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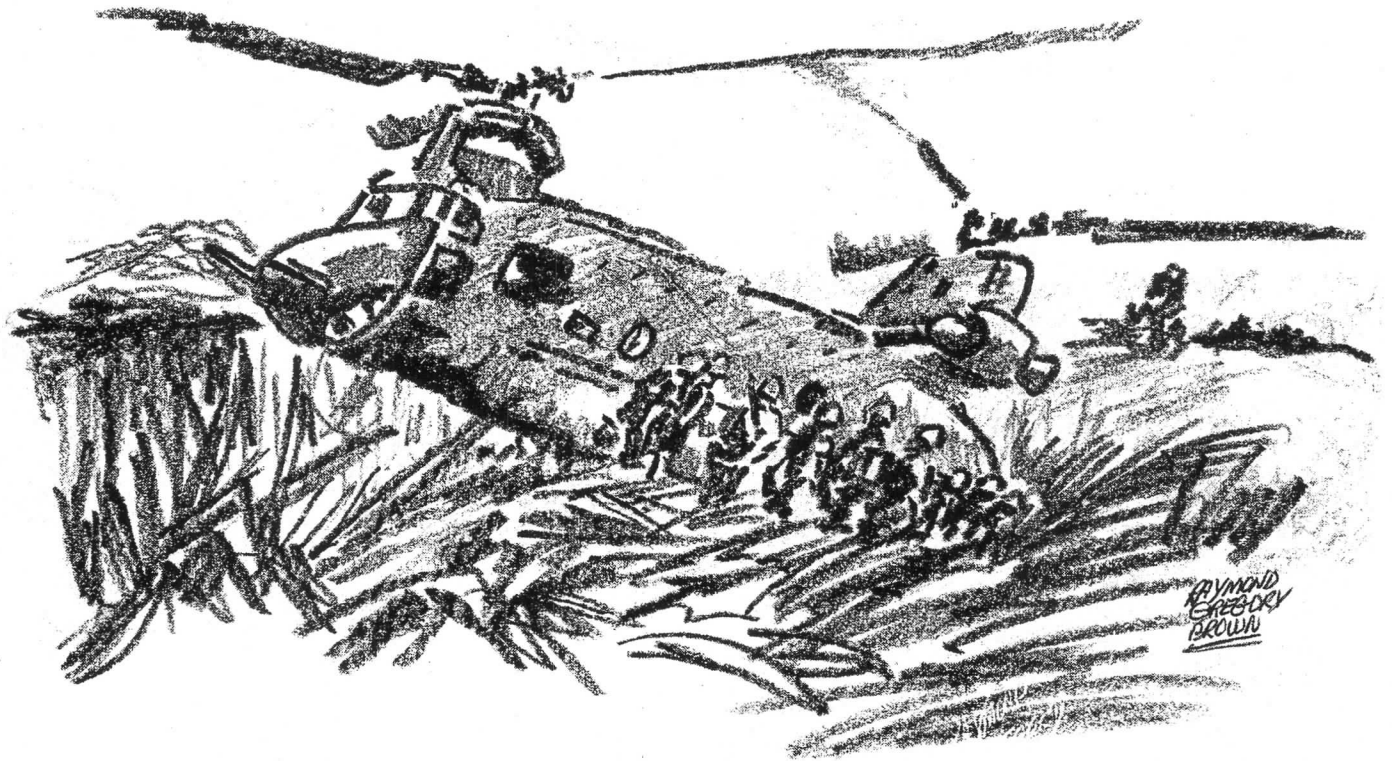
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# **The ALWAYS FIRST Brigade**



## **EXTRACTION**

I am beginning to get excited about the September reunion in Atlanta. There appears to be a great deal of enthusiasm from a number of people. Hotel reservations are far ahead of expectations. I have made the best analysis possible of the costs and concluded that the registration fee must be \$115.00. I have been very surprised at the escalation of prices for many of the reunion components since I last was responsible for a 101st annual reunion.

Those registered will receive two meals [THE Friday Memorial Luncheon and the Saturday ALWAYS FIRST Banquet], use of the hospitality room, a reunion coin and a reunion cap. [See the draft reunion schedule on pages nine and 10.] Please make your reservations and register while rooms are available at the discounted rate. The hotel is great for reunions because of the large hospitality room and the room rate in particular. The many more hotel plusses are listed on page 10.

As you may note in the draft schedule, the shopping shuttle to Lenox Square has not been firmed up with the hotel. That schedule will be announced as soon as possible.

I believe one of the highlights of the reunion will be the tour of Fort Benning that will be hosted by MG(R) Jerry A. White, 1/327 A 7/66-7/67, who was, along with COL(R) Jerry C. Scott, 2/502 B 7/66 - 7/67, co-host for the 1st Brigade (S) 2000 reunion in Columbus, Georgia. He now serves as Chairman of the National Infantry Foundation and President of the National Infantry Association. More details of the Fort Benning plans will be in the April magazine and in the reunion flyer that will be mailed in March.

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

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



*Ivan Worrell DMOR 327th Infantry Regiment stands beside the board displaying the photos of all 327 DMORs in the dining facility of the First Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The photo by his right shoulder is of Captain Worrell Company Commander of "C" Company, 1st Airborne Battle Group 327th Airborne Infantry.*

HELP WANTED ... If you have a story about an action you were involved in or about something above and beyond that a friend was part of; please send your story and/or photographs. The story by Jim Joiner on pages seven and eight is a great example. Well known 1st Brigade (S) authors COL(R) Thomas H. Taylor, 2/502 B 7/65-6/66 and Tom Willard, 1/327 RECON Med 65-66, are working on articles for future editions.

I wish all of you a belated Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The artwork on this months cover is by 1st Brigade (S) artist Raymond Brown.



# ARMY DIGEST

## December 1966

BY AIR, by sea, by land, the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division moved to reach the battle areas in Vietnam. The Brigade arrived at Cam Ranh Bay 29 July 1965, three months to a day after being alerted at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. In the ensuing year, it ranged over battlefields from the eastern coast bordered by the South China Sea, into the Central Highlands, near the Laotian-Cambodian Border—in rice paddies, in villages and hamlet clusters, under the jungle canopy in the lowlands and the bamboo jungle of the highlands. Its actions have included guerilla warfare with the Viet Cong, and pitched battles with heavily entrenched units of the North Vietnamese Regular Army.

The Brigade is but one of the units—many larger—in Vietnam, but the problems met and solved, the strategy employed, the tactics evolved, are typical of what the entire U.S. Army is learning in that far off part of the world. As part of its continuing efforts to bring the by-products of experience to the professional military man of all ranks, ARMY DIGEST has presented studies of the training of individuals, the lessons learned by the individual and by small units. Now Brigadier General Willard Pearson, Commanding General of the 1st Brigade, has prepared a year-end report on the activities of a larger unit. He describes some of the tactics the Brigade employed, special problems met, results achieved. The accompanying article is a contribution to the professional education of the entire Army.

### *The Editor*

*Vietnam is the rugged proving ground for battle tactics and operations to*

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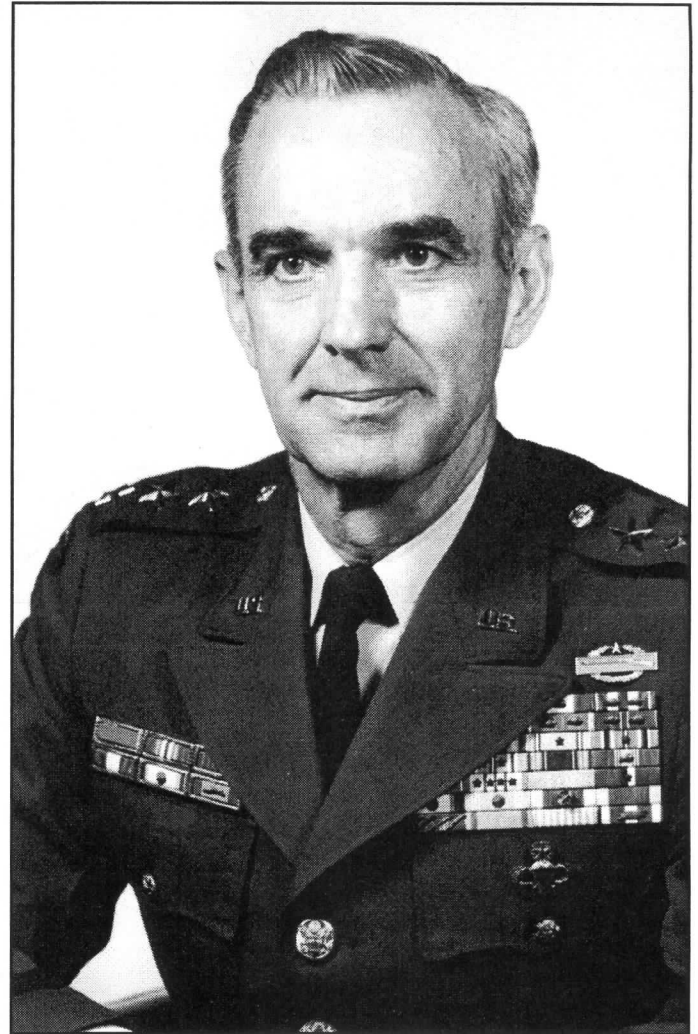
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*1st Brigade of 101st Airborne Adds a Few Maxims to the Book of Lessons Learned*

Brigadier General Willard Pearson

January 2006



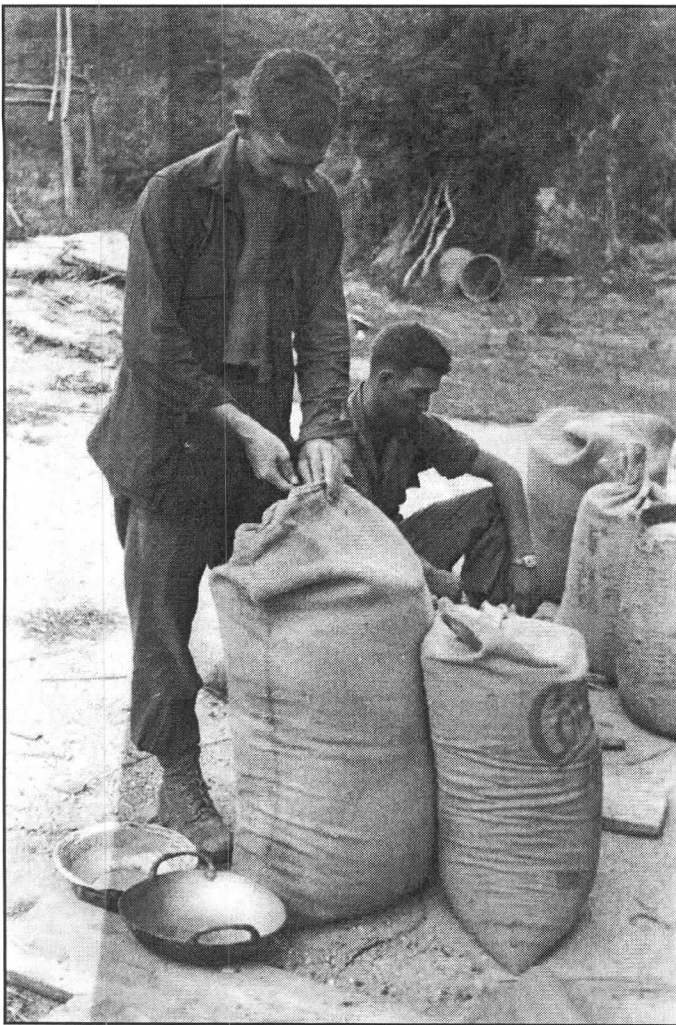
*Lieutenant General Willard Pearson*

IN THIS atomic and space age, our scientists have invented fantastic new weapons and machines that have revolutionized warfare. But they have not been able to replace the soldier on the ground who now is, and always will be, the key to victory.

All would be but an empty shell were it not for the fighting heart of the soldier. Aggressive, defiant, physically fit, eager to fight, the U.S. soldier today has pride in his profession. He is unbeatable, a superb fighter in the finest traditions of America's greatest warriors. And he is, in Vietnam, a diplomat as well.

The soldiers of the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division take great pride in their accomplishments during the full year they have been in action. Three months to the day after being alerted at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, home of the Division, the Brigade arrived at Cam Ranh Bay. That was late July 1965. And two weeks later the brigade was in its first operation.

A lot of land has been covered by foot and by air in the unit's first year. Many lessons have been learned. Some were easy to absorb because of the superb training the U.S. Army gives its men. Other problems were new, as always happens in war and probably always will. But these problems usually were easier to meet and solve because of the earlier training and thorough grounding in the profession of arms.



*TUY HOA, VIETNAM (101ST - IO) - Two paratroopers of the 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division sack up captured rice during Operation John Paul Jones near Tuy Hoa. The rice will be transported to Tuy Hoa and turned over to the district chief for civic action use. US Army Photo by PFC Daniel Hines*

The major problem initially facing any unit in battle is a double-barreled one. The first part is locating the enemy—target acquisition is the technical term. The second is swift reaction time to engage an enemy after he is found.

Once that target is found, U.S. superiority in firepower, mobility, communications, logistical support, reserves—all insure victory. But acquiring a hard target and getting your teeth into it is not easy.

To compensate for his inferior combat power, the Viet Cong attempts surprise through night attacks and ambushes; he concentrates large forces against small isolated outposts, and ambushes units sent to their relief. Large-scale enemy offensives normally occur during the monsoons or other periods of low visibility that restrict our reconnaissance, mobility, firepower.

To solve the basic problems of finding the enemy, we must devise ways to surprise him. Here are some of the things we have done to achieve surprise and improve our target acquisition capabilities:



**Entry into the Battlefield.** The traditional method of making a heliborne assault is first to conduct rather extensive air reconnaissance. Ground and unit aviation commanders, air liaison officers, and artillery officers reconnoiter the selected landing zone (LZ) by helicopter. The LZ is then "prepped" with artillery, air, and gun ships, for 30 minutes to one hour or longer, followed by ground troop assault.

But at Tuy Hoa in Operation Harrison, the 1st Brigade made five or six such classic assaults, and when the troops arrived on the LZ there was no enemy. As soon as the "prep" fires get underway, the enemy vanishes.

Unless the enemy has been definitely fixed by ground contact or other reliable intelligence sources, a traditional assault is not likely to produce significant results. We are too noisy, clumsy, awkward, and slow to catch the wary, elusive guerrillas.

Numerous heliborne assaults without preparatory fires have been successful. A small LZ is selected about one or two nights march from the main LZ to be assaulted. A battalion reconnaissance element is helilifted into the small LZ at dusk one or two days before the planned assault. Preparatory fires are not required for units less than company size. The battalion reconnaissance element moves at night to the selected battalion LZ, reconnoiters the surrounding area, and takes up positions to secure the LZ. The battalion then lands on a secured LZ without preparatory fire.

If the reconnaissance element finds the battalion LZ defended, it may either engage the force or back off and secure an alternate LZ.

During Operation Austin 6, on 6 May 1966, the 2d Battalion, 502d Airborne Infantry assaulted the Bu Gia Map airstrip in this manner. Within three days the battalion surprised at least



*PHAN RANG, VIET NAM .... Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. Rosenblum accepts the colors and command of the 2nd Battalion, 327th (Airborne) Infantry from Brigadier General Willard Pearson, Commanding General of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division at ceremonies held in Kontum. Departing commander, Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Wasco is behind Gen. Pearson. (67-36) US Army Photo by 101st-IO. 1st Bde, 101st Abn IO APO 96347, Tel. Strike 109*

a dozen North Vietnamese soldiers, killing or capturing them, and securing their weapons without suffering a casualty.

The captured soldiers gave information that the 141st NVA Regiment was in the area and headed for War Zone D. Prompt exploitation of this tactical intelligence led to destruction of the 3d Battalion, 141st Regiment, by the 2/502d Airborne Infantry, and also the overrunning of an enemy Province Headquarters complex by the 1/327th Airborne Infantry. This action was significant since it dealt an initial blow to the monsoon offensive in the summer of 1966. The schedule for infiltration of a regiment into War Zone D had been disrupted.

Another effective technique for achieving surprise and for reducing reaction time is pre-reconnaissance of the Tactical Area of Operations (TAOR) for LZ's. Locations of the LZ's are then placed on an overlay and distributed to the battalions. Thus a reaction force can assault any one of these LZ's without further command or staff reconnaissance, which often draws the enemy's attention to the area to be assaulted. Use of the LZ overlay telescopes the usual lengthy procedures required for reconnaissance selection, and coordination when selection of an LZ is deferred until a specific need develops.

