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in Viet Nam from July 1965 through January 1968



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# **The ALWAYS FIRST Brigade**



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The past three months have been very important to the history of the 101st Airborne Division. 101st troops were responsible for the disposal of the two sons of Saddam Hussein. Until November they were keeping a lid on the insurgents in 101 AO, casualties mounted in November. They had great reenlistment rates. Some Screaming Eagle soldiers were getting home for two weeks R&R. And the families and friends of the troopers serving in Iraq were anticipating the division coming home in February or March. I have not seen anything, from those who correspond with me, but pride in the way the soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) are accomplishing their mission in Iraq. In the news today word that the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) will begin deploying from Iraq to Fort Campbell in mid January with the advance party on the way now.

A team of reporters from the **Toledo Blade** did a thorough hatchet job on the late 1967 TIGER FORCE with accusations of conduct unbecoming to United States Airborne soldiers at war with an insurgent force supported by the indigenous population. I plan to devote a number of pages to that controversy in this magazine and believe it will remain a topic of interest for a while.

Reunion Chairman for 2004, COL(R) Gerald E. Morse (1/327 HQ CO 67-68) has reported the selection of a reunion hotel and date for the 9th Biennial Phoenix 1st Brigade Reunion through Roger M. John (1/327 C 7/67-12/68) who has informed me that he will be helping the Reunion Chairman with registration and publicity. Roger's message follows:

Ivan,

**Thank you for the information that you sent and the proposal for your assistance..much appreciated. Time frame will not be exactly what you might like right now but it is happening.**

**The reunion will be held at the:**

**Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa  
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**Dates for the reunion - 17-19 September 2004**

**16-19 Sept the negotiated price for rooms \$97.00 per night-- very good rate significantly below published rates. The hotel is directly across the street from the Fiesta Mall.**

**Registration will be on the 17th, schedule being worked on now, additional information to follow.**

**Roger**

Speaking of reunions; the 101st Airborne Division Association Reunion will be in Hampton, Virginia August 4-8, 2004. See announcement on page 32.



*New Year's Eve 1966 (L to R) MAJ Ivan Worrell (1st Brigade Info Off 5/66 - 5/67), Frank Faulkner (2/502 C & HHC 6/65-4/66) and 1LT Arthur Barnett. Frank was part of the Information effort of the 1st Brigade until his discharge in April of 1966 when he became a civilian correspondent. Art Barnett was an assistant Information Officer who was extremely competent.*

The lead story about the retirement of GEN John M. Keane [2/502 C Dates?] illustrates that very few 1st Brigade (S) veterans remain on active duty.

Copies of the 33-rpm record of airborne songs produced at Fort Campbell in 1959 are now available on both disk and cassette. See the material on page 24 and order now before I have to have more copies made at the sound studio in Atlanta.

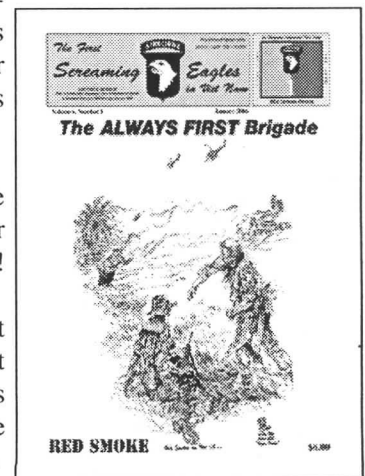
Be sure to check the 1st Brigade (S) web site for messages of our veterans seeking contact with friends from Viet Nam and for announcements of reunions and other meetings.

To all who contribute written and photo material for the magazine, THANK YOU!

Again, this quarter, I ran out of magazine before I ran out of material. Two items planned for this issue will be published in the April issue.

The Snowbird Reunion will be held in Orlando February 5-7, 2004. For more information, contact Dick Wangenheim at (407) 365-8757 or email at: sunshine101fl@aol.com

Ivan Worrell, Editor



*This cover art is the fifth in a series of six sketches given to me by U. S. Army artist SP6 Bill Dolan.*

# GENERAL JOHN M. "JACK" KEANE RETIRES

General Keane assumed duties as the 29th Vice Chief of Staff of the Army on 22 June 1999.

General Keane is an infantry officer who has commanded at every level, from company to corps, and has experience in all types of infantry - airborne, air assault, light, and mechanized. Prior to his current duties, he spent the last 20 years in command and staff assignments in support of operational and joint forces.



His commands include: the XVIII Airborne Corps, the Army's largest warfighting organization, consisting of 4 divisions and 13 separate brigades; the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); the Joint Readiness Training Center; the 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light); and the 3/39th and 4/23rd Infantry (Redesignated), 9th Infantry Division. He served as Chief of Staff, 10th Mountain Division (Light); Chief of Staff, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Assistant Division Commander, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps; and most recently, as Deputy Commander-in-Chief, United States Atlantic Command.

In his early years, General Keane was a platoon leader with the 82nd Airborne Division; a platoon leader and company commander in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); a company commander and battalion S3 in Alaska with the 172nd Infantry Brigade; Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs); and a battalion and brigade executive officer in the 9th Infantry Division.

General Keane graduated from Fordham University in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He also holds a Master of Arts Degree from the Western Kentucky University. General Keane's military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College.

General Keane's awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, five Legions of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Ranger Tab, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

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## 'Muddy boots Soldier' steps down

By Dennis Ryan

FORT MYER, Va. (Army News Service, Oct. 3, 2003) -- Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, Army chief of staff, described his vice chief as a "muddy boots Soldier" and "a Soldier's Soldier who led from the front" at Fort Myer's Summerall Field Oct. 2.

The occasion was a full honor review for the retirement of Gen. John M. "Jack" Keane before a large audience of family, friends, senior officers and congressional dignitaries.

The New Yorker joined the Army during the height of the Vietnam War, after graduating from Fordham. Keane found himself leading a rifle platoon of 101st Airborne Division in that Southeast Asian cauldron one year later.

"The vice chief gets the hard jobs," Schoomaker said. "He's the one who has to take care of the alligators after you drain the swamp."



Gen. John M. "Jack" Keane, vice chief of staff of the Army, gives a thumbs up as he troops the line at Fort Myer during his retirement ceremony Oct. 2. (Spc. Adam Mancini)



He praised Keane for changing recruiting shortfalls during the 1990s and for his role in fighting terror after Sept. 11.

"He's been interested in taking the fight to the enemy," the chief said. "He has given everything this country could ask. The Army has been his life."

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld spoke glowingly of Keane.

"Jack Keane is one of the greatest," Rumsfeld said. "He's a man of huge integrity with a noble spirit. In 37 years of service, Jack Keane has proven himself to be a model Soldier."

The secretary said Keane started his career when the Army's biggest threat came from massed Soviet armor invading across the North German plain and finished his service fighting an "enemy in the shadows."

Keane served in a variety of command and staff assignments in the last 20 years, ranging from the Army's largest warfighting organization, the XVIII Airborne Corps to deputy commander-in-chief, United States Atlantic Command.

Keane told the crowd his father never saw him become a Soldier but, as a World War II Marine, he would have approved of him becoming a paratrooper.

"I did not know whether I could lead other men," Keane said of his early days as an officer. "I was scared as well as excited. I quickly discovered Soldiers do not care where you went to school. All they care about is whether you are competent. Can you lead? They drew me in and I never wanted to leave them."

Keane is leaving the Army, but there was a smile on his face and a hearty thumbs-up for each Old Guard company as he performed his last review.

Col. Gary Lamb and "Pershing's Own" Army Band delighted the general with a rendition of "New York New York" before finishing the ceremony and the muddy boots Soldier's career with "the Army Song."

*(Editor's note: Dennis Ryan is a staff member of the Pentagram newspaper. See related article "Vice chief bids farewell to Army.")*

## ARMY NEWS SERVICE

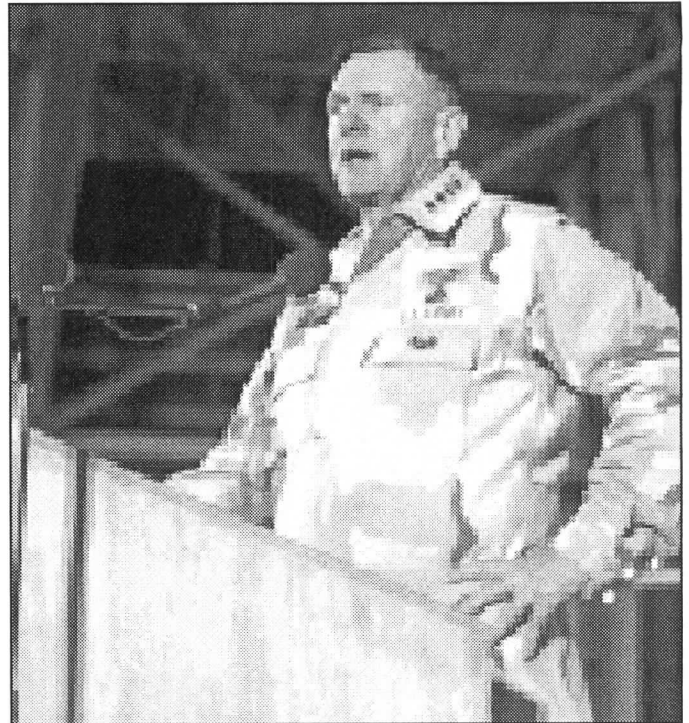
Vice Chief bids farewell to Army

October 2, 2003

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Oct. 2, 2003) -- Mostly referred to as the Army's No. 2 general, Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John Keane retired this afternoon, leaving behind a legacy of changes that were made out of the spotlight.

Keane stepped onto Sumerall Field Oct. 2 at Fort Myer, Va., to bid the Army farewell after a 37-year career and more than four years as vice chief of staff.

## GEN Keane Addresses Troops in Afghanistan.



*Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, Gen. John Keane, addresses troops in Afghanistan on December 31, 2002. During his remarks he thanked the soldiers for the work they are doing far from home and reminded them of the long road ahead in the Global War on Terrorism. (U.S. Army Photo By: CPL Keith A. Kluwe)*

Keane, a New York native, has been seen throwing out the opening ball at Yankee Stadium, or ringing the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange. But few know how he helped to modernize the Army's Aviation Branch. Or how he helped to reduce the captain attrition rate, which was at an all-time high three years ago.

Keane put out a plea to senior commanders to work harder on getting junior officers to stay in the Army.

In 2000 the captain attrition rate was at a high of 10.6 percent, so Keane sent out a memo encouraging senior leaders to give a pep talk to captains under their command.

"Let these great officers know that we are listening to them and that we are working hard to address the important issues they are concerned about," Keane said in the memo.

To some, Keane tried to run the Pentagon staff like a rifle platoon by demanding to see a lean, well-groomed, spit-shined staff, whom he would sometimes take out for a daybreak four-mile run.

The former 18th Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg commander liked to see his troops look like they had one foot in the field and one in garrison. He insisted immediately after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon that Soldiers there hang up their collared shirts and olive green slacks for their battle-dress uniform.

Most recently Keane stepped up to the podium to explain that the Army was adopting a 12-month rotation for troops going to



Iraq. During visits to Iraq, Keane has told troops that, "there is much work in the country to do to get rid of tyrants and thugs."

As the 29th vice chief of staff of the Army, Keane and former Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki worked close together, but were hardly ever seen together in public. Keane traveled to wherever there were Soldiers.

When the Army announced a sweeping transformation of its ground forces, Keane never stopped vying for Aviation's spot in the Transformation.

Keane helped to get Congress to pass a long-term spending plan from fiscal year 2002-2007 to support an aviation "recapitalization" plan.

Mainly working behind the scenes, Keane stepped into the chief's shoes after Shinseki retired July 11. Keane faced the heat with the increased reserve call-ups and their extended duty.

Keane has told reporters and Soldiers that people have to be honest with themselves. The Army has been on an operational treadmill for sometime, he said. In his last days of office, Keane backed Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker, who said that the Army needs to be "more modular," agile and able to leverage joint resources.

Keane and Schoomaker want to use a concept formerly called "plug and play." The packaging concept involves pulling disparate units together to work for a specific mission.

The Army is discussing with Central Command the possibility of the 82nd Airborne Division mixing soldiers with Special Forces, civil affairs and military police.

Lt. Gen. George W. Casey Jr. was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as the 30th vice chief of staff of the Army. It was also confirmed that he will be promoted to the rank of general. He currently serves as director of the Joint Staff in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

(This story was compiled by Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs from a number of releases.)

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## US snipers to defend Iraq oil pipeline

Australian Broadcasting Company | October 05 2003 | AFP

The United States military has deployed five teams of 10 airborne snipers to defend Iraq's northern oil pipelines from acts of sabotage by forces loyal to ousted president Saddam Hussein.

Sergeant Brian Stinson said final modifications were being made to Blackhawk UH-60 helicopters, before snipers from the elite Tiger Force could begin patrols along the crucial oil supply lines.

"There is so much area to cover that it requires precision fire, we're on call for 24-hours a day and can be airborne within 30 minutes," he said. Protection of Iraq's northern pipelines, which stretch 500 kilometers to Turkey and almost to Syria, are a major headache for the American troops, who have devised a series of initiatives to combat sabotage. This includes the creation of local protection units made-up of the fledgling Iraqi police forces. Local tribes have also been hired to protect supplies with mixed success. Armed with 50-caliber M107s, 308 bolt actions and 308 semi-automatics, the Tiger Force deployment also marks the return of airborne snipers in the regular US Army for the first time since the Indochinese wars of the 1960s and 70s. The 308 bolt is for "personal targets" that limit collateral damage among civilians, with a medium range of almost one-kilometer.

Sergeant Stinson said the 50-caliber is for longer-range work, capable of killing a person from 2.5 kilometers, and the concussion alone from a round that passes within a close enough distance can kill.

The Tiger Force first won fame in the Vietnam War where it was established by Colonel David Hackworth, the highest decorated US soldier in that conflict. It's the same system we used in Vietnam and we've brought it out of retirement," Sergeant Stinson said. Helicopter pilots from the 101st Airborne Division have trained specifically for ferrying snipers along the pipelines.

Pilots fly at night without light and must keep the Blackhawk in the air and position the helicopter behind, between valleys and hills, which muffles the sound of the rotors while remaining mostly out of view. However, at the same time, the sniper's sights remain on the target allowing for "precision fire."

"We can hit a target before it knows we're there," Sergeant Stinson, a sniper with the 101st Airborne, said Iraq's main pipeline runs from oil-rich Kirkuk north to the Dohuk province and then on westward to the Turkish Mediterranean terminal of Ceyhan.

*Editor's note: Tigers continue to be a highly regarded organization within 1/327. In Iraq as in Viet Nam they are given difficult missions that require special, highly motivated soldiers.*



# TIGER FORCE ACCUSED OF ATROCITIES

By Ivan Worrell

TOLEDO BLADE staff writers Michael D. Sallah and Mitch Weiss claim to have researched and have published a series of articles that accuse the 1/327 Tiger Force platoon of many atrocities in the Song Ve river valley during the Malheur Operations.

The series began in October 2003. All the stories can be viewed and printed from the web site: [www.toledoblade.com](http://www.toledoblade.com). To print any story scroll to the end of the file and click on "printer friendly version."

These stories written by the two reporters working for the TOLEDO (Ohio) BLADE have caused a fire storm of e-mails that range from "Why would they want to print such a story" to "I was part of the brigade then and I do not know how something like this could go on without some talk going around."

