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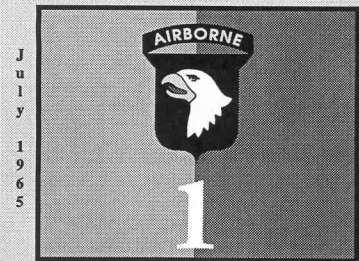
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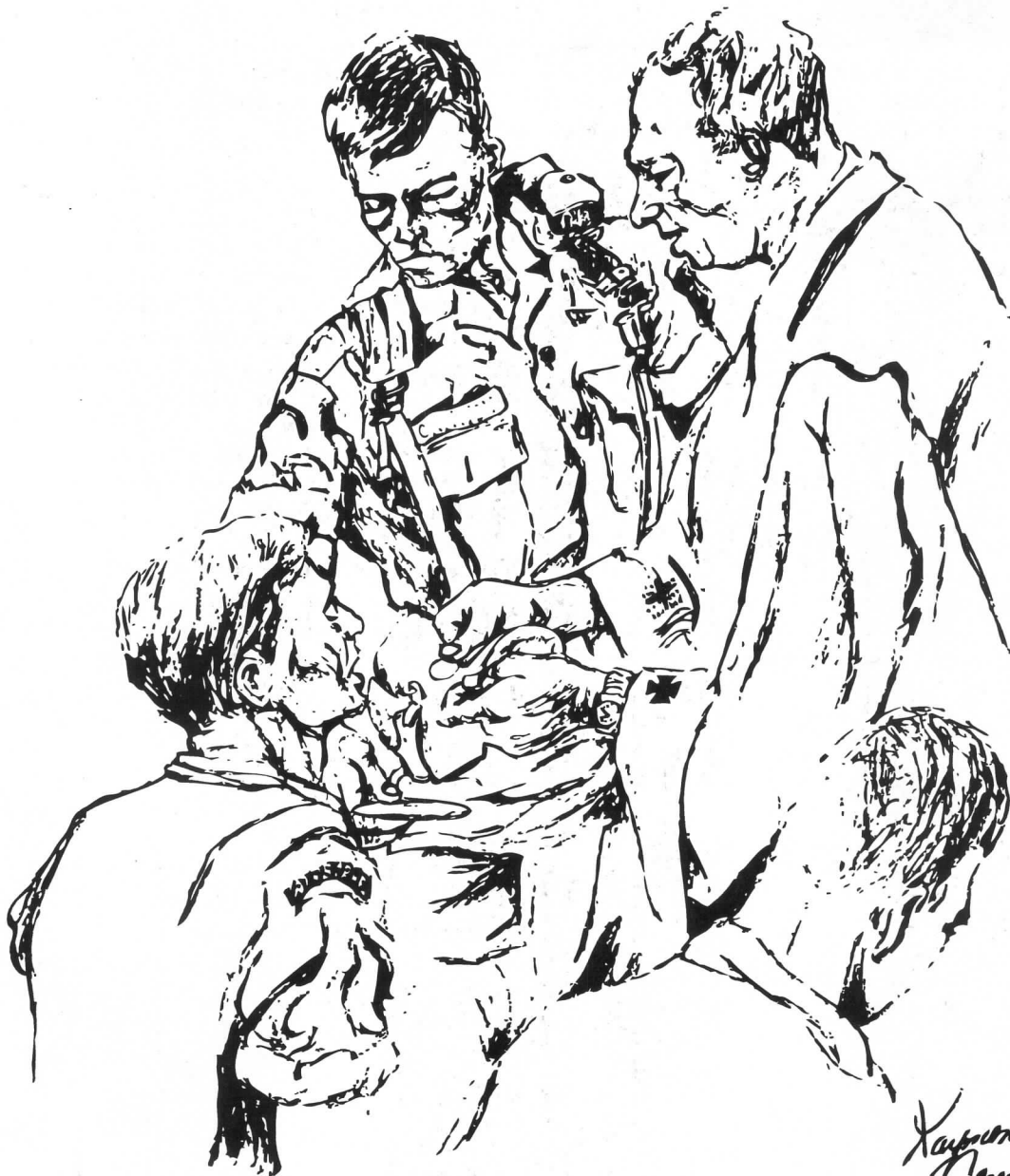
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The ALWAYS FIRST Brigade



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WE PRAYED WHEN AND WHERE WE COULD.



At the ALWAYS FIRST Banquet on Saturday evening Reunion Chairman MAJ(R) Ivan Worrell, INFO OFF 5/66-5/67, Mary Redmond and Master of Ceremonies COL(R) Lawrence A. "Larry" Redmond, 2/327 A 5/67-2/68 are captured on film by CSM(R) Robert A. Young. Larry serves as President of the 101st Airborne Division Association.



This magazine is produced by and for veterans of the ALWAYS FIRST BRIGADE who served in the brigade from July 1965 through April 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).



THANK YOU!

I thank all who pitched in to make the 10th Biennial Reunion of the First Brigade a success. As you can see from the facing page I also thank all those who attended without that mix we would not have been able to have the means to meet our fellow veterans and their families for a few days of remembering our service in the best brigade that fought in Viet Nam.

I was elated with the number of "first time" reunion attendees many of whom said they met friends they had not seen since they left Viet Nam.

The atmosphere was great. The participants were easy to please. The questions asked of me were easy to answer. Thank you, again for making this reunion a great experience in my life. My greatest regret is that my reunion duties kept me from meeting with and visiting with you in the hospitality room, the halls and the lobby.

Two short announcements:

1. This magazine was produced later than usual because of the reunion timing.
2. The MEMORY BOOK is being assembled and will be mailed in late October or early November. Be patient with me on this one. I want to get it right.

Ivan

The cover, for this issue, is the artwork of Raymond Gregory Brown and was published in VIETNAM ODYSSEY.



THE MOST IMPORTANT INGREDIENT FOR A SUCCESSFUL REUNION

THOSE WHO ATTEND

Following is a list of those who were a part of the 10th Biennial Reunion of the First Brigade (S) 101st Airborne Division, Viet Nam 7/65 – 1/68.

Douglas Abran (2/327 A 67-68)

William "Doc" Acree (2/327 Medic w/A 6/67-2/68)

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Steven M. (2/327 B 5/67-4/68) and Terri Baker

Mike Baldinger (2/502 C 12/65-12/66)

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Clarence E. (181 MI Det Bde HQ 7/66-7/67) and Anne-Marie Barker

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William R. Bennett (1/327 A 6/67-6/68)

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Joe K. (2/327 A 12/67-8/69) and Donna Berry

George T. (2/327 HHC 10/67-10/68) and Ruth Berryhill

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Gary (2/327 A 10/66-10/67) and Georgine Bills

Griff (1/327 HQ 7/67-7/68) and Penny Bloodhart

Lawrence P. (2/327 B 1/67-1/68) and Constance Boecklen

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James Brinker (2/502 E Recon 12/69-11/70)

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James Steven (2/327 HHC Recon 6/65-9/65) and Lou Brown

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Harry R. Campbell (2/502 C 7/65-7/66)

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Michael Clancy (1/327 B 1/67/8/67)

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Joseph Colantoni (326 ENGR A 7/67-7/68)

Fred Collins (326 ENGR A 6/65-6/66)

Robert (Buffalo Bob) (2/502 Recondo 10/65-1/67) and Ilia Corey

Dick (2/327 C 11/65-6/66) and Cheryl Coughlin

Tom (2/502 B & E 7/67-12/68) and Delores Courtney

Monte P. Cox (2/502 C 7/65-6/66)

Bill Crook (1/327 HQ T.F. 7/65-7/66)

Bob (2/327 HHC & C 3/67-3/68) and Margaret Crosby

Howard (Dan) Danford (2/502 5/67-5/68) and Hugh D. Tychsen

Oscar E. Davis (BDE HQ 3/67-8/67) and Candy Barnes

Richard Davis (2/502 B 9/66-9/67)

Richard E. (2/327 C 7/65-6/66) and Brenda Davis

Barry Devanna (2/327 A 7/67-7/68)

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Edward J. (2/327 A 7/67-7/68) and Claire Dube

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John Ellison (2/502 A 9/66-9/67)

Hank Emerson (2/502 HQ C.O. 10/65-9/66)

Bruce Falconer (2/502 Recondo 67-68) and Lynn Britton



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Nathaniel (2/502 B 9/66-9/67) and Pankye Fells

Douglas N. (2/327 B 4/66-12/67) and Arline Field

Lowell M. (2/327 A 6/66-4/67) and Reba Fleenor

Larry A. (2/502 C 3/67-1/68) and Brenda Fletcher

Michael E. Flournoy (2/502 HQ 65-66)

Nick (1/327 A 2/66-6/66) and Marilyn Fondo

Blair A. (1/327 A 10/65-9/66) and Cathy Funderburk

C. T. (2/327 A & HHC 6/66-6/67) and Barbara Furgeson

Gene W. Gainer (2/327 A 7/67-7/68)

Ronald J. (1/327 C 9/66-8/67) and Linda Gallant

Elmer (2/502 HQ 12/66-12/67) and Theresa Galloway

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Benito R. Jr. (2/327 A 1/67-9/67) and Dianna Garcia

Winston J. (2/502 B 7/66-7/67) and Joan Georges

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Roy D. Gierke (2/327 A 4/67-2/68)

John W. (2/327 HHC 4/66-4/67) and Bernice Gilboux

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Ken Graham (2/502 C & HHC 4/69-7/70)

Mike Guerra (2/17 Cav A Trp 4/67-12/68)

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Bob (2/327 C & HHC 65-66) and Barbara Hudson

Dennis Husereau (2/502 D 9/68-7/69)

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Gerard Landry (2/502 A 7/65-6/66)

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John P. Lawton (2/327 A 66-67)

Lonnie (1/327 C 5/67-4/68) and Charlotte Layne

Donald R. Lenc (2/320 FA HHB 6/67-6/68)

Robert R. Lettmann (2/327 A 4/66-3/67)

Edward F. Lewin (2/502 C 12/67-12/68)

Bill Libby (2/502 HQ 3/68-11/68)

Quitman Lockley (2/502 B 12/67-8/68)

Stanley (BDE HQ 2/67-3/68) and Frieda Lonell

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Sheryl J. Lowell-Fortune (Fort Campbell Historical Fdn)



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Joe E. (2/327 A 3/66-3/67) and Regena McGill

Timothy J. (2/327 A 4/67-4/68) and Sharlene McGlynn

Richard McLaughlin (2/502 PIO 11/67-7/68)

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Boyd McWilliams (2/502 C 11/65-12/66)

Sal Melendez (2/327 HHC,B,C 7/67-6/68)

Carl Midkiff (BDE HQ 12/66-12/67)

Nick Mihalic (2/327 HHQ 2/67-8/67)

Ray (2/327 B & HHC 1/67-1/68) and Carolyn Millard

Galen G. (1/327 A 7/65-4/66) and Irene Mitchell

Ron Mooneyhan (2/502 C 2/69-2/70)

COL(R) Gerry (1/327 HQ C.O. 7/67-7/68) and Helga Morse

MSG Joe W. Mulligan (Ret.) (1/327 HQ & B 6/66-6/67)

Charles L. Mungin (2/502 B 7/65-6/66)

Richard H. Murphy, Jr. (1/327 HQ T.F. 8/66-3/69)

Robert (2/502 C 7/65-4/66) and Chong Murphy

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Charles (Bill) (2/327 A 6/67-7/68) and Janney Parrish

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Paul "Joe" Penkala (2/502 B 6/67-4/68)

Ted (2/327 C 10/67-2/69) and Lavera Penton

Pete Pepper (2/327 A 8/66-3/68)

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Kenneth W. (1/327 C 8/66-8/67) and Trudy Pfeiffer

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Bill (2/327 B 6/67-6/68) and Gwen Reno

Dionicio (1/327 A 6/67-6/68) and Herlinda Reyes

Jimmy "Mijo" Reyes (2/502 C 12/65-12/66)

Orson, Jr. (2/327 A 6/67-6/68) and Linda Robertson

Larry Robinson, Sr. (2/502 C 1/68-2/69)

Wilford E. (2/502 B 8/64-9/65) and Diana Roe

Jack Rogers (2/502 A 7/67-7/68)

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Frank Rowe (2/502 A & E 67-68) and Dennis Rowe

Robert (2/327 B,HQ,E 11/66-6/68) and Melissa Russell

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Mitchell A. Sandlin (2/502 B 12/66-12/67)

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James E. Scales (2/327 D 5/68-5/69)

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Robert Shuta (2/320 FA C Btry 10/67-10/68)

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Benjamin C. (2/502 C 7/65-7/66) and Elnita Smith

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Jesse (2/327 B & D 10/67-10/68) and Cynthia Solis