**Helicopter Traffic.** Once a unit has safely entered an area without preparatory fires, secrecy must be maintained by limiting helicopter traffic over the zone of operation. When helicopters hover over an area like bumble bees, they reveal friendly locations to the enemy and he promptly leaves. Here is one solution:

- Soldiers enter battle with 3 to 5 days rations to obviate the need for daily resupply by helicopter. (Note: There is a need for lighter weight combat rations, as well as a service organization similar to the successful Korea Service Corps which provided native porters to carry rations and ammunition.) To lighten the soldiers' load, one battalion substituted rice and



*TUY HOA, VIETNAM – Brigadier General Willard Pearson, Clairton, Pa., commander of the Army's 1st Brigade 101st Airborne Division pauses with PFC Michael Schjolf, 1612 South Grant St., Evansville, Ind., during a lull in the battle near Tuy Hoa, Vietnam where the paratroopers have been conducting Operation Van Buren. PFC Schjolf is serving with the brigade's 1st Battalion (Airborne) 327th Infantry. Photo by Capt Paul W. Apfel, 101st IO*



*RAIN OF STEEL – The 25,000th round recently left the tube of a 105MM Howitzer of "B" Battery, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 320th Artillery of the Army's 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division in action against the Viet Cong near Qui Nhon, Vietnam. The gun, commanded by SFC Mack Burney, 34, of Nashville, Tennessee, had the distinction of firing the 25,000th round, for the Screaming Eagles 320th Artillery Battalion. The Artilleryman of the 320th under the command of Lt. Col. William F. Braun, (Puyallup, Wash) have provided close and continuous artillery support for the Brigade on all of their operations since their arrival in Vietnam. (101st IO)*

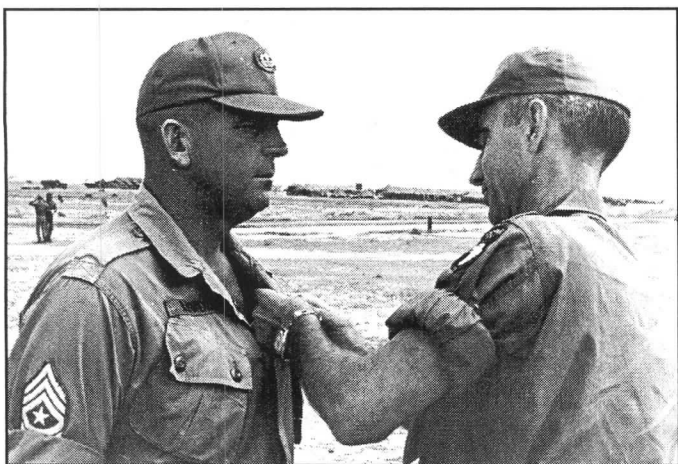
powdered dehydrated soup for a portion of the normal C-rations.

- Water supply is by the "pill and pool" method.
- Visits to unit command posts by command and control ships are limited.
- Artillery is restricted and fired only when required.

Once deliberate contact is made these restrictions are lifted.

**Night Operations.** Another method used by the Brigade to achieve surprise is to operate at night. Night movements, patrols, and ambushes have become routine. At Tuy Hoa, the 2/502d Airborne Infantry made a battalion airmobile assault at night, with no preparatory fires, on an LZ previously secured by the Battalion Recondo Platoon. This night assault enabled the battalion to exploit a B-52 strike three hours earlier than if it had assaulted at first light. At Phan Thiet during Austin 2, the 1/327th Airborne Infantry also made a battalion airmobile assault at night, enabling the Brigade to concentrate swiftly all available force around an enemy redoubt and launch an attack at first light.

**Long-Range Reconnaissance Patrols.** In spite of all the information available through indigenous sources and sophisticated electronic gadgets, the most reliable intelligence is that which the soldier sees with his own eyes. Our target acquisition plan, therefore, calls for the liberal use of Long-Range Reconnaissance Patrols (LRRP). In addition to the Brigade LRRP, each battalion has organized reconnaissance elements capable of performing such missions. Each has its own special name—Tiger Force, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry; Hawk Platoon, 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry; and Recondo Platoon, 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry. All are volunteers, men who enjoy a good firefight.



*TUY HOA, VIETNAM, (101st-IO) – Sergeant Major Garnett Arnold, 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division receives the Bronze Star from Brigade Commander Brigadier General Willard Pearson. Sergeant Major Arnold is being reassigned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky. (L-85/17) US Army Photo by 101st IO*

The extensive use of LRRP's came naturally to the Screaming Eagles. The Recondo training program established by General W. C. Westmoreland, when he was Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division, provided us with trained soldiers with the confidence and aggressiveness so essential to success.

At dusk, using choppers, the LRRP's are introduced deep into enemy territory for a 3 to 5 days' surveillance mission. The mission of this patrol is not to fight, but to observe and report enemy movements.

Results have taken three forms:

- LRRP's see nothing and are extracted after several days.
- They are detected by a superior enemy force, come under attack and are extracted.
- They report a profitable target for assault by a battalion reaction force.

This brings us to the second major problem facing U.S. Army units in the field—swift reaction time.

Experience has shown that we have not reacted fast enough to catch the enemy even after he has been located by an LRRP. To reduce reaction time, we are now experimenting with the concept of introducing, in close proximity to the LRRP, an immediate reaction force of platoon or company size. Entering the area secretly with, or closely following it, the LRRP goes into hiding until the patrol finds a worthwhile target. It then moves to engage the target, while the battalion designated as the main reaction force deploys into the area to destroy the enemy. Once the main reaction force is committed, we then pull all stops. Massive air and artillery support is provided and limitations on helicopter traffic over the area are removed.

In the latter stages of Operation Fillmore at Tuy Hoa, the 1/327th Airborne Infantry introduced two companies at night after their "Tiger Force" patrols had been in area for several days. The next day one of the companies spotted an enemy concentration and moved to engage. Assisted by other elements of the battalion, the unit badly mauled a Viet Cong company.



**Checkerboard.** When operating against local guerrillas, the "checkerboard" technique, brainchild of Lieutenant Colonel "Hank" Emerson, CO, 2/502d Airborne Infantry has proved quite effective. In seeking out the enemy, a rifle company deploys on multiple (platoon) axes and each platoon sends forward a squad to a key vantage point. If there is no contact, the platoon moves forward and the squad moves ahead to the next terrain feature. Two squads can move out to cover successive terrain features with the platoon bringing up the rear.

Concurrently, other platoons in the area of operations are advancing in similar fashion to the right and left. Depending on terrain and estimate of the enemy situation, one or all rifle companies in the battalion can assume a checkerboard formation.

Except in the dense bamboo jungle and steep terrain, the movement occurs at night. In daylight the troops observe, with the various "tentacles and fingers" represented by squads moving along multiple routes, closing in to ambush the unsuspecting enemy, who often moves during early morning and early evening hours. Once contact is made, units "Checkerboard" to the flanks and rear of the enemy. If LZ's are available, reinforcing units are helilifted into the enemy's rear.

Using the Checkerboard concept a large area can be covered quickly and thoroughly. More often than not, the enemy is surprised by our night movement. Further, the wide frontage covered permits the commander quickly to envelop pockets of enemy resistance from one or both flanks.

When operating against North Vietnamese units, the Checkerboard formation is much tighter—units are kept within supporting distance and under an umbrella of artillery fire.

**Stay-Behind Forces.** One technique which offers promise is the use of "stay-behind" forces. Following a successful airborne assault in an area heavily infested with, guerrillas, the attacking unit counts enemy killed, collects their weapons, and then moves to a base area. The helicopters used for extraction bring in a stay-behind force, which immediately disappears



*TUY HOA, VIETNAM (101st IO) – By pulling on the lanyard Brigadier General Willard Pearson, Clairton, Pa., Commander of the Army's 1st Brigade 101st Airborne Division, is the first Screaming Eagle to fire a newly acquired Howitzer (102). The troopers of B Battery 320th Artillery are the first battery in Vietnam to use the new weapon.*

into the jungle. Supplied with 5 days rations, this force moves at night and observes during the day. Since the Viet Cong invariably return to a battle area, the stay-behind force is in an excellent ambush position. Reinforcing units, if required, reenter to complete the destruction of the enemy.

All these tactics—surreptitious entry into the battlefield, restrictions on helicopter traffic, night operations, LRRP's deep within enemy lines, the Checkerboard technique, and stay-behind forces—point to one conclusion: To lick the guerrillas, we must become semi-guerrillas and use guerrilla techniques to acquire a target. Once the target is fixed, we must employ all the sophisticated means available to destroy it. Our airmobile operations and fire support then become the mainstay of our offensive.

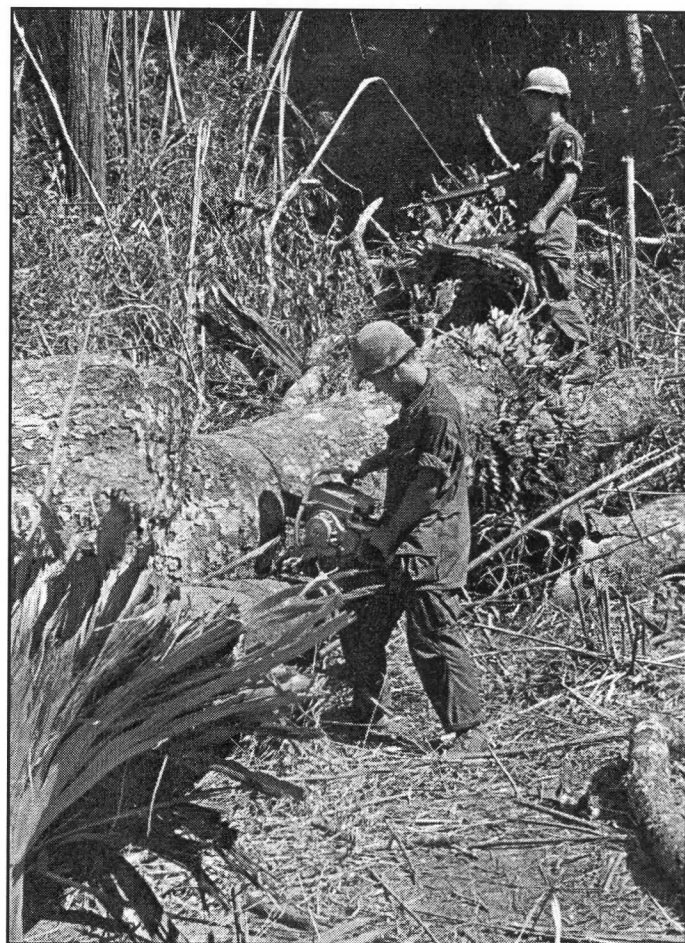
**Air Mobile Operations.** In airmobile operations, we emphasize *envelopment from the rear*. Together with *massive fire support*, this is the most effective way to crumble enemy resistance.

We have continually made airmobile assaults with great speed. During a six-day period at Tuy Hoa, we conducted four battalion assaults and eleven artillery battery displacements by helicopter. At Tou Morong, we moved nearly 15,000 troops and accomplished 33 separate unit airmobile operations, plus seven artillery battery displacements in an 18-day period.

Following relief of the Tou Morong Outpost on 6 June 1966, the Brigade made contact with the 24th NVA Regiment in strongly entrenched positions. The enemy elected to fight. The 1/327th Airborne Infantry attacked the enemy's southern position, fought tenaciously, and maintained contact night and day. The 2/502d Airborne Infantry made a vertical envelopment to the enemy's rear and brought pressure on his northern flank. The squeeze began, aided by air and artillery strikes night and day. Following a B-52 strike, the battalions exploit-



**TUY HOA, VIETNAM (101st-IO)**—A concerned commander stops to talk as Brigadier General Willard Pearson, Clairton, Pa., Commanding General of the Army's 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division chats briefly with Sp/4 James White, New York City, a member of the Brigade's 1st Battalion 327th Infantry in a battle zone area near Tuy Hoa, RVN. Photo by Sp/4 Richard Houghton



**PHAN RANG.... AIRBORNE PAUL BUNYAN IN VIET NAM?** Under guard of a fellow paratrooper a combat engineer of Company "A", 326th Engineer Battalion (Airborne) slices up a large tree to clear a helicopter-landing zone. The dense jungles of Viet Nam added to the labors of the engineers on a recent operation of 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division. (67-L156-5) US Army Photo by SP4 Alva G. Tate, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div IO, APO 96347, Tel 109

ed the target area by both ground and airmobile assault. Plans of another enemy regiment against isolated Army of Republic of Vietnam outposts were thwarted.

**Fire Support.** Our Brigade SOP is: "Save Lives, Not Ammunition." Massive air and artillery fire, *particularly in support of units executing a double envelopment*, is the best way to defeat, rout, or destroy either a Viet Cong or NVA contingent.

In a mountainous redoubt south of Tuy Hoa, the 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry had been held up by enemy positions in a precipitous, rocky bluff. Artillery, tactical air, naval gunfire, mortars, and direct fire of 106mm recoilless rifles and 105mm howitzers pounded the enemy positions frontally. B Company, in a flanking action, maneuvered behind the enemy's position and successfully attacked it from the rear.

At Tou Morong, over 1,000 tons of air-delivered ordnance were dropped and 27,000 rounds of artillery ammunition expended. Of particular significance was the use of radar controlled air strikes at night and during periods of reduced visi-



*Awards Ceremony (I believe at Tuy Hoa after Dak To) where General Pearson was awarded three Silver Stars. I do not remember the name of the general who presented the stars. (Worrell pix)*

bility. One hundred and sixty radar-controlled close air support missions were flown. This was most effective in countering the enemy's monsoon offensive, as well as delivering a great psychological blow to the Viet Cong, who counted on freedom from air attacks during periods of low visibility.

**Conventional Tactics.** Tactics must be responsive to the type of enemy being fought. The elusive Viet Cong guerrilla poses a special problem in target acquisition. On the other hand, when a regular North Vietnamese unit is engaged and the unit elects to fight, we must tailor our response accordingly.

A pitched engagement with entrenched NVA units is quite similar to conventional warfare fought in the Southwest Pacific during World War II. All restrictions on reconnaissance, supply, and command and control helicopters are lifted. Soldiers are not burdened with several days' rations or overloaded with ammunition. Heavy mortars, flamethrowers, and tanks, if available, are brought into the fray. Riot control agents are often effective in bringing entrenched enemy into the open, after which they are struck by artillery and tactical air.

In battle operations we have developed a close relation with our comrades-in-arms, the Vietnamese Armed Forces. We have emphasized coordination of military operations with local military and paramilitary forces. This develops confidence among allies, and benefits the Vietnamese by improving training, increasing confidence and stimulating aggressive action. Further, it benefits U.S. units by providing area intelligence, interrogation capabilities, static security forces and economy in employment of our own forces.



All in all, results of the first year of Brigade operations have been gratifying. More than 4,000 enemy have been killed or captured. About 600 individual and crew-served weapons have been removed from the battlefield and 222,000 rounds of assorted enemy ammunition have been captured. A thousand tons of captured rice has been denied to the enemy.

**Diplomats and Warriors.** Beside the actual military operations, the very nature of counter-insurgency operations requires that we also wage war on the political, economical and psychological fronts. The individual soldier plays a great role here - every soldier must be an ambassador-at-large. The nickname "Diplomats and Warriors" emphasizes this dual nature of our mission.

A brief rundown will demonstrate the successes achieved in the area. Our civic action programs included refugee resettlement; medical aid to remote villages; repairs to roads, bridges and public buildings; distribution of food and clothing; assistance to schools—all affecting more than 62,000 Vietnamese directly.

In our psychological warfare program we have dropped more than 1,000,000 leaflets, broadcast taped messages by captured NVA soldiers, distributed special leaflets with pictures and messages from captured NVA soldiers, staged 26 airborne speaker-hours and four ground speaker-hours.

In one instance a rallier—a former Viet Cong who surrendered under provisions of the "open arms" amnesty program—said the reason for his surrender was the broadcast by a field mobile loudspeaker team. He posed for pictures and made a tape on the spot, which persuaded three others to come into our lines.

The Brigade has maintained a steady morale-building program. One innovation was the revival of the Civil War practice of "citing officers and men in dispatches" for valor in combat (See "Men and Medals", September ARMY DIGEST). We have established our own in-house Rest and Recreation Program. A "Warrior of the Week" program was recently initiated to pay tribute to enlisted men and lieutenants of the combat arms who distinguish themselves. The lieutenant selected spends 24 hours at the Brigade Command Post as personal guest of the Commanding General while the enlisted man becomes the personal guest of the Brigade sergeant major.

All newly assigned replacements go through the six-day Replacement Training School at Phan Rang Base Camp. This is designed to instill an alertness and awareness of the ever-present danger in a counterinsurgency environment, to provide proficiency training in key subjects and to acclimate the men to a tropic climate. A picture of the soldier in "P" training is sent to the man's family by the Brigade Commander, along with the latest mailing address to insure prompt delivery of his mail.

Looking to the future, the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division expects to play a decisive role in making the year ahead the turning point in our efforts to win in Vietnam. The lessons and experience of the first year's action will be an important factor in the assuring of victory.



