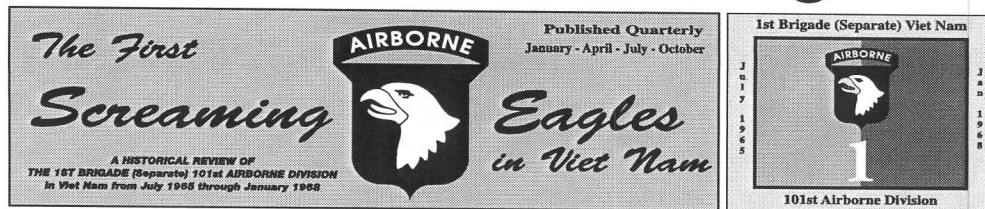
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# THE VIETNAM REPORT — 1967

During this period, the 1st Bde was engaged in Operation Farragut and Operation Summerall. The Brigade completed its seventh and eighth consecutive ambush-free convoys of the year recently in kicking off Operation Summerall.



Along Highway 21 to forward Base Camp.



An Airborne Jump in Operation Farragut.

**KHANH DUONG, Vietnam (101-10)** — The 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, completed its seventh and eighth consecutive ambush-free convoys of the year recently, kicking off Operation Summerall.

The “Screaming Eagles” traveled to Khanh Duong in Khanh Hoa Province in a three-phase movement—a battalion-size convoy from Tuy Hoa, a multi-battalion convoy from the rear base camp at Phan Rang and an airlift from Phan Rang. The convoy from Tuy Hoa more than doubled in size as additional units were picked up along the way and phased into the march order, bringing the total number of vehicles to 166. The larger convoy from Phan Rang totaled 248 vehicles, traveled 110 miles and took a day and a half to reach the forward area base camp. The convoy stopped overnight within the 9th Republic of Korea (ROK) Capital Division’s perimeter at Ninh Hoa. To keep the move unknown to the enemy in the province, the main convoy rendezvoused at Duc My with a 1st Logistical Command convoy from Cam Ranh Bay and the men and supplies arrived at Khanh Duong together. The final phase of the move was an airlift from the rear base camp at Phan Rang. Carried to the forward area by C-130 aircraft was a multi-battalion force, including support elements; 42 sorties were flown in support.

For the first week of Operation Summerall, the “Screaming Eagles” ran a daily convoy to Cam Ranh and Nha Trang to continue building the brigade’s supply base, bringing the amount of supplies moved by road to 95%. The 2d Sqdn, 17 Cav, secured the road from Khanh Duong to Duc My to the coastal port cities have been cleared for some time by the 9th ROK Capital Division. Daily airlifts continue to bring in fuel, equipment and “luxuries” such as mail and ice. The first three major ambush-free convoys this year were from Kontum to Qui Nhon, Kontum to Phan Rang and Tuy Hoa to Phan Rang following Operation Pickett. Others were from Phan Rang to Song Mao, Phan Thiet to Song Mao and Song Mao to Phan Rang during Operation Farragut. The eight ambush-free convoys this year add to the perfect record of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. No major convoy of the unit has been ambushed since the “Screaming Eagles” arrived in Vietnam in 1965.



The Army Vice Chief of Staff, General Creighton W. Abrams, visited the forward area to present a Silver Star Medal to Maj. Herbert E. Garcia, Executive Officer, 1/327th Inf, for gallantry in action at Tuy Hoa last September. Brig. Gen. S. H. Matheson, CG, 1st Bde, presented a Silver Star to Capt. Richard R. Maglin for his action near Tuy Hoa when in command of Troop A, 2/17th Cavalry. Gen. Matheson also presented a Silver Star and a Soldier's Medal to Capt. Scott A. Graves for his bravery in a search and destroy operation near Dak To and for saving one of his men from turbulent waters in the



same area a month later.