The 1/327 Tiger Force has been accused of committing atrocities against civilians over a seven month period beginning in May of 1967.

One direct quote from an ASSOCIATED PRESS story follows: "Rion Causey, [1/327 HHC TF 9/67-3/68] told the BLADE recently it was time that the Tiger Force story was told. 'I tried to tell people about this 30 years ago. It was hard for them to believe. I'm grateful in many ways this is coming out. It needed to come out. It needed to. I lived with this a long time'."

According to the BLADE stories, the Army CID conducted a four and one half year investigation that ended in 1975 on the Tiger Force actions and after review by Department of the Army and the White House no action was taken. A recent Army Times story says that some of the indexed records of the investigation cannot be found in the National Archives.

Most of the conversation and comment about this story has been on the internet. Individuals who did not serve in the Tiger Force have weighed in on the motivation of the BLADE in going back and digging up these more than 30 year old allegations. Some attribute the motivation to creating anti war propaganda to discredit the war against terrorism particularly in Iraq. Others believe that these reporters are attempting to become famous for investigative reporting at the expense of those who honorably served their country in Viet Nam. I find it very difficult to believe that atrocities of the magnitude claimed by the reporters could have been carried out without word getting out to the battalion or brigade staff and commanders and that had the word gotten out that the commanders would not have acted. All this is conjecture on my part because I departed brigade headquarters in May of 1967.

I am not quoting further from the BLADE stories nor from the ASSOCIATED PRESS releases. If you have access to the internet check the BLADE web site shown above. If you are not on line go to a library and ask for help in getting to the BLADE web site. The Tiger Force story is on the top center of the home page and all you have to do is click to get on the Tiger Force page. If you cannot get on the web write or call me and I will mail you a copy of the ASSOCIATED PRESS story.



I talked to MG(R) S. H. Matheson [HHC CG 1/67-1/68] and his take on the story is much the same as the others from whom I have input. He says he does not believe the story and that he cannot imagine how anything of that magnitude could have been kept quite in the brigade. I do know he had a strict policy to immediately investigate and get to the bottom of anything that did not appear to be as it should be. I accompanied him on some of his fact-finding trips.



Following are some of the comments that have been sent to me by e-mail. I have edited for space and to keep the magazine on a slightly higher level by eliminating some words that may not be offensive to soldiers in combat but may not be appropriate for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



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Sunday, October 19, 2003 1:24 AM  
Subject: RE: I don't believe this.



Don't you think we would have heard about this at the time???? This is unbelievable to me. We knew these guys and I never saw any other body part that anyone had as a souvenir. I never saw anyone kill a non-combatant or POW on purpose. What's your take on this?



ATR, Ken



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Sunday, October 19, 2003 10:12 AM  
Subject: Re: I don't believe this.



Ken., This is the first I ever heard of such a thing happening. I was Cobra Company commander in 1/327 until mid-June 67, and I would think that I would have overheard conversations, etc. I worked in the Brigade S3 shop Jul-Dec 67 and never heard or saw any reports. To me it is hard to believe.

Above the Rest!! Bill



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COL(R) LARRY A. REDMOND, 2/327 A 5/67-2/68 - 4/04  
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Sunday, October 19, 2003 8:37 PM  
Subject: Re: TIGERS HEADS UP THERE'S DODO ABOUT TO HIT THE FAN RE: AP article

ALL: Had never heard of any of this. Never heard of Lt Hawkins. Lots of "former" Tigers seem to be telling 'a story.' From early May 67 to late June 67, I served at Brigade in the S1. Attended most evening briefings and can't recall any large number of reported body count submitted by Tiger Force. If they were shooting people they would have reported VC/NVA

KIA. Can't recall anything like large numbers from the Tigers. Also had dinner frequently in the mess with BG Matheson and his staff during that two month period at Brigade and never heard any comments that would have led me to believe the Tigers were doing anything but their job. Knowing the way rumors and gossip traveled if there was even a whiff of this it would have come up over dinner or after where a more than a few beers were imbibed. While in the field with 2d Bat for the next 8+ months I never got any such rumor of large numbers of KIA by the Tigers.

Several other points -- for awhile I know there was an ear issue in early 67 - but that was laid to rest pretty quick by the Chain of Command once it became known. Correct me on that if anyone disagrees or knows different. Also there NEVER was, to my midget knowledge, anything that smacked of a "LET'S KILL ALL PRISONERS" attitude. Hell any time we could get one alive we wanted to get him to spill his guts so we could avoid his buddies ambushes/traps etc.

There is a ring of truth to some of this BUT my opinion, not worth too much, but it is my opinion, that this has a lot of BS in it. Is someone building a case for his/their 100% PTSD disability???

Am forwarding the basic memo to a couple of other guys who may have some info. Probably draw a blank.

Larry

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Subject: Re: TIGERS HEADS UP THERE'S DODO ABOUT  
TO HIT THE FAN RE: AP article

ALL: Also ref my earlier comments on ears and POWs: add to that the fact that the author, or someone, stated in the article that the US Army killed 500 at My Lai. For some reason the figure 280 or so sticks in my mind. Could this whole article be inflated?

Larry

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On Sun, 19 Oct 2003 22:54:47 -0500 "Yankee Jim"  
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6542 Bill Lundy Rd., Laurel Hill, FL 32567  
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<YankeeJim@screamingeagles-327thvietnam.com> writes:

Brothers,

There is an AP news story circulating concerning events attributed to the Tiger Force in 1967. Some of those interviewed are known to me and I can confirm that others interviewed are Tiger Force Brothers. You are not going to like what you read but read it you should. I'm looking for information as to what actually happened and what is the motivation to release a story like this now. Here's the link to the article read the entire article, interviews and all. If you have related information and want to share it with the 327th Brotherhood send it. Here's



some of the feedback I have had so far.  
<http://www.postgazette.com/pg/03292/232355.stm>

NS/ATR!  
Yankee Jim

*Editor's Note: This is the PITTSBURGH POST GAZETTE a sister paper of the BLADE. The entire series is at <[www.toledoblade.com](http://www.toledoblade.com)>*

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Monday, October 20, 2003 8:13 AM  
To: YankeeJim@screamingeagles-327thvietnam.com  
Subject: Re: READ the AP Story about Tiger Force and feedback from 327th Brotherhood

Hi Jim:

I guess that I will jump in here with my comments which will parallel Larry Redmond's. I was the Asst. S-4 at HHC 2/327th in May and became Company Commander of C Co 2/327th at the end of May until Sept 67 when I was Medvac. It sounds like the military action to elicit most of these comments was the large clearing action in the Song Ve Valley but I think all that were there will remember the action. This began as a clearing action of a beautiful valley that was supporting the VC/NVA with beef, wheat and rice. The 2/327th entered the valley from the East Ridgeline, the 1/327th was on the West Ridgeline and the 502nd was in blocking positions. We found quite a few enemy, from sampans on the river to dug-in enemy in the village. Our mission was to close and kill/capture the enemy, evacuate all civilians, move all cattle, some 1000 head, out of the valley. The civilians were moved out by Hook and there were only women, children and old men. The village was burned to the ground, and this is where my company was sprayed with agent orange as the valley was covered with spray missions. The South Vietnamese Army took control of the cattle and the civilians once they were out of the valley.

This mission was approved by I Corps and executed by the entire 1st Bde. It was done in a true military fashion, and if any small unit such as the Tiger Force did anything like being discussed here I am sure it would have been known by all of us on the ground. I am surprised that Bill Carpenter's name appears here. Most of these type accusations come from some isolated incident that is told and retold always building on the story until it is a major item.

You can rest assured that if anything took place of this magnitude it would have been uncovered and dealt with. I agree with Larry that some people are building a case for themselves for PTSD. You all know how this works. A bunch of VN Vets sit around a room and guided by some misguided social worker tell each other how awful the war was and how many bad things they did. The more bad things, like ears on a string, the quicker they were awarded 100% PDS. The best way to deal with this crap is to not give it anymore coverage and stick



to the positive things that we can all do to advance Veterans Affairs.

Jim Joiner  
B and C Co 2/327th Jan 67 to Jan 68.  
Plt Ld, Company Commander, "P" Training/Replacement  
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On Mon, 20 Oct 2003 08:33:37 -0500 "Yankee Jim"  
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<YankeeJim@screamingeagles-327thvietnam.com> writes:

Jungle Jim,

I thought that this covered the time frame we talked about earlier this year "Cattle Drive" and "Agent Orange." The whole thing smells like crap and since it is being picked up by the national press we need to counter this attack on "our" honor. Sunday's article in the Toledo Blade is the first of a week's series and being distributed world wide by the AP. What is the AP's real agenda?

No Slack!  
Yankee Jim

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Mon, 20 Oct 2003 16:32:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: More TIGER Comments

Hi Jim: (Yankee Jim)

Yes, this is the same action that we discussed, but it is the only action that I could think of where the entire Brigade participated in the same action at the same time. I agree with you and most of the others that have replied to this. It is BS and should be put to rest ASAP. SMG Bossi is trying to do this. I am afraid that the more coverage that we give this the more those news muck rakers will stir up trouble. If we can get those Tiger Force Troops to step forward and admit that they were lying or stretching the truth then that is a good thing. The American Soldier is the most honorable and caring soldier in the world and would go to the ends of the earth to protect women, children and old people. I am so tired of hearing the old matra of "I was a Vietnam Vet and I endured untold hardships and nobody shook my hand when I came home." Quit crying, get over it and be the soldier that you were when the chips were down. Most of the soldiers that you have telling these stories are from those that were never in the thick of things and are trying to justify their existence. I am sorry that I sound so hard but Damn fellas get a grip!! Don't you think that 35 years is enough time to stop your belly-acking. We have another war on our hands and the Screaming Eagles in Iraq deserve our full time support.

Jungle Jim Joiner



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Subject: Re: More TIGER Comments



Yankee Jim,



As I said in a previous E-mail I had people working for me who were there in '67 and never heard of any activity like the article described. If something like this happened the rumor mill would have been full. There were just too many people around for this to lay "dog" until now. At least, that is my opinion.



Larry Wilson



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Sent: Monday, October 20, 2003 1:20 AM  
To: Yankee Jim  
Subject: Re: READ the AP Story about Tiger Force and feed-back from 327th Brotherhood



It sounds to me as if some folks have watched "Deer Slayer" too many times and are bucking for their own little "moment of glory in the press."



I never heard of such a thing. Never saw an ear (or anything else) cut off a body, never heard of anyone having an ear necklace. I think this BS happens only in movies and in peoples imagination on what it was like to have been "IN THE NAM."



Can't imagine people who were actually there (in the woods) saying things like this.

Roger, ATR/NFS



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Jim: You were predictably correct; in the Orlando paper this AM. I still think it is mostly BS. Can't believe uncontrolled killing of hundreds escaped notice. I do have confirmation that there was a CID investigation in early 70s. Source was questioned but knew nothing and he was there in the boonies. Like me, he felt there would have been some rumor and or tale circulating. As we all know from time to time innocents were killed. But calculated killing on a scale described in the article in the 1st Brigade? I don't think so. Again, maybe I am naive.

Larry

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Subject: (no subject)

Jim--it is a shame that we have to take out our link, so that good men can be protected from the scum who are not going to be mollified by the truth. I knew Doc Cottingham (in fact it was he who recommended Hank Ortega to me when we were shopping for a trustworthy medic). That Larry Cottingham would say those things is astonishing. I went to Tigers from the 1/101 LRRP & walked their point, along with Ernie Winston from LRRP (RIP). It was usually Ernie or myself that initiated contact, & I assure U it was NEVER against anyone unarmed-in fact it cost Ernie his life.

I notice that I am not on the 327 lists with my corrected (again) screen name--can U help me with that? I am getting this story thru relays from a line Co guy who knows me. Thanx

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To: Jim Simchera  
Subject: Re: More Feedback RE: TIGER FORCE Article (s)

To whom it may concern,  
I was in HHC 1/327 Tiger Force from May 67 until Sep 69. I was known as Doc Savage. This story in the newspaper is pure bull and some reporter is looking for a sensational story. I was involved in the CID investigation which cleared us of the so called "war crimes" brought up by Sgt Coy who was never in the Tigers in the first place. We had a few nut cases who were quickly removed from the unit when it was determined that they were unstable. We had no Lt Hawkins as a platoon leader. Sgt Barnett was with us for two months and the general consensus was that he was chicken. He was returned to the line company he came from. Sam Ybarra who was with us about two months was a psycho and we got rid of him too. At no time were we ever ordered to fire on civilians nor did we ever do so. I have noticed that the best war stories seem to come from the men who spent their time in the rear. We did not kill POW's, they were too hard to come by and I did in fact work on a few of them. Certainly not to kill them but to see that they survived. The men who were in the Tigers were all volunteers. They were good men and excellent soldiers. I am proud to have been a member of that unit. I spoke with one of those reporters and I see they did not quote me. Who ever is saying that these so called atrocities took place is a Damn Liar. I was there!

Sincerely, Larry Cottingham (Doc Savage) CSM (Ret)



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To: Jim Simchera  
Subject: RE: Another Tiger sets the record straight  
Importance: High



I was there at the time with Larry Cottingham and what Larry says is true. I knew Barnet and I knew Sam. I was called in at Fort Bragg in 71 by CID. I was questioned for over an hour. I finally told them that I would take a polygraph and the investigator said that would not be necessary.



Larry - will get in touch soon.  
Tiger Force 10/67 - 11/69



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Subject: RE: Another Tiger sets the record straight



Larry, Help with this one. When I joined Tigers we were in Chu Lai. Then we stood down and were flown into Tam Ky directly from the field. I recall having a food line on a PSP pad. From there we were flown back to Phan Rang for Thanksgiving 67. We then went to Phan Thiet, then to Song Be, then to Phu Bai. With all due respect to CSM Bossi I think he might be talking about 66 not 67.



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This story was front page of the Fresno BEE today.



Every unit had a nutcase or two but I never heard of anything like this happening. It is very obvious that the reporter is looking for a sensational story and created what he thought would get him the most notice. Probably, as everyone else agrees, from some REMF that wants to sensationalize his involvement. I never witnessed anything other than compassion and aid as much as possible for the civilians.



I think the reporter should stand up and be interviewed. A simple retraction on the back page will not suffice. He has damaged too many good KIA's and vets to allow this to happen. He should be driven from the ranks of responsible reporters BY HIS FELLOW REPORTERS.



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MIKE HALL, Abu 1/327 66-7/67  
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This report is totally out of the concept of the TIGER FORCE ! I was with ABU Co 1st/327th from Tuy Hoa 66 to Chu Lai late July 67. The Tiger Force usually worked as a recon team at that time. They also supported platoons engaged with the enemy ambushed, etc. Even after the boat ride north they worked in small teams (DMZ area) on patrol. Some one may check it out.

As I was told by one of them, by way of comparison to a larger Marine recon force. There were reports of many hostile forces in the Chu Lai area in late July and Aug 67. In the forward rear base camp 1st / 327th behind Headquarters were from right to left were Tiger Force, ABU Co, Bravo Co, Cobra Co, etc. We even almost had a serious altercation between Tiger Force and ABU Co (everyone armed and locked and loaded) still don't know how that was diffused. I think some old wiser 23 year olds may have had something to do with it. It ended as fast as it started. We were close and many had friends in different companys also. The Tiger Force was too proud of what they were designed for and what they did! I've always been proud of them and all the guys I served with, not a coward in the bunch. Well that's my 2 cents.