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 COL(R) Elliott P., Jr. (1/327 HQ 8/67-8/68) and Jean Sydnor
 Esequiel (1/327 B 1/68-1/69) and Norma Tanguma
 Ernest L. Taylor (2/502 C 1/68-8/69)
 Roger Thomas (1/327 E 71-71)
 John L. Thomasian (2/502 A 10/68-10/69)
 Dr. Murray D. Thompson (1/327 A 1/67-8/68)
 Vic Thompson (2/502 A 2/67-8/67)
 Joseph M. (Mike) Traher (2/502 B 12/67-6/68)
 Henry A. (2/502 A 12/69-11/70) and Mary Ann Trickey
 Edwin E. Tubbs (2/502 A 12/67-12/68)
 Dr. James R. Tuorila
 Mike Van Kirk (1st Cav D 12th Cav 8/65-2/66)
 John (2/327 B 1/68-8/68) and Linda Vaughn
 Lenny A. Vitha (2/502 HHC Recondo 7/66-67)
 Jim (1/327 B 1/66-3/67) and Rose Wainscoat
 COL(R) James J. Waldeck (2/327 HHC 7/67-4/68)
 James Walden (2/502 B 4/66-4/67) and Debby Wenzler
 Chap(Col-R) Fred "Max" Wall, Jr. (2/327 HQ 4/67-8/67)
 COL(R) M. K. (1/327 HQ 6/67-6/68) and Maureen Wallace
 David Walz (2/327 A 6/67-6/68)
 John Wayrynen (Brother/Dale Wayrynen MOH)
 Jerry A. White (1/327 A 7/66-7/67)
 Tom Willard (1/327 HQ 7/65-11/65)
 Herb Williams III (2/327 A & B 7/67-6/68)
 Jimmy L. Williams (326 ENGR A 7/65-10/66)
 James A. (2/327 B 9/66-8/67) and Judy Wilson
 Michael F. Wilson (2/327 A & C 6/67-3/68)
 Frank (2/502 HHC 5/67-3/68) and Anna Wohlfahrt
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Ivan Worrell (BDE HQ 5/66-5/67)
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 Susan Worrell and John Iacunato
 Terry (2/327 A 4/67-3/68) and Bonnie Wren
 Dennis Rae Wright (2/502 E Recon 10/67-10/68)
 Mike Yancey (2/502 E 9/67-9/68)
 John Yeager, Jr. (2/502 C 11/66-9/67)
 Robert N. York (1/327 B 12/65-11/66)
 Bud (2/502 C 12/65-7/67) and Kay Yost
 CSM(R) Robert A. Young (BDE HQ SGM 6/66-67)
 Terry R. Zahn (Spt Bn HQ Admin Co 7/65-4/66)
 Henry J. Zimmermann (326 MED D 3/67-3/68)
 All data reflects the information given on the reunion registration form.
 Some of those who served in a support role for the reunion are:
 MAJ (R) Ivan Worrell
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 Reunion Chairman
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 Glenda McNealy
 Reunion Administration
 Susan Worrell
 Hotel Coordinator
 Sarah Quarles
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 Chris Brownridge
 Registration
 John Iacunato
 Hospitality Room
 Alton E. "Tony" Mabb, Jr.
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 Hospitality Room
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 Hospitality Room

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Hospitality Room

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Fort Campbell Historical Foundation

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Jerry A. White
Fort Benning Tour



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Chaplain (Col-R) Fred "Max" Wall, Jr.
2/327 4/67-8/67
Memorial Service

COL(R) John P. Lawton
2/327 A 67-68
Veterans Affairs Program

Chaplain (COL-R) Bill W. Libby
2/502 HQ 67-68
All Faiths Chapel Service

A WIFE'S VIEW OF THE REUNION

In September the First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam held their 10th Biennial Reunion in Atlanta, Georgia. Almost 300 paratroopers and their wives and families attended the reunion, held every two years.

The years have taken their toll. Hair once thick and full has turned white and is thinning. Bodies are no longer strong, agile, or muscular. Shoulders have rounded and bellies protruded. Knees are gone and arches have fallen. In some cases, old wounds have stiffened joints and made movement painful. When they meet, they sometimes don't recognize one another, but once their memories are jogged, they see the young faces and strong bodies they knew in that long ago war in that far away land, where many spilled their blood and watched their youth die along with many of their buddies.

On the battlefields of Viet Nam it wasn't mom and apple pie that they fought to preserve. It wasn't the platitudes and patriotic phrases that were spoken by the politicians. It wasn't even for people that could not fight for themselves. What did they fight for? They fought for each other.

These stripling warriors, no longer young, no longer strong, met to remember and honor the memory of a sacrifice made over forty years ago. For a few days in September they were once again the young men, full of "piss and vinegar," invincible, and idealistic. Being together gives them permission to recall the adventures they shared, the heroic deeds they witnessed, the horrific combat that became the defining moment in their lives, and the unshared grief of lost friends, that no one else could possibly understand. They are once again with men whom they trust: who have nothing to prove to one another, who let them know it's alright to forget, just as it's alright to remember.

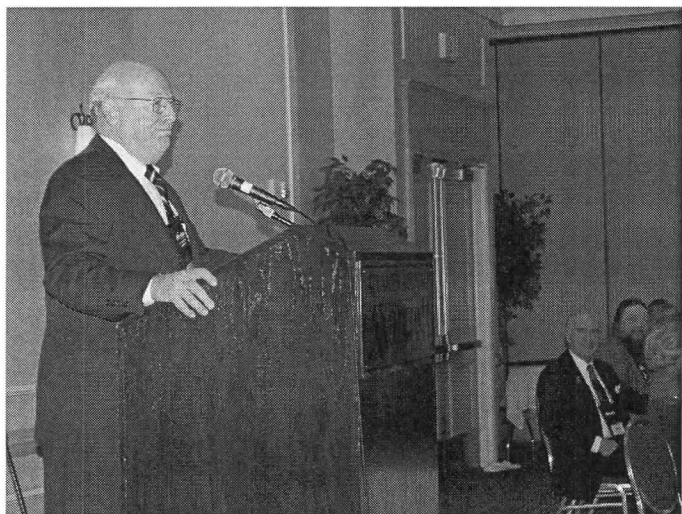
You don't see the protester, the draft dodger, the collaborator, the wanna-be, or the pretender among their ranks. You also don't see the "pot head," the "baby killer," the "crazed veteran" or the "maladjusted adult" that is portrayed by those who play at the game of war. What you do see is a group of gentlemen, from all walks of life, various ages, and different skin tones. Men who come from all across the nation, who came home, married, raised families, and went about the daily business of living. Once every two years they come together to renew that bond of brotherhood that can only be forged by fire, sacrifice, death, and friendship. During this time they are paid the homage and the honor they so richly deserve, but were denied by lesser men who determined their fate without participation in their experience.

Once upon a time they were America's best, and though they are no longer young, and no longer soldiers, they are still some of America's best.

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Editor's note: Donnie wrote this story at the reunion and gave it to me on Saturday night.

THUNDERBALL SPEAKS



LTG(R) Donald E. Rosenblum (2/327 CO 6/66-6/67) principle speaker at the ALWAYS FIRST Banquet.

Ivan: Great job at our reunion. Thanks to you & your family, particularly your sweet grand daughter, I think all had a great time. I linked up with one of our company commanders (Peter Pepper) who I'd not seen since leaving the 2/327 in 1967, & of course the great Battalion CSM Pete Bacerra as well as the indomitable CSM Harvey Appleman. It was great to see all the guys from the Battalion & the Brigade.

I did have some heartburn with the guys from another battalion who went off by themselves for a battalion reunion. Not only was that in poor taste, but I'm told former members of that battalion had guys there who served in the division but not while we were a separate brigade. This, to me, is not why we are successful in keeping the spirit of our Separate Brigade. Hope this does not happen again at future reunions.

I got some comments about our Brigade becoming a chapter in the Division Association. I, for one, am absolutely opposed to that suggestion. I am a member of the Division Association having served with it on my second tour, but my absolute loyalties are to our Separate Brigade. I hope we'll oppose any suggestions of this nature.

Again, thanks and look forward to 2008.

Best wishes and No Slack.

LTG (Ret) D.E. "Rosie" Rosenblum
AKA Thunderball

REUNION COMMENTS

+ CSM(R) HARVEY P. APPLEMAN, 2/327 HQ 2/67-3/68, 39 Abby Lynn Circle, Clarksville, TN 37043, (931) 358-2206, along with his subscription renewal wrote: Thanks for organizing the best 1st Bde Reunion. I really enjoyed myself as many of my Screaming Eagle buddy's that I have served with, but never forgot. Again excellent job!

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Dear Ivan:

I just wanted too thank you for one of the best times of my life. This was the first time I have seen my Brothers from Nam since 1966. My wife has told me that she now sees why I hold these men in such high esteem. It was a great pleasure to meet your daughter and granddaughter. Also they are truly wonderful people, as I am sure you are already aware of.

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Just a line to let everyone know I just got home from the Atlanta Reunion. It was great. Some pictures coming soon.

Ted

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Great job on the reunion. We had a great time. Thanks for putting it together.

Bob Hudson
2/327



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Ivan,

Kind of a lazy way to address an email, but just wanted to take a second and thank you and all your family for a wonderful reunion. Please thank Sarah again – she can put-up w/the likes of me and made my day with her ‘shining’ personality.

John

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Hi Ivan,

We had a great time in Atlanta. You, your daughter, her husband and your granddaughter did a great job. Thank you.

You can start using the new address now. I look forward to the next issue.

John Dorsey

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Ivan: Great job at our reunion. Thanks

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Ivan; FYI. Great Reunion. Heard nothing but good comments.

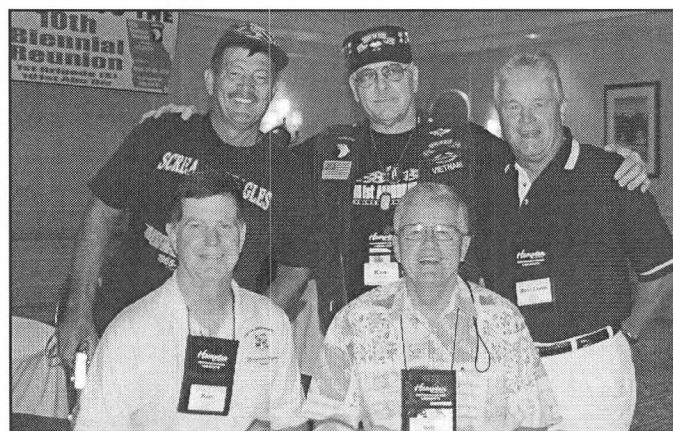


+ MARY REDMOND, wife of COL(R) Lawrence A. Redmond wrote: Dear Ivan, What a wonderful reunion – thank you for all your hard work. You will be a hard act to follow next time. I hope we will be seeing you at Snowbird.

Warm regards, Mary Redmond

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I tried to email you concerning the reunion and I don't think it went through. I wanted to thank you so much for all the hard work you and your family put into the reunion. It was a tremendous success and I appreciate your efforts so much. Thank you.



Left to right: Back row: Ron Gallant (1/327 C 66-67), Ken Potts (1/327 C 12/66-12/67), "Doc" Layne (1/327 C&HHC 5/67-4/68). Front: Ken Pfeiffer (1/327 C 66-67), Bill Northquest (1/327 C 6/66-12/67).

Those of us who attended the 1st Brigade (Separate) reunion in Atlanta last week, who also signed up for the trip to Ft. Benning, were briefed and escorted by Colonel Botters. He said that veterans are always welcome at Ft. Benning and encouraged us to take our place as role models to the young soldiers. He told us that the Armor School at Ft. Knox Kentucky will be moving to Ft. Benning, which means Armor and Infantry will be training on the same post.

There were 400 plus 1st Brigade veterans at the reunion in Atlanta. We all had a great time. The next reunion is scheduled for Hampton, Va. in two years.

Any of you who were with the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division prior to the rest of the division arriving in early 1968, are welcome, indeed encouraged to attend.

Honor and Country,
Ken Potts

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Hello Ivan:

I wanted to send you a short note to thank you for all you do for the 1st Brigade. The reunion went very well from my observations and in talking with many attendees. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones. I thought the speakers, Max Wall and Rosie, were exceptional. I look forward to receiving the "Memory Book." Your family did a magnificent job providing the support to put this reunion together.

Again, congratulations on a job well done!

"Above The Rest".....Wayne
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Hi Ivan....Great reunion. We were delighted to see so many first timers. Congratulations on a job well done!

Arline Field (and Doug too!)

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Ivan,

No my friend, I didn't attend. My mother-in-law died on the 20th of September, the day I was supposed to leave. We will all miss her but feel she missed my father-in-law so much who died on the 25th of August; she could just not go on. Now they're both together again, they were married 62 years. He was a WWII Vet and they are both buried in the National Cemetery here in Ohio.

I really looked forward the past two years to seeing all you again but we all know how sometimes the best-laid plans can go up in smoke. I am already planning for two years from now and will be happy to see you again then.

Hope this explains things for you and thank you for asking. God speed Ivan and stay forever AIRBORNE.

Bob (Pappy) Papesh....out

Editor's Note: Pappy had phoned that he would not attend. I sent him an e-mail to inquire about his presence at the reunion. Someone picked up his material so I could not be sure he did not attend.

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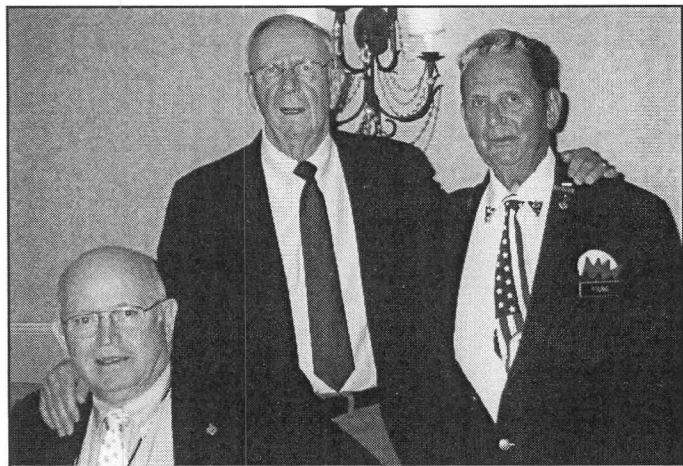
Hi Ivan: I would like to thank you for a super reunion. I believe that we had more people than ever; did we set a record for attendance? Please let your family know that their hard work was noted and appreciated. There were a lot of folks that were there for the first time. It was great that the 502nd voted to go to Tucson for 2008 with the Association. Again THANKS FOR A SUPER REUNION!!

Jim



+ CSM(R) ROBERT A. YOUNG, HHC CSM 6/66-6/67, 2 North East Street, Green City, MO 63545-1024, (660) 874-5123 sent the following: Congratulations on a super 1st Bde (S) 101st Reunion!

I know Susan (and others) were a great help – “keeping the train on the track.”



After the ALWAYS FIRST Banquet in the grand ballroom of the Atlanta Airport Marriott Hotel (L to R): COL(R) Jerry C. Scott, 2/502 B 7/66-7/67, LTG(R) Henry E. (Hank) Emerson, CO 2/502 10/65-9/66 and CSM(R) Robert A. Young, HHC CSM 6/66-6/67 posed for a picture. (Robert Young photo)

I enjoyed your Ft. Benning tour. The food was great!!