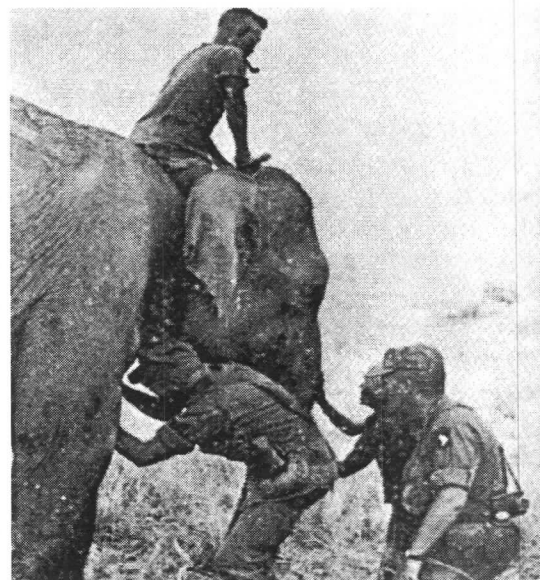
Capt. Charles G. Belan, Assistant Operations Officer of the Bde, received the Bronze Star with "V" device and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster for his actions when commanding Co B, 2/502 Inf. All these men wear the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

And Maj. Charles E. Lea, Surgeon, recently treated an unusual patient, an elephant, at the request of the Montagnard's to Maj. Thomas Bligh, Bde Civil Affairs Officer. The elephant, essential to the villagers, had been shot. Our question, is she "Airborne" or "Leg"? The Civil Affairs



Section donated another "Eagle Washing Machine" to the Dieu An Charity Boarding School in Phan Rang.

And WO Russel A. Maxon and SP5 Len Abata landed their H-13 when its guns jammed to kill two VC and capture one VC woman suspect. The Long Range Recon Patrol of Sgt. Jim Cody, and SP5 Virgil Palk located a deserted VC camp, followed a trail, spotted an NVA soldier, followed him to a VC camp, came under fire, returned same, eliminated 9 VC, and uncovered a number of enemy documents, food, ammunition, and supplies. A patrol job well done.



The 1/327 is using a Stine knife in Co B in hacking through the jungles and vines. This knife was made by the father of Sgt. Gordon Stine at the request of his son for a sturdy knife. So far, 12 have been supplied, two lost in Operation Picket and Farragut. Upon rotation, the knife is turned over to the next paratrooper in line. Co C recently bypassed an NVA advisor who was sleeping as they advanced. Sgt. Henry Hudson had him airlifted to another world where he could tell his story to military intelligence. And S/Sgt. Henry O. Brooks is "Papa-san" to two Vietnamese girls whose father went under while drawing water from a stream. Sgt. Brooks pulled him out—water buckets and all. To these kids, he is "Number One."



PFC MacKeen Williams and Capt. William Northquest, 1/327, on rifle range.



James Garner visits HHC, 2/327.

And James Garner of "Maverick" visited the 2/327 along the entire perimeter. He is a veteran rifleman of the 24th Division in Korea. And the 2nd Platoon, Co A, under Lt. Gerald Moreay and SFC Roy Shelnut, heard the enemy coming for water for their evening meal as they patrolled near the banks of the Krong-Hin in Operation Summerall. It looked like an invite to dinner until SSG James Bailey, Sgt. Ronald Barrett, and PFC James Triplett knocked at the door with their M-16 rifle fire. The host left food behind. Co A has three jungle deserts for the enemy:

Claymore Parfait— $\frac{3}{4}$  pd of C-4, one steel plate, electric fuse. Delicious up to 100 meters.

Shrapnel Suzette—One dozen M-79 grenade launchers, a bag of grenades, one radio on artillery frequency. Sprinkle with mortar fire. Tantalizing to the reluctant diner.

Ambush Jubilee—A jungle trail, 10 hidden positions, once crossfire of M-60 MG's interlocked with M-16 rifle fire. Surprise essential for perfection.

The Chefs: SFC Roy Shelnut, 3d tour in VN; Sgt. Donald Dreiding; SSG James Bailey, Fire Team Leader Sgt. Manuel Gomez; and PFC James Triplett.

The 2/327 made a heliborne assault on the village of Vinh Hoa at 5 a.m., under flares from Air Force C-47's, in 10th Avn Bn helicopters; 498 vil-

lagers, including 49 suspects, were moved to a refugee center near Tuy Phong. The VC attempted to hold up the move but the paratroopers and ARVN Armored Personnel Carriers beat back the attempt.



Lt. Martin Tovar briefs the Recon Plat, 2/502, in Operation Farragut.

Co A, 326 Engrs, clear the jungle for helicopter landing zone.



S/SGT Chester Hollicay spotted a booby-trap and removed same to save lives and ammo — HHB, 2/320th Arty.

CG S. H. Matheson tries out the new combination of M-16 rifle and M-79 grenade launcher (XM-148) as Capt. Joseph Jenkins, Btry A, 2/320 Arty, observes.