# OPERATION FARRAGUT, JANUARY 1967

## 2nd Platoon, B Co 2/327th

By: LTC(R) James C. Joiner, 2/327 B&C 1/67-1/68

Having just returned to Phan Rang from Kontum Province where we conducted a training jump for the entire Brigade, the troops were ready for a stand down. However, as you who were there know the terms 1st Brigade (Separate) 101st Airborne Division and Stand Down was not compatible. After about three days of Rest and Relaxation we were given a warning order for Operation Farragut. This would be my first combat operation as Platoon Leader of 2nd Plt. B Co. 2/327th. I had been assigned in early January to the 2/327th and being a master blaster and former black hat as enlisted I was tasked to perform pre-jump training for the 2/327th. When the jump was completed the Brigade moved to Phan Rang for stand-down.



*This photo was taken after we returned to the flat lands and had our two-day stand down. The flags were taken from the VC Regional Headquarters. You will note the Russian Flag, hand made with the hammer and cycle turned wrong. Holding the flag: LT. Corky Boswell, 1LT Jim Joiner, Ray Faucher and Paul Nance in background. Cannot be sure of the two men on the right but I believe that the tall one is Doug Fit and on the extreme right Doc Bagley [Norm Bagley 2/327 B 5/66-6/67 MEDIC] our medic.*

This operation was to take place in an area that intelligence had designated as heavily infested with Viet Cong. The operation would be conducted between Phan Rang and Dalat in the mountains. The unit was airlifted to Phan Thiet where we were given the final brief, assigned LZs and Area of Operations. My Platoon was assigned a one ship LZ as finding good LZs was difficult in the mountains. This was of concern to me as I thought about how quickly it would all be over if the first ship was ambushed. The area was hit with artillery and air strikes. The LZ was a small area between two mountains and some very tall trees next to a small stream.

The insertion and assembly went without incident. Once I was sure that our Squad Leaders knew exactly where we were on the map we moved out. There had been no targets given, just search and destroy. So the decision was to move to the high ground where the enemy should be if he was smart and the enemy was smart.

Having just crossed a stream about ankle to mid leg high a trail was found and it headed up hill so the decision was made to follow it and see where it led. Flank security was put out to ensure no ambush and the point man moved out, and as Platoon Leader I walked in number three position. The unit had moved maybe one click up the mountain when we came across three VC walking at sling arms and chatting quite loudly so we heard them and engaged with result of three (3) KIA, two (2) ak-47s and one (1) pistol. It turned out this was the regional VC Pay Master and his two guards. He had quite a roll of money and photos of the VC he was to pay, which was a huge find for the Intel folks.

Having reported the contact to the Company Commander, CPT Roman Rondiack, [COL(R) Roman Rondiack, 2/327 B 6/66-6/67] we continued on up the hill. We came across a well constructed hut about half way up the hill and after searching found signs of recent occupation so we burned it to the ground as we were cleared to search and destroy everything in the AO by the Province Chief. The point man pointed out that there had been recent movement on the trail and our progress slowed to allow a more careful approach to the top of the hill.

When we arrived at the top it was a fairly large area like an open meadow with trees on the East side. The point man alerted us and we saw the VC at about the same time on the East side of the meadow near the trees and took them under fire and they returned fire. It was getting late and darkness was falling so an air strike was called in on the position and to the direction the enemy was headed which was east. A patrol was sent out to check where the area in the tree line led and when they returned they reported that it led to a narrow natural bridge to another hilltop. Since this would provide an excellent spot for an ambush, it was determined we would remain here for the night and go in at first light. A patrol size ambush was setup on the bridge in case the VC tried to come back across during the night.

The next morning we crossed the bridge and entered what later proved to be a major Regional VC Headquarters. There were rice pots cooking on the fires still burning. This was a huge area that covered several surrounding hilltops and a ravine that had a terraced water system to take care of the Base Camp. Upon further inspection we found the following:

1. Elaborate hospital facilities to include full surgery, including bloody bandages to indicate recent patients, surgical instruments

- and very expensive microscope and laboratory equipment.
2. There was a full printing facility with multi-color capability and lots of propaganda material stacked around. There were several VC and Russian Flags on the walls (see the photo) and there was a large classroom for teaching.
  3. There was a tailor shop with over 100 bolts of black silk for making Black Pajamas.
  4. There was a radio repair shop.
  5. Mess halls (plural) and even a volley ball court.
  6. There were several weapons found in the complex.

Normally when we would find paperwork or maps the documents that were captured were reported in sheets or inches. This time when the call went forward we reported 22 feet of documents. It was not long before all the brass in the area wanted to come see for themselves. They felt the documents were so important to them that they brought in helicopters to hover beside a cliff, as there was no LZ on the mountaintop and it would take too long to hump the material out.



You may note how close to the tree line we were inserted and the tree line on the other side was not far away. This is the second ship to land. That tall dude with back to you is 1LT Jim Joiner Platoon Leader and unidentified members of 2/B/2/327.

2/B/2/327 continued to hump the large hill and ravines of the area but found little else of worth so we were ordered out and to conduct any ambushes of promising areas as the VC from that Base Camp were on the move. As we approached the low lands we were following a stream with huge boulders when we took a break and had a VC walk into our rear guard carrying an SKS, result VC KIA.

When we reached the edge of the jungle we found a high-speed trail that looked to be a good target. It was decided to setup an ambush. As policy we moved away from the trail and made it look like we were digging in for the night and then about dusk we moved to the pre-selected ambush site, which was a bend in the trail where columns tend to bunch up and we could cover both ends of the ambush site. About 11:00 pm that night the posted lookout from the north radioed that he heard some noise and low level talking. Now on alert we waited. The security man reported about 12 individuals, armed and carrying heavy packs. After the first three passed me I gave the order to open fire. We had artillery on stand by with flares so a search was begun for

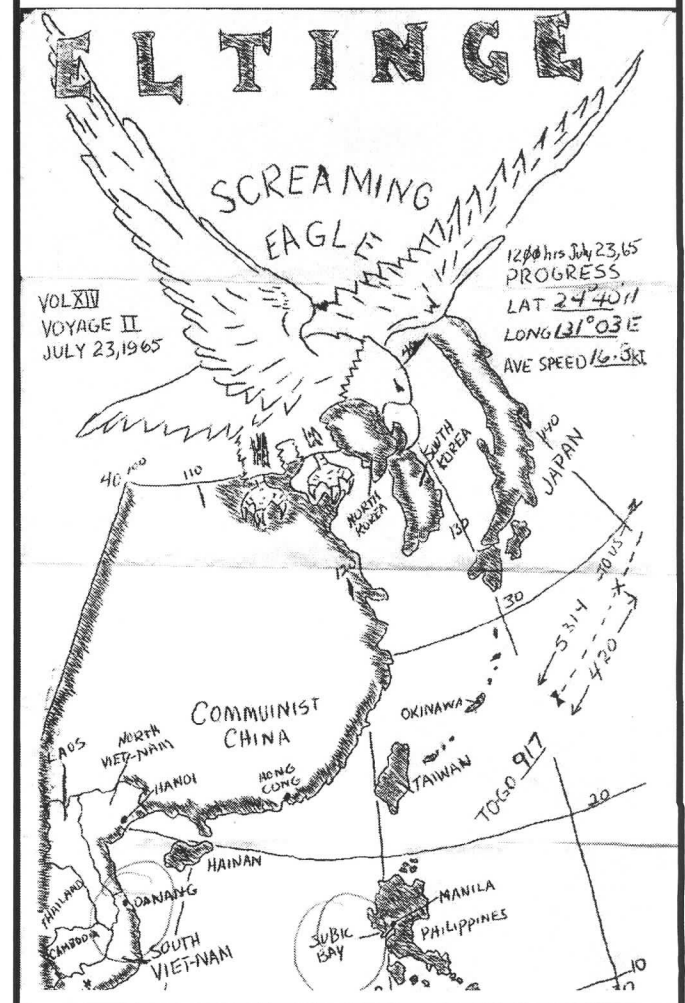
the ones that got away. The results were not as good as hoped, four (4)-KIA, five (5) weapons and some food and ammo from the backpacks. However there was several blood trails so some of the others were wounded. This was the first successful night ambush conducted by the Brigade in three months.

After this ambush we were ordered to stand down for a couple of days in place, and be re-supplied and then to go into the dry desert area of Phan Thiet.

My thanks to Doug Field [Douglas N. Field, 2/327 B 4/66-12/67] who was my RTO when I was a Platoon Leader and he had my back. He had been in-country for almost one year and was able to anticipate my needs. He was also the photographer and therefore not in any of the photos that I have. This is the story as Doug Field and I remember it. It was one of the most important finds that helped shut down the VC/NVA in this province until Tet 1968 one year later. As a result of the documents we found, the American and South Viet Nam intelligence folks were able to pick up many of the top leaders of the VC over several providences. Jim Joiner

**Consider writing a story that highlights your unit and submit it for publication. This one by Jim Joiner is a great example.**

*Richard B. Preston (Boat person) D Co 326 Med Bn 7165-7166 1st Bde, sent this ELTINGE position map.*



**TENTH BIENNIAL REUNION  
FIRST BRIGADE (SEPARATE)  
101st AIRBORNE DIVISION**

**The FIRST SCREAMING EAGLES in VIET NAM  
Atlanta, Georgia, September 20 -24, 2006  
Marriott Atlanta Airport Hotel (in College Park, GA)**



**REUNION SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY, September 20th, 2006**

12:00 (Noon) . . . . .Registration open  
1:00 p.m. . . . .Hospitality Room open  
1:00 p.m. . . . .Sales Store open  
1:00 p.m. . . . .HISTORICAL Exhibit open

**THURSDAY, September 21st, 2006**

8:00 a.m. . . . .Busses leave for Fort Benning  
(Driveway behind reunion registration desk)  
9:00 a.m. . . . .Registration open  
10:00 a.m. . . . .Hospitality Room open  
10:00 a.m. . . . .Sales store open  
10:00 a.m. . . . .HISTORICAL exhibit open

**FRIDAY, September 22nd, 2006**

9:00 a.m. . . . .Registration open  
10:00 a.m. . . . .Hospitality Room open  
10:00 a.m. . . . .HISTORICAL exhibit open  
10:00 a.m. . . . .Sales store open



11:30 a.m. . . . .Reception, cash bar  
12:30 p.m. . . . .Memorial Luncheon  
2:30 p.m. . . . .Briefing by Active Duty 1st Brigade leaders  
(Depending on availability)  
2:30 p.m. . . . .Hospitality Room open  
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**SATURDAY, September 23rd, 2006**

9:00 a.m. . . . .Registration open  
10:00 a.m. . . . .Hospitality Room open  
10:00 a.m. . . . .HISTORICAL exhibit open  
10:00 a.m. . . . .Sales store open  
6:00 p.m. . . .Reception, cash bar outside Banquet Ballroom  
7:00 p.m. . . . .ALWAYS FIRST Banquet Ballroom  
10:00 p.m. . . . .Hospitality Room open  
????? . . . .Shopping shuttles to Lenox Square

**SUNDAY, September 24th, 2006**

10:00 a.m. . . . .All Faiths Chapel Service  
DEPART

**THE ALWAYS FIRST BRIGADE**

September 20th through the 24th will offer all those who served in the 1st Brigade (S) to meet with the men they served with in Viet Nam.

The trip to Fort Benning should make for a very interesting day. Our host will be MG(R) Jerry A. White, 1/327 A 7/66-7/67, who is Chairman of the National Infantry Foundation and President of the National Infantry Association. He will show us the progress on the new Infantry Museum and is working on a program to take us to a range to fire all the new infantry weapons.

The hotel has a spacious lobby area and the reunion hospitality room is very large. It should accommodate all those who wish to get together and review experiences in Viet Nam.

The hotel is near the Atlanta Airport and runs a complimentary shuttle.

For those who drive, self-parking at the hotel is complimentary.

The registration fee includes a reunion cap, reunion coin, Friday Memorial Luncheon, Saturday Banquet Dinner and a well-stocked Hospitality Room first opening on Wednesday afternoon and last closing at midnight on Saturday night.

The sales room will be with us courtesy of the Wings of Liberty Foundation; the organization that operates the gift shop in the Don F. Pratt Museum at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and is raising funds to build a new museum at Fort Campbell.

The staff of the Don F. Pratt Museum at Fort Campbell will furnish the Historical Display.

- Registration will begin on September 20th at noon
- Major General (R) Jerry A. White [1/327 A 7/66-7/67] will be our host for a tour of Fort Benning, the New Infantry Museum and lunch on September 21st, 2006. (Bus transportation and lunch \$32.50 per person)
- Memorial Luncheon on September 22nd
- 1st Brigade (S) Banquet on September 23rd
- BIG well stocked Hospitality Room
- Large PX (sales area)
- Military History display room
- Book signings by 1st Brigade Authors
- Hotel provides Airport Shuttle
- Free (self) Parking
- \$89.00 per night rate (+ tax). Limited discounted rooms so make reservations early. (1-800-228-9290 ask for 1st Screaming Eagle group rate.)
- Discounted room rate good three days before and three days after the reunion for those who wish to vacation in the Atlanta area
- Active Duty 1st Brigade leaders will be asked to brief veterans on state of the brigade if they are not deployed.
- For additional information contact Ivan Worrell; phone or fax (423) 337-5983 or e-mail: firstbrigades101magazine@yahoo.com

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## REGISTRATION FORM

I (we) plan to be part of the bus tour to Fort Benning, Bus transportation and lunch \$32.50 each, \$65.00 for two . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reunion registration \$115.00 per person, \$230.00 for two . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send acknowledgment to: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Phone) \_\_\_\_\_ (E-mail) \_\_\_\_\_

(Unit) (Company) (Month & year arrived & departed)

Please use the following for first name(s) on reunion badge(s). (If more than two please attach on separate sheet of paper.)

(First name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse first name) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list special diet requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

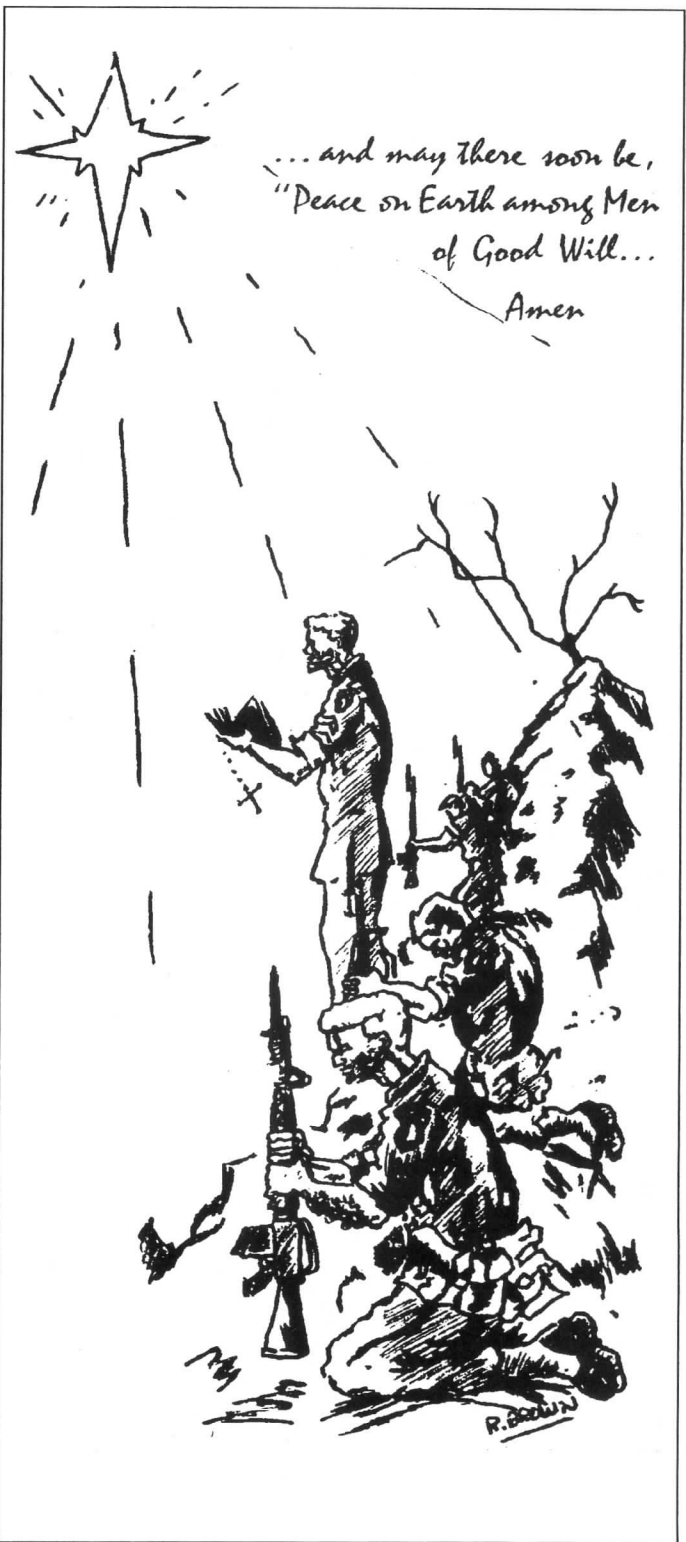
# First Brigade Christmas Card - 1966

*Seasons Greetings*  
*From The*  
*Diplomats and Warriors*

1<sup>ST</sup>  
Brigade



101<sup>ST</sup>  
Airborne  
Division

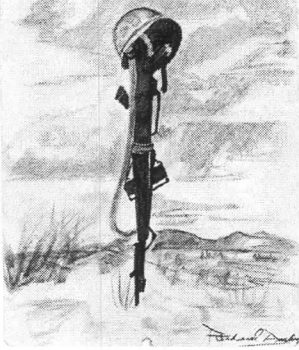


... and may there soon be,  
"Peace on Earth among Men  
of Good Will...  
Amen

1966 Christmas card from the James D. Agins (326 MED B 7/66-2/67) collection.

## OBITUARIES

**Billy C. Colwell, Sr.**  
326 ENGR A 4/66-4/67



Billy C. Colwell, Sr., 66, Clarksville, Tennessee, died Tuesday, October 4, 2005, at his residence.