Ivan, I've enclosed some photos for you. Will send others their copies.

I'm sure you knew the 502nd group voted to go with the Division (in 2008 at Tucson).

Glad I attended your reunion – my fourth one in 2006 – “Static Line”, 101st, 17th and 1st Bde (S).

Have now closed into my bivouac area for 2006!

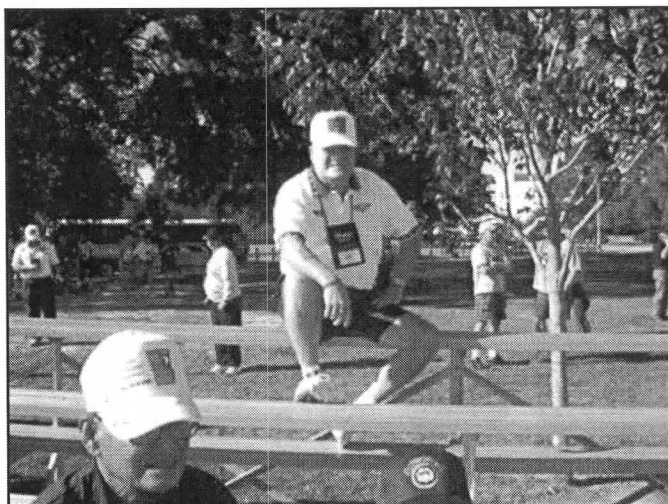
Hope all's well in Sweetwater.

Airborne Regards to the Worrell family.

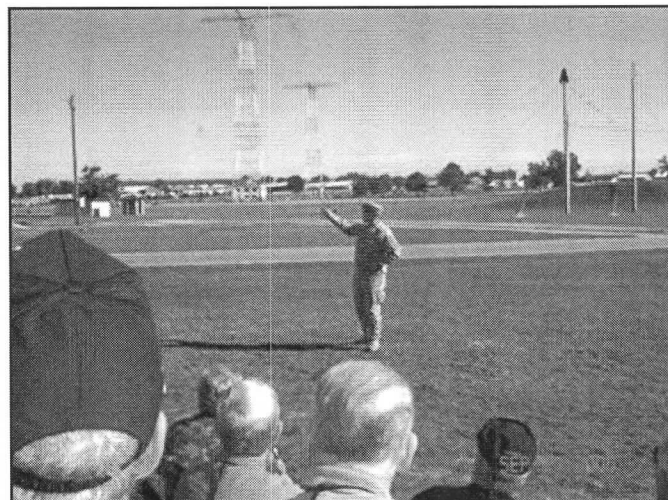
Hope to see you in 2007.

+ = Current Subscriber

The following photos were sent by John Pasquale,
2/502 B 12/65-2/66.



Hal S. Gladson, 1/327 B 5/66-5/67, at Fort Benning Jump School, was my squad leader when at Fort Bragg when I was a machine gunner.

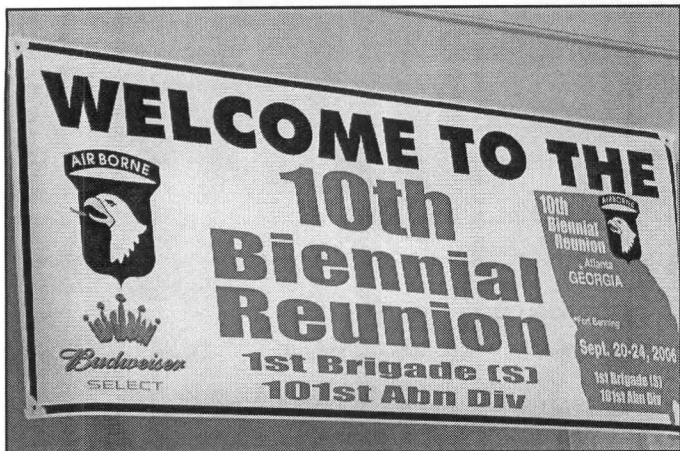


An instructor talking to us at Fort Benning



Airborne School briefing near the Airborne Walk.
(Photo by Ivan Worrell)





Welcome banner courtesy of Budweiser.
(Photo by Arline Field)



Weapons firing range at Fort Benning. (Photo by Charles W. Campbell, 2/502 A&C Recon 2/66-2/67)



Briefing after lunch, at the Fort Benning Officers Club. (Photo by Charles W. Campbell, 2/502 A&C Recon 2/66-2/67)



Good exit from the 34-foot tower. (Photo by Charles W. Campbell, 2/502 A&C Recon 2/66-2/67)



Family of Dale Wayrynen MOH are (LtoR) brother John P. Wayrynen, mother LaVerne Malinen and her husband Edward Malinen at the Memorial Luncheon. (Photo by Arline Field)



Chaplain (Col-R) Fred "Max" Wall, Jr., 2/327 4/67-8/67, conducts a Memorial Service in the Grand Ballroom during the Memorial Luncheon. (Photo by Charles W. Campbell, 2/502 A&C Recon 2/66-2/67)

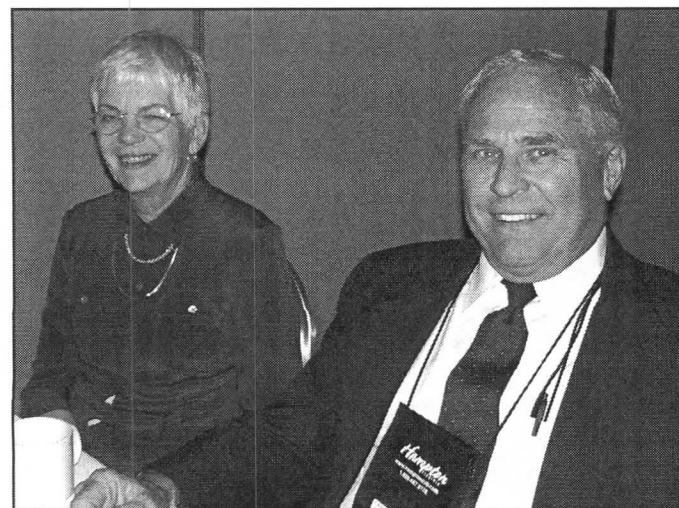




Welcome banner that has been displayed at many reunions was brought to the reunion by COL(R) Gerry Morse, 1/327 C.O. 7/67-6/68. (Photo by Charles W. Campbell, 2/502 A&C Recon 2/66-2/67)



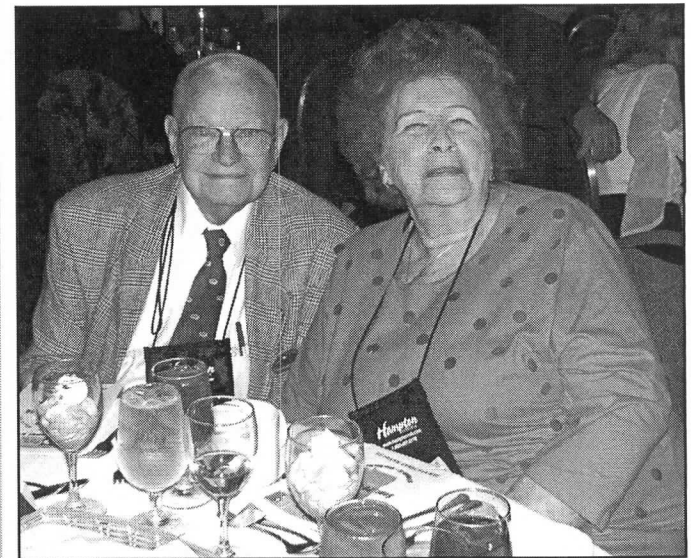
The mother, LaVerne Malinen, and brother, John P. Wayrynen, of Dale Wayrynen MOH stand to be recognized at the Memorial Luncheon. (Photo by Charles W. Campbell, 2/502 A&C Recon 2/66-2/67)



LTC(R) Charles T. (Tom) Furgeson, 2/327 A & HHC 5/66-5/67, and his wife Barbara at the ALWAYS FIRST Banquet. (Photo by Arline Field)



CSM(R) Robert A. Young, HHC CSM 6/66-6/67, delivers remarks at the ALWAYS FIRST Banquet. (Photo by Arline Field)



Our guest Don Lassen, STATIC LINE Editor and Publisher and his wife Frances at the ALWAYS FIRST Banquet. (Photo by Arline Field)



Chaplain (COL) Ret. Bill W. Libby, 2/502 HQ 67-68, conducts the All Faiths Chapel Service on Sunday morning before most of those attending depart. (Photo by Ivan Worrell)

Ann Duco

BILL KELLER
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Subject: CSM Curtis Duco

Some sad news, CSM(R) Curtis Duco (2/327 C 65-66) called me today and told me that earlier this month his wife passed away. Ann had been sick for many years but her passing has left the CSM a lonely man.

For those who knew him, I am sure he would appreciate a card. His address is: 8431 Argonne Forest Drive, Duncanville, AL 35456-2133.

Many Thanks,
Bill Keller

James Moffitt
2/502 A 66-67

MICHAEL MCFADDEN, 2/502 A 6/66-6/67,
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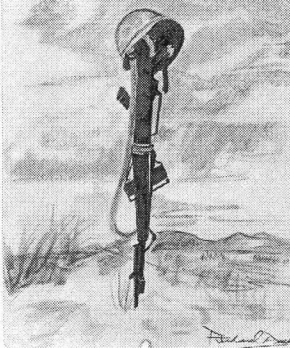
Ivan,

I once again have the unhappy task of reporting the passing of a comrade ... James Moffitt. Mof, or Ranger Mof, as he was known in Attack Company of the Strike Force, passed away 6-22 after years of fighting his last enemy ... cancer. Mof never failed to attend any of our reunions and was preparing to attend this year's gathering at Ft. Campbell when he was suddenly hospitalized. I received a call from his son Bob just as we



James Moffitt and his Grandson Dakota

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were gathering in the early morning to begin our activities at Ft. Campbell. His commitment to our unit was personified by his traveling (despite poor health) to Dahlongea, GA with Big John Mooneyham just 2 months prior for the purpose of attending the monthly meeting of Ranger Camp Vets and presiding over a ceremony inducting Earl Singletary (fellow Ranger School instructor and 1966 A/2/502 comrade) into the honored circle of Distinguished Member of The Regiment. James called me following the ceremony to report a successful mission and could only speak about his worries with respect to how his friend Earl was recovering from recent surgery. He was more concerned about Earl than he was about his own health. To be concerned about the well-being of others rather than self was something I had learned to expect from Mof. At the request of his family, I had the distinct privilege of delivering the eulogy at Mof's funeral service. His long-standing good friend Hurley Simpson, (1/101 Veteran 65/66 and fellow Ranger School instructor) made the trip from AL; assisting at graveside. Although the 101st was unable to send a burial detail, one was provided by the TN Natl Guard. I am pleased to report that both Hurley and I were impressed by the highly professional performance of those young soldiers ... all of whom were Iraq War vets. What does one say about the MAN James Moffitt? It is not necessary to reiterate his bravery under fire as that is well documented by his Silver Star and Bronze Star V citations. Many who served with him in Vietnam will attest to never having known a better combat squad leader. He loved a good fight and aggressively sought contact with the enemy. At the same time he was admired for his intelligent tactics ... engaging on terms carefully calculated to assure success without unnecessarily risking the lives of his men. His standards were high ... standards which he demonstrated ... requiring nothing from his squad members that he was not willing to do himself. He was a FOLLOW ME Airborne Infantry leader; true to the "RANGERS LEAD THE WAY" motto. The statement, "Many good men live today as a result of his efforts" was never more appropriately applied. The manner in which Mof took care of his military unit was also extended to his wife Shirley, his children, and grandchildren. Loyalty to family, be it military or civilian was a central focus in the life of James Moffitt. I will never forget riding with him as he drove his Grandson Dakota (who Mof had adopted) to school as well as watching the delight he took in the mischievous "all boy" behavior, which he clearly encouraged. Mof loved nothing more than expressing his hopes for the next generations of his family; that his children and grandchildren achieve happiness and prosperity and telling me of the successes he saw in that regard. He often discussed what he was doing to make that hope become reality. As for Dakota ... "I wish I knew for sure I will live long enough to see that boy graduate college and be an Airborne/Ranger LT.. he looks like a natural to me ... don't you think." Yes ... being responsible, loyal, and feeling/loving deeply was what James Moffitt was all about ... be it his military or civilian family. When the A/2/502 Comrades gather at Ft. Campbell in 07, we will be placing a paver at the Vietnam Memorial in his honor. James Moffitt will be remembered and will therefore continue to live. From all of us ... "MUTUAL RESPECT Brother."



PETER S. GRIFFIN, 2/502 A 9/64-6/66, 800 Mineral Springs Road, Madison, NC 27025-8126, work (910) 427-5567 home (336) 427-5567, <grif101@earthlink.net> sent the following poem:

SFC JAMES G. MOFFITT
10 January 1938 - 22 June 2006

ONE OF THE BOYS

By Grif

ONE OF THE BOYS, has left our ranks,
One of the troopers, who covered our flanks....
A soldier true, through and through,
James loved, the red, white and blue....

He loved America, with all his heart,
He loved his buddies, never to part....
His time has come; we will miss him so,
Hearts are broken, spirits are low....