" Ridgerunner " Mike Hall

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DAN CLINT, unit and dates ???  
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Subject: Re: FLASH ACTION REQUESTED BY: CSM (RET) J. M. Bossi Honorary SGM  
327th INF Regiment

Grab your socks and take a deep breath. This was a reporter and this is what reporters do. Don't start charging the hill with a half full clip. I was one of the guys interviewed, like I said. Probably one of the 43. Would I express remorse? Well when Clinton as a draft dodger became President, I may have, but not for having served my country as a soldier. Of course I am still ticked at the lack of commitment, or a major remorse that the level playing field of the front lines didn't seem to include the offsprings of many of our senators and congressmen. That tragic evolution toward an elite ruling class, far removed from our founding father's ideas of every man having the power of the king, expressed as a sovereign individual. Now, we can go off on the horrors of some people having tipped over, and become part of the stateside mass who can scream for their heads and maybe this will separate the guys who were in the fray from those doing the observing. If it comes to getting to the truth, hey, we can get there and we will all be the better for it. This "prosecute anyone who knew of a questionable killing as an accomplice," gee, the war I fought in was far more complicated than that. I remember Ybarra threatening to blow Fischer away, saying Fischer was somehow responsible for not being able to save Green's ("Boots") life. Let's see, I can't get the numbers exact but at the end of that operation the Tigers had over 250+ KIA, something like 60 weapons captured and 27 mortar rounds. I did the math at the time, I knew where some



of Ybarra's body count came from but before you draw a bead, calm down and recognize that there were many parts of the Tiger Force history that you may or may not have been involved in, or aware of. I see some of the Tigers that had remarkably had several tours of duty, and I am duly impressed but they would have to remember me and Fischer as two of the final 12 on that one operation and it was obvious that the ranks seemed to swell and fade. I was wounded for the picture, but was impressed with how the Tiger Force seemed to swell for the photo op. I am glad though, for the historical record, and yes, I am certainly not one in any mood to throw stones of condemnation at anyone who was there. Ok, the year is 2003.

There is a lot that went on. Do we remain silent? Certainly that sounds good, but it becomes a little difficult for the future guys to learn of the complexity of compromises that are confronted in battlefield situations, in that silence. No, it certainly wasn't as simple as Hollywood likes to portray it either. The truth lies somewhere in between. Perhaps it can be argued that we should not talk about certain things to protect the memories of those who gave their lives, but then perhaps we should demonstrate our courage, by making the attempt, in honor of them. On the other hand I think we know the bulk of us were and are good and intelligent men, strong in heart and spirit, good soldiers, brave in our duties, committed in our morals, and we can handle the discussion without offending fellow soldiers. So knock under and enjoy the publicity, even if it is negative.

There is only one thing worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about. This certainly gives us an opportunity to get a different and more honest dialogue going as long as it isn't a witch hunt.

Dan Clint.

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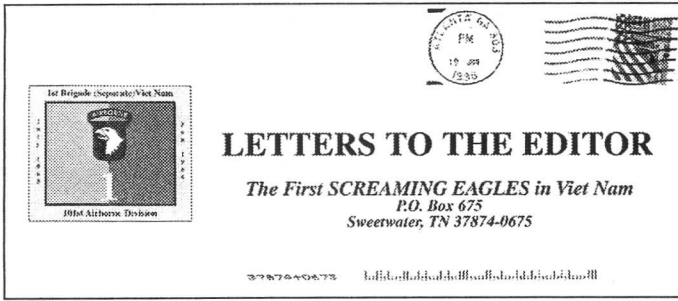
Doctor Savage,

Glad to see you are still around and I am thrilled you aren't one of them spreading this BS. Ruined my afternoon when I saw how the BLADE is trying to make you a part of this.

I was interviewed in the early 70s in Philadelphia by two CID agents. They were one white and one black, in civilian clothes and let it be known they were both packing iron. They wanted to finger print and take a picture of me which got things off to a bad start. After some parrying back and forth, they told me what they were looking for. I told them I had no knowledge of the things they were asking and felt they were on a Damn Witch Hunt. This apparently wasn't what they wanted to hear and some thinly disguised threats were tossed around. At that point, the interview ended with me telling them this was all

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Albert Jr. Hudson who spent most of his service with the 101st late 50's to mid 60's has passed away. Not sure of the date but was informed by Sidney Mckay that he died. A photo was in the last issue of the Screaming Eagle. Our prayers go out to his wife Ruth. He will be remembered. Albert Jr went to Vietnam on the Boat with Co. A 2nd 327th Inf.

*Editor's Note: He was in our database at 650 Goodyear Dr., Spring Lake, NC 28390.*

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To advise that the 2004 101st Airborne Division Association Reunion will be held in Hampton, VA, August 4-8 2004. This will be for members past and present of the 101st Abn Div. For information check [www.Screamingeagle.org](http://www.Screamingeagle.org) or e-mail me.

Keep up the good work Ivan.

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Ivan, Great work!!



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I read yesterday in the state newspaper of NJ, the Star Ledger, of alleged charges of misconduct against OUR Tiger Force! Now I am a 2/502nd guy BUT I was repulsed by the fact that such charges are surfacing nearly 38 years after we returned home. I couldn't be prouder than to be a "brother" to each of you who answered our country's call to go and serve the men, women and children of a persecuted, third world country some 10,000 miles from our shores, at an age when you were barely eligible to vote! I am proud to be a VN veteran but I am MOST proud to have been privileged to serve along side the honorable, brave and professional soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division, and especially the 1st Brigade! As all of us move into our "grey beard" years the ONE THING NO ONE can take from us is our solidarity! AND... the "glue" to our solidarity is the fact each one of us survived the experience of war and sacrifice that very few Americans can even imagine! We have never asked for special treatment for our service but we ALL deserve basic respect for our accomplishments and efforts! SO I personally support every veteran of our Tiger Force against ANY criticism or re-creation of events that threaten to tarnish the extraordinary legacy of bravery, sacrifice and victories you men so richly carved into our US History! GOD bless all VN Veterans, the 101st Airborne Division, and our beloved Tiger Force!

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Paul, I agree with you 100%. My first question is "WHY NOW" what good can this do? If the people telling this story want to get it off their chests then go see a priest. Click on the URL above to read origin for this story. See what the editor said, that the American public needs to know. I do not know about you but I'm tried of some left wing paper pusher and TV over paid jerk telling me what I need to know. All this can do is tarnish the good name of the 101st VN Vet and all VN Vets. I think we should all email the editor in Ohio and tell him what we think.

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Shipped out with B 1st Brigade from Ft Campbell 1965 arrived by MSTs Gen. Leroy Eltinge.

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For a terrific memorial to 101st troopers (3d platoon, C/1/327) go to it [www.eastonvietnammemorial.homestead.com/AlanBonney.html](http://www.eastonvietnammemorial.homestead.com/AlanBonney.html). It is a site for Easton, Pennsylvania boys killed in Vietnam and the webmaster has done a perfectly beautiful job. I was across the valley when the ambush was triggered that killed the men mentioned in the site. It started out with a roar, all at once. It sounded like a building collapsing. It was one of those rare fights in which only one man in the ambush survived. That soldier was Lt. Wells' RTO, who I talked to later. SFC Edward Tieman's picture is on the web page, as is a platoon picture and a picture of the scout dog whose body was brought out with the bodies of the dead men. I helped load them onto a helicopter at the Bn. C.P. because Gary Wells was a friend of mine. SGM Lynn told me in 1993 that the dog had a piece of human flesh in his mouth when they found him. His name was Thunder.

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Went to VN on the Leroy Eltinge, Pheeww. I served with the 2/320 in liaison and was attached to the 2/327 as an F.O. Did a short 2nd tour until Feb 67 and left from Kontum.

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### E-MAIL MESSAGES

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Subject: Son sends information on soldier: Jay Thompson served with 2nd2None/No Slack, WIA March, Tuy Hoa

Brothers, If you have any memories of our Brother Jay Thompson, please share them with his son Jay Thompson Jr. His Email address is ArrantKnav40@aol.com

Thanks for stepping up.  
NS/ASTR!  
Yankee Jim

——Original Message——  
From: Jay Thompson Jr.  
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Subject: Information on soldier

My father was Sgt Jay Thompson...he served in the 2nd BN 327th in March of '66. He was wounded in action resulting in the loss of his right leg (blown off by grenade if you can believe it)...prior references stated he was in area or actually at



Tuy Hoa when it happened. I'm interested in any information or contacts concerning my father and the time he spent there. He survived and raised three sons who all served with honor in the Army...all airborne. Unfortunately he died of cancer in Feb '93 and to this day I wished I had engaged him further on his past. Any help you can give me would be appreciated. Thank you for your time.

Jay Thompson Jr.

Subject: further info on soldier

The only other information I have that may be of help is that when my father was wounded he was actively engaged with "Operation Harrison." The date of his wounding would be either March 6, 10, or 13th...some confusion on this part but it would have been early part of March. Additional info is that his injury was unusual in that the grenade blew off his leg at hip...in other words a complete separation of leg at hip...not lower leg or amputation by docs...a complete separation. Personally if I had seen an injury of that extreme I would believe the person dead...but my father survived through some very fancy medical help. Let it be said that whoever saved my father's life (the complete medical team) were worth their weight in gold. My father was actively sought out by VA doctors in later years as his injuries and treatment were unheard of as it was an extreme case. As a result of his action my father received a Bronze Star (with "V") and Purple Heart.

Not to blow my Dad's horn as many men were just as honorable and many didn't receive any recognition whatsoever, but the only info I have is that his case would've been unusual and possibly the topic of conversation among troops. I don't know which company he served with and a battalion does have a lot of men...but you now have what info I have. I'm 40 yrs old and both parents and all grandparents are deceased so I am unable to get info from them. As a side note that may be of interest to you — after my father died my brothers and I carried out his last wish.

You see...my father spent most of his life at Bragg...he met my mother there (she was a WAC until pregnant with me)...he had two sons born at Bragg (me and 2nd)...he often claimed that the best parts of his life occurred at Bragg. Myself and brothers are all licensed skydivers (I know...I know...but we did get our wings in the Army...101) and we contacted the post commander with a request for a jump at Normandy field with the intent to spread my father's ashes on a jump. My father wanted to exist for all time at the area that he loved...and on the sunny day of the summer of '95 my two brothers and I made the last jump with my father...releasing his ashes while in a 3-way over Normandy. To this day I'm not quite sure if it was "officially" sanctioned...but again...we were escorted to and from the dz with an honor guard and many smiles all around. So if you happen to ever run across a young trooper who is at Bragg...let him know that the next time he kisses the Earth at Normandy...that the dirt he brushes off his ass is full of airborne soul...literally. I thank you again for your time and any additional help you can give me would be appreciated.

Jay

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*1st Sgt looking for his driver. Check out the hot patch and helmet. Bastogne!*

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Ivan: I want to commend you for the work that you have done for years to keep us all in touch and updated. I always look forward to The Always First Brigade magazine arriving in the mail.

Thanks to you and Larry Redmond for help in getting the word out to even more troops. Our reunion in June each year is something we always look forward to and would like for anyone who served in the 101st to know that they are welcome to join us too. Each year we have more and more troops joining us and this year we hope to have active duty troops there also.

Last month my wife and I made a presentation to the City Council and Mayor asking them to consider adopting Cobra Company 1/327th. They considered it for two or three minutes and decided to do just that. Now when they get home we will be having a barbecue for them and their families. In the meantime we are happy to say that three local schools are having their children write letters and we are boxing them and also sending packages to the company. As many of us know how hard it is to be away from home for the holidays we want to make theirs as happy as possible being away from their loved ones. Perhaps some of your readers would like to consider adopting a unit too.

Above the Rest  
Russ McDonald (Ret CSM)



JIM SIMCHERA

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Subject: Family of "our" Abu Brother request info SGT Jerry Norris KIA 5.14.67



Brothers, If you have information about our Brother Jerry Norris please contact his daughter, Christine, at the Email address given. Thanks for stepping up.



NS/ATR!

Yankee Jim



CHRISTINE NORRIS SEELBACH

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Superb site! I found my dad's page in the memorials - thanks for the sounds. Anyone out there remember my dad? SGT Jerry Norris A/1/327 KIA 14 May 67 in Quang Ngai. Any help would be deeply appreciated. I can't thank you guys enough - the bravery and tolerating situations that the rest of us couldn't fathom, but mostly for bringing Dad home.



Ivan Worrell wrote:



Christine, Send me your mailing address and I will put your request in the January 04 issue of the 1st Brigade magazine. You may also wish to post a message in the guest book on my web site at [www.101stabndiv1stbrigade.com](http://www.101stabndiv1stbrigade.com)



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Subject: Re: Address



Ivan, Thank you so much for your offer to help. I would greatly appreciate your listing my request in the magazine. My address is 4400 Troup Hwy #304, Tyler TX 75703. If possible, I'd like to subscribe to the magazine. Could you let me know how to do that and what the cost? Thanks for the website address, I'll be sure and post a message there also. I really can't thank you enough. This means a great deal to me.



*Editor's Note: She is talking about the 327th website < [screamingeagles-327thvietnam.com](http://screamingeagles-327thvietnam.com)>. It is superb.*



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Dear Ivan, I would appreciate your printing the following in the next issue of The Always First Brigade magazine. I have a photo to accompany the story, if you deem the photo newsworthy.



Patience and diligence are the keys to getting military records corrected. At the annual Bastogne dinner hosted by the General Anthony C. McAuliffe NY-NJ Chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Association, Col. Fredrick B. Hodges, commander 1st Brigade 327 Inf. 101st Airborne Division, presented Fred Ranck (1/327 A 12/68-1/70) with additional awards of the silver star, bronze star, purple heart and others earned during





Fred's service in Viet Nam. After 32 years, Fred's records are beginning to be corrected, credit both to the Army and to Fred's diligence to get the job done.

Please join me in congratulating Fred!



Left to right: MC John Rawley COL(R), COL Fredrick B. Hodges, Fred Ranck, Ellen Ranck (Dec 2002/photo by Larry Anglin)

—Original Message—

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Subject: Information on lost brother

Dear Jim, I've looked everywhere for info on Jacki Smith's brother (K.I.A Troung Luong). The roster shows him with Hq Company, in country for only a month. I do not remember him, perhaps you could send this out again regarding her looking for info on her brother...it sure would help and make her feel good...need someone from HQ to help in the search...

Jacqueline Smith EMAIL: Jacqueline\_Smith@spfdcol.edu

Hometown: Woodsville, NH

Date: October 12, 2003 - 06:07 AM (pacific)

I can't tell you how happy I was to find this site(<http://screamingeagles-327thvietnam.com>) and all the information I have been finding regarding Nam and the 101st. My brother Sp.5 James G. Condon was with C Company 2nd BN 327th Inf. 101st Airborne Division. He was KIA on 6/21/66. Jimmy had been in the service for six years. It's been a long time and we never could find out much information regarding Nam. If any one remembers him, I would love to hear from you. I can't believe all the information I have been finding and the wonderful people who have been trying to help me. After finding the Viet Nam Web Site, I had a memorial page set up for Jimmy.