The funeral was at 11:30 a.m. Friday, October 7th at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Rev. Mario Burakowski officiating.

Burial was in KY Veterans Cemetery West. Visitation was from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m., Masonic Service 7 p.m. Thursday and from Friday 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Sykes Funeral Home.

1st Sgt Colwell was born December 30, 1938, in McRoberts, Kentucky, son of Hence and Ada Mac Woods Colwell. He is a retired 1st Sgt U.S. Army and retired from Civil Service.

He was the Designer/Engineer of the Ft. Campbell Monument. 1st Sgt Colwell was a member of the 101st Airborne Division Association Board of Governors; WK&T Chapter, past president; Ft. Campbell Board Chairman of Armed Services YMCA; member of Grand Lodge of Kentucky F&AM; El Hasa Shriners, Ashland, KY; Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Pikeville, KY, Commandery No. 45, Chapter No. 133, Council No 96; 101st Airborne Division Association; Western KY and TN Chapter, 101st Airborne Division Association; Army Engineer Association; Lifetime Member Fort Campbell Sports Parachute Club; United States Parachute Association and Clarksville Chapter Purple Heart Association. He was an expert Parachutist Instructor/Examiner, Jump Master, Safety Training Advisor, FAA Master Rigger, KY Colonel and TN Colonel.

In addition to his wife Ester Patrick Colwell, he is survived by two sons Billy and wife Donna Colwell, Enterprise, Alabama and David Wayne Waters, Hawaii. Daughters Patricia and husband Clint Halstead, Woodlawn, Tennessee, and Helena L. Patrick, Sardenia, Ohio. He is survived by two brothers, James Colwell, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Joseph Colwell, Vevay, Indiana; two sisters Ruth Peters, Franklin, Ohio, and Wanda Fredrick-Cook, Miamisburg, Ohio. Grandchildren are Kyle Patrick Cody, Clint W. Halstead V and Clayton John Halstead. Preceded in death by two sons David A. and Robert Lee Colwell and brother Paul D. Colwell.

Full military honors were provided.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Screaming Eagles Support Fund, % 101st Airborne Division Association, P.O. 929, Ft. Campbell, KY 42223.

## SOLDIER HELP FUND DEDICATED TO MEMORY OF 1st Sgt (Ret) Billy C. Colwell, Sr. 326 ENGR A 4/66-4/67

The 2005 101st Airborne Division Association, Screaming Eagle Support Fund for dollars to aid soldiers and their families will be dedicated to the memory of its founder, Billy C. Colwell, Sr., Clarksville, Tennessee, who died October 4, 2005.

Larry Redmond, President of the Association, describes Colwell as the person most responsible for the success of the Screaming Eagle Support Fund established in 2002. "Billy was the driving force behind this program. The dedication of the upcoming campaign as a memorial to him will serve as an incentive for others to support his great work with donations that help our troops," said Redmond.

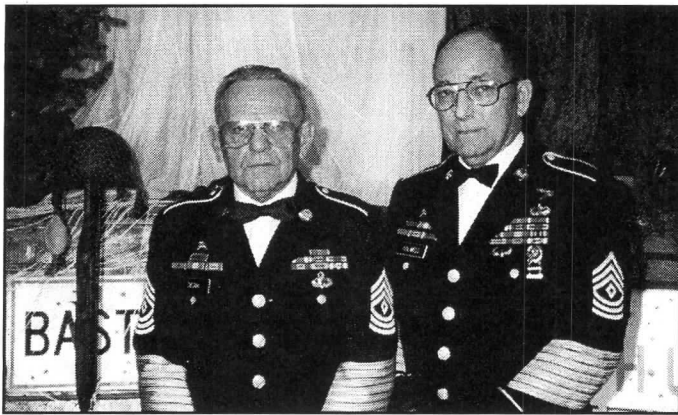


*1st Sgt (Ret) Billy Colwell stands with some of the material he developed for the 101st Airborne Division Monument to be built near the new museum at Fort Campbell. In addition to the monument model he designed and executed posters, drawings, stationery and promotional material to assist in raising funds to build the monument. [Worrell Photo]*

Assistance funds for the soldiers of the Division and their families are administered through the Association's Headquarters at 2703 Michigan Avenue, Fort Campbell. To date, the Fund has contributed more than \$165,000 toward these purposes. Redmond said the Association already has \$11,000 in global phone cards on hand in preparation for the deployment. The cards will be delivered to the first sergeant of each 101st unit before Christmas.

"Contributions for 2005 also include \$35,000 to the Junior Enlisted Family Center, \$10,000 to B.O.S.S. (Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers), plus \$6,000 in emergency assistance to individuals and families," said Redmond.

Colwell had been Chairman of the Support Fund Committee since its inception in 2002. A retired first sergeant from the 101st Airborne Division with 20 years of service in the U.S. Army, he designed the Division's memorial monument and spearheaded



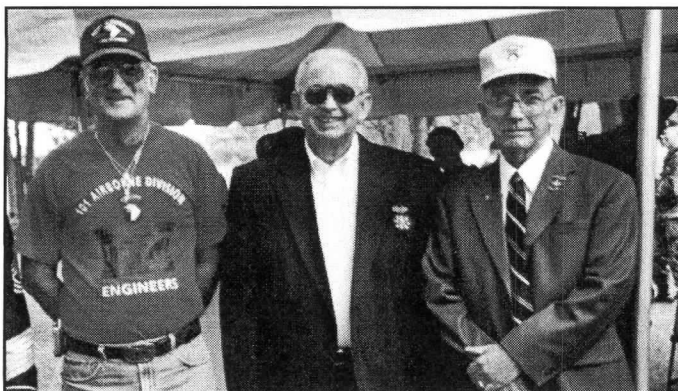
(L to R) Eugene "Dino" Dean and Billy Colwell photographed with the Memorial Display they conceived and constructed for the Memorial Dinner at the 53rd Annual Reunion of the 101st Airborne Division Association held in Omaha, Nebraska, in August of 1998. [Worrell photo]

the Association's campaign for its construction. Dedicated October 31, 2002, the monument stands near Division Headquarters. He also designed and produced the Bastogne Brigade Club Monument erected in the First Brigade area.

In his ongoing efforts with the Association to provide assistance to soldiers and their families, Colwell placed emphasis on the willingness of 101st Airborne Division veterans to watch over those who came after them. "Every generation of Screaming Eagles has passed on to the next the importance of looking out for one another. It is a code of conduct known to a 'band of brothers' whose unique heritage is as rich as its legacy," he wrote in a recent Association publication.

Approximately 27 percent of the Association's 8,000 life and annual members are active duty soldiers of the Division.

*Editor's Note: Billy Colwell was a great and courageous soldier. He was a modest and private individual when it came to talking about his exploits as an engineer in Viet Nam. He always put me off when I asked him to write his story of the 326th Engineers who fought as infantry and accomplished amazing feats of bridge and road building at Dak To. His passing will leave a deep void in the ranks of "Screaming Eagle" veterans.*



At the inactivation ceremony, on August 9, 2004, (L to R) Kenneth Gormley, Sr., 326 ENGR A 7/66-6/67; Benny L. Hamby, 326 ENGR A 2/66-2/67 and Billy C. Colwell, 326 ENGR A 4/66-4/67, pose for a picture.

## Retired Soldier Continues to Serve 101st Airborne Division

By Donna Miles / American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, March 23, 2004 — During his March 18 visit to Fort Campbell, Ky., to thank the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) for their service in Iraq, President Bush pointed to retired Army 1st Sgt. Billy Colwell as an example of the volunteer spirit he said makes America strong.

As volunteer chairman for the board of the Armed Services YMCA at Fort Campbell, Colwell "takes time out of his life to help junior enlisted, officers or people who are getting deployed," the president said. "Billy takes time out of his life to love a neighbor, just like you would like to be loved yourself."

"Billy, thank you for your service," Bush said. "Thank you for what you do."

After four assignments with the 101st Airborne Division, Colwell said he does what he does because he's committed to the post and its people. Colwell is an active member of the 101st Airborne Division Association, where he chairs the Screaming Eagle Support Fund for junior enlisted soldiers who, Colwell said, "need help the most."

"My focus is on the junior enlisted soldiers at Fort Campbell," Colwell said. "They're the ones I most identify with, who give so much and make so many sacrifices."

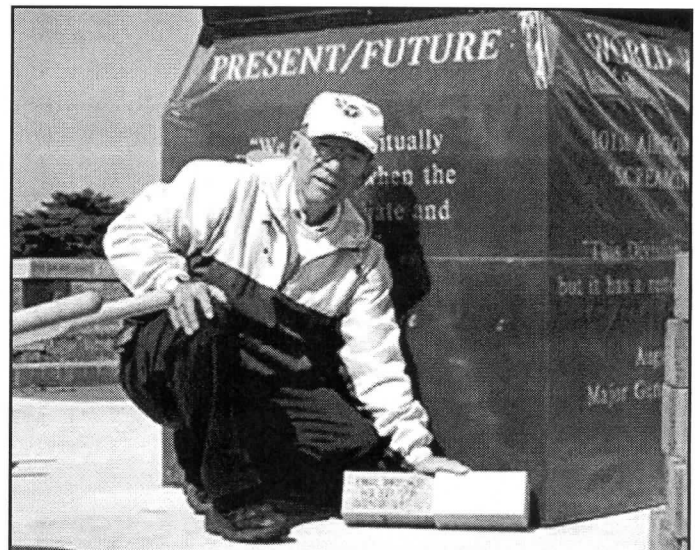
Colwell called the opportunity to shake hands with the president at Fort Campbell's parade field and to sit in the VIP stands during Bush's visit "unbelievable."

He said he's hopeful that by representing the Armed Services YMCA during the president's visit he can help bring attention to the organization and another of his pet projects, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Monument.

Colwell, monument chairman for the 101st Airborne Division Association, has been a key player in establishing a monument to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) to honor the thousands of soldiers who have worn the "Screaming Eagle" patch throughout the division's history.

He designed the memorial and is active in raising funds to build it.

"There's a pride in this unit that very few units have," Colwell said. "Our goal is to establish a monument that reflects that pride."



Retired U.S. Army 1st Sgt. Billy Colwell shows off pavers that will surround a new monument to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). (Defense Dept. photo by Donna Miles)

# Cited For Valor In Vietnam

*Brigadier General Willard Pearson, 1st Brigade commander, inaugurated the policy of citing heroic combat actions in brigade general orders.*

*This was common practice during the Civil War and insures both immediate*

*recognition and substantiated evidence for later, formal awards.*

*It is the policy of the SHIELD and CIRCLE, space permitting, to reprint these citations as they are received.*

*They are:*

**Sgt. Ralph E. Veals, HHC 2d Bn, 502d Inf.**

REASON: On February 2, 1966, near Phu'oc Thanh, Republic of Vietnam, with disregard for his safety, Sergeant Veals moved across an open rice paddy, while under heavy enemy fire, to administer first aid to a wounded man. Sgt. Veals then moved through a large open area to direct his men in an assault.

**Sp4 Ronald A. Turner, Co A 2d Bn, 502d Inf.**

REASON: On March 23, 1966, near Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam, Specialist Turner voluntarily moved through dense jungle to the scene of a helicopter crash. Despite intense smoke and the great probability that the aircraft would burst into flames, Sp4 Turner jumped into the aircraft and helped unload all the supplies.

**PFC Juan Sanchez, Jr., HHC 2d Bn, 502d Inf.**

REASON: On February 2, 1966, near Phu'oc Thanh, Republic of Vietnam, while under heavy fire, Private First Class Sanchez exposed himself to place his machine gun into action. Even though wounded, he continued to place suppressive fire on the enemy. When ordered to withdraw, PFC Sanchez assisted a wounded medic to cover also.

**Sp4 E4 James L. Bozarth, Co. A 2nd Bn., 327th Inf. 1st Bde.**

REASON: On March 22, 1966, as Specialist Bozarth was advancing with his squad in pursuit of a Viet Cong force, a mine exploded killing two and wounding nine men, including Specialist Bozarth. With complete disregard for his own safety and in spite of his wound, Specialist Bozarth moved about the mined area administering first aid and assisted in carrying a casualty down a steep hill to an evacuation point.

**PFC E3 Michael B. Arasim, Co. A 2nd Bn., 327th Inf. 1st Bde.**

REASON: On March 22, 1966, as Private First Class Arasim was advancing with his squad in pursuit of a Viet Cong force, a mine exploded killing two men and wounding nine, including Private First Class Arasim. With complete disregard for his own safety and in spite of his own wound, Private First Class Arasim moved about the mined area administering first aid and assisted in evacuating three casualties down a steep hill to an evacuation point.

**2/Lt. Daniel J. Hill, Co. B 2nd Bn., 327th Inf. 1st Bde.**

REASON: On March 13, 1966, near Tuy Hoa, Republic of



Vietnam, Lieutenant Hill's platoon was moving on a screening mission enroute to its objective through mountainous terrain and dense jungle vegetation when hit by intense automatic weapon fire. Lieutenant Hill reacted swiftly by ordering one squad to flank the enemy position from the left. Observing that the squad was moving too slowly, Lieutenant Hill personally took his second squad to link up with them. With an outstanding display of aggressive leadership, Lieutenant Hill led the two squads through intense enemy fire to successfully flank the enemy automatic weapon position and destroy it.

**SFC E7 John J. Dawes, Co. B 2nd Bn., 327th Inf. 1st Bde.**

REASON: On March 6, 1966, near Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam, Sergeant Dawes' platoon was conducting a sweep and clear operation when it came under heavy automatic and semi-automatic fire from an estimated enemy squad. In the initial burst of fire, one of the members of his platoon was wounded and laid in the open, exposed to the enemy fire. Sergeant Dawes, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled forward to the wounded man and evacuated him to a covered position.

**Sgt. E5 Edward Brown, Jr., Co. B 2nd Bn., 327th Inf. 1st Bde.**

REASON: On March 6, 1966, near Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam, Sergeant Brown's platoon was conducting a sweep and clear operation when it came under heavy automatic and semi-automatic fire from an estimated enemy squad. In the initial burst of fire, one of the members of his platoon was wounded and laid in the open, exposed to the enemy fire. Sergeant Brown, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled forward to the wounded man and evacuated him to a covered position.

**Lt. Col. Henry E. Emerson, HHC 2nd Bn., 502nd Inf. 1st Bde.**

REASON: On February 6, 1966, near Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam, Lieutenant Colonel Emerson continually exposed himself to intense enemy fire, both in the air and on the ground, as he directed the efforts of his battalion during a vicious battle with the Viet Cong. Lieutenant Colonel Emerson ran across open areas swept by enemy fire to encourage his men. With complete disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant Colonel Emerson assisted in the evacuation of a casualty on a landing zone covered by enemy fire. His stirring example



inspired his men to completely overrun the Viet Cong forces.

**Major Donald B. Schroeder, HHC 2nd Bn., 502nd Inf. 1st Bde.**

REASON: On February 6, 1966, near Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam, while commanding a battalion size task force consisting of elements of two battalions, Major Schroeder exposed himself to heavy enemy fire throughout a vicious battle with the Viet Cong. Major Schroeder, despite heavy enemy fire, moved about the entire battlefield in order to direct his commanders in the encirclement of the Viet Cong. Throughout the night he continuously moved around the perimeter, encouraging his men and instilling confidence in them. Major Schroeder's gallant efforts enclosed the Viet Cong force and led to the enemy's destruction.

**SSGT E6 David W. MacDonald, Co. A 2nd Bn., 327th Inf. 1st Bde.**

REASON: On March 22, 1966, near Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam, as Staff Sergeant MacDonald's squad was pursuing a Viet Cong force, a mine exploded killing two men and wounding nine, including Sergeant MacDonald. With complete disregard for his own safety and in spite of his wound, Sergeant MacDonald moved about the mined area administering first aid and assisted in carrying three casualties down a steep hillside to an evacuation point.

**SP4 E4 Melvin L. Borden, Co. A 2nd Bn., 327th Inf. 1st Bde.**

REASON: On March 22, 1966, as Specialist Borden's platoon was pursuing a Viet Cong force, a mine exploded killing two men and wounding nine, including Specialist Borden. In spite of a severe wound, Specialist Borden made a prompt and accurate situation report to the Company Commander and directed the stretcher bearers and medical aid men to the other wounded.