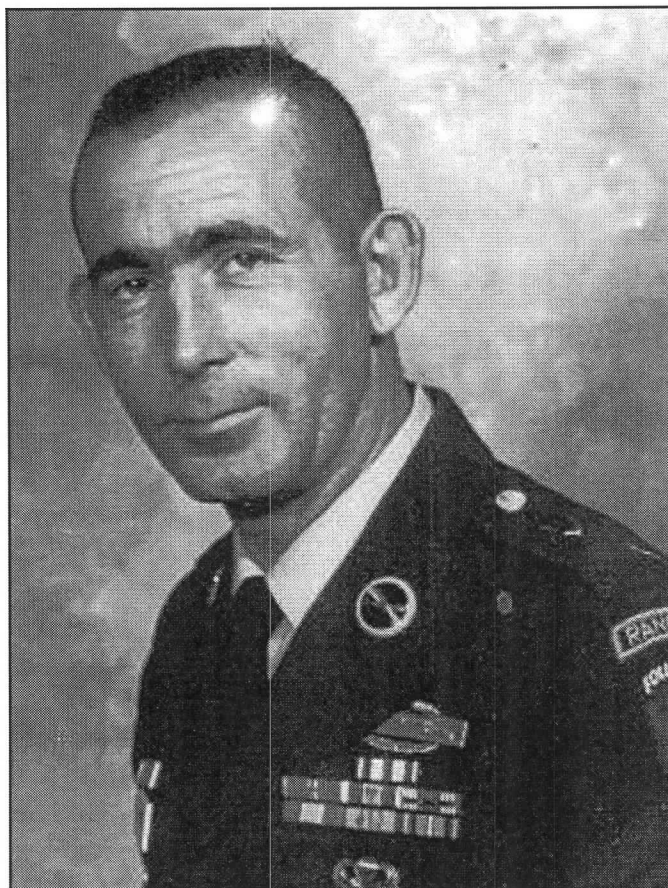
He answered the call, he gave his all,
He saw us through, he paid his dues....
A true friend, rarer than a unicorn,
A soldier who, weathered the storms....

He was there, for all of us,
He fought the battles, fair and just....
By our side, our friend and guide,
The gates of heaven are open wide....

No better soldier, ever wore the patch,
The "Screaming Eagle," hard to match....
James passed the test, one of the best,
Silver wings, upon his chest....

Battle after battle, he fought his way,
Side by side, he kept the stride....
Fighting hard, to turn the tide,
Spreading freedom, far and wide....

He was with us, ONE OF THE BOYS,
When the going got tough, James had the right stuff....
A soldier, on which, you could always depend,
A warrior, a brother, and a true friend....



He never wore a frown; he never let us down,
Encouraging us all, always walking tall....
Proud, he was, and rightfully so,
Paving the way, he was the first to shout, "GO!"

After the war, he was never far away,
He was always there, to brighten all our days....
Few men have ever given, quite as much as he,
Serving God and country, in quiet dignity....

It is very hard to stand here,
Fighting back the tears,
My mind is really racing,
Remembering all the years....

Quite hard, my friends, to put into words,
To salute a great soldier, a friend, such as he....
His love will last eternally,
His spirit will always, be with me....

I will never forget, what SFC James G. Moffitt meant to me,
His friendship can't be kept in a diary....
Perhaps it is, enough to say,
ONE OF THE BOYS, still leads the way!

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Subject: You got me thinking

Say Ivan,

You got me thinking about all the men I knew in combat who never made it home alive, and the obligation those of us have who were with them when they gave all, to make the effort to preserve the memory of their sacrifice. What follows is an account of the first man I was with when he gave his all. I have also attached my DD-214 just so you know I was there not some yahoo wannabee. Take care and I sent all the material for the Reunion to York up in Bryant SD. He said he did not get any paper work from you. You should hear from him shortly. Scoat the Sniper Scout

It's Time to Truly Remember the Men Who Walked Among Us by James Paul Wainscoat

"He was a friendly boy. He always had a smile. I was surprised to hear he joined the military ... I mean we were in high school together. I saw him three days before he left for Vietnam. He looked so handsome in his uniform. I noticed a different look in his eyes, like he was thinking about something far off. I guess it was the thought of going to Vietnam. I promised him I would write, I mean he was the first in our graduating class to go to Vietnam. I guess I just forgot to write. There was so much going on at campus in those days, with the anti-war rallies and all. I couldn't believe he had been killed. He was just a boy, the first boy to be killed in Vietnam from our senior class. We lost three boys from our class. It was terrible." This quotation from one of my high school classmates as we approach our 50th high school reunion in 2009, is not an uncommon thought about young men who found themselves headed for Vietnam, and the courageous and untimely death that awaited them there. I wasn't with any of those from my high school graduating class when they were killed in Vietnam, but I was with many of B Co. 1st 327 members who were killed, and they too remained in the minds of those who knew them back home as.... "... so young so much to live for I can't believe he's dead ... he was just a boy. What a waste."

I often think of these heroes, not as boys, but as men. Men, even though they were known by their friends back home as boys, up to the day they left for Vietnam. What defines a man? Chronological age? Having to shave every day? Marriage? Having a career? Having one's own car? ... a home? a wife? ... Children? Or is it the ability to face the realities of life

with all its complications, and the ultimate reality for each of us, our own death? For many, especially the young, this ultimate reality is usually seen as far off, and if it does come, it comes all too soon. During the Vietnam War, far too many young men faced a premature and violent death. How they faced their ultimate reality is a story worth telling, and worth remembering. I would like to tell you about one such young man who left all his boyhood friends behind, and went to the sounds of the guns as a man, a warrior, and faced his death as a courageous man.

That man is PFC Jack Wayne Lindsey. I had just come to B Co. and as was usual for a new comer, (I was a no time in grade PFC. I had three years in the 5th Special Forces before I ETSed and they shipped out to Vietnam. Hell, I was SF, prior service, and came back in to even a score I thought I had to settle after Andy my best SF friend bought the farm in 65, and my brother got hit with the 173rd in the Iron Triangle. I was yet to learn that only combat really prepares you for combat. Being an honor graduate from Basic and AIT "Don't Mean Nothing!" till you been tested by FIREFIGHT.) I was put in the position of a rifleman, and ammo bearer for the M-60 machine-gun. I ended up in the 1st Platoon, 1st Squad. Humping all my own gear was hard enough, but as an ammo bearer I had to hump three bandoleers of M-60 rounds. Just when I thought I couldn't hump any more, PFC Lindsey dropped two more bandoleers at my feet. "Carry these, one of them is to cover your ass when ammo runs low, and we need to haul ass." After this take-charge introduction, and knowing he would be my immediate PFCIC (PFC in charge) I watched him closely as we prepared for the long march through the Tuy Hoa Valley. He spent his time preparing, by throwing everything in his ruck sack ... C's, poncho, jungle liner, you name it, everything went in the ruck except his M-60 which he called Morgan. I asked the significance of "Morgan." He said, "Because it takes me everywhere I want to go." Another cowboy had to tell me "Morgan" was a breed of horse. While everyone packed their rucks meticulously, filled ammo pouches, hung grenades, willie peters, smoke grenades and put on their OD grease paint, Lindsey sat leaning against his ruck, reading a paperback. I thought, what a yahoo, and I have to be stuck with him.

We headed out to the far side of the valley to start our trek down the valley. It was easy going at first as we humped out on a wide paddy dike. Lindsey all the time reading that paperback. I complained to the guys around me that I was ammo bearer to a yahoo, and I didn't like it. The only response I got back was, "leave him alone. You wouldn't make a pimple on his lanky Texas ass." It was obvious that all the other guys in the Squad liked him, and had some strange respect for him. Just as we reached the opening to the valley Lindsey threw the paperback into the rice paddy, and said it wasn't worth reading. I picked it up, curious as to what wasn't worth reading, especially since it captured his attention in a life and death situation, and found myself holding one of my favorite westerns, "Shane." I asked him why he was so insistent on reading the whole thing when he didn't like it, and besides, we should be on the look out for Charlie. With a look of "You dummy!" He replied .. "I promised myself I would read it before I died." Good God! I cried out to those around me that were listening



to the two of us. This guy has got a death wish. They all laughed, and said "yes, we all do. Why the hell do you think we are here?" To say I did not particularly like this smart ass, who I dubbed "Shane," and the smart asses that enabled him, would be saying it lightly.

So began my introduction to combat, and the men who were battle seasoned. The Sweep & Destroy operation through the Tuy Hoa Valley on March 4, 1966, took the better part of the day to reach the end of the valley. We were hot, thirsty and hungry. A small aircraft was dropping CS gas (Tear gas) head of us to drive any VC waiting for us out of their spider holes. The burning irritation around the seal of our gas masks kept pulling our attention away from the business at hand. Every now and then someone would rip off their mask, only to aggravate the situation. Like fish in a fishbowl of acid, we suffered on. All in all we were just going through the motions, otherwise we probably would have seen the NVA trench line that had been dug across the valley to within thirty yards of where we passed. Shortly after we had reached our objective, taken off our gas masks, and able to drink and grab a bite to eat, we got orders to di-di-moa back up the opposite side of the valley where Maj. Hackworth had spotted several uniformed enemy moving across valley towards where we had passed earlier that day. I guess they expected us to return the same way, and walk into their ambush.

We started back up the opposite side of the valley, most of us complaining about how it would be dark by the time we reached the spot where the enemy was seen. I can still remember the taste of the can of peaches I was eating about twenty minutes after we headed back up the valley. That's when my life's understanding of what was the limit of discomfort, and horror that I am accustomed to, went right out the window. In an instant, I became aware of several sensations, sounds, and vivid visual images at once. The staccato of AK-47's, the pom, pom, pom bursts of the Chinese 50 Caliber machine-gun, the muffled gasps, and gurgles of air being forced from the throats of dying men, the surreal flight of my body as it landed on the far side of the dike, the peaches and peach juice.... no ... flesh and blood on my hands and face, the sour taste of peaches up-chucked on my M-16, the distant yell of Lindsey to "Get that ammo up here quick!" (Combat Lesson #1, Thank God for being in between 50 cal. rounds in an ambush) I crawled over Shane's regular ammo bearer whose upper body was literally torn apart. I snapped on another bandoleer of ammo, as Shane swung the M-60 around on its bi-pod. "Help me spot that 50!" Shane yelled. There was twice as much AK-47 reports as M-16's. (Combat lesson #2: getting fire superiority after being ambushed, is darn near impossible) The 50 Cal. was spotty, as though he was picking targets. (Combat Lesson #3: The ambushers get to control the high ground, and pick their firing positions) Shane yelled "Get over here where you can see." I said 'Hey, I can see enough from here, and I won't let you run out of ammo.' Then Shane moved about five more feet down the dike. "Come on!" he said to me. "I think I see him." I moved along side of the dike, just close enough to feed the ammo to his gun. (Combat lesson #4 I already knew: The M-

60 gunner is a primary target) Shane sat there cross legged squeezing off a couple of rounds here and there. "I see him!" Shane said, and began to fire five round bursts into the thicket at the top of the little hill to our front left. "I got him! I got him!" said Shane. I looked over at the top of the hill, and sure enough a couple of NVA were dragging a man and the 50 cal machine-gun back over the top of the hill. (Troopers dove down, and pulled it out of the little pond on the backside of the hill the next day). Shane had taken out the 50 cal. and with it the fire superiority of the enemy. Now our guys were able to fire and maneuver on order to get themselves out from behind the burial mounds they had been pinned down behind. (Combat lesson #5: take notice of those who know what they are doing in a firefight and follow their lead.) The AK-47 and M-16 reports continued on a more even ratio, and I yelled for Shane to get back down behind the dike for protection. I didn't think he heard me, so I scooted closer, and patted him on his sweaty back. I thought he must be exhausted because he laid his head on the rear sights. I grabbed his jungle fatigue jacket, and jerked to get his attention. That's when I realized it was not his sweat, but his blood that I was feeling. My slight jerk on his jacket was accompanied by a big heave as Shane took in a big gulp of air. Shane tumbled over backwards shot through the upper chest. I started to treat him for a sucking chest wound, when MSG Bleskins pushed me aside and said "Get that gun working, I'll take care of him." I sat up the gun, and tried to clear the breech, but a round had fused the bolt. The Firefight turned sporadic after a few more minutes.

MSG Bleskins said, "Lindsey is gone. Grab his canteen and ammo, then police up all the canteens and ammo from the dead, and pile them over here by Lindsey." As I crawled around getting canteens and ammo, I returned to Lindsey's body every so often, and each time I did, it sank deeper into my conscienceness that Shane was the kind of trooper that would win battles, and save their buddies lives. (Lesson #6: Everything one learns about combat before combat, and all the spit and polish from the billets to the Pass in Review Parade ground ... "Don't mean a thing, when it comes to the bottom line of what war is all about "Seek out the enemy and kill him.") Jack Wayne Lindsey was the bottom line that day as he turned the tide in an ambush that began one of B Company's major battles against the NVA. I don't know how many men were spared by Shane taking out that 50, but we only lost two more guys after that gun was taken out. I don't believe Shane had a death wish, but I do believe he understood that as a M-60 machine-gunner, he would have to expose himself to make his gun the most affective. Shane was willing to die in accomplishing the mission, and saving the lives of his fellow troopers. Not a day goes by that I don't think of those men who stepped up to the firing line, and gave their lives courageously for the mission and their buddies. Jack Wayne Lindsey, AKA Shane is one of those we need to remember, not just as a name, but also for what he did on March 4, 1966 at My Phu Vietnam.



Nomads Hit The Road Again

DAK TO— With their 13th move since arriving in country, the "Nomads of Vietnam" have once again packed up, bag and baggage, and moved.

Having spent over 30 days at Dak To and initiating two operations — one of which was the highly successful HAWTHORNE where 570 North Vietnamese army soldiers died, the paratroopers have journeyed back to Tuy Hoa — a place the brigade never actually left.

The 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry remained at Tuy Hoa and continued Opera-

tion FILLMORE and then initiated NATHAN HALE while the bulk of the brigade moved from Phan Thiet to Nhon Co and then Dak To.

First operating in the Tuy Hoa valley in January of this year, the troopers' mission was to guard the rich local rice crop, and harvest their own crop of Viet Cong.

The 327th tangled with a North Vietnamese army battalion in June and inflicted 423 fatal casualties on them.

For the first time in three months, the «Strike Force,» «Second To None,» and «Above the Rest» infantry battalions, along with supporting paratroop units, will once again become a team.

Expeditionary Medal For Nine Actions

WASHINGTON — Joint Chiefs of Staff have named nine active military operations or conflicts, which have occurred subsequent to July 1958 in which United States units have or are now participating, as eligibility for receipt of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. They are: Berlin, Lebanon, Quemoy and Matsu, Taiwan Straits, Congo, Laos, Dominican Republic, Cuba, and Vietnam — the latter for personnel having served prior to July 3, 1965. The Vietnam Service Medal is issued to men serving subsequent to that time.