Jimmy came from a small New England town, after thirty years our family found out by accident that the town had never added his name to the War Memorial in the town square. After much writing to VFW and town officials and proving that my brother had died in Nam, a new plaque was ordered with Jimmy's name. I know I speak for my brother and our family when I say God Bless all of you, I know why my brother was ready to go to war, it was and is his country and he loved it and his family and his dream was that we all could live in peace with no more wars. To the brave men and women of all armed services, may God keep you safe and bring you home soon, your doing one H— of a job. To all you 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles, God Bless, keep the faith, till you meet again. In God's Love

To: Jacqueline Smith <Jacqueline\_Smith@spfldcol.edu>

Subject: address - info

Jacqueline Smith

I have the e-mail from Pat Noonan, Yankee Jim and you relative to you seeking information about your brother James Condon who was killed in action at Troung Luong.

You may wish to post this information on my web site at <101stabndiv1stbrigade.com> in the guest book.

If you will send me your mailing address and phone number (if you like) I will publish your request for information in the January issue of THE FIRST SCREAMING EAGLES IN VIET NAM magazine.

Ivan Worrell  
Editor and Publisher

Ivan, Thank you so much, I just can't believe how wonderful everyone has been.

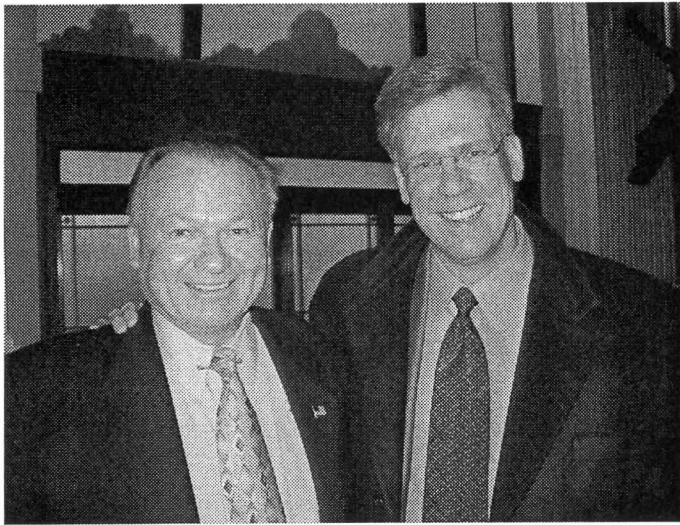
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*Editor's Note: I hope anyone who knew James Condon will contact her.*

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Ivan: Just visited the 101st in Mosul 4 weeks ago and our old brigade the 1st Commanded by Col Hodges. I have a great DVD I want to send you from the 101st. Will copy and forward. Use at any 101st reunions.

I just swore my son into the Army. He just started basic at Benning and is contracted to go to airborne and ranger school as well.



L to R: Paul Valley with Fox News and Tony Snow

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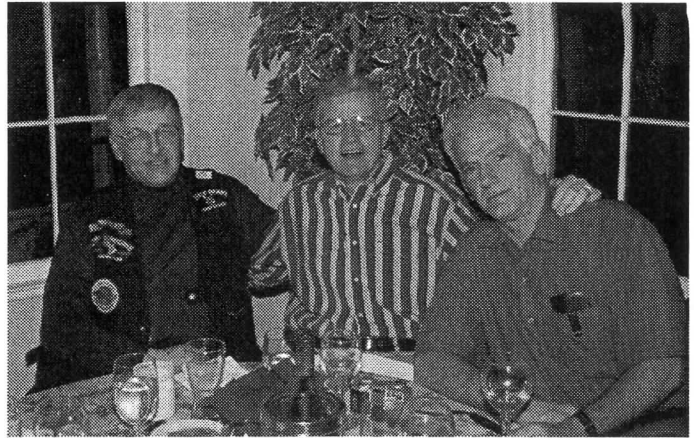
This picture was taken in Reno at the 327th Regiment dinner. L to R: Ed Goree, 1/327 C, getting his CIB, only 35 years late and COL (R) (then Ed's CO Cpt) Roger John.

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+ KEN POTTS, 1/327 C 12/66-12/67  
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Our reunion with William Northquest former C Company 1/327th Commander from Dec 66 to Jul 67. We got together for the first time in 36 years on 15-17 November 2003.

We got together as guests of Bill Northquest at his home in Dallonega, Georgia. We all had a wonderful time together and made plans to get together at the 101st Airborne Division reunion in Hampton, VA next year.



From left to right: Ken Potts-Weapons Platoon 66-67, Bill Northquest and Dan Grossman-Weapons Platoon 66-67.

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DAN CLINT  
 21 Paseo de Aguila  
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506  
 pappy117@sisna.com

Hello Ivan,

This is Dan Clint, and I have received your message. My snail mail address is: Dan Clint, 21 Paseo de Aguila, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506.

The street, and its name, by the way, is one that I created. It means "walk of Eagle" in Spanish.

The latest news stories on the Tiger Force, both from the army and from the London article mention that the Tiger Force operated with 45 men. We started Operation Wheeler with 69 men and they pulled the Tiger Force out of the field to attach us with the Mortar Platoon for the last few days of the operation which lasted about two months. When we were removed from the field we were down to one team and had 12 men left. Fischer and I were two of those twelve.

My understanding, on the other side of the coin, is that the Tiger Force had the highest death ratio of any unit in Vietnam, had the highest ratio of enemy kills, and this would include weapons captured, per capita of any unit in Vietnam. The press may reflect the curious energy that was generated by this particular unusual "Hackworth" created deviation from normal bureaucracies and military protocol.

If the military did not seek to prosecute, one of the themes that ran through the investigation was that as a unit we had been punished quite severely. What is the worst available punishment? The death penalty? Some of the subjects of the investigation had already been killed and those that hadn't, had already been through a form of hell. Death appeared easier than life on many levels and I suspect that the members of the Tiger Force that engaged in the killing of people of question-



able civilian status were reflecting much of the difficulty they were personally facing.

It is unfortunate that the rest of the story of heroism and personal sacrifice is glossed over by a seeming predominantly liberal press that appears to be going for the optimal sensationalistic “baby killer” and anti-military theme.

As far as writing for your publication. We’ll just have to see how that one goes. Thanks for your interest, energy and involvement. What do I need to do to fulfill your desires for me to become a subscriber?

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### FROM THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

+ CSM (R) ROBERT A. YOUNG, HHC CSM 6/66-6/67, 2 North East Street, Green City, MO 63545-1024, (660) 874-5123 wrote: Just checking in the NET to let you know I’m still “Above Ground!”



This has been my year for Reunions, since last year’s bout with the “bleeding ulcer” (July 2002). Thanks to an ex-airborne doctor, I’m now good to go!

This year I’ve attended the “Static Line” Reunion in April ’03, then in August (12-16th) flew over to Reno, NV, to attend the 101st Abn Div Assn Reunion at the Reno Hilton. Biggest and best one I’ve attended in many years – almost 900 there – Northern California Chapter was the host and did a SUPER JOB.

Finally, over to Ft. Bragg, NC and Fayetteville at Holiday Inn - Bordeau for the 17th Abn Div Reunion. However, spent most of my time with my old 101st and 82nd friends visiting Ft. Bragg and Pope AFB. CSM William Mixon (HHC 66-67) was escort for the free bus tour of Ft. Bragg, Pope Field and the ABN/SPOPS Museum. My first time there and enjoyed it. On another day “Bill” Mixon drove me all over BRAGG – gee what a change. Ivan, I found my old 504th barracks, I left in 1951 (cadred to the 508th in Benning) used only for the reserves and guard (summertime). Got out one day prior to ISABEL Ha!



Take care – Airborne  
Bob

P.S. photos of the 101st monument in front of the museum at Bragg Blvd and Hay Street. Fayetteville has enlarged in 50 years too – really enjoyed my trip!!

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+ ED FONTAINE, 2/502 A 66-68, 1060 Geneva Way, Grand Island, FL 32735 when becoming a new subscriber wrote: I served with the 1st Brigade from July 66 - Aug 25, 1968. I put 24 months in country. Did nine months with Signal, volunteered for the line with A Company 2/502, 3rd Platoon. I was a 60 gunner and got off the line December 1967. Spent rest of time with Headquarters 2/502 as battalion mail clerk.

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+ CLAY BARKER, 181st MI DET 6/66-6/67, 3910 Lochview Court, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588-6759; (843) 650-5880 sent the photo below along with his subscription renewal.



*Somewhere the roster for this 181 MI group in 66-67 time-frame was lost or misplaced. Perhaps someone can identify who is who.*

+ LOWELL T. CRACE, 181 MI Det 9/66-9/67, 208 Addison St., Fayetteville, NC 28314-1253; W (910) 432-6313 H (910) 864-5350 wrote when renewing his subscription: My latest copy was hand delivered by John Pippin. My copy was stuffed inside of his and he thought his copy was awful fat when it arrived. When he began reading it, he discovered my copy. He lives in the next housing development over from mine. We talked a bit and quickly discovered that we were in 1/101st (S) at the same time and knew some of the same people. I also discovered that I knew his wife from a job I once held. She worked there also. We talked for almost an hour and we plan to meet again and talk more about earlier times, places and people.

It felt very good to meet someone like that. It shows that you never know who lives just around the corner.

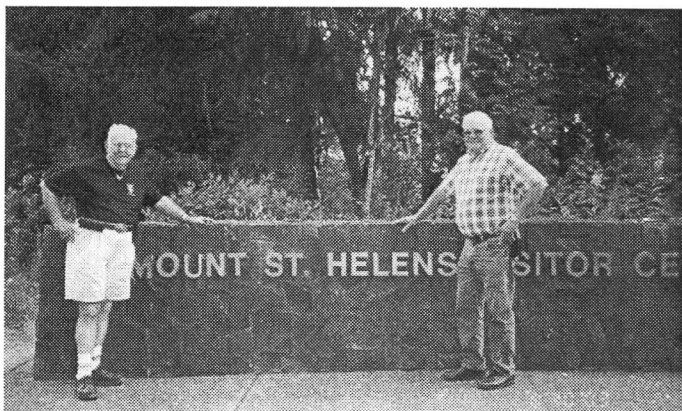
+ GRADY M. JONES, HHC S-3 7/64-7/66, 80 Pool St., Byron, GA 31008-4401; W (912) 926-5714 H (912) 956-5787 sent the following letter and photo.

Reference the picture of the 2 1/2 blown up (Oct 2003 issue, page 11). I don't know if that is the same one or not, that I saw, but it's the only one I saw over there like that. If it's the same one, the Brigade was enroute by convoy from Saigon over close to the Laos border, looking for a fight. I was in the back of the Tac CP jeep, probably with Maj Hackworth in the front seat, in the convoy. As we drove through towns, we saw small VC flags stuck in fence posts along the way. We knew we were in trouble. Up ahead, a radio jeep was blown up by a command detonated mine. We stopped for awhile, then drove on, passing the bodies under ponchos. There may have been more than one jeep lost. We closed the Tac CP into a rubber plantation and while my troops were setting up a small CP tent and getting



radios in it, I stayed in my jeep, talking on the radio and taking SITREPs, from all the units as they closed into their assigned AOs. Then, we heard a loud boom behind us and a 2 1/2 was blown up by a command-detonated mine. I remember thinking "My God – we drove over that one!" Apparently "Charlie" was looking for a bigger target though.

Attached is a photo of myself and Dick Thoma (1/327 B&HHC 12/59-9/65), taken at Mount St Helens, Washington State, in August 2003. Dick worked for me in S-3 Air with the 1st Brigade in 'Nam 1965-1966. He came to S-3 from 327 when my S-3 Air lost his finger from a hand grenade. Dick lives in Washington, close to Mt St Helens. My wife, Obie and I went to Reno for the 101st Reunion, traveling the Northern route and met with Dick and his wife for breakfast and a lot of talk. I had not seen Dick since July 1966. Both a few pounds heavier now!



*Left to right: Grady Jones, 1st Bde Op Sgt Maj, Dick Thoma, 1st Bde S-3 Air Sgt*

+ BRUCE A. MASTERS, 2/327 A 12/65-7/66, 76 Colonial Terr., Bridgeton, NJ 08302-4105, W (215) 368-2500 H (609) 451-0345 wrote: Apologies for the timing; had copies made at work. Took longer than I thought it would. All material here is yours to keep. The "copy" actually looks better than my original. I sent it home to my family sometime in May of 66.

Have already sent copies to two relatives/friends of relatives of men listed. Incredible how there is still so much of a "need to know" by so many. Have also met friends of one of the others listed, Ali. Seems that he was friendly fire victim, from Atlantic City, NJ area.

The KIA list (In Memoriam) was something obtained while trying to get ready for the Ft Campbell reunion/PUC affair. That was one of my proudest moments. Both Rick M (since deceased) and myself felt a great deal of pride in the fact that two previous grunts/Snuffy's actually got the ball rolling. This represents a good feeling that I will take to my grave.

Bruce A Masters, A/2/327, 101st Abn., 2nd Plt, M-60 gunner 1966

See April 1966 Memorial Service program next page.

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> Battalion, 327<sup>TH</sup> Infantry (ABN)

# FIRST BRIGADE

## 101<sup>ST</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION



### A FINAL SALUTE ...

TO THOSE WHO GAVE THE LAST  
FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, 1966

## 2nd Battalion 327th Infantry (Airborne) Tuy Hoa North Airfield *Republic of Vietnam*

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

22 April 1966 1100 Hours

Presentation of Colors \_\_\_\_\_ Color Guard

Roll Call of Honored Dead \_\_\_\_\_ Adjutant

Hym «America, the Beautiful» \_\_\_\_\_ All

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ Chaplain

Scripture \_\_\_\_\_ Chaplain

Eulogy \_\_\_\_\_ Chaplain

Commander's Comments \_\_\_\_\_ Battalion Commander

Placement of Wreath \_\_\_\_\_ Sergeant Major

Present Arms and Salute \_\_\_\_\_ Battalion

Taps

NOTE: This general memorial service will be followed by a requiem mass for Catholic personnel and a Protestant memorial service for Protestant personnel.

- 2.— O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!  
America, America, God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law
- 3.— O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife  
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America, America, may God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.
- 4.— O beautiful for patriot dream that sees, beyond the years,  
Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears!  
America, America, God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

## IN MEMORIAM

### HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

SSG J.H. ALEXANDER  
SGT SHIRLEY O'BOYLE  
SGT CHARLES J MURPHY JR  
PFC DENNIS R BRUCE

### COMPANY A

PSG EUGENE F ROBINSON  
SSG EDWARD J COX  
SP4 WILLIAM F COLLIER  
SP4 DENNIS W MALEWSKI  
SP4 EDUARDO D GONZALES  
PFC PAUL E LABRECQUE  
PFC PAUL D RODRIGUEZ

### COMPANY B

SP4 ARFIAN J ALI  
SP4 DENNIS L REEVES  
PFC HORACE A HAMPTON  
PFC WILLIAM L HINES  
PFC JIMMY ROLLINGS

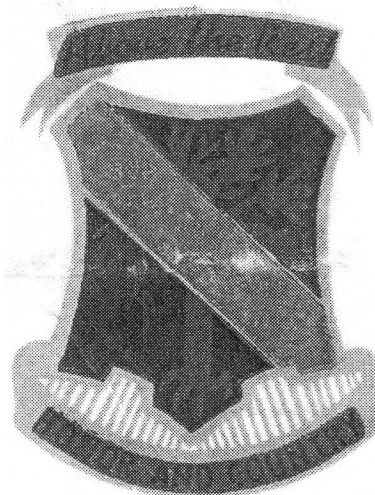
### COMPANY C

SP4 DAVID H ELISOVSKY  
SP4 WARREN E PHILLIPS  
PFC HAROLD T EDMONDSON  
PFC JOHN W ROWLAND  
SP4 EDGAR B LUEALLEN

### «America, The Beautiful»

- 1.— O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountains majesties, above the fruited plain!  
America, America, God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

## SECOND BATTALION 327<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY (ABN)





## Tigers Fool VC With Bait

By Spec. 4 Matt J. Pesca  
DUC PHO, (1/327-10) — Curiosity killed five Viet Cong in a moonlight ambush near here when an element of Tiger Force, 1st Bn (Abn), 327th Inf, baited them with a pile of C-ration cartons and cans on the fringe of a deserted village. A claymore mine rested nearby.