S/SGT Willie Jordan responds as S/SGT Donald Mills shaves members Recondo Platoon, 2/502 Inf, on Operation Farragut.



The flying crane lifts a bulldozer to the 101st in the Central Highlands province of Khanh Hoa, 197 miles NE of Saigon.

The 2/320th Arty said farewell to Lt. Col. William R. Madden and hail to Lt. Col. Andrew S. Bolcar, its new commander. Col. Madden departed with four decorations. Col. Bolcar, a Korean veteran, has been awarded two Air Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, and a Purple Heart, and served with the Republic of Korea Field Command at Nha Trang before joining the 1st Bde. Btry E, 41st Arty, is now in support of the 1st Bde with the M-55 (four 50-cal. mg on a 2½-ton) and the M-42 (two 40mm tank-mounted cannons)—powerful support in ground action against “human wave” attacks like in Korea.

Btry B, 1/30th Arty, of 155mm howitzers has also supported the 1st Bde since December, 1965. It has reinforced the fires of the 2/320th Arty and in support of the 2/502 Inf on numerous occasions. A “leg” outfit, Cpl. Elmer Hoover suggested, and won a case of beer, for the nickname “Legs of the Eagle.” It has fired more than 35,000 rounds and the “Screaming Eagles” of the Bde are proud of this fine artillery unit. Capt. Raymond Angel is shown congratulating Cpl. Hoover.



Easter Day saw SP4 David Brocki of HHB and PFC John L. Conklin, Btry A, 2/320 Arty, receive the baptismal sacrament at Midnight Mass in a Vietnamese Catholic Church with Chaplain Roland Torer performing the ceremony with the help of Vietnamese priests. A candlelight procession was led by Father Dong Dominic followed by mass communion. Father Dominic is principal of the local high school and administered to the paratroopers while Father Torer served the Vietnamese.

AND WE STILL HEAR MUCH FROM SCUFFER, SGT. BERNIE GORDON, now completing his second tour with HHB, 2/320th Arty. Bernie still sends clippings and poems and reports on the soldier's viewpoint. A forward observer with the Infantry, this old soldier knows the ropes and how to get the job done. He reported the joy of fresh water when the 101 moved to the highlands, of the help given to the local population, and of receiving 14 cases of goods for them from St. Thomas Aquinas School of Wichita, Kansas. He sent us a VC flag with Chinese insignia on it.

Bernie will soon be rotating home and we hope to see him in Chicago. He has looked after the members of the Association in Vietnam, sent help to National for its efforts and for DAC, and we have a feeling he will be missed in Vietnam when we welcome him home.

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**8TH BIENNIAL REUNION . . . . .PAGES 1 – 4**

List of those attending along with reunion photos.

**OBITUARIES . . . . .PAGE 5**

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**ENEMY PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS . . . . .PAGE 6**

Reproductions of two leaflets published by "THE SOUTH VIETNAM LIBERATION ARMY" in an attempt to demoralize our troops.

**AVIATION SECTION . . . . .PAGE 7**

Photos sent by Carl Midkiff and Ken Arnold which were taken by the editor at the reunion.

**NEW TAYLOR BOOK . . . . .PAGE 8**

Review of THE SIMPLE SOUNDS OF FREEDOM, by Tom Taylor. This is a gripping story of Joe Beyrle and how he came to fight for both the U. S. Army and the Russian Army in WWII.

**A TROOP 2/17 CAV, 2ND PLATOON . . . . .PAGE 9**

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**HONOR ROLL . . . . .PAGE 10**

Honor Roll taken from THE SCREAMING EAGLE, published by the 101st Airborne Division Association Nov-Dec 1966 issue.

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**DIPLOMAT AND WARRIOR . . . . .PAGES 17 – 20**

Reproduction of the April 17, 1967 issue of the troop newspaper for the 1st Brigade (S) in Viet Nam.

**502ND DMOR . . . . .PAGE 21**

Photos, story and citation pertaining to the Distinguished Member of the Regiment designation for Glenn Hoppert.

**PHU YEN PRISON RAID . . . . .PAGES 22 – 25**

Chapter 11 of the book IN THIS VALLEY, THERE ARE TIGERS by Charles McDonald. This is part one. Part two and three will be published in April and July.

**CHIEU HOI . . . . .PAGE 25**

Reproduction and translation of a "Open Arms" propaganda leaflet used by the brigade in an attempt to demoralize enemy troops.

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