Driver's Training School At Dak To

DAK TO. — «O.K., bring it on back ... slowly ... easy does it, — WHOA! STOP!»

A crunching sounded as the vehicle bumper make contact.

«Wake up, will ya! You just knocked a hole in the side of a half-million dollar airplane. Now pull up and let's try it again.»

This was the scene at the Dak To airstrip where the 1st Brigade runs a school designed to teach vehicle drivers how to load into C-130 «Hercules» aircraft.

The crunching sound was

the vehicle hitting the bamboo mock-up of a C-130 the paratroops have erected for the drivers' practice.

«Banging into these bamboo walls sure beats damaging an aircraft,» said Sergeant James Gilbert of Detroit, Michigan from Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery, the instructor of the school.

Murdered USAID Worker Recovered

KHANH HOA. — A company of the 1st Brigade was heli-lifted into an area on the 26th of July about 30 miles north of Nha Trang in Khanh Hoa Province to recover the body of an American USAID official killed in an enemy ambush on the 25th.

Public Safety Advisor Norman L. Clowers, 50, was ambushed at a hastily constructed enemy road block as Clowers was returning to Nha Trang from a construction site.

The recovery forces found Clower's body buried in one of the two trenches which the VC had dug to obtain earth for their ambush obstruction. There was no contact with the enemy during the hour-long recovery operation.



Capt. Lewis Higinbotham, commander of the elite "Tiger Force", 1st Bn. 327th Infantry talks to a wounded NYA POW in the jungle near Dak To on Operation HAWTHORNE. The POW was given first-aid and then evacuated to the brigade CP for medical treatment and interrogation.

(Photo by Sp4 Oddvar Breiland)

FILMORE: A Way Of Life Ends

SAIGON — Operation FILMORE, which began on March 25, as a combined Korean-U.S. multi-battalion operation, involving the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry and the Capital ROK Division's Cavalry Regiment, terminated on July 21.

The 101st units had been detached earlier to act as a blocking force for Operation DECK HOUSE I and sub-

sequently were involved in Operation NATHAN HALE.

Total enemy losses were 375 killed, 73 captured, 59 individual and one crew-served weapon seized. Support sorties flown numbered 679.

With Operation FILMORE ended, a way of life has come to a close.

JOHN PAUL JONES COMMENCES

SAIGON — The MACV Weekly Review Of Current Operations as listed in their August 1, Communique makes Operation JOHN PAUL JONES one of three operations in the II Corps area, SU BOK and PAUL REVERE being the other two. As of the 1st, J.P. JONES is credited with 45 enemy killed, two captured, and 35 weapons taken.

As usual, the 101st has taken a high number of weapons in comparison to the number of enemy killed and captured.

In Operation J.P. JONES, the 1st Brigade is again working the ROK Marines, specifically the 2d Brigade.

DOD Gives Word On RVN Medal

DOD has issued instructions to services concerning the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal awarded by RVN to U.S. service personnel.

Eligibility date is retroactive to Jan. 1, 1960, with determination left to U.S. authorities for making awards to their own personnel. At least six months' service after the eligibility date is required.

First official award to U.S. service personnel was made by RVN on March 24, 1966. This came after authorization allowing U.S. forces to accept and wear certain decorations RVN confers on its own forces.



PFC Jimmie Williams works with Montagnard natives loading supplies on a truck at the brigade CP at Dak To. About that patch? (Photo by Sp4 Robert Lloyd)

DIPLOMAT and WARRIOR

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Editor's Column

WITH THIS WEEK'S issue of the D&W, we are using a new flag. Added to the previous one is an eagle — symbol of both our nation and of our unit. Wings outstretched, it clutches in its talons the arrows of war and a banner reading: «1775-1966, U.S. Army,» and the olive branch of peace while standing on a shield of the nation's colors.

The President has been briefed that American military forces in Vietnam are outstanding not only in the shooting war but also in the massive support they bring to the civil reconstruction effort.

The Chief Executive also was told the Viet Cong defection rate is doubling—10,000 defectors alone during the first half of 1966 against 11,000 last year.

● Vietnam was reassured we will continue to back them up Congress willing, «with a high level of economic aid needed to offset the impact of war.»

● Public health and medical assistance programs generally go unrecognized. For example, some 1.3 million inoculations for cholera, smallpox plague and other diseases were given in 1965 alone.

The Editor, Walt Miller, of The Screaming Eagle Magazine of the 101st Airborne Division Association wishes to acknowledge the receipt of more than 750 memberships from the «Always First» Brigade. The support is much appreciated. Memberships are being processed as rapidly as possible and membership cards and decals will be sent to the address specified on the enrollment form.

On behalf of the Association, Walt wishes to thank all and to send best wishes, greetings and prayers for the continued success of the 101 in Vietnam.

There's a new law on the books that provides qualified, present-day servicemen and veterans with a "golden key" to the future. This particular "key" unlocks many doors.

It opens new avenues of educational assistance, medical care, and permits the purchase of a home or farm.

It is the same "key" that helped millions of servicemen and veterans of World War II and the Korean conflict.

Specifically, it is called the Cold War GI Benefits Program or Public Law 89-358—The Veterans' Readjustment Benefits Act of 1966.

Nearly three million men and women now on active duty are or will be eligible for the benefits provided under this Cold War GI Bill, along with 600,000 additional veterans who will be returning to civilian life each year.

In a nutshell, the new Act expresses the nation's appreciation for your service and assures you the opportunity for a higher education if you choose, and home or farm ownership if you aspire to it. There are also provisions outlining Federal employment benefits as it concerns veterans as well as conditions under which medical aid can be obtained through the Veterans Administration.

'Lurps' Land In Enemy's Lap

DAK TO. — It was the evening of July 6, about an hour before dusk and the lieutenant was just finishing his briefing.

«Remember,» 1st Lieutenant Robert Deason emphasized, «We need to know if there is a unit holding this pass or not, and its size if possible... Any questions?»

Although the «Lurps» (Long Range Recon Patrol) are strictly a reconnaissance

by Lt. John Hensley the jungle about 200 meters away. Sgt. Pitts radioed the «Slick» (troop helicopter) that had dropped them off to make a pass over the area and take a look.

Immediately the chopper and the team drew fire.

The team called in the gunships which always support their infiltration. Several enemy positions were quickly knocked out enabling the «Slicks» to come back in and extract the team.

«The chopper couldn't set down for us because of all the dead trees stumps; and we couldn't reach up to it to get in,» said the team leader, «So Jerry (Sergeant Jerry Lavecchia was shot-gun on the ship) reached down and pulled us in one at a time, under fire. It was definitely time to get out of there.»

Team Four led by Sergeant Paul «Country» Miller had infiltrated on

surrounding hilltops, both teams asked for extraction.

«After Team One was out, we went down for Team Four,» said Deason. «They had now moved back to the landing zone. As the team came running for the chopper, 'Country' was bringing up the rear giving his men all the cover he could. His M-16 was really going.»

As was the case with Team One, Team Four's chopper couldn't get close enough to the ground, so Lieutenant Deason leaned out and drug them in — again the extraction was completed under fire without casualties.

Team Two had gone into another landing zone at about the same time approximately 1000 meters away.

Led by Staff Sergeant Tommy Russell the team got on the ground safely, but for one minor accident: when Sergeant Samson Sealy jumped from the chopper (they don't land, only hover to save time and detection), his radio hand-set bounced loose and broke his nose.

«We had moved into the jungle and set up a perimeter, when we heard firing from the other teams,» said Russell. «A few minutes later the platoon leader called and said we would be extracted in a few minutes.»

But the extraction couldn't be completed that night. Sgt. Russell took a punji stake wound in his foot,

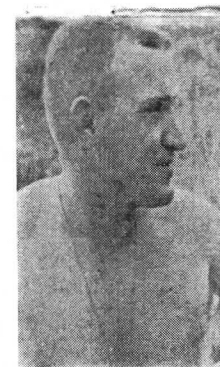


Sergeant Wheeler: «Those Skyraiders sure were beautiful.»

into the patrol's area. They tried to capture him but he ran and they were forced to shoot him, giving away their position.

«A couple of minutes later two more 'Charlies' came down the trail to investigate the shots, and we killed them too,» said Russell. «Then a whole mob of them came at us, and they weren't there just to look around either.»

A fierce firefight quickly developed until the arrival of three Skyraiders to give them a hand.



Lieutenant Deason: «We were lucky, real lucky.»

«We could have spit on them as they came in over our heads, firing into the Viet Cong positions,» said Russell.

«Those Skyraiders sure were beautiful,» added Sgt. Willie Wheeler.

«The last we saw of those VC, the Skyraiders were chasing them down a creekbed,» Wheeler said.

«We were lucky — real lucky,» stated Lt. Deason. «We got out of that with only a punji stake wound, a broken nose and a bumped head — with Viet Cong all around. These guys really did a great job, and they definitely accomplished their mission — they found the VC.»



Staff Sergeant Pitts: «It was definitely time to get out of there.»

element designed to watch enemy movements and report on them, things don't always work out that way; such was the evening in July.

In recalling their infiltration Staff Sergeant Ronald Pitts stated, «We got in without much trouble. Team Four had used the same landing zone a few minutes earlier, so we weren't worried about getting hit going



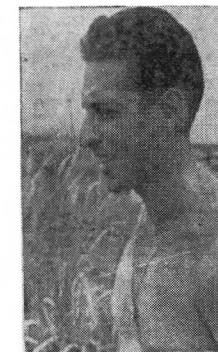
Sergeant «Country» Miller: «All hell broke loose.»

the same landing zone a few minutes earlier and about 100 meters away.

They had a problem while going in; Specialist Four James Jergenson fell from the chopper backwards while trying to jump out and knocked himself cold. He came to a few minutes later with a bruised head and a very bruised ego.

«We had moved up on a hillside to wait for the other team to get in,» said Miller. «We thought the smoke they sighted was fog, and we hadn't seen any signs of enemy in the area; but when that chopper passed over the smoke all hell broke loose.»

With fire now coming in on them from all sides, and



Sergeant Lavecchia — He pulled them in under fire.

in.»

The team moved from the landing zone to the edge of the jungle and set up a small perimeter before going on. It was then they noticed smoke rising from



Staff Sergeant Russell: «They weren't, there just to look around.»

and darkness came before they could return to the landing zone. Attempts were made until ten o'clock that night to get them out.

Early the following morning, an enemy soldier walked

DAK TO SHOWS ITS THANKS

15 July 1966

Kontum Province
 DAK TO District
 FROM: Captain Hoang Bata
 DAK TO District Chief
 TO: Brigadier General Willard Pearson

Commanding General, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division

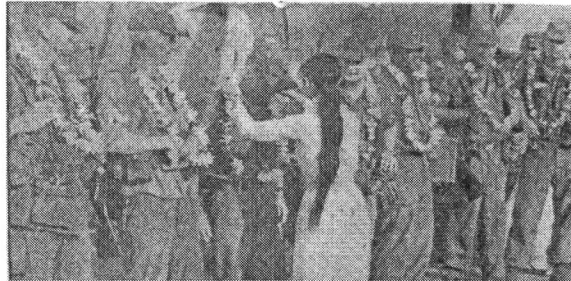
Speaking as the Dak To district chief, and for all the people in the Dak To district, we are very happy to have had your brigade in our district.

Your presence prevented the Viet Cong from attacking us after your highly successful operation Hawthorne where you killed 531 enemy and captured 22 prisoners and 112 weapons.

The 101st brought in 201 refugees that are now able to live happily in our district as you have broken the back of the North Vietnamese 24th Regiment.

Our district is now secure because of your unit and our people have a good life.

Again, thanks to the 101st. We will never forget you and your unit.



As the 1st Brigade prepared to leave the Dak To area enroute for Tuy Hoa a local Vietnamese lass hung leis around the necks of the first load of departing paratroopers. (Photo by Lt. John Hensley)



Mrs. Hoang Ba Tat wife of the Dak To district chief pays tribute to the paratroopers of the 1st Brigade by hanging a lei around the neck of General Pearson at Dak To as the brigade departs for Tuy Hoa. (Photo by Lt. John Hensley)



Gen. Pearson accepts a banner from Lt. Col. Nguyen Hop Doan, Province Chief of Kontum Province. Looking on is (r) Mr. Phu, Chairman of the Kontum Provincial Council. The banner was presented at the brigade forward CP on behalf of the people of Kontum in appreciation for the paratrooper's combat actions during Operation HAWTHORNE. (Photo by SP/4 Oddvar Breiland.)

Civic Action Sets Record At Dak To

DAK TO — First Brigade paratroopers initiated their most successful combat operation at Dak To, and also, their most successful civic action program.

During their stay, the brigade's 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry refinished a school in their bivouac area. New windows were installed, the building was repainted inside, a play ground was constructed, and a school bell was donated.

One hundred seventy Montagnard refugees were brought in by the paratroopers and were administered medical aid, and given clothing and food.

The 326th Engineers graded and improved roads in the area and built four bridges.

Visiting villages in the area — sometimes by helicopter — the medics administered treatment to more than 2,500 Montagnard locals. Personal hygiene instruction was also given.

Other projects include, school supplies donated; more than 5,000 articles of clothing given out; 5,000 bars of soap distributed; and nearly 1,000 blankets given to brigade units were in-turn passed out to the local villagers.



Staff Sgt. Thomas E. Beckworth the Civic Action NCO of the 1st Brigade, shows Montagnard children near Dak To how to use soap as he helps them bathe. (Photo by Sp4 Robert Lloyd)

Warrior Of The Week



Gen. Pearson congratulates 1st Lt. Donald Korman a mortar platoon leader in the 1st Bn., 327th Infantry for being chosen the brigade's WARRIOR OF THE WEEK for his actions against the Viet Cong in a recent battle.

1st Brigade Honor Roll

The following individuals have distinguished themselves by their heroic actions on the field of combat.