The Tiger element, led by Sgt. William Doyle, Kansas City, Mo., hid in tall elephant grass that ringed the village. Four-hundred meters across an open rice paddy, the Tiger reserve waited.

"We didn't have to wait long," said Spec. 4 Craig Johnson, Winnetka, Ill. "Shortly after sunset, about 20 VC — some with American equipment — entered the village. Part of the enemy force took up positions on the trails leading into the village and overlooking the open rice paddy. Three or four others went straight to the bait."

As the Viet Cong fingered through the debris, Pvt. Richard Moore, Easton, Pa., heaved a grenade into the scavenging enemy, killing two.

The VC immediately evacuated their wounded and began searching for the cause of the explosion.

Satisfied there was no one around and apparently assuming the debris had been booby trapped, the VC returned to their positions, others began poking around in the pile.

"We waited until there were several of them in a group," said Doyle, "and that's when I set off the claymore."

"When the claymore exploded," said Pfc. Wymon Helms, Fort Meade, Fla., "the VC guarding the trail and rice paddy began signalling back and forth with red lights."

"Then they began to fire in all directions," said Doyle. "We broke up their fire with a barrage of grenades and opened up with our weapons. When the fire-fight started, our reserve came running across the paddy. 'Charlie' broke contact and fled."

Five enemy bodies, three rucksacks and three weapons stayed behind.

### The Patch

According to Civil War records, the shoulder patch was approved on May 23, 1823. The black shield recalls the "Iron Brigade" of the 8th Regiment, 101st Division which fought in the Civil War. The Eagle represents "Old Abe", the famous war eagle now on display at the Smithsonian Institute.

When the 101st was reactivated as an airborne division, General William Lee, commander, gave Screaming Eagles the inspirational prophecy: "We have a rendezvous with destiny."



## Pointman

Spec. 4 Hendrik "Dutch" Groenewoud, Derry, N.H., walks point with his M-60 machine gun during Operation Malheur II. His face shows the vigilance and tension of a job where the enemy may lay around the next bend in the trail. (Photo by Spec. 4 James Loehr)

## MEDCAP Helps Grateful Natives

By Spec. 4 Dennis Stout

DUC PHO, (1/327-10) — Continuing the quiet battle to win the hearts of the Vietnamese people, a MEDCAP team from the 101st Airborne visited the small village of Sa Huynh near here during Operation Malheur II.

The team from the 1st Bn (Abn), 327th Inf, had been expected by the villagers. When the paratroopers arrived they were swarmed with requests for aid. Some natives had traveled two days to come to the village for treatment. They stood in the hot sun, waiting for their turn as the medics began treating the sick.

"They had almost every disease known to man," said Spec. 4 Kenneth Gant, Washington, D.C., a senior medic with the battalion. "They appreciate the treatment."

Patients carried on bamboo stretchers were treated first, then children. One mother cried out of happiness when her baby was given medical attention.

"Several of the children would have died, without immediate treatment," explained Gant.

As the people were treated, Spec. 4 Gary Nichols, Wynn,

Ark., the brigade veterinarian, inquired about ailing animals. A man stepped forward and led him to a bombed out pagoda which served as his stable.

"I gave the cow several injections," Nichols said. "Then the people wanted me to treat their chickens. There isn't much you can do for them."

The Vietnamese villagers were reluctant to visit the dentist, but when they saw the treatment was painless they sought his aid.

The major was swamped after the first patient walked away smiling," said dental assistant Pfc. Dan Wheeler, Milan, Tenn.

"They were eager to be treated," said the dentist, Maj. James M. Ruff, Atlanta. "Language is no barrier when the problems are obvious and the people willing to be treated."

At the end of the day, the team had treated 78 dental patients, and 505 medical cases, 341 of whom were children.

The grateful villagers also helped the Americans. They served cold soft drinks and fresh coconut milk to the paratroopers. Later they also pointed out a VC suspect and an enemy mine in a nearby road.

# Wounded Early RTO Stops VC Attack

By Pfc. Bob Mossey  
DUC PHO — Accurate adjustment of artillery and gunship fire by a badly-wounded radio-telephone operator saved a platoon from a severe mauling when attacked by a reinforced Viet Cong company near here recently.

The Recondo paratroopers of 2nd Bn (Abn), 502nd Inf., set up night defensive positions next to a deserted hamlet in the Song Ve valley.

Minutes later, sounds of clanking metal and rustling bushes told the paratroopers they were not alone.

Alert eyes searched the huts dotting the flat, fertile valley. Attentive ears listened for any

distinct sound or movement.

Lt. Clarence Long, Ruskin, Mass., gave instructions to use grenades if the enemy was spotted.

Pfc. Jerry Cain, Cody, Wyo., alerted artillery and gunships for possible fire missions.

An alert Recondo on the platoon's perimeter saw two Viet Cong run under a tree. Warning the rest of the platoon, he threw a grenade. The explosion triggered an attack by an estimated 100-man VC force.

Using 80-mm mortar, 57-mm recoilless rifles, grenades, heavy machine gun and small arms fire, the enemy quickly maneuvered to three sides of the platoon, setting up a deadly cross fire.

Cain, Hq. Btry, 2nd Bn (Abn), 320th Arty, radioed for supporting fire. Within minutes, friendly artillery created a protective sheath around the platoon. Overhead, heavy machine gun fire from attacking gunships raked the enemy positions. Flares turned night into day as the battle raged.

"The supply of grenades 'Charlie' had seemed endless," said Pfc. Ronald Gardner, Alamo, N.M.

Cain, now suffering a facial wound from shrapnel, continued calling in artillery fire, often within 100 meters of his position.

Despite his wounds, Cain manned his radio throughout the battle, providing the vital link between his platoon and supporting fire.

"His courage was boundless," said Gardner, "though blood covered his face and eyes, Cain's corrections were constantly accurate."

Artillery and gunships pounded the enemy with withering fire.

The VC carried their casualties across a shallow river adjacent to the platoon front, at the same time attempting to reinforce their stricken company. Gunships raked the river to thwart any attempt of the Viet Cong force to link-up.

Four hours later, unable to overrun the Recondo platoon, the enemy withdrew across the river, gunships still in pursuit.

Ten enemy lay dead. Enemy blood trails led into the jungle.

A tired, but smiling Cain and other wounded were medevaced to the comfort and care of an Army hospital.

## Ex-Cook In Charge

DUC PHO — During the Viet Cong attack, Spec. 4 Walter Keyes, Jackson, Mich., assumed virtual command of the Recondos when the platoon leader and platoon sergeant were wounded.

Keyes, a cook turned Recondo, saw two Viet Cong under a tree and threw a grenade. Two secondary explosions followed the blast.

"Apparently they had grenades in their hands with the pins pulled," said Keyes. "Then the attack came."

In the first moments, the platoon medic was killed and Keyes was wounded in the back and head by shrapnel.

Despite his wounds, Keyes bandaged the wounded and encouraged them to keep fighting.

As artillery and gunships pounded the enemy, Keyes kept the platoon firing. At one time, VC were only 30 yards away.

"With the help of the flares, we could see what we were up against," said Keyes. "The enemy was being hit hard but attempting to reinforce their positions. Cain's accurate direction of supporting fires prevented the VC from overrunning our position."

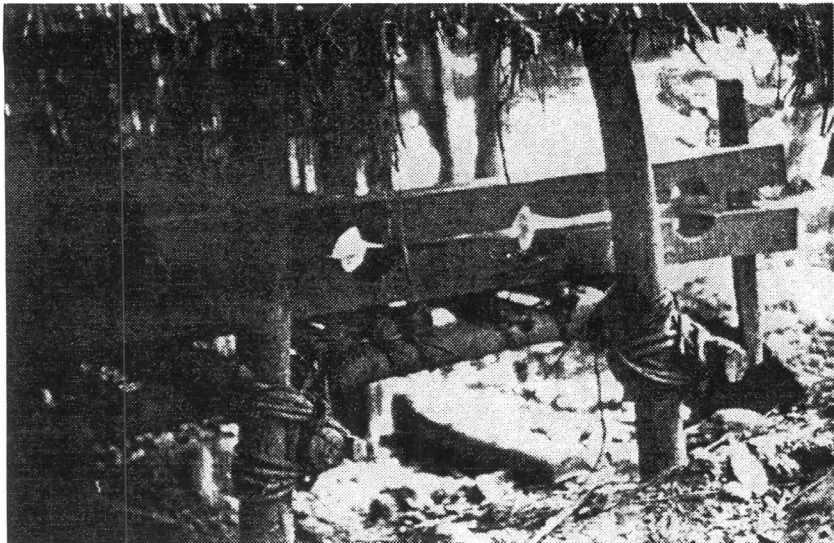
When the four-hour battle ended, Keyes helped the wounded onto the Medivac helicopter.

He was the last to be evacuated.



Conducting perimeter defense for the Recondos are (left to right) Pfc's John J. Williams, Palatka, Fla.; Franklin Sterling, Memphis; and Rodney Griffin, Newberry, S.C. (Photo by Spec. 4 James Loehr)





Twenty-two Vietnamese were freed from captivity in stocks such as these by 101st Airborne paratroopers. Three men and 19 women were liberated, some after two years of imprisonment. (Photo by Spec. 4 James Lohr)

## POW's Tell of Imprisonment

By Lt Barry Hana

**DUO PHO** — A grisly account of life in a prison camp was revealed here recently as three women and 19 men from Quang Nghia province told 101st Airborne paratroopers of intimidation, abuse and death at the hands of the Viet Cong.

The women — 42, 57 and 67 — were kidnaped by the VC because their sons serve in Popular Force or ARVN units. The men, ranging in age from 17 to 68, were abducted for various reasons: sons in Vietnamese units. Informing government forces of VC activities and refusal to join the Communist guerrillas.

Two of the liberated men were hamlet chiefs, another a school teacher. One had served in the Army of Vietnam for four years and five others were members of Popular Forces.

Their stories were similar. Some had been held captive for more than two years.

One 62-year old hamlet chief was taken from his home on May 16, 1965. He had two sons serving with ARVN forces. When first captured he was strong. He worked cutting wood for the VC. As he grew weak from malnutrition, he was bound hand and foot to prevent escape to his hamlet.

Another 64-year old villager

was abducted on the night of September 30, 1966. He had been known to support ARVN units and when he fed government troops passing through his village, the VC carried him away.

"I hoped they wouldn't kill me," he said. "I have six children. I hope they are safe."

Another liberated prisoner was a 25-year old Popular Forces soldier who killed six VC with a grenade during an attack on his village in 1965. His right arm had been amputated because of a wound suffered in the battle.

He told of the VC treatment at the camp since his capture in May, 1966:

"The strongest men in the prison camp were forced to carry rice and dig tunnels and caves," he said. "Thirty-four were in the camp when I was captured. Twelve died from starvation and beatings. At times I wished the VC to kill me."

The VC told his wife he was a prisoner and she must provide clothes for him. "I never got the clothing," he said. "The VC always took it after she gave it to them in our village."

The women also worked while prisoners in the VC camp. One 42-year old mother of four was kidnaped on March 30 because her two sons and younger brother served in the Army of Vietnam. Four months she worked within the compound, preparing the meager daily meal for the prisoners and mending clothes. She and the other women were bound each night.

As each former prisoner related a personal story of the captivity, the others nodded in agreement. They had been given only a half cup of rice a day, were tied hand and foot and beaten frequently.

One of the newly-freed Vietnamese — a 67-year old woman — asked to be returned to her family. One of her five children was a platoon leader in the Army of Vietnam, she said.

An interpreter told her and the others they would be taken to the province hospital at Quang Nghia and then reunited with their families.

The old woman nodded with a contentment she had not known since being captured in February. Her cataract-clouded eyes filled with tears and the moistness seeped only halfway down her aged, now happy face. Soon she would be home.

## Troopers Liberate Prisoners from VC

**DUO PHO** — Paratroopers of the 101st Airborne crashed down the bamboo gates of a Viet Cong prison camp near here recently and liberated 22 starved and disease-ridden Vietnamese — some held captive for more than two years.

The compound was sighted by an aerial observer and a company of paratroopers was ordered to investigate.

Following a mountain stream toward the encampment, the paratroopers drew two bursts of small arms fire. Seven VC fled into the dense jungle as the infantrymen charged the position. There they found a 50-yard square enclosure sealed off by a 10-foot bamboo fence.

"Once inside you could see it was a prison camp," said Capt. Peter Mitchell, Levittown, N.Y.

"After we smashed down the gate we found a four-foot pit filled with sharpened bamboo stakes," said Spec. 4 Gary Johnson, Banker, Mich.

A Co. of the 1st Bn (Abn), 327th Inf. quickly set up a perimeter defense and began searching the compound.

The camp consisted of 12 thatched-roofed huts. As the paratroopers approached the only two enclosed huts at the rear of the camp, the smell of human waste grew stronger, more nauseating. Entering the huts, the battle-hardened paratroopers recoiled at what they saw: men of all ages sitting with

their feet shackled in foot stocks, their hands lashed behind their backs.

Ten other Vietnamese were found within the compound — they were too weak to move.

"The faces and bodies of these people showed many months of starvation, maltreatment, and forced labor," said Mitchell. "My medics began treating them. Everyone — young and old — suffered from either anemia, malaria, and starvation."

While medics cared for the liberated prisoners, other paratroopers searched the compound. They discovered camouflaged tunnels which held more than two tons of rice and corn.

"The rice was for the VC," said a youthful Popular Forces trooper held captive since February. "The VC are low on food and forced us to carry rice to other parts of the mountain."

Paratroopers gave the rice to the starving Vietnamese who quickly prepared their first full meal over hastily-made fires.

As the Vietnamese ate their fill of rice, paratroopers marked the punji-pits surrounding each hut. Then they radioed for helicopters to evacuate the freed prisoners to the Screaming Eagle base camp.

Prior to boarding a helicopter, a frail Vietnamese took a paratrooper's hand in both of his. "Thank you," he said. "Thank you."



A paratrooper helps four of the liberated prisoners into a helicopter for evacuation to the hospital at the Screaming Eagle base camp. (Photo by Pfc Robert L. Mosey)

## Province Chief Visits, Embraces His People

**DUO PHO** — The Quang Ngai Province Chief, Dr. Bui Hoanh, visited with the three women and 19 men liberated from the Viet Cong prison camp and was horrified at their appearance.

Tears flowed freely as Dr. Hoanh embraced each of them and listened to their story of imprisonment.

From each hospital bed the story was the same: Hope had been lost. Death was so close. Eighteen of their fellow prisoners died. The survivors had resigned themselves to death.

Dr. Hoanh, who had treated many of them in years past, was shocked at seeing some of them again.

"I never dreamed I would see people of my province in such a pathetic condition," said Dr. Hoanh. "I am utterly shocked." Prior to his departure, the province chief repeated the survivors' appreciation to the paratroopers who rescued them. Adding his personal gratitude, Dr. Hoanh said: "My people have been given a second birth."