**PFC E3 John R. Adams, Co. B 2nd Bn., 327th Inf. 1st Bde.**

REASON: On March 5, 1966, Private First Class Adams was the point man for a rifle platoon which was conducting search and clear operations in the mountains northwest of Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam. As the platoon moved down a trail, Private First Class Adams spotted a Viet Cong lying in ambush along the trail. Private First Class Adams immediately fired to the flanks and the Viet Cong were driven away without inflicting a single casualty upon the platoon. The alertness and quick reaction of Private First Class Adams resulted in one Viet Cong killed and the capture of one weapon.

**PFC E3 Carl A. Cuta, Co. B 2nd Bn., 327th Inf. 1st Bde.**

REASON: On March 4, 1966, near Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam, Private First Class Cuta's platoon was conducting a search and clear operation. As the platoon was moving through rugged terrain, a squad of Viet Cong took the platoon under fire. While the main body of the platoon was pinned down by intense fire, Private First Class Cuta, who was point man, noticed three Viet Cong trying to slip up on a lone rifleman. Quickly, Private First Class Cuta left a position of relative safe-

ty and under intense heavy fire rushed to the aid of the exposed soldier, killing one Viet Cong and capturing his weapon.

**SSGT E6 Lonnie G. Thomas, Co. A 2nd Bn., 327th Inf. 1st Bde.**

REASON: On March 9, 1966, near Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam, Sergeant Thomas' platoon was hit by intense accurate small arms fire while crossing an inundated rice paddy and platoon members were forced to crawl to the scant cover afforded by the low dike of the rice paddy. Sergeant Thomas moved his squad through the intense enemy fire to the edge of an open area at the base of a small hill. From this position, his squad placed effective fire on the enemy position. With disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Thomas continually exposed himself to intense enemy fire to direct the firing of his squad. During the action, one of his men was wounded, and when the order was given to withdraw, Sergeant Thomas personally dragged the wounded man to safety.

**Sgt. E5 Arthur Wilcox, Co. A 2nd Bn., 327th Inf 1st Bde.**

REASON: On March 9, 1966, near Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam, Sergeant Wilcox's platoon was engaged by intense small arms and automatic weapons fire while crossing a flooded rice paddy. The platoon was pinned down and took the scant cover offered by a low paddy dike. On his own initiative, Sergeant Wilcox moved his fire team from the right flank of the platoon to the left in an attempt to relieve the pressure from that element. Upon reaching that position, he was informed that the platoon was withdrawing. Sergeant Wilcox then grouped his fire team and supplied rear security for the withdrawing elements. When he finally withdrew, he helped evacuate a wounded man to the rear. During the entire evacuation, he was constantly exposed to heavy enemy fire.

**PFC E3 Earl L. Mower, HHC 2nd Bn., 327th Inf. 1st Bde.**

REASON: On March 9, 1966, near Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam, Private First Class Mower's platoon was participating in a coordinated attack across a flooded rice paddy on a heavily fortified enemy position when it was pinned down by intense and accurate small arms and automatic weapons fire. There were several immediate casualties and everyone was forced to crawl to the scant cover offered by the low dike of the inundated rice paddy. With disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Mower moved through the enemy fire from one flank to the other tending the wounded.

*Editor's Note: This report from the SHIELD & CIRCLE, the Fort Campbell, Kentucky, weekly troop newspaper, could not be lifted intact from the printed page. The typed reproduction is true to the published data. Many of these early reports of valor resulted in official decorations for valor. No date of publication is available. The material is from the collection of James D. Agins, 326th MED B 7/66-2/67.*

## An American soldier who could Hack it

St. Louis—David Hackworth was one of those guys who seemed immortal and talked like it, too. In 26 years as a soldier, he had escaped death a dozen times. If he was going to die, surely it would be on a battlefield.

Instead, retired Army Col. David Haskell Hackworth, 74, died May 4 at a clinic in Tijuana, Mexico, where he was being treated for bladder cancer. He did five tours in Vietnam—and not, as he would have been the first to tell you, in a comfortable billet in the rear, but out in the mountains and the rice paddies. Given the herbicides he was exposed to, maybe he should be counted as a casualty of war.

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Comment - Kevin Horrigan, columnist for the  
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

I first met Col. Hackworth—he insisted that you call him “Hack”—in 1990. He had just returned to the United States for a self-imposed exile in Australia, where he had gotten rich running a restaurant and a duck farm and was hawking his memoirs, a book called “About Face.” It had become a bestseller, to everyone’s surprise but Hack’s. The man never lacked for confidence.

The book, like Hack himself, was full of war stories told in profane and purple prose. In Hack’s world, machine guns were “buzz saws cutting into my platoon.” The smell of cordite always hung in the air. Slugs splattered hard. Hack was always the hero, taking over when lesser men quaked. A tank commander in Korea was “just not with it, and I considered shooting the sorry son of a bitch right there, diving into his tank and taking command.”

The thing is, as Dizzy Dean once observed, “If you done it, it ain’t braggin’.” Hack won a battlefield commission at 20 and had a chest full of decorations: eight Purple Hearts, nine Silver Stars, eight Bronze Stars and two Distinguished Flying Crosses, among other hardware. Three times, he had been nominated for the Medal of Honor, the last time for flying in under fire on a helicopter skid to rescue a trapped unit.

At 14, he had bribed a bum to pose as his father so he could enlist in the Merchant Marine. A year later, he faked his way into the U.S. Army. In Korea, he commanded a unit of the Wolfhound Raiders. In 1965, he volunteered for Vietnam and became the almost mythical “Steel Six” (his radio call sign), serving as an AirMobile commander and then the commander of the Hardcore Battalion, the 9th Division’s legendary 4/39th.

Hack liked to say that he was the inspiration for the character of Col. Kurtz, the renegade commander in “Apocalypse Now.” Others saw him more as the movie’s Col. Kilgore, the AirMobile commander who wore a cavalry hat and loved the smell of napalm in the morning.

The Army never knew quite what to do with Hack, a pure warrior and a first-class pain in the butt. Gen. Creighton Abrams, the last U.S. commander in Vietnam, called Hack “the best battalion commander I’ve ever seen” but later tried to court-martial him. This was in 1971, after Hack charged onto ABC’s “Issues and Answers” to say Vietnam was hopeless and that the North Vietnamese flag would be flying over Saigon by 1975.



Col. David Hackworth, shown here in 1971, was highly critical of the U.S. conduct of the Vietnam War and the Pentagon. But his valor and devotion to the troops was legendary.

The Army investigated him and discovered what everyone already knew: Hack never followed the rules. He was retired, narrowly escaping court-martial. The North Vietnamese flag began flying over Saigon in April 1975.

After his memoirs were published, Newsweek gave him a forum for his pro-soldier; anti-Pentagon views. He lost that gig in 1996 after discovering that the chief of naval operations, Adm. Jeremy “Mike” Boorda, was wearing medals for valor that he hadn’t earned. Adm. Boorda committed suicide before the story was published.

Undaunted, Hack moved to the Internet. Hackworth.com became a forum not only for promoting his books and his rants about the “perfumed Pentagon princes,” but also for e-mail correspondence from front-line soldiers complaining about supply shortages and self-serving officers. Some of the first complaints about body-armor and Humvee-armor shortages in Iraq were posted on Hack’s Web Site.

Hack once wrote: “If we want to save ourselves militarily, we must destroy the way the U.S. military is run. That means shutting down the Pentagon. It is a corrupt, bleak place filled with many people whose mind-set is warped by traditions that are as obsolete as the sword.”

That was 12 years ago. The Pentagon survives. You might think the soldiers like Hack are the ones who are obsolete until you read the mail on his Web site and are reminded that they’re still out there, bearing the burden.

Hack’s ashes will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery the day after Memorial Day with full military honors. God knows he earned them.



# Scholarships Given To Phan Rang Students

By PFC Luis Callender

**PHAN RANG**— There's something symbolic in the number 101 to 1st Brigade paratroopers. They take pleasure in coming up with that number in any venture they undertake. This time 101 is the number of scholarships the "Diplomats and Warriors" will give to enable Vietnamese schoolchildren to continue their education.

When 1st Lieutenant John Blanks Jr. heard that many students in the Phan Rang area could no longer continue to attend school because financial support was needed, he asked if there was something the men of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division could do. The Support Battalion civic action officer was assured that any help would be welcomed.

Blanks was told it would take 500 piastres a month to keep a child in school. This would amount to approximately 50 American dollars per year per student. He presented the problem to the men of Support Battalion.

The "Screaming Eagles" dug into their money pouches and each man gave what he could. They also made a commitment. They would support, indefinitely, 101 students in five high schools in the Phan Rang area. To qualify for scholarship each student must have no other means of supporting his education and be mentally equipped to continue in school.

"We hope to give these youngsters a chance to obtain a good education because from among them will come Vietnam's future leaders," says Lt. Blanks.

"The ones we're helping ordinarily wouldn't have a chance to further their schooling. As Americans, we've learned that poverty is

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## VC Camp Taken, Again

**TUY HOA** — Three months ago the third platoon of Company "A," 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry uncovered the largest enemy base camp found by the 1st Brigade.

Last week the same platoon did it again, not 2,000 meters from where they had found the first base camp.

"There's no doubt," said platoon leader 1st Lieutenant Tom Gauger, "This is the same group of Viet Cong in a new location."



1st Brigade paratroopers move into an abandoned enemy base camp during Operation GERONIMO 1 northwest of Tuy Hoa. (Photo by Spi Oddvar Breiland)

# GERONIMO Psy-War Goes Up-Front

By PFC Luis Callender

**TUY HOA**— With the imminent destruction of a North Vietnamese army battalion close at hand, a 1st Brigade Psychological Warfare Team of three went on the firing line and won a major battle for men's minds.

## More Free Mail Ok'd

**WASH. (AFNB)** — President Johnson has signed a law extending free mail

privileges for servicemen to include recorded messages in addition to letters and cards.

"This means that our men in Vietnam can send home, postage-free, the sound of their own voices — and in some small way help ease the burden of being apart through words of love and reassurance," the President said.

He noted that the bill "will help bridge the distance between our servicemen in Vietnam and their families at home."

The President pointed out the new law will also help speed newspapers and magazines "to our men in Vietnam by available airlift, at lower surface mail rates..."

The 502d Infantry had mauled the elusive 5th Battalion, 95th NVA regiment after two days of fighting in the hills northwest of Tuy Hoa. As the battle moved into the third day only remnants of the 5th Battalion remained, surrounded and waiting to be crushed by the advancing STRIKE FORCE.

## ND, MSU Share Top Honors

**New York (AP)**— Notre Dame and Michigan State have been voted co-winners of the MacArthur Bowl.

Notre Dame completed its season Saturday with 51-0 rout of Rose Bowl-bound Southern California, finishing with a 9-0-1 mark, Michigan State closed out its campaign the week before with a similar record, giving it the Big Ten championship. Notre Dame and Michigan State battled to a 10-10 tie on Nov. 19.

The advance of the 101st paratroopers was stopped by the commander, Lieutenant Colonel Frank Dietrich, who gave the trapped enemy a chance to surrender.

The Psy War Team of three, 1st Lieutenant Cecil Holland, Staff Sergeant Frank Meade, and SSgt. Tran Quang went to work.

Holland and Meade have been attached to the 101st from the 245th Psychological Operations Company for the last four months. In that time their job has involved the drawing and dropping of leaflets, and broadcasting to the countryside from the air. But on November 11, Meade and Holland went to the

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# DIPLOMAT and WARRIOR

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## Editor's Column

There are a quarter million U.S. veterans of the Vietnam war already and by this time next year there are expected to be about 635,000.

The high number of men who have been in Vietnam is partially the result of the 12-month rotation policy. Tours in Korea ranged from six to 18 months for various groups of people in varying periods during the war.

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara has promised to keep the 12-month tour for Vietnam.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS will have increased its Vietnam staff by 250 percent before the year is out. ARC said 105 field workers were in Vietnam as of January 1966 and 275 are expected to be there by January 1967.**

GENERAL WESTMORELAND LAUDS performance of Vietnamese forces as demonstrating growing professionalism and spirit: "The casualties reflect the fact that the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces today are fighting more aggressively and in more difficult areas than ever before." He said the ratio of men killed in battle is becoming more favorable to our side, from a little better than two to one last January to more than six to one in September.

**MEDAL OF HONOR policy published Nov. 1 by DOD calls for recommendations to gain endorsements of unified or specified commanders concerned and Joint Chiefs of Staff before being referred to appropriate secretary of military department for action. New policy also specifies that recommendations be handled on a "For Official Use Only" basis to prevent premature public disclosure of information that could be potential source of embarrassment to those recommended.**

FIRST AWARD OF the Michael R. Young Memorial Scholarship, worth \$1,500 annually, is available next September. It was set up at University of Southern California by parents of the late 101st Airborne Division enlisted trooper. Award is to former 101st members or veterans interested in International Relations. Write Mrs. Florence Struggs, Director of Student Aid, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif. 90007.

## Veteran Laws Signed

**WASH. (AFNB)**— In addition to signing a bill extending mail privileges for personnel in Vietnam, President Johnson, on return from his visit with servicemen in Southeast Asia, signed three other bills that directly enhance the welfare of servicemen and their families.

Bill H.R. 17271 will raise from \$200 to \$500 per month the combat pay federal tax exemption for junior officers. The President said this bill "will help eliminate a tax inequity that exists among our fighting men in Vietnam."

Enlisted men are already exempt from federal tax on pay received while serving in the battle zone.

The President also signed H.R. 15748 authorizing a special 30-day leave for servicemen who voluntarily extend their tour of duty in South Vietnam for at least six months. This special leave is not chargeable to regular leave. All transportation costs to and from the place the serviceman elects to spend his leave will be paid for by the government.

Last of the four new bills signed by President Johnson was H.R. 14347 which liberalizes the compensation payments to children and eligible parents of veterans whose death is service-connected and streamlines the paperwork involved in applying for these and related benefits.

# 101 Grants Given

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no excuse to waste alert minds."

Looking at the background of a few of the scholarship recipients, it is evident that the 101st Support Battalion troopers have salvaged some of Vietnam's future assets.

Nguyen Ngoc An is twelve-years-old and has six brothers and sisters. He comes from a very poor family and his father, a policeman, and sole provider for the family, was killed by the Viet Cong several months ago. Nguyen wants to be a doctor and is the top student in his class.

Nguyen Trong is fourteen and also tops in his class. His father, a former Popular Forces Soldier, was killed by the Viet Cong. He comes from a large family and lives miles away from school. He would like to work for the government when he grows up.

Vang Kim Khue is fifteen and regarded as a brilliant student by her teachers. She comes from a family of refugees and has fourteen brothers and sisters. Her ambition is to be a nurse.

The list goes on and tells

the same story of tragedy, large families, and ambitions that someday may become a reality because of the efforts of the Support Battalion troopers.

Last Wednesday the first of the scholarships was presented to the students at their schools. Lieutenant Colonel Edmond P. Aboud, commanding officer of Support Battalion, personally handed each recipient the envelope containing his first scholarship installment.

"We of the 101st take great pride and pleasure in being able to assist you in your quest for knowledge," Col. Aboud said. "You are the future of Vietnam and you must continue to strive for higher learning as the years go by."

The battalion commander went on to say that the 101st was always ready to help whenever they needed assistance to further their education.

Lt. Blanks sums up the feelings of his unit saying, "We consider this the best investment we could make for the future."

# WARRIORS OF THE WEEK

Lt. A. Holborn



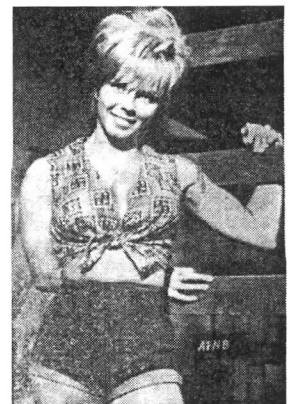
First Lieutenant Alden J. Holborn a member of Company "B," 502d Infantry was chosen as the "Officer Warrior of the Week" for his recent actions against the enemy near Tuy Hoa.

Sgt. K. Murphy



Sergeant Kenneth E. Murphy a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company (Recondo Platoon), 502d Infantry, was chosen as the "Enlisted Warrior of the Week" for his recent actions against the enemy near Tuy Hoa.

## Farmer's Daughter



She was only the Farmer's daughter but all the horsemen knew her.

## Combat Artists And Photographers Program

During WWII and the Korean War many amateur artists and photographers came forth with sketches, water color paintings and photos depicting war and its impact on soldier and civilian alike. These graphic portrayals have not only provided an interesting insight into the struggles of men in combat, but have also proven a valuable adjunct to the written history which is sometimes not totally descriptive.

A Combat Artists and Photographers Program will commence 1 December 1966 and all entries will be judged quarterly. The first competition will take place on 1 March 1967 and each entry may be entered only once.

Judging of the two separate categories will be accomplished by the Brigade Historian, Information Officer, and the Headquarters Commandant, the criteria being historical significance and quality.

All entries will be submitted to the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, ATTN: S-3 Historian on or before the last day of February. All personnel assigned or attached to the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division are eligible to participate.