Major Edmond P. Abood	HHC/1/327
Major John M. McDonald	HHC/1/327
Captain Thomas B. Agerion III	HHC/1/327
Captain Raphael J. Benjamin	HHC/1/327
Captain Walter R. Brown	A/2/502
Captain William Carpenter	C/2/502
Captain Benjamin L. Willis	A/1/327
First Lieutenant Julian C. Halsema	B/2/502
First Lieutenant Peter Mitchell	C/1/327
First Lieutenant Louis F. Sill	B/2/502
First Lieutenant Milton E. Turner	HHC/1/327
Second Lieutenant William D. Jordan	C/2/502
Sergeant Major John Bittorie	HHC/1/327
Private First Class Forrest W. Higgins Jr.	A/1/327
Private First Class Grant Hodgson	HHC/1/327
Private First Class Earnest E. Scharlau	HHC/1/327
Private First Class Max V. Vacsuez III	C/1/327
Private First Class Larry D. Williams	HHC/1/327

Bill Seeks Full Tax Exemption For Combat-Duty Officers' Pay

Officers on combat duty would be allowed full Federal income tax exemption

under legislation introduced by Rep. Robert L. Leggett (D-Calif.).

Congressman Leggett said enlisted men are entitled to deduct full pay from their gross income while on combat duty. Officers may deduct only up to \$200.

Washington Notes

DEFENSE SECRETARY has said he anticipates more men will be needed to bolster air and ground strength in Vietnam. He set current Vietnam strength level in round figures at 280,000.

IT IS TOO early, said Defense Secretary, to assess results of air strike on North Vietnam oil targets and strain placed on VC transport. He also noted allied air attacks on VC supply lines are up some 70 percent.

VIET CONG ARE deploying 122 combat battalions in South Vietnam, with another 13 battalions in support. In giving this confirmed estimate of enemy strength, U.S. officials say troop strength boils down to 90,000 to 100,000 men, about one-third of them North Vietnamese. If part-time guerrillas and VC political and technical cadres were included, total strength is estimated between 255,000 and 270,000.

(AFNB)



POLLY AND THE TIGERS—Tiger-clad Maureen Kennedy (left), and Connie Ford of St. Petersburg, Fla., pose with polly to draw attention to attractions at new walk-through aviary at Sunken Gardens.

Returnees May Save on Leave Plane Tickets

WASHINGTON. — Overseas returnees who purchase air travel tickets for the domestic portion of leave travel can get them tax free if they make their purchase within six hours after arriving in the CONUS.

The Army has asked transportation officers to publicize this provision of Public Law 89-40

As an example, the Army cites an individual who returns by air to CONUS on a space available basis for leave, arriving at one of the three major terminals of Charleston AFB, McGuire AFB or Travis AFB. He is up to this point in his leave traveling unticketed. He then has six hours in which to purchase either a one-way or round-trip ticket to his CONUS destination and thereby avoid paying the excise tax on domestic airline tickets. This applies not only to full fare but also to the 50 percent reduced «standby» fares available to military personnel.

In Section XIV, DA Cir 55-30 those interested in this saving are advised to buy these tickets from the APOE Joint Airline Military Traffic Office (JAMTO) «to preclude difficulties or misunderstandings regarding arrival time.»

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

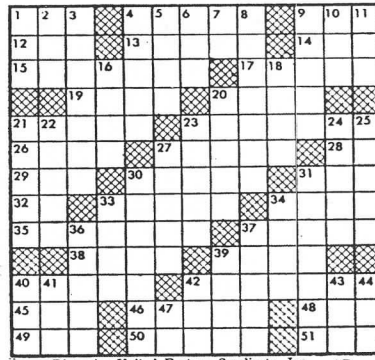
Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1-Parent (colloq.)
- 4-Variety of wheat
- 9-Prefixed before
- 12-Time gone by
- 13-Analyze, as sentence
- 14-King Arthur's lance
- 15-Trades
- 17-Swimmer
- 19-Flesh
- 20-Public vehicles (colloq.)
- 21-Beef animal
- 23-White of egg
- 26-Possessive pronoun
- 27-Young salmon
- 28-Behold!
- 29-Abstract being
- 30-Balance
- 31-Pair
- 32-Legal seal (abbr.)
- 33-Wipe out
- 34-Brick-carrying devices
- 35-Missives
- 37-Fracas
- 38-Emmets
- 39-Clayey earth
- 40-Bristles
- 42-Indian chiefs
- 45-Period of time
- 46-Din
- 48-Tear
- 49-Ventilate
- 50-Depressions
- 51-Declare

DOWN

- 3-Windows in roof
- 4-Lance
- 5-Separate
- 6-Bitter vetch
- 7-Legal seal (abbr.)
- 8-Capable of being defended
- 9-Geometric solid
- 10-Brown kiwi
- 11-Finish
- 16-Golf mounds
- 18-Border on
- 20-Shut
- 21-Explosive
- 22-Taut
- 23-Faultily
- 24-Escape
- 25-Loop
- 27-Floats in air
- 30-Sham
- 31-Units of currency
- 33-Sicilian volcano
- 34-Flock
- 36-Turkic tribesman
- 37-Female horses
- 39-Light rain
- 40-Ocean
- 41-Silkworm
- 42-Transgress
- 43-Inlet
- 44-Secret agent
- 47-Faroe Islands whirlwind



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Radio-Telephone Operator

He's the vital communications link in his squad, platoon, company, or whatever size the unit. He carries the 25 pound radio on his back, never becoming detached from it, along with the other normal equipment — ammunitions, rations, grenades, and his weapon.

He knows the antenna sticking up makes him a prime sniper target, but he also knows it's his job to stay with his unit leader, no matter what the circum-

stances — and he does.

He's just another paratrooper doing another job the best he can all the



Drawing by O. Breiland

time — He's 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division All the Way — and that is the best!

CG Nominated For 2d Star

SAIGON — Pacific Star & Stripes last week said that Brig. Gen. Willard Pearson's name has been submitted to the White House for the President's okay for promotion to major general. There was no time given as to when the promotion would occur.

QUIZ

SPORTS

AFNB Feature

1. What former major league pitcher was in the American League with Washington, Cleveland and Chicago every year except one from 1941 to 1963?

2. Who are the only National League players who have hit grand slam home runs in World Series play?

3. What is the longest scoreless tie in Major League history?

4. What two Major League players have won the triple crown of batting twice? batting, run-batted-in and home runs.

ANSWERS

1. Early Wynn. The exception was 1945 when he served in the armed forces.
2. Kenny Boyer and Chuck Hiller.
3. A 19-inning game between Cincinnati and Brooklyn on Sept. 11, 1946. It lasted 4 hours and 40 minutes and was called because of darkness.
4. Rogers Hornsby in 1922 and 1925, Ted Williams in 1942 and 1947.



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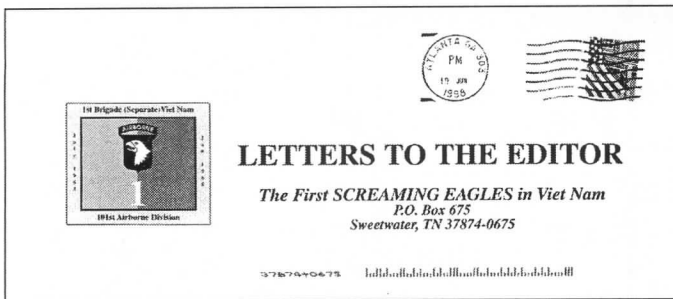
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STANDING: L/R PFC BOURBEAU, SGT FALCONER, SGT TANNER, SGT FARMER, PFC MURPHY, PFC TELLIER, PFC VEREEN, PFC GEORGE,
SP4 YOUNG, SP4 C. SMITH, PFC MAZITIS, SP5 BARMETTLER, PFC WOLF, PFC DANIELS, PFC REED, SP4 STICKLES,
SP4 J. WILLIAMS, SSG SEEMAN

Photo submitted by Thomas B. Bailey, 2/502 RECON 7/67-6/68



**MESSAGES FROM THE
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WEB SITE GUEST BOOK**

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I will never forget my friends and my time with 101st 7-1-1966 to 7-1-1967.

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I am one of the boat guys. I served in Nam July 65 - July 66. I was in HHC 2/502ND. I took about 400 photos of the guys and the country. I am looking for any of the guys I served with over in Nam. I made a CD of all my photos. I have located Booms, Mobililio and Soto. I have sent them all copies of the CD. I am looking for Flores, Lopez, Grathwohl, Ochs, Drago, Ambrosini or any other guys from there.

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Hawk Recon 2/327 67-68

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Hi ya all, not going to reunion...I see Nick Doney is going. Remember me Houdini?? I live close to Ft. Gordon.

Nick, get with Lance and drive over, only 150 mi away. No mortar rounds in my back yard.

Houdini



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Trying to make contact with anyone who served in the 2/320 FA in 66/67. My battery, B/1/30 provided general support for the BDE and was under the control of 2/320.

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Hello I am Cliff Anderson, I was with B Btry 1/30 FA, from Feb 66 to Aug 67. We were attached to B Btry 320th FA. They called our two Btry's B&B Btry. Was at DAK To in June 66 when the 320th was over run? (two guns). I am trying to get more information on it. As the stories are all getting messed up, everyone remembers something different, I am trying to get together the history of B Btry 1/30th and trying to find as many pictures as I can. In 67 the 1st Cav. wanted all of the Btry's from the 1/30th and the 101st wanted to keep us, so we changed colors with C Btry 6/16th FA so we could stay with the 101st. We were nicknamed "LEG'S OF THE EAGLE" by someone from the 101st and our Btry was giving a 155 Projo with the 101st on it and the nickname, I have a picture of it. Also I have a picture of a tiger that was shot by a member of the 502nd (I think it was the 502nd if I remember correctly). I was in the 101st base camp that day and took a picture of it, if anyone knows for sure who shot it please let me know as I would like to add the information to the pic. I was also in the Phan Rang area, Tuy Hoa Valley and Dak To, Kontum, Tuy An. All of us that were in B Btry 1/30 all feel the same, you guys made us feel like a part of the unit. As long as I live the 101st will be a part of me. I do have some pictures from that time so if anyone would like to see them I will be more than happy to send copies of them. I would also like to receive some pictures that anyone might have of our 155 and the 105's of B Btry 320FA, and also any stories about the units or any other units that we fired for. I can remember some of the Tiger Force members being in our Btry area and I had talked to them, and if I remember right one of the times was in Dak To in Jun 66, and one time in Tuy An on the coast above Tuy Hoa one of the platoons from the 327th (I think it was them) sat up the perimeter guard around our Btry, and myself and 5 others were set up on a hill just outside and about the perimeter, we had a 50cal gun set up plus a 60 and our como was just field phones and during the night a VC threw a grenade into the perimeter and

all hell broke loose and with all the fire our wire was cut and we had no way of letting the Btry know what was going on and we could not move back down the hill as that is where the perimeter was firing at. The next day we found 5 or 6 unexploded VC grenades, anyway it was great being able to leave a message on this site. And hope to hear from some of you, I also would like to join your Association if I can?

Cliff (Andy) Anderson
(LEG OF THE EAGLE)

Editor's Note: Subscription information was emailed to Cliff.

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I am looking for fellow veterans I served with the 2nd 502 A Co. The strike force widow makers Squad leader Sgt Lee, Platoon leader Lt Peak. If the 502 Eagles Claw has their own web site, I would like to get on it. Thank you.

I would like to send my prayers to my fellow brothers that were killed or captured In Iraq.

Ron Hill

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Looking for anyone from HHC Recondos 2/502nd that would have a copy of orders with Curtis Cothran included. He was KIA by lightning on Sept 8, 1967 and is not included in the 502nd memorial page.

E-MAIL MESSAGES

Subject: Re: SLA Marshall Article

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Ivan: As much as I enjoy reading SLA Marshall's combat accounts of WW II as well as Viet Nam. I have to challenge him on his article reprinted in your magazine. In part he states "Up to 50 percent of its people are not " average Americans," as we use that term...". The facts do not support his claim. The facts are that 86 percent of the men who died in Vietnam were Caucasians, 12.5 percent were black, 1.2 percent were other

aces. This from The Dept of Defense Vietnam War Service Index. I'll bring the e mail I got to the Reunion if I can remember it.

Rosie AKA Thunderball. No Slack!!

Editor's Note: I will publish your message in the October issue. I agree with you that he was fast and loose with statistics. Particularly the one about combat troops firing their weapons in WWII.

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Subject: Chaplain Curt Bowers

Ivan,

Thank you for the enclosure about Chaplain Bowers in the July issue. Had the privilege and honor to serve with him during Vietnam and have gotten to know him better in the years since Vietnam. He was truly an inspiration and comfort to those of us in the 1st Battalion. I wish all the officers I served under were half the man he was and is. Thinking back I cannot remember a time when he was not in our AO, no matter the weather or terrain or the possibility of contact, he was always there with us. Just him being with us made us less fearful of the day ahead. He received a Silver Star for courage rescuing 11 wounded members of the Tiger Force on February 7, 1966, which also was his birthday. He should have been awarded the MOH for his actions that day, he pulled the men to safety and his jungle fatigue shirt was shot full of holes and he escaped being wounded. He feels embarrassed having received an award for something he felt was his duty. I have never met anyone that could say a bad thing about this man, he's even known today among the active duty chaplains. In closing, let me share a story what this man is really about. A friend of mine a Vietnam Vet, former Marine who lives in Idaho suffered a heart attack a couple of years ago. When I talked to him in the hospital shortly after being admitted, he sounded a little scared. I called Chaplain Bowers who happens to live in the same area and asked if he would pray for my friend. The next time I called the Marine in the hospital, Curt Bowers answered the phone, there was a troop in need and he answered the call. People today ask me about the heroes of Vietnam and I reply with the name of Curt Bowers at the top of my list.

Editor's Note: Many of you may remember a feature about Chaplain Curtis Bowers in the April 2002 magazine.

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Subject: Ralph M. Carter

Ivan,

Ralph M. Carter (your Jan '06 magazine, page 20) came to me in S-3, 1st Bde, Vietnam, late '65 or early '66 as a Master Sergeant and as my Assistant Operations Sergeant.

I left 'Nam in Jul 66, and have never heard from Ralph.

He was a great guy and I sure would like to see/hear from him.