The province chief was accompanied through the hospital tent by Mr. James A. May, senior provincial advisor, CORDS, and Col. John W. Collins, deputy brigade commander.

## Generals Call

Prior to their evacuation to the Quang Ngai hospital for further treatment, the liberated prisoners were visited by Gen. Dwight E. Beach, CG, USARPAC; Lt. Gen. Robert E. Cushman, Jr., CG, III MAF; Maj. Gen. Willard Pearson, MACV; and Maj. Gen. Richard T. Knowles, CG, Task Force Oregon.



## Death Cheated

Nguyen Van Phuong, 20-year-old Popular Forces member, stares at the VC prison he survived for two years until liberated by 101st Airborne paratroopers. (Photo by Spec. 4 James Lohr)

# Awards

## Bronze Star-V

Lt. Charles F. Verga, HHC, 2/327; Plat. Sgt. David Kalu, B Co., 1/327; Spec. 4 Paris L. Bendixen, B Co., 2/502; Lt. Harold V. Toop, A Co., 2/502; Staff Sgt. Charles O. Walker Jr., B Co., 1/327—All awarded the First Oak Leaf Cluster.

Sgt. Gonzalo Estrada, Jr., A Co., 2/502; Sgt. Ivan C. King, A Co., 2/502; Spec. 4 Edward R. Reddin, A Co., 2/502; Staff Sgt. Frank C. Lincoln, HHC, 2/327; Maj. Jerry L. Denman, HHC, 1/327; Sgt. Charles E. Bowen, HHC, Bde; Spec. 4 Frankie G. Johnson, HHC, Bde.

Spec. 4 William D. Sneed, A Co., 2/502; Spec. 4 Carlson L. McKee, A Co. 2/502; Staff Sgt. Henry E. Kniskern, A Trp, 2/17; Sgt. Bobbie E. Williams, A Co. 2/502.

## Bronze Star

Maj. Stephen C. Doherty, HHC, 2/502; Capt. Peter J. D'Alessandro, E Co., Spt Bn; Capt. Thomas Deputy, HHC, Spt. Bn; Capt. Dennis Finnegan, HHC, 2/327; Capt. James B. Leonard, B Btry, 2/320.

Capt. Lawrence L. Naughton Jr., HHC, 1/327; Capt. Lucius V. Reeves, B Co., 2/502; Lt. John A. Marshok Jr., HHC, 2/502; Lt. Gerald L. Morey, A Co., 2/327; Lt. Joseph R. Schwabenberger, HHC, 2/320th; CW3 William E. King, HHC, 2/320th.

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## Paratroopers Find Parasol

DUC PHO — Lt. Clyde Herrington, Lumberton, N.C., led a 16-man reconnaissance patrol of the 101st Airborne across a rice paddy towards the smoldering huts of a VC village hit by artillery.

The paratroopers encircled the village and were joined by other elements of C Co. 1st Bn (Abn), 327th Inf.

Quickly a search of the area was begun. Staff Sgt. Glen Borg, Fayetteville, N.C., supervised a check of all tunnels and possible cache sites in the area. Within two hours, more than two tons of rice, 10 sets of black pajamas, a khaki uniform with a black beret and two sets of civilian clothes were found.

Two homemade charges of nitric starch explosive also were uncovered along with maps and documents. Four mines were found and destroyed by combat engineers.

Then Herrington made a final important discovery: a lady's parasol.



## On the Way to 'Charlie'

Spec. 4 David D. Duram, Fowler, Ind., prepares to fire a grenade into a Viet Cong position during a skirmish by the 1st Bn (Abn), 327th Inf. (Photo by Spec. 4 Dennis Stout)

## Screaming Eagle Finds Baby in Hut

A pointman of the 1st Bn (Abn), 327th Inf. had an unusual experience while leading his platoon through an enemy village. Instead of finding an enemy soldier inside a hut, he found a newborn baby.

Pfc Leslie D. Thornton, Washington, D.C., found the baby in a hammock. The baby's skin looked diseased and his face was caked with dirt and grime.

"I carried the child to a water tank and washed it as best I could," said Thornton. "I wrapped him in a towel and took him to my platoon leader. He put him on a helicopter to

be evacuated to the medics at the base camp."

The paratroopers of the 326th Medical Detachment treated the child for skin infections and sent him to an orphanage.

## Gr-Assy Ride

Pfc John J. Colligan, Westfield, Mass., has found ingenuity goes a long way.

"Everything gets easier when you use your head a little bit," said Colligan.

The paratrooper of the 1st Bn (Abn), 327th Inf. found a downhill trail through thick elephant grass slippery. Five times he lost his footing and found himself sitting down on the job.

After the fifth fall he just stayed there. He crossed his legs and using his rifle butt like a paddle, moved down the trail like a canoe.

"I'm just glad I didn't have a punt stake rip my hull," he said after reaching level ground.

## Calf in Well

Three paratroopers of the 101st Airborne took time off from Operation Malheur II to rescue a calf trapped in a deep hole.

Troopers of A Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf., were moving

through a deserted village in the fertile Song Ve Valley when they were charged by an enraged water buffalo.

"Because of the potential danger to us," said Sgt. Joe Craven, Miami, Fla., "we decided to shoot it—until we heard the cry of a calf."

Investigating, the men of 2nd platoon found the frightened baby buffalo at the bottom of a dried-up village well, miraculously unharmed.

While his buddies kept the nervous mother at bay, Pfc Lester Johnson, New Orleans, was lowered down the 15-foot well by a utility rope. Soon the calf was safely out and reunited with his mother.

"The guys were so proud of their good deed," quipped Johnson, "they nearly forgot I was still in the well."



# VC Flee O-Deuce Ambush

DUC PHO—The ambush was ready. Grenades and ammunition were within easy reach as paratroopers of the 101st Airborne waited on a trail high above a small village.

The night before, Spec 4 Edward G. Lee, Belmont, Mass., and his squad had surprised a VC element in the village as they were eating.

Suspecting the Viet Cong would return, the men of A Co. 2nd Bn (Abn), 502nd Inf., exercised caution as they prepared their ambush site.

"The best position was above the village," said Lee. "All our firepower was concentrated into the VC area."

Near midnight, Lee and Spec. 4 Walter Holt, Oklahoma City, saw a Viet Cong in the darkness. As they watched, they could hear others talking. Lee and Holt awakened their buddies. When Lee tossed a grenade, everyone opened fire.

The enemy returned the fire and tried to flank the paratrooper squad. Spec. 4 Ronnie G. Miller and two other squad members protected the flank with a hail of bullets and grenades. Pfc Leonard R. Kunze, Buffalo, N.Y., was wounded in the face as he tried to throw a grenade. He threw it anyway.

As quickly as the battle started—it stopped.

"The VC pulled back," said Lee. "Moments later VC mortar rounds hit our position, but no one was wounded. For a while it was a hairy night."

Next morning, the paratroopers entered the battle-scarred village. In a nearby cave they found one VC body and numerous blood trails leading into the jungle.

## Legion of Merit To 'Lifeline' CO

PHAN RANG — Lt. Colonel Quinton P. Sunday, Eufaula, Okla., was decorated with the Legion of Merit for exceptional meritorious service in ceremonies held here recently.

Brigadier General S.H. Matheson, brigade commander, presented the medal to Sunday recognizing the latter's performance of duty at Ft. Campbell, Ky., where he served as the division's support group executive officer from July, 1963 to October, 1966.

Sunday presently is serving as support battalion commander at the 101st Airborne's base camp here. The veteran paratrooper has served 31 months overseas during his career.

His previous decorations and awards include two awards of the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, French Fourragere, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and Army Commendation Medal.

During World War II, he participated in combat parachute jumps at Normandy on D-Day and in the Rhine river assault. He wears battle stars for combat in the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe in World War II and two campaigns in Korea.



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# Soap...

PHAN RANG—The residents of Vinh Thuan in Ninh Thuan Province are gaining a better understanding of personal hygiene from a medical team composed of members from the Support Battalion, 101st Airborne and the 568th Medical Company.

The integration of personal hygiene with the medical aid program began when the team discovered most of the ailments were caused by improper hygiene. Two washtubs, sturdy wash cloths and soap were added to the team's medical supplies.

When the team visits the village, a portable dispensary is set up. While villagers wait in line for treatment, members of the team demonstrate how to bathe a child correctly as a Vietnamese medic explains the importance of personal hygiene. After the explanation and demonstration, mothers are encouraged to use the washtubs to bathe their children.

Since the program went into effect a month ago, nearly 1,000 people have attended the demonstrations and received medical treatment. More than 5,000 bars of soap were distributed to the villagers.

The soap was furnished through collective efforts of Mr. George Kapanis, Villa Roma Motel, San Francisco, and Mr. John Halla, Harrah's, Stateline, Nev. after Captain John R. Blanks, Jr. of the 101st Airborne wrote a friend of the need. The friend, Major John Swaren, Jr. of the ROTC Department at the University of San Francisco, contacted Mr. Kapanis and a soap drive was begun.



**"I've Got Mine!"**

A small boy and other children of Vinh Thuan village touched soap for the first time when members of the Support Battalion distributed soap during a sick call.

Photos and Story by Capt. Wes Groesbeck

## ...And Treatment



**Does it Hurt?**

Awe-struck, a small girl watches a paratrooper demonstrate bathing techniques to villagers of Vinh Thuan.



**Treating a Cyst**

Capt. William Babson, Gloucester, Mass., treats a boy for a cyst during a sick call. Doctor Babson serves with the 568th Medical Company.



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bull. I've always been bitter that the Army I worked for and was loyal to allowed this treatment.

THIS WASN'T POLICY... THEN AND NOW I BELIEVE THESE STORIES TO BE UNTRUE.

Ed Kurth, B Co & TF, 11-66 to 2-68

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Hey brothers....we can't let this crap continued to be put out about us....I joined Tigers as a medic on 1/22/67....we were at Hill 1963 and was with them though Mothers Day Hill May 15 and stayed until around Sept.67.... I was investigated twice by FEFO, 1st Region, USACIDC...once in Virginia around 1972.....I moved to Florida and the CIDC paid me a visit on Jan. 23, 1973 from Ft. Rucker investigating war crimes done by two individuals in my squad...one has already been mentioned but has since died from pneumonia in 1982. I have a DA19-31 form MILITARY POLICE RECEIPT FOR PROPERTY...the CIDC gave me for some items ...picture, copy of SO 235...and a copy of PORT CALL INSTRUCTIONS...anyway I had to ask these investigators to leave my house by force since they were getting under my skin and I didn't want to hear what they had to say....they did say this investigation was going to be as big as the MY LAI...have not heard from CIDC since. I did see some things I didn't like but we all did....and the feelings are still there in many of us....if the shoe fits them...they have to wear them to their grave....I can't...I won't bring back some of the memories that have haunted me all these years and for someone to come out with the stories we are hearing is an atrocity to the true HONORABLE SOLDIERS OF THE TIGER FORCE.....

GOD BLESS OUR POW-MIA'S  
DOC DAVID NELMS 66/67

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Sent: Monday, October 20, 2003 2:59 PM  
Subject: TF

I just finished reviewing the original material in the TOLEDO BLADE and am astonished at the depth they have gone into to pursue this story. The web site is <toledoblade.com> Check it out.



Ivan

ON 10/21/03 3:23 AM, "CSM (RET) JOSEPH M. BOSSI" <jmbossi@commandnet.net> wrote:

Ivan, I have all of it. I want these players who confessed to doing this arrested for murder and tried then I want to hear their story. We owe it to the Veterans and active duty members of our Regiment and also the families of all of our brothers who paid the ultimate price for our country. My Response is I demand that they be arrested and charged with murder.

Joe

CHANTAL ESCOTO  
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Subject: Re: TF

Joe,

Do I have your permission to contact these guys (especially the ones who were interviewed by TOLEDO BLADE but their comments never used)? Or maybe you could put it out that I'm interested in interviewing the other side of the story. LET'S DO IT! That's my unit, too! Thanks.

Chantal Escoto  
Military Affairs Reporter  
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Tue, 21 Oct 2003 20:09:22 -0500

TO ALL BROTHER'S WHO WERE ASSIGNED OR ATTACHED OPERATIONAL TO THE TIGER FORCE, DURING THE PERIOD REPORTED BY THIS STORY, please contact Mrs. Chantal Escoto, the reporter who was imbedded with the 1st Bn. in Iraq, she is a credit to her profession. If you were interviewed by the TOLEDO BLADE or was a member of the Tiger Force during the alleged attacks on innocent civilians, honor her and now also my request, please Cc; me anything you provide (jmbossi@commandnet.net) USING the 101st Airborne Div. Vietnam Veterans Associations Logo. (TOGETHER THEN TOGETHER AGAIN) or as Sergeant Major Appleman, told me all the time Do It To It.

Bastogne  
JMBossi CSM(Ret)  
Honorary Sergeant Major 327th Infantry Regiment

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Subject: Tigers

Hello, I was a Tiger Medic during the time that the TOLEDO BLADE story reported on. I was interviewed and not used. Probably because I told the guy his story was BS. You may contact me if you wish.

Sincerely,  
Larry Cottingham CSM (Ret)  
Doc Savage May 67- Sep 69 Tiger Force

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CSM (RET) JOSEPH M. BOSSI  
To: 327th DMOR.Jim Simchera ; News-Chantal Escoto ; Larry Cottingham  
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2003 5:46 AM  
Subject: Re: Tigers

Sergeant Major Cottingham,

Larry, thanks for your response, what took place with you is the first break in their report. So far they have not stated, that out of all of the former members interviewed, that some former members said it was not true. Do you by chance have contact with other members interviewed and those who were not but were members of the Tiger Force then?

Bastogne JMBossi

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LARRY COTTINGHAM  
To: CSM (RET) Joseph M. Bossi  
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2003 10:12 PM  
Subject: Re: Tigers

Command Sergeant Major Bossi, I do indeed have contact with some of the men I served with there. Including Doc Teeter and Lerch and Mouse if I want to look them up. Can get a hold of Trout if needed?

It strikes me as important that most of the so called accused are already dead. So are most of his so called witnesses. As for his villagers remembering all this time and crying for vengeance. for 10 bucks apiece American I'll bet I can get a whole village to testify that we walked on rice paddies and never got our feet wet. I think we probably have a Love Child going after us because we served and their communal Daddies did not.

As far as I know, I was one of those interviewed but not quoted. Be more than happy to tell it like it was.

Larry Cottingham CSM (Ret)



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Wed, 22 Oct 2003 17:57:23 -0500



Larry, Again thanks. Please pass on to those who you have contact with my e-mail address. Sergeant Trout, I, believe is still living in the Clarksville area. CSM (Ret) Russ McDonald, may have contacted him in reference to this. Russ, do you have contact with Sergeant Trout? If so would you please have him call me (931-624-8060) or if he is online e-mail me. I have not read today's article. I want to get as many of the former members who were contacted or were members of Tiger Force during the reported time frame of the Blade's story so that when we go to a National News Media that we have our reply to this together when we counter the charges.



Joe



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Subject: Tiger force??? Jy. put it on the web site.