Sketches and paintings may be in any medium but should be adequately protected by a cover.

Photos can be of any size and must be accompanied by the negative properly protected in an envelope. Color slides will be accepted.

All entries will have the entrant's name, grade, service number and unit printed on the back or attached.

These entries will become the property of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division and will not be returned.

Three prizes will be given each time entries are judged for each of the two categories.

- First Prize \$50.00
- Second Prize \$25.00
- Third Prize \$10.00

# War For Cleanliness To The Last Day

By SFC Peter McCormack

**TUY HOA** — Using a camera for a weapon, Specialist 5 Joseph A. Kownack spent his last duty day in Vietnam waging a war against dirt.

Specialist Kownack a clerk in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry started his "War for Cleanliness" in January of this year. He made his last personal check on the progress of his private war when he accompanied a Civic Action Team from the 1st Brigade to the hamlet of Phung Tuong.

His mission was to bring back a picture report to the people of Mankato who assisted the program by donating personal health articles.

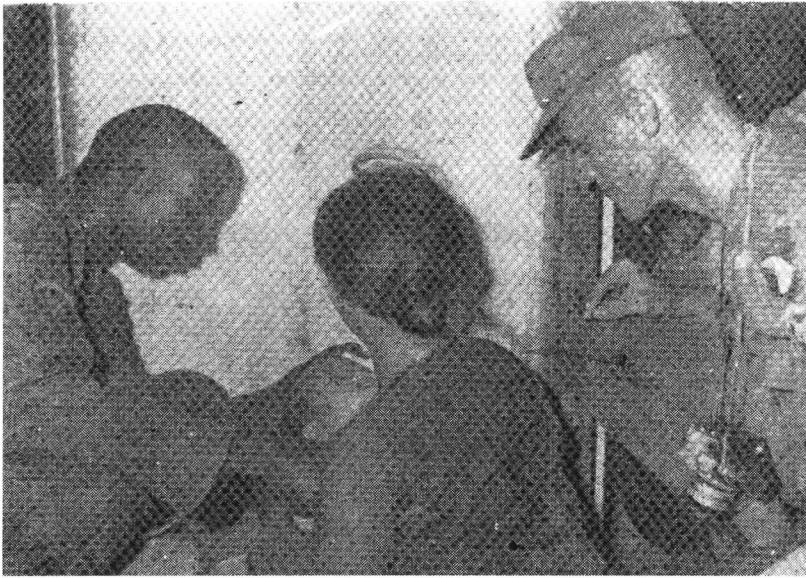
The "War for Cleanliness" began when Kownack sent a letter to his wife about the health conditions of Vietnamese children. She wrote to General Pearson asking what she and the members of the wives club she belonged to could do to help the situation. She received a reply saying items for cleanliness were especially needed.

Her club, which is made up of wives who wait for their husbands serving in

Vietnam, contacted various groups asking for donations. They made up bags which included such items as soap, tooth brushes, toothpaste combs, mirrors, wash cloths, hand towels, gum, suckers, and hard candy. The bags were then sent to the brigade for distribution.

In a short period of time however, the aid program grew so rapidly that the small club had to turn over its operation to the YMCA and some veterans organizations in Mankato, Minn. Under these larger groups the "War for Cleanliness" continues.

The Vietnamese people who have received these weapons to fight the "War for Cleanliness" have expressed their appreciation for the generosity and thoughtfulness of the Mankato donations and Specialist Kownack returns to his home convinced that he and the people of Mankato have played a role in improving the life of the Vietnamese people.



Specialist 5 Joseph W. Kownack, HHC, 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry (right) sees a child from the hamlet of Phung Tuong receive medical treatment from Specialist 5 Ernest Butler of the brigade civic action team. Specialist Kownack spent his last day in Vietnam preparing a picture report on his "War for Cleanliness" begun last January. (Photo by SFC Peter McCormack)

## Newsman Ex-Trooper Recalls The Perils Of Mang Lang

By Frank Faulkner

**TUY HOA (UPI)** — The Roman Catholic nuns at Tuy Hoa probably only have one thing in common with the tough paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Division — they both like kids.

The Vietnamese and French nuns of the Mang Lang Orphanage, 240 miles northeast of Saigon, have operated in the Tuy Hoa area for many years. Until last February they operated the orphanage at Tuy An, a small town a few miles northwest of the city.

One evening the Viet Cong attacked the children's home. Two of the male workers at the orphanage were killed. The school and the youngsters dormitory were destroyed by the communists.

The morning after the raid, the paratroopers launched a lightning-fast secure and extraction mission. Helicopters suddenly appeared over the tree tops and landed all around the Mang Lang Orphanage.

Armed to the teeth, the paratroopers leaped from the hovering choppers and raced into the underbrush to take up defensive positions. The helicopters arced toward the main buildings and landed.

Other paratroopers jumped out to guide the nuns and children to the choppers. Many of the children had to be carried by the fully equipped troopers. Everything that

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10th Aviation Battalion chopper providing support for the 1st Brigade during Operation GERONIMO 1 northwest of Tuy Hoa. (Photo by Sp4 Oddvar Breiland)

## "The Battle of Phong Cao"

by Gunslinger

Hang down your head, Bold Charlie  
Pride of the NVA  
Hang down your head, Bold Charlie  
For you must surrender or die  
We met you on Phong Cao Mountain  
In the monsoon rain  
When we left you on Phong Cao Mountain  
Your dead in windrows were lain.  
We took you by surprise, Charlie  
In the mountainous jungle terrain  
The Fifth of the Ninty Fifth  
Will not fight soon again.  
You tried to fight, Bold Charlie  
The earth your blood did stain  
The STRIKE FORCE hacked you to pieces  
When the position you held we did gain  
You tried to run, scared Charlie  
And hide midst the fields of grain  
We had you surrounded, Charlie  
You could not break our chain.  
It was flee or die, scared Charlie  
But your flight was in vain  
We mowed you down, poor Charlie  
Till you tried no more again.  
Then you surrendered, Charlie  
Pride of the NVA  
You broke your oath, weak Charlie  
To die for the Communist way.  
You lost much face, sick Charlie  
Your plans were overthrown  
Your fight is doomed to failure  
For your story will become known.  
The STRIKE FORCE beat you, Charlie  
Pride of the NVA  
If you see Uncle Ho Chi, Charlie  
What are you going to say?

# Psy-War Team Of 3 Brings In 36 NVA



SSgt Frank Meade, in the tree with the loudspeaker, and Lt Cecil Holland, with an NVA prisoner broadcast Psy-War appeals to the enemy a few dozen yards ahead. (Photo by PFC Luis Callender)

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battlefield to beat the enemy with ideas rather than bullets. When the two Psy War troopers arrived in the immediate battle zone, a mountainside of woods, thick vines, and tall elephant grass, intense fire fights raged only 75 yards away. After a short briefing by the 502d commander on the tactical situation, Holland and Meade were in action.

They set the 40 pound loudspeaker they had brought with them high in a tree and quickly the voice of SSgt. Tran Quang, the Vietnamese interpreter, blared out to the trapped NVA:

"Soldiers of the 95th, do you want to be buried in an unmarked grave? That is the only honor you will have left if you continue your senseless fight. Do you think that right?"

"The soldiers of the STRIKE FORCE are everywhere. There is no escape. Approach the Americans with your hands above your head. Wave something white. Have your weapon muzzle down and you will not be harmed. This is your last chance and only hope. Life or death... the choice is yours."

The broadcast was a bare five minutes old when the first NVA surrendered with his weapon. Minutes later the exodus from the enemy camp was on. As each new prisoner came in, the Psy War Team put him on the air with new surrender appeals. For hours Meade and Holland alternated holding the loudspeaker in the tree as the other instructed the prisoner what appeal to read. They began their campaign at nine in the morning and by one that afternoon 23 NVA regulars had surrendered — among them a company executive officer.

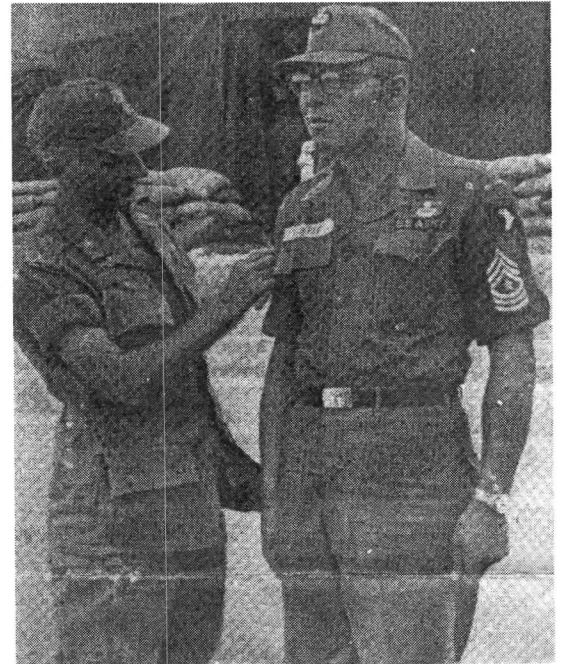
As the STRIKE FORCE troopers relentlessly beat the thick, thorny underbrush for the entrenched NVA, Holland and Mead strapped the loudspeaker to their backs and moved on line. The speaker never stopped its surrender appeals, even when the line of "Screaming Eagles" came under intense fire from the khaki uniformed enemy. At one point Holland and Meade got ahead of the line to broadcast the "life or death" message.

At four in the afternoon, the entire hillside had been cleared of the enemy. Thirteen more NVA had surrendered for a total of 36.

"When you broadcast from the air," Holland said later,

"they (the enemy) think the Americans are detached. But this time we had it right in their faces. And using his own comrades moments after their surrender." The Psy War Lt. continued, "Made them think a little harder about

living and dying." Did Holland and Meade get their message across? The majority of the captured NVA said the surrender broadcast, so close to their positions, was "the deciding factor to turn their backs on a useless fight."



Sergeant Major Ralph M. Carter receives his new stripes from General Pearson. (Photo by 101-10)

## Mang Lang Extraction

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Food, clothing and improved sanitation facilities were provided by the paratroopers. A better education program was set up, six women teachers were added to the staff. Combat medics from the 101st aided the 150 children. Airborne engineers erected a water tower at the new orphanage, a battalion of the 320th Airborne Artillery provided wooden ammo boxes for constructing beds and tables.

The loaded helicopters applied full power and headed toward Tuy Hoa. When the sisters and orphans were safe, Lt. Col. Henry E. Emerson sent the choppers back to pick up his paratroopers.

The children, 6 nuns and 18 other workers were settled in the maternity section of the province hospital in Tuy Hoa. They began to improve the building and equipment at the crowded hospital.

Sister Michele, director of the Mang Lang Orphanage recently accepted a captured North Vietnamese generator from the 101st. The large generator will furnish enough electricity to power the new orphanage which will open next month.

The new home for children in the Tuy Hoa area has been built with the assistance of a group of hard working troopers who are a soft touch for kids.

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

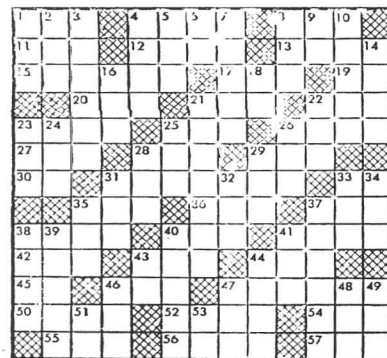
Answer to Previous Puzzle

**ACROSS**

- 1-Through
- 4-Fronoun
- 8-Existed
- 11-Beverage
- 12-At this place
- 13-Partner
- 15-Disagree
- 17-Ventilate
- 19-Diphthong
- 20-Vase
- 21-Be mistaken
- 22-Indonesian tribesman
- 23-Respect
- 25-Sea eagle
- 26-Diverge
- 27-Teer Gyt's rother
- 28-Anglo-Saxon money
- 29-Dance step
- 30-Pronoun
- 31-Segregated in groups
- 33-Printer's measure
- 35-Edible fish
- 36-Foscessive pronoun
- 37-Set
- 38-Suppligate
- 40-Vessel's curved planking
- 41-Location
- 42-One's around track
- 43-Excavate
- 44-School of whales
- 45-Hypothetical force
- 46-Succor
- 47-Wing-footed
- 50-Face of watch
- 52-Solitary
- 54-Man's name
- 55-Lubricate
- 56-Slave
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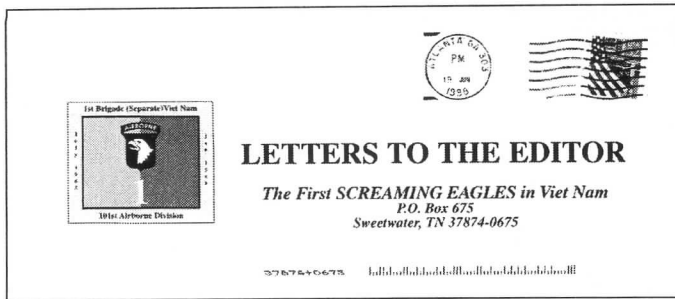
- 3-Disprove
- 4-At that time
- 5-Pronoun
- 6-Tectonic deity
- 7-Long for
- 8-Armed conflict
- 9-Man's nickname
- 10-Writing tablet
- 14-Period of time
- 16-Cook, in fat
- 18-Prefix: not
- 21-Wiping out
- 22-Roman bronze
- 23-Obstruct
- 24-Employ
- 25-Period of time
- 26-Evil
- 28-Ancient money
- 29-Footlike part
- 31-Timid
- 32-Pigpen
- 33-Consume

- 34-Creed of pheasants
- 35-Headgear
- 37-Clear
- 38-Walk wearily
- 39-Wireless
- 40-Move sidewise
- 41-Capuchin monkey
- 43-Roman gods
- 44-Merriment
- 46-Everyone
- 47-Girl's name
- 48-Before
- 49-Man's nickname
- 51-Three-toed sloth
- 53-Bone



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See you troopers in Atlanta. If anybody knows Bruce Merli,  
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Troops of the 1st Bde. Does anyone remember a man named  
Manny C. Garcia? He says he served with the 3rd platoon, of  
B/2/502, from June 67 to April 68, and wrote a book-ACCI-  
DENTAL SOLDIER-of his wondrous deeds and actions. So far  
no former member of the platoon can ever even remember a  
person by that name even being in the platoon. We would just  
like to find anyone who knew a man with that name, ANY-  
WHERE in the Brigade, during June 67 thru April 68. Go to  
Amazon.com and to the book reviews on his story (Accidental  
Soldier) and you will see why we want to find his duty station.  
We could care less about his 'wannabe' lies and statements of  
heroic deeds, but he has, to us in the 3rd platoon, dishonored  
those men who did not return from Vietnam, for the entire 1st  
Brigade. Such a person is a callous, self-serving, and complete-  
ly useless human. Any info about him and his whereabouts dur-  
ing that timeframe would be greatly appreciated. Just locating  
where he was would give us a starting point to the ultimate goal  
of exposing this 'wannabe'. Thanks men and Strike Force!!

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**ATTENTION STRIKE FORCE WIDOW MAKERS**

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holding a Reunion in Atlanta, GA, September 20 – 24, 2006, in  
conjunction with the 1st Brigade 101st Airborne Division VN.

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Reaching out to all Strike Force brothers who served in the  
O'Duce from 65-72 to go to our website and sign our guest book  
with all information for our new roster. Name, time in country,  
company, address, telephone #, etc. We will be having a Strike  
Force Widow Makers reunion in conjunction with the 1st Brigade  
Reunion in Atlanta next Sept. 21-24, 2006. Snow Bird gathering  
in Kissimmee, FL, Feb 2006, 101st Airborne Division  
Association. All Screaming Eagles. Welcome Home, Strike Force

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Anyone who knew my brother 1LT George B. Pearson, B  
2/327 101ABN, KIA on Hill 86 on 17 September 1966, please  
contact me at (360) 769-4018 or e-mail. If you knew him and  
could share memories and/or pictures it would be greatly  
appreciated. Thank you and GOD BLESS.

Mike Pearson

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Ivan - Glad to see the site back up.

To ALL men who served with the O Deuce 65-72 -- please con-  
tact us at our web site or email us at: the2nd502@yahoo.com.  
We need to hear from you. Strike Force



## E-MAIL MESSAGES

From: "Jim Simchera" <yankeej@cyou.com>  
Subject: Tuck recounts the Chopper Pilots bravery during the Battle of Trung Luong:  
Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005

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

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Subject: ATTENTION IVAN WORRELL AND YANKEE JAMES

Ivan, I just received and finished reading your latest edition of the ALWAYS FIRST BRIGADE. As usual I couldn't set it down...

A couple things I would like to add having been Captain Furgeson's Battalion RTO at Trung Loung: things that were omitted due to the writer's humility and professional courtesy....