So, if he is a member, or if you have any information on him please send it to me.

Thanks,
GRADY M. JONES

Editor's Note: I do not have a Ralph M. Carter in my database. Can anyone help?

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Say Ivan, thanks for all the hard work you have been doing for those of us who seem to have a greater need to reconnect to our warrior brothers as time goes on. Not to mention the preservation of the history of some of the great battles and the warriors who fought them as troopers of the 1st Brigade of the First Screaming Eagles in Vietnam. Carry on Ivan.

I know you have had your differences with Hack, as has everyone who ever knew this guy that walked the walk and let the others talk. I hope you were able to get to know Hack in his later years, as the kind and mellow giant of a man that he was deep inside. It was here in the heart of the man that his compassion and fatherly comfort came through. I am sure he would have wanted more of this quality to show through on the battlefield, but his calling to lead his men through the valley of death determined that he keep his emotions in check for the sake of his men. I remember well the time he did not support my sorrow for a dying fellow warrior, but challenged me to gird myself with focus and determination in the face of the enemy. It was this fortifying of my warrior exterior that got me, and others through the next two days. Two days and out of the valley of death with our lives, and the mission accomplished. A man who in retrospect grows ever more in greatness, than what we had thought of him while he was with us; and we thought him great while he was here.

Now about Hack's love "Eilhys." This woman, as one gets to

know her, was the only woman that a warrior like Hack could have love and be loved, as a warrior should be. To speak with Eilhys, is to converse with a big part of Hack. It's hard to distinguish what part of her is Hack and what part of her is Eilhys. In short, Eilhys is to the greatest degree under the circumstances; "Hack with us." You are the one who finds himself in the position to invite her to the Reunion in Atlanta. As she says to all who know her, "I am here for Hack's boys." What a heart. If we need to pass the hat to get her there, let us all know.

Here are some names of the 1st 327 Scouts (B Co.)

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Kennedy, Robert York, Peoples, Torres.
Take care. Jim Wainscoat in South Dakota

Ivan Worrell <firstbrigades101magazine@yahoo.com> wrote:
James,

I did have some differences with Hack, most friends do not agree on everything, but not to the point that our friendship was strained in any way.

He was one of a kind and a great Battalion Commander and a very gifted writer, in my opinion.

We corresponded often and he gave me permission to use anything I wished to from ABOUT FACE in my writings. He wanted me to write a book about Tiger Force but I am not sure I will get that done. I will contact Eilhys and make sure she knows about the reunion and will be most welcome if she decides to attend. (I had no answer to my e-mail to her.)

Ivan

FROM U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

+ BEN MELTON, 2/320 Arty 11/66-9/67, 4978 Oak Point Drive, Shreveport, LA 71107-7409, (318) 424-8212 when renewing his subscription wrote: Seems like I cannot remember to send my check in on time. I read your statement about the hazards of pre-paying. Well, maybe I won't be here either! Let's hope I owe you more money in two years and that you are there to collect it. Airborne!

+ CHAPLAIN(COL-R) CURTIS R. BOWERS, 1/327 HQ 7/65-6/66, 3523 Portland Avenue, Nampa, ID 83686, (208) 442-1689 when renewing his subscription wrote: It's good to be back in the loop again. Your last issue was great. I miss seeing all the men whom I admired greatly while serving with the 1/327. Hope to make the next reunion, the good Lord willing. Keep up the good work.

+ ARTHUR R. KOTTKE, 1/327 C 7/67-7/68, 1734 Rainbow Street, Mora, MN 55051-9706, (320) 679-9285 wrote: Enclosed is my check for \$20.00. Please renew my subscription.

You printed a letter from me in your last issue and I feel it is appropriate that I point out some mistakes I made in that letter.

For one thing, the ambush I was referring to happened on August 18th, 1967, not '68. Even though I knew the correct year when I wrote the letter, for some reason I typed in the wrong year. Then, a fellow Cut Throat, Walt Jackson, told me that it wasn't the 2nd and the 4th platoons, but the 2nd and the 3rd platoons that were engaged in the ambush, and the battle that ensued on that day. I didn't correctly describe the facts at all. No excuse. Thanks Walt for your candid and accurate recollections. History has to be accurate and we need friends like Walt to keep us remembering how it really was.

Also thanks to you for printing my letter and poem, and thanks for your great magazine. I'm already looking forward to the next issue.

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"THE HAWKS"

TUY HOA, VIETNAM (101ST - IO) – The chopper lifted away from the 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry, command post and banked northward with its six passengers – Hawk Team II, Recon platoon, was off on another routine mission – looking for the enemy. They linked up with elements of "Charlie" Company for a sweep to the company's command post.

Once relieved of their duties with the company the recon team struck out on its own up the Tuy Hoa coast to check out reports of an enemy concentration.

Sergeant Donald Winslow, from South Gate, Michigan, was on the point, leading the Hawks up a rocky embankment. Just as his head cleared the crest of a small ridge bullets whizzed past his ear. A Viet Cong hiding among several large rocks had spotted the paratroopers and was trying desperately for a kill.

Winslow answered back with a burst from his M-16. The Viet Cong disappeared behind the large boulders, and ducked into a complex of natural tunnels.

With his 45 caliber pistol cocked and ready, the Hawk entered the tunnel. He soon came upon a dead VC with a Mauser rifle laying at his side. Further search of the cave produced another Mauser, load bearing equipment and a sewing machine. After giving the caves a thorough search Hawk II moved further up the coast.

They had gone several hundred meters and climbed another cliff when they came face to face with three more Viet Cong. The Hawks yelled at them to surrender but the three quickly dashed into a nearby cave. Hawk Team II opened fire on the mouth of the cave.

One of the cornered Viet Cong darted from the cave and raced wildly for the South China Sea only fifty meters away. The Hawks sent a hail of bullets at the fleeing Viet Cong, wounding him; but he made it to the ocean, dived in and swam to the cover of several rocks.

Seeing their buddy make good his escape, the other two Viet Cong decided to try a mad dash for the sea. They never made it. Hawk II cut them down halfway. In their search of the cave the Hawks found hand grenades and several North Vietnamese Army uniforms.

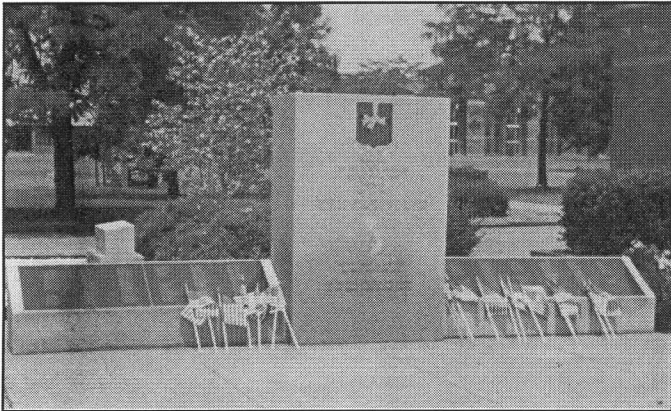
Again Hawk II moved out in their search for "Charlie."



2/502 ANNIVERSARY

The following article and photos were received from Michael McFadden, 2/502 A 6/66-6/67, 2864 Sloat Road Pebble Beach, CA 93953-2627, (831) 375-7762.

A group of Attack Company, Strike Force Veteran Troopers held our 40th anniversary reunion at Ft. Campbell from 6-21 to 6-23. The planning stage put us in contact with a CPT Bosler (A/2/502 Iraq Vet currently serving as 2/502 rear area



Flags placed at the 2/502 VN Memorial remember our KIA Brothers; assuring they will never be forgotten.

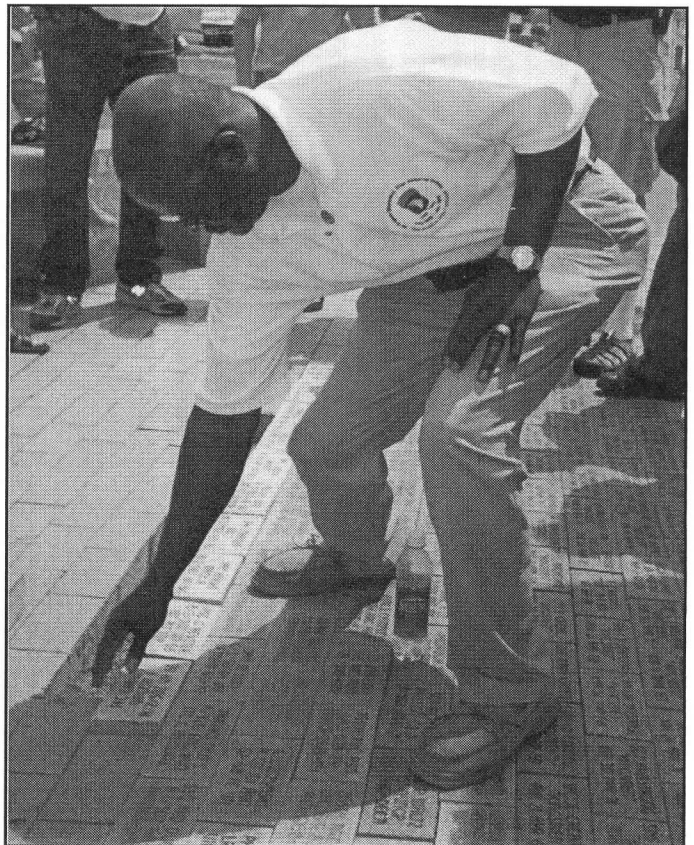
detachment commander). After determining our interests, the CPT arranged an excellent itinerary complete with transportation and four outstanding NCO guides. It is appropriate to mention that the NCOs had seven tours in Iraq and three Purple Hearts between them. We initially gathered at the Vietnam Memorial located in front of Division Hqs where we were joined by Mrs. Kelley Ebel (spouse of the current 2d Bde Comdr ... 1/2/3 of the 502 comprise the 2d Bde). At the Monument, we placed 10 pavers in honor of six former comrades KIA in VN and four senior NCOs who comprised the unit glue during our tour and have since passed of natural causes. One of the pavers was placed by one of the NCO guides ... symbolic of our connection to, mutual respect for, and support of, the current soldiers. As several of those gathered have sons, daughters, and close relatives currently serving on active duty, we recognized them with a period of silence when each of us could offer silent prayer for their protection. We then proceeded to the 2/502 Hqs and conducted a flag ceremony at the Monument/Wall which honors ALL Strike Force Troopers who gave their lives in service to our Country in VN. We therefore satisfied the request of our Brothers which is inscribed on the Monument... "DO NOT FORGET US, FOR THEN WE TRULY WILL HAVE DIED." That meaningful Monument served as background for induction of Pat Dobrava, Evan Francis, Bill Miller, John Mooneyham, and Elijio Navarro into the circle of Distinguished Members of the Regiment. The somber experience of our morning activities was followed by a BBQ in front of the A/2/502 Orderly Room hosted by



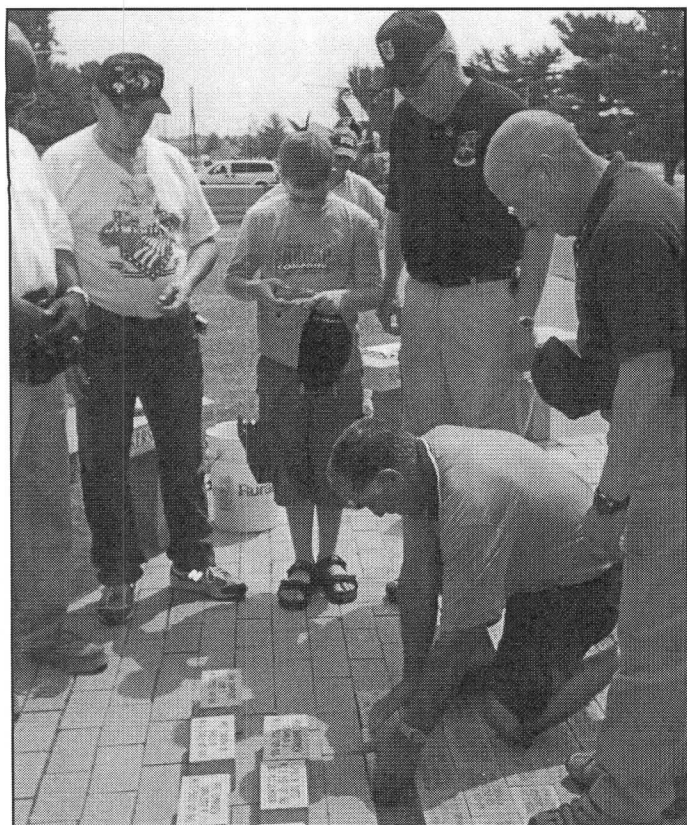
Front Row kneeling L to R: Patrick Dobrava, Jack Browder, Bill Miller, Michael McFadden, Frank Renaud, John Pippin, John Sutor.

Back Row standing L to R: Art Conlon, Evan Francis, Ed Reddin, John Ellison, John Mooneyham, Clarence Kinloch, Elijio Navarro, Tim Mendonca.

active duty soldiers of the 502. Mrs. Ebel served as a gracious hostess and the opportunity to interact with this generation of our unit was a pleasurable and impressive memory. Our well-fed group of Paratroopers were then bused to the Col Frank L. Dietrich Marksmanship Facility where we were afforded the



Clarence Kinloch places a paver in honor of his squad mate Vincent Garvey.