I was in Nam and believe me if anything like that would have happened it would have got around the troops. Your reporter Michael just wants to make a name for himself at any cost. We knew every time a unit had contact in the field. So I can tell you that all those false accusations are a bunch of crap. Reporters like him and your news paper like the La Times, N.Y Times would like to recreate the " Vietnam ERA." We are proud to be "Vietnam Vets." All you anti war mongers just want to disgrace everything we stand for! NBC,CBS, ABC, CNN, all of you want to disgrace those that give their life so all of you can speak out with out retribution from them. But we are here to take their place! For those that told you that BS story did it ever cross your mind that that might help them to get 100% VA disability for PTSD Ha? Put that in your column!



Thank you,



Mr. Leonard Escalante, Chandler, AZ 85224



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Sunday, October 19, 2003 8:32 PM



Subject: Re: For your info - ref 327 INF

Joe,

Thanks for your reply. If you can get me an e-mail address for Col. Hackworth I will forward this to him. On my personal e-mail I received the following. I do not know who this Tony is but the link will take you to the newspaper story in the TOLEDO BLADE.

Your Rice Paddy Pen Pal  
Larry

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CSM (RET) JOSEPH M. BOSSI  
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Monday, October 20, 2003 10:57 PM

Publish This: Brothers In the Interest of our Regiment Honor, I request that all Veterans of our Regiment and Division, demand that the Players who said they did these crimes or by not reporting them, if true, are accomplices to this be Arrested and Prosecuted for Murder. I want to hear them Testify against each other and be punished for they have tarnished not only our Regiment but also all of the Brothers who paid the ultimate price and all those who have served in our Regiment and those serving now in the Regiment and the 101st.

JM Bossi, Honorary SGM. 327th Inf.Regt.

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Brothers, I, am on the way to the Regiments Headquarters and the current Regimental Commander in Iraq, has been forwarded all of the message traffic that I, have on this. My stand is simple I,am not from Missouri, but these players are going to get their chance to show me, they should all be arrested and let's clear the impact area on this now for our Brothers and our Division, as far as I am concerned we need to bring this to a head NOW, contact who ever you want, but we will do it with professionalism the same way we did when we served.

Bastogne  
JMBossi, Honorary SGM.327th Infantry Regiment

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Well Gang,  
I'm so angry right now over this Damned Witch Hunt! I just got off the phone with ABC News. They want an interview with Me. Why? Well that's because MY NAME was used by that So Called? Reporter! from The Blade News Article,



Written about Tiger Force & Alleged WAR CRIME'S in Nam in 1967. Trouble Is, I didn't say anything about any WAR CRIMES. I feel BETRAYED! I feel like We Have All Been BETRAYED from Within The Group of Brothers, That I have been sharing My Issues of War & Healing Together. "I Thought!" Now ? I am wondering. What's Really Going On? and, Why? I Am Totally Devistated, Men. Totally!

Doc

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Doc,

When I emailed you this afternoon I asked you to step up and set the record straight. You have claimed the Blade reporters twisted what you said and what they printed is a misquote. Your response was "OH BULL! Leave People Alone ! The only investigation that needs to be done here, Is who's behind this Witch Hunt!" Well I think that you now see that the only way we are going to get to the bottom of this is for those who were interviewed/quoted by the Blade to be interviewed by the Leaf-Chronicle. Joe Bossi has arranged for Ms Escoto to conduct these interviews. All any of us want is the truth, we believe that she will give you an honest forum to tell what you know. Step up Bro, too much is at stake here. If I may advice you do not speak to ABC. They will not treat you fairly.

NS/ATR!  
Yankee Jim

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article

I am in email contact with Rion Causey. I was asked to interview with the writer of the article, and I advised several others to decline, but I guess they chose to ignore the advice. I do not know of any war crimes, and would have acted to intervene had I been present.

Hank Ortega, PA/C  
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327th web site: www.screamingeagles-327thvietnam.com



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*Below is the total information from the original 1959 33-rpm record cover.*

Airborne, little known in the jargon of warfare until World War II proved the need for speed and maneuverability, is today a key word in the modern concepts of battle.

Corregidor, Leyte, Anzio, Salerno and Bastogne, once strange-sounding names, are remembered today for World War II newscasts which told of the courage and the sacrifices of airborne troops on those distant battlefields.

Men like Generals Matthew B. Ridgway and Maxwell D. Taylor, both Army Chiefs of Staff; men like Generals "Bill" Lee, "Slim Jim" Gavin, "Joe" Swing, and "Tony" McAuliffe, who uttered the now-famous "Nuts" to the Germans at Bastogne—these are but a few of the great airborne leaders whose names are indelibly inscribed on the rolls of these elite units.

The XVIII Airborne Corps came into being on August 25, 1944, as the only airborne corps in the United States Army. During World War II, the Dragon Corps, as it is called, made up the bulk of the airborne troops which spearheaded the invasion of Holland. Its first commander was General Matthew B. Ridgway, who later became Army Chief of Staff. At present, it is commanded by Major General Robert F. Sink.

The 11th Airborne Division fought World War II in the Pacific Theater, posting victories at Luzon, Leyte, Manila and Los Banos, where the Angels, in a spectacular raid, freed more than 2,100 internees from the Japanese Internment Camp. Troops of the 11th, with General Douglas MacArthur, were the first American forces to enter the Japanese homeland. During the Korean conflict the 187th,

one of its combat teams, was detached, sent to the Far East and parachuted in the Suncheon-Sukchon Area and again at Munsan.

The 82d Airborne Division was the first American airborne division to go overseas, and completed, at Sicily, the first large-scale airborne assault. Said to be the most decorated division in the United States Army, the 82d has received decorations from three foreign governments.

The 101st Airborne Division, the Screaming Eagles, teamed up with the 82d and the British in Normandy and Holland. It was at Bastogne that the 101st heroically staved off cold, hunger and the German Army during the Battle of the Bulge.

## The United States Military Band

Major William R. Schempf, Director of Music  
The United States Military Academy Band is the oldest military unit in continuous service at West Point. Although its service as a part of the Academy began about 1812, historical archives show the presence of military musicians, with Continental troops in the vicinity of West Point as early as 1776.

The Band has increased in number along with the Corps of Cadets, until today it has an authorized strength of more than 150 men including the Field Music augmentation. The musicians of the United States Military Academy Band are enlisted men of the highest professional qualifications, many being composers and arrangers as well as excellent performers.

The versatile musicians of the Band participate in every type of military, cultural, or social activity at West Point. An active schedule of military ceremonies, concerts, funerals, athletic events, theatrical performances, recep-

tions, and dances leaves but little time for off-post appearances, except for occasional functions of national importance.

## The Cadets Glee Club, West Point

Chief Warrant Officer Frederic W. Boots, Director  
John H. McKillop, Cadet Director

The Glee Club has been an officially recognized extracurricular activity of the United States Corps of Cadets since 1928. First formed with 25 members, interest in the organization has brought its strength to the present 200, of which 140 are from the upper classes. The remaining 60 cadets form the Fourth Class Glee Club.

During each year, the Glee Club presents approximately 20 concerts. For each off-post appearance and recording sessions, a group of 95 cadets is selected. The Club has performed in Carnegie Hall, Town Hall, and many television shows, including a number of appearances on the Ed Sullivan Show.

The Cadet Glee Club is an active member of the Associated Male Choruses of America and of the Intercollegiate Music Council.

The airborne trooper is fiercely proud of his unit and he never hesitates to express that pride in song. The XVIII Airborne Corps and each of the divisions has its own favorite song which is played at all official gatherings.

*"The XVIII Airborne Corps March"* At the suggestion of Major General Robert F. Sink, XVIII Airborne Corps commander, a nameless song dating back to the early days of the airborne was titled and adopted as the official Corps song. The music was written by Major R. H. Graham and adapted by Sp. 2/c Charles Gross.

*"Beautiful Streamer"* Sung to the tune of "Beautiful Dreamer," the parody "Beautiful Streamer" tells the story of a paratrooper pleading with his chute to open.

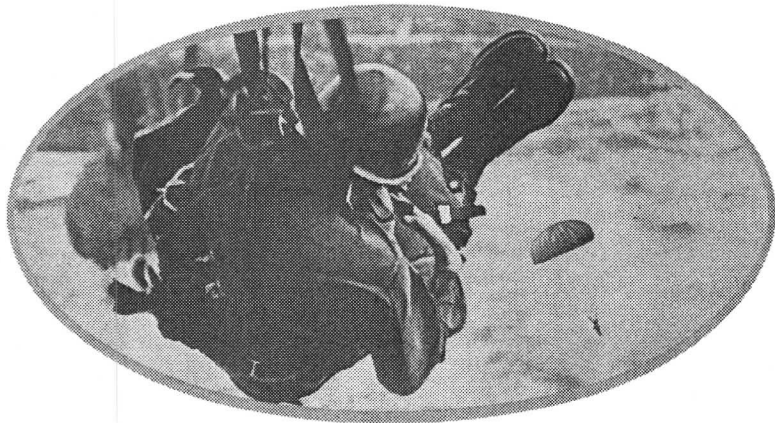
*"Down From Heaven"* The favorite song of the 11th Airborne Division is "Down From Heaven," an original composition by Lt. Col. Byron Paige, a former member of the famed division. It was arranged by Sgt. George Whissen.

*"The All American Soldier"* The 82d Airborne Division has as its official song the "All-American Soldier," an adaptation of the "American Soldier" by Tom Jones and Charles Koff. Words for the adaptation were composed by Carl Sigman when he was a member of the 82d.

*"Screaming Eagles"* The 101st Airborne Division song, "Screaming Eagles," bears the honor of being the Division's official song. It was written by Captain Samuel R. Loboda, now Asst. Bandleader of the United States Army Band in Washington, D.C.

*"March of the New Infantry"* Also known as the "Paratrooper Song," this selection was written by Tom Adair and Dick Uhl and was arranged for band by F. Henri Klickman in 1943. Not all the songs are as serious as the official music of the individual units. Many famous airborne songs have become popular by poking fun at disaster or scoffing at the troopers' natural fears.

## The United States Military Academy Band and Cadet Glee Club plays and sings . . .



*"Blood on the Risers"* Perhaps the most famous of all airborne songs is the tragic parody "Blood on the Risers," sung to the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." The verses tell the sad story of a trooper who forgot to "hook up" properly before jumping and fell to his death.

*"The Army Goes Rolling Along"* Formerly the Field Artillery's "Caisson Song," the words of this tune were re-written to make the song the official March of the United States Army. The song was officially adopted as the Army song in 1957 and was especially arranged for the United States Military Academy Band by Sp. 1/c Kenneth G. Whitcomb.

Recorded Publications Company expresses its appreciation to Sp. 2/c Edward Marvin and Sp. 2/c Joseph Vayda for text and recording aid respectively.

Cover designed by 2nd Lt. Robert Hollingsworth

This disk or tape has some surface noise from the 1959 vintage record used to make the new master.

## War Unites Brothers At Viet Front

Barry and Fred Gayer grew up at 9 Englewood Rd., Upper Darby and both graduated from Upper Darby High School. Both enlisted in the paratroopers and both met recently in Vietnam.

Capt. Barry F. Gayer is a member of the Screaming Eagles, 1st Battalion, Airborne Division, stationed in Tuy Hoa, Spec./4CI. Fred R. Gayer, a machine gunner, is one of the Green Berets, the 5th Special Forces Airborne Division, now in Nku Trang.

Barry, 27, graduated from Drexel Institute of Technology. Fred, who is 20, attended Temple University.



**TWO BROTHERS**, both paratroopers, pose in Pleiku. Shown are Capt. Barry F. Gayer of the Screaming Eagles and Spec./4 CI. Fred R. Gayer, a member of the Green Berets.

**LONNIE R. BUTTS' MEDIC**

**Editor's Note:** This page of photos from the picture album of Barry F. Gayer [1/327 HHC S-3 5/66-6/67] is a small part of the photos he made available for use in the magazine and the brigade history. If you recognize photos with questionable identification please send correct identification information to the editor.

**1.** Chaplain Francis Kovacic who is listed in the magazine database as 2/327, with a bad address, is shown outside his tent. Note the right shoulder Special Forces patch. **2.** Archie Cheyick who appears to be a SP4 is shown catching up on his reading. He is not listed on any of the lists maintained by the magazine. **3.** This news clip is from the Gayer brothers hometown paper with no identification of the name of the newspaper nor the date of publication. **4.** On a trip from Phan Rang to the forward CP, Barry had the mission of delivering a new cap to BG Willard Pearson so he checked to see how a one star cap would fit a two bar Captain. **5.** SP5 Lonnie R. Butts (left) was Killed In Action on May 15, 1967. He is listed on the 327th web site Roll of Honor as having been assigned to 1/327 HHC Tiger Force and killed in Quang Ngai Province by small arms fire. The two soldiers on the right are not identified. **6.** Barry Gayer on R&R in Hong Kong is shown with the bay and city in the background. **7.** (L to R) CPT Barry F. Gayer and his brother SP4 Fred R. Gayer who must have been serving with the 5th Special Forces Group in Viet Nam.



# Bigfork Adopts the 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles

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

From: Paul Valley <mailto:paulvalley@centurytel.net>  
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Cc: Dubois, Trina M. <mailto:trina.dubois@campbell.army.mil>  
Subject: Christmas Gifts

CSM Hill: Just wanted to let you know that 12 Christmas boxes have been mailed today to you at the APO address that you provided. More to come. Attached are pictures of some of the Bigfork people involved in the project. Enjoy.....

PEV

Paul E. Valley, PO Box 1596, 225 Shawnee Drive, Bigfork, MT 59911; Phone: 406 837 0749; Cell: 202 285 5327-----



Preparing Christmas presents for the 101st in Iraq. Paul Valley (left on back row) and Marian (right front).

Original Message-----

From: DCSM HILL, MARVIN L. [mailto:marvin.hill1@us.army.mil]  
To: Paul Valley  
Cc: Helmick, Frank BG  
Subject: Re: Christmas Gifts

This is flat out AWESOME!!!!!! If you only knew how much we appreciate you and your efforts. Please pass on to the entire team that the Screaming Eagles are very thankful for citizen-soldiers such as the group that you are associated with. National Will and Support of the People will get us through this. Thanks again.

**AIR ASSAULT!!!**  
**MARVIN L. HILL**  
DCSM, 101ST ABN DIV (AASLT)  
EAGLE 7

Here is the article as it was printed in the November 20th edition of the Lakeshore Country Journal. Please let all the soldiers of the 101st know that we are praying for them and that we support them 110%. May God Bless them all. Jim Jackson, Publisher  
Headline: Bigfork Adopts the 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles



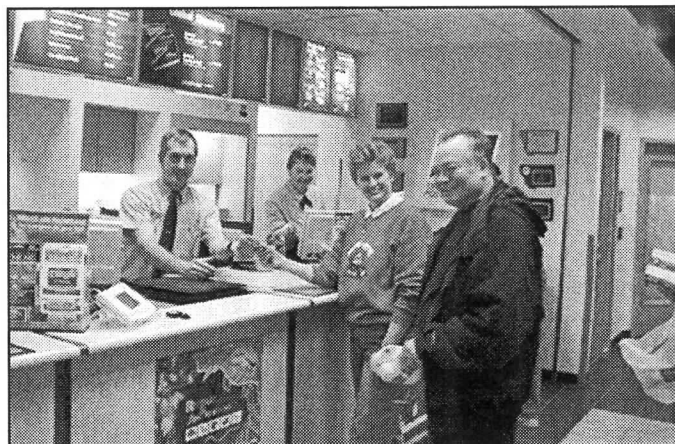
It started with an idea and then became a project because of General Paul Valley and his close ties to the troops in Iraq. Now it is time to make it a reality. To show our support for our troops who are so far away during the holidays, there is a drive on to put together a shipment of gifts that will be sent directly to the 101st Airborne on duty in Iraq. General Valley has been in touch with the officers of the 101st and they have given him a list of items that would be greatly appreciated by the soldiers. The list is as follows: Music CDs of any kind, DVDs of movies, sports, history, etc., 8 packs of AA batteries, pen flashlights, magazines about sports, cars, computers or general interest, white crew or tube socks with no stripes or logos, inexpensive weight lifting gloves, 2004 calendars, boot or shoe insoles sizes 8-12, manicure sets, nail clippers, etc., board games, but not the "conquer the world" kind, more like Monopoly or Clue, paperback books, baby wipes or handi wipes. Once you have purchased these items, they can be dropped off at the Rocky Mountain Bank. They don't need to be wrapped since the platoon leaders will be handing them out. Time is of the essence, the gifts need to be at the bank by Dec. 3rd so that they can be packaged and shipped by Dec. 7th.