During that entire battle I believed we had at least a squadron of helicopters and pilots attached to our company, the reason I thought this was because they were in and out so many times under all conditions...I couldn't believe that only two men could accomplish so much...Rod Martin and his co / pilot Dan Trotter... The fierce anti aircraft cannon (that's right direct cannon fire) and weathering automatic weapons fire was so heavy and intense it would chop trees down!!!! Wherever and whatever you tried to conceal yourself behind was chopped up and disintegrated from the enormous high caliber fire power...

Man for man we were out gunned and vastly out numbered. I cannot confirm but heard it was three regiments of N.V.A. Regulars and more importantly another regiment of N.V.A. Regulars operating anti Aircraft crew served weapons.

The enemy was fortified with bunkers including concrete pill-boxes, tied together with a sophisticated network of tunnels... On the eastern side of the village was a mountain below it ran a creek bed with some fresh water...the complex allowed the enemy the ability to move any size force anywhere in the entire battle zone..

So on June 19th in comes A 2/327 INF directly into this beehive...every day of the attack the casualties were staggering... a total of 139 men first arrived with 24 separate replacements during the contesting battle.. When the fighting ceased you could hear a pin drop... Only 34 men walked out of there... that included the 20 men of weapons platoon that were held in reserve that did an outstanding job with their mortars and helping with med evacs.

I describe this action only to illustrate what Mr. Martin and Mr. Trotter had inserted themselves into...in short it was a raging inferno of violence and living hell...



Not until three years ago had I heard the entire true accounts of that battle.

In that three and one half day stretch those two pilots went through four helicopters!!!! All literally shot out from under them, still they continued to fly returning with dead and wounded... Nothing I could say or express could explain the tremendous heroism these two men exhibited.

The men they saved are forever grateful to the man, all enjoyed successful lives and raised children to be proud of.

I also believe both of these heroes were never acknowledged or issued citations for their efforts... Like so many things in Vietnam that to fell through the cracks...

I know the two of them are proud and shun acknowledgment for what they did...

Humble men like these true heroes take satisfaction knowing they saved so many good men allowing them to live productive lives to marry and raise decent young Americans.

But I was there and witnessed it and believe me, if anyone deserves recognition for their valiant effort it's Mr. Martin and Mr. Trotter. Hopefully proper accommodations were issued, following their heroic actions. If not hopefully this could be addressed...

Pat Noonan  
A 2/327 Oct 65 Oct 66

*Editor's Note: See the story Trung Luong Dustoff on page 12 of the October 2005 magazine.*

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Recently I was treated to the grandiose treat of a life time. Three gentlemen and one of their wives visited me. I have known these men for 37 years. I have called them friends for 37 years. They are some of the finest people I have ever known in this world. They were John "Pudman" Briggs, Calvin "Preacher" Rawlins and Gregg Nutter. The young lady was John's wife, Trish of 35 years. Missing from this group was Gary Hillyer, Woody Woodruff, Mike O'Neil and Doc Campbell. All too many of us are dying early. Shepherd was killed in an armed robbery, SSG Boyer who was probably all of 25 or 26 when we were in country, had been awarded six or seven Purple Hearts, is dead and buried in Arlington. Terry Stanoshack died on the 36th anniversary, to the day, 21 April 2003, of his first major fire fight, he was 56.

I miss these men. They were and are my brothers. I measure my wealth in the number of friends I have. Bill Gates has



nothing on me. I am wealthy and have been truly blessed by God to have all these friends! These are fine men, one and all.

Thank you God. Please watch over and protect them. Surround all these folks with your love and power.

God Bless  
Rich

PS: The day after I wrote this, Gary Hillyer showed up! If, and I believe this to be true, a man's wealth is measured by his friends, Bill Gates got nothing on me!!! I am rich beyond all comprehension. Praise the Lord! Then I went back into the hospital for about three weeks. So this is late getting out to you all. God Bless, Rich

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YJ and Friends,

Thanks for enquiring about my recovery. I had a total replacement of my right hip on Tuesday 9/20. This was the result of my failure to take care of an injury sustained at Fort Bragg in 1974. It was a chronic but manageable problem until about 1 1/2 years ago when I re-injured it being STUPID!!!!

Anyway, I won't claim it through the VA because they always asked me if there were any problems when I reenlisted and I never told them about it. I did not want the profile. Same deal with my little PTSD.

All is going well and I am way ahead of schedule on my rehab. No more heavy squatting or distance running but otherwise I think that I will be good to go in another month or so.

Again thanks for asking.

Bill Hall ABU ATR/NS

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MIKE CARRETERO  
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Found the following web site on the Internet. Article by Ward Just when he went on a mission with Tiger Force June 6, 1966.

<http://www.pbs.org/weta/reportingamericaatwar/reporters/just/reconnaissance.html>

I thought any other brothers; especially Tiger Force vets might want to read the article. Also possibly add a link from the 327th web site.

Names in article are Pellum Bryant, KIA; Richard Garcia KIA; Sammy Washburn, David Hackworth, Chris Verlumis KIA; Lewis Higinbotham.

I was able to find all of the KIA names on the wall except Chris Verlumis.

Was wondering if Ward Just had the wrong name. Maybe Bruce Swander can shed some light on Chris Verlumis.

Above the Rest,  
ABU/HHC 1/327th, Jul '70 - Aug '71  
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BRUCE SWANDER  
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Mike ~ haven't gone through the whole article, but it sure brings up some issues I'd like to get resolved:

1. We show Pfc Richard GARCIA with A/2/502 - 06 Jun 66 - with a note: "Toumorong" - Kontum...with a total of seven (7) men killed. Three (3) from B Btry/2/320, three (3) from A 2/502 and one (1) SSgt Ira PERKINS - A/1/327.

It appears, based on the article that we've got Garcia wrong - and now I'm not sure about PERKINS. In these early years, we picked up Unit designations from mortuary and graves registrations records...and have seen a lot of errors between 327th and 502nd.

2. On the same day, same Province, we show six (6) KIA's from A/1/327...with a note: "Ridge between hills 1063 and 1073": Pfc Ernest Dominquez, PSgt Varl Fulford, SP4 Michael Galbraith, Pfc Eddie Green, Pfc William Hopson, Sgt Franklin W Smith.

3. In your list below, we show SSgt Pellum Bryant KIA on 26 July 66 - with HHC/1/327.

4. I don't show any VERLUMIS - or variation of the name - KIA at all. The article shows that Washburn made a comment that the Capt was dead - but this was incorrect.

It looks like we need to move GARCIA from 2/502 over to A/1/327...and PERKINS was probably with A/2/502 (not A/1/327). This means seven (7) were KIA with your Unit that day - let me know if you don't recognize any of the other six (6) names and I'll do some more checking.

Bruce Swander

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I was with Tiger Force from Jan to Mar 66 when I was medevaced. In December of 66 I talked with SGT Francis (Frank) Donovan who was my Squad Leader while I was there. He told me his side of this battle and how he was wounded by 105 friendly fire because he called it in on himself after entering a VC battalion base camp with every body home. If any one out there knows how to contact Frank Donovan, you might be able to get a clearer story on the battle. If you find Frank, point him my way, as I would love to get in contact with him again.

Phil Neel  
Tiger Force 1966

*Editor's Note: The complete story shown on the website was published in the July 2004 magazine.*

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## FROM U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

+ COL(R) HARRY A. BUCKLEY, JR., 2/502 CO 66-67, 88 Alpine Drive, Northfield, VT 05663 when becoming a new subscriber wrote: Just finished my teaching career in time to be diagnosed with multiple myeloma (cancer), I will go for a one year subscription – hope it can begin this October.

+ WARREN K. KRAFT, 326 ENGR A 7/65-7/66, 1104 W. 4250 S., Riverdale, UT 84405 sent the following letter along with his new subscription and order.

I must have missed the last letter you sent wanting me to subscribe to "The Screaming In Vietnam," but after reading this one how can I refuse.

Yes, I did serve with the 1st Brigade 101st Airborne in Vietnam (we were also called the Fire Brigade) and the information you requested is as follows: Unit served with: A/326 Combat Engineers; Dates served: Jul 65 to Jul 66; some company info: CO-Capt Kimbro, 1st Sgt-1st Sgt Monk, XO- 1st Lt Zeltner.

We made the trip to Vietnam by ship (USNS Gen Leroy Eltinge) with "Korea 1950" still carved in the bulkheads and eventually landed in Cam Ranh Bay on 29 Jul 65 with a very brief stop at Subic Bay. I have never desired to go on anymore ocean cruises (much to my wife's dismay). As a result of this cruise many referred to us as the "boat people."

We are truly a Nomadic Band of Brothers.

P.S. Some nice additions for items to sell (I think) would be plasticized 1st Brigade logo stickers and envelopes with the 1st Brigade logo on them (in color of course).

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+ ARTHUR R. KOTTKE, 1/327 C 7/67-7/68, 1734 Rainbow Street, Mora, MN 55051-9706, (320) 679-9285 when becoming a new subscriber wrote: I recently received your invitation to subscribe to "The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam." I am enclosing a check for \$20.00 for that purpose.



I was with the 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company C, 1/327th from July of 1967 to July of 1968 (except for Jan & Feb while I was in the 3rd Plt.)

What do I remember? I'm not a cornucopia of information, but I do write about my Viet Nam experiences from time to time. For example, last winter I saw an old buddy of mine for The Nam, and a flood of memories overwhelmed me. The bravest men with the most dangerous jobs in the war were the medics. It was more often than not that a medic held his safety in complete disregard in order to help or save a wounded comrade. My old buddy, John Blair, had been my platoon medic, and I decided to jot down a couple of lines about him. I'll try and remember to send a copy of my "tribute" to John with this letter.

I remember a time when medics were pretty sparse in our Battalion. At the time, most of our medics had been wounded or killed, so our Battalion Commander, Ghost Rider, asked for volunteers until replacements could be procured. He offered a Combat Medical Badge to anyone who would fill one of the vacant positions. I volunteered and was assigned to the 3rd Platoon, 1/327th, as their medic and held that position until I went on R&R in February of 1968. By the way, Ghost Rider never made good on his promise, and I never received my CMB. How easy they forget! However, I was lucky that nothing too serious happened while I was serving as a medic, and I met and worked with a lot of good men while I was with the 3rd.

I'll be awaiting the delivery of your quarterly magazine.

*Editor's Note: See page 30 for the poem "Doc Blair Was There." Blair is a current subscriber. He can be reached at 1711 Winfore Ct., Midlothain, VA 23113, work (804) 347-8011, home (804) 379-8830.*

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+ = Current Subscriber

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## *I will remember the words from Laurence Binyon's World War I poem*

*For the  
Fallen:*

*"They shall not grow old,  
as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them."*

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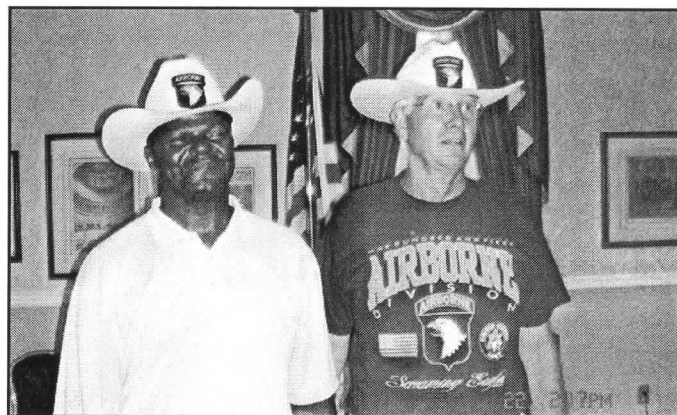


## 2005 Gathering of Strike Force Comrades

The 2005 gathering of Strike Force Comrades at Arlington was our most well attended to date. With wives, children and relatives, we numbered 41. As a consequence of waiting until the evening of 9-22 to take the attached group picture, we are missing Eligio Navarro (2/502 A 2/66-2/67) and Joe Trimble (2/502 dates?) who had to leave early and return to their families in TX and LA prior to the hurricane. Attack Company was well supported by the presence of Dr. Ward Jones (Bn Surgeon) - should we require medical support, Red Bridgers (Arty FO) - should we need indirect fire support, and Lou Reeves (2/502 63-66 B Co Cmdr) - who covered our flanks. We began at the 101st Airborne Division Memorial by remembering all our proud Airborne Troopers ... absent comrades

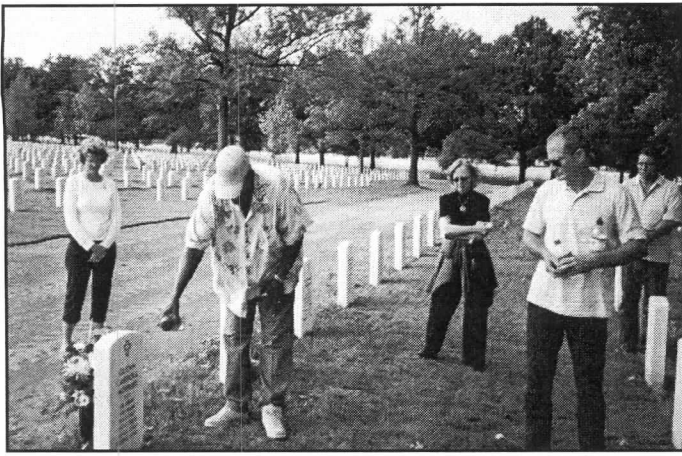


Sitting: Bob Tennant. Kneeling L to R: Tim Mendonca, Michael McFadden, Lou Reeves, Frank Renaud and Ed Reddin. Standing L to R: Steve Simmons, Clarence Kinloch, Ward Jones, John Ellison, John Sutor, John Mooneyham, James Moffitt, Jack Tamulevich, Jack Browder, Ernie Bridgers, Jim Samuel, Evan Francis and John Pippin.



Stetson hats donated by Ed Reddin and won by Ward Jones and Clarence Kinloch

who gave ALL in VN that we might live to assemble on that beautiful day as well as honoring those assembled and the manner in which we had taken care of each other ... allowing us to live and continue to contribute to our civilian families and communities as we did in our military family/unit/community 39 years ago. Additional recognition was afforded Top Ken Lamb, PSG Ramon Soto, and PSG George Royster ... special men who led us then and have passed on in recent years. Tom Lamb (Top's son and retired AF E-8) represented his Father. From there we honored Col Frank Dietrich at his grave where Lou Reeves led us in the annual cognac toasting followed by the traditional beer and snuff replenishment ceremony at Sabo's grave with James Moffitt (2/502 A 66-67) serving as MC. We marveled at how Sabo (Walter J. Sabalauski) had been 52 years of age at the time he was setting the standard for physical stamina while soldiering alongside the younger troopers in



*John Ellison pours a drink of Glenn Hoppert's favorite rum on Glenn's grave following Joe Trimble's honorary comments. L to R: Shelley McFadden, John Ellison, Donna Hoppert, Joe Trimble, Tom Lamb (representing his father ISGT Lamb).*

1966. The Arlington phase concluded with Joe Trimble conducting a ceremony honoring our recently departed point man Glenn Hoppert at Glenn's gravesite where the presence of Glenn's wife Donna was most meaningful for all. Glenn's gravesite also served as the setting where John Mooneyham (2/502 A 4/66-5/67) presented John Sutor (2/502 A 12/65-11/66) with a long ago well-deserved Bronze Star with V, thereby correcting an administrative error of years standing. It is appropriate to mention that wives Marie Bridgers, Shelley McFadden, Mirna Mendonca, Shirley Moffitt (with daughter Betty), Josephine Reddin and Linda Sutor, were instrumental in providing logistical and transportation support ... and more importantly ... adding an element of gracious feminine class to an otherwise formation of rowdy paratroopers. Dakota Moffitt (grandson of James) added a third generation connection and kept us all on our toes. That evening we enjoyed a catered meal at the Fort Myer Officer's Club where eight comrades (Jack Browder (2/502 A 4/66-4/67), John Ellison (2/502 A 9/66-9/67), Tim Mendonca (2/502 A 7/66-7/67), John Pippin (2/502 A 1/66-2/67), Frank Renaud (2/502 A 66-67), Steve Simmons (2/502 A 66-67), John Sutor and Bob Tenant) were inducted into the honored circle of Distinguished Members of the 502d Parachute Infantry Regiment by DMORs Clarence Kinloch (2/502 A 6/66-6/67), James Moffitt, Ed Reddin (2/502 A 6/66-6/67), and Jack Tamulevich (2/502 A 66-67). We also conducted a drawing for a bottle of 502 labeled wine which is produced by a winery just outside Ft. Campbell and two Stetson hats donated by Ed Reddin and won by Ward Jones and Clarence Kinloch (picture attached). As for the future - 2006 will mark our 40th Anniversary and plans are under way for a gathering at a more central and less expensive location at a date other than 9-22. John Sutor has again volunteered to take the point in that operation and all present indicated a commitment to contacting additional Attack/Strike Comrades. I will continue to travel to Arlington each 9-22 for the purpose of honoring Gunslinger. Any 502nd Comrades who wish to join me are welcome.

Sent by Michael McFadden 2/502 A 6/66-6/67



## **DOC BLAIR WAS THERE**

A chopper paused, and there he was,  
The answer to a prayer;  
A new "doc" who would help us through.  
That new doc was Doc Blair.