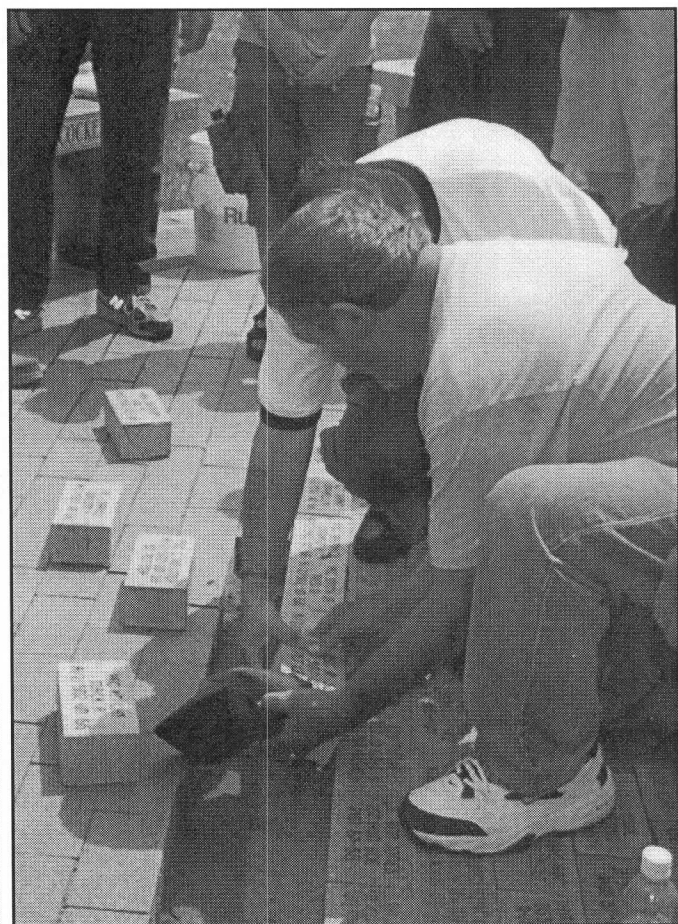


Elijio Navarro places a paver in honor of squad leader Darrell Sharp. The young man in the middle of the picture is the grandson of Top Lamb.

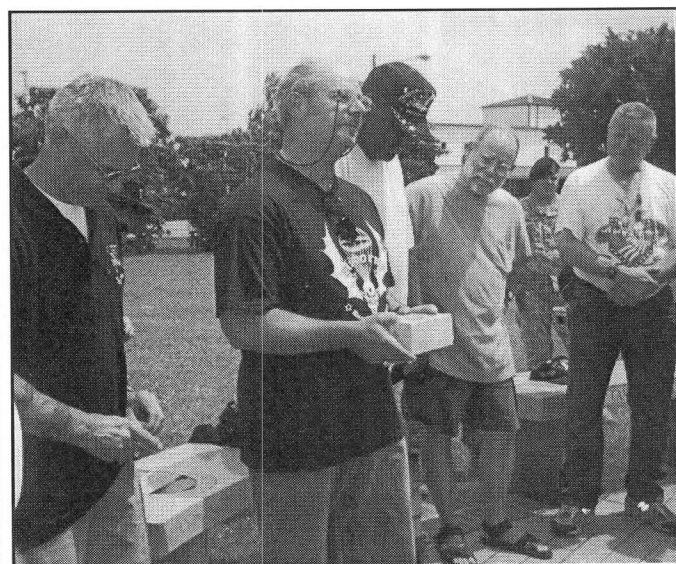
opportunity to fire all present Infantry Company weapons. "Gunslinger" would be honored by the impressive facility. His only modification might be to correct an orientation and scoring system which fails to emphasize and award points to his constant admonition to "aim low." We concluded our day with a visit to the Sabolouski Air Assault School where we were given a thorough briefing and demonstration of the demanding physical and mental skills which must be satisfied to earn the Air Assault Badge. My guess is that no group of Paratroopers will ever agree that it is quite as difficult as Jump School, and yet, we came away with unquestioned respect for the meaning of that badge. Sabo has been well honored and we could envision his tobacco chew stained lips and teeth showing a wide smile at what is being conducted in his name. 6-22 was a memorable day. We assured that our Brothers continue to live, honored ourselves for the manner in which we had taken care of one another 40 years ago, encouraged the current generation of Strike Force Warriors and assured them of our strong support, and experienced pride that we had known and served with men such as "Gunslinger" and Sabo who are now so centrally connected to the training at 101st Abn Div Soldiers. The evening hours were witness to activities of younger Paratroopers. Somewhere there is a poor soul who is still wondering why he described the Strike Force Crest as looking like a "chicken leg" and a local tattoo parlor artist is several hundred dollars richer after designing and "inking" a number of our Comrades with



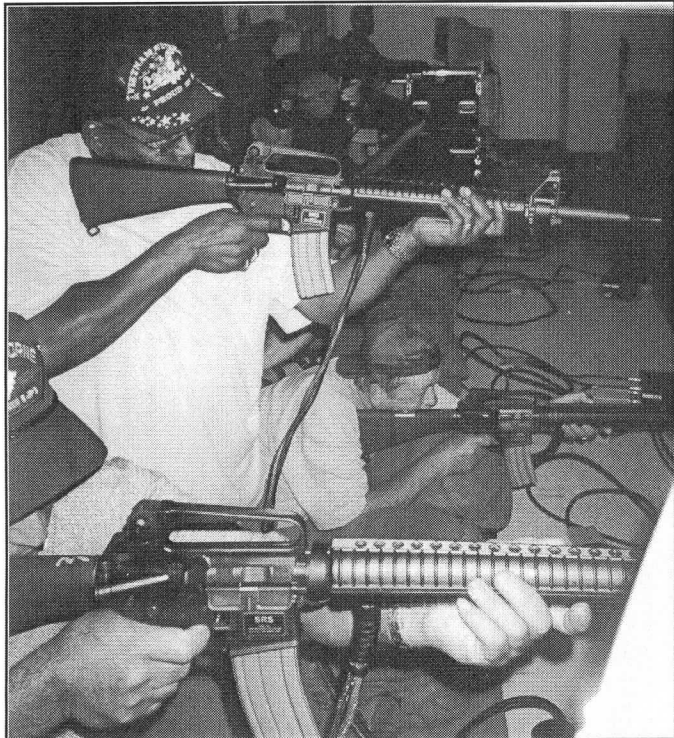
an A/2/502 "special." Our NCO guides were present and I would like to attribute such behavior to their influence, but suspect otherwise. We will be gathering at Ft. Campbell on 6-20-07 for our 41st reunion ... and look forward to sharing that experience with any and all Attack/Strike Troopers who may wish to join us.



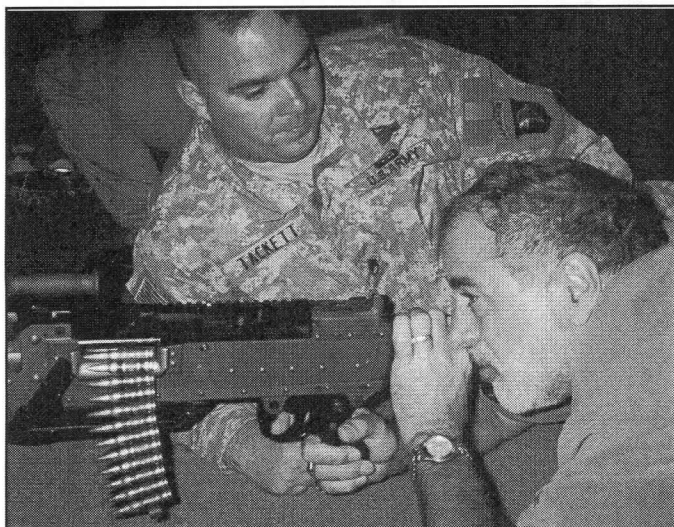
Jack Browder and Bill Miller place a paver in honor of their Plt Sgt - Ramon Soto.



Frank Renaud speaks praise for his Plt Sgt - George Royster - prior to placing the paver with Evan Francis.



Practicing lost skills at the Dietrich Training Center. L to R - Elijio Navarro and John Ellison kneeling, Jack Browder in the prone position.



Tim Mendonca reacquaints himself with the current replacement for the M-60.

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16 YEARS AND 3,600 HOURS OF FLYING GOES A LONG WAY

DAK TO, VIETNAM (101ST-IO) – At the age of ten Vincent G. Ripoll began his military career assisting the French underground in Algeria by carrying food and wine to them in the mountains.

Now thirty-five and a Captain in the United States Army, three wars, and two direct commissions later, he states of his World War II military activities, "I was a cub scout - it was one of our duties."

Nine years later, at nineteen, the Oran, Algeria native joined the French Air Force where he was one of the "flying sergeants." Shortly he received his first direct commission to Second Lieutenant.

In the Moroccan uprising in 1953 he got his first combat flying experience.

"I recall one mission," stated the fighter pilot. "I was fired on by guerrillas before my plane got off the runway."

At this time the French Foreign Legion was very short of officers and Ripoll found himself flying combat missions by day and leading combat patrols at night.

It was shortly after Morocco that Ripoll received his first set of orders for Vietnam - then the Indo-China War - with the French Air Force.

"At the last minute they changed my orders," he said. "They needed an air liaison to England and I spoke nearly perfect English."

After finishing his five year stay with the French Air Force, Ripoll came to the United States in 1955. Two years later he was drafted into the Army and immediately applied for the Warrant Officer Flight Program where he graduated a Warrant Officer pilot a short time later.

His home is now in Skiperville, Alabama with his wife and two children. He has now received his second direct commission, this time in the United States Army to 1st Lieutenant and has since been promoted to Captain.

Last year the thirty-five year old warrior received his second set of orders to Vietnam - this time there was no last minute change.

Arriving in Vietnam last November with the 48th Aviation Company, 10th Aviation Group, Captain Ripoll has flown in support of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division since January when the Brigade was at Tuy Hoa.

Piloting a UH-1D machine-gun-rocket ship, better known as the "flex," Captain Ripoll's aircraft has taken hits from enemy fire on at least five missions.

Major Carl Jones of Columbus, Georgia, Platoon Leader of the gunship section said of Captain Ripoll, "His experience as a fighter pilot has been extremely valuable to us in such areas as gun tactics. He does all the training in the platoon and is one of the most outstanding pilots I have." The Major added, "His sixteen years and 3,600 hours of flying sure goes a long way toward making us a top-notch unit."



101 Soldier Receives Tribute To Battle - Fallen Comrade

QUI NHON "I don't know you and you don't know me - you had my fiancée in your unit, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. His name was Pfc Ernest Gerhardt. He was killed in Viet Nam, Sep-

tember 18, 1965." With these words Miss Cindy Ransdell of Modesto, Calif., began a letter addressed; "To A Soldier, Company C 2/502 Inf 1st Bde 101st Airborne Division."

A good friend of the deceased

paratrooper, Pfc Douglas W. Tucker, 21, Miami, Fla., received this tribute to his fallen buddy while the memory of the now historic Battle of An Ninh was still all too fresh in his memory. It was during this battle that the paratroopers from the U. S. Army's 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div engaged a large Viet Cong force, killing 26 enemy troops

Miss Ransdell indicated that Pfc Gerhardt, in his letters, often told of his pride in his unit. His letter, written shortly before he died in battle, requested his fiancée to send him a few small items. when she received the letter, Pfc Gerhardt was dead.

Miss Ransdell continued, "... if he needed these things, probably many of his buddies could use them too." These items were sent; and subsequently received by one of these buddies in the 2nd Bn, 502nd Inf.

Despite her sorrow, Miss Ransdell told of her pride and new awareness of the American troops now fighting in Viet Nam. She would be proud to know that her fiancée's unit is also proud of him.

Pride is a two way street; Pfc Gerhardt's battalion is indeed proud of him. The citation recommending him for the Bronze Star medal with "V" device for valor describes how he remained with a wounded officer while under attack from the Viet Cong, firing his grenade launcher with deadly accuracy, silencing two VC automatic weapons. Expending his ammunition, he remained with the mortally wounded officer and received the wounds that caused his own death.

Miss Ransdell's words and thoughts were felt deeply by Pfc Tucker. After reading the letter he stated, "Makes me feel good to know everyone hasn't forgotten us".



"TO A SOLDIER" read the address on this letter and gift package received by Pfc Douglas Tucker. The sender was Miss Cindy Ransdell of Modesto, Calif., fiancée of a fellow paratrooper who was killed in action during a recent operation.

The Fort Campbell SHIELD and CIRCLE, November 26, 1965, from the James D. Agins (326 MED B 7/66-2/67) collection.



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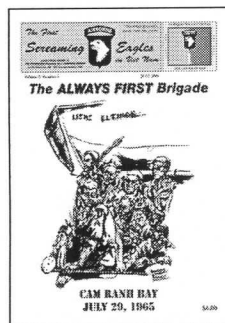
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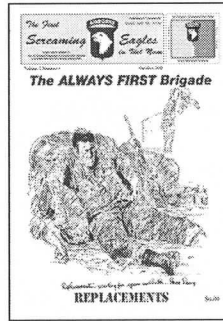
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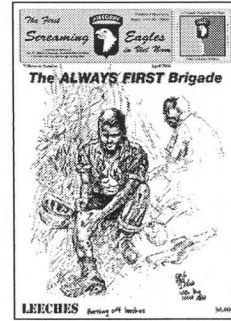
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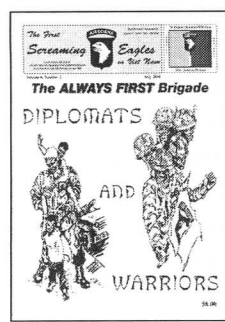
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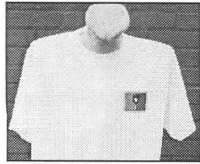


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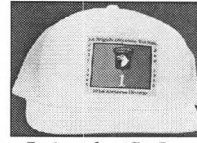
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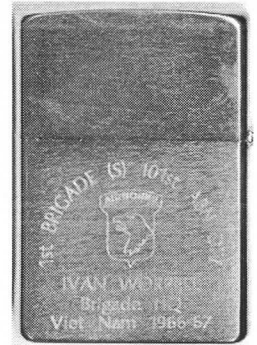
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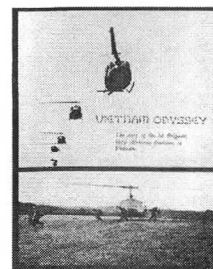
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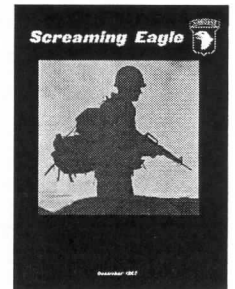
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