This is a great project and we encourage everyone to participate. Our troops have already expressed their gratitude for our generosity and support in the emails sent to General Valley so let's not let them down!

Mailing Address:

CSM Marvin Hill  
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*Editor's note: Christmas is special for all 101st soldiers. They need to know of our support and concern as long as they are in Iraq. If you wish to send packages to troops in Iraq contact the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Command Sergeant Major at the address shown in this story or 327th, First Brigade, Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment CSM (R) Joe Bossi, 2231 Pendleton Drive, Clarksville, TN 37042-5618; W (615) 860-2026; H (931) 431-3657; email: [jbossi@commandnet.net] for help with 1st Brigade addresses.*



Paul and Marian Valley put the packages in the care of the U.S. Postal Service.





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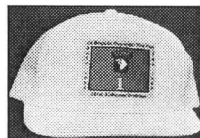
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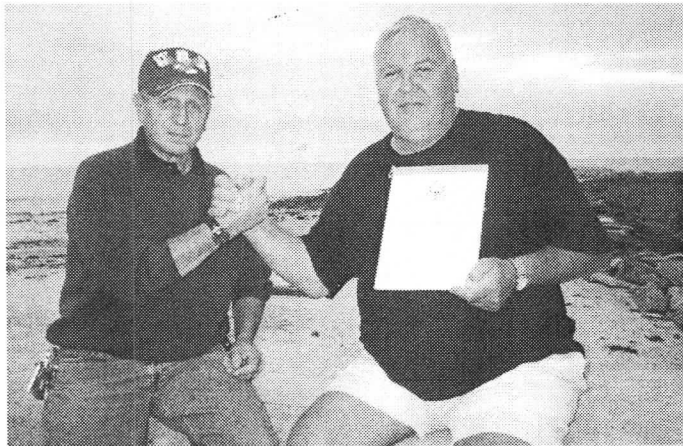


# Jack (Tammy) Tamulevich DMOR

Enclosed are two pictures taken at the recent designation of Jack (Tammy) Tamulevich as a Distinguished Member of the 502d Parachute Infantry Regiment. Ed Reddin, a previously designated DMOR, drove down from Boston, and made the presentation at Tammy's home in Brant Rock, MA. We had a large gathering of brothers, sisters, uncles, children, grandchildren and friends of all ages. It was very meaningful. Tammy and wife Lorraine are locals, were married prior to his VN service with A/2/502, live in the house which his parents once owned, and have always lived in Brant Rock with the exception of his 3 year (65-68) military service. He did it ALL for his comrades in Attack Company of the Strike Force -- rifleman, machine gunner, point man, and sniper. On return to the states, he was reassigned to the 82d Airborne, and did another abbreviated tour in VN when that unit was deployed ... serving as a squad leader and platoon sergeant.



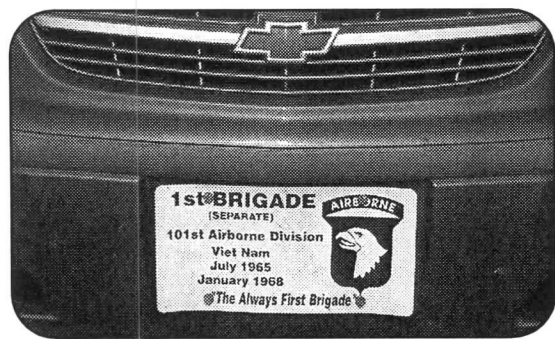
Three old paratroopers enjoying a beer on Tammy's back porch. (left to right) Michael McFadden, Jack Tamulevich, Ed Reddin.



Ed and Tammy sitting on the ocean wall which joins Tammy's backyard. (Ed wearing the hat and Tammy holding his certificate)

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce that the 7th gathering at Col Frank "Gunslinger" Dietrich's grave in Arlington will be held on 9-22-04. Any and all who wish to participate in honoring the memory of that man among men, and participating in the annual "pouring of the cognac" and singing one verse of "Rising of the Moon" are welcome. All they need do is contact me and I will update with an exact time of day as the date draws near. Two years ago, we began conducting a ceremony at Sabo's grave as well. It makes for a full day in the presence of two true Warriors. At the prompting of Jerry Scott, Sabo receives his favorite ration ... a tin of Copenhagen. Many thanks to you Ivan, for your excellent attention to the memory of our association.

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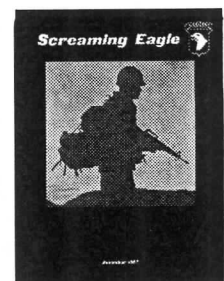
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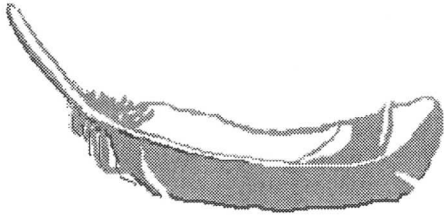
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The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam

Kenneth B. Taylor [2/327 C 6/66 – 6/67], 1611 Anelope Trail, Harker Heights, TX 76548-2189, has written a series of short essays about his experiences in the Army, particularly in the 1st Brigade in Viet Nam.

## On Eagles Wings



By

Kenneth “Teddy Bear” Taylor

### Beach party

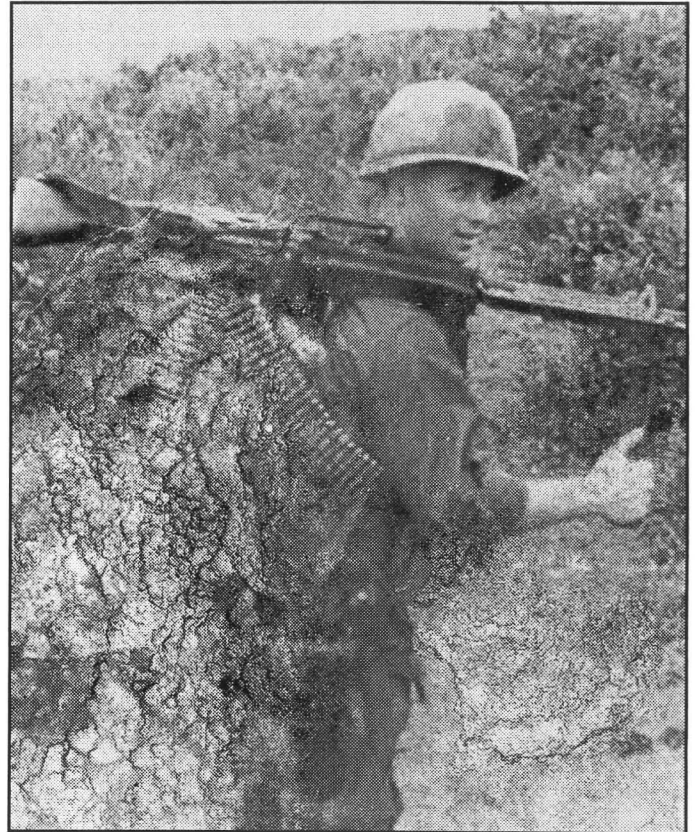
Chu Lai was located near the border with North Vietnam. My last months in Vietnam were spent moving to Chu Lai and participating in a few last missions before leaving for the States. Instead of helicopters we traveled most of the way there in 2-1/2 ton trucks. Our convoy started halfway through South Vietnam and moved up the East Coast on Highway #1. Traveling for only a few days, we dropped off on a short mission near the sea coast, and scheduled to get picked back up again in two weeks. It was only about four kilometers to the mountains from the ocean. Until we reached the thick vegetation of the mountains the terrain was a flat arid plain. We camped halfway to the mountains the first night and made it to the jungle the next day.

Elephants caused the only excitement during our mission. Everywhere you looked elephant dung was deposited on the



*This is a picture of the company mail clerk (with the cigarette) and I after the Kontum jump. My helmet was knocked off in the air and the one I found on the ground had broken helmet liner straps.*

ground. Unfortunately, we couldn't find them. We heard them trumpet in the distance but only one of our squads ran into them. A bull elephant started charging the men so they got down on one knee and opened up with their weapons. The elephant just stopped, looked at them, and walked away. Walking back across the open plain again we stopped at the same location we stayed at the start of the mission. During the night an elephant came into our perimeter and tripped a trip flare. All I saw was a big rear end with a little tail standing straight in the air, running away as fast as he could go. The machinegunner fired up his rear but it didn't even hurt him.



*Me and the M-60 machinegun during my second trip to Vietnam with the 82nd Airborne Division.*

The next day we made it to the road and waited for the trucks to pick us up. A small stream ran near the road and some villagers came near to water their livestock. Two villagers rode in an ox drawn cart, and a soldier pulled on the back of it as if he could stop it. He did lift the cart off the ground with the people in it. Suddenly there was a lot of commotion coming from the other side of the stream. Some of the men in my platoon had a Vietnamese in gray pajamas, and they were beating him up. They saw him out in the nearby field and he started running. They ran him down and he started fighting, so they defended themselves. One soldier was holding him and the other was beating the daylights out of him before the Company Commander could stop them. While an interpreter talked to the Vietnamese the same men saw another Vietnamese out in the field with black pajamas. They ran out and grabbed him too. The new prisoner in black pajamas quickly stated they were Vietcong and there was another out in the fields with a weapon, who wanted to give up. My squad along with the Vietcong in black pajamas went out to take the other prisoner.



While gone, the prisoner in gray pajamas was killed. From the very start of his interrogation he denied being an enemy soldier. When the trucks came to pick us up we took the remaining two enemy soldiers with us as prisoners.

We stopped for a short time in Phan Rang, our real base camp. It was the only time since being assigned to the 101st I actually returned there. We were called the "Nomads of Vietnam" because we moved our temporary base camps all over Vietnam. During our stay at Phan Rang, BG Pearson visited for a ceremony to review us. We actually had to polish our boots.

Our next stop was in Cam Ranh Bay. This was where soldiers flew in and out of Vietnam from a large international airport. We were given air mattresses and a spot on the runway to sleep. The runway was made of interlocking pieces of metal called PSP (Pierced Steel Planking). Without the air mattresses it would have been pretty uncomfortable to sleep on. Once we aligned our little beds in neat rows we were cut loose to have some fun. There were two places we could go. One was the enlisted club and the other was to see an all-girl band perform. I chose the all-girl band. I climbed up on a large metal shipping container for a good view as a rock-and-roll band made up of oriental girls sang and played music. It was after dark when we got back to our sleeping area and the men who went to the enlisted club bragged about having the most fun. They kicked all the "legs" out, drank all the soft drinks, all the beer and whiskey, broke all the chairs, tables and windows and were invited to come back anytime they wanted.

The next place we stopped was Tuy Hoa, the same place I first started with the 101st. The 4th Infantry Division took over the area when we left and had trouble controlling the enemy from the start. The 101st had built a reputation for not fooling with the enemy. We were there to kill people, and as soon as the enemy was found, we quickly terminated them. The 4th Infantry Division apparently did not intimidate the enemy and were getting their rear area overrun as well as losing many soldiers in the field. We came in all puffed up because we were going out to the field to clean things up for them. It only took us about two weeks to kill enough enemy soldiers to make it safe for the 4th Infantry Division again. Our convoy moved further North to a port where we changed transportation to small ships called LSTs (Landing Ship Troops) that took us up the coast to Chu Lai.

I understood Marines had manned Chu Lai up to that point, and we replaced their rear area. It was the most difficult and dangerous place we were deployed. The enemy tried to overrun our rear area several times while we were in the field. This gave the cooks and admin staff a chance to kill bad guys too. After one of our missions we manned perimeter bunkers and watched the rear area personnel pass by to set up a night ambush. We gave them catcalls and enjoyed their newfound fame. They proceeded about 500 meters out in front of us. About an hour later a soldier came running out of the darkness yelling that he was coming in. He ran by us to report what happened and get a helicopter out to their ambush site. While setting up their positions a soldier forgot to tell people on each side of him that he was going forward to set up a trip flare and



Claymore mine. He crawled out and set them up on the other side of a small rise of ground. Unfortunately, he stood up to walk back to his position and the other soldiers shot him in the chest. There was no way to know that he was not an enemy soldier.

Upon our return from my last mission I wasn't feeling very well and didn't know I was suffering from malaria. The medics gave me medication to help, but wouldn't let me out of the field since my temperature was only 103 and not 104 degrees. Even though I felt terrible, I tried to have fun at the beach party we were given. There was a beautiful white sand beach nearby on the South China Sea. The battalion commander set up a great party with tents for shelter, trailers full of iced beer and soft drinks. A boxing ring was set up for fights between boxers of different companies, and even a truckload of Vietnamese women from downtown was brought in. I saw other people having a good time, but I just laid in the shade of a tent and slept. My men were going unsupervised because I couldn't watch them. They burst into my tent and carried me down to the ocean and threw me in. The cigarette in my mouth was all wet and I just had time to get my wallet out of my pocket to save it from getting soaked. After me, they threw in the platoon leader, the company commander, and the battalion commander. During the boxing matches the person boxing against our boxer cheated. Our man was knocked down, and the other guy hit him while he was on his knees. My men jumped into the ring and knocked out the opposition with their bare fists. In order to stop a riot, the battalion commander jumped into the ring and said my men had done the right thing. All this happened while I slept. I wasn't needed until shortly before we left the beach. Our normal operating procedure was to leave a place the same way we found it. We stretched out in long lines to walk the area and pick up trash. My men were stretched in front of me and walked but really weren't picking anything up. I told them to at least look like they were doing something. After policing the area I was given orders to march the platoon to the bus to transport us to our rear area again. I gave them rout step because we were marching in sand. When called back to be introduced to some Sergeants Major who wanted to meet me, I let the platoon go on its own. The Sergeants asked if I was a "hard" Sergeant since there was such a thing as acting Sergeant position. I was a "hard" Sergeant, but my answer was, "I try to be, Sergeant." I quickly ran toward the platoon marching off by itself. I knew when the formation reached the bus they would continue marching. They would try to push the bus over, or fall in a big despicable pile of people. I was 100 meters away, running in the sand, and shouting marching orders. It worked, because they stopped and filed into the bus without incident. My men would do anything I told them to do. If not told what to do, they wouldn't do anything constructive.

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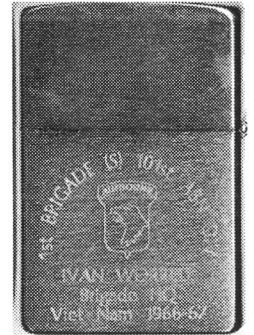
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