He dove right in to helping men,  
Our health was his nightmare;  
And term's "no frills" and big, orange pills,  
Remind us of Doc Blair.

He helped us all, you may recall,  
When needing medic care;  
If we got hot or we got shot,  
We called for doc, "Doc Blair."

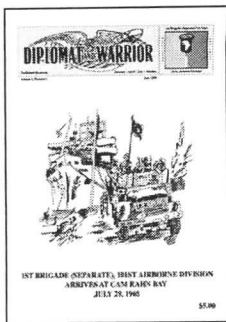
Wounds big or small, he heard our call,  
Then made a quick repair;  
He knew his stuff. Well...he knew enough.  
Thank God we had Doc Blair.

Then doc got hit and that was it,  
Life isn't always fair;  
He didn't die and we'd get by,  
Somehow without Doc Blair.

So this salute is my tribute,  
To old "Doc" out there somewhere;  
"Above the rest!" You passed the test.  
This one's for you, Doc Blair.

Arthur Kottke  
February 1, 2005





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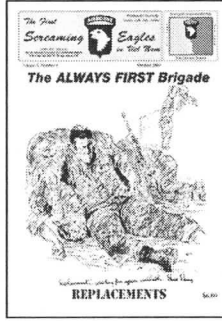
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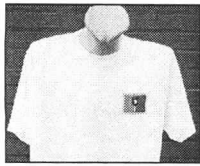


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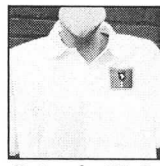


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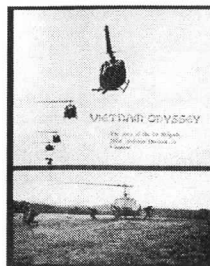


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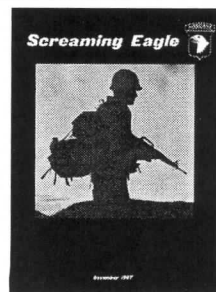
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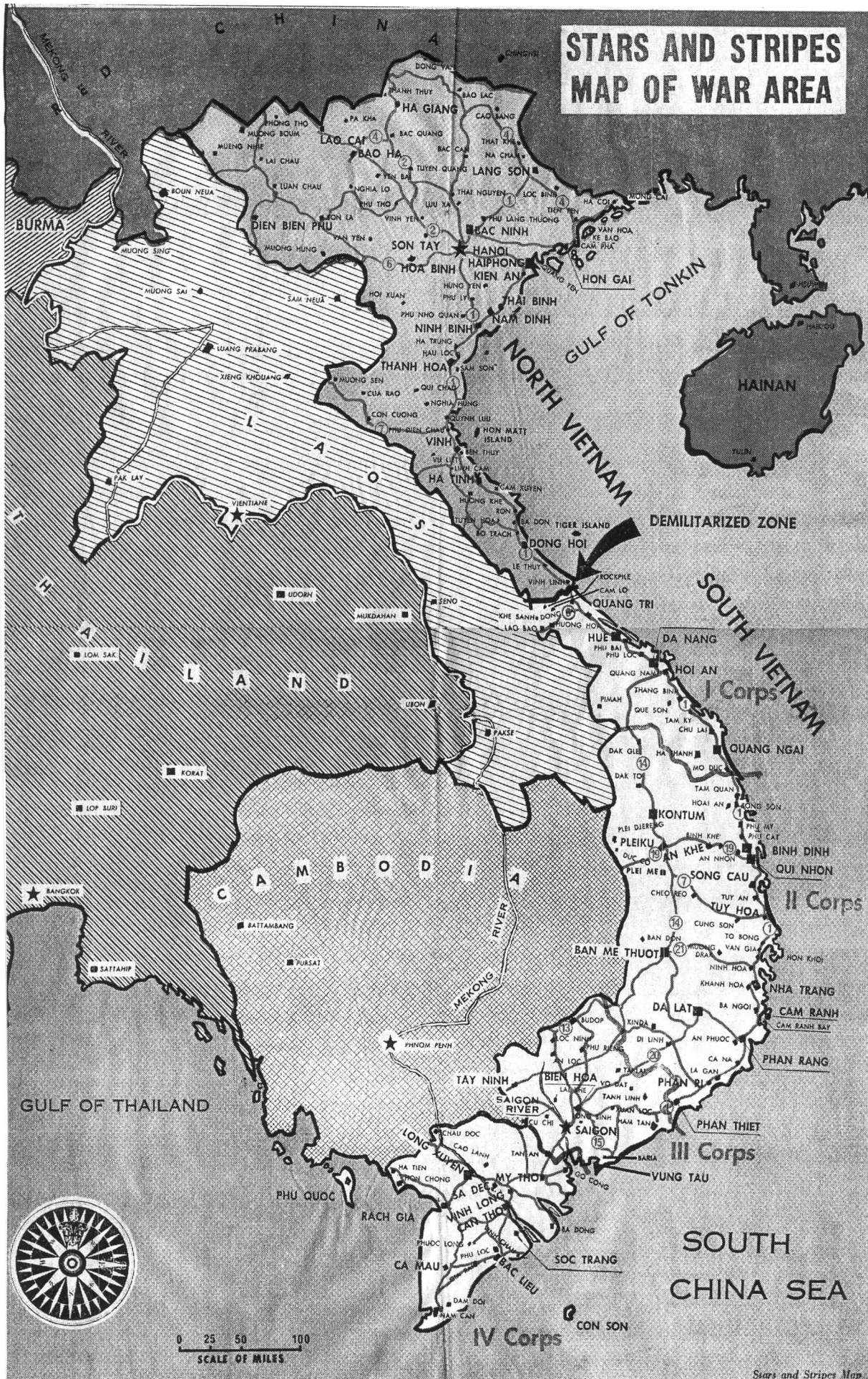
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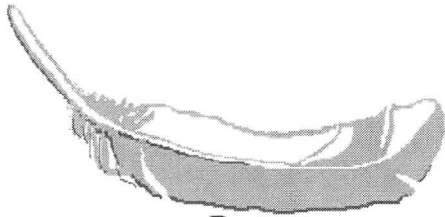
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Stars and Stripes Map

Kenneth B. Taylor [2/327 C 8/66 – 8/67], 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

### Possert

Possert was the highest decorated soldier graduated from our jump school class. He was a happy-go-lucky individual who made physical training look easy. He had a good singing voice and led cadence songs as we ran in formation. Sometimes he showed off by running backward, which helped keep our spirits up. He had intense pride as a paratrooper and wore his uniform proudly on his last leave before going to Vietnam. When he returned from Vietnam his uniform would display multiple Silver Stars and Bronze Stars, as well as a Soldier’s Medal, but only one Purple Heart.

He got the Soldier’s Medal on his first mission. His unit was under heavy enemy fire and was running low on ammunition. Helicopters brought fresh ammunition but dropped it in a nearby open field. A young soldier volunteered to get the ammunition and promptly ran into the field. As he reached the ammunition boxes he was shot and fell with the ammunition. The soldier’s squad leader saw his man wounded and ran out to get him. Unfortunately, the squad leader went down wounded as well. Possert walked out into the field with bullets flying all around him. He reached down and picked up both soldiers. He put one on each shoulder and walked back to the protection of the tree line. None of the bullets hit him and he saved the lives of both soldiers.

We usually got word of interesting things as we walked along in the jungle. It was like a grapevine of information that was whispered from one soldier to another. The information was always true because there was no reason to lie. One time it was passed around that we were all honorary members of the “Hells Angels” motorcycle gang. Stories of Possert’s heroism would circulate from time to time, and people were starting to worry about him. Occasionally, soldiers defied death and lived through it so many times, they believed they could not be

killed. There was reason to believe he was working with more than luck, but it runs out for everyone sometime. Since he was taking so many chances the Company Commander decided to make him his radio operator. Possert would then be in a safe place where there wasn’t much chance of getting hurt. Within two weeks the word came around that Possert finally got wounded. How could it be that the very thing he was repositioned to avoid finally happened? Worse than getting wounded was the fact that he got hit in the arm by a .50-caliber-machinegun bullet. My first thought was he just got his arm shot off. He was a good friend, and I felt bad about his misfortune.

I usually didn’t let pain or death affect me, but Possert was somehow different. When I reached the rear area, I went straight to the 502nd battalion area and searched for him. I milled around the hooches and asked soldiers where he was until a soldier finally pointed out his tent. Hooches were two shelter halves put together to make a small tent designed for two soldiers. Possert did not share his with anyone else. Entering the darkness I walked down a dirt staircase. A glow emitted from a piece of burning C-4 (plastic explosive) dimly lit a figure bending over a C-ration can. It was Possert cooking some food. I told him it was “Teddy Bear” as I entered and he kept staring at his food. I liked the way he had his hooch fixed up. There was a piece of PSP (airport runway material) dug into a corner of his cave to sleep on. The whole space under his tent was dug about four feet into the ground and offered protection if the rear area was mortared. I knelt near and told him I heard he got shot. He replied, “Only grazed my arm. I was back out in the field in two weeks.” I asked how he got close to a .50-caliber. He said, “I was charging the hill.” I asked what he was thinking of. He said, “You’ll never know how bad I wanted that machinegun.” I nodded, said, “Ok” and left. He must have really wanted that machinegun bad since the weapon he carried as the Company Commander’s radio operator was a .45-caliber pistol. Just one .50-caliber bullet can shoot down a sapling tree half a mile away and is armor piercing. A .45 is useless to the average person unless you are at point-blank range. Each magazine holds only about five bullets.

Possert accomplished more than was expected as proven by his many awards. His actions may have appeared reckless. Fear of pain and death are universal. The only way these fears can be over-ridden is by selfless concern for others. The closer you are to death the harder you hold on to life. He did what he knew he could do, so others would survive.

Ken Taylor



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The following will give you some insight into the contents of this issue of THE FIRST SCREAMING EAGLES IN VIET NAM. I thank each of you who have contributed material to make this magazine possible.

**LESSONS LEARNED .....PAGES 1 - 6**

Find 'em, Fix 'em, Finish 'em is an article submitted by BG Willard Pearson to the ARMY DIGEST in 1966. The material covered in the article covers many of the lessons learned by the 1st Brigade (S) in 1965 and 1966.

**VC HEADQUARTERS RAIDED .....PAGES 7 & 8**

The story of a raid on a Viet Cong Regimental Headquarters by the 2nd platoon, B Company 2/327 was written by the platoon leader, LTC(R) James C. Joiner.

**ELTINGE POSITION MAP .....PAGE 8**

A map showing the position of the 1st Brigade troop ship on July 23, 1965, was sent by Richard B. Preston, 326 MED D 7/65-7/66.

**TENTH REUNION .....PAGES 9 & 10**

All the material now known about the Tenth Biennial Reunion of the 1st Brigade (S) 101st Airborne Division in Atlanta, Georgia, September 20 - 24, 2006, along with hotel contact information and a registration form.

**CHRISTMAS CARD 1966 .....PAGE 11**

A reproduction of the Christmas card that was made available to the men of the 1st Brigade in December 1966. Art is by Raymond Brown.

**OBITUARY .....PAGES 12 & 13**

The editor was aware of only one obituary this quarter. The old adage that no one is irreplaceable does not apply in this case. Billy Colwell may be replaced in the many activities he excelled in but that replacement will require a number of people and many talents.

**CITATIONS FOR VALOR .....PAGES 14 & 15**

Material from the SHIELD & CIRCLE, the Fort Campbell, Kentucky, troop newspaper recording short descriptions of acts of valor by 1st Brigade soldiers in Viet Nam. These are from early 1966 and include many who later received decorations for the same actions.

**HACK COULD HACK IT .....PAGE 16**

Commentary from a ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH writer on his encounters with COL (R) David Hackworth.

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

Volume 1 Number 28 dated December 2, 1966, of the First Brigade weekly newspaper contains stories about soldiers helping students in Phan Rang with funds to attend school, Psychological Warfare and other stories. At least one of those mentioned in the paper was a subscriber but dropped out in 2000.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR .....PAGES 21 - 24**

Messages received for and about veterans of the 1st Brigade (S) gathered from the 1st Brigade web site, e-mail and some that were sent through the U. S. Postal Service. Although most of the material is from subscribers, the editor welcomes material from any and all veterans of the 1st Brigade (S) and continues to publish material from and about non subscribers.

**SUBSCRIBERS' LIST .....PAGES 25 - 29**

This list is made up of new subscribers, renewing subscribers, address corrections and bad addresses collected from returned mail. If you can help with correct addresses please contact the editor.

**STRIKE FORCE GATHERING .....PAGES 29 & 30**

A report of the annual 2005 Strike Force gathering of comrades in Washington, D. C., to honor past comrades at Arlington National Cemetery, award DMOR status to 2/502 veterans and to dine together.

**POEM .....PAGE 30**

The poem "Doc Blair Was There" is about John "Doc" Blair, 1/327 C 2/67-2/68 and was written and submitted by Arthur R. Kottke, 1/327 C 7/67-7/68.

**ITEMS FOR SALE .....PAGES 31 - 33**

Items for sale are shown on pages 31 and 33 and an order form is printed on page 32.

**ON WINGS OF EAGLES .....PAGE 35**

Another in an ongoing series of experiences by Kenneth B. Taylor, 2/327 C 8/66 - 8/67. This story is titled POSSERT.

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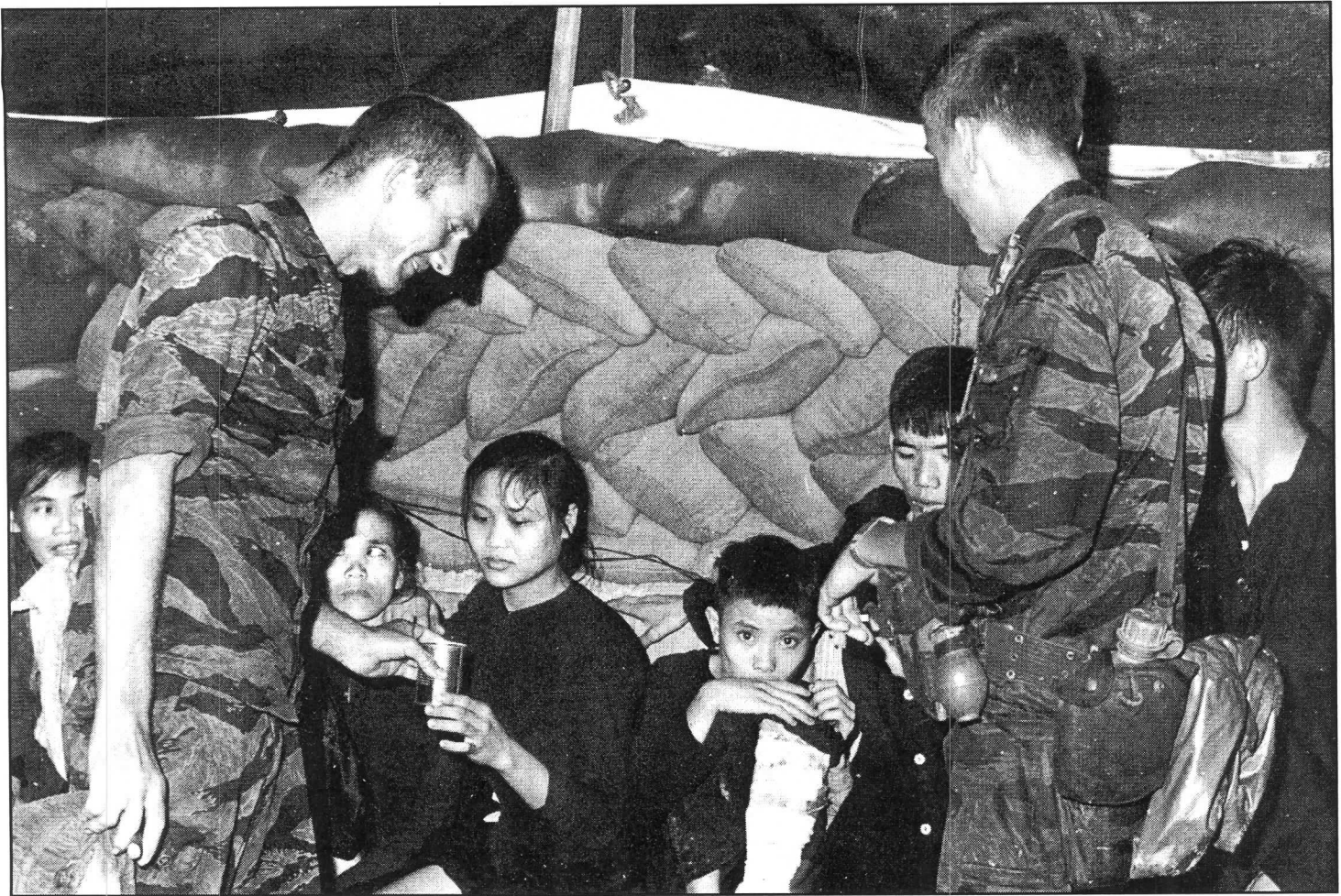
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